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Ask Us

Q—Since the commissioners' court will not meet on July 3, does that mean the courthouse will be closed on that date?

A—No. The courthouse will be open on July 3 and closed on July 4.

Local

Lions Club

Snyder Lions Club will not meet at noon Tuesday but instead will have a ladies night that evening at 6:30 at Martha Ann Woman's Club.

Boosters

Snyder High School All-Sports Booster Club will meet at the Jerry House residence on the Clairemont Highway at 7 this evening to paint signs. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Videos

A video taped series, "Raising Faithful Kids in a Fast-Paced World," presented by Dr. Paul Faulkner, will air on Snyder Cablevision Channel 2 on Mondays through July 24. The first, "Seven Characteristics of Great Families," will air at 7 this evening.

Genealogy

A genealogy meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the county library. The theme of the program will be "For Your Information: A Give and Take." Visitors are welcome.

No clinic

Scurry County Health Unit will not hold immunization clinic on Tuesday.

WTC budget

Western Texas College board of trustees will meet at 5:30 p.m. today to work on the 1995-96 school budget.

Validation

Anyone wishing to show steers at the Scurry County Jr. Livestock Show in January must attend the steer validation at the Kinney Hart Ranch on Tuesday at 9 a.m.

For additional information contact the County Extension Office at 573-5423.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Saturday, 88 degrees; low, 63 degrees; high Sunday, 87 degrees; low, 64 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Monday, 67 degrees; no precipitation; total precipitation for 1995 to date, 10.41 inches.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers or thunderstorms. Low in the mid 60s. South wind 5-10 mph. Tuesday, partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers or thunderstorms. High in the lower 90s. South wind 10-15 mph.

Almanac: Sunset today, 8:52; sunrise Tuesday, 6:39. Of the 176 days in 1995, the sun has shone 163 days in Snyder.

At-will drug testing of student athletes OK'd

School athletes have 'reduced expectation of privacy,' court rules

WASHINGTON (AP) — Public school student athletes can be required to undergo drug testing even if they are not individually suspected of using drugs, the Supreme Court said today.

School athletes have a reduced expectation of privacy, the court ruled 6-3. The justices said an Oregon school district could bar a teen-ager from his school football team for refusing to take a drug test.

"Deterring drug use by our nation's schoolchildren is at least as important as enhancing efficient enforcement of the nation's laws against the importation of drugs," Justice Antonin Scalia wrote for the court. "School years are the time when the physical, psychological and addictive effects of drugs are most severe."

The invasion of student athletes' physical privacy would be "negligible," Scalia wrote, saying the conditions of undergoing drug tests "are nearly identical to those typically encountered in public restrooms."

Justice Sandra Day O'Connor wrote in dissent that today's ruling means that millions of student athletes, "an overwhelming majority of whom have given school officials no reason whatsoever to suspect they use drugs at school, are open to an intrusive bodily search."

The ruling threw out a federal appeals court decision that invalidated the Vernonia School District's drug-testing policy on the ground it violated students' right to privacy. The justices returned the case to state courts, which also ruled that the policy violated the Oregon constitution.

A decade ago, the Supreme Court ruled that public school students have some privacy rights, but that students can be searched without a court warrant if school officials reasonably suspect they have violated school rules.

Today's case, closely watched by educators nationwide, began when seventh-grader James Acton was barred from his junior high football team in 1991 for refusing to undergo a drug urinalysis.

The school board in Vernonia, a small logging town an hour's drive from Portland, had voted to require drug tests for students who played interscholastic sports.

AND THE WORK GOES ON - Snyder Independent School District maintenance employees work on a myriad of projects during the summer months including football scoreboards. Bob Neblett and Kevin Gentry (peering over the top of the scoreboard) work on the scoreboard that was used for many years at Tiger Stadium. It will now be used at Travis Field. (SDN Staff Photo)

County spared hot, dry weather

West Texas weather has always had a mind of its own, and Scurry County residents can point to 1995 as a clear — make that partly cloudy — example.

It's been unseasonably cool this year — the high in Snyder has been 99 on June 6 — with good moisture recently. Along with it have been stronger than usual winds, storms and enough threat of tornados to keep folks somewhat uneasy.

Still, Scurry Countians have to think back just 12 months to recall a totally different weather environment. Last June 26, Scurry County was in its second day of 100-plus temperature. It hit 110 on June 27 and a scorching 114 on June 28 — then cooled off the next day to 108 degrees.

The temperature stayed in the 100s straight through the July 4 Celebration at Towle Park. Local health officials were warning residents to wear loose-fitting, light clothing, to be outside only in the early morning or late evening, and avoid, if possible, any long exposure to the sun.

Finally, on July 6, the torrid hot spell broke — down to 98. Temperatures ranged from 95 to 102 for the most of the remainder of the month.

And it was dry. It's didn't rain at all in June, and less than a half-inch in July. August saw less than a quarter-inch. Stock tanks dried up. Crops dried up — those that got enough moisture to even mature. Rain didn't come until September, and then it was too late for cotton farmers.

Scurry County got just 12.21 inches of moisture for the entire year in 1994. It was the seventh-lowest annual rainfall recorded in the county dating back to 1912.

In contrast, along with the cooler weather, Snyder has received 10.41 inches of moisture so far this year. That's about norm for the area, which averages just over 20 inches annually.

There's a possible chance of rain this week, in fact.

Scurry County residents realize that it is just a matter of time before the mercury tops 100. For most citizens, though, the feeling is that Mother Nature can take her sweet time.

Scurry County Rainfall Totals

HIGH Precp	Year
44.02	1941
35.82	1932
33.66	1971
30.49	1990
30.21	1972
30.20	1986
30.09	1915
29.91	1991

LOW Precp	Year
8.15	1917
10.26	1951
10.36	1954
10.78	1934
11.40	1956
11.67	1989
12.21	1994
12.94	1964

Ten booked into county jail

Scurry County Jail was a busy place over the weekend as Snyder area law enforcement officers booked in 10 people.

A 30-year-old female was arrested at 12:48 p.m. Saturday at the sheriff's office on a county warrant for the issuance of a bad check.

Four people were arrested on alcohol-related charges at 11:07 p.m. Saturday in the 2500 block of Avenue M. Officers took a 20-year-old male into custody for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated and driving while license suspended. Also arrested at the time were two 20-year-old males and a 19-year-old male, all charged with public intoxication.

Two people were arrested at 12:39 a.m. Sunday in the 1500 block of 25th Street. A 19-year-old male was taken into custody on six outstanding warrants for city traffic violations and a 16-year-old male was arrested for public intoxication and possession of drug paraphernalia.

A 44-year-old female was arrested on a Taylor County warrant for theft by check and a Howard County warrant for issuance of a bad check at 1:32 a.m. Sunday in the 2400 block of Avenue G.

A 19-year-old male was arrested at 3:42 a.m. Sunday at the Plaza Truck Stop for public intoxication.

A 46-year-old male was taken into custody at 4:41 p.m. Sunday at Rip Griffin's for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

In other activity over the weekend, a report of a bicycle theft was made at 9:30 a.m. Sunday from 2912 Ave. U. An offense report for Class B theft was submitted.

A report of Class A criminal mischief was submitted at 1:47 p.m. Sunday in reference to a vehicle being scratched while parked at the Dairy Queen on College Avenue.

An offense report for deadly conduct was submitted at 2:30 p.m. Sunday from the 1000 block of 24th Street in reference to a complaint about a person shooting a dog and then pointing a gun at the dog's owner.

A report for a stolen boat was submitted at 6:56 p.m. in reference to a boat being stolen from a location near the Borden and Scurry County line.

On Sunday, the sheriff's office also received two reports of dangerous pot holes on Highway 84 just west of Allsup's in Hermleigh.

The police department received several calls about fireworks being discharged within the city limits on Sunday.

From own party...

Britain's Major faces test

LONDON (AP) — A controversial right-wing Cabinet minister challenged Prime Minister John Major for the leadership of the Conservative Party today, casting doubts on whether Major will survive the contest he called.

John Redwood, 44, is a standard bearer for right-wingers opposed to Major's policy of closer integration in the European Union. His challenge raised the possibility that other political heavyweights may jump into the party race, whose victor becomes prime minister.

Major forced a leadership vote last Thursday when he resigned as party leader and told his opponents within the party to "put up or shut up."

Thursday is the deadline for declaring for the July 4 party race. A second round is tentatively scheduled for July 11 if no one wins outright.

Speculation about Redwood's intentions grew over the weekend when he did not join other Cabinet members in pledging support for Major.

Redwood, nicknamed "the Vulcan" because of his intelligence and chilly manner, was named secretary of state for Wales in 1993. He resigned that Cabinet post hours before announcing his challenge to the prime minister.

"The big issues on Europe, taxation and the conduct of government will now be debated in public, rather than around the Cabinet table," Redwood told a news conference at the House of Commons today.

Aides said Major, who left for a two-day European Union summit in Cannes, France, was "disappointed" about Redwood.

Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd, who announced his intention to resign from the Cabinet last week, led the government's attack on Redwood.

"Are we going to go to the country on the basis of some right-wing and extremist agenda or are we going to go to the country on the solid center policies which the prime minister has worked out?" Hurd told BBC radio in an interview from Cannes, France.

Redwood's challenge opened the way for another prominent right-winger, Employment Secretary Michael Portillo, and Trade Secretary Michael Heseltine, on the left of the party, to enter the race now or on July 11, if Major doesn't win in the first round.

Redwood was head of former Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's policy unit from 1983 to 1985, was elected to the House of Commons in 1987 and became Welsh secretary six years later.

County handles line-item transfers

In a brief meeting this morning, Scurry County commissioners approved two line-item transfers.

The court approved moving $3,800 to maintenance agreements by transferring $2,400 in postage and $1,400 in supplies in the Scurry County Tax Office.

Commissioners also agreed to transfer $4,434 to a one-line entry in the budget to pay jurors regardless of which jury they serve on. Previously, the jurors were paid from separate accounts.

Precinct 3 Commissioner C.D. Gray Jr. presided in the absence of County Judge Ricky Fritz. Also attending were commissioners Roy Idom, Ralph Trevey and Jerry Gannaway.

Reports called 'sour grapes'...

Texas Rangers finally break weeks of silence

DALLAS (AP) — After weeks of silence, angry Texas Rangers have struck back, disputing civil rights complaints and denouncing news reports critical of their leadership.

They attacked charges of sexual harassment and discrimination by two female officers as largely "sour grapes," branded an anonymous letter a "cowardly act" and labeled news stories "unfair and disruptive."

The eight veteran Rangers denied last week that the elite crime-fighting force suffers leadership and morale problems. All defended Ranger chief Maurice Cook.

"Morale has been real good," said Lt. Robert Madiera of Houston. Referring bitterly to a series of news stories mostly by The Associated Press, he declared:

"This crap right here has caused morale to go down more significantly than anything in the recent past ... or even in the long term."

In a unique but impromptu session, Cook, his Dallas commander and seven "hostile" Ranger lieutenants met with an AP reporter to discuss criticism of the law enforcement agency.

Cook said he felt "coerced" to respond to the news stories and did so only after consulting with lawyers and others.

One bit of advice, he said pointedly, included this admonition:

"Remember, when that coyote is in the chicken pen, if he's not eating your chickens, he's still a coyote."

The officers lashed out at news accounts of human rights complaints by ex-Ranger Cheryl Steadman and DPS criminal investigator Lisa Sheppard and disputed charges by some retired Rangers that morale is deteriorating under Cook's leadership.

All the while, they vigorously defended the honor, integrity, behavior, traditions and dress code of the elite law enforcement unit that dates back to 1823.

"We don't want to be the one who ruins the reputation of the Rangers," said Lt. Richard Sweaney of Dallas.

"We're not perfect, but you don't read about the Rangers running off with a Russian spy in California or getting caught with a customs agent down in Florida selling dope. We're under a microscope every day. We just don't do those sort of things."

The Rangers condemned news articles detailing Ms. Steadman's allegations that Rangers were drinking, gambling and behaving crudely at an overnight company meeting last year in East Texas.

"The Rangers are being disparaged over something I think is absolutely wrong," said Capt. David Byrnes, who commands the headquarters company in suburban Dallas.

"It's just been taken and misrepresented by someone who is no longer here. It's a sour grapes thing ..."

Ms. Steadman, one of the history-making first women Rangers, left the 103-member force after the March 1994 episode and was reassigned to a DPS job in Houston.

An investigation by DPS internal affairs officers noted that several Rangers at the meeting were not drinking, no one was intoxicated and the gambling was limited to a small stakes poker game.

The report concluded that Ms. Steadman was not treated "inappropriately" and dismissed most of her complaints as "petty."

Lt. Charles Brume of Austin said in his entire career with the DPS and the Rangers, "I have yet to see my first Ranger that has been drunk at a company meeting."

He said no one gets "out of hand" and "never, never to the point of getting drunk."

Cook, the senior captain since 1992, confronted discrimination-related charges by Ms. Sheppard, a Corpus Christi investigator who spurned a Ranger commission in 1994.

She said she welcomed any vacancy in the Ranger force but complained that Cook instead created a "special slot" for her in San Antonio.

