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Home of Matthew Rios

Patriotic Fourth planned

Towle Park is place to be for the holiday

Another bang-up Fourth of July is planned as events get underway Wednesday afternoon at Towle Park

First to open will be the arts and crafts and food booths at 4 p.m.

Entertaining in Cottonwood Flats Wednesday evening at 7 will be the Thrift Store Cowboys. The curtain will go down on the entertainment and the booths at 9 Wednesday night in preparation for the activities on the Fourth.

Events Thursday morning will begin at 7:30 on the coliseum grounds as the Dermott School will be the site of an art show, book sale and flea market. This activity will continue until 1 p.m.

The annual prayer breakfast, hosted by the Snyder Lions Club, is at 8 a.m. in the pavilion. Registration for the horseshoe and washer pitching contests will begin at the courts south of the pond.



The arts and crafts booths in the armory will open at 9 o'clock, as will the food booths. Also, the volleyball tourney will begin at this time, as will the horseshoe pitching contest, the parade will begin lining up and a patriotic flag-raising ceremony will be held at the armory.

The bike decorating contest will be at 9:30 in the parking lot of Moffett Field, and the parade will start 30 minutes later from the same parking lot.

At 11 a.m., the washer pitching tourney gets underway and Aggression from Hamlin will provide entertainment.

The swimming pool will open at 1 p.m. and remain open until 6, and Kaci Archer will provide the entertainment in the park.

At 2 p.m., interest will move away from the park if only for a little while as the drawing for the 2002 S-10 pickup truck will be held in the parking lot at Wal-Mart.

The truck was donated by Big Country Autoland to Western Texas College as a fund-raiser for the planned baseball and softball programs.

At 4 p.m., a youth group from Colonial Hill Baptist Church will perform on stage at Cottonwood Flats, and a puppet show will follow at 5 o'clock.

Samatha Medrano will perform on stage at 6, followed by another performance by Kaci Archer at 7:30.

All booths will close at 9 p.m. on the Fourth, and the fireworks display will begin at dark.



HANGING ON — Harlan Marshall of Alexandria, La. competes in the bullriding Thursday night during the opening performance of the Scurry County Rodeo. The rodeo continues at 8 p.m. Saturday at Scurry County Coliseum. (SDN Staff Photo by Eric Drennan)

Head Start employees suspended

by Wade Warren
SDN Managing Editor

The driver and assistant teacher who picked up three-year-old Alisha Sanchez in a Scurry County Head Start van and mistakenly left her in it for eight hours have been placed on administrative suspension.

"They will not be working until this is all straightened out," said Shirley Fritz Saturday morning.

Fritz is the executive director of the Snyder Child Day Care Center that heads up the local Head Start program.

Fritz said the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services was notified immediately. "They were here Friday and began their investigation.

The probe will determine if the two suspended employees can ever work in a day care situation again, Fritz added.

Both workers gave statements to Snyder Police Sgt. Terry Luecke on Friday, and his findings are expected to be referred to District Attorney Dana Cooley as early as Monday.

The three-year-old was picked up in a Head Start van around 8 a.m. from her home, and was not discovered in the van until her mother, Bobby Jo Sanchez, called the center and asked when they were bringing the daughter home.

"They told me she never was at the center on Thursday," said Sanchez. "After hearing that, I just went crazy.

"It was a good thing my brother was here to take me over there," said Sanchez, whose car was being repaired.

Sanchez took the child to Lubbock early Friday morning to have her examined by a pediatrician.

"I went to two doctors who would not see us, but one finally referred me to University Medical Center where Alisha was examined around 9:45," said her mother.

"Alisha appears to be okay," said Sanchez, who emphatically stated her daughter would not be going back to the Head Start program.

"No, no, she won't be going back. They said it was the first day she had ridden the bus, but it was actually her second.

"There is no excuse for what they did whether it was her first day to ride the van or not.

"They said they did not have her on a list...well, they had just picked her up 10 minutes earlier. How could they forget that?"

Sanchez said the van's doors were locked, and the windows were rolled up. Authorities stated what averted a major tragedy was the fact the van was parked under a covering, and the temperature Thursday only reached 92 degrees.

The child's mother, who has lived in Snyder after moving here from Karnes City 14 months ago, said she is contemplating legal action.

THE SDN COLUMN
By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Sign of the times: Teens now call their dads 'dollar pinchers.'"

One's hometown may not be perfect, but it's still home — no matter how far one moves away.

The on-line edition of the Snyder Daily News has confirmed what we have thought all along — former residents have good memories of their hometown.

The number of visits to the website and comments by former residents are interesting. We haven't figured out how to personally retrieve the information, but Wayne Burney tells us we average more than 400 "hits" daily, sometimes as high as 650, on the on-line edition.

We have been impressed with the number of requests for information about the 4th of July Celebration. Not only do they want to know when the celebration starts, many of them comment about it being one of their favorite memories of growing up in Snyder.

Every family has its own favorite story about the holiday.

Every year son Marc and his buddies "camped out" in Towle Park — and every year it was our job to find the tent, wake him up, grab a quick breakfast and then play in a church golf tournament.

Others remember the homemade ice cream, hamburgers, cold watermelon, bingo in the pavilion, dunking booths, carnival rides, the parade and local bands under the cottonwood trees.

And of course, everyone looked forward to the grand finale — the fireworks display.

And one of our favorite traditions was driving through the park the next morning to see all the remains — and then driving back through the park about noon to see how quickly all the trash from the celebration had been removed.

Harold Lacik was on the chamber board when the celebration first began, and he said one motivation was to keep people home and off the highways during the dangerous holiday.

Hometown is all about community pride — and thanks to the chamber for making it all happen. Enjoy the festivities.

It will be the first Snyder July 4th for many new residents of Snyder — including Air Force contract employees.

An open house of their new facility was planned for July 19, initially was postponed a week to July 26 and is now officially set for Aug. 2.

In conjunction with that open house and Snyder's official "welcome-to-Snyder party," the SDN is planning a special edition. Watch for it!

God and Country Service is Sunday

The 4th of July week gets underway Sunday evening as the annual God and Country Service, sponsored by the Scurry Baptist Association, will be held at First Baptist Church.

The patriotic event begins at 6 p.m. with the choir singing *The Battle Hymn of the Republic*.

The presentation of colors will follow by the Dyess Air Force Base Color Guard.

Clifton Griffith, pastor of the Union Baptist Church, will lead the Pledge of Allegiance, and then a quartet consisting of Alan Celoria, Matt Cross, Wayne Knox and James Hanks will perform *The Star Spangled Banner*.

Welcoming remarks will be given by the Rev. Mike Henson, First Baptist Church pastor, and this will be followed by a salute to the armed forces via a patriotic hymn medley.

The patriotic responsive reading will be led by Dr. Tommy Culwell, pastor of Colonial Hill Baptist Church, while Kenneth Martin, pastor of the Ira First Baptist Church, will lead a prayer for our nation, and this will be followed by a solo — *The Red, White and Blue* — by Alan Celoria.

The message for the evening will be delivered by Rev. Henson.

The retiring of the colors will be by the honor guard from Dyess AFB.

Commissioners to meet Monday

The Scurry County commissioners' court will meet at 10 a.m. Monday and will include another closed session to discuss the purchase of 100 acres adjacent to Winston Field.

The agenda calls for the court to convene in executive session to deliberate the acquisition, then reconvene in open session to vote on the purchase of the land.

The purchase would allow the continuation of a remediation project caused by a leaking fuel tank buried 20-plus years ago.

The court also faces three items of new business - including a request to repair a county road.

The court will hear the 2001 audit presentation from Condley and Co. and consider a request from the Snyder CADA office to use space in the courthouse annex on 25th Street.

Lorber equipment sale still awaits judge's okay

The sale of textile spinning machinery at Lorber Industries of Texas has apparently fallen through — at least for the time being.

The company, located in Snyder industrial park, had hoped to get permission from a federal bankruptcy judge in Lubbock this past week to sell the equipment to a foreign company for some $2 million. The proceeds would be used pay some back debts, including more than $130,000 in back taxes owed to the Snyder Independent School District.

However, that deal to a foreign-based company appears to have fizzled.

David Ellison, an attorney retained by the Snyder schools to collect the back taxes, said he had doubts an offer by Textechindo was really that

See Lorber, Page 12A

ASK US

Q—Is it legal for county commissioners to drive county cars on the weekend?
A—Yes.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Friday, 93 degrees; low, 69; 7 a.m. Saturday, 70; no precipitation; total for 2002, 11.51 inches.

Area Forecast: Saturday night, partly cloudy; low 65-70; SE winds 5-15 mph; Sunday, partly cloudy; high 90-95; SE winds 10-15 mph. Sunday night, partly cloudy, low 65-70.



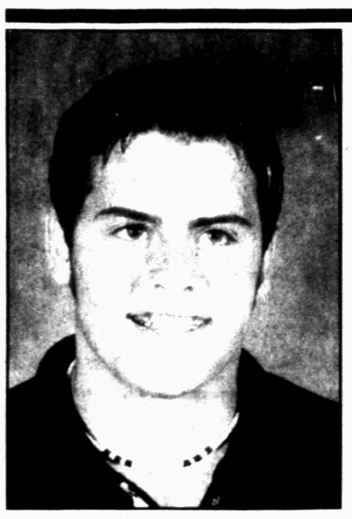
Garrett Snyder
Partly Cloudy

Sunset:
8:52 p.m.
Sunrise:
6:42 a.m.
Of 179 days in 2002, the sun has shone 172 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Between grief and nothing, I will take grief.
—William Faulkner

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Blake Scott

Blake Scott gets honored in math

The United States Achievement Academy recently announced that Blake Scott, a student at Snyder Junior High School, has been named an All-American Scholar.

In addition, he has also been named a U.S. National Award winner in mathematics.

All-American Scholars must earn a 3.3 or higher, grade point average.

Scott is the son of Ken and Jan Scott of Snyder. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. H.W. Dickerson of San Angelo and the late Mr. and Mrs. Homer Scott.

Temple dedication set by Mormons

NAUVOO, Ill. (AP) — The Mormon church is holding 13 services over four days to consecrate its historic holy sanctuary, which was rebuilt 150 years after the original temple was destroyed by fire.

"These sessions are repeated to allow the number of people who would like to attend a dedicatory session to attend," said church spokesman Randy Ripplinger.

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IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY
The Case Against Gambling
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Some asking why PUC still has vacancy

FORT WORTH (AP) — It has been about six months since Gov. Rick Perry's appointee to the Public Utility Commission resigned amid conflict-of-interest allegations, and some regulatory insiders are questioning whether election-year politics is preventing the governor from filling the vacancy.

The vacancy on the three-member commission, which oversees the state's telephone and electric industries, is apparently the longest in the agency's 27-year history, according to a review of records by the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. Records also indicate that the vacancy lasted five or six times longer than most other vacancies since the PUC's inception in 1975.

It's Perry's responsibility as governor to appoint a successor to former Enron executive Max Yzaguirre, who resigned after weathering criticisms by Perry's political opposition in the Democratic Party.

"It appears to me that they're a bit gun-shy to make an appointment because it could become a political football - there's always the fear of making another Yzaguirre mistake," said Jim Boyle, a private attorney specializing in regulatory issues. "But when you wait a long time and just leave a position like this open, you also leave open the charge that you're not exercising leadership."

A Perry spokesman said the governor is carefully weighing different candidates but has no timetable for filling the slot. The spokesman said he is "not aware that politics played any role" in the delay.

"The process for any position is the same - he's looking for a well-qualified person who is going to fulfill the responsibility of the board," spokesman Gene Acuna said. "He's going to make a choice that is good for Texas. ... That's the bottom line."

Yzaguirre served on the commission from June 27 to Jan. 18. The fact that he headed Enron's Mexico operations fueled the conflict allegations that eventually led to his resignation.

Democratic gubernatorial candidate Tony Sanchez has criticized the Yzaguirre appointment, blamed Enron-related conflicts at the PUC for inflated electric rates, and has run televised attack advertising blaming Perry for high summertime bills.

That advertising, and the long vacancy, continue fueling hallway chatter outside PUC meetings. Utility officials, consumer advocates and PUC staff members are asking similar questions, such as when the appointment is coming, why it has taken Perry so long to make it, and whether the new commissioner will come from industry, academia or a consumer group.

"It's all politics - this speculation in the hallways," one utility official told the Star-Telegram for Saturday's editions. "Perry has shown a propensity to shoot himself in the foot. Why would he want to reload the gun by making another appointment?"

PUC spokesman Terry Hadley said the vacancy does not necessarily create more work for the two sitting commissioners, Brett Perlman and Rebecca Klein. And while a third commissioner could overrule any tie, Hadley said Perlman and Klein have voted unanimously since Yzaguirre's departure.

Janee Briesemeister, a senior policy analyst for the Austin office of Consumers Union, said a third member would help resolve some of the crucial electric deregulation issues confronting Texas.

"And a third commissioner ... adds another perspective to the debate and is necessary for continuity," she said.

State Rep. Steve Wolens, the Dallas Democrat who co-authored the Texas deregulation law, said that if Perry needs more time to find the right commissioner, so be it.

"It's better long than wrong," Wolens said. "It's imperative that we find someone untainted by association or financial affiliation with the market participants."

Commissioners are appointed to staggered, six-year terms.

WTAMU lists honor rolls, graduates

CANYON — West Texas A&M University has released the names of honor roll students and graduates — a list of more than 1,000 students in the spring semester.

Of that total, 788 were named to the Dean's List.

Snyder area students named to the Dean's List include:

- Michael J. Gibson — junior music major.
- Valery B. Haines — sophomore dance major.
- Kara D. Harrison — sophomore biology major.

To be eligible for the dean's list, students must have a GPA between 3.25 to 3.85 and carry a minimum of 12 under graduate hours.

For the first time in almost 15 years, West Texas A&M University hosted its own graduation ceremony on campus and awarded a total of 562 degrees during spring commencement exercises May 10 at the WTAMU Event Center.

Graduating was Emily L. Bavousett of Hermleigh, who received a bachelor of business administration degree in management.



Stormy Clark

Clark gets Who's Who for 3rd year

Snyder High School graduate Stormy Clark has been recognized in *Who's Who Among American High School Students* for the third consecutive year.

Clark is the daughter of Stanley and Marie Clark of Snyder. Her grandparents are Carla and Lindy Clark of Richardson and the late Abner and Julia Grender of Franklin, Minn.

Clark will attend Western Texas College this fall.



Sabrina Johnston

Johnston listed in Who's Who

Sabrina Johnston, a 2002 Snyder High School graduate, has been nominated for *Who's Who Among American High School Students* for the second consecutive year.

Her biography was published in last year's *Who's Who*. She also received the SHS departmental award in art from Ted Bigham.

Johnston will attend Western Texas College in the fall. She is the daughter of David and Marsha Johnston and the granddaughter of Roy and Geneva Burk and the late Herbert McKinley.



Ryan Sutter

Sutter graduates from Coast Guard training center

Coast Guard Fireman Ryan M. Sutter, son of Crystie and Alton Sutter of Monahans and the grandson of Janice Cox of Snyder, recently graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Recruit Training Center in Cape May, N.J.

Sutter completed a curriculum consisting of classroom academics and practical instruction in various areas.

A major emphasis is placed on physical fitness and health. Sutter received instruction on the Coast Guard's three core values — honor, respect and devotion to duty — and how to apply them in military performance and personal conduct.

events
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TEXAS LOTTERY
RESULTS

Texas Two Step

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Texas Two Step numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery:
3-30-4-28
Bonus number 1
Estimated jackpot: $200,000

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery:
7-10-17-36-38

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday night by the Texas Lottery, in order:
0-4-6

Berry's World



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Oxy Permian recognizes these second quarter recipients of the 2002 H.O.S.S. Awards, which are awarded to those individuals who regularly and routinely demonstrate exemplary safety attitudes and behaviors.

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HOST DISCUSSION — Scurry County Early Head Start hosted a round table discussion last Friday at Cogdell Memorial Hospital. Representatives from the hospital's obstetrics department, WIC (a federally funded nutrition program for Women, Infants and Children, and PEP (Pregnancy, Education and Parenting Program) joined Early Head Start in a discussion of collaboration of services for the pregnant women in the area. Pictured left to right are top row, Tammy Tyrrell, RN (nurse for Scurry Community Services), Jeanita McIlroy (prenatal coordinator for Scurry County EHS), Dawn Fish LVN (WIC); bottom row, Stacey Haley, RN, (Cogdell's OB), Bonnie Carroll, RN, (childbirth educator & OB nurse at Cogdell), Janis Inman (PEP), and Amelia Rosas (WIC). (Contributed Photo)

Boeing supplier found liable in lawsuits over 1994 crash

PITTSBURGH (AP) — A Boeing Co. supplier is mostly to blame for the 1994 crash of a US Airways jet that went into a nosedive and slammed into a hillside, killing 132 people, a jury decided.

