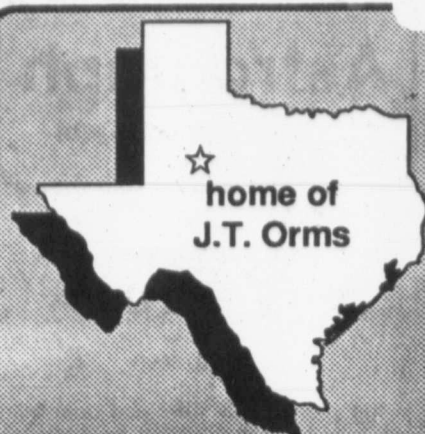




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Ask Us

Scott named SHS assistant principal

Birks will take over on basketball court

Larry Scott, varsity boys' basketball coach for the past nine years, was named as the new high school assistant principal following an executive meeting of the school district's board of trustees Tuesday.

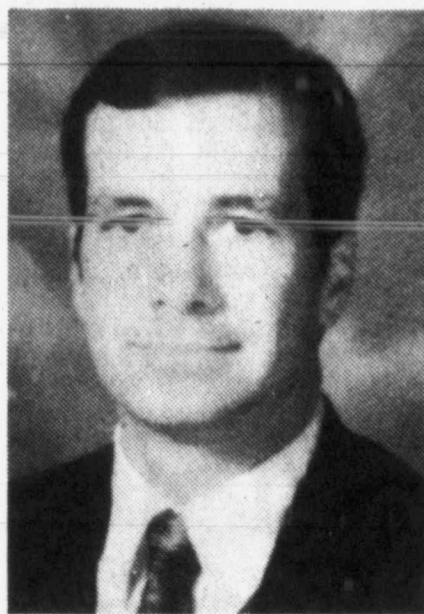
At the same meeting, trustees named Scott's assistant, Bud Birks, as the new varsity coach. Scott replaces Lee Presswood, who earlier this month was reassigned as principal over Northeast Elementary.

In other board action Tuesday, trustees accepted the resignation of high school industrial arts in-

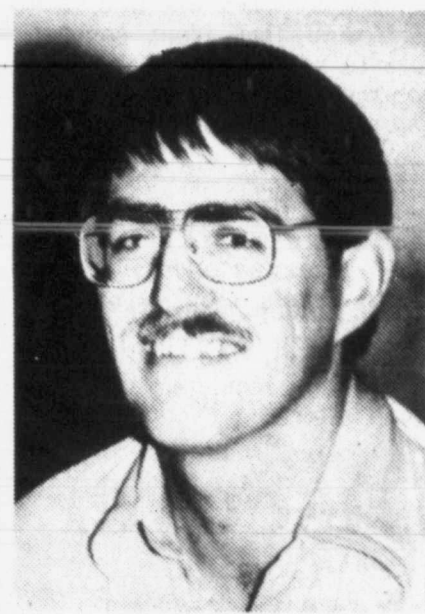
structor Floyd Collins and accepted Supt. Dalton Moseley's recommendation to hire six new teachers. Collins has accepted a position within the Jayton school system.

Among those hired Tuesday were Walter Wright and his wife Sandra Wright, both graduates of Texas A&I who come to Snyder with 16 years of experience at Beeville and three years at Victoria. Walter Wright will be teaching industrial arts at the high school while Sandra Wright will be teaching fifth grade at East Elementary.

Others approved by the board were Mike Pappas, a first-year coach and earth science teacher with a degree from Angelo State University who will teach at the junior high; Cynthia Gayle, a first-year teacher with a degree from West Texas State University who will teach fourth grade at West; Shelia Collier, a first-year instructor with a degree from Texas Tech University who will teach third grade at Northeast; and Jana Glass, a graduate of Angelo State University with two years experience at Colorado City who will teach fourth grade at



LARRY SCOTT
...SHS assistant principal



BUD BIRKS
...named Tiger cage coach

West. The board also learned Tuesday that a meeting to approve the 1990-91 tax rate which was

scheduled for today has been moved to Friday. Trustees had to delay the meeting because the (see BOARD, page 11)

Comptroller's rep stresses...

1/2-cent tax needed to be competitive

A representative of the state comptroller's office said Tuesday that approval of a half-cent sales tax for economic development is

necessary if a community expects to be competitive.

Joe D. Newman, a representative of the comptroller's local

government division, spoke to about 20 citizens Tuesday afternoon in the TU Electric Reddy Room.

Newman was invited to Snyder to answer questions about SB 971 which authorizes cities to adopt a half-cent sales tax earmarked for economic development.

The election in Snyder is scheduled for Aug. 11, and absentee voting is underway at city hall through Aug. 7.

"The intent of the bill, Newman said, "is to create or retain jobs." Noting that the traditional source of funds has dried up, he said \$21 million already available in 30 Texas cities will "drastically

change the way Texas does economic development."

Newman said his office already is receiving requests from companies wanting to know which towns have approved the tax and have funds available.

Based on historical data, Snyder's half-cent tax should generate about \$380,000 per year. Abilene was the first city to approve the tax and its take is over \$3 million per year.

Newman said the funds can be used only for economic development purposes — such things as land, utilities, industrial park development or buildings. The funds can be used for new ven-

ture or for expansion of existing businesses, and it can be used to pay principal and interest on debt incurred to secure additional jobs.

Newman said the funds give a community the ability to bond or leverage in order to accomplish a large project. The funds cannot be used for operation of the city, but the law allows up to 10 percent to be used for promotion.

Newman said data from his office shows that the average citizen purchases \$4,300 per year in taxable goods. The half-cent tax would cost that citizen \$22.50 per year or 40 cents a week. (see ECONOMIC, page 11)



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT — Joe D. Newman, a representative of the state comptroller's office meeting with local citizens here Tuesday, said approval of a half-cent sales tax currently before voters is necessary if the community expects to be competitive. (SDN Staff Photo)

Woman blames occult curse for deaths of young children

DALLAS (AP) — A 32-year-old woman blames an occult curse — not herself — for the deaths of her six young children and a niece, the police chief of Bovina said.

But a keen-eyed pathologist noticed signs of smothering in the last death, and all seven of the deaths, six of which occurred in West Texas, now are being scrutinized.

Diane Lumbra, who moved

to Garden City, Kan., in 1985, will stand trial in Kansas next month on a first-degree murder charge in the May 1 smothering death of her seventh child, 4-year-old Jose.

In Texas, Parmer County officials now are investigating the six other deaths. Ms. Lumbra is free on \$50,000 bail while four West Texas grand juries investigate the deaths.

Five of the children born to Ms. Lumbra, a meatpacker, died in Texas between 1976 and 1984 before their fourth birthdays. But doctors had ruled the deaths natural and police and child protection authorities apparently failed to become suspicious.

Her first child died of choking, as did the third. The second was a crib death, while no cause was ever determined for the fourth child, her niece. The fifth died of heart failure, the sixth of a blood disease, authorities said.

The deaths might never have been scrutinized had a group of pathologists not held a seminar at St. Catherine Hospital in Garden City.

Jose Lumbra was carried unconscious into the hospital emergency room by his mother. Doctors were unable to revive him, but the staff didn't suspect foul play at first, said Parmer County Sheriff's Deputy Richard Bonham.

"They were having a pathologist's seminar at the hospital, and one of the doctors saw the child," Bonham said. "He noticed pinkness around the eyes and ordered an autopsy."

The pinkness, Bonham said, is a sign of smothering.

When questioned, Ms. Lumbra (see OCCULT, page 11)

'Best of Texas' slated to open here Saturday

The "Best of Texas" Steer and Lamb Show, expected to bring over 1,000 people to the city, begins Saturday at Scurry County Coliseum.

Over 1,000 4-H and FFA members, their families and guests are expected to be in Snyder for the show, which will continue through Sunday.

The event is a Texas Club Calf Association (TCCA) and Texas Club Lamb Association (TCLA) event.

The lamb show is to begin at 1 p.m. Saturday and will be judged by Allan Turner of Ballinger. Steers will be judged at 8:30 a.m.

Sunday by Jake Fite of Burkburnett.

Approximately 200 lambs and 250 to 300 steers will be competing from all across Texas.

TCCA-TCLA sanctioned shows are held all year with members accumulating points for awards at the end of the year. Awards are presented at the Houston Livestock Show in March.

Anyone needing more information concerning the shows should contact County Extension Agent Marvin Ensor at 573-5423, Bo Robinson at 573-4882 or Eddie Eicke at 573-7918.

School finance case concludes in Austin

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas' new school funding plan is in the hands of a state judge, who called the law an important step for poor schools but said he doesn't know if he will rule it constitutional.

State District Judge Scott McCown said he hopes to make a decision on poor school districts' challenge to the plan by October.

"I obviously don't know what I'm going to decide," he said Tuesday. "I think it (the new law) was a very significant step."

He made his comments after closing arguments in a trial that began July 9.

Poor school districts say the school funding plan doesn't make meaningful changes in the finance system declared unconstitutional last year by the Texas Supreme Court.

The Supreme Court told the state to even out funding available to rich and poor school districts. But poor districts say the new law doesn't put them on equal footing with rich districts that can raise more local tax money.

The state "simply put more

money into the broke system," said Dave Richards, an attorney for poor school districts.

Assistance applications being taken

Applications for the Energy Crisis Program and Weatherization Assistance Program for low-income residents are being taken today and Friday at Scurry County Senior Citizens Center.

Anyone interested in making applications should do so at the senior center from 9:30 a.m. until noon or from 1-3:30 p.m.

The Energy Crisis Program provides assistance to eligible residents experiencing an energy-related crisis or emergency. The Weatherization Assistance Program assists low-income residents by helping reduce utility bills on a long-term basis by energy conservation — insulating an attic, weatherstripping and replacing broken window panes, for instance.

The SDN Column

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "The real problem with TV is that too many people who grew up watching TV are now writing for TV."

While waiting for an appointment recently, we picked up a copy of Newsweek from a couple of months back. We had missed this particular issue.

The cover story dealt with research done about kids. All in independent studies—scientists, psychologists, educators and other scholars have all reached the same conclusion: boys and girls are different.

We sure hope the taxpayers got to help finance the research for these startling conclusions.

Just recently, small businesses all over the nation have had to adjust to new minimum wage laws.

A congressman from Illinois, chairman of the House Administration Committee, wants to kill an extension to the law to put the House's own 10,000 employees under minimum wage requirements.

The WSJ reports that the liberal congressman says the House should exempt employees because the U.S. Senate already has. Also, he lamented the pressures of record-keeping.

That's what businesses—both large and small—have been trying to tell Congress for decades.

We also noticed where a meat company in California has installed a vending machine in Japan.

Japanese citizens can now enjoy a rib-eye steak by inserting the right kind of plastic into the machine.

We wonder if the machine says, "Moo?"

Q—When is the deadline to register to vote in the Nov. 6 general election?

A—The deadline is Oct. 7.

In Brief

Confab opens

WESLACO, Texas (AP) — Don't call them "killer bees" anymore.

Experts on the Africanized honey bee open a seminar today to exchange research information and prepare for the north-bound insects.

"We're really trying to get away from the fact of the killer bee image," said Stormie Sparks, extension entomologist for Texas A&M. "They have caused some deaths. European bees have caused some deaths, but we don't refer to them as killer bees, either."

The goal of the conference, which runs through Saturday, is to review the Texas plan for dealing with the Africanized honey bee, according to Sparks.

Sharp decline

WASHINGTON (AP) — Orders to U.S. factories for "big ticket" manufactured goods plunged 3.2 percent in June, the government said today.

The Commerce Department said that demand for durable goods, items expected to last three or more years, suffered a May-to-June decline of \$4.14 billion to a seasonally adjusted \$124.69 billion last month.

The report caught analysts by surprise. They had been expecting a healthy increase following on the heels of a 4.2 percent rise in May.

The decline, the third in the past six months, served to emphasize the problems besetting the U.S. manufacturing sector.

Pecos water

SANTA FE, N.M. (AP) — Water experts say if the drought continues, New Mexico may end up owing Texas a debt from the Pecos River by 1992.

The state must come up with plans to deal with that type of shortfall and to ensure that there is enough water generally in the Pecos River to meet its obligation to Texas, lawmakers were told Tuesday.

If New Mexico fell short of its obligations to Texas and did not make the required water repayment, it could be held in violation of a U.S. Supreme Court order and fined, representatives of the state engineer's office said.

Local

Absentee

A total of 25 absentee votes have been cast in the Aug. 11 half-cent sales tax election for economic development. Absentee voting continues at city hall through Aug. 7.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Tuesday, 84 degrees; low, 69 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Wednesday, 71 degrees; .10 of an inch precipitation; total precipitation for 1990 to date, 13.79 inches.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy with widely scattered mainly evening thunderstorms. Low near 70. South wind 10 to 15 mph. Chance of rain 20 percent. Thursday, partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. High in the lower 90s. South wind 10 to 20 mph and gusty.

