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During meeting this morning...

Hospital board begins search for new CEO

Cogdell Memorial Hospital's board of managers, meeting this morning for almost three hours, put the steps in motion to search for a new chief executive officer.

The search was made necessary when Cogdell CEO Jeff Reecer submitted his resignation last week after serving as hospital administrator since March, 1994.

Board president Jim Bob Cave posted notice of the board meeting Friday afternoon.

Cave presided at the meeting that included board members E. D. Walton, Stanley Martin, Nan Swanson and Terry Williams.

Also present was County Judge Ricky Fritz, an ex officio member of the hospital board, and Jim Bullard of Covenant. Absent was Dink Foree.

After the meeting, the board released a statement that said it reviewed the recruitment process for a new CEO, and began developing the criteria for the position.

The job description of the CEO was also discussed.

At 10 o'clock today, the board posted an agenda calling for another executive session for 10 a.m. Thursday.

Christy Brown, secretary in the Cogdell administrative office, said the board is expected to finalize the recruitment process and determine the job description during Thursday's meeting.

Reecer said he expected to be leaving his post at the hospital around the Aug. 1.

When he leaves, Covenant Health Systems will provide an interim administrator.

Cave has emphasized that while Cogdell Hospital and Covenant still have a management contract, although currently on a month-to-month basis, the choice of a new CEO will be made strictly by the Cogdell board.

"Our board will make the choice of a new CEO, not Covenant," said Cave.

Cave has also said the board would take its time to find a "fit" for the community for the new CEO.

Since the original management contract with St. Mary Hospital in 1987, Reecer was the third CEO. The first was Tom Hochwalt, followed by Tim Lancaster.

Jailers stay busy as 13 arrested over weekend

Activity over the weekend resulted in the arrest of 13 individuals on charges ranging from theft by check to family violence.

Department of Public Safety troopers took a 42-year-old female into custody at 2:21 p.m. Saturday at U.S. Highway 84 and Avenue E on a Parmer County warrant for theft by check.

Public intoxication sent a 17-year-old male to jail at 5:15 p.m. Saturday. Officers took him into custody in the 900 block of Avenue I.

A 30-year-old man was arrested at 9:01 p.m. Saturday in the 2900 block of College on an outstanding warrant for public intoxication.

At 9:20 p.m. Saturday, officers took a 26-year-old man into custody in the 1500 block of 27th Street for no Texas driver's license, no liability insurance and failure to identify.

Driving while intoxicated landed a 44-year-old man in jail. DPS troopers arrested the subject at 11:33 p.m. Saturday at F.M. 1673 and Highway 208.

A 14-year-old male was taken into custody at 11:59 p.m. Saturday by officers in the 1800 block of Avenue R for violation of probation. He was later released to his parents.

Officers responded to a domestic disturbance at 12:09 a.m. Sunday in the 1800 block of Scott Street and took a 26-year-old man into custody for public intoxication and Class A assault/family violence.

A 40-year-old man was arrested by officers at 1:35 a.m. Sunday in the 4100 block of Eastridge for public intoxication.

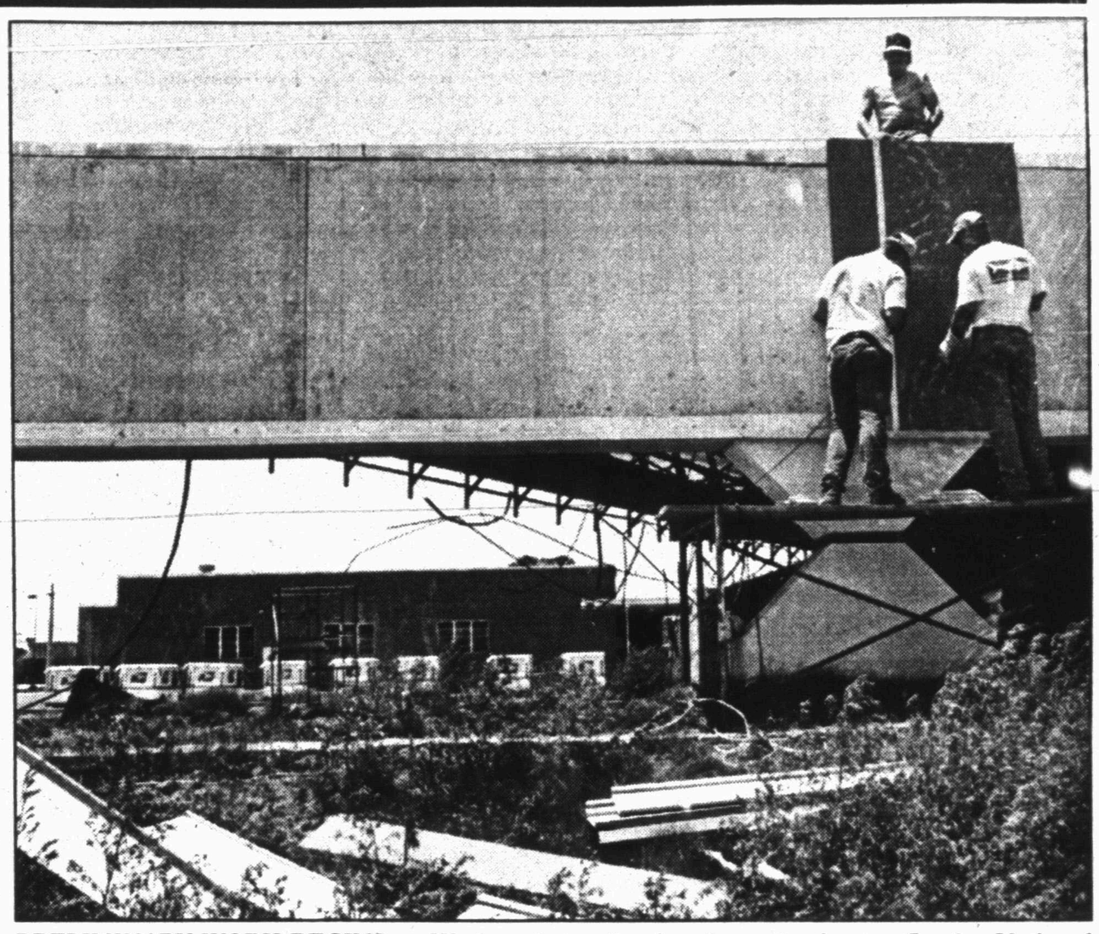
At 4:07 a.m. Sunday, officers took a 39-year-old man into custody in the 2300 block of 26th Street for Class C assault/family violence.

A 21-year-old man was booked into custody at 3:57 p.m. Sunday on a warrant for Class C assault/family violence.

Outstanding warrants for expired driver's license, no liability insurance and two counts of failure to appear landed a 42-year-old man in jail. Officers arrested the subject at 5:35 p.m. Sunday in the 4400 block of Avenue U.

A 23-year-old man was taken into custody at 11:07 p.m. Sunday in the 2600 block of Avenue for DWI

At 12:09 a.m. today, officers took a 31-year-old man into custody in the 1100 block of North Avenue O for Class A assault/family violence.



PRELIMINARY WORK BEGINS — Workers began tearing down the former Snyder National Bank drive-in facility this weekend on the site where Snyder's new post office will be constructed. Donald Smith Construction of Horseshoe Bay will build the 8,280 square-foot facility. Pictured clockwise from top are Casey Fowler, Mark Smith and Clint Beeby. (SDN Staff Photo by Joyce May)

'Blanket Primary' system struck down

WASHINGTON (AP) — Primaries that allow voters to cast their ballots for any candidate, regardless of party, violate the rights of state political parties, the Supreme Court ruled Monday in throwing out California's primary system.

California's "blanket primary" system, which the justices overturned on a 7-2 ruling, is similar to laws in three other states. The decision avoided deciding the validity of the more common open primary system used in another 20 states.

Allowing nonparty members to help choose a political party's nominees in the manner used by California violates parties' free-association rights under the Constitution's First Amendment, the justices said.

The three states with voting laws similar to California's blanket primary are Alaska, Washington and, to some extent, Louisiana.

The open primary system used in 20 states allows voters to choose which party's primary they will vote in, even if they are not enrolled in that party.

Writing for the court, Justice Antonin Scalia said California was "forcing political parties to associate with those who do not share their beliefs. And it has done this at the crucial juncture at which party members traditionally find their collective voice and select their spokesman."

"The burden (California's voting system) places on (the political parties') rights of political association is both severe and unnecessary," Scalia wrote.

Scalia said states could hold a nonpartisan blanket primary, in which voters can choose any candidate regardless of affiliation, and the top two vote-getters move on to the general election. The system he described would be similar to Louisiana's system.

Under such a voting plan, Scalia said, "primary voters are not choosing a party's nominee" and therefore political parties' rights of free association are not harmed.

His opinion was joined by Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist and Justices Sandra Day O'Connor, Anthony M. Kennedy, David H. Souter, Clarence Thomas and Stephen G. Breyer.

Dissenting were Justices John Paul Stevens and Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

Four California political parties, including the Democrats and Republicans, challenged the blanket primary system overwhelmingly approved by the state's voters in 1996. Until then, Californians could vote only in their own party's primary.

Blanket-primary supporters said the system would encourage voter turnout and lead to the nomination of more moderate candidates. But the four parties said allowing nonparty members to vote would harm their members' ability to choose candidates that best represent their views.

In a blanket primary, everyone receives the same ballot and someone could vote, for example, to nominate a Republican candidate for governor, a Democrat for senator and a Libertarian for state attorney general.

Twenty states have open primaries that let voters choose on election day which party's primary they will vote in. Voters can select among that party's candidates only.

Thirteen states have closed primaries that allow only party members to vote in each party's primary. Another 13 states have closed primaries but also let independent voters cast ballots in at least one party's primary.

The California Democratic and Republican parties were joined by the Libertarian and Peace and Freedom parties in challenging the state's blanket primary. All four said their bylaws bar people who are not enrolled members from voting in their primary elections.

JUST A SWINGIN' — Three-year-old Dawna Pyburn hangs on tight while sister Christen, 4, gives a push. The two, who are the daughters of Joe and Cris Pyburn, were enjoying sunny temperatures over the weekend. (SDN Staff Photo by Joyce May)

Dallas family has third person die by shooting

DALLAS (AP) — A Dallas-area family has suffered a triple dose of tragedy after a family member was gunned down early Sunday — only three months after two other family members were fatally shot at an Irving car wash.

Luis David Villasenor, 21, of Farmers Branch was gunned down around 2:40 a.m. in the parking lot of a northwest Dallas bar, authorities said. Two of his uncles, 35-year-old Agustin Villasenor and 32-year-old Benjamin Villasenor, were among five people killed at the Mi-T-Fine carwash on March 20.

"We lost two other people that we love and now him," said Juana Villasenor, Luis' aunt. "This afternoon all we did was cry. Why this family? It's scary, because I have a son, too."

Luis Villasenor was walking to his car when someone drove by and shot him in the head, killing him at the scene, Dallas homicide Sgt. Larry Lewis said. No arrests had been made by Monday morning.

Candy Villasenor, Luis Villasenor's sister, described her brother as friendly and loving. A native of San Luis Potosi, Mexico, he came to the United States in 1993 and attended Carrollton R.L. Turner High School but did not graduate, his sister said. Family members said Luis Villasenor worked at a Carrollton carwash near Belt Line Road and was about to start a new job at a car dealership in northwest Dallas.

"My mom feels sad," Candy Villasenor said.

ASK US

Q—During the summer training program at SHS, can anyone else use the weight room?

A—Yes, the weight room is open to the public from 9 a.m. until noon, and 5-8 p.m.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Saturday, 96 degrees, low, 75; high Sunday, 98; low, 73; 7 a.m. Monday, 73; no preciptitation, total for 2000, 11.82 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly cloudy, 50% chance of storms, low around 65, E wind 10-20 mph; Tuesday, mostly cloudy, 40% chance of storms, high near 90.

Kendra McGuire
Rain Chance

Sunset:
8:52 p.m.
Sunrise:
6:43 a.m.
Of 177 days in 2000, the sun has shone 174 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Be sure to exercise your risk muscles.

Uncertain which candidate is hurt more by rising gas prices

WASHINGTON (AP) — High oil prices, reflected in heating bills last winter and now at gasoline pumps, suddenly are a major factor in the presidential campaign. But it is unclear which candidate might get burned — former oilman and industry benefactor Texas Gov. George W. Bush or Vice President Al Gore, whose administration is in control of energy policy.

If the price of a barrel of oil continues to top $30 into the fall, both may be vulnerable, especially in battleground states such as Illinois and Michigan that could decide the election and where $2-a-gallon gasoline already is causing an uproar, political strategists said.

