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Home Of Chelsea Marie Chaidez

One hurt...

CLOSE CALL - Emergency personnel work to free 36-year-old Thomas Taylor from the cab of his truck-tractor following a rollover some 15 miles north of Snyder on Highway 208 Wednesday around 2:55 p.m. Taylor, a driver for Sidco Enterprises of Blanco, was air-lifted from the scene to Lubbock's Covenant Medical Center where he is listed in satisfactory condition. The mishap was investigated by DPS troopers Rick Campos and Bill Blackley. A hazardous material control company was called to contain leaking crude oil. The troopers had investigated another truck-tractor accident on U.S. Highway 84 near Inadale around 12:30 p.m. which sent Roy Gulutzo, 32, of Azle to Cogdell Hospital where he was treated and released. (SDN Staff Photos by Wade Warren)

Beginning Friday...

Back-to-school items tax free for three days

Scurry County families and the rest of Texas have an opportunity to stretch their clothing budgets during the second annual sales tax holiday that kicks off Friday and continues through Sunday.

The timing of the sales tax holiday is intended to help parents outfit their children for the new school year.

This year the holiday has been expanded to allow families to place eligible clothing and shoes on layaway during the three-day period and take those items out at a later date without paying sales tax.

The break is not limited to children's school clothes as apparel items for adults will also be free from the 8.25 percent sales tax.

Holiday highlights include:

—Most clothing and footwear priced under $100 is exempt from sales tax. Consumers may purchase as many tax-exempt items as they wish.

—Clothing and footwear used primarily for athletics or protective wear, such as gold cleats or football pads, are not tax exempt. However, athletic clothes that are commonly used as street wear, such as tennis shoes, baseball caps and jogging suits are eligible for the tax exemption.

—Not included in the sales tax holiday are accessories, such as jewelry and watches, and items that are carried rather than worn, including handbags, briefcases, wallets and backpacks.

In 1999, Texans spent more than $400 million on tax-exempt clothes and shoes during the three-day holiday, saving more than $32 million in sales taxes. Retailers statewide reported crowds comparable to the Christmas shopping season.

Scurry County Fair cancelled

Unless citizens show an overwhelming willingness to participate soon, the Scurry County Fair is history.

Fair board president Phil Robinson confirmed today that there are no plans to have a fair this year.

The event is usually held the third weekend of September, but Robinson said support was so low last year, that the board sees no point in holding one this year.

"We can't get anybody to help out," he said.

The dilemma sounds very much like that of the chamber of commerce's which contemplated canceling Fourth of July activities in Towle Park due to low turnout.

Concerning the 1999 fair, Robinson said, "Participation was so low last year that everybody went to Colorado City's."

He said that the fair board has not had a formal meeting, but "probably will."

Asked if the fair would be a go if citizens would show overwhelming support for it, Robinson answered, "Sure you bet. It would be close to get all the books out, but yeah, we would probably entertain the idea if people would come out to help."

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek sa , "A wolf is a guy who barks up the wrong she."

There's some old lines about how to know when a bad day is about to begin...stuff like either the IRS or the crew from "60 Minutes" show up at your office door.

The Scottish Rit bulletin from El Paso had a listing of other bad day indicators. We pass 'em along, courtesy of Snyder's Harold Yearwood.

"You know it's going to be a bad day when...

—you call suicide prevention and they put you on hold.

—your birthday cake collapses from the weight of the candles.

—the overhead sprinkler system is set off from the heat from the birthday cake candles.

—you turn on the evening news and they are showing emergency routes out of the city.

—your twin sister forgets your birthday.

—your four-year-old grandkid tells you it's almost impossible to flush a grapefruit down the toilet.

—you realized that you just sprayed spot remover under your arms instead of deodorant.

—your 12-year-old's idea of humor is putting crazy glue in your Preparation H.

—the cat abandons the nice box prepared for her and has kittens in your dresser drawer.

—it costs more to fill up your car than to buy it.

—your doctor says he has some good news...and some bad news.

—you wake up to the sound of running water...and remember that you just bought a wate bed.

—you spend $75 at the hairdresser, then to return home to find that your dog barks at you.

—everyone avoids yo the morning after the Christmas office party.

—the bird signing outside your window is a vulture.

—you wake up and your braces are stuck together.

—you call your answering service only to be told it's none of your business.

—your income tax refund bounces.

—you put both contact lenses in the same eye.

—your husband says "Good morning, Mary," but your name is Sharon.

Perhaps the candidates can learn from this -- a profile in non-courage.

"Everything is off the record," a government official said at a recent conference on estate taxes. "So, if I said anything quotable, it was a mistake or your heard it wrong."

SISD trustees to continue budget work

Snyder ISD board of trustees will continue work on the budget for the upcoming school year when it meets at 6 this evening.

The board will hold a budget workshop prior to the regular session in which the administration hopes to present a balanced budget to the trustees.

Lee McNair, assistant superintendent for finance, said the proposed budget stands around $18.3 million but administrators are still looking to cut some $30,000 in order to balance the proposed budget.

During the regular meeting, the board will consider the yearly contract with the Hobbs Accelerated Education Cooperative, the calendar for teacher appraisals and the food service contract with Aramark. The district has contracted with Aramark for the past six years.

The board will also consider for adoption a revised expense reimbursement plan and the approval of contracts for six new teachers.

Contracts to be considered are for Michael Williams as a vocational ag teacher at high school, Charles Haggard as a counselor at SHS, and Roc Ann Rogers as an English teacher at the high school.

Others include April Martin as junior high band director, Nancy Jones as a PE teacher at Central Elementary and Debbie Shaw as elementary counselor, as well as Vanessa Kidd as an elementary counselor.

Resignations will be considered from Sally White, resource teacher at Central; Freda Shepard, fourth grade teacher at East; and Michelle McNary, speech pathologist at Humble Smith.

The meeting will be in the board room at the administration building.

New teachers set orientation Friday

Snyder ISD's new-teacher orientation will kick off at 8 a.m. Friday in the boardroom in the administration building.

Department heads will then meet with new personnel for training sessions.

New faces at Snyder High School for the next school year include Charles D. Haggard, special education counselor; Brad Vincent, drama director; Joe Pollard, math teacher and head coach for track,cross country and assistant girls basketball coach; Bradley Wikse, tennis coach; Roc Ann Rogers, English teacher; Ronald Hester, English and speech instructor: Donnie Reston, band director; Shelly D. Hayes, softball coach and history teacher; and Michael L. Williams, ag science instructor.

New to the junior high will be April Martin, band director; Greg Hazlewood, basketball coach and science teacher; and Nancy Schaap, assistant principal.

New to the elementary schools are Vanessa Kidd, counselor. Laura Hester will teach kindergarten at Northeast. Sheila Sorrells is Central's new music teacher. Debbie Shaw will be an elementary counselor and Nancy Jones will teach physical education at Central.

The annual convocation to kick off the school year is planned Monday.

City also has budget work

Snyder city council members will meet for another work session this evening at 6:30 to try and finalize figures for the 2000-2001 budget.

The first reading of an ordinance approving the budget is scheduled Aug. 14 during the council's regular meeting. Members are scheduled to convene again Sept. 5 to adopt the budget.

It must be approved before Oct. 1 when the city's new budget year begins.

From talks thus far, it appears Snyder citizens will see a tax increase in the upcoming year.

Mayor Dayton Robertson has proposed a slight increase, a rate that is less than two cents higher than the present $0.3935 per $100 valuation.

He is proposing a tax rate of $0.4122 that will generate approximately $70,000 more in revenue than the present rate.

Among the reasons the mayor said he felt the increase is necessary is to ensure that the city does not fall behind in making capital expenditures on a timely basis.

The city is also looking at a salary increase that was proposed by council member James Ashley.

ASK US

Q—Was former hospital administrator Tom Hochwalt an applicant for the CEO position at Cogdell?

A—Yes, and he was interviewed last week.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Wednesday, 98 degrees; low, 66; 7 a.m. Thursday, 68; no precipitation; total for 2000, 15.01 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly clear. Low around 70. SE wind 5-10 mph; Friday, mostly sunny, high upper 90s, S wind 10-20 mph.

Jr. Brace
Sunny

Sunset:
8:38 p.m.
Sunrise:
7:03 a.m.

Of 215 days in 2000, the sun has shone 213 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Exceed expectations.

Jury agrees family swindled out of Padre Island oil profits

BROWNSVILLE, Texas (AP) — For more than six decades, the Balli family languished in poverty as strangers took over their ranch lands, and condominiums and towering hotels rose on the sands of the resort island they once owned.

On Wednesday, the Mexican-American border family felt vindicated in their legal battle over the rights to Padre Island's oil wells. After four days of deliberations, a jury determined the New York lawyer who bought the island in 1938 swindled the descendants out of $1.1 million in oil and gas royalties.

The same jury will decide Monday how much Gilbert Kerlin, 90, must pay in punitive damages to make up for decades of malice and fraud. Three hundred Ballis are asking for $11 million.

The historic opinion lends credence to the generations-old Balli complaint: The powerful border dynasty slipped into poverty after white settlers stripped them of land and social status.

"We worked so hard for this, so hard," said Alma Torres, 55, who was among family members from Florida, Arizona and Mexico packed into the courtroom. "My mom and my dad died hoping for this to happen."

A gag order barred Kerlin and his lawyers from saying whether he would appeal.

The Balli decision is "revolutionary," said Armando C. Alonzo, associate professor of history at Texas A&M University and author of "Tejano Legacy: Rancheros and Settlers in South Texas."

"It serves as a model. It sets a precedent for other Hispanics in other parts of the Southwest to look seriously into the possibility of obtaining equity in the courts," Alonzo said.

Padre Island was little more than a desolate Coast Guard outpost when Kerlin arrived in 1938 with orders from his uncle to buy the Ballis' 61,000 acres and the ribbon of water separating the island from the mainland.

None of the heirs know why the descendants of the island's namesake, Padre Nicolas Balli, sold the island or how much Kerlin paid.

The deed agreement reads: "The sum of ten dollars, cash in hand to us paid." And there was one condition: Kerlin agreed to share with the Ballis any money he earned from drilling oil wells into the island.

According to the Ballis, the heirs carefully copied down their addresses and awaited their checks from the oil drilling.

They never heard from Kerlin again.

Kerlin later leased drilling rights to Padre Island, and sold its sandy surface to developers, earning millions. The Ballis, meanwhile, struggled to make ends meet.

Rebecca Gomez Sexton grew up on a dirt road in Brownsville. Her family couldn't afford doctors, medicines or shoes, and she was the first to learn English and the first to graduate from high school.

"This has been an open wound for generations," Sexton said during the trial.

The island's history is blurred. In 1765, Padre Nicolas Balli, a Mexican priest, received it as a grant from King Carlos III of Spain, and the priest willed the island to his nephew.