Van Gogh suffered from maddening ear infection

CHICAGO (AP) — Vincent van Gogh cut off his ear and later killed himself because of a painful but undiagnosed inner-ear infection, not madness, a report published today suggests.

The artist, who committed suicide 100 years ago Sunday at age 37, suffered from Meniere's disease, an often misdiagnosed infection, Dr. I. Kaufman Arenberg said in the Journal of the American Medical Association.

The disease, which afflicts about 7 million Americans, is brought on by excess fluid and pressure in the ear and can cause severe bouts of vertigo and hallucinations.

Van Gogh, who sold just one painting during his life but whose work now commands record prices, described those symptoms in letters to family

members, Arenberg and colleagues reported.

"His voluminous correspondence should forever banish the notion that he was an epileptic or 'mad,'" their report said.

Other symptoms include vomiting, painful pressure and persistent noise in the ear, along with possible hearing loss. Attacks may last from several hours to several days and are often marked by long periods of no symptoms, conditions described by van Gogh.

"The tragedy is that this disease was discovered about 30 years before van Gogh's death but (information about it) was slow to disseminate," Arenberg said.

It is unlikely van Gogh's doctors knew of Meniere's disease, named after the French doctor

who identified it in 1861, Arenberg said. He added that no treatment for the malady was available at the time.

Researchers have guessed for decades about van Gogh's mental problems. One doctor theorized that van Gogh had a personality disorder stemming from epilepsy. Another scientist suggested he was addicted to absinthe.

Arenberg and colleagues at the Swedish Medical Center in Englewood, Colo., studied 796 letters that van Gogh wrote to family and friends from 1884 to 1890, and those of the doctor who treated the artist.

After years of deteriorating health, the Dutch-born artist checked into a mental asylum in France, where a Dr. Peyron wrote: "It is my opinion that Mr. van Gogh is subject to epileptic fits at very infrequent intervals."

In a letter dated Sept. 10, 1889 to his brother, Theo, the artist recounted his gloomy prognosis.

"I must say that M. Peyron does not give me much hope for the future and I think this right, he makes me realize that everything is doubtful that one can be sure of nothing beforehand," he wrote.

Peyron wrote that van Gogh probably cut off his left ear in a fit of madness or instability in December 1888. But Arenberg said the artist might have done so as a crude way of relieving the pain or intense buzzing or ringing.

Doctors now treat Meniere's disease with drugs, by removing the inner ear or by shunting blocked fluids from the area under pressure, Arenberg said. Treatment is effective in about 80 percent of all patients.

Van Gogh's work is among the

most prized in the art world. In May, his "Portrait of Dr. Gachet" drew the highest price ever paid at auction for a painting — \$82.5 million.

Spider fan: Hollywood spins web of deceit

WASHINGTON (AP) — The new summertime movie thriller, "Arachnophobia," is bugging Dr. Michael H. Robinson, a spider expert who accuses Hollywood of spinning a web of deceit about his favorite creepy-crawly.

"It's a pity to give spiders a bad name," says Robinson, director of the National Zoo and former director of the American Arachnological Society. "It's very sad that we should be so irrational about them and see movies that reinforce all those ancient, primitive fears about spiders."

Robinson, an English-born biologist, spent 20 years studying spiders in Panama, Papua New Guinea and more than a dozen other tropical countries. He was outraged when he saw a newspaper advertisement for the Steven Spielberg-Frank Marshall movie about a monstrous vampire spider that terrorizes a California family.

"Eight legs, two fangs and an attitude," the ad reads. It's "Jaws with legs," warns one film critic.

"Arachnophobia," which means "fear of spiders," is about a huge Venezuelan spider that hitchhikes in a coffin to a small town in California. Besides breeding an army of deadly offspring, it leaps to sink its fangs into human victims, paralyzing them in seconds with a lethal neurotoxin and sucking their bodies dry.

Robinson immediately summoned a reporter to issue a protest.

"This bloody movie is making horrific allegations about spiders, and they are so important to the ecology of the world and so incredibly beneficial to mankind that I decided they need some good press," he said.

Robinson hailed spiders as nature's pest exterminator, ridding the Earth of billions and billions of houseflies, roaches, mosquitoes and other insects every year.

Without spiders, he said, human beings would be overwhelmed by winged creatures that would destroy crops and threaten to leave the planet virtually uninhabitable.

"Ordinary spiders are perfectly harmless and they are marvelous friends to have around the house," Robinson said.

If they give you a severe case of the shudders, he said, simply cover them with a water glass, slide a sheet of paper underneath and carry them safely outside the house. Don't stomp on them or flush them down the toilet, he pleaded.

Discovery called important step for Alzheimer's victims

BAR HARBOR, Maine (AP) — The discovery of a genetic defect that may cause most cases of Alzheimer's disease could someday lead to a treatment, researchers say.

"We're anxiously following this, and if it's true it would be quite significant," said Creighton Phelps, vice president of medical and scientific affairs at the National Alzheimer's Association in Chicago.

On Tuesday, Dr. Allen Roses of the Duke University medical school in Durham, N.C., said he found a genetic abnormality that may cause the most common form of Alzheimer's disease, which afflicts about 4 million Americans.

The finding surprised most researchers studying the disease's genetics. They have been busily investigating a different abnormality.

"We're betting the output of our laboratory" that the new abnormality is the cause of all but a rare form of Alzheimer's, Roses said.

In a presentation at the Jackson Laboratory in Bar Harbor, Roses said that based on his

study of 32 families in which Alzheimer's is prevalent, the disease appears to be linked to an abnormality on chromosome 19, one of the 23 pairs of human chromosomes.

Previous studies found a defect on chromosome 21 linked to an early-onset form of Alzheimer's in which memory loss and other symptoms begin to appear around age 40. That form of the disease has been found in only 10 or 20 families in the world, Roses said.

It could turn out that the early-onset form of Alzheimer's is a different disease. Roses used his genetic samples to search for a defect on chromosome 21 in late-onset Alzheimer's disease and couldn't find it.

The idea that chromosome 21 is linked to the disease was so powerful that Roses said he has had difficulty persuading others that chromosome 21 may not be the culprit in most cases. He said he has been frustrated in efforts to publish his findings in a scientific journal.

Other researchers are now rapidly trying to determine whether their genetic samples

from Alzheimer's victims also reveal an abnormality on chromosome 19, said Dr. Peter St. George-Hyslop of Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. He is one of the discoverers of the defect on chromosome 21.

"The follow-up studies need to be done," St. George-Hyslop said. "This area of genetics of late-onset neurological disease is extremely difficult to do."

Finding the genetic defect is a crucial first step toward figuring out precisely what goes wrong in Alzheimer's disease and perhaps how to fix it. No cause or cure is known for the progressive neurological disorder.

One of the problems with doing research on Alzheimer's is that the disease normally appears in people in their 60s, 70s or 80s. Many people who carry a genetic predisposition for the disease die of something else before they develop it, Roses said.

Murder victim's skull will be kept for trial

TYLER, Texas (AP) — The skull of slaying victim Kenneth Berryman will have to remain in Texas until the trial of the man accused of killing him despite protests from the victim's family in Massachusetts, a prosecutor says.

Smith County District Attorney Jack Skeen Jr. said Tuesday that the skull will have to remain in Texas until William Eugene Brumbelow is tried. A preliminary trial date of Oct. 18 has been set.

Smith County Sheriff's Lt. Greg Wilson said the skull is now in the evidence room at his office after officers retrieved it from the Southwest Institute of Forensic Sciences in Dallas.

Skeen said tests performed at the forensic institute after an autopsy make it necessary for authorities to retain possession of the skull.

Astrograph

by Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

July 26, 1990

In the year ahead there is a possibility you might get involved in an endeavor larger than anything to which you've become accustomed. It looks like you're ready for the big time.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) The ideas or suggestions of associates might lack your insights today, especially in a matter you have thoroughly analyzed which they haven't. Trust your own judgment. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you to understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail \$2 to Matchmaker, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Something opportune might be offered to you in a rather round about way today. It has possibilities, but it's best not to prematurely broadcast this arrangement to others.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Today if you're socializing with business chums, try to keep everything on a "palsy-walsy" basis. If you attempt to spring a deal, it might misfire.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Your positive perceptions are likely to be more accurate than your negative ones today. Dismiss dark reflections and dwell on thoughts that are hopeful and constructive.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) An acquaintance might alert you to an interesting commercial proposal today. Unfortunately, your informant may not be the one with whom to team up if money is required.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Joint ventures are rather promising today, provided you do most of the work. Rely as little as possible on others, even if they have a share in the endeavor.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) A decision you may make today might be challenged by associates. There's no reason to be unduly concerned if you have the facts to support your position.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Rewards you earn today could come from hard work and services rendered and they may be more impressive than you anticipate. Payoffs aren't likely where you expect something for nothing.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Today you might get involved with a one who is relatively successful. However, don't accept as gospel suggestions given not in this person's realm of expertise.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) If there is a career matter you want to bring to a head today, don't be discouraged by negative developments that appear to indicate failure. Persevere and you'll win.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Most conditions will be trending in your favor today, with the exception of personal finances and business. Both of these realms could have some hazards with which you may have to contend.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Situations where partners are involved could be more of a liability than an asset today. This is one of those times when an extra set of hands could complicate matters.

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Shelters made of mammoth bones have been discovered in more than a dozen excavations on the East European Plain.

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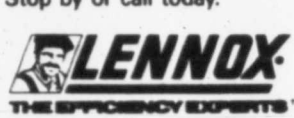
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Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY

Tiger Shark Swim Club; WTC; 6-18 years of age; 4-5:30 p.m. For information, call Mike Harrison at 573-8511 ext. 283.

Sparkle City Square Dancers; clogging; old Athletic Center building; 7-8 p.m.

Sparkle City Square Dancers; workshop; old Athletic Center building; 8-10 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-8015 or 573-3956.

THURSDAY

Al-Anon; Park Club at Winston Park; noon.

Free blood pressure clinic; Dunn Community Center; 1-2 p.m.

Advanced Duplicate Bridge; Colorado City bridge room; 1:30 p.m.

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

Tiger Shark Swim Club; WTC; 6-18 years of age; 4-5:30 p.m. For information, call Mike Harrison at 573-8511 ext. 283.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For information, call 863-2348, 573-8110 or 573-9410.

FRIDAY

Storytime; Scurry County Library; 10 a.m.; 4 and 5-year olds.

Snyder Jaycees; noon luncheon; Golden Corral.

Free blood pressure clinic; Cogdell Memorial Hospital emergency waiting room; 1-2:30 p.m.

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

Oasis Overeaters Anonymous; 2-3 p.m.; Park Club at Winston Field; Newcomers Welcome! 573-8322 or 573-7705.

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointment; 573-9742 or 573-2763.

Tiger Shark Swim Club; WTC; 6-18 years of age; 4-5:30 p.m. For information, call Mike Harrison at 573-8511 ext. 283.

Al-Anon; Park Club at Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information call 573-2101 or 573-8626.

New Horizon Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-8110, 863-2348 or 573-6820.

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 10 a.m. For more information, call 863-2348, 573-8110 or 573-6820.

Scurry County Museum; Western Texas College; open from 1-4 p.m.

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

Thieves rip off judges' microwave

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — While the judges were in the courtroom trying criminals, criminals were in their lunchroom giving them a trying time.

District Judge Sharon MacRae said Tuesday that someone stole a microwave oven from a jury room that serves as a lunchroom for judges and court personnel in the Bexar County Criminal Justice Center.

"I've been ripped off five or six times," she said.

The judge said that thieves have entered judge's offices in the past, rifling purses and stealing other objects.

In a letter to Bexar County Commissioners, Judge MacRae asked that a lock be placed on the door because thieves have stolen food and the microwave and she fears that the refrigerator may be next.

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Heroes of rescue effort are scrappy Filipino miners

BAGUIO, Philippines (AP) — Miner John Dilla takes a swig of cheap local gin, chews on betel nut, then covers his mouth with a thin surgical mask before burrowing into a crevice in the rubble of the once swank Hyatt Hotel.

Dilla is among 200 volunteer gold miners still searching for bodies, and possibly survivors, buried beneath twisted steel and tons of concrete after the July 16 earthquake devastated nearly 30 buildings in this mountain resort.

"The miners are the real heroes of this operation," said Dave Kemp, a member of the

British International Rescue Corps. "The job they have done is simply excellent and very professional."

Kemp, a fireman from Norfolk, England, said Filipino miners had done about 70 percent of the work of finding people beneath the ruins in this city 130 miles north of Manila.

Most foreign rescuers left last weekend after deciding there were probably no more survivors in the ruins. Now, the miners, along with a few daring civilians and Philippine Military Academy cadets, are left with the job.