"It's political dynamite," says Patrick Quinn, a Democrat and former Illinois state treasurer.

And high prices could persist beyond the summer driving season, energy experts said.

The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries agreed last week to boost production by 708,000 barrels a day, but industry analysts said that would do little to help U.S. drivers.

In fact, oil for August delivery increased to more than $32 a barrel, which prompted some in the industry to talk of it possibly reaching $40 later in the year.

The price of natural gas, too, has soared and there could be political fallout in parts of the country where people rely heavily on the fuel for home heating.

"If prices stay high it's certainly going to be an issue in the battleground states," agreed Linda DiVall, a GOP pollster, who added that the issue threatens "to explode the prosperity campaign" being waged by Democrat Gore.

Even President Clinton expressed concern last week, saying the high prices could "rifle throughout the economy" if not contained.

The political volatility of the issue is not being underestimated by politicians, with members of both parties moving aggressively to tar each other with blame.

After predicting a few months ago that gasoline prices would fall to below $1.40 a gallon by summer's end, Oklahoma Rep. J.C. Watts, a House Republican leader, accused the administration of "napping" and pursuing a "failed policy" on energy and standing up to OPEC. Others in the GOP blamed overly zealous environmental regulations pursued by the administration.

Gore has countered by accusing the Republican-led Congress of sitting on legislation that would improve energy efficiency and conservation.

NURSE AIDE GRADUATES — Casey Frizzell, left, and Teresa Adkins recently completed the 75-hour certified nurse aide course offered through Snyder Oaks. Not pictured is Maggie Barnes, instructor. (Contributed Photo)

Green Party sees Nadar nomination as very beneficial

DENVER (AP) — Consumer advocate Ralph Nader was nominated Sunday as the Green Party's presidential candidate, a party he said represents majority values including a fair marketplace, a clean environment and proper health care.

Nader promised a vigorous campaign, and said he believes he has a chance to win elections and force the two major political parties to listen to his issues.

In his acceptance speech, which lasted nearly two hours, Nader said the party stands for conservative goals and can "help shape the world's course to one of justice and peace for years to come."

"Don't conservatives, in contrast to corporationists, want movement toward a safe environment, toward ending corporate welfare? Let us not in this campaign prejudge any voters, for Green values are majoritarian values. They are more than that. Green values respect all peoples and all strivings to give greater rights to all voters," Nader said.

Nader is running with Winona LaDuke, an Ojibwe activist from the White Earth Reservation in northern Minnesota.

Nader got a cheering reception from delegates who said Democrats and Republicans are not worried Nader will be a spoiler but that Nader will win.

"The progressive movement is now rallying around Ralph Nader, as it should. This is not a political campaign but a call to arms," said Jim Hightower, who gave Nader's nominating speech.

Nader was one of three candidates campaigning for the party's presidential nomination. He easily defeated challengers Jello Biafra, former lead singer for the Dead Kennedys punk band, and Stephen Gaskin, founder of a Tennessee commune. According to unofficial tallies, Nader got 295 votes, Gaskin 10 and Biafra 10. There was one vote for "none of the above."

Nader said the Green Party is moving into mainstream politics and he does not care if his campaign for president hurts Texas Gov. George W. Bush or Vice President Al Gore, as long as the major parties listen to his issues.

Nader also said he expects to present a challenge to the Republicans, Democrats and Reform Party candidate Pat Buchanan, and he urged frustrated voters to consider supporting a third party like the Greens.

Before the nomination, Nader urged the two major parties to open the presidential debates to all candidates who qualify for federal matching campaign funds.

Oil Patch News

Scurry County

Sharp Image Energy will drill the No. 1 Hargrove, a 7,600-foot wildcat located 10 miles northeast of Snyder. Location is in Section 228, Block 2, H&TC survey.

Anadarko Petroleum Corporation will drill the No. 19 Boyles in the Diamond M field, 10 miles west of Snyder. Planned for a depth of 4,000 feet, drill site is in Section 201, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Anadarko Petroleum will drill the No. 17 Boyles in the Diamond M field, 10 miles west of Snyder. Contracted for a depth of 4,000 feet, location is in Section 201, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Anadarko Petroleum will drill the No. 10 Boyles in the Diamond M field, 10 miles west of Snyder. Scheduled for a depth of 4,000 feet, location is in Section 201, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Borden County

Sharp Image Energy will drill the No. 1 Eicke, an 8,400-foot wildcat located 14 miles northeast of Gail. Drill site is in Section 2, Block 2, T&NO survey.

Garza County

Anadarko Petroleum will drill the No. 604 Forbes field unit, seven miles northeast of Southland. Planned for a depth of 3,600 feet, location is in Section 1, Block 1, K. Aycock survey.

McClure Oil Co. Inc. will drill the No. 7 Kirkpatrick in the Rocker A field, nine miles southeast of Post. The venture is planned for 5,300 feet, and drill site is in Section 945, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Howard County

Santa Fe Snyder Corp. has completed the No. 4-23 Texaco in the Signal Peak field, seven miles south of Coahoma. The well was finaled to produce 72 barrels of oil and 22 barrels of water. Perforations were from 7,657-750 feet, and location is in Section 23, Block 31, T1S, T&P survey.

Chevron USA will drill the No. 25 M.A. Bell in the Iatan field, seven miles east of Coahoma. The re-entry project is planned for a depth of 1,500 feet, and location is in Section 12, Block 30, T1S, T&P survey.

Anadarko Petroleum will drill the No. 2747-W Susie B. Snyder in the Snyder field, seven miles southeast of Coahoma. Planned for a depth of 3,900 feet, drill site is in Section 27, Block 30, T1S, T&P survey.

Anadarko Petroleum will drill the No. 128-W D.H. Snyder in the Snyder field, seven miles southeast of Coahoma. Also scheduled for 3,900 feet, location is in Section 28, Block 30, T1S, T&P survey.

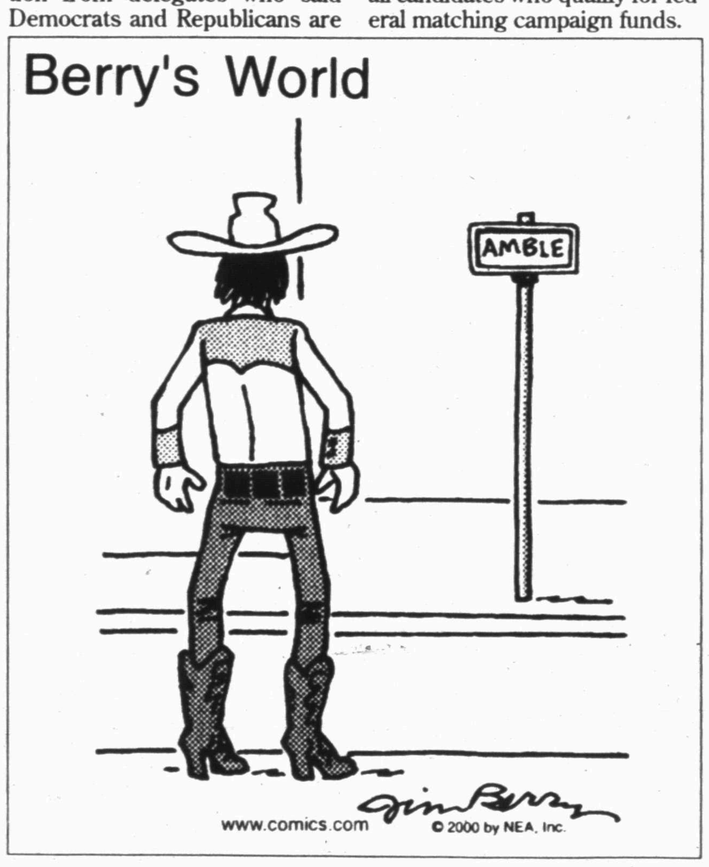
Anadarko Petroleum will drill the No. 126-W B.S. Snyder in the Snyder field, seven miles southeast of Coahoma. Planned depth is 3,900 feet, and location is in Section 28, Block 30, T1S, T&P survey.

Anadarko Petroleum will drill the No. 110-W B.S. Snyder in the Snyder field, seven miles southeast of Coahoma. Also planned for 3,900 feet, location is in Section 28, Block 30, T1S, T&P survey.

Nolan County

Irving W. Avery has completed the No. 2-A Texaco Fee in the Mulberry Canyon field, five miles northeast of Nolan. The well was finaled to produce 97 barrels of 42 gravity oil and 24 barrels of water. Perforations were from 3,944-949 feet, and drill site was in Section 69, Block 5, T&P survey.

Berry's World



Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Tuesday, June 27, 2000

A number of new avenues could open up for you in the year ahead that might make it possible for you to fulfill several ambitious goals. A couple of friends may be responsible for your good luck.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) The last thing you'll want to be today is a loner, so if plans aren't already in the mill, suggest an activity you know your friends would enjoy doing. They'll happily join in. 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.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) What makes you a true leader today is that you'll genuinely show concern for everyone who is in your cadre. You'll have no trouble gaining support for your directions.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Speak softly if you want to attract someone's attention today. Kind words in a gentle voice will be much more powerful than issuing forceful commands.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Generally it's not wise to broadcast the perks showered on you by someone who showed you a little favoritism, unless this person wants this kind of recognition. Know the difference.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) When predicated upon unselfish thinking, most decisions have a way of working out well. Just such a one that will possess these elements may be called for today. You'll determine well.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Productivity must have a purpose for you today. Devote some time to a labor of love in which you're presently involved, and your day will be one of fulfillment.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) This is an excellent day for all affairs of congeniality that involve a partnership arrangement. It'll be especially relevant if your cohort is a member of the opposite gender.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Make some of those artistic changes in your personal domain that you've been wanting to do for some time. You're in an especially creative frame of mind today, and things will turn out well.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) People like you and will be including you in some pleasant plans of a social nature in which you'll end up figuring prominently. It'll be your kind disposition that makes you so enjoyable.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Someone who has a history of looking out for your interests will once again be helpful today in getting something you want. Show your appreciation to this long standing benefactor.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) What will win you a raft of admirers today will be the charm, wit, humor and tack you so skillfully employ in your contacts with others. Enjoy the limelight; you're entitled.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Someone will step forward today from whom you'll now be able to request help for something confidential you could not entrust to just anybody. It'll put a smile on your face.

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Car show features high-price vehicles

HOUSTON (AP) — Serious car collectors could expect to pay a small fortune for a 1965 black Corvette convertible.

But one sold in Houston for $2. And some 1999 Chevrolet trucks were going for $3 apiece.

Where were these great deals? At the Hot Wheels Convention and Charity Auction in Houston over the weekend.

Space City Hot Wheels Collectors of Houston and CB's Die Cast Car Museum co-sponsored the event, which benefits pediatrics programs at The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, said Chuck Gronemeyer, president of the club.

Thousands of Mattel-made miniature Hot Wheels replicas were exhibited on tables at a Houston hotel. Boys and girls gathered to buy, sell and trade the small toys.

Although most Hot Wheels are no more than three inches long, people were willing to pay top dollar to complete their collections and purchase rare and customized vehicles.

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Shepherd has become a Space-Age Ulysses

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — Without fuss or fanfare, Bill Shepherd has emerged as a Space-Age Ulysses, journeying between the United States and Russia on a seemingly endless quest to orbit.

His destination is the international space station, his mission to serve as its first commander. But space-station construction has bogged down in politics and economics, and so has his expedition.

It's more than two years late.

Throw in 21/2 years that Shepherd spent training for the original launch date. By the time he flies, the effort will have swallowed at least five of his 50 years. No other astronaut in NASA history comes close to prepping so long for a space mission.

Shepherd doesn't complain. He quietly recounts the story of the U.S. military officer sent into Cuba in 1898 at the onset of the Spanish-American War. Without flinching or whining, the officer successfully delivered a message from President McKinley to a Cuban revolutionist.

"This guy went on this huge hunt through swamps and jungles and all this stuff," explains Shepherd, a Navy captain. "So there's this Navy phrase, 'taking a message to Garcia,' which means just put your head down and get your elbows moving.

"That's kind of what this has turned into."

Shepherd cannot fly with his cosmonaut crew until the Russians launch a service module with life-support systems. That module should have soared in April 1998, and Expedition One — Shepherd's expedition — should have swiftly followed.

But Russia's economic collapse stalled work on the module and kept the space station pieces on Earth until late 1998. Then Russian rocket problems prevented takeoff.

"It is kind of endless. 'Byeskonyechniy' would be the Russian word," Shepherd says with a sigh. He looks and sounds dead tired as he sips a soda and crunches the ice.

"There's plenty of blame to go around." Another sigh. "The politics of the United States and the politics of Russia are wrapped up in what we're doing, and it's not the way technical people like to do business."