The verdict Friday means Parker Hannifin Corp., which made a valve in the plane's rudder, must reimburse the airline for most of the hundreds of millions of dollars US Airways paid to settle lawsuits brought by the families of those killed in the 1994 crash.

The jury found Parker Hannifin was 75 percent liable for the disaster near Pittsburgh International Airport. Boeing, which made the Boeing 737, was found to be 25 percent liable but will not have to pay any more money because it settled with the airline and victims' families in 1999, said Boeing spokeswoman Liz Verdier.

US Airways has never disclosed how much it paid, but attorneys for some of the victims' families have said the settlements were more than $1 million per passenger.

The jury rejected Parker Hannifin's argument that pilot error contributed to the crash.

"It's great for us that the pilots and the airline were found to have no liability," said Bill Pietragallo, US Airways' attorney.

Parker Hannifin spokeswoman Lorrie Paul Crum said the company will probably appeal.

"Our valve worked perfectly even after the crash," Crum said. "They dug it out of the hillside, it worked perfectly."

The National Transportation Safety Board ruled in 1999 that a malfunction in the rudder control system caused the jet to roll and nosedive. Based on the ruling, the Federal Aviation Administration ordered a redesign of the 737's rudder system that is to be completed by 2006.

Parker Hannifin had argued that the flight's first officer, Charles Emmett, overreacted to turbulence caused by a jet ahead of Boeing 737 and inadvertently stalled the plane.

But US Airways called as an expert witness a Boeing 737 pilot who testified that Emmett reacted properly when the plane began to lose control.

Two receive TTU pharmacy degrees

LUBBOCK — Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center held commencement ceremonies May 19 in the Amarillo Civic Center.

Two Snyder area residents were among 57 School of Pharmacy students who were awarded degrees. They are Tyson Louis Cromeens, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jay Cromeens, and Kimberly Sue Brade, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Rowe.

ASU Dean's List is announced

SAN ANGELO — The Dean's List for the 2002 spring semester has been announced at Angelo State University.

Snyder students on the list are Michael W. Ashby, computer science; Lexie Shae Beard, interdisciplinary child development and learning; Rebecca J. Daves, accounting; Karol E. Dent, psychology; Emily A. Hardy, English; Joshua C. Hudgins, criminal justice; Catrina A. Lopez, psychology; and Kyle Ross McClendon, kinesiology.

To be eligible for the dean's list, students must be enrolled full-time and maintain a 3.25 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

Burrus wins subscription to newspaper

Marshall Burrus, 3102 Denison, is the June winner of a free year's subscription to the Snyder Daily News.

Each month a drawing is held from the names of those who have subscribed or renewed for six months or more.

Sterling becomes member of NSCS

AUSTIN — Whitney D. Sterling of Boerne accepted membership in the National Society of Collegiate Scholars and will be honored during a campus ceremony next fall at the University of Texas.

Founded in 1994, NSCS recognizes first and second-year undergraduate students who excel academically.

Sterling is the daughter of Lynn Sterling Bishop of Boerne and the late Robert Allen Sterling. She is the granddaugher of Jean Sterling of Ira.

Manson follower denied parole for fourteenth time

FRONTERA, Calif. (AP) — Former Manson disciple Leslie Van Houten was denied release for the 14th time after a parole board concluded she has not shown sufficient remorse for her role in the cult killings that shocked the nation in 1969.

The Board of Prison Terms commended Van Houten's behavior in prison — from working as a chapel clerk to making audio tapes to help other inmates — but Commissioner Sharon Lawin said those positive aspects "do not yet outweigh the factors of unsuitability."

"The panel feels that she has not fully explored and accepted these issues as evidenced by her minimalization and superficial expressions of remorse at today's hearing," Lawin said.

The ruling Friday came after a prosecutor and the family of the victims urged the board never to grant parole to the now 52-year-old woman who was described as a model prisoner.

Charles Manson, his chief lieutenant Charles "Tex" Watson and three women — Van Houten, Susan Atkins and Patricia Krenwinkle — were convicted and sentenced to death for their roles in the 1969 slayings of actress Sharon Tate, Leno and Rosemary La Bianca, and four others. The sentences were later commuted to life when the U.S. Supreme Court struck down the death penalty in the 1970s.

All five Manson "family" members are still behind bars.

Asked at Friday's hearing if she had stabbed Mrs. La Bianca, Van Houten replied: "Yes I did, in the lower torso approximately 14 to 16 times."

Friday's hearing had appeared to represent Van Houten's best chance to get out, coming a month after a judge ruled the parole board has failed repeatedly to give her guidance on what she can do to make herself suitable for release.

Such action, Superior Court Judge Bob N. Krug said, ignores Van Houten's accomplishments in prison and turns her sentence into life without parole, in violation of the law.

He noted that Van Houten has successfully completed every rehabilitation program offered in prison and that her psychiatric evaluations indicate she is not a danger to society and should be found suitable for parole.

At Friday's hearing, Leno La Bianca's nephew demanded Van Houten never been released.

"Miss Van Houten should already be dead for her part in these unprovoked murders," said Louis Smaldino. "Society has been very merciful."

Van Houten, clad in a gray sweat shirt and sweat pants, said she will always bear sorrow for her victims.

Nunn sonnet takes first place honors

Long Black Coaches, an Italian sonnet written by Yvonne Nunn of Snyder, has won first place in a poetry contest sponsored this month by the High Plains Chapter of the Texas Poetry Society.

She is a new member and the sonnet was her first entry.

On Thursday night, Mrs. Nunn read another sonnet, *Drought Buster*, at the Abilene Writers Guild's June meeting. She joined this group a few months ago. *Drought Buster* won second place in the rhymed section of a poetry contest sponsored by the Writers Guild.



Zach Allred

Zachary Allred graduates from basic training

Airman Zachary A. Allred has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio.

Allred, a 2001 graduate of Snyder High School, is the son of Morris and Bonnie Allred of Snyder.

Stalvey graduates

ABILENE — Hardin-Simmons University announces that Snyder resident Robert Stalvey was among approximately 230 students that received degrees during the spring commencement exercises on May 11.

Stalvey received a Master of Divinity from HSU's Logsdon School of Theology.

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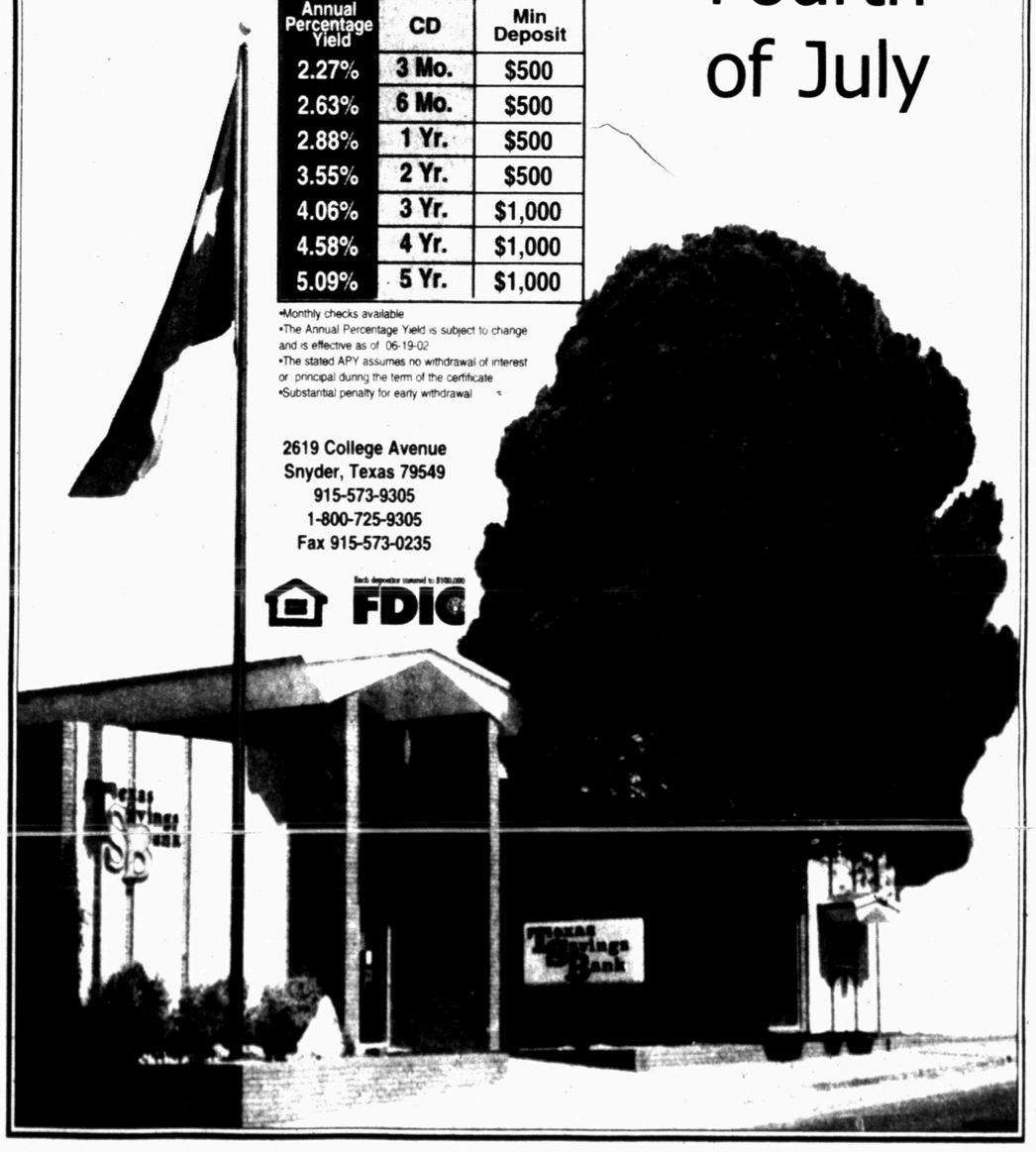
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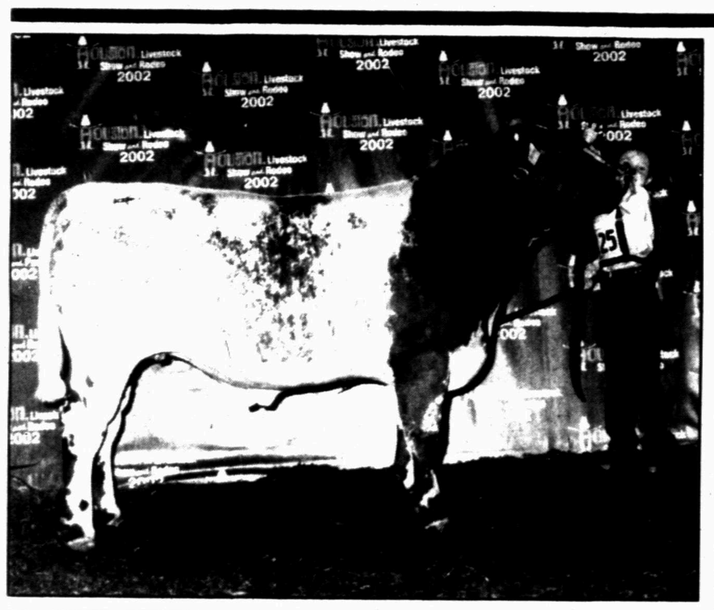


EXHIBIT STEER — Laramie Gilbert, a member of Scurry County's 4-H and Ira's FFA chapter, recently exhibited her shorthorn steer, Twister, at the Houston Livestock Show, where he placed third in the lightweight class. Bluebonnet Belles of Houston purchased Twister. Laramie is the daughter of Jeff and Lachana Gilbert of Ira. Grandparents are James and Sue Boucher and Jady Gilbert, all of Snyder; and Clayton and Dot Phillips of Lubbock. (Contributed Photo)

Ricci says he doesn't know whereabouts of Utah teen

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A man who police say tops their list of potential suspects in the disappearance of Elizabeth Smart said he is being targeted because of his criminal past.

Richard Albert Ricci said Friday night that he knows nothing about the 14-year-old girl's whereabouts.

"I think the reason I'm involved is because of my past. I would not — nor could not — hurt a child in any way," Ricci said in a statement released by his attorney. "I have no knowledge of Elizabeth Smart's abduction, disappearance or whereabouts."

The ex-convict, who worked as a handyman in the Smart home more than a year ago, is in police custody on an unrelated parole violation. He has not been charged in the Smart case.

Ricci has spent 29 years in and out of prison on burglary, attempted homicide, armed robbery and other convictions.

He said in the statement that he has "cooperated fully" with the FBI, police and probation officers.

Ricci's wife told police her husband was in bed by her side the night Elizabeth disappeared. Police say the girl was taken at gunpoint from her bedroom in the early morning hours of June 5.

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When Choosing Mutual Funds, Look for a "Good Fit"

It's easy to invest in a mutual fund. In fact, with more than 8,000 funds available, you've got an abundance of choices. But as a mutual fund owner, your investment philosophy should *not* be "the more, the merrier." Instead, look for the *right* funds — those that meet *your* individual needs.

How can you make sure you're choosing those funds that are appropriate for you? For starters, look for funds that match your own goals and risk tolerance. If you want your money to grow so that you can meet long-term objectives, such as college for your kids or a comfortable retirement, then you may be interested in *growth-oriented funds*, which typically contain stocks of medium and large companies. You'll need to be aware, however, that the prices of stock funds will move up and down every day. As a stock-fund investor, you have to accept this risk to your principal in exchange for potentially high returns.

On the other hand, if you need cash flow, you might want to consider *income funds*, which may be made up of bonds and dividend-paying stocks. If you own income funds, your principal may not fluctuate as much as it will in growth funds. But income funds, particularly those made up mostly of bonds, run another risk — the risk of losing purchasing power to inflation.

As you can see, different types of funds carry different benefits and different risks. That's why you may want to build a diversified portfolio of growth, growth-and-income and income funds.

What else can you do to research suitable mutual funds? For one thing, make sure you truly understand a fund's history and its management. When was the fund started? Who manages the fund? How long have they been in their position? What's their investment style? Once you know the answer to these questions about a specific fund, you'll be more comfortable with owning that fund, and you'll be less likely to be surprised at any moves that the fund's managers make.

How about a mutual fund's performance? Shouldn't that be a key factor in choosing a particular fund? You'd certainly think so if you saw any of the countless advertisements that tout a given fund's return. But underneath the large print showing a fund's performance, you'll read this message: "Past performance does not guarantee future results." This isn't just a legally required tag line - it's the truth.

And yet, a mutual fund's past performance could be important to you, because it shows that that the fund management has the discipline and a success rate that long-term investors need. Just keep in mind that things can change: A successful portfolio manager could depart the fund, or the economic climate could worsen for the fund's holdings, or the fund could alter its investment philosophy.

Ultimately, in choosing mutual funds, you should consider a number of points before investing. Pick funds that meet your goals and investment personality, look for managers whose investment style appeals to you, seek out funds that invest in vehicles with which you're comfortable, and, most importantly, discuss your decisions with an objective investment professional.

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Medical exams revisited

DEAR DR. GOTT: I am enclosing an article in my local newspaper in which you decried annual exams for healthy adults. How often should people have such exams?

DEAR READER: You were kind enough to send me a copy of the article in question — and I am aghast. My original column was about 500 words and included the reasoning behind my opinion. Your newspaper cut and slashed the column to about 200 words, leaving out the most important constituents.

As a general rule, women during their reproductive years should have annual exams, including Pap tests and breast examinations. After 50, an exam every five years is appropriate. (Pap tests may not be necessary.) After 60, an annual exam is a good idea (with or without a Pap test). Mammography, bone density exams, colon studies and blood tests can be obtained at the discretion of the patient and her physician.

Healthy men should have exams every 10 years in their 20s, 30s and 40s. At 50, they should have colon exams and general examinations every five years. At 60, an annual exam is appropriate. Blood tests, stress tests and other lab work can be decided on an individual basis.

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DEAR DR. GOTT: My doctor assures me that I am in remission from my systemic lupus erythematosis. How long can I revel in this? Are lipomas associated with this disease?

DEAR READER: SLE is an inflammatory disorder of connective tissue, which binds organs together. Thus, the disease affects many parts of the body, including the skin, joints, kidneys, lung covering (pleura), heart covering (pericardium), lymph nodes and spleen. The most common signs of SLE are rash, progressive renal failure and fatigue. Pain may be an important symptom.

The cause is unknown, but the condition is diagnosed by blood tests.