"They have committed to con-

tinue the search to the last body," said Rogelio Singson, a spokesman of presidential relief coordination center for Baguio.

Dilla said the miners need the gin to numb their sense of smell as the stench of death grows stronger in the remains. Betel nuts satisfy hunger pangs.

He said the linen masks did little to lessen the stench of decaying bodies. But he and others wear them all the same because they are the only facial covering available.

"You will need a gas mask with an oxygen supply before you can really work inside those tunnels. Otherwise, you will pass out before you can reach deep in-

side," Dilla said. "But since we lack the equipment, we're using the best available resources."

Fellow miner Orlando Bay-os said they came to Baguio after hearing reports about damage in the once swank resort. The miners volunteered although their own camp at the Philex Mining Corp. was also damaged.

Twenty-one of their fellow miners and their families were killed there.

"We proceeded to Baguio as soon as we heard the news that we did not even have the time to check the condition of our families," Bay-os said. "There was a greater need for us in Baguio."

Bridge

by James Jacoby

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Dealer: West			
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4 ♦	Pass	Pass	5 ♥
5 ♦	Pass	Pass	Dbl.
All pass			
Opening lead: ♦ Q			

Looking ahead in the bidding

By James Jacoby

With best defense, South can be held to four spades. East-West does better if East plays in five hearts doubled, down only one if declarer plays the

heart suit correctly. But it is sensible for East to plan the bidding so that South can be held to 10 tricks in spades, particularly if vulnerable South will be tempted to bid on when East-West goes to five hearts. This is why East made that strange four-diamond bid.

West described a distributional hand with length in both red suits by passing originally and then coming back in with a jump to two no-trump. When North raised to three spades, East might have simply bid four hearts, which he expected to make. But East had that crystal ball available to all players caught up in a competitive bidding contest. Since the opponents held spades, it was rather obvious that South would be bidding to take 10 tricks. That being the case, it was safe for East to make the seemingly bizarre four-diamond bid.

The bidding was not over. When South bid four spades, perhaps West would bid five diamonds. No problem — East would still be able to correct to five hearts.

When the bidding progressed as in the diagram, East was able to double five spades with at least the knowledge that the defense should achieve its maximum result. Sure enough, the queen of diamonds lead allowed the defenders to take all their tricks, East winning the diamond ace and switching to a low heart.

James Jacoby's books "Jacoby on Bridge" and "Jacoby on Card Games" (written with his father, the late Oswald Jacoby) are now available at bookstores. Both are published by Pharos Books. © 1990, NEWSPAPER ENTERPRISE ASSN.

Floydada man will market pet waterer

FLOYDADA, Texas (AP) — It took about 15 years and the looming costs of putting two kids through college to make Don Green realize he could market his brainstorm — the "Love My Pet" automatic pet waterer.

"I was trying to think of ways to help put the kids through school," said Green, a retired rancher who now owns and operates an auto parts dealership. "This was a natural. I have a couple of other ideas I am kicking around."

As a rancher, Green knew the value of keeping his cows well-watered. So he came up with the ultimate in watering for domestic pet owners.

"I had seen cows, dogs and some horses die because they didn't have any water to drink," Green said Tuesday. "That didn't set too well with me."

Green said he designed the pet thirst quencher about 15 years ago after he heard that a doctor was looking for a way to keep an animal watered while it was outside.

"A doctor ... in 1976 showed us one that he bought in Lubbock," Green told the Plainview Daily Herald. "He had paid about \$100 for it and it wasn't worth a dime."

Green figured he could do better.

He took a five-gallon plastic bucket and cut out a big hole in one side, where the animal sticks its head in to drink. Then he attached a float, much like the one in the back of a toilet, which opens a flow of water when the

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1990 Property Tax Rates in Scurry County

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General Fund	
Last year's tax rate:	
Last year's operating taxes	\$ 2,968,861
+ Last year's debt taxes	\$ -0-
= Last year's total taxes	\$ 2,968,861
+ Last year's tax base	\$ 854,348,696
= Last year's total tax rate	\$.3475 /\$100
This year's effective tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 2,961,370
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 966,572,493
= This year's effective tax rate for each fund	\$.3064 /\$100
Total effective tax rate	\$.3064 /\$100
x 1.03 = maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearing	\$.3155
This year's rollback tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 3,431,370
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 966,572,493
= This year's effective operating rate	\$.3550 /\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$.3834 /\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$ -0- /\$100
= This year's rollback rate for each fund	\$.3834 /\$100
This year's rollback rate	\$.3834 /\$100

(A county that collects the additional sales tax (including one that collects the tax for the first time this year) must insert the following lines):

Sales tax adjustment rate	\$.0496 /\$100
Rollback tax rate	\$.3338 /\$100

Schedule A: Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following balances will probably be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
General	\$450,000.00
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Title Scurry County Tax Assessor Collector	
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1990 Property Tax Rates in City Of Snyder

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Last year's tax rate:	
Last year's operating taxes	\$ 855,817
+ Last year's debt taxes	\$ -0-
= Last year's total taxes	\$ 855,817
+ Last year's tax base	\$ 238,123,973
= Last year's total tax rate	\$.3594 /\$100
This year's effective tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 854,129
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 233,901,627
= This year's effective tax rate	\$.3652 /\$100
x 1.03 = maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearing	\$.3762 /\$100
This year's rollback tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 854,129
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 233,901,627
= This year's effective operating rate	\$.3652 /\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$.3944 /\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$ -0- /\$100

Schedule A: Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following balances will probably be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
General	\$927,606.00
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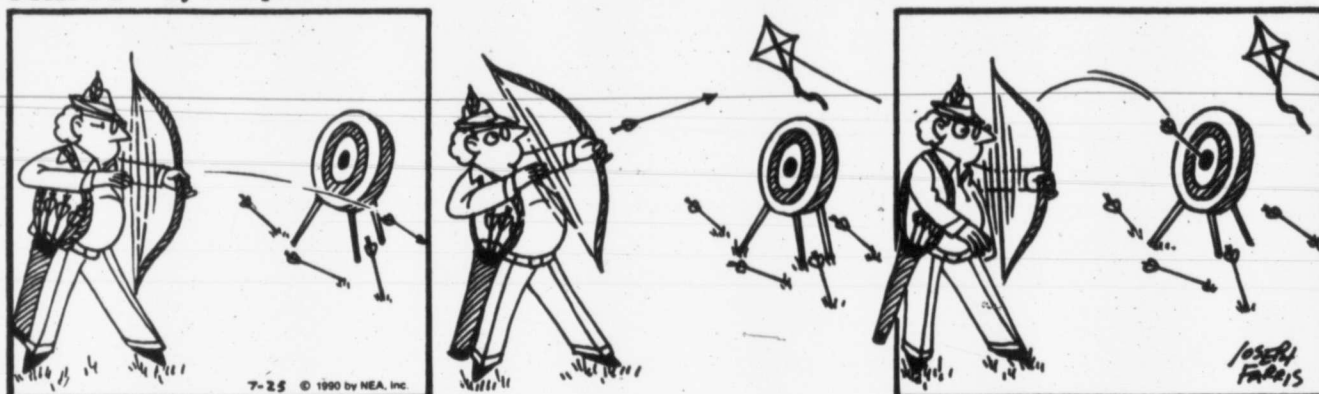
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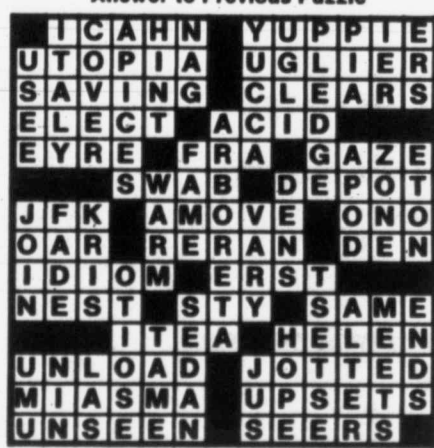
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- 17 House addition
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- 20 Baseballer
- 21 Film director
- 23 French negative
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- 27 Woman's title
- 29 Crane arm part
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- 32 So. state
- 33 Hebrew letter
- 34 Electorate
- 37 Earth
- 40 European shark
- 41 — Tin Tin (movie dog)
- 43 TV's talking horse (2 wds.)
- 45 Inhabitant
- 46 A rose — rose
- 47 Greek letter
- 48 Time interval
- 51 Give back
- 54 Smoother
- 55 Epic poem
- 56 Performs anew
- 57 Author Jean-Paul —

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By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

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DEAR READER: Celibacy does not produce ill health, nor does the practice itself cause physical or mental harm. There's enormous variation in human adult sexual practices. Some people seem to need regular and frequent sexual release, whereas other people are content with occasional sexual activity — or none at all. The cause of this normal variation is unknown.

When unrelieved sexual tensions reach a peak, nature has provided a method of release, through vivid and explicit sexual dreams that often terminate in orgasm. Such release can also be achieved through the universal and harmless practice of self-pleasuring.

Sexual inactivity may produce emotional and physical discomfort, however, if a person's expectations and needs are not met. For example, a couple can experience frustration and anger if one member's sexual needs are not satisfied by the partner.

Note that this conflict is not a result of celibacy *per se*; rather, it is due to a complex interaction of factors relating to how well (or how poorly) we meet the needs — both sexual and non-sexual — of the people in our environment.

Thus, celibates will not become "mentally ill" if their sexual preferences are self-imposed. Emotionally maladaptive behavior can appear, however, if the celibacy is externally governed; that is, if a person is forced into sexual inactivity against his or her wishes.

Celibacy is no more likely than hyper-sexuality to result in harm. Problems seem to arise as a consequence of people's perceptions about being under- or over-sexed.

Some individuals choose celibacy for religious reasons; others are celibate because of disability or physical illness. On occasion, some patients refrain from sex because of psychological conflicts leading to fear or loathing of sexual expression. In such cases, the emotional disturbance precedes the celibacy rather than being a result of it.

To give you more information, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Where To Find Sex Information." Other readers who would like a copy should send \$1.25 with their name and address to P.O. Box 91369, Cleveland, OH 44101-3369. Be sure to mention the title.

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Texas Rangers drop vote fraud investigation

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A Bee County prosecutor who began an inquiry into alleged widespread manipulation of votes said he was disappointed that law enforcement officials have dropped their investigation.

The Texas Rangers dropped the investigation into the spring elections, saying they found only minor technical problems that did not violate election laws.

"Unless something comes up that we haven't seen, it was sort of a wasted trip," Texas Rangers Capt. Jack Dean said Monday. "There were violations, but the ones we found were not prosecutable because there is no penalty for them in the election code."

County Attorney Jose Aliseda said he would continue his investigation.

Rangers Ray Martinez and Rudy Rodriguez were asked to enter the case by city and county investigators who said they needed assistance. The Rangers made two visits to Beeville, about 90 miles southeast of San Antonio.

Former prosecutor blames cocaine for jumping bond

DALLAS (AP) — A former Dallas County prosecutor says he jumped bond on a federal drug charge and ran away with a capital murder defendant because cocaine had clouded his judgment.

Mike Wilson said Tuesday that that was the reason he jumped bond and fled with murder defendant Joy Davis Aylor.

"I left because I was scared. I didn't see any way out," Wilson testified during a detention hearing before U.S. Magistrate John B. Tolle. "The whole thing was a nightmare to me."

Wilson, a former Dallas County assistant district attorney, said

he considered taking his own life before he was captured June 11 in British Columbia. But he said that he decided to surrender, but was apprehended by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police before he could.

"Mr. Wilson was trying to come back when he was arrested," said his attorney, Gary Noble. "He knows running away is not the answer. This is Mike Wilson, who for years was a well-respected lawyer, who is still well-respected. The fact is, he's an addict."

Wilson was free on a no-cash bond on the drug charge when he left town May 5 with Mrs. Aylor. The two were involved romantically.

Wilson had pleaded innocent to charges of accepting 46 pounds of cocaine in exchange for his legal services. He was arrested March 21 by U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration agents in Dallas.

Mrs. Aylor had been scheduled to go to trial May 14 on a charge

of capital murder. She was free on \$140,000 bond on a charge of hiring a hit man to kill her husband's girlfriend in 1983.

Wilson was apprehended, but authorities are still searching for Mrs. Aylor.

Wilson gave the testimony in an attempt to persuade Tolle to release him on bond so he could enter a drug treatment program.

Tolle, who originally released Wilson on personal recognizance, denied the request and ordered the lawyer to remain in custody.

"In my view, there is no combination of conditions I can accept that would reasonably assure Mr. Wilson's appearance for trial," the magistrate said.

"It (cocaine) was something that was impossible for me to put down," Wilson, who said he also is a recovering alcoholic and began using cocaine in late 1987, said.