She said Cook insisted that female Rangers, unlike their male colleagues, must serve in one of six headquarters companies as opposed to often solo and less-supervised outposts around the state.

Cook said no such policy exists and asserted that a vacancy was looming at the time in the headquarters company in San Antonio.

"I have said I would like to see all new Rangers stationed at company headquarters for the first year," he explained. " But that's not practical ... We don't have that luxury."

He said he made 18 new assignments the weekend in question and among the openings was one in Lubbock, much farther from Ms. Sheppard's home in Corpus Christi than San Antonio.

"If I was being vindictive, if I had a vendetta against her, would I not send her to Lubbock if I wanted her in a company headquarters?" he declared.

Cook assailed an accusation by an anonymous author that he attempted to persuade interview board members to change their scores to deny Ms. Sheppard a Ranger commission.

A letter, sent to DPS Director James Wilson and commissioners who oversee Ranger activities, said when the two Rangers on the board refused, Cook told them in effect:

"You want that bitch so bad, I am going to send her to San Antonio and she can sit in your lap."

Cook called the anonymous letter a "cowardly act" and said: "I did not do that."

But he revealed that Director Wilson, "even though he and I both resent anonymous letters, investigated the purported incident and determined it to be untrue.

Cook said the DPS and the Rangers are "founded on integrity," adding, "Under no circumstances would the Department of Public Safety, or the Rangers, or Capt. Byrnes, or myself, or anybody else, tolerate the kind of conduct that's been described in the news articles dealing with the East Texas incident, the interview board incident, or whatever.

"That would not happen."

Neighborhood juvenile justice gains support despite charges

DALLAS (AP) — The case of four security guards accused in the whipping of a group of young burglary suspects has galvanized supporters who say the men stepped in to discipline the children where communities had failed.

The security guards and their local minister are accused of running four youths, whom they believed stole $300 and a cash register, through a gantlet of about 50 Nation of Islam members wielding bamboo canes and belts.

Supporters say the men were acting on the belief that everyone in the community should help raise the children. They were arrested and charged with aggravated kidnapping.

But opponents argue that such punishment teaches children that violence is a way to solve their problems, and it subverts the U.S. legal system.

"It's vigilantism," said Jimmy Dunne, president of People Opposed to Paddling Students Inc. "We need to stop it. They can't walk around acting like they're the law. They should be prosecuted."

Under a rewrite of the 1995 Legislature's juvenile justice laws, neighborhood residents will be given a similar role taken by the security guards — this time with the law on their side.

A pilot program being considered in Austin would send young lawbreakers before neighbors instead of a judge. It is part of the new juvenile justice bill, which allows for innovative, community-based punishments.

Juvenile offenders who commit misdemeanors and minor crimes such as truancy, vandalism or possession of alcohol could volunteer to face a group of three neighbors rather than a juvenile or municipal court judge.

They could face sanctions for their crimes, cleaning up or paying for property damage, doing community service work, even spending extra study time in the school library.

If an offender failed to comply with the sanctions, the case would be referred to the traditional court system.

Gary Fuchs, a Texas Youth Commission spokesman, said he expects the program to dramatically reduce the number of first-time offenders in the juvenile justice system.

"Our expectation is if a youth is arrested, something will happen at the community level so they don't get to us," he said.

But some child behavior experts question whether neighborhood groups will have the proper training for addressing juvenile crime.

Dr. David Waller, director of psychiatry at Children's Medical Center of Dallas, said judging young lawbreakers is more complicated than people think.

"You can't look simply at a behavior and say what the diagnosis is," he said. "If you bring a child to me who has committed an offense, I'd want to know why. What if it turns out that the problem is a part of bigger problem? Behaviors are symptoms.

"I'm always leery of people being put into this position. They all have good intentions, but they assume that this is all a matter of common sense. Nothing could be further from the truth."

Others wonder what differences exist between "innovative," community-based justice to be delivered by neighborhood groups and that which was delivered by the security guards and minister. They say the only difference may be the punishment.

"The Nation of Islam believes in disciplining children," said Robert Muhammad, Nation of Islam Southwest regional minister in Houston. "There's a difference between disciplining children and abusing them."

He added that he does not believe the Nation of Islam members exceeded the limits for discipline.

Meanwhile, calls have been pouring into radio talk shows in favor of the guards and supporters have been rallying behind the men.

Muhammad, who has asked for the police to drop charges against the men, said he hopes the arrests spur a national debate on the issue of juvenile crime.

"Everyone in our country knows that our country is suffering from moral decay and our children are out of control," he said. "The community is, I'm telling you, 98 percent behind us in this episode."

Muhammad charges that community members must retake control of America, adding that "we're in a society of perverse morals." And he said teaching right from wrong is a part of that movement.

Not everyone agrees.

"We've said since the beginning that we understand what they were trying to accomplish," said Dallas Police Department spokesman Ed Spencer. "They were trying to take responsibility for correcting wrongdoing.

"While we try to understand that, we get into a situation in law enforcement where we've got to evaluate the degree of punishment that was meted out."

In this case, Spencer said, the men allegedly went beyond what the law allows, holding the boys against their will for several hours, which legally means kidnapping, and physically assaulting them.

Texas' Phil Gramm takes credit for Foster defeat

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Phil Gramm took credit Sunday for killing the surgeon general nomination of Dr. Henry Foster, and said his rival for the Republican presidential nomination, Sen. Bob Dole, would have caved in and cut a deal.

Gramm, R-Texas, told NBC's "Meet the Press" that if he had not threatened to filibuster the nomination on the Senate floor, "Dr. Foster would be at a tailor this afternoon being fitted for his surgeon general uniform."

He added: "I don't think there is any doubt about the fact that Bob Dole would have cut a deal on Dr. Foster."

Foster's bid to be surgeon general failed after his supporters in the Senate twice failed to come up with the 60 votes needed to cut off the filibuster threatened by Gramm and others and bring the nomination to a final vote. On both votes, 57 senators were in favor of ending the debate.

Dole, R-Kan., the Senate majority leader, also opposed Foster, whose nomination ran into trouble after it was learned that the obstetrician-gynecologist had performed more abortions in the past than the White House had at first said.

But in the end, Dole agreed to bring the Foster nomination to the floor under the condition that supporters would have two attempts to come up with the 60 votes needed to stop debate.

Sen. Trent Lott of Mississippi, the second-ranking Republican in the Senate behind Dole, said Dole made no attempt to cut a deal that would have led to Foster's confirmation. "I have found Bob Dole to be very steady, very committed, he never wavered on the Foster nomination from the beginning," Lott told NBC.

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Pick 3

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

9-7-5

(nine, seven, five)

Scurry County

Spaulding Energy Inc. has completed the No. 5 Fuller in the Corazon field, two miles northwest of Fullerville. The well was finaled to produce 39 barrels of 35.2 gravity oil and 122 barrels of water. Perforations were from 1,068-176 feet, and location is in Section 88, Block 5, H&GN survey.

Borden County

Patterson Petroleum Inc. has completed the No. 1 Baby Huey in the Good northeast field, 15 miles southwest of Gail. The venture was finaled to produce 220 barrels of 42 gravity oil and 650 barrels of water. Perforations were from 8,094-098 feet, and location is in Section 29, Block 32, T4N, T&P survey.

Kent County

MYD Inc. will drill the No. 1 Swenson in the SMS field, 10 miles northwest of Clairemont. The re-entry project is planned for a depth of 7,000 feet, and location is in Section 22, Block 1, H&GN survey.

Garza County

Texon Oil Co. Inc. will drill the No. 4 Bridge in the Huntley field, five miles northwest of Post. Planned for a depth of 4,100 feet, drill site is in Section 1,206, H&OB survey.

United Oil and Mineral Inc. will drill the No. 1 Justice in the Dorward field, six miles southeast of Justiceburg. Contracted for 2,600 feet, drill site is in Section 3, Block 6, H&GN survey.

Howard County

Cobra Oil and Gas Corp. will drill the No. 1-2 Johnson in the Tomahawk field, three miles northwest of Knott. Planned for a depth of 11,000 feet, drill site is in Section 2, Block 34, T2N, T&P survey.

Duncan Drilling Co. will drill the No. 1-6H Dorland in the Dorland field, five miles southeast of Coahoma. The re-entry is planned for a depth of 5,668 feet, and location is in Section 30, Block 30, T&P survey.

Santa Fe Energy Resources Inc. will drill the No. 1 Powell Ranch, an 8,000-foot wildcat located six miles south of Coahoma. Location is in Section 26, Block 31, T&P survey.

Fisher County

Oryx Energy will drill the No. 905 Claytonville unit in the Claytonville field, 14 miles north of Roscoe. Planned for a depth of 6,500 feet, drill site is in Section 209, Block 3, H&TC survey.

Oryx will drill the No. 1602 Claytonville unit in the same field, 14 miles north of Roscoe. Also contracted for 6,500 feet, location is in Section 209, Block 3, H&TC survey.

Conoco Inc. will drill the No. 7 T.S. Ferguson, a 6,500-foot re-entry wildcat located seven miles west of Hamlin. Location is in Section 213, Block 1, BBB&C survey.

Nolan County

Four C Oil and Gas Corp. will drill the No. 2 Killgore, a 3,900-foot wildcat located two miles south of Maryneal. Location is in Section 140, Block 1-A, H&TC survey.

French M. Robertson Oil Co. will plug and abandon the No. 1-R Ross, a wildcat drilled to a depth of 5,244 feet. Location was two miles northeast of Herndon.

R.L. Adkins Corp. will drill the No. 1-119 Dickson, a 7,500-foot wildcat located nine miles northwest of Maryneal. Location is in Section 119, Block X, T&P survey.

Dr. Gott by Peter Gott, M.D.

Anemia linked to genetic deficiency

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My mother, her mother and aunt were all diagnosed with pernicious anemia. Now my doctor says my B12 level is very low and I'll have to have injections once a month for life. She also says there's a test I can take to determine whether or not I have pernicious anemia. Should I take the test or just have the shots? Please tell me something about this condition and its prognosis.

DEAR READER: Some people are born with an inherited deficiency of "intrinsic factor," a protein that allows absorption of vitamin B12 from the diet. In the absence of adequate B12, pernicious anemia will develop. The disorder is marked by anemia, tingling of the extremities, mental changes (including confusion and dementia), and ill health.

You appear to be the recipient of a serious genetic deficiency. Without B12, you will become sick.

Fortunately, the antidote is both safe and inexpensive: monthly B12 injections. When given in this manner, B12 enters your body and can be used, without intrinsic factor even being a factor. Thus, with the shots, you'll never develop pernicious anemia.

Although all doctors like to make an open-and-shut, air-tight diagnosis, I don't believe that you will suffer by not having the definitive examination, called a Schilling test, which is expensive.

If your doctor is willing to treat you on the basis of your family history and low B12 level, go for it. With this therapy, your prognosis is excellent.

To give you more information, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Fads I: Vitamins and Minerals." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2433, New York, NY 10163. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I suffer from Paget's disease. Is there any treatment or a possible cure?

DEAR READER: Paget's disease causes areas of rapid bone turnover: islands of bone that degenerate and regenerate too quickly to permit adequate calcification. The end result is weak and brittle bone that fractures easily.

If the areas of Paget's disease are in the skull, such fractures don't occur; but if the diseased areas form in weight-bearing bones, fractures are common. The diagnosis is made by blood tests, X-rays and, in some instances, biopsy.

There are several drugs to treat Paget's disease, chiefly calcitonin and etidronate. When given in proper doses, these prescription medications retard the rate of bone turnover and allow calcification to take place.

Patients with Paget's disease should, in my opinion, be under the care of endocrinologists or orthopedic surgeons.

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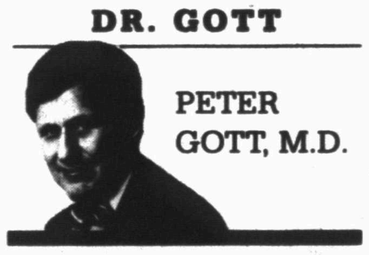

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Clinton considers rejecting base closure list

WASHINGTON (AP) — Faced with a base closure decision that hits California hard, President Clinton is looking seriously at rejecting the closure list, something no president has done in three previous rounds.

The statements from the administration in the days since the base closure commission completed its work have focused on military readiness, cost savings, and the cumulative economic impact on California of previous base closure rounds.

But there is a more basic reason underlying the administration concern: political experts generally consider winning California essential to Clinton's re-election chances. Hitting the state with base closing decisions that claim 18,000 jobs would hardly be the way to kick off the campaign.

Vice President Al Gore said administration officials were "concerned" about the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission's decisions, but that it was too early to draw conclusions.

"We have to wait until the process has completed this stage and look at the entire plan in order to evaluate every aspect of it," Gore said.

The Pentagon issued a statement Saturday expressing dismay that the panel overturned so many military recommendations.

"We are concerned that, compared to past reviews, the commission has made an unusually large number of additions to the closures and realignments recommended by the military services," the statement said. It added that the Pentagon would review "the cumulative economic impact of this and previous base closure actions" on states and communities.

Two of the significant recommendations — closing Oakland Army Base and McClellan Air Force Base in Sacramento, Calif. — were not part of the original White House proposal. Already California's two Democratic senators and Gov. Pete Wilson, a Republican presidential contender, are demanding that Clinton reject the list.