Assuming the Russians launch their service module in July as planned, assuming it docks to the space station two weeks later, assuming two space shuttles and two unmanned cargo ships follow in quick succession, then Expedition One can soar.

Ever optimistic, NASA is targeting an Oct. 30 liftoff for the three-man crew aboard a Soyuz rocket in Kazakstan. Shepherd will be only the second American to ride a Russian rocket; the first was astronaut Norman Thagard, en route to Mir in 1995. Like Thagard, Shepherd will come back American-style, on a space shuttle, following a four-month stay at the space station.

Even Halloween in space seems remote. "I'm not holding my breath," Shepherd concedes. And he doubts he would have signed up if he'd known back in 1995 that he'd still be waiting in 2000.

How long will he wait?

"I'll probably know what that day is when I drive home and find my clothes in the front yard," Shepherd says. He laughs, but he doesn't sound like he's joking.

For the entire 41/2 years Shepherd's been married, he has commuted between Johnson Space Center in Houston and Star City cosmonaut headquarters outside Moscow. "This is about all she's known," he says of wife Beth, a specialist in strength and rehabilitation who works with astronauts.

The Shepherds have no children. But both of the astronaut's younger crew mates, Yuri Gidzenko and Sergei Krikalev, do.

So, says Shepherd, "Every time I think about how hard this is, there are lots of folks who are doing this who have more significant family separations. Kids don't sign up for this."

Neither do moms.

Confides Shepherd: "My mom's not taking this well."

NASA higher-ups say they respect the astronauts who have volunteered, or been volunteered, to serve on the space station. But their sympathy goes only so far.

"This is not an amusement ride at Disneyland," says NASA administrator Daniel Goldin. "This is the space program, and the space program is tough stuff."

As space station manager Jim Van Laak points out, everyone who's involved in the program — not just the crews — is pulling hard. But he acknowledges, "Some of us are operating closer to our limits than others."

Of the six Americans and six Russians currently training for long space station stints, Shepherd is just a few months shy of being the oldest. He runs and lifts weights to stay in shape. He has turned the basement of his Star City townhouse into a gym and social club.

Strength has always suited Shepherd.

A graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, Shepherd first served as a diver for the Navy's underwater demolition team and a Navy SEAL. He became an astronaut in 1984 and joined three short space shuttle flights. He moved into space station management in 1993 just as the Russians joined the project.

In late 1995, Shepherd got word: He'd be heading back into orbit, as commander of the first permanent space station crew. The job would no doubt propel him from management obscurity into media spotlight — once he soars.

One of the original Russian crew members quickly bowed out, preferring to fly to Mir's rescue instead. A younger and less experienced cosmonaut, Gidzenko, stepped in. So training resumed.

Year after year after year after year.

On The Net:
NASA:
http://spaceflight.nasa.gov/station/index.html

Harlingen man becomes oldest volunteer

HARLINGEN (AP) — A retirement home just could not hold John Powanda.

The 77-year-old retired teacher and businessman has decided to revive a long-held dream, leaving the Palms Retirement Center in Harlingen for a two-year stint with the Peace Corps in Morocco.

He ranks as one of the organization's three or four oldest volunteers, said Dana Topousis, Peace Corps spokeswoman in Washington.

"You don't tell John Powanda he can't do something, because he'll do it," Powanda told the Valley Morning Star (Harlingen) in a story for Sunday's editions.

Powanda is a World War II veteran who owned import-export businesses and taught at Valley Forge Military Academy in Wayne, Pa.

"There aren't many opportunities for a 77-year-old individual, but the Peace Corps offered me something worthwhile at the end of my life," he said.

Joseph Manulla, Powanda's best friend, was amazed when he heard the news.

"I thought they had an age limit," said Manulla, 80, with a laugh. "But he's the best. He's very intelligent, honest, sincere. I'd recommend him for anything."

The Peace Corps screening process was tough, said Powanda, who has lived in six countries and speaks seven languages.

"They asked if I smoked, and I said yes. They wanted to know how long, and I said 50 years. Right away, a red flag went up. They probably thought I was full of cancer. But I don't inhale, I said. I smoke cigars," he said with a grin.

In October, Powanda had a physical exam and said he passed it successfully.

"I came out in very good health," Powanda said, sporting a silk ascot under a safari jacket.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Parenting is difficult challenge for teen-age moms and dads

DEAR ABBY: My letter concerns the one from "Steve in Minnesota," who wrote about teen-age pregnancy. I understand why he says people don't realize how difficult parenthood is until they find out the hard way. Once it happens, their lives are changed forever. However, these points should be made to young people before they decide to have children. What does it say to those who are already parents?

I am a 17-year-old mother of a beautiful 8-month-old daughter. Teen-age mothers are often perceived as young girls who have ruined our lives. However, we haven't ruined our lives — we have just made them a little more complicated.

I earned my high school diploma and work at a great job in an office where I make far more than minimum wage. I will soon start college to pursue my dream of becoming a registered nurse.

I played with fire and have to deal with the consequences. Having kids is a responsibility not to be taken lightly, but it's not the end of the world. There are plenty of places that help young mothers achieve their goals and open up windows of opportunity. — **OPTIMISTIC IN TEXAS**

DEAR OPTIMISTIC: I commend you for your maturity. Children should be considered a blessing — not a punishment for sexual irresponsibility.

Many counties in the United States have family social service agencies that offer classes in parenting skills to teen-age parents, maternal and child health-care clinics, job training, and individual and family counseling. However, not all very young parents are up to the task of meeting the challenges you have so responsibly assumed. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: After reading the letter from "Steve in Minnesota," may I share my experience? I am the result of a teen-age pregnancy. My parents dropped out of high school to marry six months before I was born. My sister was born three years later. Within a year of her birth, my parents divorced. I did not have a happy childhood.

My parents had little patience with children. Mother gave custody to my father because she wanted to return to school. She eventually earned an engineering degree and has a successful career, but I seldom saw her as I was growing up.

My father never completed high school and was frequently unemployed. Both my parents had many problems to deal with because they became parents at such a young age.

I am now a parent myself. I waited until I was mature enough to handle it. I can't imagine being a mother at 17, like my mother was — but I know I wouldn't have been as good a parent as I am now. My husband is a terrific father and our daughter is a happy, well-adjusted child. — **GROWN-UP MOM IN ONTARIO, CANADA**

DEAR MOM: I hope that teens who read your letter will heed its cautionary message. Although the United States has the highest teen pregnancy rate in the Western world, contrary to popular belief, American teens did NOT invent sex. I have read that teens in Europe are more sexually active. However, because Europeans are far more open about discussing sex within families, their teen-agers behave more like adults than those in the United States. When European teens reach 16 or 17, they are expected to behave responsibly about sexual matters and visit family planning clinics to obtain information and contraceptives as needed. Perhaps we should take a page out of their book.

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 06-26-00
♠ A Q J 7 6
♥ K J 3
♦ J 10 5 4
♣ 7

West
♠ 10 8 3
♥ 8 5 4
♦ A Q
♣ Q J 9 8 3

East
♠ 9 4 2
♥ 2
♦ K 9 7 2
♣ A 10 6 5 2

South
♠ K 5
♥ A Q 10 9 7 6
♦ 8 6 3
♣ K 4

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 ♥	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
2 ♥	Pass	4 ♥	All pass

Opening lead: ♣ Q

From my error to you

By Phillip Alder

Last Thursday, I gave a deal in which I misdefended because I didn't count declarer's tricks. There are many aspects to good defense, trick-counting being one. This week, let's look at the various strings a good defensive toxophilist has for his bow.

This deal is difficult to get right because we all tend to play the "obvious" card without thought. Yet sometimes the layout is such that we should find the abnormal winning play. How can the defenders defeat four hearts here after West leads the club queen?

Note that because it is in the suit directly below his partner's, South's two-heart rebid promises at least a six-card suit. With only five hearts — about which North knows from the opening bid — South would rebid in a minor suit or no-trump, or raise spades.

West led the obvious club queen: seven, ace, four. East switched to the equally obvious diamond two, West winning with his queen and cashing the ace. Yet whatever West did now, declarer would win the trick, draw trumps, and run the spades for his contract.

This is the key principle that West forgot: When you lead a low card from length, whether at trick one or later in the play, it guarantees an honor in that suit.

So, with the diamond 10 and jack conveniently in the dummy, West knows that his partner holds the king. If West pauses to consider his options, he will realize that he must win trick two with the diamond ace, then continue with the queen. It should be the work of a moment for East to overtake with the king and to give his partner the decisive diamond ruff.

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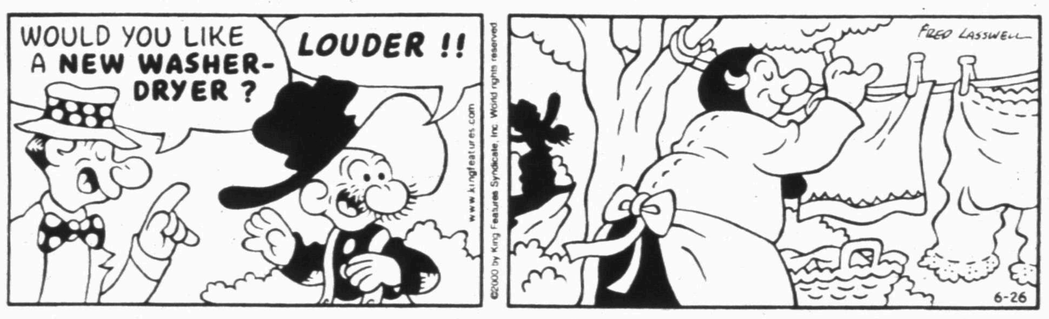

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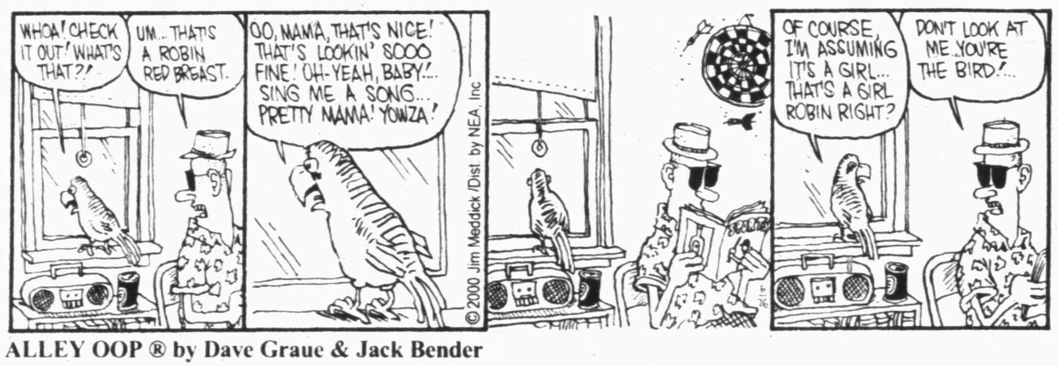

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ACROSS

1 Without purpose
7 Enthusiastic
12 Slow musical movement
13 Congenitally joined
14 Agree
15 Pushed gently
16 Southeast Asian holiday
17 Mil. school
18 — Jima
21 Anatomical networks
23 Labor org.
26 Pinochle term
28 Smallest pup
29 "'s. Farrow
30 Spirit
31 Saturated
33 Rebels
36 1940s film star Paul —
37 "Form" start
38 Lubricates
40 Machine gun
41 O'Hare info
42 In a difficult position
44 Unit of work
45 — — standstill (stuck)
46 Nest-egg inits.
48 Worshipped
51 Flower
55 Regard highly
56 Smoother
57 Prepared
58 Discourages

DOWN

1 Drivers' org.
2 Orthodontist's deg.
3 Ethiopian title
4 "By the time — — to Phoenix"
5 More elegant
6 Walk unsteadily
7 Instruct
8 No ifs, — or buts
9 Joke
10 Paris season
11 Danger color
13 Consecrate with oil
18 Stain
19 Didn't exist
20 — Newton-John
22 Scuffle
23 Attribute
24 — schnitzel
25 Walking in water
27 "Scooby —"
32 Print units
34 Sweepstakes game
35 Angry outburst
39 Took
43 Operate a Beetle
45 Like the Sahara
47 Work without — — (risk)
48 Swiss river
49 Ike's inits.
50 Medical suffix
52 Compass pt.
53 Comparative ending
54 Letters of the alphabet

Answer to Previous Puzzle

A	M	B	L	E	D		A	M	I	D	S	T
B	R	A	I	S	E		M	E	D	I	N	A
B	E	T	T	E	R		O	M	E	L	E	T
A	D	E			M	I	R			L	E	I
			B	R	I	S	T	L	E			
G	A	M	I	E	S	T		E	F	L	A	T
R	E	E	L	S				A	F	I	R	E
A	R	A	L	U				S	O	L	A	N
S	O	D	O	M		A	M	E	R	I	N	D
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O	F	A			I	T	A			G	U	Y
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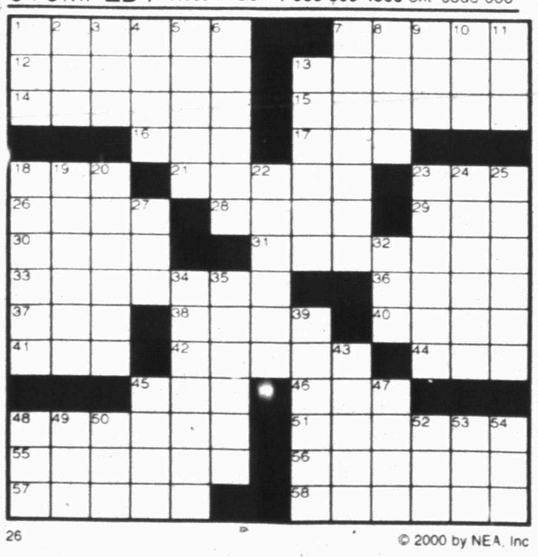

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"I GUESS BABIES COST A LOT, JOEY, BUT THEY LAST A LONG TIME."