Wilson said that he has not used cocaine since his arrest in March.

Fire destroys Bowie firm

BOWIE, Texas (AP) — A large fire burned a Bowie furniture store to the ground Tuesday afternoon and threatened other downtown businesses before it was brought under control almost two hours later.

Power and telephone service to part of the town was knocked out by the fire, which was battled by at least 40 firefighters from departments in Bowie, Montague, Sunset and Henrietta.

The blaze began about 3:30 p.m. in Richardson's Furniture and Appliance store and was contained about 5 p.m., authorities said. The cause was not immediately determined.

The fire had threatened neighboring buildings, including a seed and plant center and the Bowie News. Firefighters evacuated the area.

Officials predicted it could take two days to restore electricity and phone service to about a dozen businesses in the block where the fire occurred.

The Bowie News building received minor damage from falling burning wood but no damage to other buildings was reported.

Store owner James Scruggs said he and some employees heard a loud pop and saw the lights dim just before the fire was discovered in a back room.

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1990 Property Tax Rates in Snyder ISD

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Last year's tax rate:	
Last year's operating taxes	\$ 7,494,685
+ Last year's debt taxes	\$ 0
= Last year's total taxes	\$ 7,494,685
+ Last year's tax base	\$ 720,642,827
= Last year's total tax rate	\$ 1.04 /\$100
This year's effective tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 7,197,631
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 803,753,973
= This year's effective tax rate	\$.8955 /\$100
x 1.03 = maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearing	\$.9224 /\$100
This year's rollback tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 7,197,631
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 803,753,973
= This year's effective operating rate	\$.8955 /\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$.9671 /\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$ -0- /\$100

(A school district must insert the following lines)	
= This year's rollback rate before adjustment	\$.9671 /\$100
+ Rate to recoup lost state funds	\$.0070 /\$100
= A. Adjusted rollback rate	\$.9741 /\$100
B. Rate that would result in maximum state funds	\$.7568 /\$100
Rollback Rate (greater of A or B)	\$.9741 /\$100
= This year's rollback rate	\$.9741 /\$100

Schedule A: Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following balances will probably be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
General	\$3,860,000.00
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Endangered toads need help crossing highway

BASTROP, Texas (AP) — It's going to be easier for the endangered Houston toad to cross Texas 21, but it's going to be expensive, about \$70,000, state highway department officials say.

The proposed set of tunnels and breezeways would guide the amphibians under the highway as part of a Texas Highways and Public Transportation road improvement project initially proposed for human protection only, officials said Tuesday.

"We will maintain the scenic beauty of the road by holding the number of cut trees to a minimum," said Randall Dillard, Highway Department spokesman. "We will improve the safety for humans and now improve the safety for Houston toads as well."

The traffic safety project among the majestic loblolly pines was the focus of citizen protest last year when initial plans called for cutting almost a thousand trees. A compromise saved all but 160 trees.

Median work is completed, but the toad study was required before work on the highway shoulder could start.

Construction costs associated with protection of the toad will be \$51,250, Dillard said. The study cost \$18,496.

The toad proposals, delivered to the Highway Department last week, will be reviewed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Department, which is responsible for protecting endangered species. The toad was placed on the federal government's endangered species list in 1965.

The toad tunnels, designed by a British firm, are used in Europe, but the Bastrop County project is believed to be unique in Texas and possibly the United States.

The polymer concrete tunnels and plastic arched fencing — similar in design to awnings found on some shopping complexes — were recommended after a dozen toads were determined to be traffic fatalities earlier this year.

The arched breezeways would run parallel to the highway. Tunnels would ideally be placed every quarter mile, according to the study.

Eighteen toads were sighted by researchers. Several thousand toads live in Bastrop County, according to study leader Andrew Price.

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Houston Oilers' top draft player finishes 3 firsts

SAN MARCOS, Texas (AP) — Lamar Lathon has had his first fight, his first fine and his first initiation in only two days of Houston Oiler training camp.

Lathon, the Oilers' first round draft pick, fell victim to Coach Jack Pardee's early-morning workouts Tuesday and was fined for being 35 minutes late to practice.

Lathon said he'd never submitted to hazing at any level of his athletic career and didn't intend to start in the NFL.

But when the veterans reported to the dining hall Tuesday night, Lathon did an off-key rendition of the University of Houston fight song.

Oiler veterans liked it so much they invited Lathon to do an encore.

Lathon laughed along and felt lucky to land on his feet after one year of bad luck in which he overcame two career-threatening injuries.

Volleyball teams now organizing

The summer volleyball league is now forming with practice to start Thursday from 10 a.m. until noon and from 4 until 6 p.m. at Snyder Junior High.

Those interested in forming teams should contact Theresa Ervin at 573-0154 or Patty Grimmett at 573-9416 on Wednesday.

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Lathon's promising future started to fall apart one year ago when he suffered a displaced sternum in an auto accident.

He recovered in time to start at linebacker for the Houston Oilers in the second game of the season but after three tackles Lathon suffered a serious knee injury that cost him the rest of the 1989 season.

Lathon thought his career was over after both incidents and yet he recovered to become the Houston Oilers' first round pick and recently signed a five-year, \$3.1 million contract.

He's battling for a starting strong-side linebacker position with the Oilers.

Lathon won't give up anything on the football field however. He reported to training camp with his head shaved and in a nasty mood.

He purposely started a fight at the first Oiler workout on Monday to get himself in the right frame of mind for the season.

"What I displayed out there was not controlled aggression and tempers flared," Lathon explained. "That won't happen again but it will be violent."

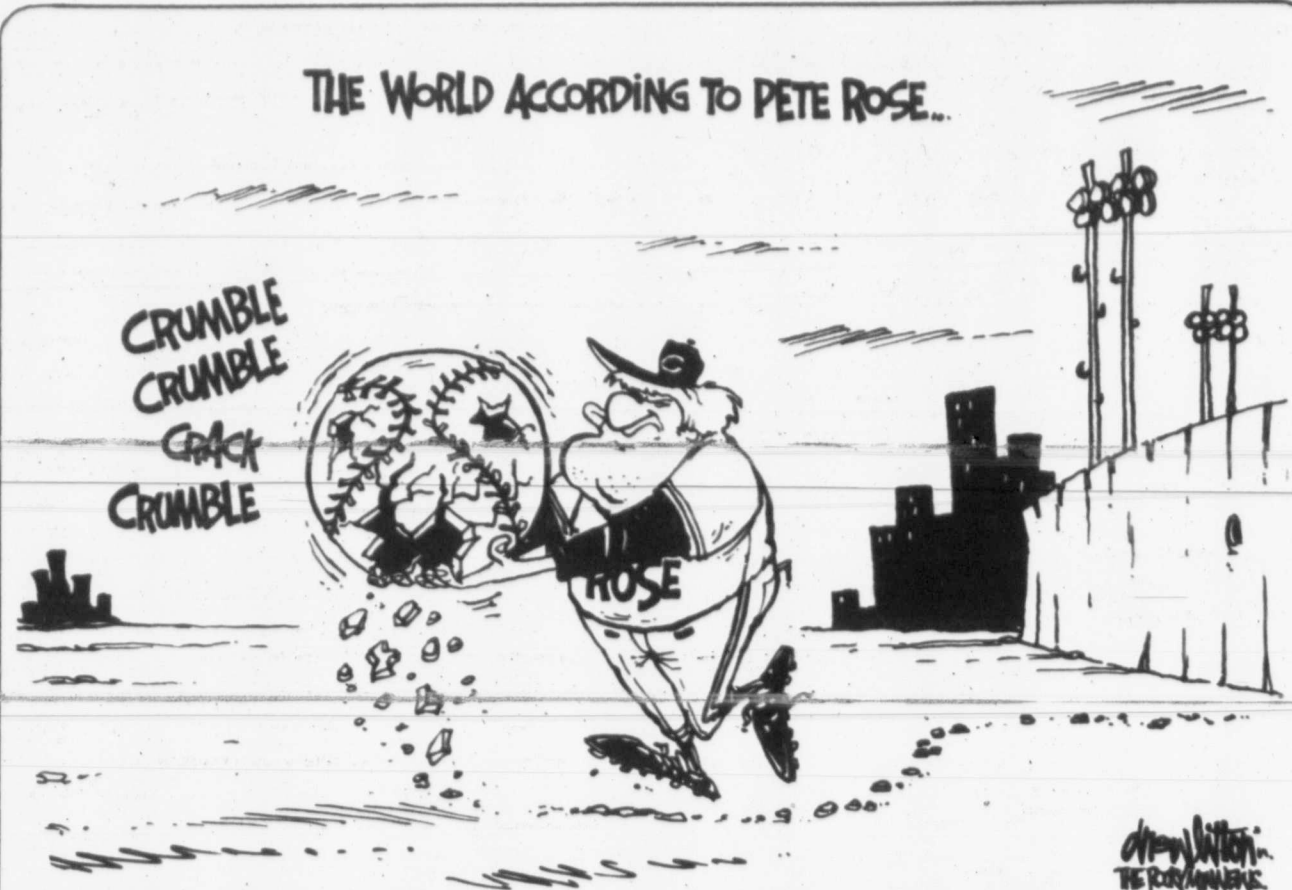
Lathon is both confident of his ability and respectful of the more experienced veterans.

"I'm not the kind of guy to just say 'I'm going to start,' I want to work for the position," Lathon said. "It's not going to be given to me."

Lathon is expected to eventually replace Robert Lyles at strongside linebacker.

Lathon has already shaved his own head, preventing the veterans of the pleasure, and he doesn't expect any initiation by the veterans, who report Wednesday.

"I have a good attitude but I'm a man just like they are and I've never been through any initiations and I'm not anticipating one here. I came here to play football. That's not necessary."



Prison home for Pete Rose called pretty cushy lockup

MARION, Ill. (AP) — Pete Rose is heading for the lockup, but the place where baseball's all-time leading hitter will be doing time is more like a spring training camp than a slammer.

The Marion Prison Camp — which adjoins the nation's toughest maximum-security federal penitentiary — houses about 200 inmates in an air-conditioned, art-deco style dormitory surrounded by manicured lawns and flower beds.

There is no fence and inmates have free roam of the grounds, including a softball diamond, weight room and tennis, handball, basketball and bocce ball courts.

The inmates can't wait to greet their famous fellow prisoner.

"Everyone here wants to meet him and talk to him," said Mark Bailey, an East Chicago, Ind., native finishing the last two weeks of a seven-month sentence.

"We are betting on whether he will be in the rec department," Bailey said, referring to the prison's inmate-staffed recreation department.

But the general manager of an inmate softball team says Rose may not be welcome on his squad.

"We don't know if we want Pete Rose on the team. The other (teams') guys might quit," said William "Catfish" Haas, an inmate who manages the Undertakers, one of a half-dozen prison softball teams.

Rose was sentenced to the Federal Prison

Camp at Marion after his conviction on two counts of filing false income tax returns that did not report \$350,000 from gambling and baseball card shows.

Baseball's all-time hits leader and former Cincinnati Reds manager must report to the camp by Aug. 10. His attorneys said Rose wants to report as soon as he heals from the knee surgery he underwent Friday.

No arrival date has been set, assistant warden Randy Davis said. Rose spokeswoman Barbara Pinzka said Tuesday in Cincinnati that the reporting date will not be announced.

While the Marion facility has a campus-like setting, "it's not easy time when you're away from your family," inmate Bailey said.

Visitors on an approved list are allowed Friday through Monday, Davis said. No conjugal visits are permitted.

No special considerations will be given to Rose, who is without a doubt the most famous inmate to stay at the prison camp, Davis said.

"He could help me take care of the ballfield. We'd be more than happy to have his assistance," said Haas, a Chicagoan serving an 18-year term.

Haas and other inmates believe Rose's sentence is a farce.

"If you want to compare it to other people who committed the same crime, yes, it was too light," he said.

Cowboy must drop 30 pounds

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Dallas Cowboys officials say they still believe offensive guard Nate Newton has the potential to be the best offensive lineman in Cowboys history.

There's just one problem. One BIG problem.

Team officials have put the squeeze on Newton to drop more than 30 pounds.

The offensive guard weighed in Sunday at 346 pounds, risking fines at \$50 per pound that would have cost him more than \$1,000. He paid \$400 after a five-pound allowance was made and Johnson cut the fine in half for cash upfront.

Despite not coming within 30 pounds of collecting a \$35,000 reporting bonus he forfeited two weeks ago for missing the prescribed 315-pound playing weight, Newton said the Cowboys are not yet ready to give up on him.

"Because I believe he can be the best offensive lineman in Dallas Cowboys history," said John Wooten, the team's pro personnel director. "He just flat-out has God-given ability, and you can't turn your back on it."