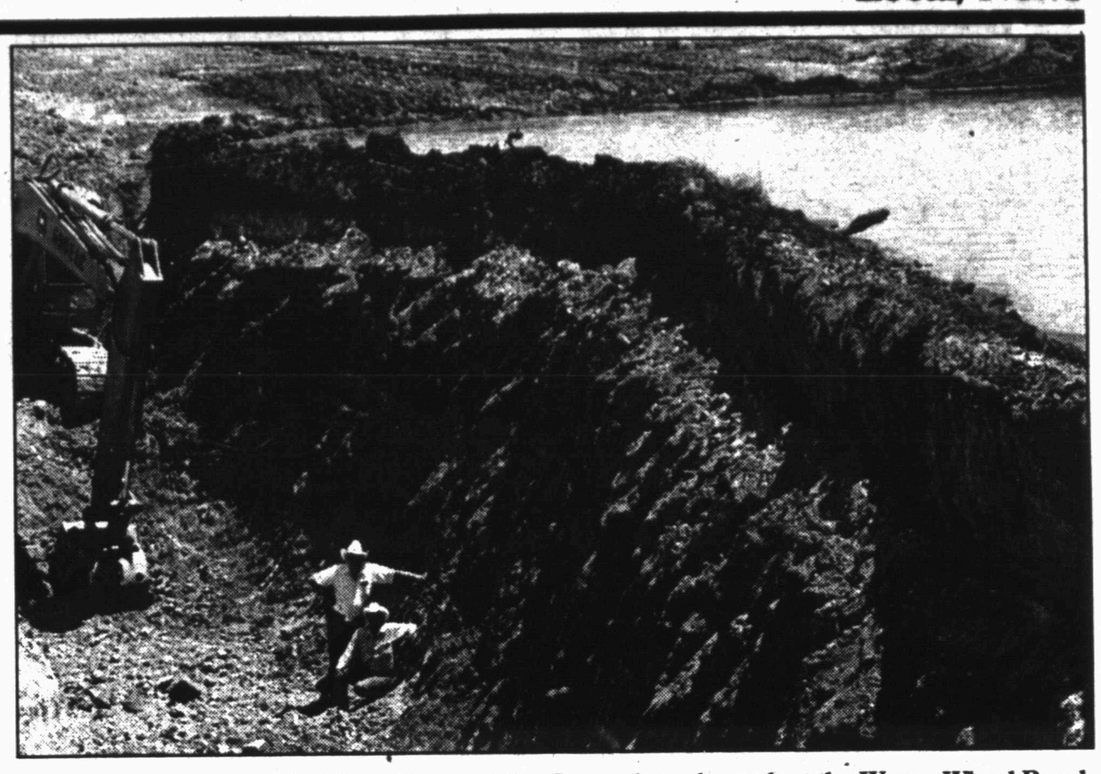
By the 1930s, the Balli descendants had fallen upon hard times. Almost all of their vast Rio Grande ranch lands had been lost or repossessed and they were struggling to feed their families.

Few spoke English and probably didn't realize what they were selling or how much it was worth, their survivors say.

In court, Kerlin's lawyers had presented documents from Matamoros, Mexico — the border city across from Brownsville, Texas — indicating the Ballis had sold the land to a man named Santiago Morales in 1830.

But the Ballis say the Morales sale never went through. Balli attorney Tom McCall says Mexican documents indicate Morales later gave the island back and collected a refund.

Much of the narrow barrier island — which stretches some 160 miles along the Texas Gulf Coast from Corpus Christi to Brownsville — is now the Padre Island National Seashore.



BIG JOB — Workers with Gilbert Conservation Inc. enlarged a tank at the Wagon Wheel Ranch to allow for the water supply for a tube ride at the guest ranch. Tommy Allsup (standing) and Billy Ray Browning are pictured beside the narrow wall last Friday before it was brought down. A number of expansion projects are in the works for the Wagon Wheel, including the addition of a music theme park, the water ride and additional rooms and RV hookups. (SDN Staff Photo)

Power woes strike California

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — With California's power grid straining to meet demand, both state and federal officials are looking into the turmoil surrounding the state's deregulated electric industry.

A power emergency was called for the third consecutive day Wednesday, triggering voluntary cutbacks by large commercial customers. That avoided the possibility of rolling blackouts in the nation's most populous state.

"We all face a heat wave that extends from Washington to Texas and there's not as much electricity available from neighboring states to serve California's power needs," said Claudia Chandler, spokeswoman for the California Electricity Commission.

Power supplies have also been tight this year in New England, where there have been scattered power outages.

In California, a 1996 law ordered restructuring of the electric services market to break utilities' monopoly power and introduce competition. Power generators are supposed to compete to offer energy to distributors, who then compete to deliver the energy to consumers.

With electricity demand increasing about 2 percent each year — and generation capacity lagging — nearly half the states have taken steps to end electricity monopolies and allow consumers to shop for the cheapest power provider.

But even utility officials have acknowledged that deregulation isn't working, at least not in California. They blame a lack of new power plants and the absence of a policy to manage distribution when power lines are congested.

With utility bills soaring in San Diego, a new report prepared by the state Public Utilities Commission said the deregulation scheme was flawed and warned of new increases in the cost of power.

Gov. Gray Davis said the report raised a number of questions and called for an investigation into "possible manipulation in the wholesale electricity marketplace." Attorney General Bill Lockyer said Wednesday his office is examining price spikes in San Diego as part of a broad probe into deregulation.

Federal authorities are also examining California's power industry, and state lawmakers are likely to examine the issue next month. The PUC, meeting in San Francisco, was scheduled to consider a freeze in electricity rates Thursday.

California has 1,100 power plants but also imports about 25 percent of its power annually from other states. The state hasn't built new power plants in about 20 years and has had an average growth of about 485,000 new residents each year in the last five years. Though four plants are under construction, the first won't begin operating until next year.

Meanwhile, the state's demand for electricity rose toward record levels Wednesday, according to the California Independent System Operator, which manages electricity flow to 75 percent of the state power grid.

On the Net:
California PUC:
http://www.cpuc.ca.gov
California ISO:
http://www2.caiso.com
Energy Department electricity statistics:
http://www.eia.doe.gov
North American Electric Reliability Council:
http://www.nerc.com
Utility Consumers Action Network: http://www.ucan.org

The Snyder Band Boosters is conducting its Tiger Paw Painting project again this year. We regret that we missed you when we painted Paws in your neighborhood. If you would like to have Tiger Paws painted on your curb, driveway, or mailbox or would like to support the Band Boosters, please call or mail this form to the address below. Painting is done by donation only. We appreciate your support in this our major fund raising project of the year.

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Date Book

Thursday, Aug. 3, 2000
Today is the 216th day of 2000 and the 45th day of summer

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1880, at Lake George, N.Y., the American Canoe Association was founded.

On this day in 1922, WGY, a Schenectady, N.Y., radio station, broadcast Eugene Walter's "The Wolf." It was the first radio drama to be broadcast in the United States.

On this day in 1958, the Nautilis became the first submarine to cross the North Pole under water.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Rupert Brooke (1887-1915), poet; Delores Del Rio (1908-1983), actress; Leon Uris (1924-), writer, is 76; Tony Bennett (1926-), singer, is 74; Martin Sheen (1940-), actor, is 60; John Landis (1950-), director, is 50; Marcel Dionne (1951-), hockey star, is 49.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1960, the Detroit Tigers traded manager Jimmy Dykes for Joe Gordon, a Cleveland Indians manager.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "I think one of the reasons I'm popular again is because I'm wearing a tie. You have to be different." — Tony Bennett

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (July 30) and first quarter (Aug. 6).

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FAMILY REUNION — Beatrice Walker Graham, lifelong resident of Snyder, had five generations of her family present in July at their Walker family reunion. Among those representing the five generations (from left) were Mrs. Graham, great-great-grandmother; Peggy Board Walker Case, great-grandmother; Johnny Walker, grandfather; and Christi Lee and one-month-old Jake Lee. (Contributed Photo)

SUMMER MUSIC CAMPERS — Attending Lynn Baldwin's summer music camp *Play' It Cool* were, from left, Jami Nell Thackerson, counselor from Colorado City; Ashley Hyer; Jaydee Elam of Seminole; Aryn Calley; Austin Neal of Odessa; Michael Carroll of Midland; Jerin Tyler of Post; and Bailey Stoker, counselor. Not pictured is Lynn Baldwin, camp director. Campers wrote and directed puppet shows. Organ, electric keyboard, Clavinova Digital Keyboard, Roland Digital Keyboard and two pianos made up the ensemble instruments. Some of their favorite activities included music games, composer's corner and swimming. (Contributed Photo)

Community Calendar

THURSDAY

Horseshoe Pitching For Fun; horseshoe courts located at the coliseum; everybody welcome, for further information call 573-9762.

Rock and Roll Quilting Club evening meeting; Hermleigh Community Center; for more information call 863-2426; 6:30 p.m.

Deep Creek Cloggers lesson; American Legion; 6:30 to 8 p.m.

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; for information call 573-8268, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

Nuestra Nueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

Free blood pressure clinics; Senior Citizens Center; 9:30 to 11 a.m.

Blood pressures will be taken at Cogdell Hospital Home Health Services, 1800 Cogdell Blvd., Suite B; 1-2 p.m.

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

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointment, call 573-0538 or 573-0770.

Scurry County AA closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8268, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

Just For Today NA open meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-0949 or 573-8018; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County AA open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8268, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 10 a.m.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

	North	08-03-00
	♠ A J 10 9 6 3	
	♥ 7 6 4	
	♦ 9	
	♣ A 5 3	
West		**East**
♠ 4 2		♠ ---
♥ Q J 10 8		♥ K 9 5 3 2
♦ A 7 4 2		♦ K 8 6 5
♣ J 7 6		♣ Q 10 9 4
	South	
	♠ K Q 8 7 5	
	♥ A	
	♦ Q J 10 3	
	♣ K 8 2	

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	4 ♦	Pass
4 NT	Pass	5 ♥	Pass
6 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♥ Q

Thursday, Aug. 3, 2000

To stop the ruffing finesse

By Phillip Alder

W. R. Inge, a Dean of St. Paul's in London, claimed, "Experience is a good teacher, but her fees are very high." Well, experience is very beneficial in bridge, which is one reason why 80- and 90-year-olds have won world titles against much younger opponents. (Can you think of another endeavor where that happens?) There are certain bids and plays that experience says will work, although the textbook doesn't always recommend them. Also, there are successful plays that haven't had much coverage in the literature, but are well-known by experts.

Against six spades, West leads the heart queen to declarer's blank ace. How should the play proceed?

North's four-diamond response was a splinter bid, showing game values with four-plus spades and a singleton (or void) in diamonds.

South had a loser in each minor suit. Without conceding two tricks in the suit, declarer had to generate a diamond trick on which he could discard dummy's club loser. But how could he do that with the actual layout?

Giving the defenders no chance to signal, at trick two South calmly led his diamond three. Confident his partner could beat dummy's nine, perhaps cheaply, West played low ... and let the contract make! Declarer ruffed East's heart-king return, drew trumps, and led the diamond queen for a ruffing finesse. South had established two diamond winners for dummy's one club loser.

When dummy has a singleton like this, it is usually right to play Second Hand High. If West wins trick two with the diamond ace, the contract should fail.

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ABWA Scurry Chapter names officers

Scurry Charter Chapter of American Business Women's Association met July 27 with Anita Felan presiding.

Secret sisters were revealed, and exchanged gifts.

Membership elected officers for the coming year. They include Vera Pruitt, president; Jo Ann Prince, vice president; Betty Boyd, secretary; and Leona Wiggins, treasurer.

Vivian Cochran was hostess to 12 members and two guests.

In the ABWA June 22nd meeting at the Martha Ann Woman's Club, the Senior Citizen Band entertained. Texa Ball introduced Norma Laywell, director, and each member of the band.

Pruitt gave the invocation and the benediction was given by Wiggins. Vern Beasley was hostess.

ABWA OFFICERS — Leading the Scurry Charter Chapter ABWA next year will be, from left, Betty Boyd, secretary; Jo Ann Prince, vice president; Leona Wiggins, treasurer; and Vera Pruitt, president. (Contributed Photo)

Easy-to-make recipe for treats

CHOCOLATE SUNDAE CUPCAKES

24 bake cups

1 pkg. (about 18 oz.) devil's food cake mix

1 container (16 0z.) chocolate frosting

½ cup caramel ice cream topping

1 ½ cups frozen whipped topping, thawed

24 maraschino cherries with stems, drained

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Place bake cups in muffin pans; set aside. Prepare cake mix following package directions for 24 cupcakes. Spoon batter into bake cups. Bake as directed. Cool.

Frost cupcakes. Top each cupcake with 1 teaspoon caramel topping and 1 tablespoon whipped topping. Garnish each cupcake with a cherry. Refrigerate until serving time.

Makes 24 cupcakes.

Charges dropped

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — All charges have been dropped against a man who was arrested after rocker Ted Nugent accused him of assault at an anti-fur protest.

The San Francisco district attorney's office decided Tuesday to release Bhaskar Sinha, 21.