SLE is peculiar in that it waxes and wanes. For no apparent reason (or following therapy), patients may welcome periods of complete remission, often lasting months or years. The prognosis varies. As a general rule, the earlier SLE is diagnosed and treatment begun (with steroids), the greater the chance for recovery. Thus, early detection of the disease is paramount.

I cannot predict how long your remission will last. Perhaps your physician can give you a ballpark figure, based on your past pattern of disease, but the actual length of remission is unpredictable.

Incidentally, lipomas (benign fatty tumors beneath the skin) are not related to SLE, cause no health problems and need not be removed unless they are a nuisance, enlarge or cause irritation (under bra straps, for example).

DEAR READERS: This is the second in a series on herbal remedies.

Garlic: Used as a medication for more than 5,000 years, this remedy is experiencing a resurgence. The supplement may be effective in lowering blood cholesterol and triglyceride levels, reducing high blood pressure, improving arterial elasticity, fighting inflammation and protecting against cancers of the colon, stomach and prostate gland. Topical garlic cream may kill fungous infections of the skin.

Because garlic also prolongs blood clotting, patients taking anticoagulant medication, such as Coumadin, must be closely monitored. Garlic can also interfere with certain medications.

Although the herb is ordinarily free of side effects, large doses can lead to stomach upset, rash and — in rare instances — allergic shock. As a general rule, any garlic preparation that is odorless is probably worthless.

Echinacea: This herb is contained in the common North American wildflower called the purple coneflower. The supplement has been shown to reduce the inflammatory response, much as cortisone does, as well as to fortify the immune system. Although it does not prevent colds and upper respiratory infections, echinacea may limit the severity and duration of these common ailments. It may also be useful in treating urinary infections and vaginal yeast infections.

The usual dosage is 300 milligrams three times a day. Side effects are unusual and consist primarily of allergic reactions; hence, people who are sensitive to plants and flowers (ragweed, daisies and so forth) should avoid echinacea.

Saw palmetto: Extract from these berries appears to be effective therapy for prostatic enlargement. In fact, it may be as effective as the prescription drug Proscar.

Saw palmetto rarely causes side effects (at a dose of 160 mg twice daily), but occasionally may be associated with nausea, vomiting, diarrhea or constipation.

Grape seed extract: The effective ingredients are procyanidolic oligomers (PCOs), which are also found in cranberries, blueberries, black currents, green and black teas and red wine.

PCOs act as antioxidants; they scavenge so-called "free-radicals," products of metabolism that are associated with vascular diseases and ill health. Thus, grape seed extract (an inexpensive source of PCOs) is often helpful in treating venous insufficiency, capillary fragility, diabetic retinopathy and macular degeneration. PCOs may also improve night vision in healthy people.

For standard antioxidant support, the usual dose is 50 mg a day. However, when used for specific therapeutic purposes, the dose of grape seed extract is increased to 150 to 300 mg a day. No adverse reactions have been reported.

Kava: Used for centuries in the South Pacific islands, this herb has several effects, not all of them beneficial. It relaxes muscles, reduces pain, prevents seizures, lessens anxiety and the symptoms of early menopause and helps insomniacs to sleep.

Unfortunately, there is the very real potential for serious liver injury. This side effect has been reported so often that the Food and Drug Administration recently issued a warning to health care professionals advising them to inform their patients of the risks and to report any kava-induced liver injury. The FDA does not recommend the use of kava and lists the following label-names of he product: Ava, Ava pepper, Awa, Kava root, Kava-Kava, Kawa, Kavapepper, Kawa-Kawa, Kew, Sakau, Wurselstock, and Yangona.

Evening Primrose: The ninth best-selling herbal preparation is believed by some patients to be an effective antidote for pre-menstrual syndrome and cyclic breast pain. In addition, evening primrose oil has shown promise in reducing the signs and symptoms of rheumatoid arthritis and may help treat diabetic neuropathy.

Some studies have shown a beneficial effect on attention deficit disorder.

The usual dosage ranges from 540 mg to 6 grams a day. Evening primrose should be taken with food to enhance absorption; benefits may not be seen for several months. Adverse reactions include nausea, indigestion, abdominal cramps and diarrhea. The supplement is contraindicated in patients who are pregnant, have a seizure disorder or suffer from schizophrenia.

To be continued.

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Colon exam can be a life saver, medical experts say

WASHINGTON (AP) — A colonoscopy has been called by some doctors the "save your life screening test" because the procedure is so successful in finding precancerous polyps, removing them and preventing cancer from getting started.

"Virtually all colon cancer starts as polyps," said Dr. Christy A. Russell, a medical oncologist at the University of Southern California Medical Center. "The purpose of a colonoscopy is not to look for cancer, but to remove those polyps."

"If they are removed, then it's virtually certain you will not have colon cancer," said Russell, the president-elect of the American Cancer Society in California.

She said President Bush is wise to have the procedure done because doctors found polyps in his colon in 1998 and 1999.

"If everybody had this screening test regularly, we could almost completely eradicate all colon cancer," she said.

Colon cancer kills more than 50,000 Americans annually and is the second leading cause of cancer death in the U.S., behind lung cancer. Statistically, there is about a 6 percent chance of developing colon or rectal cancer some time in life in the United States, but studies show that regular colonoscopy after age 50 cuts this risk by more than 90 percent.

Typically, the most uncomfortable part of a colonoscopy is getting ready for it. This includes drinking solutions that force the bowel to thoroughly clean itself, a procedure that makes venturing far from a bathroom impossible.

Patients are generally lightly sedated for a colonoscopy and can recover within minutes after the 30- to 60-minute procedure is over.

Russell said it is very common for patients to be so lightly sedated that they are able to follow instructions to move or reposition their body.

"After it's over, the president probably would be able to jog or be very active," she said.

Surgical problems are extremely rare during the procedure, occurring in less than 1 percent of cases. The most common problem is an abrasion or piercing the colon wall, which is not considered serious. Russell said she never heard of a "misadventure" during colonoscopy that caused death.

Once a patient is sedated, the doctor threads a flexible tube containing an optical scope up the colon. The doctor is able to examine every inch of the colon, looking for polyps.

If polyps are found, the doctor uses a wire loop to remove them.

"It works like a lasso," said Dr. Warren E. Enker, chief of colorectal surgery at Beth Israel Medical Center in New York. "You slip the loop over the polyp, give it a little electrical jolt and the polyp comes off."

The tissue is removed for examination. That finding may help determine how often a patient needs to have a colonoscopy.

If polyps are found during an initial screening test, then doctors may ask the patient to return for another colonoscopy in a year. If no polyps are found in that next exam, then most patients can safely wait three to five years before repeating the test, said Russell.

Ex-Florida Senate leader convicted on one count

PENSACOLA, Fla. (AP) — A former president of the Florida Senate was convicted on one of four counts of breaking the state's open-government "sunshine" law by discussing public business privately with other Escambia County commissioners.

The jury acquitted W.D. Childers on two counts and could not reach a decision on the final count after more than nine hours of deliberations. Okaloosa County Judge T. Patterson Maney declared a mistrial on the fourth count.

Childers, 68, is one of four Escambia commissioners suspended by Gov. Jeb Bush after they were indicted on misdemeanor open government violations in April. Childers faces up to 60 days in jail and a $500 fine.



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Nutrition By Ed Blonz, Ph.D.

Sugarless gum can cause stomachaches

By Ed Blonz, Ph.D.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: I wanted to pass along some information that might be helpful to others. My daughter had been having problems with stomachaches, and we weren't sure whether it was a symptom of a medical condition, stress or even a food allergy. Our family physician asked about a number of things, including whether she chewed gum and ate sugarless mints. When he asked this question, I could see my daughter's eyes light up, as she always chews sugarless gum. Since we eliminated the gum, her stomach problems have disappeared. — **S.A., Martinez, Calif.**

Dear S.A.: My hat is off to your family doctor. The sweeteners most commonly used in sugarless gums and mints are xylitol, mannitol and sorbitol, all members of the sugar alcohol family. Even though they are, indeed, sugars, they're called "sugarless" sweeteners because they have a sweet taste but don't promote tooth decay: The bacteria in and around our teeth cannot digest the sugar alcohols and produce the enamel-destroying acid associated with cavities.

One of the negatives linked to these compounds is that they attract water when they're in the digestive tract, which can lead to digestive upset, such as diarrhea and cramping, in some people. Because they are not efficiently absorbed, sugar alcohols often end up in the large intestines, where they serve as an attractive food for the bacteria that normally reside there. The end result can be an increased production of intestinal gas.

The symptoms are mild when small amounts of sugarless gum or mints are consumed, or when they are taken with or soon after a meal. If, however, larger quantities are eaten, such as several mints or sticks of sugarless gum — particularly when taken on an empty stomach — the result can be the upset your daughter experienced.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: I wanted to say thanks for your column earlier this year in which you talked about the positive attributes of chocolate. Are the antioxidants you described in the cocoa powder or in the cocoa fat? If they are in the fat, would that mean that the only way to get the benefits is to eat the full-fat chocolate? — D.M., Bonaci, Calif.

Dear D.M.: Research on chocolate has, indeed, identified the presence of beneficial compounds. These compounds, know as flavonoids, have been found in the solid fraction of the chocolate, which means that they are in the cocoa powder, and, of course, in the whole chocolate confection.

Dark chocolate contains more flavonoids than milk chocolate, and white chocolate contains little, if any. The form your chocolate takes is a matter of personal preference. A lot of foods have wonderful attributes. If you choose to eat chocolate, do so not because it is prescriptive but because you enjoy it.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: A lot of hair-vitamin ads stress that amino acids are good for the hair, but I've also heard that they cause weight gain. I don't need to gain weight, but I would like the extra protein for my hair. — F.H., Chicago, Ill.

Dear F.H.: Amino acids do not have any special ability to cause weight gain. They contain approximately 4 calories per gram, which is similar to carbohydrates but less than fat (9 calories per gram). The body uses amino acids as building blocks to make protein, but it can use them for energy in times of need. If amino acids are not needed for protein and there is sufficient dietary energy, the body converts the excess into fat for storage.

Hair is made up of protein, and many hair products contain protein — including products taken internally and those used externally. Nutrient deficiencies can affect the hair, so it is true that amino acids and other nutrients are "good" for the hair, but there is no evidence that ingesting more amino acids than the body needs to meet its protein requirement will result in a healthier head of hair. Perhaps the greatest influences on your hair are the external products and treatments you use.

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

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Vice president maintains low-key approach to job

WASHINGTON (AP) — Dick Cheney doesn't like big entourages. He doesn't linger with supporters when he's out on the stump for the GOP, and he generally doesn't talk to reporters. Airing his views on the great issues of the day, he echoes President Bush, word for word.

On Saturday, the vice president was temporarily shedding his role as No. 2 and assuming the powers of the presidency while Bush is sedated for a colon screening. Such a transfer of presidential power hasn't happened since 1985 when President Reagan underwent surgery for colon cancer.

Cheney planned to hold a round of national security meetings but otherwise stay out of sight.

In a year and a half in office, Cheney has shown little taste for the spotlight, preferring to work behind the scenes.

A vice presidential fund-raising swing in North Carolina on Friday gave a glimpse of his low-key style of doing business. Cheney stuck to a heavy political schedule, as planned.

Spokeswoman Jennifer Millerwise said of the transfer of power: "It's part of the job."

In fact, according to aides, Cheney didn't deviate at all from his standard fund-raising formula. But a hay fever-induced cough punctuated his addresses all day, and his Air Force pilots seemed especially eager to get him into and out of the commercial airports he used, with steep takeoffs and high-speed, jarring landings.

On the eve of the transfer, Cheney maximized his political trip with appearances in two North Carolina cities for Senate candidate Elizabeth Dole, Rep. Robin Hayes, R-N.C. and Rep. Sue Myrick, R-N.C., who traveled to the state aboard Air Force Two. He brought in hundreds of thousands of dollars for Dole and Hayes.

Cheney gave his standard speeches outlining the White House domestic agenda — a defense of tax cuts, a call for fiscal discipline by lawmakers — and a forceful case for the war on terrorism.

"We must take the battle to the enemy and where necessary preempt grave threats to our country before they materialize," Cheney told several hundred activists in Charlotte.

"The only path to safety is the path of action," he said, borrowing a phrase Bush used earlier this month. "The United States of America will act, and we will defeat the enemies of freedom."

Like the president, Cheney appreciates a good joke, but his sense of humor tends toward deadpan delivery, where Bush likes to light up crowds with big laughs.

Taking a whack at Al Gore, his predecessor as vice president, Cheney said that until Bush tapped him as running mate, "I was certain my time in public office had passed. I was even thinking about growing a beard.".

In Raleigh, giving his first speech Friday, Cheney's black suit blended in seamlessly with the black backdrop as he spoke in mellow tones. He did not make himself available to reporters traveling with him, nor those in the cities he visited.

Group to continue to fight proposal

VICTORIA (AP) — A member of the DeWitt-Gonzalez River Association says the group won't give up its fight to keep the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority from building reservoirs in DeWitt and Gonzales counties.

The authority is seeking permits needed for a proposal to divert water from the Guadalupe River to pipe it to San Antonio.

Bill West, general manager of the river authority, has said that if a diversions project that would involve a mix of groundwater and river water isn't accepted, the authority would have to re-examine the possibility of constructing two large water-supply reservoirs, called Cuero I and Cuero II.

Bob McCurdy, with the DeWitt-Gonzales River Association, called those "fightin' words."

"Our association will continue to fight these reservoirs again and again and again," McCurdy said in a story in Saturday's editions of The Victoria Advocate. "The message I would like to send to GBRA is that we're going to guard our interests in our counties at any cost for any length of time."

Representatives of the River Association and the Water Research Group, an organization opposed to the Lower Guadalupe River Diversions, met Thursday in Victoria.

"We don't want either project," said Ken Schustereit, leader of the Water Research Group. He said he invited the River Association's representatives to meet to work against the GBRA strategy and to show solidarity.

Powell upbeat on support for Bush's stand on Arafat

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of State Colin Powell says President Bush may have "jarred some nerves" with his strong stand against Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, but he believes international support for the new policy is solid.

In an interview Friday with The Associated Press, Powell specifically referred to backing by European and Arab countries even though there is little indication among these countries that they fully embrace Bush's position.

"I think it is universally recognized," Powell said, alluding to Bush's contention that the leadership of Arafat and his colleagues has failed.

Bush's speech was a dominant theme of discussions at the Group of Eight summit of wealthy nations in Canada this week. No leader sided with Bush in his call for Arafat's ouster, but several agreed that peace was not possible without reforms.

In Sudan on Thursday, delegates from 57 Islamic countries issued a declaration that said Muslims stood by the "Palestinian people under the leadership of the gallant President Yasser Arafat."

Powell contended, however: "Most of the Arab nations have put out positive statements with respect to the vision that the president had in his speech. It may have jarred some nerves, it may have upset some people, but it is the reality."

Meeting with two AP reporters in his 7th floor conference room, Powell said Arafat earned the rebuke that Bush delivered in his speech.

"There's a price to be paid for inaction against terrorism, inaction against reform," he said.

Powell said he'd had "the most direct conversations" with Arafat to try to sway him "but we've not seen change or improvement."

In fact, Powell said, evidence that Arafat authorized payment to a group that carried out a suicide bombing against Israel had hardened the Bush administration's resolve to turn to other leaders.

Powell said the United States hopes to work with European and Arab countries to carry out a "transformation" of Palestinian society.

He said Assistant Secretary of State William Burns would meet in London next week with U.N., European Union and Russian officials "and explore with them how to move forward."

Diplomatic officials said Burns might then go on to the Middle East for talks with Israeli and Arab leaders.

Bush has promised to work toward the establishment of a Palestinian state within three years.

On other subjects, Powell said:

—He was pleased that the Islamic government of Iran had agreed to accept a U.S. offer of humanitarian assistance in response to an earthquake last weekend.

"I'm not prepared to say it's the beginning of a new policy with Iran or a rapprochement. But I'm glad to see that they recognize that the aid we were offering came with no strings attached," Powell said.

— The administration proposed at a meeting on Thursday in New York that the talks be resumed in mid-July in Pyongyang, the North Korean capital, and that Assistant Secretary of State James Kelly probably would lead the U.S. delegation.

—It was a "major step forward" for Russia to agree to a $20 billion U.S.-European Union plan to dismantle dangerous weapons over 10 years. He said the program should diminish the possibility of leakage of such weaponry to pariah states.

Woman shoots mom, kidnaps baby

MIAMI (AP) — A Florida woman obsessed with having a baby offered a woman a ride home from a Miami pediatric clinic, shot her in the head and took her 6-month-old son, police said Friday.

The infant was later found unhurt at the suspect's Fort Myers home, said Miami police spokesman Lt. Bill Schwartz. The 21-year-old mother, who was left for dead on a road, was hospitalized in critical condition.