S-ball Classic is scheduled

Snyder Iron and Metal's Second Annual Men's Slowpitch Softball Classic is scheduled for July 27-29 at Winston Field.

First through fifth place team trophies will be awarded and first through third individual awards will be given.

In addition, 10 All-Tournament trophies, an MVP trophy and a team sportsmanship trophy will be awarded.

Games will be played in accordance with USSSA rules with a two home run per game limit.

Entry fee is \$100 per team and deadline to register is July 26.

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300th win to host AL's 'worst' team

Ryan merchandise now hot sales item

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Nolan Ryan can reserve a ticket for Cooperstown sometime in the 1990s if he can defeat baseball's worst team.

Ryan has a bad back, a bad Achilles tendon and a bad bullpen, but what better opponent for milestone victory 300 tonight than the New York Yankees?

Ryan has been maligned by some critics during his 23-year career because of his less-than-dominating 299-267 record.

But baseball's strikeout king can end any arguments with 300 victories to go with his 5,000 strikeouts and six no-hitters.

Ryan said he won't be thinking Hall of Fame if he wins.

"When I walk out of this game that (the Hall of Fame) will be the farthest thing from my mind," he said. "Maybe it will cross my mind when the time to elect people gets closer, I don't know."

The Yankees could be the perfect foils for Ryan to get his 300th on the first try.

Grover Alexander, Warren Spahn, Gaylord Perry, Steve Carlton and Tom Seaver were successful on their first shot at 300.

Ryan, hoping to become 300 winner No. 20, hasn't lost to the Yankees in 13 years.

He is 3-0 against them as a member of the Texas Rangers.

The Yankees have the worst record in baseball and are the lowest-scoring team in the American League. Ryan has already beaten them twice this season.

History indicates that to win the 300th game you have to go all the way. Only Early Wynn and Carlton failed to go the distance. Wynn lasted five innings and Carlton pitched eight.

Don Sutton was the last to win 300, in 1986.

Ryan's bad back could be his toughest opponent.

"You just never know when it's going to flare up," he said. "It won't be perfectly healed until after the season when I can rest it five weeks or so."

Ryan used only 77 pitches in winning 299 with a 5-3 victory over Detroit, but pulled himself out of the game because the stress fracture in his back flared up again.

Ryan altered his routine this week because of the back and Achilles problem.

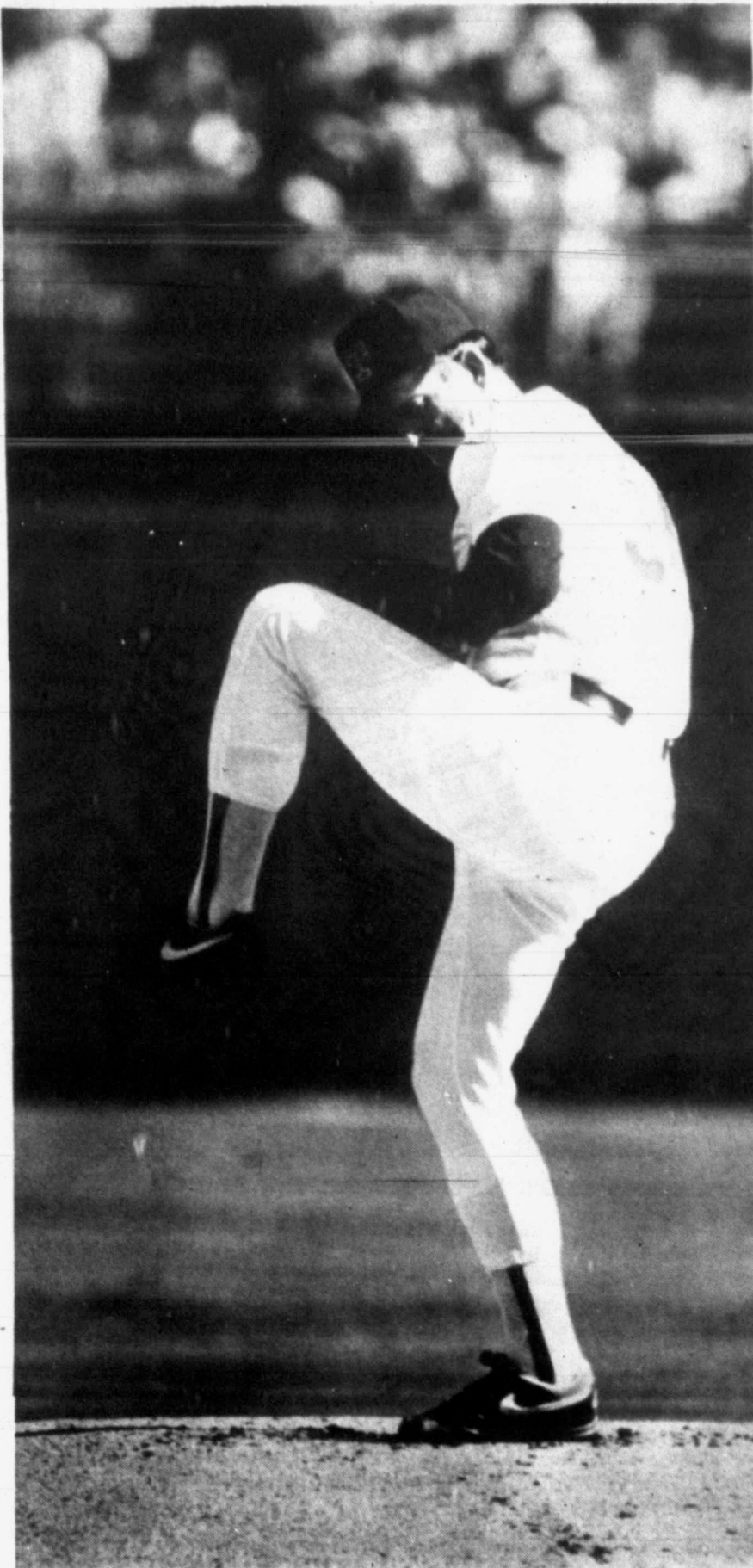
"I didn't push it when I threw on the side," he said. "The way my back has been acting I decided not to throw as long as I normally do. I don't want to aggravate anything."

The Texas bullpen has been inconsistent since ace reliever Jeff Russell hurt his arm earlier in the year.

The Rangers went through four relievers before Kenny Rogers saved 299 for Ryan as Texas almost blew a 5-0 lead.

Ryan will have his immediate family in the stands and a lot of friends. His pass list was at 60 and climbing.

The 43-year-old Ryan will go against Dave LaPoint who joked, "I don't understand all this fuss over my 79th victory."



TONIGHT'S THE NIGHT — Actually, tonight MAY be the night for Nolan Ryan, who is seeking his 300th career win to go with his 5,000 strikeouts and six no-hitters. Ryan's Texas Rangers will go against the New York Yankees and, in his favor, the Yankees have the worst record in baseball and are the lowest-scoring team in the American League. Ryan has already beaten them twice this season. (File Photo)

Just about anything with Nolan Ryan's name on it is rapidly disappearing from the shelves of specialty stores as the Texas Rangers star goes for his 300th victory tonight against the New York Yankees.

One fan who was scooping up some Ryan memorabilia at The Dugout, a souvenir shop at Arlington Stadium, said some of the excitement over Ryan is because the Dallas-Fort Worth area has been without a sports hero since Dallas Cowboys quarterback Roger Staubach retired after the 1979 season.

"Since Staubach's been gone, we haven't had a real hero," said Don Hale of nearby Flower Mound. "(Rangers right fielder Ruben) Sierra might turn into one, but right now, Nolan Ryan is it."

Although fans are excited about Ryan's try at his 300th victory, some fans are preparing for the possibility that No. 300 won't come tonight.

"You know the way the Rangers are," said Billy Montgomery of Garland. "They'll probably dog it, and they'll have to go out and win it on the road."

Sporting goods and sportswear store owners reported a run on Nolan Ryan products that began Friday, when tickets for Wednesday's game sold out.

Merle Harmon's Fan Fair sportswear store at The Parks mall has been selling twice as many Nolan Ryan T-shirts as usual since Friday, said Danny Lee, the store's assistant manager.

Nolan Ryan T-shirts, videotapes and baseballs were going fast at The Dugout Tuesday night as fans waited out a nearly two-hour rain delay.

"The most stuff we've been selling is Nolan," said store clerk Kari Arthur. "It's like every other person I ring up has a Nolan ball or video or T-shirt."

Tickets to the game are being scalped for as much as \$100 so many fans will be watching the game via cable television at area sports bars.

At the Bobby Valentine Sports

Gallery Cafe, managers said they have learned from the experience of the last Nolan Ryan big event: the game last summer in which Mr. Ryan pitched his 5,000th strikeout.

As many as 400 people crammed into the bar, which normally holds 300 that night general manager Rance Willingham said.

"After the... (5,000th strikeout), we learned a lot — get ready for a big crowd, because they're not going to leave until the game's over," said Willingham.

Commemorative T-shirts saying "Nolan Ryan, 300 wins, Summer 1990" will be on sale at the establishment owned by the Rangers manager. The date won't be any more specific than that, Willingham said "just in case tomorrow's not the one."

Relievers even feel 'mystique'

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — The Nolan Ryan mystique is such that even the professionals who might be called on to save his 300th victory tonight say they're still in awe.

Texas Rangers late men Brad Arnsberg and Kenny Rogers say they even ask Ryan for autographs after they save games for him.

"I just sneak up on him real quiet, like a little kindergartner," said Rogers.

"I creep up and hand him the ball after my saves and get him to sign it. I got him to sign a couple in my first save, and I got a couple balls from the game the other night. I sent one home and I kept the one that got the last out," he said.

For Arnsberg, the latest souvenir ball came from victory No. 298, which Ryan signed.

Rogers saved Ryan's 299th victory Friday night against Detroit. He said the bullpen will be under immense pressure if called upon to help Ryan beat the New York Yankees tonight.

Ryan, 43, hasn't lost to the Yankees in 13 years.

"It's easy to say he's going to win his 300th this season, and it doesn't matter if it happens Wednesday or later," Rogers said. "But we know what it means for him to do it here in Texas, where he's made his name."

"It wouldn't be the same on the road," in Milwaukee for Ryan's next scheduled start on Monday, he said.

For another Rangers reliever, being involved in No. 300 would be one more honor.

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AMERICAN LEAGUE
East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Toronto	51	45	.531	—
Boston	50	46	.521	1
Baltimore	47	49	.490	4
Cleveland	45	50	.474	5½
Detroit	46	52	.469	6
Milwaukee	44	50	.468	6
New York	34	59	.366	15½

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Oakland	61	35	.635	—
Chicago	56	36	.609	3
Seattle	50	47	.515	11½
Texas	48	48	.500	13
California	47	50	.485	14½
Minnesota	45	51	.469	16
Kansas City	44	50	.468	16

Tuesday's Games
Detroit 8, Baltimore 2
Kansas City 5, Toronto 3, 13 innings
Chicago 8, Cleveland 3
Seattle 8, Minnesota 2
Milwaukee 6, Boston 5, 10 innings
Texas 4, New York 1
Oakland 5, California 3

Wednesday's Games
Baltimore (Milacki 4-4) at Detroit (Searcy 1-1), 1:35 p.m.
Cleveland (Black 8-5) at Chicago (King 8-2), 2:35 p.m.
Boston (Clemens 12-5) at Milwaukee (Bosio 4-7), 2:35 p.m.
California (Blyleven 8-5) at Oakland (Young 5-4), 3:15 p.m.
Kansas City (Aquino 4-1) at Toronto (Stoltmeyer 9-10), 7:35 p.m.
Seattle (Johnson 9-5) at Minnesota (Tapani 9-5), 8:35 p.m.
New York (LaPoint 5-7) at Texas (Ryan 10-4), 8:35 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Pittsburgh	56	37	.602	—
New York	54	38	.587	1½
Montreal	52	45	.536	6
Philadelphia	46	47	.495	10
Chicago	44	53	.454	14
St. Louis	42	54	.438	15½

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cincinnati	59	34	.634	—
San Francisco	49	46	.516	11
Los Angeles	47	47	.500	12½
San Diego	39	54	.419	20
Atlanta	39	55	.415	20½
Houston	40	57	.412	21

Tuesday's Games
Atlanta 9, Houston 3, 1st game
Atlanta 9, Houston 8, 10 innings, 2nd game
Pittsburgh 5, Montreal 3
New York 7, Philadelphia 4
St. Louis 9, Chicago 4
San Diego 10, Cincinnati 0
Los Angeles 9, San Francisco 2

Wednesday's Games
Houston (Darwin 4-1) at Atlanta (Avery 1-4), 5:40 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Walk 5-4) at Montreal (Smith 6-7), 7:35 p.m.
New York (Fernandez 6-6) at Philadelphia (Parrish 3-4), 7:35 p.m.
Cincinnati (Charlton 8-4 and Mahler 4-3) at San Diego (Whitson 7-7) and Schiraldi 2-2), 2:40 p.m.
Chicago (Harkey 8-4) at St. Louis (Tudor 9-3), 8:35 p.m.
San Francisco (Garrelts 7-7) at Los Angeles (Morgan 8-8), 10:35 p.m.