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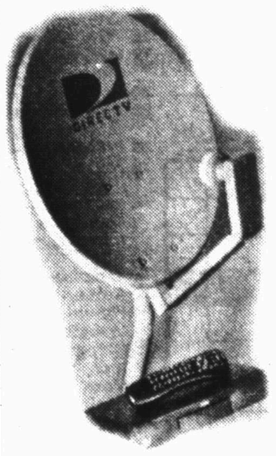

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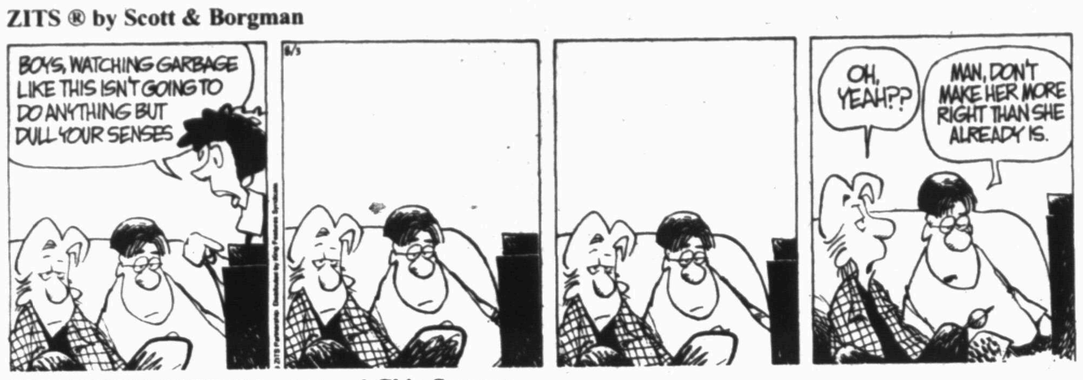

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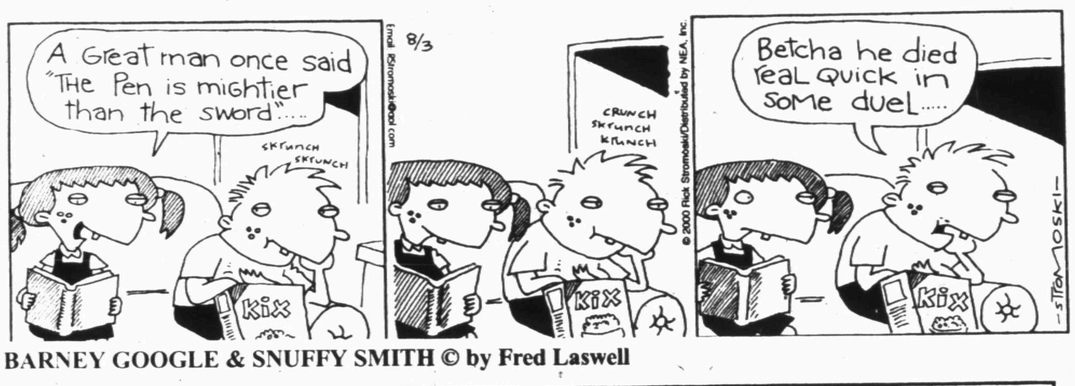

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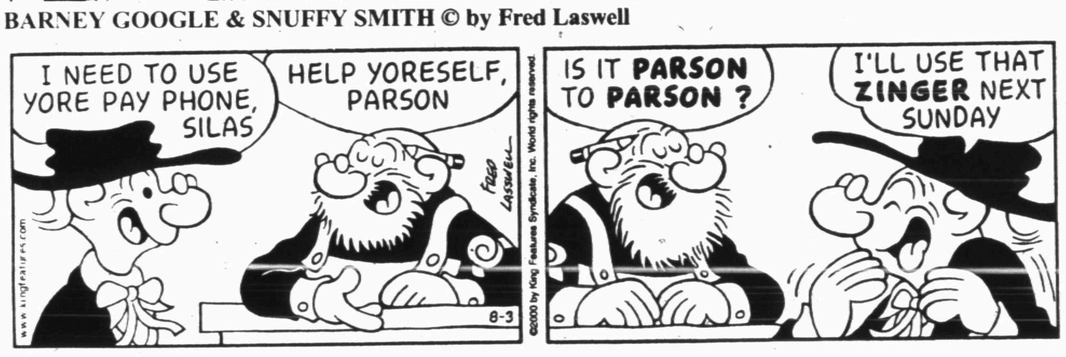

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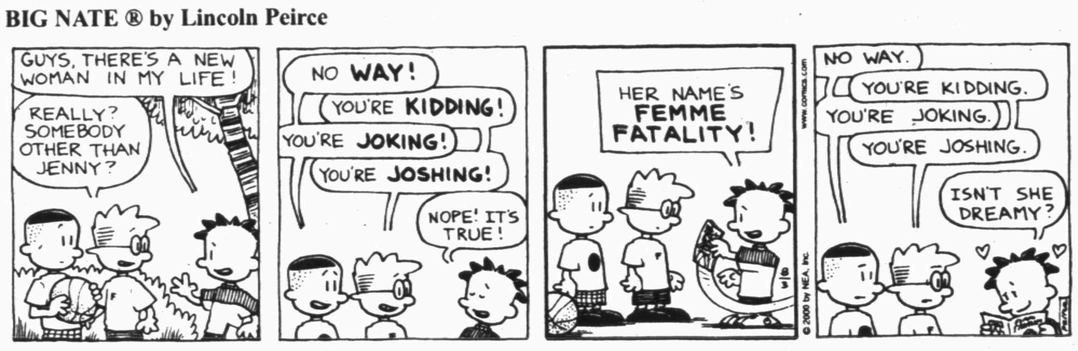

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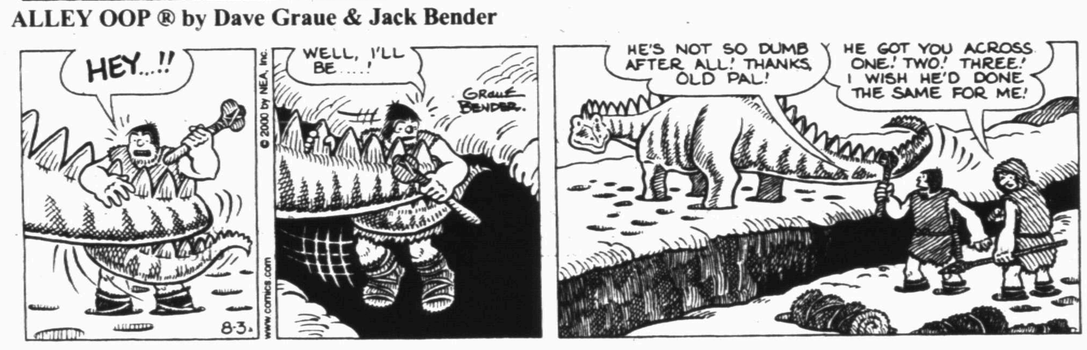

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7 Mr. Spelling
12 Essential character
13 Each
14 Used a pencil part
15 Bed cover
16 Possessed
17 It's for horses!
18 Salon buy
21 Furnishings
23 Earth deity
26 Home of Adam
28 French artist Gustave —
29 "Verb" finish
30 Marcel Marceau is one
31 Singer Manchester
33 U-235, for example
36 Imitated
37 Henri's refusal
38 Nursery-school staple
40 Hawaiian goose
41 Those holding office
42 Become mature
44 Guided
45 Actor Majors
46 Massage
48 Star in Aquila
51 De-creased?
55 Crossword direction
56 Flee
57 Mennonite sect
58 Ronald —

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1 Compass pt.
2 Rower's need
3 RR depot
4 "Be quiet!"
5 Mountain nymph
6 Married
7 Clothing
8 Breezy
9 Female sandpiper
10 Edible tuber
11 Actor Sparks
13 On land
18 "The Twins"
19 Inventor Thomas —
20 Bar fruits
22 Rise in status (2 wds.)
23 Preach the —
24 Ancient Jewish ascetic
25 Like some formal gowns
27 After expenses
32 Author Fleming
34 Monsterlike
35 Carpenter's tool
39 More uncanny
43 Hospital worker
45 Asian country
47 — Raton, Florida
48 Drivers' org.
49 Math abbr.
50 "Cycle" start
52 Scold and scold
53 Clean-air org.
54 Lair

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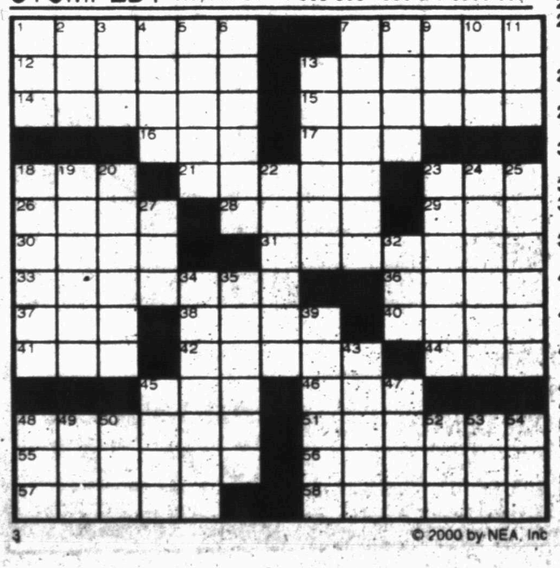

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SPORTS

Cowboys, Falcons land in Tokyo for showdown

TOKYO (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys and Atlanta Falcons touched down in Tokyo on Thursday for a preseason NFL showdown after a grueling flight that caused some good-natured grumbling.

The two teams meet Sunday in the American Bowl at the 50,000-seat Tokyo Dome for the 35th edition of the annual overseas matchup.

The Cowboys have more American Bowl experience with seven appearances, against none for Atlanta. But there's something about playing on foreign turf that seems to have jinxed them: Dallas' record in the series is 0-6-1.

And some of the players were none too excited about the 13-hour flight.

"When you've been playing 10 years and been through 10 camps, you just don't want to travel," said veteran Cowboys tight end Jackie Harris before leaving Texas.

On the other hand, there's plenty of motivation to shine for at least one member of the Falcons camp: quarterback Tony Graziani.

Not only is Graziani fighting for the spot as Atlanta's second-string QB, he's become something of a collector of touchdown passes in far-flung places.

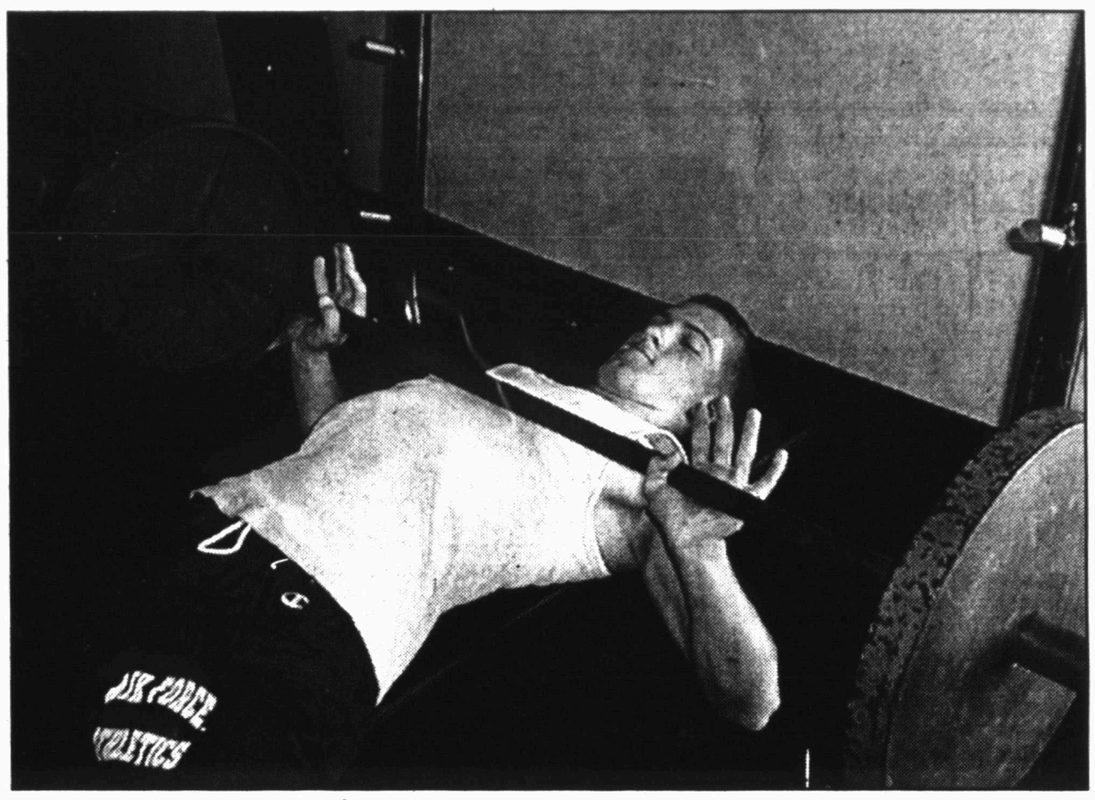
Graziani wants to make Japan the sixth country where he's connected in the end zone, after the United States, Spain, Britain, Germany and the Netherlands. The quarterback played last season for the Barcelona Dragons in the NFL's Europe League.