But Sen. Phil Gramm of Texas, another GOP presidential hopeful, said Sunday that he would be "shocked if, for political reasons going into this election," Clinton vetoed the list.

"I think it is irresponsible to not go forward with the process, and I don't have any doubt in my mind the president's going to go forward with it. I just don't think he has any choice," Gramm said on NBC's "Meet the Press."

Clinton will get the commission's list by July 1. He has until July 15 to make a decision. He can accept the list in its entirety and send it to Congress where it must be accepted or rejected without change. In the three prior closure rounds in 1988, 1991 and 1993, the list submitted by the commission has survived presidential and congressional review intact. And the White House is under pressure to save the military money.

If Clinton decides to reject the list, he can send it back to the commission for revision.

"I certainly do expect him to accept the list," said Alan Dixon, the commission's chairman and a former Illinois senator. "But I don't expect everything we have done here will necessarily delight people that talk to him."

Dixon, a Democrat, said the commission was not trying to embarrass the president but merely to unload unneeded bases.

"As luck would have it, several were in California," Dixon said.

In two days of deliberations ending Friday night, the eight-member commission recommended closing completely or nearly completely 90 bases; keeping open 43 that were on the review list; and realigning 33 others.

Near the end of its deliberations, the commission voted to close the Fleet Industrial Supply Center in Oakland, Calif. That came on top of earlier votes recommending major shutdowns at the Oakland Army Base, the Long Beach Naval Shipyard and McClellan Air Force Base.

Combined, those would translate into 18,000 lost jobs in California, a state already hit hard by defense cuts.

California accounted for 88,000 of the 150,000 jobs lost nationwide due to base closings in the past seven years, said Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif.

At Long Beach, the sprawling shipyard whose towering cranes and thousands of workers have serviced Navy ships since World War II, the mood was bleak.

"With the Southern California unemployment rate exceeding the national level, the only option is for the president to look at the list, and for the president to give it back and say 'People, do your homework,'" said Louis F. Rodriguez, president of one of the shipyard's union locals.

Texas congressman switches to GOP

VICTORIA (AP) — Texas Congressman Greg Laughlin says that aside from party affiliation, constituents won't notice any difference when he switches to the Republican Party.

Laughlin was set to announce his departure from the Democratic Party in Victoria today. In Sunday editions of The Victoria Advocate, he confirmed the move that had been rumored for well over a week.

"Everywhere I go, people keep telling me, 'You're the only Democrat I'd vote for because you're a conservative,'" Laughlin told the newspaper. "And this has happened over and over again over the past four years, all over the district. After a while, you begin to listen."

"I'm switching," the four-term congressman said.

Neither Laughlin nor his chief of staff, Bob Grasso, returned telephone calls from The Associated Press on Sunday.

Laughlin, a 53-year-old conservative, has fought an uphill battle in Washington since Republicans gained a majority in last November's election. He has frequently bucked the Democratic leadership on budget and economic issues.

He was among four Democrats who resigned earlier this month from the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, which raises funds for Democratic candidates. The four said the campaign committee was intolerant of differing views.

Now Laughlin will join the other side, but he says voters in his huge rural south Texas district shouldn't notice any substantial difference.

Burger left mark on nation, court

WASHINGTON (AP) — Warren E. Burger, the retired Supreme Court chief justice who wrote the opinion that forced President Nixon to release the Watergate tapes, was a conservative jurist who also won praise from liberals.

The nation's 15th chief justice, Burger served from 1969 to 1986, the longest tenure this century. He died on Sunday at age 87.

"Justice Burger was a strong, powerful, visionary chief justice who opened the doors of opportunity," President Clinton said in a statement issued in Little Rock, Ark. "As chief justice, he was concerned with the administration of the court, serving with enthusiasm and always making sure it was above reproach."

"His expansive view of the Constitution and his tireless service will leave a lasting imprint on the court and our nation."

Burger died at Sibley Memorial Hospital of congestive heart failure, said Toni House, spokeswoman for the court.

A champion of judicial reform, Burger retired in 1986 and devoted full attention to his duties as the unpaid chairman of the Commission on the Bicentennial of the United States Constitution.

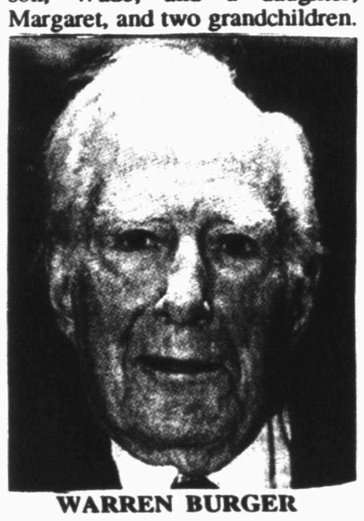
In that post, he led the national celebrations of the Constitution's 200th anniversary in 1987 and the Bill of Rights' 200th anniversary in 1989.

Burger had performed no judicial duties since 1986. In recent years, he suffered from recurring pulmonary problems. He was hospitalized several times with pneumonia.

On the bench, Burger was a politically conservative judge who rarely showed sympathy for criminal defendants or their asserted rights.

But he also wrote numerous opinions praised by liberals. Burger spoke for the court in decisions that inaugurated busing as a tool for the racial desegregation of public schools, expanded public access to the nation's courts and enhanced women's protections against sexual discrimination.

Burger's wife of 61 years, Elvera, died last year. They had a son, Wade, and a daughter, Margaret, and two grandchildren.



WARREN BURGER

Dear Abby

Newlyweds' Right to Privacy Is Ignored by Pesky In-Laws

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: I am 25 years old and have been married for a year, and I desperately need you to elaborate on the advice you gave that 68-year-old widow signed "Too Much Attention, Portland, Maine." She was irritated by unannounced visitors — family members who pop in without calling first.

You advised her, "When you desire privacy for any reason, pull down your shades, lock the doors and don't answer your doorbell." My question is: When you lock your door, pull down your shades, and your in-laws ring your doorbell every few minutes for an hour, then what? (Believe it or not, this has happened to us.)

My husband and I have such different work schedules that time together is scarce and very precious. His parents call frequently, but never before they pop in. He has asked them to please call before dropping in to no avail, and he's too gentle-hearted to keep pressing the issue. When we want time together alone, we feel we must leave town, which can be costly.

Abby, please help a Southerner in distress.

NEEDING PRIVACY

DEAR NEEDING: You need more than privacy; you need the courage to do what is necessary to get the privacy all newlyweds need – and deserve.

Read my lips: Tell your in-laws that unless it's an emergency, please don't persist in ringing the doorbell because you could be napping or whatever. If they are so insensitive and/or stubborn that they ignore your request, let them ring, let them ring, let them ring!

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DEAR ABBY: I am tired of all the bad press rottweilers are subjected to by our media. A few years ago, pit bulls were being raked over the coals by the media; before that, it was Doberman pinschers; before that, German shepherds. The list goes on and on. Rarely do you hear about the heroic deeds of those intelligent dogs.

My 67-year-old widowed mother would be lost without her rottweiler.

Abby, please don't condemn an entire breed of dogs because two dogs were not properly trained.

Our beloved rottweilers were named Ellie Mae, Mollie Mae, Abbie Mae, Dukem Jeddadiah, George and Grace.

DIANE LOUISE THOMSEN,
ELGIN, ILL.

DEAR DIANE: Yours is one of many letters I have received in defense of rottweilers. Read on for another letter praising them:

DEAR ABBY: I read your column about rottweilers. I have a 6-year-old rottweiler named Ella. Ella is a loving, 110-pound critter who will kiss on command and will high-five anyone who asks!

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Most people fall in love with her gentle, show-stealing qualities. I raised her to be a gentle companion, and she is quite simply the best dog I have ever had!

Anyone can make an animal (or person) mean. It is humans who do this, so please don't judge this wonderful breed by the few who make headlines.

SHEILA MARY HOFFMAN,
ELLIJAY, GA.

DEAR SHEILA MARY: I'm trying to be fair and nonjudgmental, but my mail concerning rottweilers is running about 50-to-1 against the rottweilers. Sorry.

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder

NORTH 6-26-95
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♥ 7 3
♦ K 6
♣ A Q 10 8 5 2

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♦ Q J 10 7
♣ 6 3

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SOUTH
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Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: West

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Opening lead: ♠ A

Bridging in Jordan

By Phillip Alder

In the odd-numbered years, the bridge world is divided into seven zones. Each holds its own championships to select its representatives for the world championships, the Bermuda Bowl (open to all) and Venice Cup (for women only).

Toward the end of April, I traveled to Amman, Jordan, for the Zone 4 Championships: those of the Bridge Federation of Africa, Asia and the Middle East. The tournament was extremely well organized by the Jordan Bridge Association.

Both the Open and Women's Team titles were successfully defended by South Africa. The runners-up were Egypt and India, respectively. They will go to Beijing, China, in October for the world championships.

Today's deal produced the best defense of the tournament.

Sitting West was Tim Cope, an Englishman who has lived in South Africa for many years. His double of the four-heart overcall showed high-card values, not trump tricks.

Cope led the spade ace (ace from ace-king): two, five, eight. He cashed the spade king: 10, six, nine. Now came a switch to the diamond queen. With the actual layout, the declarer should have covered with dummy's king, but he played low. This allowed Cope to switch to the heart two. When dummy's three was played, East, Henry Mansell, did brilliantly, playing his heart *six*.

This play locked declarer in his hand, away from the club ace. South tried a diamond to dummy's king, but East won with the ace and returned the heart king. Now South had to lose two spades and four diamonds for three down: 800 to South Africa.

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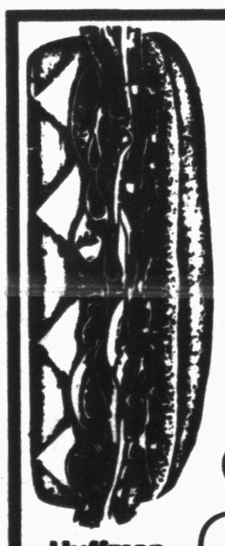

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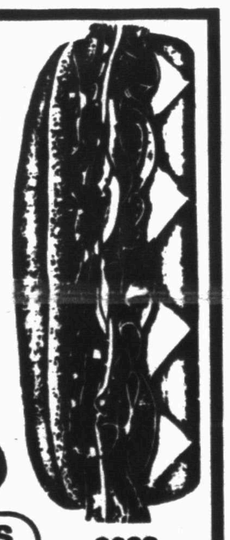

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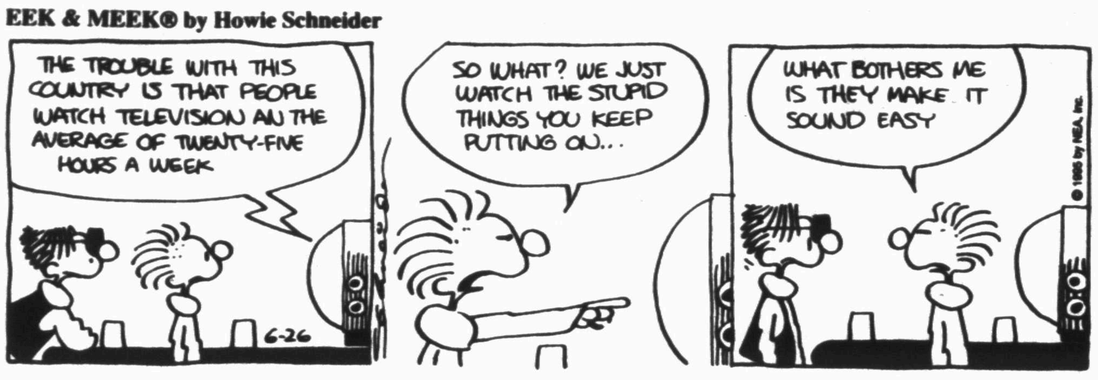

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7 Make fizzy
13 Befuddled (3 wds.)
14 1990 movie
15 Japanese emperor
16 Hold back
17 Fem. holy one
18 Gis' club
20 Ave. crossers
21 Inactive state
25 Combined continent
28 Breadmaker's need
32 Omits
33 An Osmond
34 Meaning
35 Cruel person
36 Glacial ridge
37 Sown
39 Ambles
41 Self-esteem
44 GI's address
45 View
48 Graduates
51 Screamer
54 Plays anew
55 Depletes
56 Tenant
57 Driest