As pitching game changes...

Ryan's 300th win near last of breed

By The Associated Press

These are the big numbers in baseball, the really big ones that define its history, heroes and Hall of Fame.

There's 500 home runs. Babe Ruth became the first of 14 players to hit that many and someday Jose Canseco, Mark McGwire, Darryl Strawberry and Darryl Strawberry Jr. might, too.

There's 3,000 hits, and the 15 batters to get there. George Brett and Robin Yount are up soon, Wade Boggs and Tony Gwynn are on deck and Anthony Keith Gwynn II could be in the future.

There's 300 victories, and the 19 pitchers to win so many. Nolan Ryan will be next, possibly tonight, and Bert Blyleven needs just 21 more.

But after Ryan and Blyleven, who else? In this era, what pitcher will be able to find the formula that equals 20 victories for 15 years?

"Once they do it, that's all you're ever going to have," Phil Niekro said. "You're not going to see any more."

Of the 19 major leaguers to win 300 games, 12 did it exclusively in this century. Of that dozen, five of them — Niekro, Steve Carlton, Tom Seaver, Gaylord Perry and Don Sutton — got No. 300 in the 1980s.

What a sudden end it would be if Ryan and Blyleven became the last of the big winners. But not surprising.

"The game has changed so much, especially for pitchers," Niekro said. "There are no more 300-inning pitchers. There aren't so many 20-game winners. It's just different now."

In every way, it adds up to under 300 wins. Here's why:

— It used to be, back when complete games were commonplace, that starting pitchers got all of the decisions. Now, in an age of specialization, middle relievers and stoppers get their share.

Ryan, for example, between 1972-77 made 223 starts and got a win or loss in 205 (92 percent), while pitching 125 complete games. In the past five years, he

got decisions in 115 of 164 starts (70 percent) with just 15 complete games.

— It used to be that pitchers never got injured, or at least — for better or worse — never said they were hurt. Now, the disabled list is dotted with pitchers.

Ryan was on the disabled list a total of three times until 1983. Since then, he's been out of action seven times.

— It used to be routine for kids to turn pro straight out of high school and reach the big leagues as teen-agers. Now, more players go to college and don't make the majors until their mid-20s.

Ryan had just finished his senior year at Alvin High School when he signed with the New York Mets in 1965. He made his big-league debut the next year at age 19.

"The money also makes a difference," Niekro said. "You don't have to stick around for a lot of years, hoping to make a million dollars."

Young PGA tour held at WTC links Monday

Some 56 entrants participated in a golf event held Monday at the Western Texas College Golf Course as part of the West Texas PGA Junior Golf Tournament.

Players compete in five age categories. The tour began in June and will end in August with a Tournament of Champions to be played in Andrews at the Andrews Country Club.

Each age group, with the exception of the 10-11 players, played 18 holes. The younger group played only nine.

The following lists the top three players for each age group.

—Ages 10-11: Michael Lara, San Angelo, 44; Terrance Lopez,

Sweetwater, 47; and Kyle Moore, Lorraine, 59.

—Ages 12-13: Marcus Mainord, Andrews, 73; Tres Lair, Levelland, 78; and Gabe Cherry, Sweetwater, 79.

—Ages 14-15: Chris Rogers, Sweetwater, 76; Robert Smith, Cisco, 78; and Josh Ham, Andrews, 78.

—Ages 16-17: Stephen Letz, Abilene, 74; Greg Sigler, Midland, 78; and Boyd Duramas, Midland, 78.

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Dear Abby



Dog Owner Shares Hot Tip As Timely Reminder to All

By Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: Since you have such a vast audience of readers, probably other readers have run into this type of situation and need information like this:

Several days ago, I left my dog in the car, the windows partially open, while I ran an errand. I was gone just a few minutes. It was a warm day. When I returned, the enclosed message was on my windshield.

I am so thankful it was there! It saved my dog from possible brain damage or death. I immediately immersed him in cold water, as suggested on the card, until his temperature was lowered, and then I took him to the veterinarian. He said I was lucky and my dog would be OK. I found out that dogs do not sweat and they are susceptible to heat exhaustion, brain damage and death during hot weather. Can you imagine how much suffering a dog goes through in this situation? They always need plenty of cool water and shade. All animals need and deserve this.

AN ADMIRING READER FROM NORTH PLATTE, NEB.

P.S. I am enclosing a "Your Dog May Be Dying" card — identical to the one that was put on my car. They can be purchased from the Animal Protection Institute, P.O. Box 22505, Sacramento, Calif. 95822. They are only \$2 per 100 cards, and if a person adds "Please Rush," they will be sent immediately. They are placed behind the windshield wiper.

The card on my windshield read: "We understand you meant to be kind in taking your dog with you today, but you could be risking his life."

"On a hot summer day, the inside of a car heats very quickly. On an 85-degree day, for example, the temperature inside your car — with the windows slightly opened — will read 102 degrees in 10 minutes. In 30 minutes it will go up to 120 degrees. On warmer days it will go even higher."

"A dog's normal body temperature is 101.5 to 102.2 degrees Fahrenheit. A dog can withstand a body

temperature of 107 to 108 degrees Fahrenheit for only a very short time before suffering irreparable brain damage — or even death. The closed car interferes with the dog's normal cooling process, that is, evaporation through panting.

"If your dog is overcome by heat exhaustion, you can give immediate first aid by immersing him or her in cold water until body temperature is lowered."

DEAR ABBY: About a year ago, my mother gave me her old china. Since she's divorced and now remarried, she didn't want those dishes around. Last month, she remarked that a friend of hers expressed a desire to buy her old china, so where does that leave me? If her friend wants to buy those dishes, do I get the proceeds?

I also have a freezer my sister "gave" me. I'd like to sell it and buy a more economical model, but I think if she knew I was selling it, she'd probably want it back.

Abby, we are very close, but I'm not sure how to handle such things. Please help me out.

NOT SURE

DEAR NOT SURE: When your mother gave you the dishes, they became your property and were no longer hers to sell to anyone at any price. If for any reason you chose to sell them, the money would be 100 percent yours.

As for the freezer your sister gave you: Again, when someone gives you something, it's yours to do whatever you wish with it. Sell it, trade it or give it away.

When you receive a gift, all you owe the giver is a "thank you."

People are eating them up! For Abby's favorite recipes, send a long, business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Cookbooklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054. (Postage is included.)

Bush's choice temporarily defuses fight over abortion

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush's first appointment to the Supreme Court — and the speed of the announcement — are helping him score points with conservatives and moderates while temporarily defusing the emotional abortion argument.

Moderates generally seem comfortable with the fact that David H. Souter, although billed as a conservative, has left no paper trail yet as a federal appeals court judge, particularly on the abortion issue.

And conservatives seem to be rejoicing in the mere fact that Souter came with a strong recommendation from White House Chief of Staff John Sununu.

Since Sununu is the Republican right wing's unofficial liaison with the White House, his seal of approval must mean that Souter's conservative credentials are impeccable, the reasoning goes.

And while Bush has sought to minimize Sununu's role in Souter's selection, senior White House officials suggest privately that the former New Hampshire governor's role was one of direct advocacy for the man he placed on his state Supreme Court in 1983.

Bush's quick naming of Souter caught abortion rights activists and opponents off guard, cutting off any efforts on their part to mount massive pre-nomination lobbying campaigns.

But at the same time, some White House officials privately have voiced concern that the president's rapid naming of Souter — mainly with only Sununu vouching for him — has short-circuited the system of elaborate background checks.

Although his background was routinely checked when he was nominated earlier this year to the federal appeals court in Boston, he as yet has not received the degree of scrutiny to which other high-level appointees have been subject.

And, while Souter's lifestyle seems spartan and his judicial views seem strict constructionist, some administration conservatives suggest there is a high potential for surprise once Souter is on the bench.

Bush for the time being seems to be having it both ways with the appointment — not alienating

either conservatives or moderates. And it isn't the first time his administration has been able to gloss over a controversial subject and appease rival wings of the party at the same time.

On the abortion issue, Bush has managed to soften some of the

edges of his position even as he asserts that he's strongly anti-abortion.

Bush says he opposes government funding for any abortions other than those to save the life of the mother. But he also says that if there isn't government money

involved he supports a woman's right to abortion in cases of rape and incest.

Earlier in his career, Bush voiced support for the Roe Vs. Wade Supreme Court ruling that he now says he would like to see overturned.

Poacher, smuggler, alleged cop killer is 'Robin Hood'

GOPINATHAM, India (AP) — He haunts the forbidding jungles of south India with his band of thieves, slaughtering elephants for their ivory and smuggling tons of fragrant sandalwood. Police want him for the murders of 20 policemen and forest officers.

Residents in this poor village of iron-red earth worship him as a Robin Hood and priest. He's built them temples, stocked a reservoir with fish and attends wedding ceremonies incognito, presenting newlyweds with gifts.

He appears to have friends in high places and once escaped police custody, reportedly by paying a \$17,000 bribe.

His only name is Veerappan. The 38-year-old outlaw is India's most wanted man, and he's managed to elude a dragnet of hundreds of officers.

In April, after the killings of four police officers, two southern states of Karnataka and Tamil Nadu formed a task force of more than 800 officers to catch him. The manhunt, Operation Snap, is the biggest in India's 43 years as an independent country.

The investigation in Karnataka is led by K.U. Shetty, a 51-year-old inspector general of police who has vowed to capture the outlaw alive.

In addition to hundreds of officers, Shetty is using two helicopters, night vision devices, jeeps, automatic weapons and high-tech communications equipment. The operation recently took over Veerappan's hometown of Gopinatham, turning the local elementary school into its headquarters.

In Tamil Nadu, Superintendent of Police Krishnaswami Gopalakrishnan wants Veerappan dead. Gopalakrishnan, a 36-year-old former karate instructor with a penchant for gold chains, has formed a band of 14 highly trained men — dubbed "The Liquidators" — for the task.

"I don't need all that fancy stuff like helicopters," he said in an interview several days after emerging from a three-week hunt in the jungle. "We're just going to blow him away."

Gopalakrishnan's men recently gave him a brass statue of Sir Lancelot, the legendary British knight, "to motivate me to slay

this dragon," he said with a loud laugh.

So far, Veerappan remains on the lam in the forests, often sleeping in two places during the night.

Known for his thick black mustache and protruding adam's apple, Veerappan had a jungle wedding in January to a shepherd's teen-age daughter.

Soon afterward, Veerappan allegedly killed again in his hometown. While more than 250 officers slept in barracks 50 feet away, someone crept into the house of an alleged police informant at 3:15 a.m. and shot him as he slept.

Police call Veerappan a one-man ecological disaster. In his two decades in the jungle, they say he has killed 500 elephants

for their tusks and smuggled out thousands of tons of sandalwood, which is used for oils, soap and furniture. It is sent mostly to the Middle East.

The main problem in catching Veerappan is that few villagers are willing to help, police say.

When they do, horrible things happen.

In January 1989, Veerappan invited five men whom he suspected were police informers to a village feast. As they washed their hands before the meal, police say Veerappan stood behind them with an elephant gun and fired. His men later chopped the bodies into pieces and floated them down the nearby Cauvery River in gunny sacks.

Shake-up brings former division chief to Texas

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Defense contractor General Dynamics Corp. has dispatched its company president here and shuffled other officials in a bid to remedy difficulties in the manufacture of a secret Navy attack plane.

Company spokesman Z. Joe Thornton said the moves were designed to show Pentagon officials that the company is committed to fixing problems in the A-12 aircraft program.

"It is our best effort to elevate this program to the highest level of attention within the company and ensure it receives our best expertise on a day-to-day basis," Thornton said.

Officials say the A-12 program is at least \$450 million over budget.

Since last month, the company and its partner in the project, McDonnell Douglas Corp., have been under investigation by the Navy, with Defense Department officials concerned the A-12 cost and scheduling problems were not reported in a major government program review in May.

Those overruns have made the A-12 a target of Pentagon cost-cutters. Monday, they prompted General Dynamics to bring in Herb Rogers, who ran the Fort Worth division from 1981 to 1987.

The 65-year-old Rogers is expected to remain in Fort Worth

for up to a year. But he will retain his position as General Dynamics' president and chief executive officer. Rogers had been expected to retire at the end of this year.

In other moves, the company said Charles Anderson, the Fort Worth division's vice president and general manager since 1987, has undertaken a special assignment as A-12 program director in the program's headquarters in Fort Worth.