As part of American Bowl tradition, the teams have invited Japanese stars to join their roster, but it remained unclear if they would get playing time.

Linebacker Masufumi Kawaguchi and receiver Masato Itai, who have played in NFL Europe, will suit up for the Cowboys, while tight end Nachi Abe was on the roster for Atlanta.

Kawaguchi said during practice with the Cowboys that he's eager to get noticed, even if that means playing on the special teams squad.

Sunday's game will be the 10th American Bowl played in Japan. NFL spokesman Pete Abitante said the knowledge of football among fans here has improved dramatically.



GRIDIRON PREPARATION — Snyder Tiger senior quarterback Jesse Haines gets in some extra work this morning at the SHS field house. Haines and his Tiger teammates begin workouts at 4 p.m. Monday. The season opens Sept. 1 when Snyder hosts Monahans at Tiger Stadium. (SDN Staff Photo)

Marlins fight off Astros

MIAMI (AP) — The wait was well worth it for Henry Rodriguez.

Rodriguez made his Florida Marlins debut Wednesday night, delivering a pinch-hit double to help them defeat the Houston Astros 5-4.

The Marlins waited since Monday's trade to see first hand exactly what they had when they acquired the power-hitting outfielder from the Chicago Cubs.

Rodriguez didn't disappoint. His double down the left-field line off Marc Valdes, advanced Dave Berg to third with no outs and the Marlins trailing 4-3. Luis Castillo's bases-loaded single ended the game, scoring Berg and Jesus Sanchez, who was pinch-running for Rodriguez.

The Marlins made a rare trade for a veteran when they obtained Rodriguez, 32, from the Cubs in exchange for prospects Ross Gload and David Noyce.

The trade was announced Monday, but Rodriguez took a few days to take care of personal matters and finalize his move from Chicago.

Rodriguez's day off lasted until the ninth inning, when Boles couldn't wait any longer.

"He came in at 5 o'clock and looked awful, but to his credit he went down to the batting cage for his work," Boles said. "That may have rejuvenated him.

"He's going to be a special guy for this team, and you can already tell it. He is a real consummate pro."

The Marlins rallied for their 14th win in their final at-bat this season.

The Astros led 2-0 behind consecutive home runs from Jeff Bagwell and Lance Berkman in the second. A two-run double by Moises Alou stretched the lead to 4-1 in the sixth.

The Marlins then worked their way back into the game, picking up two runs in the sixth to set the stage for the ninth-inning rally.

Castillo ended the game with a single up the middle that glanced off Valdes' foot.

Helling pitches Rangers to 7-2 victory

ARLINGTON (AP) — Texas manager Johnny Oates is accustomed to seeing good things from Rick Helling.

That was the case again Wednesday night, when Helling (13-7) pitched 6 2-3 solid innings to win his sixth straight decision for the Rangers, who defeated the Chicago White Sox 7-2.

Helling allowed two runs on four hits with five walks and six strikeouts, and Texas snapped a three-game losing streak.

Oates has seen it all before.

"He threw a lot of pitches. I thought he lost a little focus — a couple of pitches that could have been strikes but were not," Oates said. "We've seen him sharper, but he gave us six-plus innings."

White Sox manager Jerry Manuel said Helling just kept fighting back.

"He struggled with his stuff all night, but he battled," Manuel said. "That's the way I've always known Rick. We had a couple of chances against him, but he held his own."

Tim Crabtree completed the four-hitter for Texas by pitching 2 1-3 innings for his first save.

Helling said he tried to stay away from a steady diet of fastballs against the league's best-hitting team.

"I knew they were the best offense in the league, and you've really got to concentrate on making good pitches," he said. "When you face an offense as good as theirs is, you have to keep them off-balance."

Meanwhile, Rusty Greer ended one streak and Gabe Kapler continued another for Texas, which earned a split in the two-game series.

Greer, 0-for-12 before the game, broke a scoreless tie with a third-inning single that scored Frank Catalanotto from second. Kapler then doubled to the left-center field gap, scoring Greer and extending his major league-leading hitting streak to 16 games.

Ricky Ledee added an RBI groundout and Bill Haselman had an RBI single during the inning as Texas built a 4-0 lead.

Kapler said he hasn't thought about how long his streak might last.

"I'm not going into games thinking I want to get one hit," he said. "I'm trying to drive in runs."

White Sox rookie Jon Garland (2-3) took the loss, allowing four runs and nine hits in six innings.

Manuel said, despite the loss, he wasn't disappointed with Garland's performance.

"When he gets in trouble, he seems to compete at a different level," Manuel said. "It's a good quality to see in a young starting pitcher.

"I'm happy with where he is. He's 20 years old in a pennant race — it's a great experience for him."

The White Sox cut Texas' lead in half in the fourth inning when Chris Singleton's two-out, two-run double scored Herbert Perry and Carlos Lee.

Chicago threatened again in the fifth after a walk to Paul Konerko loaded the bases with two outs. However, Helling struck out Perry to end the inning.

Texas then added three more in the seventh. Pinch-hitter Chad Curtis singled home Rafael Palmeiro, who doubled. Haselman's double put the Rangers ahead 6-2, and Mike Lamb's RBI single added another run.

Sports Briefs

Horseshoe pitching

Snyder Slingers Horseshoe Club has league play at 7 p.m. Thursdays at the courts adjacent to the coliseum. For more information, call T.C. Nunn at 573-6710 or Terry Duncan at 573-5589.

Kiwanis Club tournament

Snyder Kiwanis Club will host the Cargile Scholarship Foundation Benefit Golf Tournament Saturday at WTC. Entry fee for the four-person scramble is $30 per person. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top four teams, along with prizes for closest-to-the-hole and longest drive. $10,000 will be awarded for a hole-in-one. To register, call the WTC pro shop at 573-9291 or Russell Fisk at 573-3438 or 573-3267.

SHS volleyball workouts

Snyder High School volleyball workouts will begin Monday. JV and varsity will practice from 4 to 6:30 p.m., and freshman from 6:30 to 9.

SHS football workouts

All Snyder High School football players must report to the field house at 6:30 a.m. Monday to receive equipment. The first workout will begin at 4 p.m.

Athletic physicals

All athletes needing physical exam must do so by Friday. An appointment must be made with one of the following doctors: Burleson, Cooper, Thompson, Nussey or Rakov. Athletes requiring physicals include all incoming 7th and 9th graders, students new to SISD, students participating in athletics for the first time, and any student whose medical history form requires them to do so. All athletes not needing a physical must return all completed forms to their coach, the athletic director's office, or trainer Steve Krueger. Incoming 7th and 9th graders can pick up physical forms in the doctors' offices.

Golf team qualifying

Qualifying for the SHS boys and girls golf team will be held at 9 a.m. Aug. 10-11 at the WTC course, according to Coach Matt Glenn. The tryout is open to all SHS students.

Junior golf classic

Western Texas College will host the Junior Classic starting at 9 a.m. Friday, Aug. 11, at the WTC golf course. Entry fee for the 10 and under age division is $10. Entry fee for the 11-14 and the 15 and older division is $15. To sign up call 573-9291.

Men's blowout partnership

The 12th annual Blowout Partnership will be held Aug. 25-27 at Snyder Country Club. The field will be limited to 60 teams, pre-flighted by combined handicap. A practice round will be held Aug. 25. Saturday's format will be scramble, and Sunday's will be lowball. Entry fee is $310 per team. Deadline to register is Aug. 18. For more information, call the SCC pro shop at 573-7101.

NFL Preseason

All Times EDT

Friday, Aug. 4

New England at Detroit, 7 p.m.
Cincinnati at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
Jacksonville at Carolina, 8 p.m.
New York Jets at Green Bay, 8 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 5

Miami at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m.
Indianapolis at Seattle, 8 p.m.
Kansas City at Tennessee, 8 p.m.
New Orleans at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Oakland at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
San Diego at San Francisco, 9 p.m.
Atlanta vs. Dallas at Tokyo, 10 p.m.
Denver at Arizona, 10 p.m.

Erving's death ruled accidental

SANFORD, Fla. (AP) — The youngest son of NBA great Julius "Dr. J" Erving died of accidental drowning when he inadvertently drove his car into a retention pond, the Seminole County sheriff ruled Wednesday.

Trace amounts of cocaine were found in Cory Erving's decomposed body, indicating he had ingested the drug within two or three days of the accident, but they were at insufficient levels to affect his driving or ability to escape from the car, said Sheriff Don Eslinger.

Forensic investigators also had looked into whether Erving was using the sleep-inducing allergy reliever Benadryl at the time of the accident.

The final report into Erving's death by the Seminole County Sheriff's Office ends the investigation into the younger Erving's mysterious disappearance more than two months ago.

Julius Erving, in early June, made a nationwide plea for help in finding Cory, who had struggled with a drug habit and had run-ins with the law.

Erving, 19, was last seen May 28 by co-workers at a restaurant.

Major League Baseball

National League
All Times EDT

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	66	41	.617	—
New York	61	45	.575	4½
Florida	52	55	.486	14
Montreal	48	56	.462	16½
Philadelphia	46	60	.434	19½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
St. Louis	59	48	.551	—
Cincinnati	54	53	.505	5
Chicago	50	56	.472	8½
Pittsburgh	46	60	.434	12½
Milwaukee	45	63	.417	14½
Houston	40	67	.374	19

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Francisco	58	47	.552	—
Arizona	59	48	.551	—
Los Angeles	57	50	.533	2
Colorado	51	55	.481	7½
San Diego	49	58	.458	10

Wednesday's Games

N.Y. Mets 2, Cincinnati 1
Los Angeles 11, Pittsburgh 5
Chicago Cubs 3, Colorado 2
Milwaukee 6, San Francisco 4
St. Louis 10, Montreal 7
Florida 5, Houston 4
Arizona 2, Atlanta 0
San Diego 5, Philadelphia 2

Thursday's Games

Houston (Powell 0-0) at Florida (Sanchez 6-8), 1:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Norton 0-0) at San Diego (Tollberg 2-1), 5:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Ashby 7-7) at Arizona (Anderson 8-4), 10:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Cordova 6-7) at San Francisco (Ortiz 5-10), 10:15 p.m.

Friday's Games

Florida (Dempster 9-8) at Cincinnati (Harnisch 3-5), 7:35 p.m.
Montreal (Vazquez 8-5) at Houston (Holt 4-12), 8:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Glavine 13-5) at St. Louis (An.Benes 10-5), 8:10 p.m.
Philadelphia (Bottenfield 0-0) at Colorado (Tavarez 6-2), 9:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Reed 5-2) at Arizona (Johnson 15-3), 10:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Lieber 10-5) at San Diego (Witasick 0-0), 10:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Rigdon 0-1) at Los Angeles (Brown 10-4), 10:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Benson 8-8) at San Francisco (Rueter 7-7), 10:35 p.m.