Police charged Jennifer Graves, 30, with attempted murder, kidnapping and weapons offenses. She was being held without bail.

Graves visited a pediatric clinic at Jackson Memorial Hospital on Wednesday, apparently looking for a child to take home with her, officials said. She allegedly told neighbors she had given birth to a baby in January, but no one ever saw a child.

"She apparently had an obsession that she wanted a baby," Schwartz said.

Graves ran into Ronnie Holton, who had taken her son for a checkup, and offered her a ride home, police said. She shot Holton in the head during the ride, pushed her out of the car and drove away with the baby, Schwartz said.

A man working in his yard found Holton on the side of the road.

Police arrested Graves at her home 120 miles northwest of Miami.

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Jazz center recovering from surgery

DALLAS (AP) — Utah Jazz center Greg Ostertag ate some vanilla ice cream and even took a few laps around the nurses station Friday after undergoing surgery to donate a kidney to his younger sister.

Amy Hall, 26, was moved from intensive care to a regular room, said spokeswoman Kathryn Goldstein.

The transplant was performed by doctors at Baylor University Medical Center on Thursday.

Hall has had type 1 diabetes since she was 7. Her kidney problems began three years ago, and in March it was determined she needed a new organ. Tests showed her brother to be a perfect donor.

Surgeon Butch Derrick said Ostertag was adjusting to one kidney and that the plan is to increase his activities daily.

The 7-foot-2 Ostertag was expected to be released Saturday or Sunday.

The risk of career-threatening complications are low. Ostertag should be able to report to training camp on time, Derrick said.



JOYRIDE — Shannon Miller of Hobbs, N.M. shows how it's done in the bareback riding competition at the Scurry County Rodeo. Miller's ride of 75 points had him in the lead heading into Saturday night's final performance at Scurry County Coliseum. (SDN Staff Photo)

Competition tightens up at Scurry County Rodeo

Roping and riding kicked into high gear Friday night at the 67th annual Scurry County Rodeo.

Competition tightened up in every event heading into Saturday night's final performance. The final round of action is set for 8 p.m. Saturday at Scurry County Coliseum.

Several local competitors were among those making a charge toward the top Friday.

Snyder's Terra Bynum recorded the fastest time of the night in the breakaway roping, looping her calf in 2.4 seconds to move into a tie for second place. Bynum also guided her mount through the arena in 13.477 seconds to sit sixth in the barrel racing.

Former WTC cowgirl Sequin Downey holds the lead in breakaway roping with a 2.3. Post's Emily Smith is top in the barrel racing at 13.335.

Locals also fared well in the team roping with a pair of Snyder duos moving up the standings.

Toby Trammell and Jody Holt, both of Snyder, posted a time of 5.5 seconds to jump into the runner-up spot. Snyder's Dusty and Cory Hatley were only two spots back in fourth after registering a 6.9.

In the bareback riding, Shannon Miller's score of 75 points held up to keep the Hobbs, N.M. cowboy in the lead. Burkburnett's Chris Bradley maintained his lead in the steer wrestling from Thursday night.

Jeremy Hennigh moved into the top spot in the calf roping with an effort of 9.1 seconds.

Vernon's Tate McMullen tallied 80 points to secure the lead in the bull riding, and Matt McCloy moved into first in the saddle bronc riding with a 70.

Tickets for the final performance can be purchased at the gate for $5.

Along with the competition, patrons can enjoy the arts and crafts booths set up in the coliseum foyer. A dance featuring the Letz Dance Band is also held in the annex following the performance.

(Leaders after 2 performances)

Bareback riding: 1. Shannon Miller, 75; 2. Luiz Moreira, 75; 3. Yancy Cody, 70; 4. David Browder, 64.

Calf roping: 1. Jeremy Hennigh, 9.1; 2. Kody Curry, 9.2; 3. Bruce Tackett, 9.5; 4. Guy Miller, 9.9; 5. Matt Carlson, 10.3; 6. Camron Fambro, 10.4.

Breakaway roping: 1. Sequin Downey, 2.3; 2. (split) Anna Bader, Terra Bynum and Kelly Slavin, 2.4; 5. (split) Emily Smith and Jamie Standifer, 2.5.

Saddle bronc riding: 1. Matt McCloy, 70; 2. John Jones, 68; 3. Bill Herbert, 66.

Steer wrestling: 1. Chris Bradley, 5.3; 2. Stephen Seibold, 6.6; 3. J.O. Duke, 7.9; 4. Cody Charmason, 9.1; 5. Marty McFall, 9.4; 6. Trent Johnson, 9.6.

Barrel racing: 1. Emily Smith, 13.335; 2. Kortni Connell, 13.377; 3. Tibba Smith, 13.436; 4. Tara Timms, 13.442; 5. Leslie Edens, 13.451; 6. Terra Bynum, 13.477.

Team roping: 1. Smitty Smith-Zane Bowers, 5.1; 2. Toby Trammell-Jody Holt, 5.5; 3. Cody Benevedes-Zachary Riggan, 6.3; 4. Dusty Hatley-Cory Hatley, 6.9; 5. Jason Senior-Wade Clayton, 10.5; 6. Joe Baker-Cole Benedict, 11.0.

Bull riding: 1. Tate McMullen, 80; 2. Cole Brittain, 74; 3. Mitchell Rogers, 71; 4. Joe Pierce, 60.

WNBA Glance

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	10	4	.714	—
Orlando	7	5	.583	2
Charlotte	6	5	.545	2½
New York	8	7	.533	2½
Cleveland	6	6	.500	3
Indiana	6	7	.462	3½
Miami	3	9	.250	6
Detroit	0	13	.000	9½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	12	1	.923	—
Houston	11	3	.786	1½
Utah	8	4	.667	3½
Phoenix	7	5	.583	4½
Seattle	7	7	.500	5½
Portland	6	8	.429	6½
Minnesota	4	8	.333	7½
Sacramento	2	11	.154	10

Friday's Games

Miami 78, Detroit 74, OT
Cleveland 67, New York 58
Houston 73, Utah 57
Indiana 67, Sacramento 60
Portland 72, Washington 66
Los Angeles 84, Phoenix 72

Saturday's Game

Orlando at Minnesota, 8 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Charlotte at Washington, 2 p.m.
Houston at Los Angeles, 4 p.m.
Portland at New York, 4 p.m.
Sacramento at Detroit, 4 p.m.
Indiana at Miami, 5 p.m.
Utah at Cleveland, 7 p.m.

Top seeds falling at Wimbledon

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — Greg Rusedski isn't surprised there aren't many seeded men's players left in the draw at Wimbledon. He's just happy to be one of the few still around.

"It's the depth of men's tennis these days — if you don't play your best every day, you're going to go home," the 23rd-seeded Rusedski said Friday after his 6-1, 6-4, 6-2 win over No. 11 Andy Roddick.

Among those eliminated before Friday were second-seeded Marat Safin, No. 3 Andre Agassi and No. 6 Pete Sampras.

No. 5 Yevgeny Kafelnikov joined the early losers' club Friday, leaving just two of the top 15 — No. 1 Lleyton Hewitt and No. 4 Tim Henman.

In the bottom half of the draw, the highest-seeded player left is No. 22 Nicolas Lapentti.

Losses Friday by Roddick and Taylor Dent left lucky loser and little-known Jeff Morrison as the only American man still in contention.

If Morrison loses Saturday to Sjeng Schalken, it would mark the first time since 1922 that no American has advanced to the round of 16. It's already the worst performance by American men at Wimbledon since the Open era began in 1968.

In Saturday's third-round play, Hewitt was paired against Austria's Julian Knowle, and Henman against Wayne Ferreira. Among the women, No. 1 Venus Williams was due to face Canada's Maureen Drake, and No. 3 Monica Seles played Ai Sugiyama.

Rusedski, meanwhile, has further raised British hopes. No British player has won the men's title since Fred Perry in 1936. Henman has made the semifinals three times, and Rusedski could also make a run.

"I think the expectation is high on both of us this year," Rusedski said. "I'm the one who's in the background at the moment. I'm still here — that's the most important thing."

Kafelnikov was beaten 7-6 (4), 7-5, 6-1 in the third round by Belgium's Xavier Malisse.

In women's play, No. 2 Serena Williams and No. 3 Jennifer Capriati won in straight sets to reach the fourth round. Williams struggled to a 7-6 (5), 7-6 (2) win over Belgium's Els Callens, while Capriati beat Daja Bedanova 6-4, 6-2.

Kafelnikov, a two-time Grand Slam champion, reached the quarterfinals at Wimbledon in 1995 but hasn't been a factor at the All England Club since. Malisse, a 21-year-old baseliner, has been moving steadily up the rankings and is seeded 27th.

Kafelnikov never looked comfortable Friday as Malisse kept him under steady pressure.

The match turned in the Belgian's favor with Kafelnikov serving at 6-5 in the second set. On the second break point of the game, Kafelnikov blew an easy high backhand volley, floating the ball wide and handing Malisse the set.

The Russian dropped his racket in disgust, closed his eyes and covered his face with his hands. The match was essentially over as Malisse raced through the final set in 23 minutes.

Kafelnikov said Centre Court is playing slower this year because of a lack of rain, something that will favor Hewitt.

"We have been through five days and we have not seen one drop of rain," Kafelnikov said. "It's definitely going to have some major effect on the big serve-and-volley players because you have a nice slippery court."

Rusedski, who faces Malisse next, played a nearly flawless serve-and-volley match against Roddick. The Briton was never broken, faced only two break points and thoroughly dominated the 19-year-old American.

Roddick made a number of acrobatic saves and full-stretch dives, but couldn't hurt Rusedski.

Rusedski fed off the crowd support, shouting and pumping himself up.

"It's easily the best match I've ever seen him play at Wimbledon," said former three-time champion John McEnroe, who is doing television commentary for the BBC.

Also advancing to the round of 16 were Richard Krajicek and Mark Philippoussis, two big servers coming back after serious injuries and who will face each other in the fourth round.

Philippoussis was the first man to reach the round of 16, serving 33 aces and beating Nicolas Kiefer 3-6, 6-3, 6-4, 6-2. Krajicek, the 1996 champion, swept to a 7-6 (5), 6-4, 6-2 victory over Thailand's Paradorn Srichaphan, who beat Agassi in the second round.

Philippoussis and Krajicek are both serve and volleyers, and the Dutch player doesn't expect to see many rallies.

"I'm not going to stay back on my first or second serve, and neither is he," Krajicek said.

Kite chases Hall midway through U.S. Senior Open

OWINGS MILLS, Md. (AP) — Walter Hall just wasn't himself in the second round of the U.S. Senior Open.

"I probably won't ever do it again, but I sure had my day in the sun today," Hall said after shooting a 6-under-par 65 Friday. "This was my Tom Kite imitation today."

Hall's bogey-free round put him at 7-under 135, one shot ahead of Kite and Jose Maria Canizares at the midway point of the $2.5 million tournament. It was Hall's first sub-70 score in 14 rounds at the U.S. Senior Open.

Hall's objective the rest of the way was to avoid doing a R.W. Eaks impersonation. After opening with a tournament-record tying 64, Eaks had three bogeys and a double bogey en route to a 73 that left him at 137.

"I've got to look at it this way: I'm two shots back and this is a U.S. Open," Eaks said.

Eaks and Hall, who have one career win between them, have performed admirably in an event that features some of golf's biggest stars.

"You've got some of the greatest ball strikers that have ever played in this tournament," Hall said. "I'm fortunate to be playing with them."

That might be true, but after two rounds, Hall's place among all those prominent golfers was atop the leaderboard.

Fred Gibson, Tom Watson and Isao Aoki were at 138. Gibson and Aoki shot 69s, Watson a 71.

Arnold Palmer had three triple bogeys and a double bogey, shooting an 85 for a 25-over 167 total. Afterward, he wondered aloud about his future in competitive golf.

"I think maybe I've got a clue as to what's been wrong," Palmer said. "I'll go work on it and see if I can hit good enough to even continue to play at all. That's how bad I've been playing."

Palmer wasn't the only big-name golfer to struggle on the 7,005-yard Caves Valley Golf Club course.

Gary Player, who shot a 75 for a 154, and defending champion Bruce Fleisher, who shot a 75 for a 151, were among several prominent golfers who missed the cut of 7-over 149.

"I played miserably. There's not a whole lot more I can say about it," Fleisher said. "It was a lousy two days."

And it was a glorious 48 hours for Hall, whose lone win in five years on the senior circuit was the 2000 Canada Senior Open.

"I've had two great days," he said. "Anytime you play an Open and you shoot 1-under and 6-under, that's awfully good — especially for me."

Hall has confidence in his game, but he never expected to find himself leading the pack.

Mets' Corey mum about drug use

NEW YORK (AP) — Mark Corey could only wait for the test results. In the meantime, the New York Mets pitcher wasn't talking about his reported marijuana use.

Corey underwent a series of tests Friday as doctors tried to determine what caused his seizure near Shea Stadium.

"I'm going to wait until I hear," he told a pool reporter. "I'm just sick of sitting in this hotel."

Corey was stricken Wednesday night shortly after the Mets' 6-3 loss to the Atlanta Braves. On Friday, Newsday said the player admitted smoking marijuana just before falling ill in a parking lot outside a hotel.

Several reports Saturday said Mets teammate Tony Tarasco, who drove Corey to the hotel and was with the pitcher when he was stricken, used marijuana with Corey.

The New York Post reported that Tarasco was asked by police where the marijuana was bought and if it was laced with a substance, but Tarasco could not provide the information or a sample of the drug.

The New York Times reported that police did not search Tarasco's car for drugs.

Corey, now on the 15-day disabled list, hoped to hear test results by Saturday.

Asked whether marijuana could have caused his problem, he said: "I'm open to that."

Corey, however, would not discuss any other detail involving marijuana.

Corey, a seldom-used reliever, was not with the Mets as they opened a three-game stand at Yankee Stadium in another round of Subway Series interleague play. The Mets lost 11-5 Friday night.

The 27-year-old Corey said he was to meet with Mets psychiatrist Allan Lans, coordinator of the Employee Assistance Program. He also said Mets general manager Steve Phillips talked to major league baseball about his collapse.

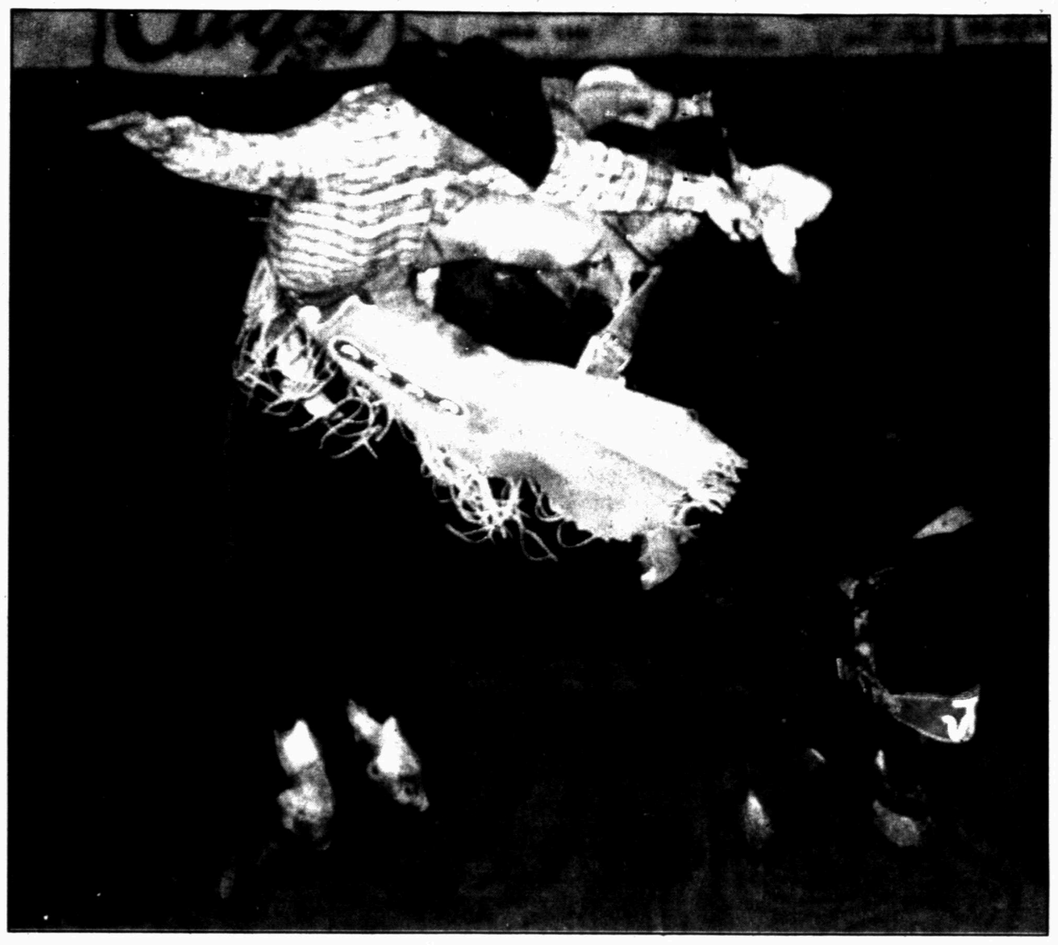
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SPORTS



DISMOUNT — Brandon Brown of Tatum, N.M. gets bucked off during his attempt in the saddle bronc riding at the Scurry County Rodeo. The event wraps up at 8 p.m. Saturday at Scurry County Coliseum. (SDN Staff Photo)

Astros hold off Rangers in Lone Star match-up

ARLINGTON (AP) — Roy Oswalt had just given up a triple in the seventh inning of a close game. But the Houston starter didn't give in, he struck out the next three Texas batters he faced.