SPORTS

21 teams ready for Ladies' Pumpjack

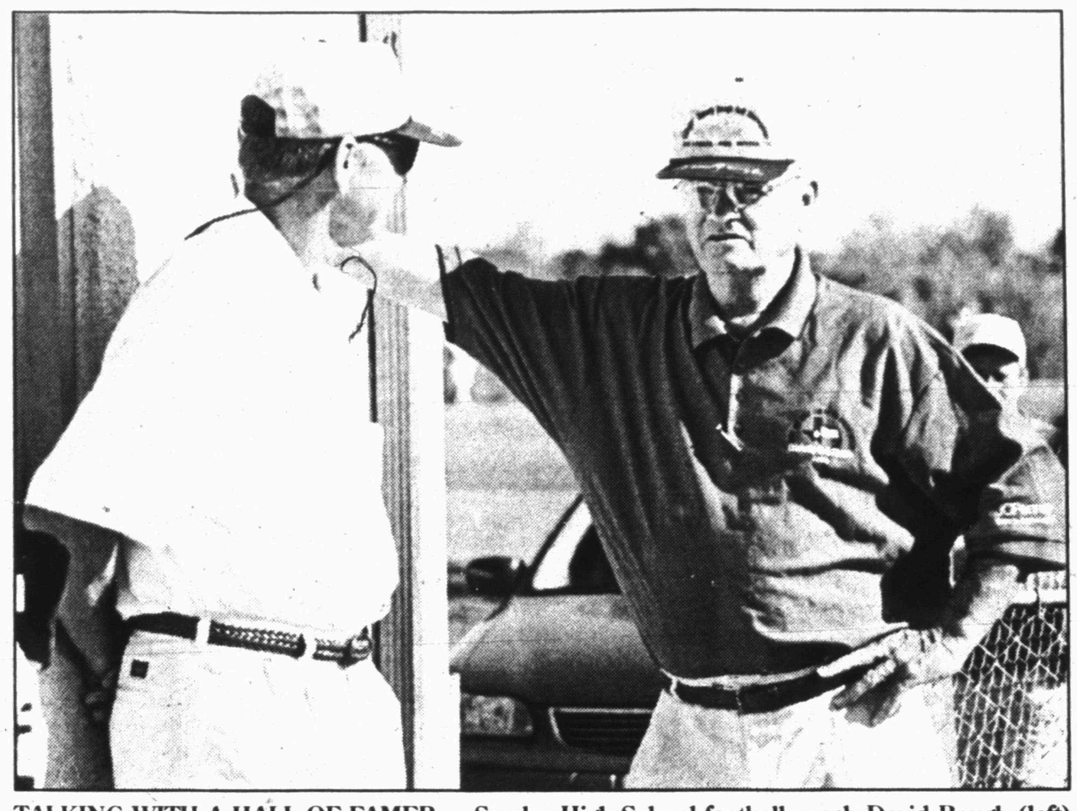
The Ladie's Pumpjack Tournament has the same strong field from last year, but a new format.

Format for this year's annual event, which gets underway at 9 a.m. Tuesday at Snyder Country Club, will be combined low gross. Both scores on each two-woman team will be added together, with the lowest tally winning the title.

The 21 teams will be divided into four flights. A breakfast will be held at 8 a.m., with an awards ceremony to follow play.

A scorecard playoff decided last year's winners, as Marian Barker and Barbara Hardin held off Anita Talbott and Lisa Beck.

Talbott and Beck are entered again, but with different partners. Talbott will team up with Suzy Reed, while Beck pairs up with Luann Burleson.



TALKING WITH A HALL OF FAMER — Snyder High School football coach David Baugh (left) visits with former Detroit Lion Yale Lary at the Slingin' Sammy Baugh Celebrity Golf Tournament Saturday at Western Texas College. Lary was defensive back and punter, and was inducted in the Hall of Fame in 1979. (SDN Staff Photo)

Celebrity tourney comes to a close

As the Slingin' Sammy Baugh Celebrity Golf Tournament wound down Saturday evening, tourney director Bob O'Day started looking toward next year.

"Our 10-person committee will meet in a couple of weeks to decide if we're going to have it again," said a weary O'Day. "If we do, we're certainly going to have it in Snyder again, because this year's was a great success."

The two-day event concluded with Saturday's final round. But when it was over, many celebrities weren't in a hurry to leave.

"I just want to hang around and keep talking to everybody," said Dean Smith, former University of Texas football player and trackster. "It's been great to see all of these guys again. I haven't seen some of them in ages."

A total of 37 celebrities took part in the two-day event, and all of them spoke highly of the event.

"The celebrities had a fantastic time this year," said O'Day. "A lot of them said they were treated like royalty, and I know most of them would come back next year, if we decide to have the tournament again."

The team featuring Jerry Norton and Delnor Poss fired a 56 to win Saturday's round. Joining the two stars were Johnnie, LaNell, John and Eddie Guelker.

One stroke back in second place were Cotton Davidson, Hayseed Stephens, Scott Huckabee, Mike Davis, David Dickerson and Hank Jordan.

Third place with a score of 58 went to Bud McFaddin, Pierce Holt, Buddy Compton, Donnie Phillips, Mike Griffith and Red Lemons.

Dick Nolan, Bill Grimes, Johnny Grimes, Scott Baker, Dennis Papasan and Ray Irving took fourth.

Players on the top-four teams received footballs autographed by Sammy Baugh.

Slingin' Sammy Baugh Celebrity Tournament

1. Jerry Norton, Delnor Poss, Johnnie Guelker, LaNell Guelker, John Guelker, Eddie Guelker, 56.

2. Cotton Davidson, Hayseed Stephens, Scott Huckabee, Mike Davis, David Dickerson, Hank Jordan, 57.

3. Bud McFaddin, Pierce Holt, Buddy Compton, Donnie Phillips, Mike Griffith, Red Lemons, 58.

4. Dick Nolan, Bill Grimes, Johnny Grimes, Scott Baker, Dennis Papasan, Ray Irving, 59.

5. Larry Grantham, Dean Smith, Derrell Froman, Bob Brown, Jay Plunkett, Duane Snell, 59.

6. Don Maynard, Pete Hart, Ken Scott, Richard Harvey, Jerry Larned, Gerald James, 61.

6. Bake Turner, Don Pierson, Jerry Thormahlen, Rick Dykes, Richard Whittenburg, Arthur Miller, 61.

6. Darrel Royal, Bobby Jo[illegible]rad, Bob O'Day, Ed Woodruff, [illegible] Woodruff, David Woodruff, 61.

9. Cornell Green, Kelvin Clark, Chris Hatfield, Steve Culpepper, Jeff Hatfield, David Hatfield, 62.

10. Ronnie Goodwin, Jeff Ireland, Rick Wood, John Bob Hopkins, Stan Wagnor, Chuck Cooper, 63.

10. Walt Garrison, Jack Pardee, Frank Keller, Bruce Madison, Greg Wilks, Tom Sheffield, 63.

12. Sam Baugh, John David Crow, Roe Patterson, Frank Johnson, Tracey Marshall, David Baugh, 64.

12. David Parks, Art Briles, Rusty Carter, ken Melvile, Tony Crumpton, Kent Moore, 64.

12. David McGinnis, Jim Parmer, Joe Williamson, Jody Williamson, Gary Felker, Jim Rose, 64.

12. Yale Lary, Ruffin McNeill, Ted Lawson, Von Dene Lawson, Lynn Sommers, Paula Sommers, 64.

16. Dennis Gentry, Hollis Gainey, Vic Morgan, Cesario Valenzuela, O.C. Jenkins, Jack Waggoner, 65.

17. Don McIlhenny, Dean Weese, Mike O'Day, Troy Goodson, Danny Downing, Carlos Crawford, 66.

Palmeiro, Rangers end skid with 9-5 win

ARLINGTON (AP) — Rafael Palmeiro was a singles hitter only during the early days of his All-Star career — and for the last few weeks.

Palmeiro went into the weekend without an extra-base hit for 11 games and just seven doubles for the season.

After ending the first drought with a home run Saturday, he produced two doubles and three RBIs Sunday night to carry the Texas Rangers to a 9-5 victory over the Tampa Bay Devil Rays.

"We had a lot of contributions offensively, but I think the one we get the most excited about because we know how much we need him is Raffy," Texas manager Johnny Oates said.

Texas trailed 5-1 after Kenny Rogers (7-5) allowed a grand slam in the top of the sixth inning.

But the Rangers rallied in the bottom of the inning, stringing together five hits and benefitting from two Tampa Bay errors to tie the game and put runners on first and third.

That's when Palmeiro stepped up and drilled a pitch from Albie Lopez (4-5) to the wall in left-center field, driving in two runs and putting Texas up 7-5.

Turning a four-run deficit into a four-run victory not only ended a three-game losing skid, but also put the Rangers on the right track heading into a nine-game stretch against division-leading Oakland and second-place Seattle.

"When you're playing the way we have lately and you get down late in the ballgame, you can just fold it up and wait to start another one," Oates said. "But they came right back."

Sports Briefs

Snyder volleyball camp set

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

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

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

Basketball tourney slated

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

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

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

Dates set for basketball camp

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

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

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

SCC holds weekly events

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

Horseshoe pitching held weekly

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

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

Volleyball event set four July 4th

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

Tyson fight lasts 38 seconds

GLASGOW, Scotland (AP) — Mike Tyson stopped Lou Savarese in 38 seconds Saturday night, the third-shortest fight of the former heavyweight champion's career and seventh victory achieved in less than one minute.

Begay wins St. Jude Classic

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Notah Begay shot a 2-under-par 69 to beat Bob May (71) and Chris DiMarco (69) by one stroke and win the St. Jude Classic, his third PGA Tour victory. Begay finished with a 13-under 271 total.

Trevino finally wins again

CLIFTON, N.J. (AP) — Lee Trevino ended a 27-month victory drought by shooting a 3-under-par 69 to capture the Cadillac NFL Classic by two strokes in a tournament record-tying performance.

Players withdraw from Wimbledon

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — Alex Corretja and Albert Costa, angry they were not seeded at Wimbledon, pulled out on the eve of the tournament to protest preferential seedings given grass-court players. Juan Carlos Ferrero, another unseeded Spaniard ranked among the top 16, also withdrew, claiming a late back injury.

Curry records hole-in-one at Western Texas

Craig Curry, pastor at First United Methodist Church, recorded a hole-in-one Sunday at Western Texas College.

Playing the 167-yard sixth hole, Curry used a 6-iron to register his second ace.

Witnesses to the accomplishment were Rick Hopper, Mike McWilliams, Mike Carter and Chad Carter.

Trade still not finalized

CLEVELAND (AP) — The weekend talks didn't produce any trades, just more rumors and confusion.

The Juan Gonzalez-Sammy Sosa-New York Yankees soap opera is still going strong.

Gonzalez's agent, Jim Bronner, spent Sunday talking to the Detroit Tigers and Yankees as the teams attempted to complete the deal that would send Gonzalez to New York for three players.

A baseball official familiar with the talks, speaking on condition he not be identified, said the sides would meet again Monday in hopes of completing the deal.

And while there was no confirmation, it appeared the parties and the commissioner's office agreed to an extension of the deadline to complete the trade, which originally was Sunday.