American League
All Times EDT

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	57	45	.559	—
Boston	55	49	.529	3
Toronto	55	54	.505	5½
Baltimore	47	59	.443	12
Tampa Bay	45	60	.429	13½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Chicago	65	42	.607	—
Cleveland	53	51	.510	10½
Detroit	50	56	.472	14½
Kansas City	48	58	.453	16½
Minnesota	49	61	.445	17½

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Seattle	62	45	.579	—
Oakland	60	47	.561	2
Anaheim	57	52	.523	6
Texas	51	54	.486	10

Wednesday's Games

Kansas City 4, N.Y. Yankees 1
Oakland 5, Toronto 4
Minnesota 10, Baltimore 6
Detroit 5, Anaheim 3
Cleveland 5, Tampa Bay 3
Texas 7, Chicago White Sox 2
Boston 5, Seattle 2

Thursday's Games

Texas (Rogers 10-8) at Toronto (F.Castillo 7-5), 7:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Suzuki 5-6) at N.Y. Yankees (Clemens 9-6), 7:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Bere 1-0) at Tampa Bay (Lopez 8-7), 7:15 p.m.
Only games scheduled

Friday's Games

Minnesota (Milton 10-6) at Detroit (Nomo 4-10), 7:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Etherton 5-1) at Cleveland (Woodard 0-1), 7:05 p.m.
Texas (Perisho 2-3) at Toronto (Trachsel 6-10), 7:05 p.m.
Seattle (Moyer 11-3) at N.Y. Yankees (Pettitte 11-6), 7:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Suppan 5-6) at Boston (Fassero 7-5), 7:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Mercedes 6-4) at Tampa Bay (Harper 0-0), 7:15 p.m.
Oakland (Appier 9-8) at Chicago White Sox (Sirotka 9-8), 8:05 p.m.

WNBA Glance

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-New York	18	10	.643	—
Cleveland	15	12	.556	2½
Orlando	14	14	.500	4
Detroit	12	16	.429	6
Washington	11	16	.407	6½
Miami	10	19	.345	8½
Indiana	7	20	.259	10½
Charlotte	7	21	.250	11

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Los Angeles	26	3	.897	—
x-Houston	23	5	.821	2½
Sacramento	19	10	.655	7
Phoenix	18	10	.6430	7½
Utah	16	12	.571	9½
Minnesota	13	15	.464	12½
Portland	10	18	.357	15½
Seattle	5	23	.179	20½

Wednesday's Games

Los Angeles 84, Detroit 81
Utah 72, Minnesota 62
Sacramento 73, Miami 55

Thursday's Games

Washington at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Utah at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
Seattle at Phoenix, 10 p.m.

Friday's Games

Detroit at Washington, 7 p.m.
Charlotte at Miami, 7 p.m.
Orlando at New York, 8 p.m.
Cleveland at Indiana, 8 p.m.
Sacramento at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Houston at Portland, 10 p.m.

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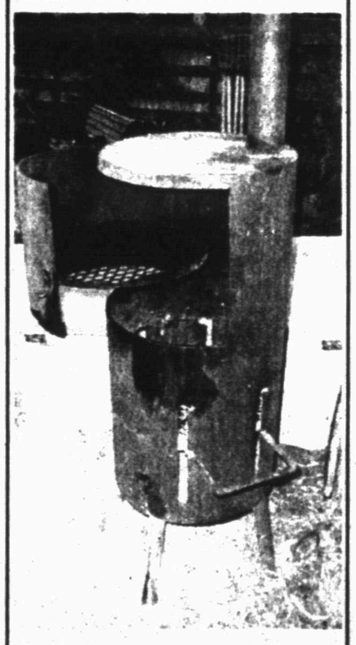
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For Sale By Owner: Colorado City, low down payment, low monthly. Nice 3-1, 405 E. 14th. Nice, cute 2 bedroom, 1332 Locust. Both homes close to school. Call Kelly, 915-425-9994.

For Sale by Owner: Hermleigh 2-1-1, $29,000. 863-2723 after 6:30 p.m. or anytime weekends.

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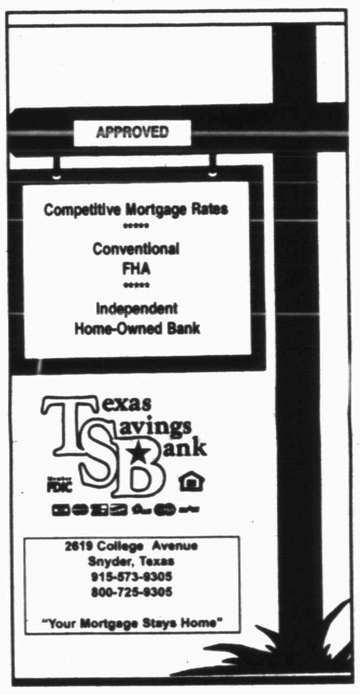

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Book company and former subsidiary to pay $15.5 million

WASHINGTON (AP) — W.R. Grace & Co. and a former subsidiary agreed Wednesday to pay $15.5 million to settle allegations they overcharged schools, libraries and the government for books over more than a decade beginning in the early 1980s, the Justice Department said Wednesday.

A lawsuit, originally brought by two private whistleblowers and later taken over by the federal government and 18 states, alleged that Grace and Baker & Taylor Inc., a national book distributor that was a division of Grace until 1993, defrauded the United States in direct book purchases and indirectly by overcharging local schools and libraries that bought books with federal grant money.

Grace agreed to pay the federal government $3 million to resolve the claims against it, the department said. In addition, Grace and Baker & Taylor jointly agreed to pay $12.5 million to the 18 states who joined the lawsuit.

This brings the total recovery from the lawsuit to $18.5 million, because last year Baker & Taylor paid the federal government $3 million to resolve its direct claims against that Charlotte, N.C.-based company.

"This settlement demonstrates the United States' commitment to protecting federal funds from fraud and abuse," said acting Assistant Attorney General David Ogden, head of the department's civil division.

In Charlotte, Jim Ulsamer, president of Baker & Taylor Retail, said the settlement resolves all claims "without admitting any wrongdoing" by his company. Continuing the litigation would only have diverted senior managers from new business initiatives, Ulsamer said.

The lawsuit under the federal False Claims Act sought damages and penalties based on Baker & Taylor's contracts with institutional customers, in which the company agreed to provide discounts of about 40 percent on trade books, but then failed to provide the full discounts by misclassifying trade titles into non-trade categories. Meanwhile, Baker & Taylor was providing full trade discounts on the same books to retailers, the government said.

Trade books are those intended for a general readership.

Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Florida, Hawaii, Idaho, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Missouri, Nevada, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont and Wisconsin joined the lawsuit claiming damages on behalf of their schools and libraries.

The two whistleblowers who brought the original lawsuit, Robert Costa, head librarian for the city of Richmond, Va., and Ronald Thornburg, a former Baker & Taylor sales representative, will share a portion of the settlement payment.

Large banks charge higher fees

WASHINGTON (AP) — America's largest banks, which operate in several states, charge significantly more for their services than smaller banks that do business in only one state, the Federal Reserve said Wednesday.

The Fed survey's annual survey of fees imposed by banks and by savings and loans also found that the number of banks offering free checking account services dropped to 10.8 percent in 1999, compared with 17.3 percent in 1998.

The number of savings and loans with free checking account services rose last year to 30 percent, compared with 23.4 percent in 1998.

Overall, the latest annual survey showed that the discrepancy in fees between big and small banks continued in 1999.

For example, the average bounced check fee at a single-state bank was $17.04, compared with $21.80 charged by big banks, according to the survey.

Small banks charged on average $14.50 for a stop-payment order, compared with $20.10 for big banks, the central bank found.

The survey, based on checks with 1,000 financial institutions, also showed that more banks are offering a minimum-balance account, in which consumers pay a flat monthly fee as long as their balance remains above a certain amount.

The survey found 40.6 percent of banks offering such accounts, compared with 35.6 percent in 1998. The average monthly charge dropped last year by 28 cents to $6.15, compared with $6.43 in 1998.

The latest report will be the Fed's final survey on bank fees unless Congress passes legislation to reauthorize the annual review.

Consumer advocates said the disparity underscored the need for legislative oversight.

Markets

Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP) -

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp s	32 11-16	31¾	32 9-16 +	3-16
AT&T Corp	31 3-16	30 9-16	30⅞ —	3-16
Albertsons	31⅝	30 15-16	31 3-16	
Alltel	63¼	62½	63⅛ —	5-16
AmerOnline s	51 15-16	51 1-16	51⅜ —	⅛
AndarkPtr	50⅝	49⅞	50 9-16 +	⅞
ATMOS Egy	20¾	20¾	20 11-16 +	1-16
Aviall	5 9-16	5⅜	5⅜ —	⅛
BP Amoco s	55⅛	54 7-16	54½ +	7-16
BakerHughes	36⅞	36 5-16	36 11-16 +	½
Bank of Amer	47 15-16	46 11-16	47⅞ +	11-16
BellSouth	40 1-16	39 9-16	39⅝ —	1-16
Beth Steel	4¼	4⅛	4 3-16	⅛
BurlNoSFe	24 9-16	24	24½ +	¼
Caterpillar	35¾	34¼	35 7-16 +	7-16
Chevron	81	80⅛	80⅝ +	13-16
Citigroup	71⅝	70⅜	70 15-16 +	⅛
Citigroup wi	53	53	53	
Coastal	61	59 11-16	60⅜ +	1¼
CocaCola	63⅜	62 1-16	63 3-16 +	¼
ColgatePal	57½	56½	57⅛ +	9-16
ComclMetals	28 1-16	27 13-16	28 1-16	
Cooperln	32⅝	32⅛	32⅜ +	5-16
DaimlrChry	52 3-16	51⅝	51⅝ —	1 3-16
DallSemicn s	38	35 3-16	35 7-16 —	2¾
DeltaAirl	51 7-16	50 5-16	51¼ +	11-16
Dillards Inc	13 15-16	13 7-16	13 15-16	
DowChem s	28¾	28 3-16	28 9-16 +	½
DuPont	46 7-16	45⅝	46 1-16 +	¼
EastmanChem	47⅜	46 3-16	47⅜ +	1 1-16
EstKodak	57 11-16	57⅛	57 11-16 —	1-16
EDS Corp	45⅜	44¼	44⅝ —	1-16
Entergy	31¾	30⅝	31⅛ +	1⅛
ExxonMobil	83⅛	82½	82 13-16 +	1⅜
Flowers	21 9-16	21	21 3-16 —	5-16
GenDynam	59¾	58½	59½ +	13-16
GenElec s	53⅞	52 13-16	53⅜ +	1⅝
GenMills s	35¼	34 15-16	35⅛ +	¼
GenMotors	58 5-16	57⅜	58¼ —	⅛
GaPacGP	25 15-16	25 9-16	25¾ +	⅛
GlobalMar	29⅜	29	29¼ +	5-16
Goodrich	37 15-16	37 7-16	37 13-16 +	5-16
Goodyear s	20½	20 1-16	20¼ +	1-16
GtAtlPac	15	14¾	14 15-16 +	3-16
Halliburtn	48 3-16	47 5-16	47⅞ +	5-16
Hanson ADS	28¼	28⅛	28¼ —	1⅛
HarteHanks	25⅛	25¼	25 5-16 —	¼
HomeDepot s	53⅞	52¾	52¾ —	½
Honeywellntl	34	33 9-16	33¾ —	⅛
IBM	113 15-16	112 11-16	113 7-16 —	1¼
IntlPaper	34 1-16	33 7-16	34 +	3-16
JohnsonJn	96 13-16	96⅛	96 11-16 +	3-16
K mart	7¼	7	7 3-16 +	⅛
Kroger Co	21 9-16	21 5-16	21 5-16 —	5-16
Lilton	54	52⅞	53⅜	¼
LockheedM	28⅛	28 3-16	28½ —	¼
Lowes Cos	43¼	42⅜	42 7-16 —	9-16
Lubys	7 15-16	7 13-16	7 15-16	
LucentTech	44⅝	43¼	43⅝ —	1 7-16
MayDeptStr	24 7-16	23⅞	24 1-16 +	1-16
Medtronic s	54 13-16	54	54 11-16 +	⅛
MorganJP	133 11-16	130⅞	132⅞ +	⅞
Motorola s	35 5-16	33½	35 —	1 13-16
NCR Corp	35¼	34¾	34¾ —	¼
Navistar	36⅛	35 13-16	36 —	3-16
Penney JC	17⅞	17 1-16	17 11-16 +	⅛
PepBoys	6 3-16	6 1-16	6⅛ —	1-16
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Polaroid	17 11-16	17 5-16	17½ —	3-16
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ProctGamb	59 1-16	58⅜	58⅞ +	11-16
PubS NwMx	18⅞	18⅜	18⅞ +	½
RadioShack	61 11-16	60 3-16	60¼ —	1 5-16
ReliantEngy	35¾	34 13-16	35 9-16 +	15-16
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Venator Grp	14¾	14⅜	14 7-16 —	5-16
VerizonComm	48¼	47¼	47 13-16 —	1-16
WalMart	56½	55⅜	55⅜ +	1 5-16
WellsFargo	42⅞	41 3-16	42⅞ +	1 7-16
WstnGasRs	18 13-16	18 11-16	18 11-16 —	1-16
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Xerox Cp	15¼	15	15 —	⅛

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Allergens among the causes of hives

DEAR DR. GOTT: What causes hives? Is it safe to take antihistamines for prolonged periods to combat them?