Oswalt didn't throw another pitch after that, and the Astros went on to the beat the Texas Rangers 6-5 Friday night in the resumption of the Lone Star Series.

"That's the best single inning I've seen him pitch," Astros catcher Brad Ausmus said. "He certainly picked up his focus."

After Kevin Mench tripled to start the seventh, Oswalt (8-5) left him there with three straight strikeouts. Frank Catalanotto struck out on a nasty sinker — the 111th and final pitch thrown by Oswalt, who left wiht a 5-3 lead.

"He never ceases to amaze me with his intestinal fortitude. He's just got guts," center fielder Lance Berkman said. "A lot of time in adverse situations, he makes his best pitches. I had a great view, and you could see he turned it up a notch and got the job done."

Berkman added his 24th homer in the ninth, a 424-foot shot to center. That proved big since Mench homered in the ninth off Billy Wagner.

Oswalt struck out nine while allowing three runs on seven hits. The right-hander, one of the NL's top rookies a year ago, is 20-7 with a 3.02 ERA in 37 career starts.

Astros manager Jimy Williams didn't even considered sending Oswalt back out after his impressive seventh.

"We thought he had done his job, pitching through seven innings. It was time for a change," Williams said.

"I was running out of gas a little bit," Oswalt admitted. "You have to make pitches. With a runner on third, you have to focus on every pitch, and the biggest thing you have to do is make better pitches."

Ricky Stone took over to start the eighth, and gave up a run before Wagner got an inning-ending double play on his first pitch. Wagner got the last five outs for his 12th save.

Orlando Merced hit a two-run homer off Chan Ho Park (3-4) and later scored on Brad Ausmus' go-ahead double for the Astros.

Merced's homer, his fourth of the year, gave Houston a 2-0 lead in the second. Richard Hildago had reached on a double that hit off Juan Gonzalez's glove when the right fielder slipped on the warning track that had been soaked by a pregame thunderstorm.

The Rangers went ahead 3-2 before the Astros scored three in the sixth. Hildago drew a one-out walk before Merced singled and Ausmus, the No. 9 hitter, doubled. Jose Vizcaino added a run-scoring single.

Houston, which took 2-of-3 from the Rangers two weekends ago, has a 3-1 lead for this year's Silver Boot trophy. The two teams split their six games last year, the first they ever played in the regular season, but Texas was given the trophy for outscoring the Astros 44-28.

Alex Rodriguez tied the game with a two-run homer in the third, a 435-foot shot to left-center after Ivan Rodriguez reached on a ground-rule double in the right-field corner. It was A-Rod's AL-leading 24th homer.

After Rodriguez's homer, Oswalt struck out three of the next four hitters, including Gonzalez to end the third.

Texas went ahead 3-2 in the fifth when Michael Young doubled and scored on a single by Frank Catalanotto, who was activated earlier in the day after seven weeks on the disabled list because of lower back problems.

Park was pulled after giving up a two-out walk to Ausmus in the eighth. After he got to the dugout, Park took his frustration out by beating on a water cooler.

"I didn't get tired. I just feel bad giving up a hit and a walk to the ninth-place batter," Park said. "Except for once pitch (Merced's homer), it was an OK outing."

Park allowed five runs on seven hits. He struck out five and walked five. He threw 122 pitches, just 69 of them strikes.

Ivan Rodriguez greeted Stone in the eighth with a single, then stole second before scoring on Gonzalez's single. Wagner got Rafael Palmeiro to ground into a double play on the first pitch he threw.

Hnatiuk grabs lead at St. Jude Classic

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Taking the St. Jude Classic one day at a time has worked very well for Glen Hnatiuk so far. And he doesn't plan to change a thing.

Concentrating on Thursday, Hnatiuk shared a one-stroke lead after the first round. Thinking only about Friday, he shot his second consecutive 6-under 65 that included a birdie on the final hole for a one-stroke lead all to himself after the second round.

"That's how I'm going to try to approach Saturday and Sunday — in the same way," said Hnatiuk, who never led a PGA event before this week.

"I've had trouble in the past where I get in my own way and get ahead of myself thinking of consequences and what might happen. That's been a little bit of a problem for me. Saturday's just going to be Saturday."

Hnatiuk turned in a bogey-free round with six birdies, and his final birdie was the best. Looking only to save par, he sunk a 28-footer that dropped him to 12-under and broke a tie for the lead with Notah Begay, Pat Bates and Jay Haas.

Begay turned in a 65 that was his best score in 73 rounds. That tied him with Bates (63) and Haas (64) at 11-under 131 total.

Justin Leonard and Matt Kuchar were tied a stroke back after consecutive 66s. Tim Petrovic, who shared the first-round lead with Hnatiuk, was two strokes back with a 68.

John Riegger (68), Robert Gamez (64) and Jason Hill (66) were tied at 8 under, while Jim Carter (67), Rich Beem (68), Steve Pate (68) and Boo Weekley (68) were tied five strokes back.

Joel Edwards, in danger of missing the cut after a first-round 73, set the course record with a 28 on the front nine and finished with a 63 and 6-under 136 total. He was tied with 14 others, including John Daly (70).

Hnatiuk's best finish on tour was a tie for third at the 2000 B.C. Open. But he is used to pressure, having played center on Western Canada's junior "B" championship hockey team.

Sports Briefs

Golf tournaments

A July 4th scramble will be held at the country club with a shotgun start at 10 a.m. Cost is $20 for members and $40 for non-members.

Also, the Golfers' Memorial Partnership is set for July 13-14. Format is lowball the first day and scramble for the final round. Cost is $150 per team. For more information, call the pro shop at 573-7101.

SISD athletic physicals

Physicals are required for students wishing to participate in SISD athletics. Those needing physicals are all incoming seventh and ninth grade athletes, students new to SISD athletics, athletes in their third year of high school, and all students who answered "yes" to questions 1, 4, 5, 6 or 7 on their medical history form.

The school district pays for physicals through Aug. 2 with the following doctors: Raykov, Burleson, Cooper, Thompson, Wolboldt and NP Beth Ashley. Incoming seventh and ninth graders can pick up physical forms in the doctors' offices.

Volleyball tournament

Our Lady of Guadalupe Church youth group hosts a July 4th volleyball tournament. For information and registration, call Luis Alaniz at 573-7321.

Tennis events

Snyder Tennis Camp, hosted by SHS coach Ted Phillips, will be held July 22-25. Incoming fourth through seventh graders are eligible and cost is $30. Registration forms can be picked up at the SHS principal's office.

Snyder Tennis Booster Club is hosting a tournament July 19-21. There will be singles and doubles competition in five age divisions, 12-under, 14-under, 16-under, 18-under and open. There will also be mixed doubles in the open division.

For more information on either event, contact Ted Phillips at 573-2525.

Friday swingers

The SCGA Women's Golf Association holds a weekly swingers event at 5:30 each Friday. It is open to all members and prospective members. Cost is $10 per couple and the format is scramble.

Cash prizes go to the top three finishers as well as closest to the hole. For more information, call Barbara Leatherwood at 725-7875.

WGA weekly play day

The SCGA Women's Golf Association holds a weekly play day each Tuesday at 9 a.m. Format is all irons on the back nine. A luncheon and business meeting will be held after play.

Major League Baseball

American League
By The Associated Press
All Times EDT

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	49	30	.620	—
Boston	46	29	.613	1
Baltimore	37	40	.481	11
Toronto	31	45	.408	16½
Tampa Bay	27	50	.351	21

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	45	35	.563	—
Chicago	39	41	.488	6
Cleveland	37	41	.474	7
Kansas City	30	46	.395	13
Detroit	26	51	.338	17½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	50	29	.633	—
Anaheim	45	33	.577	4½
Oakland	45	34	.570	5
Texas	35	44	.443	15

National League
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East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	49	30	.620	—
Montreal	42	36	.538	6½
Florida	40	39	.506	9
New York	39	39	.500	9½
Philadelphia	35	42	.455	13

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	42	34	.553	—
Cincinnati	41	37	.526	2
Houston	35	43	.449	8
Pittsburgh	35	43	.449	8
Chicago	32	45	.416	10½
Milwaukee	28	51	.354	15½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	50	29	.633	—
Arizona	46	32	.590	3½
San Francisco	44	34	.564	5½
Colorado	38	42	.475	12½
San Diego	33	47	.413	17½

Friday's Games

Chicago White Sox 12, Chicago Cubs 0
Atlanta 4, Boston 2
Montreal 2, Toronto 1
N.Y. Yankees 11, N.Y. Mets 5
Cleveland 8, Arizona 2
Pittsburgh 3, Detroit 1
Philadelphia 6, Baltimore 2
Tampa Bay 4, Florida 0
Minnesota 5, Milwaukee 1
Houston 6, Texas 5
Kansas City 14, San Diego 10
St. Louis 3, Cincinnati 2
Seattle 6, Colorado 2
Los Angeles 7, Anaheim 5
Oakland 10, San Francisco 6

Saturday's Games

Atlanta (Millwood 4-5) at Boston (Lowe 11-3), 1:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Leiter 7-6) at N.Y. Yankees (Lilly 3-5), 1:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Prior 2-1) at Chicago White Sox (Garland 6-5), 1:15 p.m.
Montreal (Yoshii 2-2) at Toronto (Walker 3-0), 4:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Schmidt 3-2) at Oakland (Lidle 2-6), 4:05 p.m.
Florida (Tavarez 5-4) at Tampa Bay (Kennedy 5-6), 6:15 p.m.
Milwaukee (Cabrera 3-5) at Minnesota (Kinney 2-6), 7:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Beimel 1-1) at Detroit (Weaver 5-8), 7:05 p.m.
Arizona (B.Anderson 2-7) at Cleveland (Finley 4-9), 7:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Padilla 10-4) at Baltimore (Johnson 2-5), 7:05 p.m.
San Diego (Tomko 4-5) at Kansas City (Sedlack 0-0), 7:05 p.m.
Houston (Saarloos 0-2) at Texas (Burba 4-4), 8:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Dessens 4-4) at St. Louis (T.Smith 1-0), 8:10 p.m.
Colorado (Hampton 4-8) at Seattle (Garcia 10-5), 9:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Ishii 11-3) at Anaheim (Sele 6-5), 10:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Montreal (Ohka 7-4) at Toronto (Parris 0-1), 1:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Marquis 6-4) at Boston (F.Castillo 5-8), 1:05 p.m.
Arizona (Schilling 12-3) at Cleveland (Baez 6-5), 1:05 p.m.
Florida (Burnett 8-5) at Tampa Bay (Sosa 0-1), 1:15 p.m.
Philadelphia (Person 2-4) at Baltimore (Ponson 3-4), 1:35 p.m.
Milwaukee (Rusch 5-5) at Minnesota (Milton 8-6), 2:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Benson 1-4) at Detroit (Maroth 1-1), 2:05 p.m.
San Diego (Peavy 0-1) at Kansas City (Suppan 6-6), 2:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Clement 5-5) at Chicago White Sox (Buehrle 11-5), 2:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Pineda 1-3) at St. Louis (Morris 10-5), 2:10 p.m.
San Francisco (Ortiz 6-4) at Oakland (Hudson 5-7), 4:05 p.m.
Colorado (Thomson 6-7) at Seattle (Baldwin 6-6), 4:35 p.m.
Houston (Redding 3-4) at Texas (Valdes 5-6), 8:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Trachsel 6-6) at N.Y. Yankees (Pettitte 1-2), 8:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Od.Perez 9-3) at Anaheim (Schoeneweis 6-6), 8:05 p.m.

Former Kentucky coach hired at SE Louisiana

HAMMOND, La. (AP) — Hal Mumme, forced to resign at Kentucky after dozens of NCAA violations were uncovered two years ago, was hired Friday as the coach for the reinstated football team at Southeastern Louisiana.

The University of Louisiana Board of Supervisors approved the appointment without discussion after the board's athletic committee accepted the university's recommendation. No board member objected to or spoke against Mumme.

Southeastern Louisiana, which dropped football in the mid 1980s for financial reasons, begins playing again in 2003.

Meeting in Baton Rouge, La., the committee voted to give Mumme a 5½-year contract, through the 2007 season.

Mumme's base salary is $75,000, according to Southeastern athletic director Frank Pergolizzi, who said the contract includes incentives.

Earlier reports that Mumme would be the new coach drew criticism from the president of the Louisiana Senate, among others, but school president Randy Moffett said he had no qualms about hiring the former Kentucky coach.

"We've identified a person who can win. We've identified a person who can recruit. We've identified a person who made a mistake," Moffett said.

In January, Kentucky was placed on three years' probation by the NCAA for football recruiting violations, all under Mumme's tenure from 1998-2000.

The Wildcats were cited for more than three dozen recruiting violations, banned from a bowl game this season and will lose a total of 19 scholarships over a three-year period.

While Mumme was charged with failure to monitor the program, he was not given any individual sanctions.

"I think the fact that I walked away with no penalties speaks volumes," Mumme said before the committee vote. "I will do my best to run a good program, a clean program."

State Sen. John Hainkel said earlier this week he felt the state could not afford to associate itself with a candidate who had been brushed by scandal.

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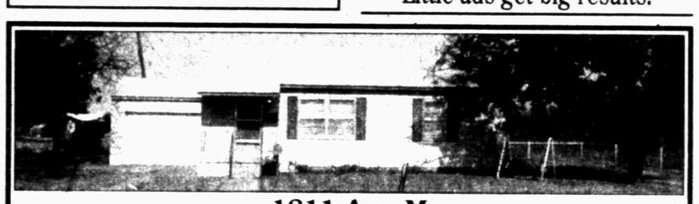
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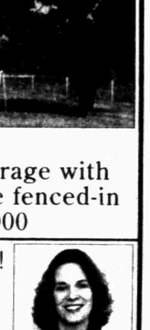
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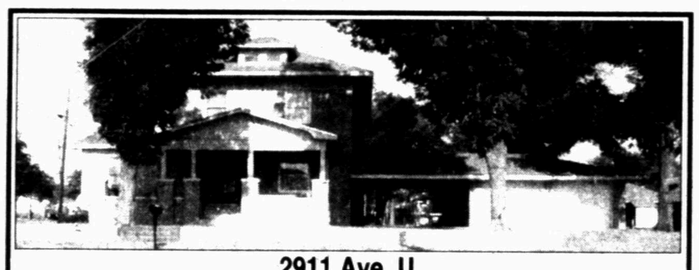


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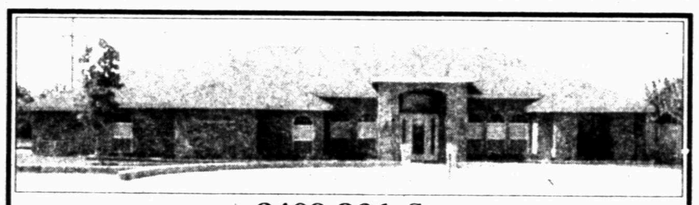
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Pilot who bombed Canadians by mistake was told to hold his fire

WASHINGTON (AP) — The American fighter pilot who mistakenly bombed Canadian troops in Afghanistan released the bomb after being told to hold his fire, a senior U.S. officer said.

Inquiries into the deadly April 18 incident blamed the U.S. pilot and a fellow American F-16 pilot for not following proper procedures.

Four Canadian soldiers were killed and eight injured when the American pilot, identified as Maj. Harry Schmidt of the Illinois Air National Guard, dropped a 500-pound, laser-guided bomb on them.

Marine Corps Lt. Gen. Michael DeLong said a U.S. military panel recommended "appropriate disciplinary action" against Schmidt and the unidentified lead pilot of the pair of F-16s involved. The panel also recommended that some members of the pilots' chain of command be disciplined, DeLong said.