Meanwhile, to the surprise of many, Gonzalez is still in town as the Tigers complete their five-game, wraparound series Monday with the Cleveland Indians.

Gonzalez wasn't in the lineup and didn't play in Sunday's game, but it had nothing to do with a trade.

Gonzalez fouled a ball off his left ankle during Saturday night's game and was still hobbling around the Tigers' clubhouse following Sunday's 2-1 loss to the Indians.

"See you guys tomorrow," Gonzalez told reporters after dressing.

In Chicago, the Yankees also were still talking with the Chicago Cubs about a possible trade for Sosa, and with other teams, too.

Major League Baseball

American League
All Times EDT
East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Toronto	42	34	.553	—
New York	37	33	.529	2
Boston	37	34	.521	2½
Baltimore	30	43	.411	10½
Tampa Bay	30	43	.411	10½
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Chicago	48	27	.640	—
Cleveland	39	34	.534	8
Kansas City	35	38	.479	12
Minnesota	32	44	.421	16½
Detroit	29	42	.408	17
West Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Oakland	44	30	.595	—
Seattle	43	30	.589	½
Anaheim	39	35	.527	5
Texas	34	39	.466	9½

Saturday's Games
N.Y. Yankees 12, Chicago White Sox 8
Cleveland 8, Detroit 1, 1st game
Detroit 14, Cleveland 8, 2nd game
Toronto 6, Boston 4
Kansas City 8, Oakland 3
Seattle 2, Baltimore 1
Tampa Bay 9, Texas 7
Minnesota 11, Anaheim 5

Sunday's Games
Cleveland 2, Detroit 1
Chicago White Sox 8, N.Y. Yankees 7
Toronto 6, Boston 5, 13 innings
Oakland 4, Kansas City 3
Seattle 4, Baltimore 2
Texas 9, Tampa Bay 5
Anaheim 7, Minnesota 6, 11 innings

Monday's Games
Minnesota (Radke 4-9) at Anaheim (Washburn 3-1), 4:05 p.m.
Detroit (Moehler 4-4) at Cleveland (Burba 8-2), 7:05 p.m.

Tuesday's Games
N.Y. Yankees (Cone 1-6) at Detroit (Nomo 2-7), 7:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Mussina 5-7) at Boston (Schourek 2-6), 7:05 p.m.
Toronto (Escobar 6-8) at Tampa Bay (Trachsel 5-7), 7:15 p.m.
Cleveland (Finley 5-5) at Kansas City (Suzuki 3-1), 8:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Mays 3-9) at Chicago White Sox (Baldwin 10-2), 8:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Belcher 2-0) at Seattle (Sele 8-3), 10:05 p.m.
Texas (Pensho 2-0) at Oakland (Hudson 8-2), 10:05 p.m.

National League
All Times EDT
East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	46	29	.613	—
New York	41	31	.569	3½
Montreal	37	35	.514	7½
Florida	38	38	.500	8½
Philadelphia	31	42	.425	14
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
St. Louis	44	30	.595	—
Cincinnati	35	38	.479	8½
Pittsburgh	31	43	.419	13
Milwaukee	31	44	.413	13½
Chicago	30	44	.405	14
Houston	26	48	.351	18
West Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Arizona	43	31	.581	—
Colorado	39	31	.557	2
San Francisco	37	34	.521	4½
Los Angeles	38	35	.521	4½
San Diego	33	40	.452	9½

Saturday's Games
San Francisco 13, Houston 4
St. Louis 6, Los Angeles 1
Milwaukee 2, Atlanta 1
Florida 7, Chicago Cubs 4
Philadelphia 8, Montreal 1
Cincinnati 11, San Diego 5
N.Y. Mets 10, Pittsburgh 8
Colorado 4, Arizona 0

Sunday's Games
N.Y. Mets 9, Pittsburgh 0
Montreal 3, Philadelphia 1
Atlanta 5, Milwaukee 4
San Diego 5, Cincinnati 4
Florida 8, Chicago Cubs 7, 10 innings
St. Louis 2, Los Angeles 1
San Francisco 4, Houston 2
Arizona 8, Colorado 3

Monday's Games
Florida (Cornelius 2-1) at N.Y. Mets (Leiter 8-1), 7:10 p.m.
St. Louis (Stephenson 9-3) at Cincinnati (Neagle 5-2), 7:35 p.m.
San Francisco (Rueter 5-4) at Colorado (Arrojo 4-5), 9:05 p.m.
Houston (Dotel 1-4) at Arizona (Reynoso 4-6), 10:05 p.m.
San Diego (Meadows 5-5) at Los Angeles (Hershiser 1-4), 10:10 p.m.
Only games scheduled

Tuesday's Games
Atlanta (Glavine 7-4) at Montreal (Armas 2-5), 7:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Wood 3-4) at Pittsburgh (Ritchie 4-4), 7:05 p.m.
Florida (Sanchez 4-6) at N.Y. Mets (Rusch 5-5), 7:10 p.m.
Milwaukee (Haynes 7-6) at Philadelphia (Schilling 2-4), 7:35 p.m.
St. Louis (Kile 10-4) at Cincinnati (Parris 3-10), 7:35 p.m.
San Francisco (Estes 6-3) at Colorado (Jarvis 2-2), 9:05 p.m.
Houston (Elarton 5-3) at Arizona (Daal 2-7), 10:05 p.m.
San Diego (TBA) at Los Angeles (Dreifort 4-6), 10:10 p.m.

WNBA Glance

All Times EDT
EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	7	5	.583	—
Orlando	7	5	.583	—
Washington	6	5	.545	½
Detroit	6	6	.500	1
New York	5	7	.416	2
Miami	4	8	.333	3
Indiana	3	8	.273	3½
Charlotte	2	11	.154	5½
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	11	2	.846	—
Los Angeles	9	2	.818	1
Minnesota	8	4	.667	2½
Phoenix	8	4	.667	2½
Sacramento	8	4	.667	2½
Utah	7	7	.500	4½
Portland	2	8	.200	7½
Seattle	2	9	.182	8

Saturday's Games
Minnesota 60, Cleveland 57, OT
Phoenix 67, Miami 44
Orlando 69, Charlotte 68
Washington 76, Detroit 70
Houston 93, Indiana 67

Sunday's Games
Los Angeles 72, New York 67
Cleveland 64, Phoenix 61
Detroit 84, Charlotte 81
Sacramento 92, Portland 76

Monday's Games
Los Angeles at Washington, 7 p.m.
Houston at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
Sacrmento at Utah, 9 p.m.

Tuesday's Games
No games scheduled

Wednesday's Games
Phoenix at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Houston at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
Miami at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
Los Angeles at Indiana, 8 p.m.
Minnesota at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
Cleveland at Portland, 10 p.m.
Detroit at Seattle, 10 p.m.

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Senator suggests suspending federal gas taxes for summer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, a Republican from oil-rich Texas and an ally of GOP presidential candidate George W. Bush, said Sunday Congress should suspend the 18.4-cent per gallon federal gasoline tax because of increasing pump prices.

A smaller temporary tax rollback died in the Senate in April when the rise in gas prices slowed and oil-producing nations agreed to increase their output.

"I think part of a package that we should put forward in Congress is short-term fixes like relief from gasoline taxes until we stabilize these prices and then some longer term fixes," Hutchison said on "Fox News Sunday."

In the Midwest, gas prices top $2 per gallon in some spots. Indiana Gov. Frank O'Bannon has suspended the state sales tax on gasoline for 60 days. The Illinois Legislature will meet in special session this week to discuss repealing or suspending the state's 5 percent sales tax on fuel.

Legislation introduced in Congress earlier this year would have rolled back 4.3 cents of the 18.4-cent federal tax for the rest of the year and suspended the entire tax if and when average prices exceeded $2 a gallon.

The issue lost momentum because the price rise slowed in the spring and oil-producing nations in the Middle East bowed to U.S. pressure to increase the oil supply.

Since then, prices have climbed again, affecting summer travelers and becoming an issue in the presidential campaign.

"I think everyone thinks that this is going to stabilize by the fall, so if we could go through the summer when people are taking their vacations, I think we should do that," Hutchison said Sunday.

A spokesman for Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., said he would be open to her proposal — and others to eliminate taxes.

"We took a vote in April to do something very similar to that and when it comes to cutting back tax on the American people, never count us out," said Lott spokesman John Czwartacki.

Hutchison also contended that the use of cleaner-burning reformulated gasoline was adding as much as 25 cents per gallon.

Bush, the Texas governor, and other Republicans fault the Environmental Protection Agency for requiring that the areas of the country with the worst smog problems use ethanol-blended gas. Clinton administration critics also say the White House has not done enough to persuade the 11-member Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries to raise production levels.

Vice President Al Gore and other Democrats blame the big oil companies, saying they are maximizing profits at the expense of consumers. President Clinton has indicated that he suspects possible price gouging by the industry. The Federal Trade Commission is investigating.

Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M., said on CNN's "Late Edition" that the administration is using the oil industry as a "guinea pig."

"The chickens are coming home to roost for this administration, 71/2 years of no energy policy," he said.

Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, defended the use of corn-based ethanol, arguing that it is "actually cheaper" than conventional gasoline. He said it is unfair to blame farmers in ethanol-producing states such as his, at a time when he said oil company profits were soaring.

Nutrition

By Ed Blonz, Ph.D.

Can glucosamine damage health?

DEAR DR. BLONZ: I have had diabetes for about five years, but I have been able to control it by making changes in my diet. I also have osteoarthritis, and I have been taking glucosamine and chondroitin for my arthritis for about a year now. While I am not 100 percent, things seem to have stabilized. My concern is that I read a report on the Internet that glucosamine may be bad for diabetics. I would like to continue taking the glucosamine but will stop if I am making things worse. Do you have any advice? — **S.O.**

Dear S.O.: I think it is great that you have been able to control your diabetes with diet. Many are able to achieve similar successes with diet, particularly if they include an increase in physical activity and, when appropriate, weight loss.

Concerning glucosamine, there were a couple of reports that may be responsible for the stories you read. The first was an editorial in the journal Lancet suggesting that glucosamine sulfate, a supplement used by many to help relieve the symptoms of osteoarthritis, might be able to produce the condition called "insulin resistance."

Insulin is normally released by the pancreas to help regulate our blood sugar level. It is one of the hormones that signals when the body is in the "fed" state, and it encourages the body to make repairs and store excess energy. When there is insulin resistance, the insulin produced by the pancreas becomes less effective than it should be. If the body is able, more insulin would have to be released to accomplish the same task.

The second report came in April in a paper presented at a scientific meeting in San Diego. This particular report was based on a small preliminary study (15 subjects, 12 weeks long) that found increased levels of insulin resistance in those taking glucosamine supplements. The reliability of the report is subject to question because the study hadn't gone through any peer review process. Peer review is an important part of the scientific process because it helps to make sure that studies are conducted properly and that all conclusions are warranted. It normally takes place before a study is published in a scientific journal.

Normally, more evidence than this would be needed before something would be accepted as a bona fide effect. But there is some basic animal research (using animal models and isolated cells) that describes how glucosamine might indeed affect insulin resistance. At the present time, then, what can we conclude?

I realize that there are already many individuals with diabetes who are taking glucosamine without any difficulty. But it only makes sense that if you have or are at risk for diabetes, and you are taking or are considering taking glucosamine, you should check with your physician, and be alert to the possibility that you may experience a worsening of your blood sugar control.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: I am wondering if niacin (vitamin B3) is harmful to one's health. I get some pretty bad rashes when I take niacin, and it seems like an allergic reaction. I heard that this is not safe. What do you say? Is this normal and safe? Thanks. — **N.L., Kankakee, Ill.**

Dear N.L.: It is doubtful that you are allergic to niacin, which is an essential nutrient. Niacin is involved in the health of the skin and the nervous and digestive systems, and it also plays a key role in the body's energy-producing reactions. What you are probably experiencing is a "niacin flush," which occurs when large doses of niacin (about 10 times the RDA) dilate the capillaries, the small blood vessels near the skin. You can lower your niacin intake, take it in divided doses, or shift to nicotinamide, which is a form of niacin that doesn't have the flushing effect.