DEAR READER: Hives, raised and itchy patches of skin that appear and disappear without warning, are due to the release of cellular histamine, usually as part of an allergic reaction. Therefore, hives — known medically as urticaria — are ordinarily caused by foods, dust, pollens, chemicals and other environmental factors to which a person is allergic. Treatment includes avoidance of the allergen, and the use of cold compresses (to relieve immediate symptoms) and antihistamines (which block the effects of histamine).

Sometimes, people with recurring hives are allergic to medicine, such as antibiotics, although any drug can cause hypersensitivity reactions in susceptible persons. In such instances, the drug must be discontinued, under the supervision of a physician, who will substitute a medication to which the individual does not react.

Anxiety and emotional upset can also cause hives. Patients who repeatedly experience stress-related hypersensitivity reactions may need counseling or behavioral modification.

There is no consistent duration of urticaria; some forms last for minutes, others may be present for days or weeks. Hives are differentiated from other skin disorders by their evanescence, their tendency to move from one area to another, and their typical appearance — raised, reddish and irregular.

Chronic use of antihistamines is safe, but it can have some unwanted consequences: Antihistamines may mask the cause of hives, lose their effectiveness over time and interfere with proper evaluation of patients, especially these who are reacting to antibiotics. Thus, merely treating the hives with antihistamines may direct attention away from the more important issue: the cause.

I recommend that patients with repeated episodes of hives see an allergist, who will, through special skin and blood tests, often be able to identify the cause of the problem and suggest more appropriate therapy, such as desensitization shots. To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Allergies." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My elderly father was recently diagnosed with chronic pancreatitis. What causes this?

DEAR READER: The two major causes of chronic inflammation of the pancreas are alcoholism and malnutrition. The most common cause in Western countries, where malnutrition is rare, is alcohol consumption; 80 to 90 percent of all patients with chronic pancreatitis have a history of excessive alcohol ingestion. The risk of this condition — which is associated with abdominal pain, maldigestion and diabetes — is directly proportional to the duration and daily amount of alcohol consumed. As a general rule, it takes about six to 12 years of heavy alcohol consumption to cause the disease; however, the duration and exact quantity needed to produce early cellular damage is unknown. A high-protein diet, with or without excess fat, has been shown to aggravate pancreatitis in alcoholics.

While I am not implying that your father is a drinker, the above information leads me to believe that if alcohol were not the cause of his problem, it may certainly have contributed to it. Your father should immediately stop drinking alcohol beverages, and should check with his physician for further advice.

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Clinton grants death penalty reprieve

WASHINGTON (AP) — The last president to sign a death warrant for a federal inmate was John F. Kennedy in 1963. One of President Clinton's last Oval Office decisions may be whether to sign the next one.

Clinton on Wednesday postponed the scheduled execution of a Texas drug dealer until Dec. 12, five weeks before the close of Clinton's term. The inmate, Juan Raul Garza, had been set for execution Aug. 5 at the federal penitentiary in Terre Haute, Ind.

In the meantime, Garza will use new government procedures to ask Clinton for clemency, in much the same way that state death-row inmates make last appeals to their governors.

Garza's Houston attorney, Gregory Wiercioch, said he intends to ask Clinton to commute Garza's sentence to life in prison without the possibility of parole. The clemency request will focus on whether minorities and residents of just a few, mostly southern, states have been disproportionately sentenced to death under the federal system.

"Racial disparities ... and where these cases come from makes a big difference," in whether an inmate is sentenced to death, Wiercioch said Wednesday.

The Justice Department is studying that same question but has not yet issued a report.

As the Garza execution loomed, the Clinton administration also began reviewing federal procedures for carrying out the death penalty, including the apparatus needed to file a clemency appeal. Justice Department lawyers then decided to write a new set of rules, which were released Wednesday.

The new, 10-page clemency guidelines allow an inmate 30 days to file for clemency after an execution date is set. The Justice Department then has 90 days to review the request and make a recommendation to the president.

The rules provide an opportunity for the inmate's attorney to make an oral presentation to the Justice Department's pardon attorney. They also provide a chance for families of the victims, with the assistance of prosecutors in the case, to make their own oral presentation to the pardon attorney.

The White House indicated last month that Clinton would delay Garza's execution so that he has the same opportunity to use the new procedures as would any of the other 20 inmates on federal death row.

Presidents can grant a reprieve, as was last done in 1937 by Franklin Delano Roosevelt, or they can commute an inmate's sentence to less than death.

Clinton, a death penalty supporter, has not commented directly on the Garza case.

The 43-year-old inmate was convicted in August 1993 in Brownsville, Texas, of killing three men between April 1990 and January 1991. A 10-count indictment named him as the boss of a drug ring that imported tons of marijuana into the United States between 1983 and 1993. He has lost appeals all the way up to the Supreme Court.

In January, Illinois Gov. George Ryan, a Republican, suspended executions in that state until a panel could study its fairness. Thirteen Illinois death row inmates have had their convictions overturned since 1977.

Ryan's decision helped propel the question of capital punishment into the presidential campaign. Both Vice President Al Gore and his Republican opponent, Texas Gov. George W. Bush, reiterated their support for the death penalty.

Gore has expressed concern over racial disparities but does not support a moratorium on executions. Bush spokesman Ari Fleischer said the governor believes executions deter crime but also "understands the complexity of each individual death penalty decision."

One Democrat Sen. Russ Feingold of Wisconsin, said Clinton's decision to delay the Garza execution "was the only fair and just thing to do, particularly at a time when Americans are increasingly questioning the fairness of our nation's administration of the death penalty."

Fed agents study dismantled drug ring

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal agents are examining records seized at dozens of sites as they dismantled what they called a nationwide ring supplying pseudoephedrine to clandestine labs that turned it into methamphetamine.

Over the course of the investigation, which began in December, Operation Mountain Express has led to more than 160 arrests — 60 of them since the investigation allegedly was disclosed last week to one of the targets by a federal grand juror in Denver. Agents searched 66 locations since Friday and used civil and administrative enforcement actions to close down pseudoephedrine operations at 18 companies.

This distribution ring was headed by a group of 10 people, who called themselves "the Commission" and shipped their profits to the Middle East, Drug Enforcement Administration officials said Tuesday. Agents said the seized records would help them understand the methods and scope of the operation and could lead to further arrests.

Agents arrested eight of the 10 alleged commission members, including Hassan Zaghmot of Denver. They found $650,000 in cash in Zaghmot's safe deposit box, which he intended to use to finance a quick escape, according to DEA officials, who requested anonymity.

They said one of the 10 kingpins was out of the country and the other may have fled after the latest round of arrests began Friday with Zaghmot's arrest after a federal grand juror allegedly tipped him off about the sealed indictment against him.

The federal grand juror, Mark J. Hinckley, 37, of Evergreen, Colo., was arrested Monday night in Denver night on charges that he told Zaghmot on July 27 that the grand jury had returned a sealed indictment against him. Federal agents watching Zaghmot on a court-approved concealed camera saw and heard Hinckley ask for $50,000 for details of the indictment, the government said.

"This was the first time that U.S. law enforcement has been able to connect a major group of pseudoephedrine distributors directly to U.S.-based, Mexican-controlled methamphetamine laboratory operators," said Joe Keefe, chief of DEA's special operations division.

Many of these traffickers were charged with intent to manufacturer methamphetamine; previously pseudoephedrine traffickers had largely faced only civil penalties for diversion of regulated substances, Keefe said.

Attorney General Janet Reno told a news conference, "This operation should send a message to anyone involved in methamphetamine production and distribution that we are continuing the fight in every way we know how so that this problem won't be treating communities of America as crack did in the 1980s."

Reno and DEA Administrator Donnie Marshall announced the operation had seized $8 million in cash, 10 metric tons of pseudoephedrine, capable of producing 18,000 pounds of methamphetamine, 83 pounds of finished methamphetamine, two pseudoephedrine extraction laboratories, one methamphetamine laboratory and 136 pounds of processing chemicals.

DEA officials said the commission set prices, determined the methods of transportation, sent profits to Israel, Jordan, Syria and Saudi Arabia and set up front companies to buy and ship pseudoephedrine tablets to methamphetamine laboratories in southern California.

Pseudoephedrine tablets are imported for legal use in over-the-counter cold and allergy remedies.

DEA officials say it costs $450 to make a pound of tablets for legitimate use, but the traffickers would buy the tablets from legitimate importers for $1,500 a pound, then ship them through a series of front companies to the West Coast and sell them to clandestine methamphetamine labs for $4,000 a pound. One pound of tablets produces roughly a pound of methamphetamine, which issold for $14,000 to $15,000 a pound in the Midwest.

Treasury Dept. will borrow $25 billion

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Treasury Department announced Wednesday that it will raise $25 billion through a regular quarterly borrowing operation next week that will feature the usual mix of notes and bonds.

But in a reflection of the government's reduced borrowing needs in an era of government surpluses, Treasury officials said they were continuing to study the possibility of eliminating sales of the one-year bill.

Gary Gensler, Treasury's undersecretary for domestic finance, said that as part of the decision over whether to drop the one-year bill Treasury was discussing with Congress changes that would be needed in various laws that use the borrowing instrument as a reference point.

He said whatever decision was ultimately made, Treasury would give "markets ample notice should we decide to eliminate or curtail a particular instrument."

Treasury has already cut back sales of the one-year bill from once a month to once every three months and before that eliminated sales of three-year notes completely.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Navy guns by any name can be accidentally fired

DEAR ABBY: The letter from Lowell K. Allen, who served on the submarine "Cato" in World War II, contained some errors. First and foremost, there never was a submarine called the Cato. Also, there is not now, never has and never will be a 20 mm submachine gun. I think the man meant to say a Thompson .45-caliber submachine gun.

He did correctly point out, however, that even the so-called "educated" make mistakes. I spent 30 years in the Navy, 1943-1973, and there are documented cases of deck guns being fired "accidentally." — **J. PAUL SURPREMANT, LCDR U.S. NAVY (RET.), FLORIDA**

DEAR PAUL: Thank you and the other readers who pointed out the inaccuracies in that letter. Because of a typographical error at my syndicate, Mr. Allen's ship was referred to as the "Cato." Mr. Allen served on the USS Gato (SS212).

I contacted Mr. Allen, who apologized for incorrectly referring to the gun as a 20 mm submachine gun, and said it was probably a .45-caliber submachine gun as many readers accurately guessed. Also, two initials were transposed in Mr. Allen's rank. He was RMCS, meaning Radio Man, Chief, Senior.

I appreciate the fact that so many people took the time to write and point out the errors. You are all heroes in my book. However, I didn't write that column because I have an "anti-gun agenda." I wrote it because I am anti-gun from the bottom of my heart.

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DEAR ABBY: My son, "Marty," and his wife, "Darla," recently spent a week with me in my home. I worked very hard to make their visit enjoyable. One evening I planned a lovely dinner. After we finished, I asked Darla if she would help me clear the table. She looked at me as if I had mortally wounded her — and walked out of the room!