DeLong, second in command at the U.S. Central Command, refused to say what disciplinary actions the panel recommended. The Air Force will decide what discipline will be given, DeLong said.

U.S. military officials have not said whether they plan to compensate Canada or the families of the soldiers killed.

A parallel Canadian inquiry found that neither pilot knew Canadian troops were holding a training exercise with live ammunition south of Kandahar that night. The U.S. inquiry found the pilot believed he was under attack and was acting in self-defense by dropping the bomb, DeLong said.

DeLong refused to say whether U.S. pilots had been told about the Canadian exercise.

The bombing caused the Canadian military's first deaths in a combat operation since the Korean War and outraged many Canadians. Both investigations concluded that the Canadian military had properly notified American forces about the training exercise.

The two U.S. F-16s were returning from a mission over Afghanistan when the lead pilot saw what he described as fireworks, DeLong said. The pilot thought it was anti-aircraft fire and asked for permission from a U.S. AWACS surveillance plane to investigate.

Schmidt, the wingman, asked the AWACS crew for permission to fire his 20mm cannon at the site. The AWACS crew told him to hold his fire and provide more information.

Schmidt provided that information and, "declaring self-defense, rolled in on the target," and dropped the bomb that killed the Canadian soldiers, DeLong said.

DeLong refused to give any more details, telling reporters repeatedly that a military investigation of the matter was continuing.

Remaining questions about the incident include:

—Why the pilots thought they were under attack by anti-aircraft fire. Canadian officials have said their troops did not fire any surface-to-air weapons during the exercise.

—Why the pilots were unaware of the Canadian exercise. DeLong would not say whether a failure to tell the pilots about the exercise was one of the command failures identified in the U.S. report.

—Whether fatigue may have played a role. Fighters patrolling over Afghanistan have flown missions for 10 hours or longer.

Maurice Baril, the retired general who led the Canadian inquiry, said Canadian investigators only were allowed to submit written questions to the two American pilots.

"We certainly would have loved to have had the pilots in front of us to talk to them," Baril said at a news conference in Ottawa, Canada's capital.

The four soldiers killed in the accident were members of the 3rd Battalion of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, which is based near Edmonton, Alberta.

Schmidt's lawyer released a statement shortly after the incident saying the pilot did not know the ground troops were part of the U.S.-led coalition.

"The pilot believes that he properly followed procedures based on the information he had at the time," said the lawyer, Air Force Capt. James Key.

WorldCom begins laying off workers

CLINTON, Miss. (AP) — WorldCom Inc. began laying off 17,000 employees worldwide after disclosing accounting irregularities that could force the nation's No. 2 long-distance company into bankruptcy.

The cuts account for about 20 percent of the work force at WorldCom, which operates in 65 countries.

WorldCom revealed Tuesday that its internal auditors had found that the company hid $3.8 billion in expenses. That means WorldCom may have lost millions of dollars when it reported profits.

On Friday, WorldCom eliminated about 1,300 jobs in Virginia, 1,000 in Texas, nearly 700 in Maryland and 500 in Colorado. In other states, the numbers ranged up to a few hundred. WorldCom's 2,000 employees in Mississippi were reduced by about 100.

"I'm going to miss the friends that I have inside, and I'm worried about what they're going to do," said Kimberly Spencer, a 31-year-old mother of two who lost her job in the accounting department at WorldCom headquarters.

Spencer cried as she described the somber mood of her co-workers, and said she and others were frustrated and angry.

WorldCom's largest employment base — about 9,000 — is in the Washington, D.C., area, where MCI Communications had its headquarters and where WorldCom chief executive John Sidgmore has his office. WorldCom bought MCI in 1998 for $30 billion.

Sidgmore had told shareholders at WorldCom's annual meeting two weeks ago that significant job reductions were planned.

Sidgmore, who replaced WorldCom founder Bernie Ebbers as chief executive in April, said the cutbacks would save the company $900 million a year and would be achieved through layoffs, attrition and other means.

The layoffs are the second round this year for WorldCom. In April, the company said it was eliminating 3,700 U.S. jobs.

WorldCom has seen its stock price plummet in recent months because of concerns about debt of $30 billion, $400 million in loans to Ebbers and weakness in the telecommunications industry.

President Bush has vowed to "hold people accountable" for the accounting scandal at WorldCom, and the Securities and Exchange Commission has filed fraud charges.

In a letter sent to Bush on Thursday, Sidgmore said that he understand the president's outrage but that he and others on WorldCom's management team "are equally surprised and outraged."

"Part of restoring trust means being straight about problems as we discover them — and aggressively solving them. This is the only way we will rebuild our company's credibility," Sidgmore said. "You have our commitment that we will continue to do this.'

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Postal prices are increasing again

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Time to break into the penny jar — stamp prices are going up again.

Effective Sunday, the cost of a first-class postage stamp will be 37 cents, an increase of 3 cents from the current price.

Besides stamps, other services provided by the post office also will increase. Postcard rates will go from 21 cents to 23 cents, and the cost of a one-pound Priority Mail package will jump from $3.50 to $3.85.

This is the third time in as many years that the price of postage has risen. In January 1999, the cost went from 32 cents to 33 cents. The cost was increased again in January 2001 to 34 cents.

Snyder postmaster Dale Lipsett refused to comment on the price increase.

According the USPS figures, mail volume has decreased five percent this fiscal year.

Postmaster General John E. Potter told Congress on May 13 that the downturn in the economy this year has hit the postal service hard, and projected the service would be running at a deficit by the end of this fiscal year.

"On the heels of the recession came 9/11, then the anthrax bioterrorism attack. By the end of fiscal year 2002, we expect mail volume to be down by six billion pieces," Potter said, adding that the decline is the largest in 70 years. He also said the service projects a net loss in the range of $1.5 billion.

Potter said the postal service plans to streamline its operations — including cutting the number of career employees by 20,000 — to reduce costs to limit the need for future rate increases, He said the service intends to keep postal rates static for the next two years.

Robert F. Rider, chairman of the postal service's board of governors, said earlier this year that the service realizes "that continual rate increases are not the long-term answer to maintaining a national postal system."

The postal service does not get funding from tax dollars as it is a self-sustaining service that depends on the sale of products and services to cover operating expenses.

Cleanup of munitions depot underway

SPINBOLDAK, Afghanistan (AP) — Afghan soldiers began clearing unexploded bombs and ammunition Saturday after a massive blast at a munitions depot scattered rockets, mortars and bullets throughout this southern Afghan border town. At least 25 people were confirmed dead and dozens hurt.

The blast, which killed at least seven Afghan soldiers and 18 civilians scattered munitions throughout a one mile radius, and were heard as a series of thundering explosions three miles away in the Pakistani town of Chaman.

In the Afghan capital, Kabul, two explosions were heard early Saturday in the vicinity of the international airport — a heavily mined area where international peacekeepers have been working for months to clear mines and unexploded ordnance.

Maj. Angela Herbert, spokeswoman for the International Security Assistance Force, said the first blast before dawn was a controlled explosion. She said she had no information on the second explosion.

In Spinboldak, about 300 miles southwest of Kabul, Fazaludin Agha, the local military commander, said the initial blast at the munitions dump on Thursday was triggered by a rocket attack, but it was not known who fired it.

Afghan Interior Minister Taj Mohammed Wardak also said the Spinboldak blast was set off by a missile, but did not identify any suspects. He said U.S.and Afghan forces were investigating.

Secondary explosions continued into the early hours of Friday in the former Taliban stronghold. The munitions had originally belonged to the Taliban, but were later commandeered by Afghan forces.

Many of the dead were buried under debris, said the munitions dump's manager, Fazal Rahim.

"We are trying to recover the bodies, but we will have to wait for (ordnance) clearance of the area," Rahim said. "We can see the bodies of soldiers are under the collapsed roofs and walls."

He said the ammunition has turned some parts of town into virtual minefields.

"I have seen some live weapons in houses, and people are really scared," he said "They don't know how to deal with these weapons."

Nida Mohammed, a 21-year-old man who lives near the munitions depot, said live ammunition rained onto his roof and many of the rounds remained there until Saturday. He said he and many others slept outside of their homes Friday night.

Despite the danger, some children and adults in the impoverished town entered the blast site searching for scrap metal to sell.

The massive explosion was the latest in a series of violent incidents in the region on both sides of the Afghanistan-Pakistan frontier. On Wednesday, 10 Pakistani soldiers died in a shootout on the Pakistani side of the frontier with suspected al-Qaida fugitives.

Pentagon spokesman Lt. Col. Dave Lapan said no U.S. military forces were involved or in the area when the explosions occurred. U.S. soldiers maintain a large base in the southern city of Kandahar, about 90 miles west of Spinboldak.

The explosions blasted a local government customs house where food aid was stored. A nearby mosque was also extensively damaged, its roof caved in and one wall collapsed.

Also damaged was an office of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees, located about 70 yards from the arms depot, spokeswoman Jennifer Clark said in Geneva. One UNHCR driver was injured and was taken to the hospital.

Colorado wildfires cloud air in Denver

DENVER (AP) — The smoky, brown haze was back, dropping ash like snowflakes. Denverites were coughing again, rubbing their eyes and blowing noses.

The source of the trouble was 40 miles to the southwest: a 137,000-acre wildfire, polluting air the city has worked for decades to clean.

But officials called the brown clouds in June a temporary setback in a city close to being declared in compliance with federal standards.

"It's a significant feather in the cap of our government processes," said Steven Arnold, deputy director of the state's Air Pollution Control Division. "But the reward is really in better air and better health for the residents of Denver."

The city has come a long way from the 1970s and 1980s, when it would violate federal air standards for carbon monoxide or particulates a couple hundred times a year.

Now, Denver has gone nearly seven years without a violation.

The wildfires have caused some pollution and health problems. A 50-year-old woman died after smoke engulfed her home near Florissant on June 11. A doctor listed smoke inhalation and asthma as the cause of death.

And earlier this month, pollution levels neared 70 percent to 80 percent of federal limits during two 24-hour periods, but never exceeded them.

"The science is showing us more and more we need to be concerned about the exposure to short-term, high concentrations of particulate matter, especially for some people with respiratory problems," said Larry Svoboda, manager of air quality planning for the regional office of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Last month, the EPA recommended removing Denver from a list of dirty cities that had violated five key pollution standards. The city had been on the list since 1987.

Part of the problem with Denver air is the city's location. Cool air descends from the Rocky Mountains and can trap smog or particulates like a blanket. While the wildfire burns, that mountain air has served as a pipeline to channel smoke into Denver's shallow Platte River Valley.

Denver improved its air quality over the past two decades by requiring the use of cleaner-burning, oxygenated gasoline in winter months, when weather inversions are more likely to trap pollutants close to the ground. Wood-burning in stoves and fireplaces is also banned on high-pollution days.

The state also requires vehicles in the Denver area to pass emissions tests before they can be licensed, and state highway crews switched from sand to chemical de-icers to reduce wind-born particles.

The air grew cleaner despite a population explosion in the seven counties in the Denver metropolitan area. The counties grew 50 percent, from 1.6 million to 2.4 million, from 1980 to 2000.

A plan that gained approval in the mid-1990s called for stricter regulations on residential wood-burning as a means to reduce carbon monoxide levels.

And every winter afternoon, television stations advise if it is a "red day," meaning no wood burning, or a "blue day," meaning fireplaces can be used.

The plan also encouraged the use of chemical deicing solutions instead of sanding slick roads. Sand, which can leave particulate matter in the air, is still used sometimes, but now it is swept up quickly instead of being left to clog gutters.

Even if the waning wildfire pushes Denver to exceed air pollution limits, Svoboda said the city would not likely be penalized.

"We have ways for excusing that data so a city isn't penalized for something that is beyond their control," he said.

Meanwhile, the state has warned the young, elderly and those with heart or respiratory illnesses to limit outdoor activity on days when the air is smoky. Svoboda said there is concern that the fire could smolder for months.

DFW International now said sixth-busiest airport in world

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport is now the sixth-busiest airport n the world, slipping a notch after last year's post-Sept. 11 drop in passengers.

The airport, which had ranked fifth-busiest in passenger traffic in 2000, suffered a 9.2 percent shortfall of about 5.5 million passengers. It was the largest percentage decline among the top 10 airports and the fifth-largest among the top 30.

The new figures, released Friday, show DFW Airport and Tokyo switching places in the rankings for passenger traffic.

"DFW is still on track to return to 2001 passenger levels by the spring of 2003, and our new international terminal opening in 2005 will keep pushing us to the top of passenger airports in the world," Joe Lopano, the airport's executive vice president of marketing, said in a written statement.

In 2000, DFW Airport had 60.6 million passengers. That number fell to 55.1 million last year, according to Airports Council International, the airport trade organization.

In the first month after the Sept. 11 attacks, passenger traffic dropped by as much as 35 percent. Today, passenger traffic nationwide is down about 9 percent from a year ago.

DFW retained its third-place ranking for aircraft takeoffs and landings on the ACI list. Chicago was No. 1, and Atlanta was No. 2. DFW ranked 21st among the world's airports for total cargo.

Ask Hollywood by Holly Wood

Is Robinson the Weakest Link?

Q: What has happened to Anne Robinson, who hosted "The Weakest Link"? I like the program very much. The man who hosts it now is good, but we like Robinson better. Has she gone to another program? — **S.B., Calhoun, Ga.**

A: Robinson and George Gray host different versions of "The Weakest Link," for anyone who can't get enough of televised verbal abuse. The version with Robinson airs on Sundays (check your local listings), and its clone airs five days a week.

Q: "Whose Line is it Anyway?" is the funniest show to come along since "Seinfeld." The quick humor is outstanding, and Wayne Brady's talent is remarkable. I hope he doesn't waste it on a TV sitcom that is an insult to the average bear, like most of them are. My question is, have Colin Mochrie and Ryan Stiles ever been a comedy team before? They work off of each other as if they can read each other's mind. It's uncanny. — **B.B., Mesa, Ariz.**

A: Stiles and Mochrie have worked together on the British and American versions of "Whose Line is it Anyway?" and they both starred in "Rainbow War," a short fantasy film. And starting in the fall, Brady will star in his own daytime syndicated talk-variety series.

Q: I really love Loretta Young, so I sent away for two videos from Publisher's Choice in Parade, but I didn't save the box number and address. That was Feb. 20. What is going on? They cashed my check for $17.95. I would love to have the videos. — D.S., Horseshoe Bend, Ark.

A: I'm not associated with them, so I'm afraid I can't help you. But I'm glad you wrote, because it allows me to address a point. Many people write to me with questions about orders they've placed with businesses or the editorial practices of their local newspapers. I'd love to help you, but I don't have any connection with the businesses, and I don't set editorial policy. Sorry.

Q: Can you tell me where I can write to Joe Torre, manager of the New York Yankees? - **J.G., Little Rock, Ark.**

A: You can write to Torre at Yankee Stadium, Bronx, NY 10451.

Q: I have been a big Janet Jackson fan for years, but I don't know where to send her fan mail. Also, can you tell me where to send fan mail to Lexa Doig from "Andromeda"? I have had a crush on both these women for some time, and I would like the opportunity to tell them just how much I love to watch them do what they do best. — **J.S., No City, No State**

A: Write to Jackson at CAA — c/o Kevin Huvane, 9830 Wilshire Blvd., Beverly Hills, CA 90212. You can reach Doig at Andromeda Productions, 8651 Eastlake Drive, Vancouver, B.C., V6A 4T7.

TRIVIA: During Joe Torre's first full season in the Majors, with the Milwaukee Braves in 1961, he hit .278 in 113 games.

(Send your questions to Ask Holly Wood, c/o Newspaper Enterprise Association, 200 Madison Ave., New York, N.Y. 10016, or write to HollyWood85@hotmail.com. Because of the volume of mail, personal replies cannot be provided.)

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Palestinian compound destroyed

HEBRON, West Bank (AP) — With a pair of thunderous nighttime explosions, Israel destroyed the hulking Palestinian municipal and security headquarters in this West Bank city Saturday, but mystery surrounded the fate of 15 armed Palestinians that Israel said were holed up inside.

The two controlled explosions ended the four-day siege and left mounds of smoldering rubble where the four-story building had stood on a hilltop overlooking Hebron.

Israeli soldiers moved through the debris Saturday looking for bodies, but as of Saturday afternoon, had found only weapons and ammunition, military sources said. About a dozen soldiers walked through the rubble and guarded the site, while a pair of bulldozers tore down the few remaining walls that survived the explosions.

More than 100 Palestinians, many of them police officers, came out of the building Tuesday and Wednesday, the first two days of the siege. The army said it arrested about 20 wanted men and let the rest go.

No Palestinians emerged after Wednesday, but Israel insisted that about 15 wanted Palestinians militants were still inside until the end.