And John Lamers, the A-12's vice president, will become deputy program director, officials said.

Last week, St. Louis-based General Dynamics announced a \$240 million second-quarter loss this year, resulting from \$450 million in A-12 program cost overruns.

Archbishop selected

LONDON (AP) — George Carey, the Bishop of Bath and Wells, was named the 103rd Archbishop of Canterbury today, succeeding Robert Runcie as spiritual leader of the state Church of England and 70 million Anglicans worldwide.

Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's office announced that Queen Elizabeth II had nominated the 54-year-old bishop to succeed Runcie, who must retire by his 70th birthday on Oct. 2, 1991.

State probes of elderly abuse improve after years of neglect

HOUSTON (AP) — The Texas Department of Health has neglected investigations of sexual and physical abuse of nursing home residents in the 13 years since it has been charged with the duty, a newspaper reported.

In a copyright story Tuesday, the Houston Chronicle reported that the Health Department often conducted its abuse investigations by relying on cursory probes of nursing home files with no personal interviews of the victims.

In one case, the department took 42 days to begin an investigation of a sexual assault claim in which an elderly woman was taken out of the home for ice cream by a male worker and returned upset, with her clothes in disarray.

"Family members complain

that a relative is lying in urine and feces, and the Health Department goes out three weeks later and doesn't find that. The Health Department concludes that the complaint is invalid," said Austin attorney David Marks, a longtime critic of the department.

"That does injustice to the family and our system of regulation. It does nothing but undermine the public's faith in the process," said Marks, a former assistant attorney general who prosecuted celebrated nursing home neglect cases.

Nursing home complaints for abuse, neglect and other claims totaled 5,232 in 1988, 8,070 in 1989 and 3,197 for the first three months of 1990, according to the Health Department.

Richard Butler, who has head-

ed the department's long-term care bureau for two years, said 50 investigators have been added in the last year and the agency is spending more time on investigations.

"We keep saying now that it's grown to close to 50 percent of what we do," Butler said.

But it hasn't always been that way, the Chronicle reported.

Two years ago, new legislation allowed the adult protective services division of the Department of Human Services to review hundreds of Health Department investigation reports, generally unavailable to the public because of privacy provisions in state laws.

What DHS adult protective services workers saw in the confidential reports shocked them.

Candidates jumping off S&L bandwagon

WASHINGTON (AP) — One of Rep. Doug Barnard's Republican opponents announced his candidacy under a billboard showing a giant check for \$20,000. "Give the money back, Congressman Barnard," the text demands.

The pressure is on, and so is the race by many politicians to get rid of campaign contributions from savings and loan institutions.

Rising public outrage over the multibillion-dollar thrift mess is making the return of S&L money an increasingly popular means of declaring independence from the troubled industry.

While Barnard, D-Ga., a senior member of the House Banking Committee, deliberates over what to do with his S&L contributions, some lawmakers are marking checks "return to sender."

Others are mailing the money to the U.S. Treasury, often earmarking their checks for deficit

reduction or the fight against S&L fraud. One signed a \$98,950 check on Monday and dispatched it to his home state.

"I didn't want to have it go to build MX missiles," said Sen. Tim Wirth, D-Colo., explaining Tuesday why he sent the money to the Colorado treasury.

Wirth, a Banking Committee member who does not face re-election until 1992, said many of his colleagues are cornering him to ask questions about what he did.

Aides to Senate Republican leader Bob Dole of Kansas are poring over a decade of records to find contributors associated with troubled thrifts. Dole says he's "prepared to return" tainted contributions to the Treasury.

Here's what some others are doing:

—Sen. Donald Riegle, D-Mich., chairman of the Senate Banking Committee, said he was sending the Treasury \$120,000 — all the

money he has received from thrift interests and kept since 1983. In 1988, Riegle returned \$78,250 he had received from Charles Keating, operator of the failed Lincoln S&L of Irvine, Calif.

—Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., running for re-election this year, plans to send the Treasury contributions he's received from people or organizations that are under investigation for wrongdoing in connection with a thrift failure. The money will be earmarked for the Resolution Trust Corp., the agency cleaning up the S&L mess.

—Rep. Hank Brown, R-Colo., a Senate candidate, is sending the RTC a check for \$9,000 — all the money he has gotten from S&L interests since he first ran for Congress in 1979. Earlier this year he returned two contributions from board members of Silverado Banking, Savings and Loan, a failed Denver thrift.

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From Kuwait...

Iraqi demands compensation

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — The government said today it will not be intimidated by U.S. pressure in its oil dispute with neighboring Kuwait, which it was threatening with a show of military force along the border.

In Kuwait, diplomatic sources said Iraq's president gave assurances he would not use military force if Kuwait agreed to pay compensation for \$2.4 billion worth of oil Iraq claims it has stolen since 1980.

In a show of support for Kuwait, the Pentagon announced Tuesday that U.S. warships and aircraft would hold a "short-notice exercise" 600 miles to the south in the Persian Gulf with a second small state, the United Arab Emirates.

President Saddam Hussein of

Iraq moved troops to the Kuwaiti border after accusing Kuwait and the U.A.E. of exceeding their OPEC production quotas and driving down oil prices. He threatened to use military force if they did not adhere to OPEC guidelines.

At the same time, he accused Kuwait of stealing oil from the Rumaila field, which is along the border and includes land both countries claim.

The Iraqi newspaper Al-Jumhuriya said today the Kuwaiti foreign minister, Sabah al-Ahmed al-Sabah, must "know" and his American masters in the White House know that Iraq will not succumb and will not let anyone encroach upon its rights.

In apparent reference to the

heightened U.S. military preparedness in the region, the paper accused Kuwait of "implementing an American-Zionist plot to show that America is playing the role of protector in the gulf."

The paper said Kuwait "should be aware that those who are threatening the interests of the Arab nation and conspire against it will not be protected by foreigners."

President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt met with Kuwaiti and Iraqi leaders on Tuesday. Arab diplomats said Saddam told Mubarak he would not use force if Kuwait met Iraqi conditions on paying compensation.

The diplomats, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said Saddam also stressed that the dispute could only be solved through direct talks with Kuwait, not through Egypt's mediation.

Kuwaiti Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad al-Abdullah al-Sabah said today: "Kuwait was and remains, with strong sincerity and enthusiasm, willing to meet with our brethren in Iraq to reach an understanding in a brotherly atmosphere on an acceptable formula in the interest of both parties."

The disputed oil field extends two miles into Kuwait but Iraq claims it owns the entire field. Kuwait wants an Arab League committee to demarcate its borders and says Iraq has rejected the request.

Saddam has spent an estimated \$50 billion on sophisticated arms since coming to power in 1979 and appears to be trying to frighten Kuwait and the U.A.E. into ending oil overproduction.

Occult curse blamed

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brera told hospital employees that five of her other children had died the same way because of a curse placed upon them by her former mother-in-law, said Bovina's police chief Gary Coleman.

Coleman said Ms. Lumbrera told Kansas authorities that the curse damned all of her children to early death.

Texas authorities were notified and they began searching for records of the other deaths in and around Bovina, a town of about 1,400 located 70 miles southwest of Amarillo.

"I feel as if I failed," said Dr. H.M. McClintock, a Clovis, N.M., pediatrician who reported Ms. Lumbrera to Texas Children's Protective Services shortly after she gave birth in 1983.

The woman had told McClintock, whose practice was just

across the Texas border from Bovina, that several of her previous children had died.

"I made an effort to keep the child alive and I was not successful in doing so," McClintock told the Dallas Times Herald.

About 5½ months later, Christopher Daniel Lumbrera became the last of the children to die in Texas.

Bonham said he discovered the woman had attached to her life insurance policy riders for each of her children and had collected about \$15,000 total for their deaths.

Economic

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In an answer to a question, Newman said the funds can be used as venture capital and was a needed tool in Texas since traditional sources of venture capital are no longer available.

Use of economic development funds are put into a corporation formed by the city council, and the council appoints a 5-member oversight board.

In reference to competition, Amarillo already has passed the half-cent tax and has \$6 million per year available to create new jobs. Corpus Christi will also vote on the issue Aug. 11. If approved, Corpus Christi will have the largest fund in the state — \$9.2 million.

Newman said some communities are already at the maximum sales tax rate, but that Snyder has one-half cent remaining before reaching the cap. If approved Aug. 11, the sales tax in Snyder would be 8.25 percent.

If approved, the tax would become effective Jan. 1, and Snyder would receive its first check in March.

The sales tax for economic development has been endorsed by civic leaders — including the economic development committee, chamber of commerce board, industrial foundation, and boards of financial institutions.

Lightning sets fire

Lightning set a grass fire six miles south of Snyder just off Highway 350. The call came in at 2:15 p.m. The department quickly extinguished the fire and returned to the station.

Floydada man invents watering device for pets

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He connected a section of copper tubing from the bucket to an outdoor faucet, creating the "Love My Pet" automatic pet waterer.

"It's so simple you could fall off a log," Green said. "A lot of my friends say, 'I could have invented that.'"

Green said he had been making the watering device for friends over the past 15 years, but decided to turn his production into a business when he started thinking about sending his two boys to college.

Green opened the business earlier this month and has sold about 25 of the watering devices, which retail for \$25. Another 75 have been ordered, he said.

Although most of the waterers have been sold to cat and dog owners, he said he is working on a "bird waterer and chicken waterer too."

Green sells the devices out of his auto parts dealership in Floydada, which is about 45 miles northeast of Lubbock.

Markets Middy Stocks

NEW YORK (AP)

	High	Low	Last		High	Low	Last
AMR Corp	58	57 1/2	57 1/2	Kroger	16	15 1/2	16
Ameritech	58 1/2	58	58 1/2	vjLTV Cp	1 1/4	1	1 1/4
AmStores	65 1/2	65 1/2	65 1/2	Litton Ind	72 1/2	72 1/2	72 1/2
Amer T&T	37 1/4	36 3/4	37	LoneSta Ind	11 1/4	10 1/4	11
Amoco	54 1/2	53 1/2	53 1/2	Lowes	34 1/4	34 1/4	34 1/4
Arka	23 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/2	Lubys	30 1/2	30 1/2	30 1/2
Armedine	7 1/4	7 1/4	7 1/4	Maxus	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2
AltRichf	125 1/2	124 1/2	125 1/2	MayDSt	52 1/2	52 1/2	52 1/2
BakerHugh	29 1/4	29 1/4	29 1/4	Medtronic s	79	78 1/2	78 1/2
BancTexas	1 1/4	1 1/4	1 1/4	Mobil	66 1/2	65 1/2	65 1/2
BellAtlan s	47 1/2	46 1/2	46 1/2	Monsanto s	51	50 1/2	50 1/2
BellSouth	52 1/2	51 1/2	51 1/2	Motorola	79 1/2	77	79
Beth Steel	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2	NCNB Cp	36 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2
Borden s	36 1/2	36	36 1/2	Navistar	4	3 3/4	3 3/4
Caterpillar	51 1/2	50 1/2	50 1/2	Nyxnet	75 1/2	75 1/2	75 1/2
Centel s	33 1/2	32 1/2	32 1/2	OryxEngy	48 1/2	47 1/2	47 1/2
CentSo West	39 1/2	39 1/2	39 1/2	PacTelesis	41 1/2	41 1/2	41 1/2
Chevron	78 1/2	77 1/2	77 1/2	PanHECp	18 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2
Chrysler	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2	PennetJC	58	57 1/2	57 1/2
Coastal s	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2	Phelps Dod	69 1/2	67 1/2	68 1/2
CocaCola s	46 1/2	45 1/2	45 1/2	PhilPet	28 1/2	28 1/2	28 1/2
Colg Palm	71 1/2	70 1/2	70 1/2	Polaroid s	36 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2
ComMetl	19 1/2	19 1/2	19 1/2	Primerica	32 1/2	32 1/2	32 1/2
CyprusMn	23 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/2	ProctGamb s	87 1/2	86 1/2	86 1/2
DallSemien	7 1/4	7 1/4	7 1/4	PubS NwMx	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2
DeltaAirl	67 1/2	66 1/2	67 1/2	SFEpacCp	20 1/2	19 1/2	20
DigitalEq	78 1/2	75 1/2	76 1/2	SaraLee s	28 1/2	28 1/2	28 1/2
Dillard	88 1/2	86 1/2	86 1/2	SearsRoeb	33 1/2	33	33 1/2
DowChem s	52 1/2	52 1/2	52 1/2	SherwinWm	39 1/2	38 1/2	39 1/2
DressInd	52 1/2	52 1/2	52 1/2	SmithBch eqn	45 1/2	44 1/2	45
duPont s	40 1/2	38 1/2	38 1/2	SmithBch eqn	45 1/2	44 1/2	45
EastKodak	38 1/2	38 1/2	38 1/2	Southern Co	25 1/2	24 1/2	25
Enserch	25 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2	SwatAirl	27 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2
Exxon	50	49 1/2	49 1/2	SwatBell	52 1/2	51 1/2	52
FtCityBcp	18 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2	SterlingChm	8	7 1/2	7 1/2
FlowerInd	19 1/2	19 1/2	19 1/2	SunCo	38	37 1/2	37 1/2
FordMotor	42 1/2	42	42	TNP Ent	18 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2
GTE Cp s	27 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2	Tandy	37	36 1/2	36 1/2
GenCorp	30 1/2	30 1/2	30 1/2	Templell s	37	36 1/2	37
GenElec	73 1/2	72 1/2	73	Tenneco	67 1/2	65 1/2	65 1/2
GenMills	91	90 1/2	90 1/2	TexasCo	62 1/2	61 1/2	61 1/2
GenMotors	47 1/2	46 1/2	47 1/2	TexasInst	21 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2
GenMotrE s	34 1/2	34	34 1/2	Tex Util	35 1/2	35	35 1/2
GlobMar n	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	Textron	23 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/2
Goodrich	42 1/2	42 1/2	42 1/2	USX Corp	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2
Goodyear	28 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2	UnCarbide	20	19 1/2	20
GUIPac	57 1/2	56 1/2	56 1/2	UnPacCp	73 1/2	72 1/2	73
Gulf StaUt	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	US West s	35 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2
Haliburtn	53 1/2	52 1/2	52 1/2	UnitTech	59 1/2	57 1/2	57 1/2
HoustrInd	32 1/2	32 1/2	32 1/2	Unitel s	27 1/2	26 1/2	26 1/2
IBM	115 1/2	114 1/2	115	Unocal s	30 1/2	30 1/2	30 1/2
IntlPaper	55 1/2	54 1/2	54 1/2	WalMart s	32 1/2	32 1/2	32 1/2
JohnsJhn	73 1/2	72	73 1/2	WestgHEL s	37 1/2	36 1/2	36 1/2
K Mart	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2	Xerox Cp	45 1/2	44 1/2	45 1/2
				ZenithE	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2