Later, I approached Marty and told him how upset I was over Darla's behavior. He replied, "This isn't the 1950s, Mom. She doesn't have to help." He also said that Darla was never taught to express appreciation and wasn't raised to do housework. (She didn't lift a finger the entire week.)

That was three weeks ago. I haven't heard a word from them since they left. Was I wrong in asking my daughter-in-law to help? — **UPSET MOM IN FLORIDA**

DEAR UPSET: Certainly not. And I hope your son didn't just sit there, since I assume you raised him to lend a hand when there's a job to be done.

You are not going to change Darla. The next time they visit, go to restaurants or buy take-out food and serve it on paper plates.

I hope that when you pay them a visit, they pamper you as you pampered them — but don't hold your breath. As tempting as it would be not to lift a finger, I know it's not in your DNA to play the helpless houseguest.

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CONFIDENTIAL TO MARTHA IN MOBILE: Look carefully before you leap. Experience is the comb life gives you after you've lost your hair.

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Good advice for everyone — teens to seniors — is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

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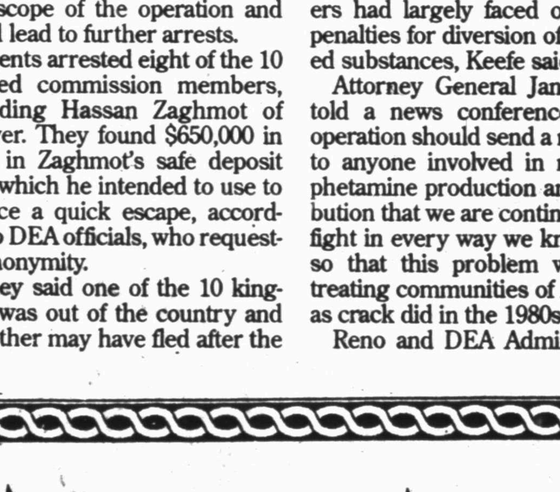

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West Texas county commissioner told not to dig graves

PETERSBURG (AP) — As a Hale County commissioner, Mario Martinez has had a lot on his plate: advisory boards, budget meetings, legislative oversight and digging graves.

Digging graves?

"I felt that was just a job that I inherited," Martinez said. "Just like the commissioner before me did it himself, I was just doing what the others had done. No one ever really griped about it."

That was true until last week, when County Attorney Chris Prentice notified the commissioner that the activity was thoughtful but, unfortunately, illegal.

"The whole point is they are using not only county assets but man-hours to benefit private individuals," Prentice said. "It's the same thing as grading a farmer's driveway so you can keep his vote."

The practice of using county-owned resources to dig funeral plots in Petersburg Cemetery became common around 1950 in this town of 1,600, some 25 miles northeast of Lubbock.

"The county has done it as far back as anyone can remember," City Manager Cullen Davis said. "I think the populace at large appreciates it and views it as a service the county provides, and one that they can actually see. That's the way little towns try to operate, but politics sometime get in the way."

Davis suspects that infighting among the county's four commissioners led one to tattle about the grave digging. The whole episode has left many in Petersburg "scratching their heads," he said.

At the cemetery, plots cost only $40. The money is used for the upkeep of the community-run cemetery, which has never charged anyone to have a grave dug.

Digging and filling a grave in Petersburg should cost about $385, said Stan Workman, who is retired from West Texas Wilbert Vault in Lubbock, a firm that digs graves throughout the region.

"Whenever anybody would call down here to get a grave opened, I would tell them to call the county because they do it for free," he said. "I expected a long time ago that somebody would complain about this."

The practice is not without precedent. In neighboring Oklahoma, a statute permits county workers to dig graves — as long as there's a county policy permitting the practice.

"What we require them to do is to establish a policy, which is not that Uncle Ted gets buried for free and that type of thing," said Jim McGoodwin, Oklahoma director of special audits.

That's where the practice in Oklahoma and what's going on in this small Texas town differ, especially since Texas has no such statute.

"Anybody who is buried in any other cemetery in Hale County has to pay $200," Prentice said. "It's a nice thing to do for people, but it's just not legal."

Legal or not, Mayor Jim Fox said the practice of a county commissioner hopping on a county-owned backhoe and digging graves was in keeping with the close bond of the residents.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Friday, August 4, 2000

Be prepared to act swiftly in the year ahead should opportunity knock. Things could break for you at a very fast pace, and you'll want to be on your toes to take advantage of several good deals.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) It's not necessarily like you to make quick decisions, but today solutions could come to you in a flash, and you won't hesitate for one minute to use what you see is right. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that'll govern you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You're a handy person to begin with, so if you're hoping to save a bundle, put your hands at repairing or performing a task that would otherwise cost a lot. You'll do a fine job.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) There's a strong chance that something quite interesting could pop up out of the blue today, so it might behoove you to keep your schedule flexible in order to take advantage of it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Strangely, it'll be at those very times when you're faced with uncertainties that you'll perform at your best today. You'll react correctly without hesitation.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Someone from whom you'd love to hear may attempt to reach you today, so if you can't be by your phone or computer, leave word where or how you can be contacted.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) The possibility exists today that you could find yourself exposed to a series of strange developments. After the dust settles, however, you'll discover that it has worked for you in beneficial ways.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Should you run into a situation today unlike anything you had encountered previously, don't be intimidated. Your ingenuity will supply the answers your experience lacks.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Dealings you have today with associates who have the control over the joint endeavor will work out profitably for all concerned, especially if some new type of merchandising is involved.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) A pleasant surprise might await you today when you discover someone you thought didn't like you, in reality, holds you in high esteem. You could now become good friends.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Call upon your aptitudes of innovation and resourcefulness today, because they're in high gear just waiting to solve any problems you might have at work today. Don't be too shy to use them.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Try to break away today from routines that have a tendency to stifle you from time to time. The change will have a benevolent effect on your attitude.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) An opportunity to resolve two separate situations that have been in the undecided column may arise today. The change afforded you now will have constructive effects.

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Iowa man injured in car explosion

BEDFORD (AP) — An Iowa man injured by a pipe bomb blast was an innocent victim, co-workers say.

Bernie Lenta of Newton, Iowa suffered cuts and bruises on his face from shrapnel on Wednesday after he noticed a string underneath the driver's door on a Cadillac and pulled it, triggering the explosion.

Lenta, 42, was treated at Harris Methodist HEB hospital in Bedford and released.

He was an employee of Carrera Transport Co. of Bedford.

Other employees at Carrera Transport, who refused to give their names because they felt threatened by the bombing, told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram in Thursday's editions that law officers checked trucks at the company for explosives after the bombing.

"It was meant for our boss," one employee said of the bomb that exploded.

A bomb squad was dispatched to the scene, according to a spokesman for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

The explosion occurred at a Wal-Mart automobile service center, officials say.

"I was getting into the passenger side of the car when it blew up," said Ed Philp, Lenta's employer and owner of the demolished Cadillac. "Lenta rolled on the ground and rolled away from the flames and shouted, 'It's a bomb, it's a bomb.' "

The vehicle had been parked at the company lot and had not been used in several weeks, ATF Special Agent Tom Crowley said.

He said the maker of the device "had to have had some knowledge of explosives."

Investigators late Wednesday began interviewing employees and former employees of the trucking company.

Bedford is 12 miles northeast of Fort Worth.

Jordan second 'Big Brother' houseguest to be kicked out

NEW YORK (AP) — Birthday girl Jordan got a gift from "Big Brother" viewers: She got the hook.

The former stripper Wednesday night became the second of 10 contenders to be booted from the camera- and microphone-bugged house on the CBS "reality" series, which airs the residents' antics six nights a week.

Jordan, a Minneapolis resident who turned 27 Wednesday, and Curtis, a New York City lawyer, were marked for expulsion by a house vote last week.

Then viewers took over. In a phone poll, 78 percent of callers picked Jordan for banishment. Curtis was chosen by 22 percent. CBS would not divulge how many people voted.

The last remaining houseguest when the series concludes in September will win a half-million dollars.

The bad news was conveyed to Jordan by Julie Chen, who anchored the live hour from a Los Angeles studio adjoining the house.

Smiling bravely, Jordan hugged her housemates in the living room and again on the front doorstep. She toted her backpack and dragged her swimming-pool raft down the front walk. Outside the chain-link fence, she embraced her waiting boyfriend.

Then, in the studio, she faced a debriefing.

Chen asked Jordan her reaction to being out.

"I feel foreign to everyone outside the house," she said.

Was she surprised that she made such a negative impression?

"It depends on how they edited me," she replied.

Would she consider posing for a nude pictorial?

"I'd consider it," she said, "but the chances are close to none."

During the program, viewers were given a glimpse of the Minneapolis topless club where Jordan danced for two years.

"She will come back," predicted Blake, one of her former colleagues. "She hasn't cleaned out her locker."

The broadcast also included instant analysis from Dr. Drew Pinsky, known as a health and relationship specialist. The viewers, he told Chen, "are tending to vote out people who create instability in the house."

The first to be ousted two weeks ago was William, a 27-year-old youth counselor and black activist from Philadelphia. He had spent much of his time fighting with fellow residents.

Since "Big Brother" premiered on July 5, Jordan had similarly tried her housemates' patience. She was characterized by several of them as a manipulator and provocateur.

She displayed wide mood swings, on one occasion seen weeping in bed in the middle of the night. "I'm totally losing it right now," she wailed into her body mike, "and I don't know why."

While each week's five other episodes are taped highlights, "Big Brother" features an around-the-clock Web site that streams live sight and sound.

It was here on computer screens that Jordan could be spied preparing for the worst Wednesday, an hour before she learned her fate on the telecast.

Jury agrees with nurse in UTMB whistle-blower case

GALVESTON (AP) — A jury has awarded a nurse $810,000 after a four-year legal battle with The University of Texas Medical Branch, which retaliated for her reporting that trauma teams performed unnecessary procedures on some patients there.

Stephanie Hohman was one of two nurses who sued the hospital under whistle-blower laws.

"I'm in shock because I thought this battle would never end," Hohman said in Thursday's editions of The Galveston County Daily News. She is now a nurse in the Walls Unit of the state prison in Huntsville.

Jurors found the hospital did not retaliate against Lisa Lippert Gray, the second nurse who sued the hospital in 1996, for her reports of alleged patient abuses.

The plaintiffs also did not collect on allegations that they were defamed by Dr. William Mileski, director of the trauma center, and Martha Shelver, former nursing manager.

A UTMB spokeswoman denied the retaliation claims and an assistant state attorney general — who defended the hospital, Mileski and former nursing manager Martha Shelver — said an appeal is likely.

The jury deliberated for nearly 30 hours, and three of its members wept as the verdict was read.

Much of the testimony during the trial involved accusations that patients brought into the hospital's trauma center were subjected against their will to painful and unneeded procedures.

Stolen statues could go to black market

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Three 18th-century statues stolen from Mission San Juan could disappear into an international black market of stolen art treasures, with the latest act bringing the total of thefts from Central Texas missions to 4 since June.

A thief, or thieves, apparently pried open the doors to the mission church Monday night or Tuesday morning and stole the carved and painted wood statues of St. Joseph, St. Francis of Assisi and St. John of Capistrano, police reported.

"This is an atrocity and a sacrilege, not only against the church but against the priceless heritage of the whole community and the nation," Monsignor Larry Stuebben, vicar general of the Archdiocese of San Antonio, said.

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Bush to accept nomination tonight

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Texas Gov. George W. Bush, building on a political dynasty spanning three generations, claims the Republican presidential nomination Thursday night declaring that America needs a change of leadership to solve the tough problems that President Clinton and Al Gore failed to fix.

"We are all a little weary of the Clinton-Gore routine," running mate Dick Cheney told the confetti-filled GOP convention Wednesday night. "But the wheel has turned. And it is time, it is time for them to go."

"Send them home," delegates shouted back, taking off their hats and waving goodbye. Cheney's speech provided the partisan bite that had been missing in a convention programmed to present a softer, more moderate face.

Bush said he would deliver a closing speech that "speaks from my heart. I'm going to lift the spirit of the country."