A top Palestinian security chief said he believed all the Palestinians had left the compound before it was blown up.

Dynegy downgraded to junk status

HOUSTON (AP) — Moody's Investors Service downgraded Dynegy Inc. to junk status Friday, noting concern about the company's ability to shore up its finances with more than $8 billion in debt looming.

Dynegy announced a sweeping restructuring plan earlier this week to beef up cash flow that includes a dividend cut, the spin-off of a unit and the partial sale of a 16,500-mile natural gas pipeline that it acquired from bankrupt Enron Corp. in January.

Moody's said Dynegy's plan to raise at least $2 billion largely hinges on whether it can sell all or parts of assets, the most notable being a 50 percent share of the pipeline, Northern Natural Gas Co.

The agency said "a combination of weak power markets, reduced marketing and trading activity and asset sales" along with reduced cash flow expectations for 2002 could undercut Dynegy's ability to carry out its plan.

Dyne[illegible] shar[illegible] closed Friday [illegible] $.4[illegible]rcent, to $7.20 [illegible] New York Stock [illegible]

[illegible] the pipeline in [illegible] for a $1.5 billion investment in Enron made before Dynegy's plan to buy its former larger rival collapsed in November of last year.

ChevronTexaco, which owns 26.5 percent of Dynegy, put up the money given to Enron. Moody's said it believes at least part of any sale proceeds will go to ChevronTexaco, cutting down on any cash infusions into Dynegy.

Enron spokeswoman Karen Denne said Friday that the failed energy giant won't be able to repurchase the pipeline before its buyback option expires Sunday.

Moody's also said Dynegy's current $8.6 billion debt includes $6.2 billion on its balance sheet, $2.2 billion off the balance sheet and the rest in preferred stock.

"The bottom line is that the market fully expected it," Raymond James analyst Jon Kyle Cartwright said Friday of the d[illegible]ngr[illegible]de.

HISD hires 2 teachers

The Hermleigh ISD hired a special education teacher and a football coach at a special session Friday night.

Don Jones, formerly of Westbrook, was hired as the new football coach and social studies instructor. Sherry Holland was named the special education teacher.

The hirings were the only item on the agenda.

President targets corporate responsibility in radio talk

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush, striving to shield himself from public anger over a growing list of accounting scandals, promised Saturday not to let an unethical few in corporate America "tarnish our entire free enterprise system."

Bush defended his administration and the Republican Party against Democratic criticism that their laissez-faire attitude toward business has helped create the problems.

"Despite recent abuses of the public's trust, our economy remains fundamentally sound and strong," Bush said in his weekly radio address. "No violation of the public's trust will be tolerated. The federal government will be vigilant in prosecuting wrongdoers to ensure that investors and workers maintain the highest confidence in American business."

The president's scolding of big business, his fourth in as many days, could barely keep up with events.

Bush referred, though not by name, to WorldCom's disclosure earlier this week that it misrepresented $3.8 billion in expenses. By Friday, Xerox had announced it, too, had overstated revenues by billions of dollars.

"Confidence is the cornerstone of our economic system, so a few bad actors can tarnish our entire free enterprise system," Bush said. "America is ushering in a new era of responsibility and that ethic of responsibility must extend to America's boardrooms."

He listed administration efforts against corporate fraud: quick investigations into and actions against companies by the Securities and Exchange Commission and a 10-point plan that includes taking ill-gotten gains back from company executives and denying them the chance to serve on boards of directors.

Bush's address, recorded Friday, was broadcast on the day he was undergoing a colon screening by military doctors at Camp David, Md. Because short-term sedation was involved, Bush was turning over the powers of the presidency during that time to Vice President Dick Cheney.

Sen. Paul Sarbanes, chairman of the Senate Banking Committee, also used the Democrats' weekly radio address to criticize corporate misconduct. "We are facing a crisis of confidence that is eroding the public's trust in our markets and poses a real threat to our economic health," he said. "We ignore it at our peril."

Sarbanes, D-Md., urged passage of his bill to tighten oversight of the accounting industry with a new private-sector body. White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said the president might support the legislation when it goes to the Senate floor next month if it is changed to give the SEC greater administrative authority.

Bush has hit the issue hard as internal Republican polling shows him and his party vulnerable on the topic. He plans a July 9 speech on Wall Street as well.

Lorber sale falls through

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sincere in the first place.

"They never put up any earnest money. They never made a deposit," said Ellison. "My impression is that it was never a firm deal from the beginning."

It had been hoped by Snyder school officials that the sale would have gone through, and the district could have collected the $130,000 in school taxes due from last year, and some $60,500 owed for this year.

Ellison said Tom Lorber, president of Lorber Industries of California, stated in a deposition recently that the company has been talking with other prospects, but at a price less than the $2 million that was first talked about.

"It seems they are talking now in the $1.7 million range," said Ellison.

Ellison also said Lorber stated in the deposition concerning debts the company owes GE Capital that the fact that the local school district filed a tax warrant suit did not cause the company to file bankruptcy.

"The school district is still protected, I believe, in what is owed them," Ellison said. "There's just going to be less for everyone else."

Ellison said he expects another hearing to be held before the bankruptcy judge when a firm offer is on the table.

"Lorber is definitely trying to find a buyer for the equipment," emphasized Ellison. "They apparently have some prospects they are talking to, but nothing real firm."

Ellison said the equipment remains under the protection of the bankruptcy judge and that the school is prevented from selling any of the company's assets to collect the back taxes.

"We're just going to have to wait and hope they (the bankruptcy court) sees it is in the school's best interest to pay the back taxes.

"The school needs the money. It was money that was budgeted for this past school year. The school needed the money yesterday."

In a related matter, the Texas Workforce Commission has announced that all Lorber employees who lost their jobs after Oct. 22 are eligible for Trade Adjustment Assistance.

Obituaries

Doris Wood

1935-2002

BIG SPRING — Doris Wanee Wood, a former resident of Snyder, died Friday, June 28.

Funeral service for Mrs. Wood, 67, is set for 11 a.m. Monday in the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home Chapel. The Revs. Don Snipes and Willie Earl Smith will officiate. Burial will follow in Trinity Memorial Park.

Born May 11, 1935 in Noodle, she married Daryl Wood on Oct. 6, 1952 in Lovington, N.M.

A homemaker, Mrs. Wood moved from Snyder to Big Spring in 1957 and was a member of the Baptist Temple Church.

Survivors include her husband, Daryl Wood of Big Spring; a daughter, Tawa Wood of Big Spring; a son, David Wood of Big Spring; three sisters, Paula Jones of Hermleigh, Billie Tackett of Abilene and Ruby Smith of San Antonio; and two grandchildren.

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20 year-old is arrested for underage drinking

Arrest

Police arrested a 20-year-old man in the 100 block of 37th Street just after 11:30 p.m. Friday for consumption of alcohol by a minor.

Criminal mischief

Brenda Sullenger requested officers at 11:30 p.m. Friday in the 200 block of 36th Place in reference to subjects breaking two windows on a vehicle. An offense report for Class B criminal mischief was submitted.

Close patrol

Max Horsley reported someone setting off fireworks in the 2700 block of Ave. K at 8:30 p.m. Friday. A close patrol was maintained.

Jerry Owen requested a close patrol of the old IGA parking lot after 9 p.m. because of people loitering and littering in the parking lot.

Joe Roman requested a close patrol in the Days Inn parking lot at 12:27 a.m. Saturday in reference to an ice chest being taken from a vehicle.

Fire report

Snyder firefighters responded to a fire report behind Grandy's just after 2 p.m. Friday. Someone left a motor home running unattended. It overheated and firefighters had to break the driver's side window to turn the vehicle off.

Gas drive offs

A clerk with Town and Country north reported at 3:30 p.m. Friday a gas drive off worth $5.

A gas drive off was reported just before 7 Friday evening from Allsup's in the amount of $8.02

A clerk with Town and Country east reported a gas drive off at 7:13 p.m. Friday worth $7.

At 10:11 p.m. Friday an employee with Town and Country north reported a gas drive off worth $27.

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God & Country service

The Scurry Baptist Association will host a God & Country Celebration at 6 p.m. Sunday in the First Baptist Church.

Grand jury

The Scurry County grand jury is expected to consider 11 felony cases when it convenes at 9 a.m. Monday in 132nd District Court.

Auction items needed

Items are needed for the Historic Scurry County silent auction to be held July 4 at the Cornelius-Dodson House. Call 573-3822 to have items picked up.

Museum exhibit

A special exhibit of Harley-Davidson, Indian motorcycles and Cushman motor scooters continues through Aug. 22 at the Scurry County Museum on the Western Texas College campus. The free exhibit is entitled Ready To Roll and all bikes are owned by residents of Scurry County.

Medical fund

A medical fund has been established for James Weldon Buchanan at American State Bank to help with cancer treatment expenses. The account name is James Weldon Buchanan Medical Fund, #4802659.

WTC recruiting tape

Western Texas College will broadcast a 15-minute recruiting video over WTC's Channel 22 Saturday and Sunday. The tape will be played on the hour beginning at 8 a.m. The video features a review of campus activities over the past year.

Scurry Lodge to meet

Scurry Lodge #706 will install officers at 7 p.m. Saturday. All Masons, family and friends are invited to the open installation.

Class of 1977 reunion

The SHS class of 1977 will hold a reunion from 7 p.m. until midnight Saturday at Snyder Country Club. Information available from Sheila Collier, 573-0882 or Janie McCormick, 573-1637.

VFW auxiliary meeting

The VFW auxiliary will meet at 7 p.m. Monday at the post home.

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "How to Make a Life," followed by "The Case Against Gambling."

Snyder Lions Club

Snyder Lions Club will not meet Tuesday, but the club will sponsor the prayer breakfast at 8 a.m. July 4th at the park pavilion.

Masonic meeting

A stated meeting of Scurry Masonic Lodge No. 706 will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday.

Gateway Family Services

Gateway Family Services has a parenting discussion group from 10:30-11:30 a.m. every Tuesday, focusing on parenting issues and special challenges. The family violence support group also meets from 6:30-7:30 p.m. every Tuesday.

Dermott School July 4th

The Dermott School located on the coliseum grounds will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. July 4th for an art and book show and sale.

SHS class of 1992 reunion

The 1992 class of Snyder High School needs addresses for classmates. Call Melanie at 573-4022, Julie at 573-1634 or Amy at 573-4793. The reunion will be held at the end of July.

SHS class of 1987 reunion

The 1987 class of Snyder High School will have a 15-year reunion dinner next Saturday at Snyder Country Club.

Healing service

A healing service will be held at Applin Ministries (Gentle Dove) at 7 p.m. next Saturday. For information call 573-4882 or 573-8729.

Discovery School registration

Fall registration for Discovery School will be from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. July 8-12. The fall session begins Aug. 1. For more information, call 573-4770.

Desert Reign Ministry

Desert Reign Ministry will perform at 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 17, at Trinity United Methodist Church. The public is invited to hear country gospel music with a southwestern flair.

Most U.S. airlines do not seek fed loan guarantees

WASHINGTON (AP) — Most of the nation's airlines decided not to seek government-backed loans under a program created to help the industry recover from the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

The loan program required airlines to provide detailed information and let the government buy stock in their companies, a provision modeled after the Chrysler bailout.

"The price tags of accepting money from the government are excessive," said Darryl Jenkins, director of George Washington University's aviation institute.

Air Transport Association spokesman Michael Wascom said the provision requiring airlines to let the government buy stock may have discouraged airlines from seeking government help.

"There are some carriers who decided that was not a consideration they wanted to entertain," said Wascom, whose trade group represents the major airlines.

Of the country's 11 largest passenger airlines, only four — America West, American Trans Air, United Airlines and US Airways — asked the Air Transportation Stabilization Board to lend them money to keep flying.

Spokesmen for the other seven all said Friday their companies would not seek government help.

Government in action

Hermleigh High School student attends 2002 Girls State

It was a tough 10 days, but Clarissa Sauceda of Hermleigh wouldn't have missed it for anything.

The equivalent of about an 18-month comprehensive study of city, county and state government was compressed into the American Legion Bluebonnet Girls State session, held June 11-20 at Texas Lutheran University in Seguin.

Sauceda, who just completed her junior year at Hermleigh High School, was one of about 600 girls from across the state who participated in the 2002 session.

Girls State was divided into two political parties. Sauceda and half of the participants were assigned to the National party. The rest were members of the Federal Party.

The high school girls participated in citizenship activities designed to inform them about how business is conducted at the precinct, city, county and state levels.

Dorm rooms were designated as cities with some 52 girls living in each one. Cities were named alphabetically and Sauceda was a resident of J-Jocks. The inhabitants of each city had to work together to set up their city and keep it going, including passing and enforcing ordinances, such as taxes on their shoes because no one had a car. One of the fun activities was getting to decorate their cities.

Though Sauceda didn't know what Girls State would be like, she said she did expect to learn a lot about government, but she never realized "how serious it would be."



LEARNING EXPERIENCE — Clarissa Sauceda learned a lot about government at Bluebonnet Girls State. (SDN Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Throughout the Girls State session, city, county, state and judicial business was reenacted through mock precinct meetings, court hearings and trials, and running for public office that included campaigning throughout the whole campus and conducting elections. Sauceda unsuccessfully ran for first chair on the city council. However, the governor, the highest office at Girls State, later appointed her to serve on the Committee for Parks and Wildlife.

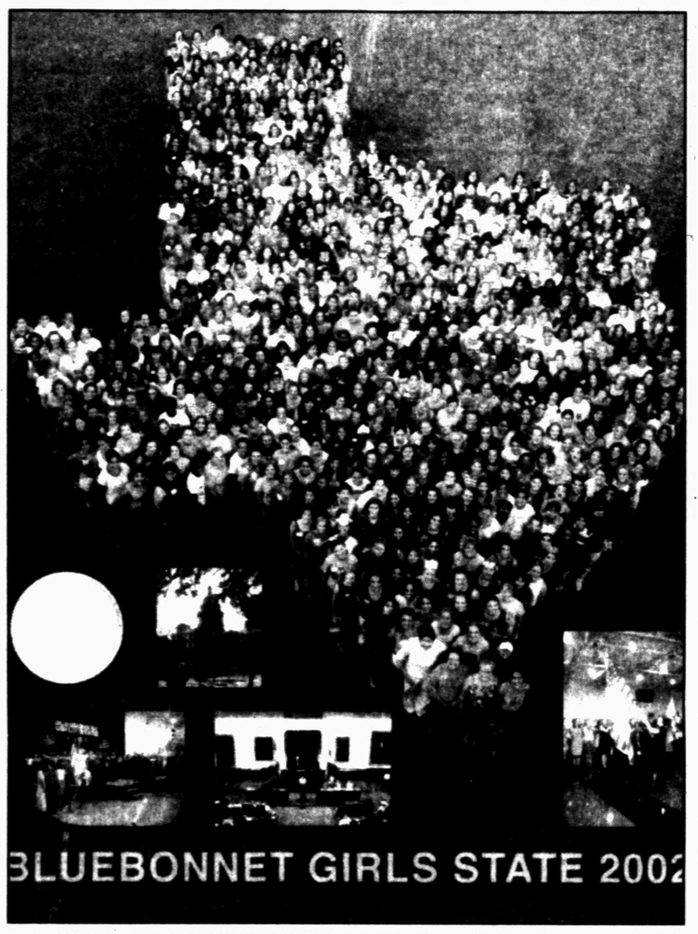
The mock House and Senate sessions were very intense. There was no unnecessary talking and all business was conducted formally, according to parliamentary procedures. If anyone made a mistake in their presentation, Sauceda said they were called "out of order" and had to start over again. Sometimes the sessions lasted late into the night. They also had to get used to speaking before a large audience.

For four hours each day, Girls State participants held these House and Senate sessions, including submitting, debating (lots of it) and voting on bills. They also spent one day in the State Capitol in Austin.

Some of the bills included amending the uniform policy, lowering the speed limit on highways, eliminating zero tolerance for those convicted of indecency with a minor.

Sauceda's favorite part of Girls State was learning what duties that mayors and district attorneys have. She hopes to learn more about those offices someday.

in schools, requiring a moment of silence in all school districts, lowering blood alcohol level to .06, and increasing punishment



GIRLS STATE PARTICIPANT — Clarissa Sauceda was one of about 600 high school girls who posed for this picture. She is pictured in the top section of the photo. (Contributed Photo)

After the campaigns and elections, eight women spoke at the Bluebonnet Girls State, but the standout speakers, according to Sauceda, were State Rep. Lois. W. Kolkhorst and Carole Keeton Rylander, Texas comptroller of public accounts.

References to Sept. 11 were made at Girls State and patriotic songs were sung, including *Proud To Be An American.*

Sauceda said they exercised every morning and the last two nights were reserved for talent shows.