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1 Goals
2 Mil. div.
3 Gardener's tool
4 One — — kind
5 Singer Stewart
6 Rodent
7 TV producer — Spelling
8 Actress Arden
9 Rodent
10 Woe is me!
11 Wrongful act
12 Finishes
19 Ocean
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22 Declare
23 Instrument
24 Craves
25 Existence
26 Luau instruments
27 Skating place
29 In — — (routinized)
30 Location
31 — off (mad)
37 Burst
38 — of London
40 Uplift
41 Nobleman
42 Exuberance
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46 Wishes
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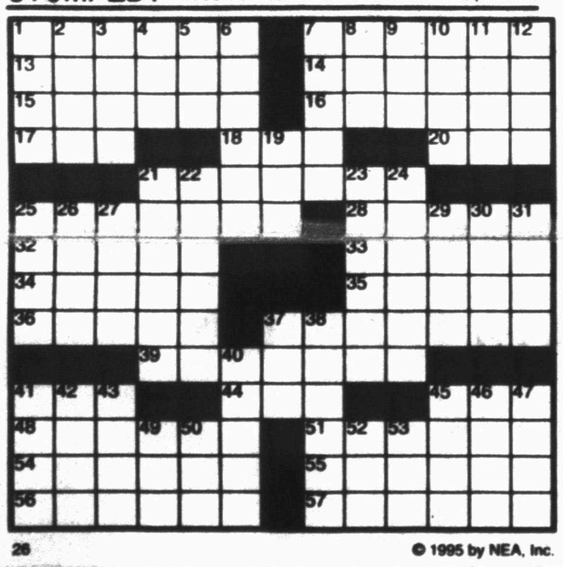

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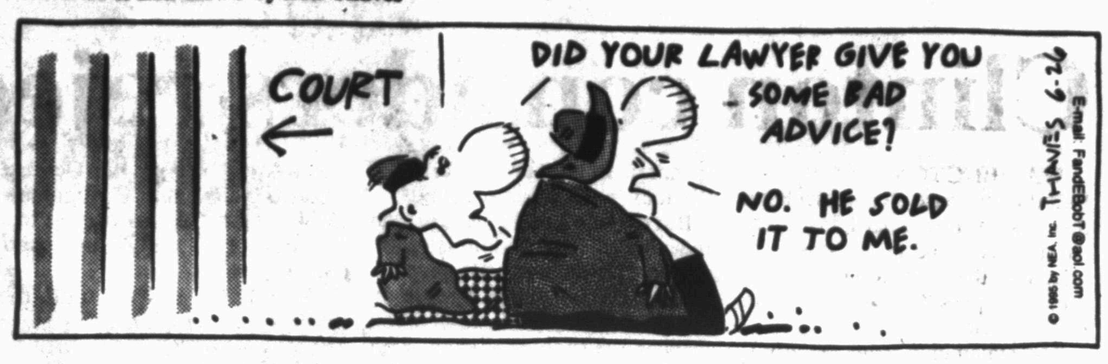

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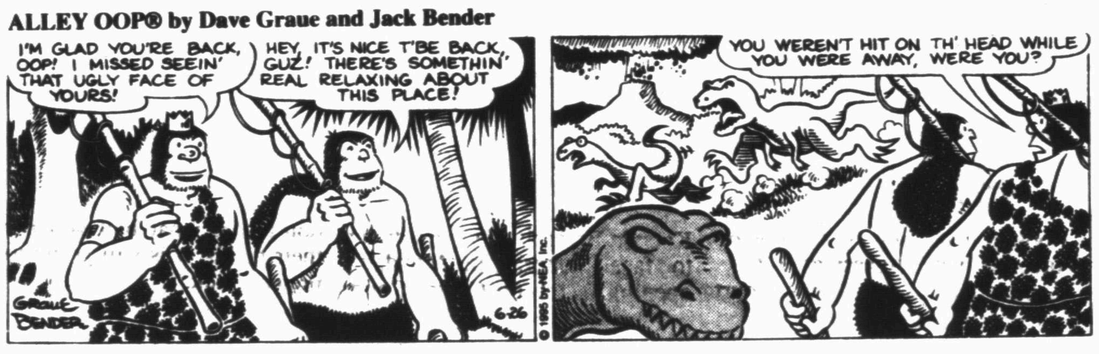

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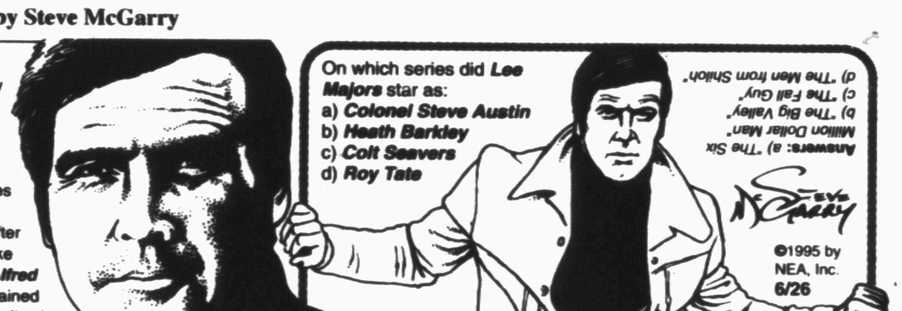

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Sports

Astros win big over Cubs, 19-6

HOUSTON (AP) — Jeff Bagwell set the tone as he continued to climb out of an early season slump. The rest of the Houston Astros joined him in a record-breaking rout of the Chicago Cubs.

Bagwell was 2-for-4, scored three runs and drove in five more Sunday to lead the Astros to a 19-6 victory over the Cubs.

The 19 runs were a club record and the 19 hits a season high as Houston climbed back ahead of the Cubs into second place in the NL Central.

Bagwell's big hit was a three-run homer in the seventh, his ninth of the year.

"I think we scored more today than in all of our previous home games combined," Bagwell said. "Hopefully, this will be the thing that gets us going.

"When you look around this clubhouse, with the guys we have we should be able to put some numbers up."

Bagwell's average had hovered around the .150 mark much of the first month of the season. He has now hit safely in 20 of the last 23 games and raised his average 69 points to .252. What's the difference now?

"I'm feeling good, very comfortable at the plate," said Bagwell, who hit .368 in winning last year's NL Most Valuable Player award. "I'm hitting the ball a lot better than I was a month ago. I don't think I'm quite up to where I was last year, but I'm happy I'm showing some progress.

"I think the difference is just the at-bats. I don't want to say it was all because of that. But what you have to remember is we had a very short spring training and a long off-season and I really didn't have that many at-bats until lately.

"Again, I'm not saying that was the only reason, but I think it had something to do with it."

Astros manager Terry Collins believes another factor was even more significant in Bagwell's slump.

"He'll never say it, but I will," Collins said. "I think deep down he was pressing to try to continue everything he was doing last year. But he has forgotten that now.

"What you saw this homestand so far, that's the Jeff Bagwell we saw last year. He's hitting what the opponent gives him now. He's going the opposite way, hitting the ball where it's pitched. He wasn't doing that earlier in the season."

Opponents are noticing.

"You knew it was going to happen sooner or later," Cubs manager Jim Riggleman said. "You knew he'd get it together and he's getting closer all the time to the way he was last year."

The Astros got significant offensive contributions from several others.

Brian Hunter tied a club record for runs scored (4, held by many players) as he went 3-for-5, Derek Bell went 3-for-6 with three RBIs and John Cangelosi hit his second home run of the season as the Astros improved their dismal home record to 9-17.

They did most of the damage in the eighth inning, scoring what turned out to be nine earned runs off Cubs reliever Bryan Hickerson.

It looked like Riggleman left Hickerson out to dry, but it turned out the Cubs manager had misunderstood a ruling by the official scorer, Rick Blount.

Blount ruled a sharp grounder to third that was mishandled by third baseman Todd Zeile a hit. A throwing error by Cubs center fielder Scott Bullett one batter earlier had not been noticed by Riggleman.

"I thought they charged us with two errors in that stretch," Riggleman said. "I apologized to Bryan because I totally misread the situation.

"I thought Hunter's hit was an error. All those runs would not have been earned if it had been. If I had understood it was a hit, I would not have left Bryan out there to be knocked around. I wouldn't have let him hurt his statistics that way. Bryan's ERA will never recover from nine earned runs."

And how. Hickerson's ERA catapulted from 3.26 to 7.08. Riggleman talked with Blount by phone from the clubhouse to the press box after the game, hoping to get a reversal of the call to no avail. Many observers thought Zeile's play was clearly an error, including the third baseman.

"Sure I thought it was," Zeile said. "I didn't even check the scoreboard because I just thought they had ruled it an error."

Athletics soar to a 6-2 win over Rangers

ARLINGTON (AP) — Kevin Gross made a mistake with the first batter he faced. He walked Rickey Henderson.

Henderson later scored on Mark McGwire's single and the Oakland Athletics were on their way to a 6-2 victory over Texas on Sunday night, snapping the Rangers' seven-game home winning streak.

"When you walk Rickey Henderson to start a game, it's usually going to cost you," Gross said.

Henderson reached base four times with a double, single and two walks. He scored two runs to give him 1,680, breaking a tie with Bid McPhee for 21st place on the career list.

"Rickey had one of those days that made him famous," A's manager Tony La Russa said.

Henderson's offensive production backed starter Steve Ontiveros, who is rapidly joining the ranks of the American League's better pitchers.

Ontiveros improved to 8-2, winning for the seventh time in his last eight decisions to join Randy Johnson and Kenny Rogers in a second-place tie for AL victories behind Kevin Appier.

"I put him up there with Appier, Rogers and any other pitcher, I don't care who," La Russa said. "You give him a lead and he just shuts them down. That's really good stuff."

Ontiveros shut down the Rangers on seven hits over seven innings, striking out six with one walk as Oakland beat Texas for only the second time in seven meetings this season. Texas had won the first two games of the four-game series, which concludes tonight.

"What they've done to us the last two nights, we did to them tonight," La Russa said. "We got big outs on their hitters with runners on base and our hitters got two-out hits with runners on base."

Ontiveros may have handled the Rangers' powerful lineup, but he remains wary of hitters like Juan Gonzalez and Will Clark.

"Their lineup just battles," Ontiveros said. "If you don't battle with them, you're going to go down. The ball can just jump out of this park so you have to execute all of your pitches. We lost the first two games of the series but we didn't lay down to those guys."

Ontiveros, who lowered his ERA to 2.59, had allowed just two runs in his last 21 innings. He blanked the Rangers over the first five innings until they got a run in the sixth on consecutive doubles by Clark and Gonzalez, narrowing Oakland's lead to 4-1.

SHS Physicals

Snyder High School athletic department will be holding physicals for those playing sports during the 1995-96 school year.

Anyone needing a physical should contact one of these physicians and set up an appointment before Aug. 8: Dr. Burleson: 573-4926, Dr. Cooper: 573-1111, Dr. Pierce: 573-5412, Dr. Thompson: 573-3591, or Dr. Nussey: 573-1763.

The school will pay for the physicals through Aug. 8 only. Physicals are required for all incoming 7th graders, all incoming 9th graders, all new students to Snyder ISD, any student that answered 'yes' on questions 1, 4, 5, 6 or 7 on his or her medical history form, and any student who has not participated in Snyder athletics before.

To avoid any problems schedule your appointment as early as possible. Also, make sure all forms are completed prior to your physical appointment. A parent's signature must be on the forms or the doctor cannot proceed with the physical.

Incoming 7th and 9th graders can pick up forms in doctor's office. Anyone who does not need a physical is asked to please turn in all completed forms to a coach, the athletic director's office, or to Steve Krueger, trainer. For further information, contact the SHS athletic office at 573-8528.

Sampras ready for Wimbledon

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — After a miserable season on clay, Pete Sampras is back where he belongs: on grass at Wimbledon.

Fully recovered from his first-round loss at the French Open, Sampras is aiming to become the first man since Bjorn Borg — and the very first American — to win Wimbledon three years in a row.

He is seeded second behind top-ranked Andre Agassi, but virtually everyone picks Sampras as the man to beat again. The British bookies make him 10-11 odds-on favorite, with Agassi at 9-2.

"I love the grass-court surface," Sampras said. "It has been really good to me. I just tell myself this is new stuff, and there's a lot of tennis yet to be played. Thank God there is no more clay-court tennis for the rest of the year."

Sampras stumbled to a 3-5 record on clay this spring, culminating with his humiliating first-round loss to Gilbert Schaller at the French Open three weeks ago.

After going home and not touching a racket for several days, Sampras came to London and re-established his grass-court dominance by winning both the singles and doubles titles at the pre-Wimbledon Queen's Club tournament.

"I got a whole new start at the Queen's Club," said Sampras, who has won 14 straight matches — and 23 out of 24 — on grass. "I really needed it because I was a little bit down on myself about the clay-court season. I feel good. I feel ready. I am healthy. I am ready to go."

Sampras is ready to emulate Borg, who won five straight Wimbledon titles from 1976-1980. Only five other men in history have won three straight: William Renshaw, Reggie Doherty, H. Laurie Doherty, Anthony Wilding and Fred Perry.

"Winning three would be sweet," Sampras said. "But it is something I am not really thinking about. I just kind of let my racket do the talking. There is pressure, but it is not like I can't sleep at night."

Someone who probably experienced trouble sleeping was Karsten Braasch, who was drawn to face Sampras in Monday's opening match on Centre Court.

A left-hander ranked 119the in the world, Braasch is best known for his goggles, herky-jerky service motion and bad luck in draws — he was Agassi's first-round victim at the French Open.

"Seems like a pretty good opening round match," Sampras said. "He is a pretty crafty player. I think he is probably more comfortable on the slower court, but I am sure he is going to be ready to play and looking forward to it."

Other men scheduled to play Monday were fourth-seeded Goran Ivanisevic, facing Sebastian Lareau of Canada; and No. 5 Michael Chang, playing Lionel Roux of France.