Born to one of America's most prestigious political families, Bush begins his quest just eight years after his father was forced from the Oval Office. His grandfather was a U.S. senator from Connecticut. His brother is the governor of Florida.

In his own prime-time televised address, Bush will share his disappointment about what he believes is the Clinton-Gore administration's failure over eight years to improve schools, reform Social Security, overhaul taxes, beef up the military and attach some form of prescription drug benefit to Medicare.

"He will talk about the current administration's failure to get anything done," said spokeswoman Karen Hughes. "The tone will be regretful rather than critical."

Bush, 54, seeks to become the first presidential son to win the White House since John Quincy Adams in 1824. Bush enters the race ahead in the polls and leading a party more united than it's been in 16 years.

Gore's short list includes one woman

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Democrat Al Gore has narrowed his search for a running mate to five members of Congress and a female governor, The Associated Press has learned.

A Democratic source familiar with the vice president's thinking said late Wednesday night that the closely guarded list consists only of:

—Sen. Evan Bayh of Indiana.

—Sen. John Edwards of North Carolina.

—House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt of Missouri.

—Sen. John Kerry of Massachusetts.

—Sen. Joseph Lieberman of Connecticut.

—Governor Jeanne Shaheen of New Hampshire.

Gore, whose deliberations had remained confidential and the source of widespread speculation until now, views all but Gephardt as new-generation politicians who will contrast favorably with the GOP ticket of George W. Bush and Dick Cheney — the son of former President George Bush and the elder Bush's defense secretary — according to the source with access to internal analyses of the candidates.

In Gephardt's case, his home state of Missouri is a key battleground and his ties to labor would help Gore improve his standing with liberals. He also would help the vice president make his case on Social Security, prescription drugs and other populist issues, the source said.

The source, who spoke on condition of anonymity, did not handicap the prospects of any candidate, though Gephardt has publicly and privately told Gore he does not want the job. Gephardt allies say he has not submitted personal and financial background information to the campaign, a sign that he is not be considered as seriously as others.

Shaheen, who is in a tough reelection campaign, said Thursday, "I'm not interested." If Gore offered her the job, Shaheen said she would reject it. "How many times do I need to say that for you in order for you to get it?" she said when questioned.

Gore left open the remote possibility that he could consider a dark horse candidate who has not been publicly discussed, the source said.

This short list effectively eliminates a number of prominent Democrats, including former Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell, Sens. Bob Kerrey of Nebraska, Richard Durbin of Illinois, Bob Graham of Florida, Gov. Gray Davis of California and Energy Secretary Bill Richardson, the source said.

From the moment Cheney's selection became public, Gore's team labeled it a "retro pick," a throwback to "old guard Republican politics."

Hospital upgrades former President Ford's condition

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Former President Gerald Ford took a brief walk Thursday after being hospitalized a day earlier for what doctors said was one or possibly two small strokes. His condition was upgraded from serious to fair.

"The president has been up and had a brief, short walk this morning," Calvin McDowell, a member of Ford's staff, told reporters. "That is very encouraging."

Dr. Carole Thomas, director of the neurological intensive care and stroke program at Hahnemann University Hospital, said the former president's balance also was better Thursday.

Ford, 87, was admitted Wednesday morning to the hospital, where doctors defended their original diagnosis of a sinus infection when he made a brief visit there the night before.

"Word is he's doing better, and we're glad to hear that," said Republican National Committee Chairman Jim Nicholson, who visited the hospital Thursday but did see Ford because he was sleeping at the time.

Ford's chief of staff, Penny Circle, said his two sons, Mike and Jack, and his daughter Susan and her husband, Vaden Bales, were expected to arrive Thursday.

Ford is expected to remain hospitalized for five or six days and is being treated with drugs to prevent his blood from clotting.

He was taken from the Republican National Convention to the hospital shortly after midnight Tuesday and was given some antibiotics for what doctors diagnosed then as a sinus attack. He left the hospital after about half an hour.

Doctors said the former president had complained of soreness in his face, but asked only for pain reliever. He returned Wednesday morning with slurred speech and difficulties with balance.

"I can tell you that the care that he was given ... by the emergency room was appropriate," Dr. Steven Klasko, associate dean of clinical affairs at the hospital, said Wednesday.

Neurological exams confirmed he had suffered at least one mild stroke, doctors said.

Obituaries

Jane Ann McCarty

1964-2000

Funeral service for Jane Ann McCarty, 36, is set for 11 a.m. Saturday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Jim Mosley, retired Baptist minister, and the Rev. Kenneth Martin, pastor of the Ira First Baptist Church, will officiate.

Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Miss McCarty died Monday, July 31, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital after a sudden illness.

Born June 22, 1964 in Colorado City, she attended Snyder schools, WTC and is a graduate of St. Joseph's School of Vocational Nursing. She had worked closely with hospice and had been a nurse at the Heart of West Texas Home Care in Colorado City for seven years. An LVN, Miss McCarty also had worked at Cogdell Memorial Hospital and Big Spring State Hospital.

Survivors include her parents, Leland and Jane McCarty of Snyder; a brother and sister-in-law, Ricky Don and Sharon McCarty of Slaton; another brother, Steven L. McCarty of Texas City; a niece, Cristi McCarty of Slaton; and a nephew, Wesley McCarty, also of Slaton.

Lunch for the family will be at 1 p.m. at the Ira Baptist Church.

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Appeals court orders actor to be released from custody

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Actor Robert Downey Jr. was in seclusion in a "sober living environment" Thursday, his first full day of freedom after being released from prison where he served time for drug violations his lawyer said.

An appeals court ruled Wednesday he had served enough time to fulfill his three-year sentence, saying he should get more credit for time he had served in rehabilitation. He was released on $5,000 bail.

"He's en route to an undisclosed, secluded location," said Robert Waters, the actor's attorney. "He will be in a sober living environment, but not a specific program at this point. He'll be living as though he's on parole."

Waters planned a news conference Thursday to discuss his client's release. Downey, 34, was not scheduled to attend.

Downey was jailed after he admitted during a probation hearing that he was missing scheduled drug tests. In August 1999, Superior Court Judge Lawrence Mira sentenced him to three years in prison for violating his probation.

Under Mira's original sentence, which included some credit for time served, Downey would have been eligible for release Nov. 2. The appeals court said that the time served was not calculated correctly and he could go free immediately.

Downey was released at midafternoon from a drug treatment section of the prison at Corcoran, said Bob Martinez, a spokesman for the California Department of Corrections.

The son of film director Robert Downey earned an Oscar nomination for his work in the title role in "Chaplin," the 1992 screen biography of the comedian.

Cogdell Board to meet Friday

Cogdell Memorial Hospital board of managers will meet at 7:30 a.m. Friday to continue the search for a chief executive officer.

Two candidates – one from Lubbock and one from East Texas – were at the hospital Monday, touring the facility and meeting with department managers.

At least 15 applicants have submitted resumes to the board, and five have been interviewed.

Steve Holmes, an employee of Covenant, is serving as the interim administrator.

Boy riding bike hurt in accident

A 13-year-old Snyder youth was listed in good condition this morning at Cogdell Memorial Hospital after being struck by a car Wednesday night.

Mitchell Williams of 1906 29th Street was riding his bicycle in the 2600 block of Avenue R around 11:17 p.m. when the mishap occurred.

According to police reports, Williams was riding on the wrong side of the roadway and failed to yield at a stop sign.

He was struck by a 2000 Oldsmobile Alero driven by Jaclyn Hernandez, 21, of 3008 Ave. E.

Man issued citation for dumping trash

• ***Illegal dumping***

Deputies issued a citation to a man at 7:21 a.m. Wednesday for dumping trash near a bridge on County Road 2126.

• ***Probation violation***

A 16-year-old juvenile male was escorted to the police department at 12:58 a.m. today for probation violation and later released to his grandfather. Officers also escorted a juvenile female to the Law Enforcement Center to be released to her parents.

• ***Harassment***

A man spoke to officers at 2:10 p.m. in reference to being harassed by a family member.

At 6:35 p.m., a woman contacted the sheriff's office to report she was receiving harassing phone calls.

Hospital

Admissions: Demor Guerrero, Bobby Ratliff, Raymond House, Mitchell Williams.

Dismissals: Twylla Chavez, Debra Vaughan, Demor Guerrero.

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events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Bible Club

Northside Missionary Baptist Church is hosting a Bible Club for grades 1-6 from 1 to 3 p.m. though Friday. The church is located at 1909 16th St. For more information, call 573-7105.

Immunization schedule

There will be no immunizations given this week at the Scurry County Health Clinic.

Children's Crusade

Snyder First Church of the Nazarene, 2462 South Hwy 208, is holding a Children's Crusade from 6 to 8 p.m. daily through Friday. There will be games and refreshments. To ride the van, call 573-5601.

Hamburger supper

U.S. Rep. Charles Stenholm and State Rep. David Counts will host a community hamburger supper at 6:30 this evening in Room A of the Scurry County Coliseum.

Football booster club

The SHS football booster club will meet at 7 tonight in the student center. All parents and team boosters are urged to attend.

Queen candidate car wash

A car wash for Kira Diaz, queen candidate for Our Lady of Guadalupe, will begin at 8:30 a.m. Saturday at Long John Silver's. Prices are $5 for cars, $7 for trucks, and $10 for vans and SUVs.

Class of 1975 reunion

The SHS Class of 1975 will hold a reunion from 9 p.m. to midnight Saturday at Jack Greene's place. Friends and teachers are welcome. Tickets are $10. Call Lisa Williams at 573-2980 or Karen Wadleigh at 573-2461 for more information.

Crystal River concert

Crystal River will be in concert at 6 p.m. Sunday at Avenue D Baptist Church, 324 30th St. Everyone is invited.

Meet the teachers

Stanfield Elementary will host an open house and meet the teachers event from 3-4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 13. Refreshments will be served in the cafeteria. Students are also encouraged to bring their school supplies and find their desks. Stanfield's event falls on the first annual Texas Parents Day, as designated by the Legislature.

FBC worship service

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

School supply donations

Snyder ISD and the Scurry County Child Welfare Board are seeking donations for school supplies for needy children. For more information, call Mary Ann Juarez at 574-6012.

Social Security reps

Representatives of Social Security will be at the Senior Citizen Center Tuesday. Hours are from 10 a.m. until noon and from 1-2 p.m.

Locate SJHS homerooms

Snyder Junior High School students are invited to tour the building and locate homerooms between 5 and 6 p.m. next Thursday.

GED Exams

GED exams will be administered next Thursday and again on Friday, Aug. 25, at Western Texas College. For more information, call Emily Hataway at 574-2112, or Molly Kattes at 573-2919.

Medical Funds set up

Medical funds have been established at American State Bank and West Texas State Bank for Jamie Justiss to help defray medical expenses. He is the son of Matt and Barbara Arnett of Fluvanna and the grandson of Robert and Mary Langford of Snyder.

Discovery School registration

Registration is underway for Discovery School at First United Methodist Church. The school provides quality childcare in small groups for ages six month through pre-K, Monday through Friday. Parents choose the days. Register now from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. as classes start Aug. 14. Call 573-4770 for more information.

Kings Kids opens registration

Registration for Kings Kids at First Baptist Church will be Monday and next Thursday from 8:30-9:30 a.m., and 5-6 p.m. Registrants enter through the east door. The program is for children one to four-years-old, and pre-K. Call 573-5683 or 573-7401 or come by 1701 27th St. for more information.

Joy School pre-registration

Pre-registration for Joy School is now underway. Joy School will be accepting infants through pre-K five days a week. For more information, call 573-3554.

WTC success seminar

Success Seminars at Western Texas College will be held Aug. 16-17 for all new student and their parents. Students planning to attend either session must inform the Admissions Office and mail payment by Friday, Aug. 11. Call 573-8511, Ext. 230, for registration information.

Sonshine School registration

Pre-registration for Sonshine School at 37th Street Church of Christ is in progress. The classes begin Aug. 15 for ages two to five and will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays. For more information, call Lora Lord at 573-1700, or the church office at 573-0154.

Pick 3

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

3-3-5

Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — No ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said. The ticket was worth an estimated $6 million. The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 54 were: 9-13-19-27-30-38. Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $9 million.