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

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ATMOS Egy	19⅝	19½	19½—	¼
Aviall	5 11-16	5⅝	5⅝	
BP Amoco s	58 13-16	58⅜	58¾ +	⅞
BakerHughes	34½	33 11-16	34 5-16 +	11-16
Bank of Amer	48¾	48 1-16	48⅜ +	1
BellAtl	57⅜	56¾	57 —	⅜
BellSouth	45½	44 15-16	45¼ +	¼
Beth Steel	3¾	3⅝	3 11-16 +	⅛
BurlNoSFe	22 5-16	22 1-16	22⅛	
Caterpillar	35 11-16	34⅝	35½ +	⅞
Chevron	90½	89 5-16	89½—	¼
Citigroup	63⅜	62 3-16	63 +	1 5-16
Coastal	57¾	56½	56¾—	¾
CocaCola	59 1-16	57½	58 15-16 +	1 1-16
ColgatePal	56¾	55 9-16	56½ +	15-16
ComclMetals	26	25¾	26 +	3-16
CooperIn	33 5-16	32	33⅛ +	1⅛
DaimlrChry	52 15-16	52 7-16	52⅝—	⅛
DalSemicn s	41⅛	40¼	40 11-16—	⅜
DeltaAirl	51⅞	51⅛	51 3-16—	¾
Dillards Inc	13 11-16	13¼	13 9-16 +	5-16
DowChem s	32¼	31½	31⅝ —	13-16
DuPont	46⅛	45⅜	45 11-16 +	1-16
EastmanChem	46½	46⅛	46 5-16 +	3-16
EstKodak	59 11-16	58 15-16	59⅜ +	5-16
EDS Corp	39⅜	39	39 3-16—	⅛
Entergy	29¼	29	29 1-16 +	3-16
ExxonMobil	84 3-16	83 3-16	83 15-16 +	13-16
Flowers	21 3-16	19 11-16	21 +	1⅝
FordMotor	44⅞	44 5-16	44⅜—	1-16
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GenDynam	55	54⅛	54 13-16 +	⅝
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GenMills s	38 5-16	37⅞	38 1-16 +	3-16
GenMotors	62 7-16	61½	61⅝—	1-16
GaPacGP	27 11-16	27	27⅛ +	5-16
GlobalMar	30¼	29 11-16	29 13-16 +	5-16
Goodrich	34 11-16	34 9-16	34 11-16—	5-16
Goodyear s	23	22¾	22 15-16 +	⅛
Halliburtn	48 9-16	47⅜	48¼ +	11-16
Hanson ADS	35⅞	35⅜	35½—	⅝
HarteHanks	25 13-16	25 3-16	25⅝ +	5-16
HomeDepot s	48⅜	47⅜	48 3-16 +	3-16
Honeywellintl	34 15-16	34⅛	34¾ +	1-16
IBM	114 9-16	112⅞	114¼ +	2⅜
IntlPaper	31 11-16	30 13-16	30⅞—	¼
JohnsonJn	93⅞	92 1-16	93 5-16 +	3 9-16
K mart	7⅛	6 15-16	7 +	⅛
Kroger Co	21 11-16	21	21 1-16—	15-16
Litton	43 15-16	43⅝	43 13-16—	⅜
LockheedM	24⅞	23 13-16	24⅝ +	7-16
Lowes Cos	42⅜	41⅞	42 3-16 +	1-16
Lubys	8⅛	7⅞	8 1-16 +	3-16
LucentTech	60⅝	59¼	60 1-16 +	1-16
MayDeptStr	25⅞	25 5-16	25 11-16—	⅜
Medtronic s	48¼	47⅛	48 1-16 +	½
MorganJP	119⅝	116¾	118¾ +	1½
Motorola s	30⅝	30	30 3-16—	2 3-16
NCR Corp	39 13-16	39 1-16	39 7-16—	¼
Navistar	32¼	31¼	31¾ +	1 3-16
Penney JC	17½	17⅛	17¼ +	⅛
PepBoys	6¼	6 3-16	6 3-16—	1-16
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Pharmacia	54 5-16	53 13-16	54⅛ +	1 1-16
PhelpDodge	41	40 7-16	40 11-16 +	9-16
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SBC Comm	49 5-16	48½	49 +	7-16
SaraLee	18 9-16	18⅛	18 3-16 +	1-16
Scripps EW	47 15-16	47 11-16	47 15-16 +	⅛
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SherwinW	22⅜	22⅛	22¼ +	⅜
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SprintFON	60	59¾	59 15-16 +	⅛
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Texaco	56⅞	56	56⅛—	5-16
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TexasInst s	75 7-16	73½	75¼	
Textron	56¼	54⅞	56¼ +	½
TriconGlbR	27⅜	27 1-16	27⅛ +	1-16
TrinityInds	19⅝	19	19½ +	7-16
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Oversight of dialysis facilities said lacking

WASHINGTON (AP) — Inspections of facilities providing dialysis to Americans with kidney failure are few and far between, and serious violations of quality standards are on the rise, congressional investigators say.

The proportion of the nation's approximately 3,800 [illegible] facilities subjected to [illegible] tions each year declined [illegible] percent in 1993 to [illegible] percent in 1999, according [illegible] day by the General Accounting Office.

Of 109 facilities [illegible] year, 15 percent [illegible] of uncorrected [illegible] expulsion [illegible] the federal [illegible] that pays [illegible] bills. That [illegible] cent in 1993. [illegible] of inspec- [illegible] inspector [illegible] Health and [illegible] Department found instances of life-threatening problems at some facilities, including the reuse of improperly cleaned dialysis equipment.

"Shoddy treatment of people with poor kidneys under any condition is inhumane," said Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, chairman of the Senate Special Committee on Aging, which called a hearing on the reports.

Medicare, the nation's health insurance program for the elderly and disabled, covers costs for Americans of any age who must undergo kidney dialysis. In dialysis, a machine filters wastes from the blood, taking over that job for diseased or damaged kidneys.

The procedure usually must be done every few days and is very expensive. Although fewer than 1 percent of Medicare's 39 million beneficiaries — about 300,000 people — are dialysis patients, the cost of their care comprises 5.2 percent of Medicare spending, or about $12.8 billion per year.

Lubbock man accidentally shot to death by a friend

FORT WORTH (AP) — A Lubbock [illegible] death Sunday by what was mistakenly [illegible] police said.

Edward Garza was shot once in the face [illegible] in north Fort Worth. Garza was taken [illegible] Worth hospital, where he died less than [illegible]

Garza was four days shy of his 20th birthday.

A BB gun had apparently been passed around [illegible] in the day, Homicide Sgt. Skeeter Anderson [illegible] Star-Telegram in a story for Monday's editions.

Garza and his 18-year-old friend Joshua Medina [illegible] were wrestling around the living room when [illegible] they believed was the BB pistol on the mantel [illegible]

Medina was being held Sunday night in the [illegible] on $50,000 bond.

"One grabbed the gun first, thinking it was [illegible] son said. "But it was not the BB gun — it was [illegible]

Medina was arrested in connection with the [illegible] manslaughter charge, Anderson said.

Witnesses told police the shooting was an [illegible] teens were good friends and just "messing [illegible] recently traveled to Fort Worth to visit friends [illegible]

[illegible]rrey, alter-ego boost film to top spot

[illegible] Two [illegible] of one [illegible] movie- [illegible] starring [illegible] dual per- [illegible] the same [illegible] top week- [illegible] million, [illegible] estimates [illegible] during the [illegible] animat- [illegible] the lan- [illegible] opened [illegible] $17.5 mil- [illegible] movies in [illegible] box [illegible] third [illegible] to [illegible] movies [illegible] down 20 percent from the same weekend a year ago.

Studios expect things to heat up next weekend and into the Fourth of July as three big movies debut. Gibson's Revolutionary War flick "The Patriot" opens Wednesday, followed by George Clooney in "The Perfect Storm" and Robert De Niro in "The Adventures of Rocky and Bullwinkle" on Friday.

"The box office hasn't had a stellar blockbuster release in the past few weeks, but the stage is set for a really big weekend this coming week," said Robert Bucksbaum of Reel Source, which tracks movie ticket sales.

"Me, Myself & Irene" marked Carrey's return to gross-out comedy as he reunited with "Dumb & Dumber" creators Peter and Bobby Farrelly. Carrey plays a mild-mannered Rhode Island policeman whose obnoxious alter-ego gets loose while escorting a suspect (Renee Zellweger) to New York.

Reuniting Carrey and the Farrelly brothers "is the closest thing to a sure thing you can get," said Tom Sherak, head of distribution for 20th Century Fox, which released "Me, Myself & Irene."

"Somebody said comedy is king, and they're right."

Playing in 3,020 theaters, "Me, Myself & Irene" averaged a healthy $8,013 per cinema, compared with "Chicken Run's" average of $7,025 in 2,491 theaters.

"Chicken Run" was the first film produced under a long-term deal between DreamWorks and British clay-animation studio Aardman, which created the Oscar-winning "Wallace & Gromit" shorts. The voice cast also includes Miranda Richardson, Julia Sawalha and Jane Horrocks.

1. "Me, Myself & Irene," $24.2 million.
2. "Chicken Run," $17.5 million.
3. "Shaft," $13.3 million.
4. "Gone in 60 Seconds," $9.5 million.
5. "Big Momma's House," $8.7 million.
6. "Mission: Impossible 2," $8 million.
7. "Gladiator," $4 million.
8. "Titan A.E.," $3.7 million.
9. "Dinosaur," $3.5 million.
10. "Boys and Girls," $3.1 million.

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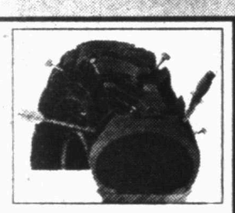
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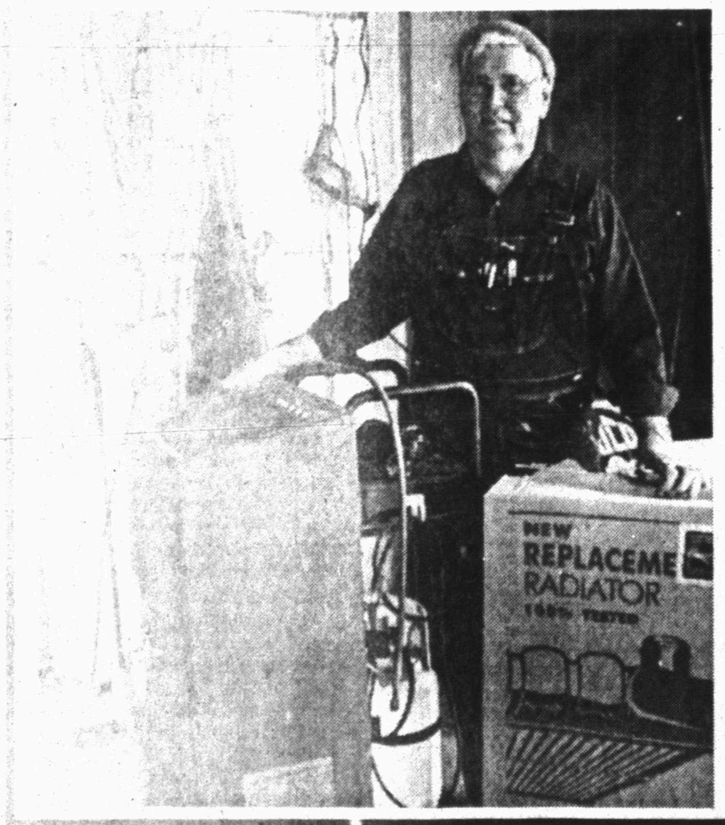

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Grand Rapid teens dabble in philanthropy

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. (AP) — Clad in T-shirts, jeans, cargo pants and the occasional wooden bead necklace, the half-dozen teen-agers seated around the cherry conference table look more like they belong in a Gap clothing ad than a board room.

But the Grand Rapids Foundation Youth Grant Committee means business: The high school students have nearly $80,000 to give to charities that help young people. More than three dozen nonprofit groups have applied for the money, including a summer program that wants $15,000 to help disadvantaged children.

"I still don't understand how you are going to use this money," 17-year-old Jamal Chilton, one of the committee's co-chairs, says during an interview with the summer program's directors. He repeatedly asks, "Can you explain it again?"

Such questions are on the rise. From California to New York, charities are increasingly looking to young people to raise money and help decide what organizations to support.

Their motives range from a desire to get a younger perspective to concerns that, without training programs, charities won't have the leadership they need to carry them through the 21st century. The hope is that teaching teen-agers about philanthropy will make them more likely to get involved and open their checkbooks as they get older.

The Council of Michigan Foundations estimates there are 300 youth grant-making programs nationwide.

Some of the programs are self-funded. Others fund only programs for young people or programs administered by young people. Some partner young people with adults. But all the efforts share two key qualities.

First, they allow young people a direct say in deciding where charitable money should go. Second, they tend to focus on recruiting students from varied racial, socio-economic and academic backgrounds, including those who aren't already school leaders, in hopes of making their groups as representative as possible of the community.

In Rochester, N.Y., six teen-agers and two adult advisers hand out $10,000, in grants of up to $750, to fund programs run by their peers.