In women's play, No. 6 Kimiko Date was paired against Sabine Appelmans and No. 8 Gabriela Sabatini was up against Lea Ghirardi of France.

Sampras can be overwhelming on grass with his attacking serve-and-volley game, excellent serve return and shotmaking ability from the baseline.

He beat Jim Courier and Goran Ivanisevic in the last two Wimbledon finals. Both were slam-bang affairs dominated by big serves, leading to widespread criticism in the British media that Sampras and grass-court tennis were boring.

Wimbledon is using heavier and softer balls this year in an attempt to slow the game down. But Sampras is not convinced the balls will make much difference.

"Grass is a fast surface with guys that are 6-foot-2, 6-foot-3 serving big bombs," he said. "I don't care what ball you put in their hands, it is still going to be pretty quick."

Steffi Graf, 25-0 this year, is the heavy favorite among the women. She had treatment for a wrist injury in Germany last week but is expected to be at full strength Tuesday when she opens her bid for a sixth title by facing 14-year-old Swiss sensation Martina Hingis.

Graf will also be teaming with nine-time champion Martina Navratilova in doubles.

"It will be nice to say 'yours' because I know she'll get there," Navratilova said.

Norman captures Hartford

CROMWELL, Conn. (AP) — Even with another runner-up finish in a major tournament, June has been very, very good for Greg Norman.

The Australian native, who has made a career of second-place finishes, captured his second tournament in the last four weeks, this time the Greater Hartford Open.

"Golf's a wonderful game," said Norman, who picked up a $216,000 paycheck for his latest victory, raising his winnings for June alone to $781,780. "You never know what's around the corner."

A runner-up at the U.S. Open a week ago, Norman watched his three-stroke lead slowly disappear to Fuzzy Zoeller in Sunday's final round before hitting an eagle on the 15th hole, holing out from the greenside rough.

"When it landed, I knew. That was a special moment," said Norman, who eventually closed with a a 1-over-par 71 at the GHO for a two-stroke victory.

"When I holed that shot, it really turned things around right there. It was a perfect chip, and I played the last three holes the way I wanted to," he said. "Sometimes you win pretty and sometimes you win ugly."

Norman has finished second in seven majors and last year's GHO. He didn't do it this time, finishing with a total of 13-under 267 and setting a course record by a stroke.

He now has earned more than $1 million for the year.

Norman started the lucrative string by winning the Memorial ($306,000), finishing fourth in the Kemper Open ($52,780) and taking second at the U.S. Open ($207,000). The impressive streak came after Norman took six weeks off to recover from a back injury he suffered at Hilton Head in April.

The latest win is Norman's 14th PGA title and his second in the United States this year. He joins Peter Jacobsen and Vijay Singh as two-time winners on the PGA Tour in 1995, and earned his first multiple-win season on the PGA Tour since 1990, when he also won twice

It was a difficult day for Norman and Zoeller, with neither able to read the greens and the energized gallery making for rough going.

Baseball Glance

American League
All Times EDT

East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Boston	31	23	.574	-
Detroit	28	28	.500	4
NewYork	24	29	.453	6½
Baltimore	23	31	.426	8
Toronto	20	32	.385	10
Central Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	36	17	.679	-
KansasCity	30	22	.577	5½
Milwaukee	25	28	.472	11
Chicago	21	31	.404	14½
Minnesota	17	37	.315	19½
West Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
California	33	22	.600	-
Texas	32	23	.582	1
Oakland	29	27	.518	4½
Seattle	28	27	.509	5

Saturday's Games
New York 10, Toronto 2
Chicago 8, Cleveland 3
Detroit 7, Milwaukee 2
Boston 6, Baltimore 5
Minnesota 6, Kansas City 5
Texas 6, Oakland 5
Seattle 3, California 2

Sunday's Games
Detroit 6, Milwaukee 3
Baltimore 10, Boston 1
New York 8, Toronto 2
Chicago 3, Cleveland 2
Minnesota at Kansas City, ppd., rain
California 7, Seattle 5
Oakland 6, Texas 2

Monday's Games
Toronto (Leiter 5-2) at Boston (Hanson 7-1), 7:05 p.m.
Detroit (Lira 4-3) at New York (Pettitte 2-4), 7:35 p.m.
Cleveland (Ogea 3-0) at Kansas City (Gordon 5-2), 8:05 p.m.
Chicago (Keyser 0-2) at Minnesota (Radke 3-6), 8:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Moyer 1-3) at Milwaukee (Miranda 4-2), 8:05 p.m.
Oakland (Stottlemyre 5-1) at Texas (Oliver 4-2), 8:35 p.m.
California (Anderson 1-0) at Seattle (Torres 1-3), 10:05 p.m.

Tuesday's Games
Pittsburgh (Neagle 8-3) at Chicago (Bullinger 4-0), 8:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Jackson 0-7) at Houston (Drabek 3-5), 8:05 p.m.
San Diego (Dishman 0-1) at Los Angeles (Martinez 7-4), 10:05 p.m.

National League
All Times EDT

East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Philadelphia	37	18	.673	-
Atlanta	32	23	.582	5
Montreal	28	28	.500	9½
Florida	19	34	.358	17
NewYork	20	36	.357	17½
Central Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cincinnati	34	21	.618	-
Houston	28	26	.519	5½
Chicago	28	27	.509	6
St.Louis	23	33	.411	11½
Pittsburgh	21	32	.396	12
West Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Colorado	30	26	.536	-
LosAngeles	30	26	.536	-
SanDiego	28	27	.509	1½
SanFrancisco	28	29	.491	2½

Saturday's Games
Philadelphia 10, St. Louis 9
Montreal 5, Pittsburgh 0
Cincinnati 5, Florida 2
Atlanta 5, New York 4
Chicago 5, Houston 2
San Diego 2, Colorado 0
Los Angeles 7, San Francisco 0

Sunday's Games
Atlanta 4, New York 2
Pittsburgh 1, Montreal 0
Florida 5, Cincinnati 1
Philadelphia 5, St. Louis 3
Houston 19, Chicago 6
Colorado 11, San Diego 3
Los Angeles 3, San Francisco 2

Monday's Games
New York (Jones 4-4) at Florida (Rapp 2-4), 7:05 p.m.
Montreal (Heredia 3-4) at Atlanta (Glavine 5-4), 7:40 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Parris 0-0) at Chicago (Trachsel 2-5), 8:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Petkovsek 3-1) at Houston (Swindell 4-3), 8:05 p.m.
San Diego (Benes 2-5) at Los Angeles (Banks 0-1), 10:05 p.m.

Tuesday's Games
California (Bielecki 3-8) at Texas (Tewksbury 5-3), 8:35 p.m.
Oakland (Harkey 3-4) at Seattle (Belcher 3-2), 10:05 p.m.

Sports Camps

Padres to hold tryout camp

The San Diego Padres will hold a tryout camp July 10 for ages 15-22 at Moffett Field. Registration will be 9-9:30 a.m. Players must provide own equipment. American Legion players must have written permission from coach or post commander.

Snyder volleyball camp slated

Snyder volleyball camp will be held July 17-21, 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. The camp is for girls entering the fifth through the ninth grade.

Snyder volleyball coaches will be the camp instructors.

The cost for camp is $45. Participants can pay in advance by July 12 or the first day of camp by cash or check. Registration must be done prior to July 12. To register or for more information call Patty Grimmett at 573-9416 or Becky Hale at 573-6701.

WTC holds basketball camp

WTC will be holding a girls' basketball camp July 17-21 at WTC's Physical Education building.

The camp will be for ages 5-17 and will run from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The cost is $100 per camper, this includes lunch. Brenda Nichols, coach of the WTC girls' basketball team will be camp director.

Campers should arrive for check in between 8-8:30 a.m., July 17. Each camper will receive camp insurance and a camp t-shirt. Registration deadline is July 11 to guarantee a t-shirt, late registration is accepted. For more information call 573-8511 Ext. 390.

Local Events

Co-ed softball tournament

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Democratic camp is divided on budget

WASHINGTON (AP) — A puzzled caller to a talk show this month had an interesting question: "Why aren't the Democrats sticking with the president on the budget and then working it out with him later?"

Republicans appear poised for yet another display of spectacular party discipline. They smoothed over sharp differences about the size and timing of tax cuts and are rallying behind a budget compromise likely to pass Congress this week.

By contrast, President Clinton's declaration of fiscal independence continues to reverberate on Capitol Hill, underscoring tensions between Democratic liberals and moderates as well as the divergent political goals of a chief executive and a congressional minority.

The latest Republican budget, with its dramatic changes in the scope of Medicare and Medicaid as well as taxes, unifies Democrats at least temporarily against a large target.

But the deeper mood was summed up by a Freudian slip from Rep. David Bonior, the No. 2 Democrat in the House. He said Clinton proposed his own version of a balanced budget in order to "talk about some of the issues that contrasted the position of our party with his."

Some House Democrats do sound unsure about whether they still share a party with their president. "He feels more comfortable with Republicans than those that supported him and got him elected," said Rep. Charles Rangel, D-N.Y., in partial answer to the CNN talk-show caller's question.

Rangel and others were infuriated that they were not consulted in advance about Clinton's proposal to cut middle-class taxes, trim Medicare and erase the deficit in 10 years.

"When you're hunkered down in the trenches, you've got to have good communication. And the communication's been pretty try to appeal to usually homogeneous constituencies to get re-elected," said DLC president Al From. "A congressman can say 'Look, those mean guys tried to bad," said Rep. Bob Wise, D-W.Va. He had excoriated the GOP's proposal to extract billions in Medicare savings in a speech just hours before Clinton floated his own cuts.

Yet the suspicion and non-communication goes both ways. Several lawmakers recalled House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt's sudden announcement of a middle-class tax-cut proposal just before Clinton was scheduled to announce his own plan.

"We've done terrible things to him, too," says Rep. Gerry Studds, D-Mass. "We're going to be a minority indefinitely if we don't get some discipline and act like a team."

Clinton's chief defenders these days are centrist "New Democrats" who strongly recommended to him a little over a month ago that he offer an alternative to the emerging GOP spending plan.

"He's not the president of the Senate. He's not the president of the House. He's the president of the United States. He has to appeal to a larger group than Congress," said one of them, Sen. John Breaux, D-La.

Clinton's logic, according to a White House official who spoke on condition of anonymity, is that "he got elected to lead the country and get stuff done. People don't want to hear bickering and whining, they want to see some performance."

Breaux and others affiliated with the centrist Democratic Leadership Council contend Clinton can only win re-election by moving beyond advocacy of traditional Democratic programs and interest groups. The inevitable result, they say, is conflict with liberal House members.

"His job is to lead the country. Theirs is to protect programs and cut your Medicare and I stopped it.' The president as a national leader has got to be part of the solution to try to fix it. Because he'll get blamed if it goes bankrupt."

Some House members are grudgingly acknowledging that Clinton was entitled to put down a marker and make his case to the public. One even ignored a talk-show host's advice to provoke the audience by attacking Clinton's proposal to slow the growth of Medicare.

Most of the white-hot rage was cooling down to the usual free-floating mistrust last week when Clinton hosted a White House picnic for members of Congress.

According to guests, the event was crowded and there was a 90-minute wait to shake hands with the president. Some people who had criticized Clinton in the morning were seeking his autograph in the evening. Among the party-goers was Rep. David Obey, D-Wis., who had issued a particularly harsh statement on the new Clinton budget.

"Everybody I asked was going. I found that amazing," recalled Rep. Kweisi Mfume, D-Md. But he stayed home. Why? "I didn't want to be a hypocrite."

Western governors focus on finances

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The nation's budgetary turmoil will dominate discussions at the annual Western Governors Association meeting in Utah's Wasatch Mountains this weekend.

U.S. Senate Budget Committee Chairman Pete Domenici, R-N.M., will be on the hot seat Sunday in Park City, fielding questions from state chief executives worried about whether they will have to dip into emergency funds or raise taxes to absorb the blow.

Eleven of the group's 18 governors have confirmed they will attend the gathering that runs through Monday, officials said. Among those not attending are California's Pete Wilson and Texas' George W. Bush.

Most Western states governors — 11 of 18 — are Republican and tend to support the movement to reduce centralized government. But even GOP leaders have concerns about some of the proposals they see coming out of the nation's capital.

Take the block-grant funding formula for big-ticket programs such as welfare and Medicaid. Because the money is based on population counts from the 1990 Census, Western states would get the shaft under the proposal, said association director James Souby.

"Nine of the top 10 fastest-growing states are in the West," he said. "We're all good soldiers, and we all recognize we're going to have to take some cuts, but this is disproportionate. We get penalized because we're growing."

Part of the meetings will be spent sorting through and debating more than two dozen proposed resolutions.

The nonbinding statements submitted for consideration cover everything from budgets to highways to grazing rights on public lands.

Nuclear waste once again is an issue before Western states governors. A proposed resolution submitted by Utah Gov. Mike Leavitt, Nebraska Gov. Ben Wilson and Gov. Bob Miller of Nevada calls for the federal government to improve preparations for transporting high-level radioactive waste on highways and railways.

"As a result of federal inaction and delays and inadequate strategic planning ... a national transportation system cannot be in place in time to begin accepting nuclear fuel in 1998," the draft resolution said.