Three business burglaries reported Tuesday in Snyder

Snyder police investigated four burglaries Tuesday — three of them at Snyder businesses.

The first was reported at 8:24 a.m. at Andy's Paint and Body Shop. Entry was gained through a window of the building and the offense occurred sometime Monday night or early Tuesday.

At 9:24 a.m., Buck Woolever of Mulligan's Mall reported the burglary and theft of an undetermined amount of merchandise from the building. The front door was pried open to gain entry.

At 10:17 p.m., Belinda Wortham of 1901 Coleman reported that someone had broken into her apartment and various items were missing.

At 10:20 p.m., officers were called to the White Buffalo Motel where juveniles reportedly were breaking in. Officers arrested three juveniles for burglary of a business and released them to their parents.

Two other arrests were made during the 24-hour period. At 9:11 a.m., a 19-year-old male was arrested on outstanding DPS warrants from Midland, for speeding and failure to appear.

At 10:52 p.m., officers were called to a disturbance at 39th and Muriel. A 26-year-old female was arrested for public intoxication.

At 8:58 a.m. Tuesday, Minnie Swint of 3008 38th St. reported that someone had dumped oil in her yard. At 11 a.m., Lawrence Jaramillo of Jaramillo's Restaurant reported that three windows had been broken out of the business.

At 8:14 p.m., Bonnie Alired of 403 36th reported a 20-inch bike missing, but the bike was soon found in a neighbor's yard. At 9:28 p.m., Jack George of 5208 Etgen reported his 1983 Ford LTD missing, but it too was located.

At 1:26 a.m. Wednesday, a woman called from the 500 Block of 28th St. to report that she had been assaulted earlier at Rip Griffin's. She was advised to contact the sheriff's department to file charges.

Theft reported to sheriff's office

The theft of fishing equipment and tools from a carport at 409 33rd St. was reported to the Scurry County sheriff's department Tuesday. The theft was reported at 8 a.m.

Also Tuesday, the department arrested a 23-year-old male on four bad check warrants. The arrest came at 1:30 p.m. in the 200 Block of Birch.

Leak detected during third test

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — NASA detected a hydrogen leak during testing today of Atlantis' fuel tank, which could mean a trip back to the hangar for the shuttle and further reduction of NASA's 1990 flight plans.

This morning's test was the third filling of Atlantis' external fuel tank in hopes of pinpointing the leak's source. The shuttle had been scheduled to blast off on a classified Pentagon flight in mid-July.

The leak appeared to exceed allowed amounts and was similar in size to previous tests, said NASA spokesman Bruce Buckingham. It was found in the same area, a flange in a pipe that carries liquid hydrogen from the tank to the main engines.

"We are continuing to analyze the data, and we will be having a better understanding of that information hopefully later today," Buckingham said.

Space agency workers had tightened bolts in Atlantis' porous fuel line, but officials doubted that would be enough to correct the problem.

The space shuttle Columbia also is crippled by a hydrogen leak and is being fixed. If no leaks had occurred in Atlantis today, NASA would have tried to launch it in mid-August and Columbia in September. The possibility of launching both shuttles in the next two months was uncertain after the leak reappeared.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration today also planned to launch an Atlas rocket bearing a government satellite designed to illuminate the Earth's usually invisible magnetic fields with brightly colored gas cloud displays.

Atlantis' leak was discovered during the first so-called tanking test, on June 29. That prompted NASA to temporarily ground its three-shuttle fleet. The leak also appeared during a more elaborate test two weeks later.

Columbia's leak, believed to be larger and in a different place, was detected during fueling for a May 30 launch attempt. The leaky plumbing has been replaced with components from the new shuttle Endeavour, under construction in California.

If Atlantis goes back to the hangar, NASA could attach a new external tank and roll the shuttle back to the launch pad for a September liftoff, or move Columbia out to the pad for a September flight with the Astro observatory.

NASA officials want to get at least one of the shuttles up before Discovery's October mission with the sun-probing Ulysses satellite. Discovery must lift off between Oct. 5 and Oct. 23 or the mission will be delayed 13 months, when Earth is in proper alignment again with the sun and Jupiter.

Seven-mile oil slick is discovered

BEAUMONT, Texas (AP) — A seven-mile oil slick discovered in the Gulf of Mexico off the Sabine Pass coast was not expected to reach shore, Coast Guard officials said.

A 1,400-gallon oil spill was discovered Tuesday, but Coast Guard officials said they didn't know who was responsible for the spill. The oil spread into a broken sheen about six miles long and seven miles wide, U.S. Coast Guard Cmdr. Scott Jones said.

Late Tuesday, the leading edge of the spill was located about seven miles offshore east of the Sabine Pass jetties, Coast Guard officials said.

The slick primarily was made up of light oil, but about 10 brown patches of heavier oil each about 100 feet long were spotted.

Jones said officials assume the oil was spilled sometime late Monday.

"At this point no one has claimed responsibility for the slick," he said. "It would be hard to lose that much (oil) without knowing about it."

The Coast Guard took samples from the spill and were trying to match them with samples taken from area ships, Jones said. Officials also were trying to obtain samples from seven ships that were in the vicinity Monday night.

All oil spills must be reported to the Coast Guard. The spill has been classified as minor, and shipping traffic in the area was not stopped.

The Coast Guard planned to fly over the area this morning. Most of the lighter oil from the spill was evaporating Tuesday afternoon. The spill should not harm fish or wildlife, Jones said.

"The oil appears to be dissipating and breaking up into smaller tar balls," Jones said. "Fish can generally swim under a sheen like that and since it's floating, it won't affect the bottom dwellers."

Last month, the Norwegian supertanker Mega Borg poured more than 3.9 million gallons of oil into the Gulf of Mexico in the fifth worst spill in U.S. history.

American will not add surcharges

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — American Airlines Inc. has axed a plan to add \$1 to \$4 surcharges at five airports the carrier said were charging "exorbitant and intolerable" landing fees.

The Fort Worth-based carrier said Tuesday that the charges were justified but that it was unable to implement the surcharges "due to competition."

The proposed surcharges met with widespread publicity, seemingly out of proportion to their impact on the traveling public.

"I think because of that coverage, the impact on competition of these surcharges would have gone beyond the dollar amount of these costs," said American spokesman Tim Smith.

American had wanted to increase fares from \$1 to \$4 at New York's LaGuardia Airport, Newark International Airport, New Orleans International Airport, Palm Beach International Airport in West Palm Beach, Fla. and Southwest Florida Regional airport in Fort Myers, Fla.

The fees were intended to recover increases in landing fees the airports had imposed because of a variety of reasons, including budget deficits and remodeling.

American had estimated the higher fees at the airports would add \$4 million a year to expenses.

Although the carrier earned \$730 million last year, Smith said, "\$4 million is still a lot of money when you feel that it is unfair."

"The bottom line was not an impact on this," he said. "It was an attempt to take action against something that was unfair in our mind."

However, no other carrier had moved to match the surcharges, and Smith said, "We cannot ignore competition. You can't sacrifice competitive advantage for an idea that's not working or might not work."

The reversal was the second time this year American has failed in an attempt to influence fares.

In March, American announced plans to implement a mileage-based fare system, but ditched the plans after no other carriers followed suit.

Hospital Notes

ADMISSIONS: Niki Key, Colorado City; Emmer Lang, 701 29th; Bonnie Lyons, Route 3; Gladis Smith, Route 3.

DISMISSALS: Raymon Tavarez.

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Births

Niki Key announces the birth of a baby girl, weighing 7 pounds, 10 and 1¼ ounces, born at 2:25 p.m. July 24 at Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

In 1853, Cincinnati, Ohio, became the first U.S. city to pay its firefighters a regular salary.

Obituaries

Ollie Brandon Sr.

1948-1990

ROUND ROCK — Graveside services for Ollie Ray Brandon, 42, of Round Rock were held today at 2 p.m. at Rocky Holly Cemetery under the direction of Davis Funeral Home.

Mr. Brandon died July 21 at Round Rock Community Hospital.

He was the son of Earnest and Mary Brandon of Snyder.

He was born May 20, 1948, in Weir and later married Kathryn Brandon.

Other survivors include his wife, Kathryn; two sons, Ollie Brandon Jr. and Terry Raynard, both of Round Rock; a daughter,

Drop in Mesa stock costs WTSU endowment

CANYON, Texas (AP) — The president of West Texas State University said he will take the blame for investing school endowment funds in troubled Mesa Limited Partnership stock — a move that has cost the university more than \$200,000.

But West Texas State President Ed Roach is also quick to point out that the money invested in Mesa was a gift from Texas oilman T. Boone Pickens and any losses will not affect the school's budget.

"If you're trying to find (someone) at the end of the line to blame something on, you've got him. You're looking at him,"

Roach told the Amarillo Sunday News-Globe.

Hoping to cash in on the financial prowess of Pickens, a former Amarillo resident and WT board member, school officials in-

vested heavily in Mesa.

"I had faith in Mesa. I still have faith in Mesa. I still have faith in Boone Pickens," Roach told the News-Globe. "We invested because we thought it was

a good investment, period."

The Mesa stock was bought with funds given to WT's college of business in a 1987 matching gift agreement with Pickens and his oil and gas company, Mesa

Limited Partnership.

WT officials bought \$600,000 worth of Mesa stock dating back to 1987 with funds from a \$1.5 million matching gift from Pickens, Roach said.

Under the terms of the gift, Pickens agreed to contribute \$100,000 to the business school annually for 10 years, with WT raising an equal amount. Mesa gave the school an additional \$500,000.

From November 1987 to April, Pickens and Mesa contributed \$825,000 in cash to WT for the business school, with \$325,000 coming from Pickens and \$500,000 from Mesa, Roach said.

But WT raised only \$61,908 to match the \$325,000 put forth by Pickens, the News Globe reported.

When WT failed to raise the matching funds, Roach said the university was asked to return \$100,000 to Pickens and \$200,000

Sheriff vows to jail parole violators

HOUSTON (AP) — Parole violators who have terrorized Harris County residents will no longer get a free ride because of overcrowded jails, said Sheriff Johnny Klevenhagan.

Klevenhagan said he is bucking recommendations from a federally appointed special

master to resume jailing ex-cons whom parole officials say have targeted the area for crimes because they know there is no room for them in Houston-area cells.

"They know that in Harris County they can't be rearrested for parole violations," Houston

parole officer Pete Curran told KTRK-TV.

After KTRK began airing a series on parole violators this week, Klevenhagan announced Monday he would rescind a year-old policy that kept ex-cons wanted on "blue warrants" — warrants issued for technical

violations such as failing to report to a parole officer — on the streets.

Houston parole officers told KTRK Tuesday that the crowded jail conditions have forced them to make dangerous decisions when it comes to parolees.

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