"In the history of charitable organizations, young people who came to us were often viewed as problems needing to be addressed, as kids-at-risk," says Jennifer Leonard, who heads the Rochester Area Community Foundation.

"In the last 10 years, there's been a large mind-shift," she says. "That mind-shift really looks at young people as potential sources of great strength for themselves, their families and communities."

The Community Foundation Silicon Valley in California recruits high school students from the communities of East Palo Alto and East San Jose, which border some of the country's most affluent neighborhoods. This year the Youth In Philanthropy committee gave away about $20,000 — about 15 percent of which they raised themselves — to youth-initiated projects.

"The whole concept of philanthropy is pretty new to most of them," says adviser Julie Dean. "They're tough grant-makers. By the time they get to the end, they're asking really good questions about groups' motivations, grilling them on their budget. They learn a lot of critical thinking skills."

In Indianapolis, the Youth As Resources program pairs teen-agers with adults on grant-making boards and fund raising efforts. Director Paula Allen describes the effort as a great way to educate young people and enlighten adults about youths' needs.

"When you have youth on the board it absolutely fire up adults. Youth has a lot of enthusiasm. They haven't been spoiled by experience — everything is possible," Allen says.

The Grand Rapids' youth committee, which is fully funded by its community foundation, is one of 80-plus such groups in Michigan that grew out of grants from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation.

Participation in one of those groups as a high school student inspired Jennifer Zeisler of Alanson, Mich., to plan a career in philanthropy.

"Without this, it would have never occurred to me to even look at the nonprofit world," says Zeisler, now a 20-year-old college student studying communications.

This year, the Grand Rapids committee approved about 13 grants. But the summer program targeting disadvantaged youth wasn't one of them. The students decided they didn't know enough about the project's budget and that the directors hadn't adequately answered their questions.

Seventeen-year-old Kelsey Haynes, the group's other co-chair, says she and the other 40 or so committee members feel a tremendous responsibility to make sure the grants they give out are well-spent and clearly benefit young people.

"It's opened my heart to giving more money when, in the future, I have a job and money to give," she says. "You learn a lot about others when you do something like this."

On the Net: Community Foundation Silicon Valley: http://www.cfsv.org

Council of Michigan Foundations: http://www.cmif.org

Youth As Resources: http://www.yar.org

W.K. Kellogg Foundation: http://www.wkkf.org

Rochester Area Community Foundation: http://www.racf.org

Details of final Fatima secret given

VATICAN CITY (AP) — The "third secret" of Fatima is no doomsday prophecy as many have feared, the Vatican insisted Monday, but rather a message of encouragement that humanity can save itself, including from such apocalyptic scenarios as nuclear disaster.

As first disclosed last month, the Vatican reiterated that the proper interpretation of the so-called third secret was a foretelling of the 1981 assassination attempt against Pope John Paul II.

Aiming to discourage any more speculation about the last message that three Portuguese shepherd children said they received from the Virgin Mary in 1917, the Vatican made public the entire handwritten text of the secret as set down by the sole surviving witness of the series of visions, Sister Lucia de Jesus dos Santos, now a 93-year-old cloistered nun.

"No great mystery is revealed; nor is the future unveiled," wrote the pope's guardian of orthodoxy, Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, in a document containing the text. He said that a "careful reading of the text" will "probably prove disappointing or surprising after all the speculation it has stirred."

However, Ratzinger's commentary did contest suggestions by the Turk who shot the pope that he was merely an instrument of God's plan. The pope, shortly after he was shot, said that he believes the hand of the Virgin Mary deflected the attacker's bullet, allowing him to survive.

Citing one of the many images the children had, Ratzinger said the terrifying vision of an angel with a flaming sword "represents the threat of judgment which looms over the world."

"Today the prospect that the world might be reduced to ashes by a sea of fire no longer seems pure fantasy: man himself, with his inventions, has forged the flaming sword," the cardinal wrote in apparent reference to nuclear weapons.

But, Ratzinger continued, "the importance of human freedom is underlined: the future is not in fact unchangeably set, and the image which the children saw is in no way a film preview of a future in which nothing can be changed."

Italian author Vittorio Messori, who collaborated on John Paul's best-selling book "Crossing the Threshold of Hope," wrote in Sunday's Corriere della Sera that the Vatican wanted "to immediately block other legends being added to the too many ones already in circulation" in wake of the Cardinal Angelo Sodano's announcement May 13 that the last secret pertained to the 1981 shooting.

The first two secrets are said to have foretold the end of World War I and the start of World War II, and the rise and fall of Soviet communism.

Sodano, speaking last month at Fatima, said the "interpretations" of the children were of "a bishop clothed in white" who, while making his way amid the corpses of martyrs, "falls to the ground, apparently dead, under a burst of gunfire."

The 1981 assassination attempt against John Paul occurred on May 13, the same day that the young shepherds in 1917 first reported visions of Mary.

A few days after Sodano unveiled the secret, Ratzinger said that Catholics are free to believe or not believe the secret, since such apparitions do not constitute Catholic doctrine.

Pre-paid phone services popular

HOUSTON (AP) — Prepaid phone services are among the most rapidly growing segments of the telecommunications industry, according to a report in Sunday's editions of the Houston Chronicle.

Mainstream phone companies, which at first scorned upstart companies catering to customers they had turned away, are now offering prepaid phone service in many markets, according to a study by Consumers Union in Austin.

There was no prepaid service in the United States until 1989, when Ameritech, now part of San Antonio-based SBC Communications Inc., came out with the first prepaid phone card.

Prepay service has been heavily criticized by consumer advocate groups, who say it takes advantage of the poor. Hidden surcharges are often part of a phone card package.

Prepay mobile customers seem to take the greatest hit.

While credit plans charge about ten cents a minute and offer free wireless phones, those who prepay shell out 25 cents to $1 a minute, and must buy their phones.

"The service comes at a very, very high price, said Janee Briesemeister, a senior policy analyst at Consumers Union. "I always thought that it was kind of ironic, because they already have the consumer's money. The customer can't run up a debt so it doesn't seem to make sense to charge such a high rate."

Date Book

Monday, June 26, 2000

Today is the 178th day of 2000 and the seventh day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1721, Dr. Zabdiel Boylston of Boston carried out the first smallpox vaccinations in the New World.

On this day in 1896, Vitascope Hall opened in New Orleans. It was the first movie theater in the United States.

On this day in 1963, President John F. Kennedy visited West Berlin, where he declared to a cheering crowd, "Ich bin ein Berliner" ("I am a doughnut"). He meant to say "Ich bin Berliner" ("I am a Berliner").

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Abner Doubleday (1819-1893), U.S. soldier-sportsman; Pearl S. Buck (1892-1973), writer; Peter Lorre (1904-1964), actor; Babe Zaharias (1914-1956), athlete; Claudio Abbado (1933-), conductor, is 67; Greg LeMond (1961-), cycling star, is 39; Jerome Kersey (1962-), basketball player, is 57.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1972, Roberto Duran won the world lightweight boxing championship by defeating Ken Buchanan in a 13-round match.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The test of a civilization is the way that it cares for its helpless members." — Pearl S. Buck

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (June 24) and new moon (July 1).

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For the most part, aspirin is aspirin

DEAR DR. GOTT: I've been told that although generic aspirin is a satisfactory treatment for occasional headaches, brand-name aspirin is superior therapy for the pain of arthritis. Is this true? Also, what is the difference between enteric, coated aspirin and the uncoated product?

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In addition to its advertised properties, aspirin may cause irritation of the stomach lining, indigestion, heartburn, ulcers and intestinal hemorrhage. This is true regardless of the form or the manufacturer.

Nonetheless, evidence suggests that these effects can be moderated by buffering the aspirin with an antacid or coating the tablet with a digestible film that will prevent the aspirin from being absorbed until it reaches the intestine. In my experience, choice of aspirin depends more on patients' personal preferences than on any therapeutic advantage. Some people experience fewer side effects with the buffered variety; others swear by the enteric coating. In my view, the therapeutic benefits are identical.

There is a caveat: Patients with histories of peptic ulcer or gastrointestinal bleeding should not consume aspirin regularly in any form.

The use of aspirin in children is another matter. In children younger than about 12, aspirin can cause Reye's syndrome, a serious neurological disorder. Therefore, in youngsters, acetaminophen (Tylenol and others) is a preferred substitute.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Peptic Ulcers." 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: My husband smokes a pipe. Are the health risks as severe as with cigarettes?

DEAR READER: I was waiting for this one!

As a pipe smoker, I have to limit my consumption and be sensitive to those people around me who may be bothered by my occasional lapse of good judgment. Tobacco smoke is theoretically harmful to health, whether it comes from cigarettes, cigars or pipes. To my knowledge, no one has definitively studied the effects of pipe smoke (both active and passive) on healthy adults. Yet, extrapolating from data derived from cigarette smokers, I'd have to say that there is clearly a risk, although it may be smaller. With the recent craze in cigar smoking, the relation between tobacco smoke (of any kind) and disease may achieve unwanted notoriety.

I am not hypocritical enough to urge your husband to discontinue his pipe, while I sit here writing and happily puffing away. Nevertheless, he should be aware that his habit (depending on the number of pipefuls and whether he inhales) could be a problem. Pipe smoke is associated with cancer of the mouth, lips and tongue (at least), with cancer of the lung and pancreas (probably), and with heart attack (perhaps). Equally important, he should learn to be considerate of those around him who may be bothered (or actually put at risk) by his pipe smoke.

Having said that, I will now extinguish my pipe, open the window, clear the room of haze, brush my teeth and go to bed.

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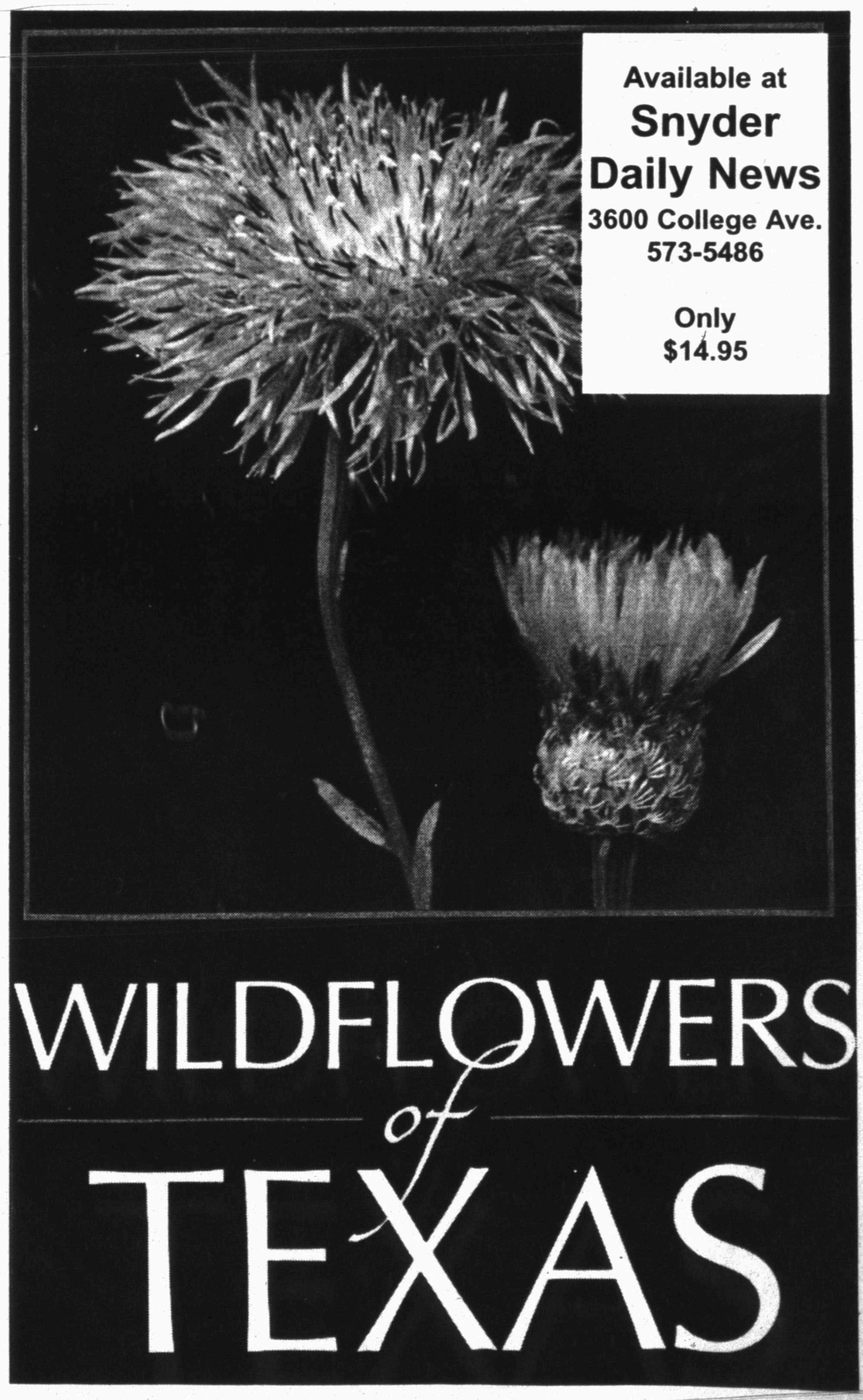

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Mapping of genetic code announced

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton joined a government project and private venture Monday in announcing virtual completion of the first rough map of the human genetic code, an achievement Clinton called "a day for the ages."