Souby concedes that the nuclear controversy may have as long a half-life as the radioactive waste.

"If you blink, if you take your eyes off the federal government for 30 seconds, they'll go the route of least resistance. They'll send the stuff by Federal Express," Souby said.

DATE BOOK

June 26, 1995

Today is the 177th day of 1995 and the sixth day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1919, the New York Daily News was published for the first time.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Abner Doubleday (1819-1893), U.S. soldier-sportsman; Pearl S. Buck (1892-1973), writer; Peter Lorre (1904-1964), actor; Babe Zaharias (1914-1956), athlete; Claudio Abbado (1933-), conductor, is 62; Greg LeMond (1961-), cycling star, is 34; Jerome Kersey (1962-), basketball player, is 33.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1955, Ted Allen won the world horse shoe title when he pitched 72 consecutive ringers.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The real appeal of the [New York Daily] News, I think, is that it lights up the narrow routine of millions of lives with gleams from the great outside. Its readers thrill with secondhand emotions they will never know, they shudder from crimes they will never commit, they quiver with courage that shall never be theirs." — Robert Shand

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1957, Hurricane Audrey strengthened in the Gulf of Mexico. The resulting 12-foot waves inundated the Louisiana coast and 390 people died.

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TODAY'S MOON: Day before new moon.

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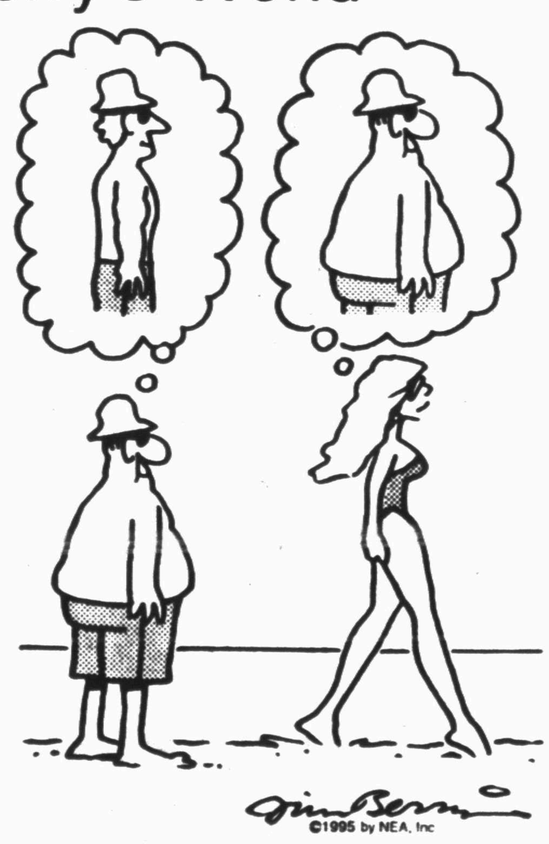

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Despite shortcomings, Clinton praises U.N.

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Against the frustrating backdrop of bloodshed in Bosnia, President Clinton is marking the 50th anniversary of the United Nations by spotlighting the organization's successes while admitting its shortcomings.

"It's important not to define the U.N. solely in terms of Bosnia," Clinton said in a weekend newspaper interview looking ahead to today's anniversary festivities.

He pointed to the restoration of democracy in Haiti and the multinational sanctions on Iraq as cases in which the U.N. framework has served the world well.

Stopping himself after starting to say that the United Nations should "clean up" its act, Clinton acknowledged the organization needs to be run better, particularly its peacekeeping operations.

"I don't want to imply that there's anything unsavory about it, but it's just that the operation ... really needs to be streamlined and reformed in order to inspire confidence in all the member nations," Clinton said in an interview with the San Francisco Chronicle. A text of the interview was released by the White House.

Clinton was marking the U.N.'s anniversary today in a ceremony at the War Memorial Opera House where President Truman witnessed the signing of the U.N. Charter 50 years ago.

Clinton's support for the United Nations at times has been less than enthusiastic. A few weeks ago, he told senior citizens in New Hampshire that "sometimes as bad and as ragged as it is, the U.N. is better than nothing."

He offered a similar message — albeit in more polished form — in his interview.

The United Nations is "far better than the alternative, better than what we went through in the Cold War and better than having an American isolationism," he told the Chronicle.

Asked about Republican sentiment in Congress in favor of reducing U.S. contributions to the United Nations, Clinton complained that some critics "want it both ways. They want to be able to run the world and tell everybody exactly how to behave, and then not have to cooperate with anybody when they have a slight difference of opinion from us."

As a case in point he cited Bosnia, where the Europeans are supplying ground troops for the peacekeeping operation and Republicans are balking at helping finance an expansion of the force.

"We can't have it both ways," Clinton said. "We can't become an isolationist country and we can't dictate every other country's course. ... It's better for us to be a leader within the framework of the United Nations."

The United States is the largest contributor to U.N. operations, supplying one-fourth of its general budget and one-third of peacekeeping costs.

Clinton defended that investment as a smart way to avoid problems the United States might otherwise have to tackle alone. But he said the United States was looking for ways to make U.N. operations more cost-effective and efficient.

One goal is avoid "any kind of mixed signals and crossed lines that have sometimes happened in the past," Clinton said.

Clinton's visit to San Francisco is part of a six-day trip that ends Tuesday with an economic conference in Portland, Ore. Before leaving San Francisco, the president planned to meet privately with Polish President Lech Walesa, who was in town for the U.N. ceremonies.

Hospital Notes

ADMISSIONS: Deborah Beall, 4123 Jacksboro; Florence Hardy, 8363 Gary Brewer Road.; Deana Proctor, Colorado City; Ivey Herrley, Snyder Oaks Care Center; Katy Thompkins, 2169 Brick Plant Road; Amanda Almanza, 2906 Ave. F; Misty Collier, 2506 Ave. F; Kim Hines, 3802 Galveston.

DISMISSALS: Ivey Herrley, Deborah Beall, Helen Kellner, Deana Proctor, Timothy Wright, Abigail Escobedo and baby.

CENSUS: 45 (Med.-8, Long-time Care-32, OB-3, Nursery-2).

Births

Amanda Almanza of Snyder announces the birth of her eight-pound, eight-ounce son born on June 25 at 11:59 p.m. at Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Roy and Misty Collier of Snyder announce the birth of their son born at 11:53 a.m. on June 25 at Cogdell Memorial Hospital. He weighed eight pounds, six ounces.

Watergate burglary bankrupt

MIAMI (AP) — E. Howard Hunt, the ex-CIA operative and Watergate burglar who became a mystery novelist, has filed for personal bankruptcy, The Miami Herald reported Saturday.

Hunt claimed $234,000 in debts and $147,182 in assets in the recent filing in federal Bankruptcy Court.

"It took me a long time to reach that juncture, but it finally had to be done," Hunt told the newspaper.

He said his assets included half ownership in a 1989 Mercury with 90,000 miles plus. "Needs brakes and transmission," court papers said.

He could not be reached for additional comment Saturday; his phone number is not listed. He told the newspaper he would not comment further.

Hunt was one of five Watergate burglars caught inside Democratic National Headquarters in Washington in 1972. The burglary led to the downfall of the Nixon administration in 1974, and more than 2½ years in prison for Hunt.

Markets Midday Stocks

NEWYORK(AP)-Morningstocks:

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	75	74½	74¾	— ⅜
AT&T Corp		53¼	52¾	52¾
AirTouch	29	28¾	28¾	— ⅜
Albertsons	30¼	30½	30½	+ ⅜
Alldsignal	41⅞	41⅛	41⅛	— ⅛
Alltel	26¼	26¼	26¼	— ⅛
AmStores	28¾	28⅛	28⅛	+ ¼
Ameritech	46	45¾	45⅞	— ¼
Amoco	66⅞	66⅝	66½	— ¼
AndarkPtr	43¼	43⅛	43⅛	— ¼
Armcolnc	6⅞	6⅝	6⅝	+ ⅛
AtlRichfld	112¼	112¼	112⅜	— ½
ATMOS Egy		20	20	20
Aviall	8⅝	8⅝	8⅝	— ⅛
BakerHughes	20⅛	20⅛	20⅛	— ⅜
BancTexas	⅛	13-16	13-16	—1-16
BellAtl		58½	57¾	58¼
BellSouth	63⅜	63⅛	63⅛	— ⅜
BethSteel		16	15¾	15¾
BritPet	85⅛	84⅜	84⅜	—1⅞
Caterpillar s	63⅛	62⅞	62⅞	+ ⅛
CenSoWst		25¾	25½	25⅝
Chevron		47⅞	47⅛	47½
Chrysler	48¼	47½	47½	— ⅛
Coastal	30½	30	30½	+ ¼
CocaCola	65⅞	65⅝	65⅞	+ ⅜
ColgatePalm	74¼	74½	74⅜	— ¼
ComclMetals	26⅝	26½	26⅝	— ⅛
Cooperln	37⅞	37⅞	37⅞	— ⅜
CyprusAmax	28⅜	27¾	28	— ⅛
DallSemicn	21⅞	21	21⅜	+ ⅜
DeltaAirl	73¼	72⅞	72⅞	— ½
DigitalEq	41¼	40⅞	41	— ⅜
Dillard		29¼	29¼	29¼
DowChem	73⅛	72⅞	72⅞	— ½
DresserInd		22⅛	22	22
DuPont	68⅜	68	68⅛	— ⅛
EastmanChem	59⅜	59⅜	59⅜	— ¼
EstKodak	62⅞	62¼	62¼	— ⅜
EljerInd	5⅜	5⅛	5⅜	+ ¼
Enserch		16⅞	16⅜	16⅜
Entergy	24¼	24 7-16	24⅛	— ⅛
Exxon	70⅝	70	70⅛	+ ⅛
FlowerInd		18⅞	18⅝	18⅝
FordMotor	30⅞	30⅜	30⅝	+ ¼
GTE Cp	33⅜	33⅜	33⅛	+ ⅛
GenDynam	44½	44⅜	44⅜	— ½
GenElec	57⅞	56¾	57⅝	+ ¼
GenMills	52⅜	51⅞	51⅞	— ½
GenMotors	47⅞	47⅜	47½	+ ⅛
GenMotors E	44⅝	44½	44⅝	— ⅛
GaPacif	83¼	82⅝	82⅞	+ ¼
GlobalMar		5⅜	5 5-16	5⅜
Goodrich	54⅜	53⅝	54⅜	+ ½
Goodyear s	42¼	41⅞	42⅛	+ ⅜
GtAtlPac	25⅞	25¼	25⅜	+ ½
Haliburta	36⅝	35½	35½	— ⅜
Hanson ADS	17⅝	17⅜	17⅜	— ⅛
HarteHanks	25⅜	25¼	25⅜	+ ¼
HoustInd	43	42¾	42⅞	— ⅛
IBM	99⅛	98⅜	98½	— ⅛
IntlPaper	83⅛	82⅝	82⅞	— ⅛
JohnsnJns	71¼	71	71	— ⅛
K mart		15	14⅞	15
Kroger		27⅞	27⅞	27⅞
Litton	37⅞	37⅝	37⅝	— ¼
Lowes Cos		29⅜	29⅛	29⅜
Lubys		20¼	20	20⅛
MayDeptStrs	41⅛	41⅛	41⅛	— ⅜
Medtronic s	78¼	77⅞	77⅞	— ¼
Mobil	98	97⅞	97⅞	+ ⅛
Monsanto	89	88¼	88⅜	— ¼
Motorola	67¼	66¼	66⅜	— ⅞
Nationsbk		56⅛	56	56⅛
Navistar		15⅜	15⅜	15⅜
NoramEngy	6⅝	6⅝	6½	— ⅛
Nynex		42¼	42	42
OryxEngy	14	13⅝	13⅝	— ⅛
PacTelesis		27⅞	27⅛	27⅞
PanhECp	24¼	24¼	24¼	— ⅜
Penney JC	47⅝	47½	47½	— ¼
Pennzoil	47⅝	47½	47⅝	+ ¼
PepBoys		27¼	26⅜	26⅜
PepsiCo	47⅞	47	47⅛	+ ⅛
PhelpDodge	59	58⅝	58½	— ¼
PhilipPet	33¼	32⅝	32⅝	— ⅛
PilgrmPrd		7⅛	7⅛	7⅛
Polaroid	43⅜	42⅞	43	+ ⅛
Praxair	24¼	24⅛	24⅛	— ⅛
ProctGamble	71⅞	71⅜	71½	+ ¼
PubSNwMx		13⅜	13⅜	13⅜
RoyalDutch	123¼	123	123	— ¼
SBC Comm	47⅞	46⅞	47⅛	+ ⅛
SFePacCp s		25⅛	25⅛	25⅜
SaraLee		28⅜	28⅛	28⅜
SearsRoeb	59⅜	58⅝	59	+ ⅜
SherwinW	35⅜	35⅜	35⅜	+ ¼
SmthBchADS	44⅛	44⅛	44⅛	— ⅞
SmthBc eqt	44¼	43¼	43¼	— ⅞
SouthernCo	22⅜	22⅛	22⅛	— ¼
SwstAirlines	25	24⅜	24⅜	— ⅜
Sprint	34⅛	34⅛	34⅛	— ⅛
SterlingChm	11⅜	11⅛	11⅛	— ⅛
SunCo		27⅛	27⅛	27⅞
TNP Ent		16⅜	16	16⅜
Tandy	53⅜	52⅛	53	+ ⅛
TempleInl	47⅞	46⅞	47⅛	+ ⅛
Tenneco	46	45⅝	45⅝	— ¼
Texaco	66⅞	66⅛	66⅜	+ ⅛
TexasInd	38	37⅞	37⅞	— ¼
TexasInst	142	140	140⅛	— ⅜
TexUtil		34¼	34⅛	34⅛
Textron	58½	58⅛	58⅛	+ ⅛
Travelers	44½	44	44	— ½
TrinityInds	33⅜	32⅛	33	+ ⅛
TritonEngy		46⅛	46	46
Tyler		3½	3½	3½
US West		41⅞	41⅜	41⅜
USX Delhi		11⅜	11⅜	11⅜
USX-Marathn	20	19⅝	19⅝	— ⅛
USX-USS	33½	32⅞	33⅜	+ ⅜
UnCarbde	33⅜	32⅞	33	+ ⅛
UnPac	55⅜	55	55	+ ⅛
UnitedTech		79	78⅜	78⅜
Unocal	28	27¼	27⅛	+ ⅛
WalMart	26⅜	26⅜	26⅜	— ½
WstnGasRs	18	17 15-16	17 15-16	+1-16
WestghEl	16⅜	16	16⅛	+ ¼
WinnDixie	56⅞	56⅜	56⅞	+ ⅜
Woolworth	15⅛	15⅛	15⅛	— ⅛
XeroxCp	117⅝	116⅛	116⅛	+ ⅞
ZenithE	7⅞	7⅜	7⅜	— ⅛

Space shuttle faces another weather delay

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Thunderstorms threatened once again to ruin NASA's plans to launch space shuttle Atlantis on the first docking mission with Russia's space station.

Shuttle weather officer Ed Priselac today said he expects only a 30 percent chance of favorable conditions for Tuesday's 3:32 p.m. liftoff. Priselac said the "wild weather" will continue throughout the week.

Atlantis was drenched during launch attempts on Friday and Saturday. Technicians had to dry about 15 shuttle thrusters.

NASA has only seven to 10 minutes each day to send Atlantis on the most fuel-efficient route to the Russian space station Mir, and the launch time gets nearly a half-hour earlier each day. Afternoon thunderstorms could be a problem until July 3, when the launch time moves up to around 1 p.m., Priselac said.

NASA astronaut Norman Thagard and two Russian cosmonauts are waiting on Mir for Atlantis' arrival. They've been there since mid-March.

Atlantis is supposed to carry up two Russian cosmonauts who will replace Thagard and his crewmates.

Taxpayers stand to lose on ranch deal

DALLAS (AP) — Texas taxpayers reportedly stand to loose more than $1 million on a ranch that the federal government has supported with loans for the past 5 years.

The Moczygemba ranch, off of Highway 181, is just one of hundreds of ranches that have no way to repay loans taken out from the federal government that total in the billions of dollars.

Ira Moczygemba told The Dallas Morning News that the Farmers Home Administration is to blame — and that its decision not to give the ranch more loan money is ruining him.

"You go ahead and plant a crop and charge these bills," he said. "Then they turn around and tell you 'We're not going to pay you.'"

"They have destroyed us," he said.

The Farmers Home Administration, an agency ranked among the 14 worst federal programs by congressional auditors, is designed to be the last line of defense against foreclosure for financially troubled farmers.

Moczygemba lives with his wife and two sons near Poth, a small town about 40 miles southeast of San Antonio.

In 1990 the agency wrote off Ira Moczygembas' bad debts. They totaled nearly $180,000.

By 1993 the ranch family owed half a million dollars. They were also broke.

The organizations should have foreseen the troubles that unfolded, Ira Moczygemba said.

"I'm entitled to restitution for what the government's done to me. My family feels like a bunch of damn lepers." he said.

But the Moczygembas' problems were just beginning. In July of 1994 a whistleblower told the Office of the Inspector General that the FmHA illegally avoided a loan limitation for the Moczygembas by splitting the amount among family members, the Morning News said.

George Ellis, director of Farmers Home operations in Texas, said the allegations are bogus.

"I made judgements on this case for what I thought were very good reasons." Ellis said.

The OIG is investigating the family and is refusing to release its findings until the investigation is complete.

However, Farmers Home has already sent the family a letter declining to pay a $200,000 loan. The Moczygembas say FmHA has been intimidated by the OIG's investigation.

They say the result is that they have no way to pay the $900,000 they owe the government.

From 1991 to 1994 the Farmers Home Administration has lost more than $6 billion in unpaid loans. Nearly one of every two Texas farmers in the direct loan program is delinquent.

The agency is currently in a state of reform as it is being reorganized under the Clinton Administration to tighten lending rules.

TDCJ to take over drug bidding

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Department of Criminal Justice has taken over the bidding on $51.5 million worth of private vendor contracts previously awarded by the troubled Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse.

Department of Criminal Justice officials Monday vowed to re-bid the contracts after the commission was placed in state conservatorship earlier this year.

Audits have revealed the commission was misusing state funds and failed to maintain control over its assets and records.

"We will rebuild the system from the ground up to ensure it's done right and that the state gets a dollar's worth of service for every dollar spent," said TDCJ Executive Director James A. Collins.

The authority for hiring substance abuse treatment vendors to work inside the prisons was taken away from the commission and given to the Department of Criminal Justice by the Legislature.

Collins said 175 contracts and grants are involved. The largest share, 163 contracts and grants worth $32.4 million, covers vendors who provide treatment in community facilities such as halfway houses.

Twelve grants and contracts worth $19.1 million involve treatment providers inside TDCJ Substance Abuse Felony Punishment facilities and in-prison therapeutic community programs.

Collins vowed to cut costs in awarding the contracts.

Love endures for 75 years; couple is finally married

MONROE, La. (AP) — Three-quarters of a century after they fell in love, Marzell Stennett found Verda Jones Tillman living down the hall from him in a nursing home.

Now they're newlyweds; he's 93, and she's 92. They say they are as much in love as they were when they were teen-agers in Ouachita Parish.

The two met in the fall of 1919 and dated for several months, but then lost track of each other.

"We never broke up. Our families just moved to different places," Mrs. Stennett said shortly after getting married in her wheelchair Friday at St. Joseph's Home in this northwestern Louisiana city.

They saw each other briefly in 1923 in a chance encounter at a bus station cafe but went their separate ways.

A couple of months ago at the nursing home, Stennett learned that he lived on the same floor as the woman he loved. He wasted no time paying her a visit.

"I never knew what had become of him until that day that he came to my door," Mrs. Stennett said. "I knew him right away and called his name even though I hadn't seen him in over 70 years."

"The first day, after I went into the room, she told me that she had never stopped loving me," Stennett said.

Both had been widowed after long marriages — 54 years for him, 58 for her.

"It will be wonderful to have someone to spend my last years with," Mrs. Stennett said.

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Firefighters clean up

HOUSTON (AP) — A huge weekend fire at a chemical storage facility caused concerns about environmental dangers but no major problems, fire officials say.

Environmental crews worked Sunday to contain pesticides and other chemicals released in the blaze while firefighters finished tapping out small fires amid remains of the 100,000-square-foot Houston Distribution Inc. warehouse.

Sunday afternoon, the Environmental Protection Agency urged area residents to stay indoors as smoke diminished the air quality near the site.

The fire, which started Saturday morning, grew so large that authorities recommended evacuation for about 500 homes in the area. It took 60 of the city's 82 fire stations to get the inferno under control.

The cause of the fire was not immediately known, but authorities said an arson team was investigating.

Houston transit wants gun ban

HOUSTON (AP) — Mass-transit officials here say they've found a way around the new concealed weapons law, and they'll use it to keep city buses in Houston free of guns.

Metropolitan Transit Authority directors were set to vote today on a provision that would create a special weapons ban on 1,200 city buses and all transit centers in the nation's fourth-largest city.

Metro officials said the ban, which proponents contend is allowed through a provision in the new law, will preserve the safety of city buses.

But the state senator who sponsored the weapons law promises he'll be the first to violate the proposed ban.

"I'm not sure they can do that. ... We'll just take them to court," Sen. Jerry Patterson, R-Pasadena, told the Houston Chronicle.

Teen shootings unrelated

DALLAS (AP) — There was no connection between three incidents in which two teenagers were shot to death and another was seriously injured.

But they had three things in common, police said Sunday. All involved guns, cars and 16-year-old boys who were out after curfew.

"To have this many young people shot in one weekend definitely is unusual," said homicide investigator Sgt. Larry Lewis.

Timonthy Grenz was shot in the head while sitting in a park late Friday, police said. Ruben Martinez was shot to death a short time later as he rode with friends to a party in west Oak Cliff. Mark Cussio was shot in the chest early Sunday during a drive-by shooting in east Dallas.

Cussio was in serious condition Sunday at Baylor University Medical Center.

A man has been arrested in the Grenz slaying, but officers were still looking for suspects in the other shootings.

"I hate the violence, and I'm sick of it," said Martinez' mother, who asked that her name not be used. "Now my kid is just another statistic."

Edinburg All-American city

CLEVELAND (AP) — The National Civic League has honored 10 communities, ranging in population from 456 to nearly 1 million, as All-America Cities.

California was the only state with more than one winner: Lindsay and Monrovia.

Other winners Saturday of the annual award were Akron, Ohio; Mobile, Ala.; Ocala-Marion County, Fla.; Lafayette, Ind.; Greater Louisville, Ky.; Jemez Springs, N.M.; Lumberton, N.C.; and Edinburg.

Jemez Springs, population 456, was the smallest winner. Greater Louisville, at 986,373, was the largest.

The league judged entrants on "grassroots activism and collaborative problem-solving" by the public, private and nonprofit sectors.

A jury of 12 public affairs specialists picked winners from a group of 30 finalists. Those 30 were chosen in May from an original pool of 145 cities that applied.

Becoming an All-America city is beneficial because it increases visibility and civic spirit, the organization said. There is no cash award.

Theodore Roosevelt founded the nonprofit, nonpartisan league in 1894 to promote citizen involvement in cities. Since 1949, more than 4,000 communities have competed for the award and 400 have become All-America cities.

Two women charged in death

WESLACO (AP) — Two Weslaco women were in Hidalgo County Jail Sunday, accused of killing a 59-year-old man and leaving his body in a large trash can.

Bond for Hermilia "Janie" Cortez, 27, and Nelda Villa, 22, was set at $150,000 each on charges they murdered Genaro DeLeon Trevino and $25,000 bond on drug possession charges.

Ms. Villa led officers to Trevino's badly decomposed body Saturday, Weslaco police said. His family reported him missing when he failed to return home June 14.

Police said Ms. Villa took them into an alley near the women's apartment, where they found Trevino's corpse inside a 30-gallon trash container.

Trevino appeared to have died of "suffocation or strangulation" earlier in the week, investigator Robert Moreno said.

Police said a witness reported that Trevino was acquainted with the women and had been seen with them at a local lounge the day he disappeared.

Authorities obtained some undisclosed evidence at the residence, Acting Chief Joe Perez said. Authorities believe the women cashed a check on Trevino's account Friday, which helped lead them to the suspects.

Want midget sub back

HONOLULU (AP) — The superintendent of the USS Arizona Memorial has sought the assistance of fellow National Park Service officials in Texas in securing the return of a Japanese midget submarine.

Memorial officials loaned the sub that helped launch the Dec. 7, 1941, attack on Pearl Harbor to the Nimitz Museum in Fredricksburg for two years, and later granted a yearlong extension that expired in February 1994, superintendent Donald Magee said.

The Arizona Memorial Museum Association wants the sub back for Sept. 2 ceremonies planned to mark the end of World War II. President Clinton and an estimated 70,000 veterans are expected to attend.

On Friday, Nimitz Museum officials prevented a crane company from picking up the sub, and threatened to block an access road with a tank from their exhibit, The Honolulu Star-Bulletin reported Saturday.

Nimitz Museum superintendent Bruce Smith was unavailable for comment on Sunday, according to a woman who answered the telephone at the museum.

Money laundering on rise

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Couriers lugging briefcases loaded with drug cash unwittingly offered American agents a glimpse of the money-laundering business spilling across the U.S. border from Mexico.

At a phony jewelry wholesale company and other fake storefronts set up by the agents in southern California and Florida, Mexican couriers counted out hundreds of thousands of "narcodollars." Their every move was recorded by hidden video cameras.

Posing as international money launderers, the agents told the couriers they would "sanitize" the dirty dollars by electronically moving funds to banks worldwide. Then they collected a 3 percent fee to finance the sting.

By March, when Drug Enforcement Administration agents wrapped up Operation Green Ice II, many of the couriers were behind bars.

The agents made some 50 arrests, seized $15 million in cash and thousands of pounds of cocaine and gained an inside look at just how big the business of laundering Latin America's drug dollars has become.

Mexico has long been used for hiding the source of drug profits. But experts say Mexican traffickers are now turning this country into a fast-growing, money-laundering paradise.