Clinton, joined at the White House announcement by British Prime Minister Tony Blair, who appeared by satellite transmission, hailed completion of the work after a 10-year race that cost billions.

Clinton, who had helped calm a bitter rivalry between public and private groups racing to complete the genome map, beamed with pride at the announcement before a large gathering at the White House.

"Today we are learning the language in which God created life," Clinton said. "We are gaining ever more awe for the complexity, the beauty, the wonder of God's most divine and sacred gift."

He called the achievement a "day for the ages," and likened it to Galileo's celestial searchings and the mapping of the American wild by explorers Lewis and Clark. He also cautioned that the genetic map must never be used to segregate, discriminate or invade the privacy of human beings.

Francis Collins, head of the Human Genome Project of the National Institutes of Health, said the breakthrough allows humans for the first time to read "our own instruction book. Today, we celebrate the revelation of the first draft of the human book of life."

Said Blair: "Let us be in no doubt about what we are witnessing today: A revolution in medical science whose implications far surpass even the discovery of antibiotics, the first great technological triumph of the 21st century."

At a press conference in London, hours ahead the one scheduled here, the Human Genome Project announced that scientists had decoded the 3.1 billion sub-units of DNA, the chemical "letters" that make up the recipe of human life.

The chemical mapping for more than 90 percent of human DNA, seen as one of history's great scientific milestones, has been keenly fought over, and the Human Genome Project initially embargoed the information with its joint announcement in Washington with the private company, Celera Genomics, of Rockville, Md.

But an announcement so significant proved impossible to suppress, and British media immediately reported the news conference.

To map the human genome, the publicly financed Human Genome Project and the parallel private effort by Celera had to decipher some 3.1 billion sub-units of DNA, the chemical letters that code biological workings of humans.

Miranda ruling strengthened

WASHINGTON (AP) — Police still must warn criminal suspects of their "right to remain silent" when questioned, the Supreme Court said Monday in a ruling that gave new constitutional luster to its landmark Miranda decision of 1966.

The new 7-2 ruling said police are required to give the warnings made familiar to generations of Americans by movies and television or else risk getting suspects' confessions excluded as evidence against them.

"Miranda announced a constitutional rule that Congress may not supersede legislatively," Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist wrote for the court.

"We decline to overrule Miranda ourselves," he added.

The court, far more liberal 34 years ago than it is today, sought to remedy "inherently coercive" interrogations by creating bright-line guidelines in its Miranda vs. Arizona decision. Courts previously had used a "totality-of-the-circumstances" test to determine whether a confession or incriminating statement had been given to police voluntarily.

The Constitution's Fifth Amendment says, "No person ... shall be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself."

The Miranda decision said police must warn suspects about to be questioned that anything they say may be used against them, they can remain silent or have a lawyer's help while answering, and that a lawyer will be appointed to help them if they cannot afford to hire one.

A federal appeals court last year threw the future of those warnings into doubt, ruling that Congress in effect overturned the Miranda decision by enacting a long-ignored 1968 law known as Section 3501.

That law purports to return the law, at least in federal cases, to pre-Miranda days. It says "the presence or absence" of any factor such as a Miranda warning "need not be conclusive on the issue of voluntariness."

The Richmond-based 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that the warnings imposed on police by the Miranda decision were never constitutionally mandated.

On Monday, the Supreme Court said the appeals court was wrong.

"First and foremost" among factors pointing to the Miranda decision being based on the Constitution, Rehnquist said, "is that both Miranda and two of its companion cases applied the rule to proceedings in state courts."

He noted that federal courts hold no supervisory power over state court proceedings except to "correct wrongs of constitutional dimension."

High court takes arrest case

WASHINGTON (AP) — Setting the stage for a ruling that could affect America's 185 million licensed drivers, the Supreme Court said Monday it will decide whether people can be arrested for traffic violations punishable only by a fine.

The justices agreed to study the appeal of a Texas woman who was arrested, handcuffed and jailed because she and her two children did not use seat belts while riding in the family pickup truck.

At issue is whether the Constitution's Fourth Amendment, which bans unreasonable arrests and searches, limits police officers' discretion to make arrests for routine traffic violations.

A federal appeals court previously split 11-6 in voting to uphold the Texas woman's arrest.

Gail Atwater was driving her two children home from soccer practice one afternoon in 1997 when her truck was stopped by Bart Turek, then a Lago Vista, Texas, policeman.

Texas law gives police the discretion to make full custodial arrests for routine traffic violations, except for speeding. Deciding to arrest Atwater, Turek handcuffed her hands behind her back and took her to the city police station.

She was booked and placed in a cell for about an hour before she appeared before a magistrate and paid a $50 fine.

Atwater and her husband, Michael Haas, later sued the city, Turek and Police Chief Frank Miller.

A federal trial judge threw out the case but a three-judge panel of the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals reinstated the allegations that Turek and the city had violated Atwater's constitutional rights.

The full 5th Circuit court, voting 11-6, reversed the panel's ruling last November in a decision that is binding in three states — Texas, Louisiana and Mississippi.

"Because it was based on probable cause and because it was not conducted in (an) extraordinary manner, officer Turek's arrest of Atwater was reasonable under the Fourth Amendment," the appeals court said.

In the appeal acted on Monday, Atwater's lawyers said the appeals court ruling "is particularly important to the average American citizen.... A custodial arrest is one of the most extreme governmental intrusions imaginable.... Whether the Fourth Amendment places any limitations on the use of custodial arrests for a fine-only traffic offense potentially impacts every driver in this country."

The appeal was supported in friend-of-the-court briefs submitted by the American Civil Liberties Union of Texas, National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association.

Giving police such discretion "is creating documented abuses, particularly against racial minorities," the Texas defense lawyers told the court.

Obituaries

Vi Marie Coe

1930-2000

Funeral service for Vi Marie Coe, 69, is set for 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Charles Day, pastor of Avenue D Baptist Church, will officiate. Burial will follow in Snyder Cemetery.

Mrs. Coe died at 7:50 p.m. Saturday in All Saints Hospital in Fort Worth after a lengthy illness.

Born on Oct. 16, 1930 in Abilene, she moved to Snyder in 1974 and had been store manager at the Food Basket Stores and G&G Grocery. Mrs. Coe, a Baptist, moved to Mineral Wells in March, 1999.

Survivors include a daughter, Betty Lynn Coe of Dallas; a son, William Coe of Mineral Wells; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Family visitation will be Tuesday from 7-8:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

Rita Leek

1944-2000

BIG SPRING – Rita Kay Leek, a lifelong resident of Vealmoor, died Saturday, June 24, at her home.

Funeral service for Mrs. Leek, 55, was set for 2 p.m. today in the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Dr. Randy Cotton, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, was to officiate. Interment was to follow in Trinity Memorial Park.

Born Oct. 15, 1944 in Big Spring, she was the daughter of Otis and Edith McBride. She attended school in Vealmoor and was a graduate of Sands High School in Ackerly.

She married Donny Leek on April 22, 1993 in Zapata. A homemaker, she was a member of the Trinity Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Donny Leek of Vealmoor; a son and daughter-in-law, Doyce and Amber Taylor of Vealmoor; a daughter and son-in-law Shanna and Brian Gibson of San Antonio; and four grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the Allison Cancer Center, 301 North N in Midland, 79701.

Loren Snelgrove

1966-2000

BUFFALO GAP – Loren Keith Snelgrove, a former student at Western Texas College, died Saturday, June 24.

Funeral service for Mr. Snelgrove, 33, is set for 11 a.m. Tuesday in the First Central Presbyterian Church. Dr. Clifford S. Stewart will officiate. Graveside service is set for 4 p.m. Tuesday in the Belvedere Cemetery in San Angelo.

Born Sept. 13, 1966 in Abilene, he was a graduate of Cooper High School.

Mr. Snelgrove was a self-employed welder. A member of the First Central Presbyterian Church, he was a member of the Texas Association of Ex-Offenders.

Survivors include his wife, Jeri Snelgrove of Buffalo Gap; two stepsons, Barrett Smith of Ballinger and Jeff Smith of Spring; two stepdaughters, Shelly Schnivers of Rowena and Kristy Eagan of Ballinger; his parents, Jim and Marie Snelgrove of Abilene; a brother, Bruce Snelgrove of Abilene; a grandmother, Lilly Wuemung of Jamestown, Calif.; and six step-grandchildren.

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Two people enter guilty pleas here

Two persons entered guilty pleas Friday in 132nd District Court, and both were sentenced to probation by District Judge Ernie Armstrong.

Huey Lee Jackson, 19, of 410 39th Street was sentenced to two 10-year terms in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. He was placed on probation for 10 years for the May 13 offenses of injury to a child.

He was also fined $500.

Sandra Deloris Davis, 24, of 1007 29th Street was sentenced to two years in a state jail facility, probated five years, for the April 10 offense of forgery. She was also ordered to pay restitution in the amount of $586.22 to West Texas State Bank, and $135 to the District Attorney's check collection fund. She was also fined $750.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: June 23—Glenna Bane, Shatasha Compton, William Everett, Kosler girl, Marcelino Medrano, Lester Bryce, Agnes Sorrells of Ira, Maggie Yruegas; June24—Dianna Leon; June 24—none.

DISMISSALS: June 23— Olton Smith, Glenna Bane, Marcelino Medrano, Glena Roggenstein, Maggie Yruegas; June 24—Glenna Bane, Shatasha Compton and daughter, William Everett, Lester Bryce, Agnes Sorrells; June 25—Liandra Carrillo, Eva Hester, Kosler girl and Marcelino Medrano.

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Museum exhibits

Scurry County Museum will display the Von Roeder African exhibit as well as Kids College projects through Wednesday night.

First Baptist VBS

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

American Legion officers

American Legion Post 181 will elect officers at 7:30 this evening.

Volunteer training

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

Bible study tapes

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

Genealogy meeting

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

MAWC game day

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

FBC worship service

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

Northeast reading night

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

55 Alive defensive driving

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

Rotary installation

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

Joint Masonic installation

All Scurry County Masonic Lodges – Ira, Hermleigh and Scurry – will hold a joint installation of officers following a 5:30 p.m. meal of hamburgers and ice cream on Saturday at the Scurry Lodge Hall. All Masons, family and friends are invited to attend.

LVN class testing

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

GED exams

GED examinations will be administered Thursday in the testing center at WTC. Call Emily Hataway at 574-2112 or Molly Kattes at 573-2919 for more information.

Computer courses

A variety of computer courses will be offered this summer by the Continuing Ed division of WTC. Call 573-8511, ext. 390, for a list of classes.

Pick 3

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

0-6-4

(zero, six, four)

Lotto Texas

By The Associated Press

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

A winning ticket would have been worth an estimated $16 million.

The numbers drawn from a field of 50 were 6, 14, 25, 29, 34 and 41.

Wednesday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $21 million.

Supreme Court to decide Texas appeal

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court agreed Monday to decide whether a Texas man who confessed to two 1993 killings and led police to the victims' grave is entitled to a new trial.

The justices said they will review a Texas Court of Criminal Appeals ruling that overturned Raymond Cobb's murder conviction and death sentence. The state court said police violated Cobb's right to his lawyer's help while being questioned.

Lawyers for Texas argued that the state court adopted too expansive a view of criminal suspects' rights.

Maggie Owings and her 16-month-old daughter, Kori Rae, disappeared from their home in rural Walker County, Texas, two days after Christmas 1993. Their house had been burglarized.

Cobb, 17 at the time, was a neighbor. An anonymous tip led police in February 1994 to suspect him in the burglary. He eventually admitted burglarizing the house but denied any involvement in the disappearances.

Cobb was indicted on burglary charges and had a lawyer, Hal Ridley, appointed to represent him. Ridley twice gave police permission to talk to Cobb about the disappearances.

By late 1995, Cobb was out on bond and living in Odessa, Texas, when his father called Walker County police and said Raymond Cobb had confessed to killing Maggie and Kori Rae Owings.