A DEA report made public in early June estimated Mexico's drug cartels move some $7 billion annually, equivalent to about 2.5 percent of the economy's value.

"Money laundering and other activities closely associated to drug trafficking can corrupt individuals, whole economies,' said Jack Hook of the DEA's San Diego office. "It's important that we don't let the same thing that has happened in Colombia happen so close to home — in Mexico."

But critics say it already has, abetted by lax regulations, official corruption and a newly opened Mexican economy that makes the masking of illicit gains easier.

U.S. officials have expressed alarm.

When Mexican officials traveled to Washington recently, U.S. Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin exhorted them to attack the problem.

"Money laundering can play just as destabilizing a role in the domestic economy as can poor policies," he warned. "Drug trafficking and other crimes ... corrode our societies from within."

The State Department recently reported that Colombian and Mexican traffickers have jointly bought construction and cement companies, factories, aviation companies and other businesses to launder proceeds in Mexico.

Traffickers are reportedly even investing in Mexico's stock market.

Bruce Zagaris, a Washington lawyer specializing in international money laundering, said such legitimate investments provide cover in a country that is rapidly expanding its trade ties to the United States under the North American Free Trade Agreement.

"There is so much commercial interaction between the two countries, the sheer volume makes it difficult to distinguish between legitimate and illegitimate profits," he said in a telephone interview.

Corruption may be the Achilles' heel of Mexico.

In May, U.S. Justice Department officials alleged that Mexico's former chief drug prosecutor received millions of dollars in drug money that he laundered through U.S. banks.

Mario Ruiz Massieu was detained by U.S. Customs agents in March for failing to declare about $40,000 before trying to board a flight from the Newark, N.J., airport to Madrid, Spain.

Authorities later found more than $9 million in suspected drug profits in his Texas bank accounts. The U.S. government has filed a lawsuit seeking to seize the money, claiming it was obtained from criminal activities.

On Thursday, a federal magistrate in New Jersey turned down Mexico's request that Ruiz be extradited to face charges he blocked a probe into his brother's 1994 political assassination to protect the family of former President Carlos Salinas de Gortari. Ruiz Massieu says he is innocent.

Mexico's economic crisis also has helped traffickers.

A United Nations report says that after the 40 percent devaluation of the peso in December, traffickers changed "dirty" drug dollars into cheap pesos, then snapped up luxury cars, fancy houses and yachts to resell for "clean" profits.

Other common methods include writing travelers checks, changing the money at exchange houses and wiring Mexican bank drafts of up to $400,000 anywhere in the world. Because Mexico does not require records for such transactions, the source of the funds cannot be traced.

Seeking to tackle the problem, Mexico has begun sharing information on financial crimes with the United States and this year began asking arriving travelers to declare currency above $10,000.

Mexico's attorney general also is proposing that money laundering be made a serious federal offense, punishable by prison and fines. It now is only a tax violation, with a penalty fee based on the amount laundered.

Neighborhood cat fight earns woman court date

KENNER, La. (AP) — A woman who frequently complained to Kenner authorities about her neighbor's cats, now faces a July 7 court date in the death of one of them and injury of another.

Thelma Mundy of Kenner was cited last week with cruelty to animals and given a court summons, said Bob LaGrange, assistant director of code enforcement, which oversees the city's animal control department.

LaGrange said Ms. Mundy had complained several times about the cats getting in her garden and about her neighbor's unkempt yard.

"Out of frustration, she took tuna and a bowl filled with milk and antifreeze and put it in her yard," he said.

Remnants of the tuna and milk were found in her yard, he said.

Ms. Mundy's neighbor, Diane Johnson reported the alleged poisoning to LISA, a New Orleans animal rights group, after finding a dead kitten in her back yard.

Ms. Johnson said she had not spoken to her neighbor since moving into the neighborhood two years ago.

"It's a shame," Ms. Johnson said Friday. "I tried to keep them inside the yard, but when they smell tuna, what can you do?"

Ms. Johnson also received a court summons for having too many animals and too much debris in her yard.

"We've been trying to find her for months," LaGrange said. "She was never at home when we went to serve her. We even went to her job."

City regulations allow residents to house four animals. LaGrange said Ms. Johnson had six. Ms. Johnson said she has only four cats, one of which still hasn't been found.

"Every cat that went into (Mundy's) yard was not mine," she said. "Just because I live next door, they want to blame it on me."

Astrograph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Tuesday, June 27, 1995

In the year ahead, ventures that you conduct independently will be more lucrative than partnerships. Have no fear of going it alone.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Significant changes are in the offing. From this point forward, you can exert greater influence on important matters that were controlled by others. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 4465, New York, NY 10163.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Discuss your dreams and expectations with a friend who has helped you in the past. This individual can open doors for you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) A combination of optimism and practicality will be your keys to success at this time. Remain hopeful and strive to achieve your goals in realistic ways.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Today you might feel inclined to scrap several old projects and replace them with new, worthier endeavors. Trust your instincts.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) You have learned a great deal from your blunders in the past. Beginning today, you may start putting these lessons to good use.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Changes that are stirring could eventually benefit you materially. These slow shifts will not be immediately obvious.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Agreements you enter into today should not be taken lightly. Make sure everyone involved is pleased with the terms because they will be long-lasting.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Start that diet/exercise program that you've been ducking. Your chances for achieving your objectives are better than usual at this time.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) It would behoove you to seek new social outlets and friends at this time. Pleasurable experiences are in the offing once you widen your circle of interests.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) If you've been agonizing over a matter you would like to finalize, today will be a good day to work toward that end. You can do it of you try.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You know your plans need revision, but thus far, you haven't made much headway. Today, however, you will be able to see things from a better perspective.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You are now in a cycle where larger material gains are possible, so give priority to situations that could fatten your purse. It won't be a waste of time.

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Attorney works on bombing suspect's image

ENID, Okla. (AP) — Saying the public has a right to know more about Timothy McVeigh, his lawyers released flattering photos and Army records in which the bombing suspect is called an "inspiration" to young soldiers.

"The FBI wants to present him as they see him. I want to present him as he really is," McVeigh attorney Stephen Jones said at a news conference Sunday at his office.

Jones released about 40 pages of records along with new photographs and videotape designed to put a human face on the 27-year-old man accused in the April 19 bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City. The bombing killed 168 people and injured more than 500.

"The public is entitled to know more about Mr. McVeigh than the government has released anonymously," Jones said.

The news conference came a day after Newsweek released excerpts of an interview with McVeigh from the federal prison in El Reno. The interview Thursday appears in today's issue.

McVeigh and Terry Nichols are the only two people charged in the bombing. Both men are being held without bail and could face the death penalty if convicted under a federal anti-terrorism law.

Newsweek said McVeigh wouldn't answer directly when asked if he bombed the federal building.

"The only way we can really answer that is that we are going to plead not guilty," McVeigh said.

Jones said today on ABC's "Good Morning America" that court rules intended to protect potential jurors from pre-trial publicity compelled McVeigh not to discuss whether he committed the bombing.

"It would be inappropriate for him to talk about strategy or for that matter to put a flat denial as laymen understand it," Jones said.

Pressed for his personal reaction to the bombing, McVeigh told the magazine he was "horrified" by images of the children killed.

"It's a very tragic thing," he said.

The excerpts from McVeigh's Army records released on Sunday include a favorable 1991 evaluation written by Staff Sgt. Robert Daniels that calls McVeigh an "inspiration to young soldiers."

In an earlier evaluation from noncommissioned officer's school at Fort Riley, Kan., in 1990, Staff Sgt. Brad Jenkins wrote that "McVeigh displayed all the skills, knowledge and attributes of an excellent leader throughout the program of instruction."

The 13 photographs taken last week from prison show a grinning, youthful-looking McVeigh in a short-sleeved khaki shirt and pants. The video, released earlier Sunday to CNN, shows similar images of McVeigh sitting at a table and talking with his lawyers, even laughing at one point. It has no audio.

A stone-faced McVeigh was photographed in an orange prison jumpsuit as he was led from jail two days after the bombing. Photographs from that day have been virtually the only images of McVeigh available.

Jones said McVeigh gave the 70-minute interview to Newsweek because of his respect for contributing editor Col. David Hackworth, whom Jones called a hero to so-called military "grunts."

"Hack wrote him and said that he wanted to talk with my client, soldier-to-soldier," Jones said.

Mild earthquake rattles California

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A moderate earthquake shook Southern California early today. There were no immediate reports of injuries or damage.

The magnitude-4.9 earthquake hit at 1:40 a.m., according to seismologist Nick Sheckel of the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena.

It was centered eight miles southwest of Castaic, a community 40 miles north of downtown Los Angeles, he said.

The quake was an aftershock to last year's Northridge earthquake — centered about 15 miles southeast of Castaic — which killed 61 people, injured 9,000 and caused $20 billion in damage, Sheckel said.

Sizable aftershocks can occur for years.

A half-dozen smaller quakes — including a magnitude-4.2 quake 130 miles to the north — occurred before and after the one centered near Castaic.

Residents in Los Angeles, Orange and Ventura counties reported feeling the quake. Some said it lasted 10 to 15 seconds.

In the northern Los Angeles County city of Santa Clarita, a resident reported light items falling off shelves.

Los Angeles police said they had not received any reports of injuries or damage, nor did the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and the county fire department.

"We are 95 percent done checking all our critical facilities and so far, everything is fine," said Los Angeles County Sheriff's Deputy Mark Burnett. "That includes bridges, schools, pipelines and buildings."

People as far away as San Luis Obispo, about 195 miles north of Los Angeles, felt the rolling quake, Sheckel said.

According to Cal Tech's automated earthquake detection system, a 3.1-magnitude quake centered about 25 miles northwest of downtown Los Angeles preceded the quake.

Three smaller ones ranging from 2.2 to 3.2 struck the same area in the minutes following the 4.9 quake, and a quake with a preliminary magnitude of 4.2 struck Coalinga, in Fresno County, two minutes later.

It was not immediately clear whether the distant quake was connected to the Southern California quake.

Coalinga was hard-hit in May 1983, when a 6.7 magnitude quake injured 47 people and caused $31 million in damage.

The Coalinga Police Department did not get any calls about the quake, nor did anyone at the department feel it, said dispatcher Mary McClellan.

"It must of been the kind of shaker that was felt everywhere but here," McClellan said.

Earthquakes ranging in size from 4 to 4.9 are considered small to moderate, and can cause local damage including broken windows and houseware and cracks to aging structures.

Controversial Gordon Liddy presented free speech award

HOUSTON (AP) — G. Gordon Liddy received his free speech award from fellow talk hosts in a ceremony marked by protest over the decision.

"Shame, shame," yelled Gloria Allred, a board member of the National Association of Radio Talk Show Hosts, as Liddy approached the podium Saturday night.

She then walked out in protest of Liddy's much-publicized on-air comments on how to gun down federal agents.

"He's not a hero. He's not a role model," Allred said earlier. "It didn't take any courage for him to say what he said."

Liddy, a 64-year-old former Watergate burglar now heard on 262 stations nationwide, told the group "you have shown great courage to expose yourself to the kind of criticism you have received to give me this award."

3rd budget deficit hovers over NRA

WASHINGTON (AP) — After the National Rifle Association ran a budget deficit for a third straight year, the president of the powerful gun lobby asked a blunt question: Just how are we spending the money?

"Many questions are coming up that I simply am unable to answer. I think these are justifiable questions and I don't know any reason why the answers should be kept from at least the finance committee," NRA President Thomas Washington wrote Treasurer Wilson Phillips on May 6, 1994.

The missive asked for details on everything from how many NRA officials had six-figure salaries to how much the organization was paying its consultants.

Washington's correspondence, along with confidential NRA balance sheets obtained by The Associated Press, show the group has operated in the red since 1991 and has been forced to draw down its cash reserves and investments drastically.

Locked in a struggle against gun control, the NRA has run cumulative operating deficits of $69 million between 1991 and 1993 and projects an additional $3 million deficit for last year, according to the internal balance sheets prepared for the NRA board of directors.

The documents also show that NRA officials have depleted the group's assets — mainly cash accounts and investments — which went from $103 million in 1991 to a projected $47 million in 1994.

The largest components of the recent spending, according to the documents, have been expensive fund-raising efforts, and construction of a shimmering, six-story headquarters in the Washington suburb of Fairfax, Va.

NRA officials, including Washington, Phillips and Executive Vice President Wayne LaPierre, declined comment. "There is not much of a desire to weigh in on this," NRA spokesman Bill Powers said.

But in a recent television broadcast, a key NRA executive said the group is on solid financial ground. "The NRA is in great shape," Tanya Metaksa, the NRA's lobbyist, said on National Empowerment Television.

An accountant who specializes in tax-exempt organizations, however, said the documents depict a group in financial distress.

"I think some might say that the organization borders on insolvency," said James Nesbitt, a senior managing partner at BDO Seidman who reviewed the documents at AP's request.

J. Warren Cassidy, executive vice president of the NRA from 1986 to 1991, gave a similar assessment.

"The people who run this place now are like a couple of young heirs who came into an estate built up by their parents and grandparents who say, 'What was wrong with those frugal old folks?'" Cassidy said. "They are spending money like drunken sailors."

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