The American Legion Auxiliary sponsored her trip to Girls State.

Sauceda's summer has been a busy one. She had just returned from Girls State when it was time to pack for a cheerleading camp at McMurry University. It began Wednesday and was to conclude Saturday.

Sauceda will be a senior at Hermleigh this fall. She is the daughter of Benny and Adelpha Sauceda.

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(Editor's Note: The following information came from a Girls State news release.) Girls State was organized as a National Americanism activity in 1937 by the American Legion Auxiliary. Non-partisan and non-political, the purposes of the Girls State program are to provide citizenship training for girls of high school age, to afford them an opportunity to live together as a self-government group and to inform them of the duties, privileges, rights and responsibilities, which they will assume when they become adults.

They learn the problems of government by simulating the duties of city, county and state officials. Each year citizens are selected at local levels from students who have just completed their junior year in high school. The selection is based principally on character, leadership and scholarship.

The 2002 session of the American Legion Auxiliary Texas Bluebonnet Girls State has grown from an experimental conference of ninety-four girls, held at Baylor University in 1941, to become the largest

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Scurry County Folks

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Prayer breakfast to kick off July 4th celebration in park

Operation Freedom — Prayer Breakfast will kick off the big July 4 celebration at 8 a.m. at the Towle Park Pavilion, sponsored by the Snyder Lions Club.

The cost will be a free will offering or those who bring used eyeglasses or used hearing aids can eat free. The National Lions Club will repair the glasses and hearing aids and distribute to the needy.

Max von Roeder, chairman, said flags will be given to children under 12 and a prize will be given to the one wearing the most patriotic attire.

Following the breakfast, Lions Club president Cliff Shiller, will give the welcome and Tom Woodward will lead the opening prayer. Local Boy Scouts will post the colors and Shiller will lead in the Pledge of Allegiance. Ronda Haire and company will present freedom songs. Michael Pigg, pastor of the First Church of the Nazarene, will speak on the "Cost of Freedom."

Jason Williams will conclude the program by playing "Taps" in memory of all who gave their lives for freedom.

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Birth

Elias and Gloria Torres of Snyder announce the birth of their daughter, Elizabeth Torres, at 8:26 a.m. on June 27 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. Elizabeth weighed six pounds, nine ounces.

Paternal grandparents are Zacharias and Maria de Jesus Torres and maternal grandparents are Martin and Guadalupe Garcia, all reside in Dolones Hidalgo, Guanajuato.

Hilaria Nicole Vasquez was born to Pedro Vasquez and Dora Garza of Snyder at 8:12 p.m. on June 27 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. Hilaria Nicole weighed nine pounds, nine ounces.

Paternal grandparents are the late Hilaria and Jose Vasquez of Ojinaga Chich, Mexico. Maternal grandparents are the late Antonia Villarreal and Bandelio Renteria of Monterrey N.L., Mexico.

Actor stayed in room

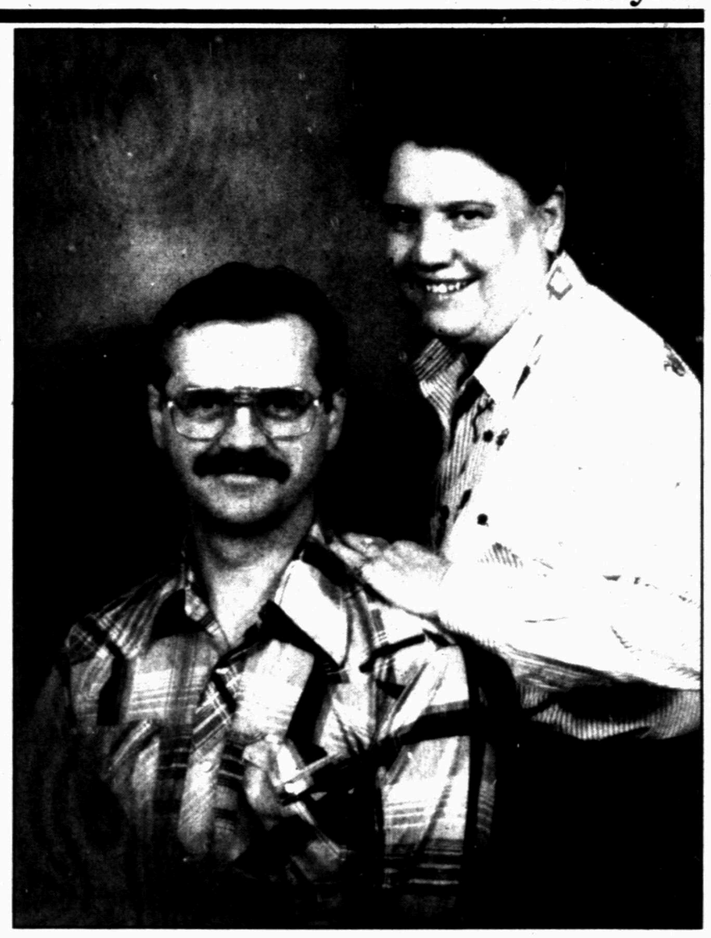
LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — If only the other half of the odd couple had packed the suitcase.

Jack Klugman, who portrayed the unkempt sportswriter in television's "The Odd Couple," has pretty much confined himself to his hotel room when not rehearsing a play for the Nebraska Repertory Theatre.

"It's been too hot," said the 80-year-old Klugman. "I brought sweat shirts," he said as the temperature hit 96 degrees.



MARRIED IN ODOM CHAPEL — Allison Anne Adams of Abilene and James Gregory Alexander of Breckenridge were married at noon in the Odom Chapel of First United Methodist Church on June 22. The Rev. Buddy Payne, minister, officiated the double-ring ceremony. Honor attendants were Amber Crafton, sister of the bride, and James Alexander, father of the groom, and Perry Crafton was pianist. Parents of the couple hosted a post-wedding luncheon at La Roca and friends hosted a reception dinner dance in Abilene that evening. Parents of the couple are Anne and Robert Adams of Snyder and Maurine and James Alexander of Miami. The couple reside in Abilene. (Contributed Photo)



JULY 4 WEDDING PLANNED — Bobbie Leatherwood and Joe Shafer, both of Post, will be married on July 4 at the Post Church of Christ. Bobbie is the daughter of Cleone Coursey of Spur and Joe is the son of the late Fred and Dot Shafer who lived in Fluvanna. Joe is employed by Golden Plains Care Center in Post. (Contributed Photo)

Community Calendar

MONDAY

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

Rock and Roll Quilting Club; Hermleigh Community Center; everyone is invited for free quilting lessons, and special projects are to help someone in need; call 863-2426 for more information; 8 a.m. to noon.

Scurry County Museum's hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

NA-Just for Today; Park Club at Winston Park; 573-1438.

Manic Depression (Bipolar) support group; Family Life Community Church, 904 26th Street; 7 p.m.

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

TUESDAY

Gateway Family Services parenting discussion group, focuses on a variety of parenting issues and special challenges; no charge; call 73-1822 for more information; 10:30 a.m.

Weight Watchers meeting; Colonial Hill Baptist Church; for more information call Kathy at 573-1289 during the evening; weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m.

ABCL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 7 p.m.

Beginners' AA open meeting; Snyder Park Club, 1212 37th Street; 573-8268, 574-1292 or 573-1141; 7 p.m.

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th and Ave. M; for more information call 573-3733, 573-2101 or 573-1141; 8 p.m.

TOPS TX56 (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.; Trinity United Methodist Church. For more information call Phillis Leatherwood at 573-6105.

WEDNESDAY

NA Just For Today, open meeting; Park Club; for information, call 573-1438; 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

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

Deep Creek Cloggers lesson; at the coliseum annex; 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; for information call 573-8268, 573-4048 or 573-1141; 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

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

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club; 573-3733, 573-2101 or 5731141; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

NA-Just For Today open meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-1438; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

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

SC Library News & Views

By Janie Romine, librarian

Imagine walking into the Scurry County Library. You sign up to use the Internet. You are told it will be at least a 90-minute wait, because there is only one Internet computer, and presently someone else is using it.

There are three people ahead of you, so you decide to spend the time looking for a book. After finding the appropriate Dewey number, you go to the stacks but cannot find the book. The staff tells you it is probably checked out, so your next question is, "When will it be back?"

Unfortunately, since the book is on cards, the staff would have to go through several hundred cards to give you an answer. When you finally get on the Internet, you find with the dial-up line, it is really slow. Because of the slow connection, you only get to review three websites before your time is up.

Another time you walk into the Scurry County Library. You sign up to use the Internet and get on either immediately or with only a ten minute wait.

There are three adult Internet computers and two children's Internet computers. The connection is unbelievable because the ISDN line is so much faster than a dial-up line.

You check your email and still have time to check about ten more sites before your time is up. Before leaving, you look for a book on one of the seven online catalog computers. You find the book you want, but before even going to the shelves, you know it is not there, because the computer says it is checked out and is due back in one week.

You go to the front desk and ask to put a reserve on the book. When you get home, you think of another book you wanted. Your neighbor happens to have an Internet connection, so you go over and bring up the Scurry County Library website - www.snydertex.com/sclibrary.

The book is in, so you call the library and ask them to pull it for you.

What a difference in the scenarios, and what makes the difference — Telecommunications Infrastructure Fund (TIF) The House State Affairs Committee (www.house.state.tx.us/house/committ/c450.htm) met June 12 and discussed TIF. Chairman Steve Wolens (Dallas) does not believe TIF should survive after 2005 because he has not heard anything from constituents that warrant its survival.

Several legislators such as Bob Hunter (Abilene) support TIF; however, others expressed doubts about the impact of TIF. Most legislators state that they have not received enough communication from their communities to justify continuing support for TIF.

Compare the two scenarios presented in this article. If it were not for TIF, your students would not have a computer lab, and your public library would not have the computers it has. It would also not have a web page because it could not afford a web server.

Do you think the county would give the library $48,000 to automate the collection and offer Internet to the public? If it were not for TIF, there would still be one Internet computer and possibly 2 computers to access the online catalog.

Without TIF, your school system and WTC would not have the thousands of dollars in technology made possible by TIF. Perhaps in Dallas and Houston, these legislators see no effect of TIF.

Perhaps you should explain to them about rural Texas areas, so take time to contact your legislator about this. David Counts is on the committee. Go to the web site, and contact all the members of the committee, especially those from the metropolitan areas.

Although we have our computers in place, our technology will age, and without TIF help, you and your county will be left behind if TIF is not continued. You must act now to preserve the future of technology in your schools and public library.

The library will be closed Thursday, July 4th. Have a safe holiday.

Post office named in honor of Frank Sinatra

HOBOKEN, N.J. (AP) — He sat right down and wrote himself a letter, or so went the song. Now fans of Frank Sinatra can mail their own letters at a post office named in honor of Ol' Blue Eyes.

Congress on Thursday approved naming the city's main post office the "Frank Sinatra Post Office Building" in honor of the legendary crooner and movie star who was born here in 1915.

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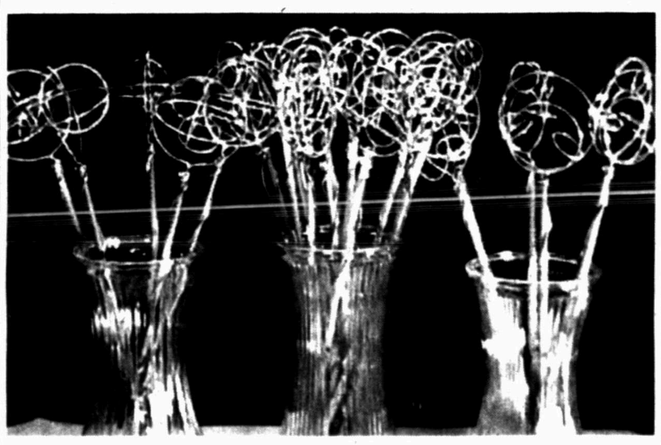
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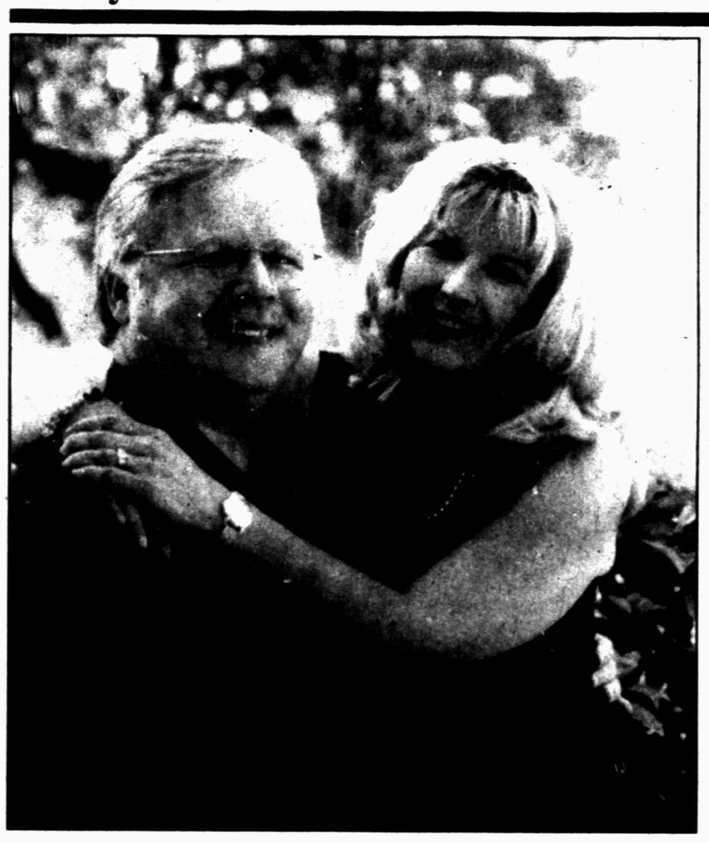
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JULY WEDDING SET — Parents of Elizabeth Wettschreck and Richard Trice announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their children. Elizabeth's parents are Roger and Mary Wettschreck of Paris, Tex., and Richard's parents are Alice Gray of Snyder, Jerry Trice of Chicago, Ill., Janice Early, General Graham and Debby Shirley of San Angelo. The couple will marry at 6 p.m. on July 3 in the Plaza Club in San Antonio. They will reside in San Antonio. (Contributed Photo)



Brooke Blosser and Tyler Neal
(Contributed Photo)

Blosser, Neal will wed in New Mexico church in September

Merle and Connie Sterling Blosser of Lubbock announce the engagement of their daughter, Brooke Noe Blosser to Tyler Christopher Neal, son of Dale and Chrystal Neal of Pacific Palisades, Calif.

The wedding will be held Sept. 21 at the Church of The Holy Faith in Santa Fe, N.M.

The bride-elect graduated from Monterey High School in Lubbock, attended Baylor University in Waco and graduated in 1998 from Texas Tech University in Lubbock. She teaches second grade at the John Thomas Dye School in Bel Air, Calif.

The future groom graduated from Stanford University in Palo Alto, Calif., in 1998 and from Pepperdine University School of Law in Malibu this month. He is an attorney for Allen Matkins, LLP in Los Angeles.

Brooke is the granddaughter of Howard and Jo Sterling of Snyder and Mark and Virginia Flippo of Arlington.

Tyler is the grandson of Eric and Elizabeth Johnson of Pacific Palisades and Charlotte Neal of Mesa, Ariz.

You shouldn't get married without bachelorette party

If you haven't been to a bachelorette party in a while, you may be pleasantly surprised. The possibilities for a fun, exciting bachelorette party range from quiet gatherings to a wild night on the town. And a bachelorette party is becoming just as essential to pre-wedding festivities as a bridal shower and rehearsal dinner.

According to Becky Long, author of "The Best Bachelorette Party Book" (Meadowbrook Press), the surge in popularity of bachelorette parties in the past few years mirrors the trend towards casualness that has swept the country.

"Bachelorette parties amidst the wedding scene are as welcome as dress-down Fridays in the workplace," Long says. "The laid-back atmosphere of a bachelorette party is a breath of fresh air to a bride who may otherwise feel suffocated by the etiquette and formality that can surround a traditional wedding. It's an excuse for a group of friends to get together for a comfortable, fun night to relax as the days wind down to the wedding."

One of the hottest new trends for bachelorette parties is a theme event. Long suggests that the bride's honeymoon destination can provide the perfect theme for the activities.

Student sets attendance record

GLOVERSVILLE, N.Y. (AP) — Eric Samrov has never missed a day of school; in 13 years that's roughly 2,340 school days in a row.

He graduates from Gloversville High School Saturday with a perfect attendance record dating back to kindergarten — repeating a feat of perfection accomplished two years ago by his older brother, Adam Samrov.

Besides minor colds, the brothers said they never got sick during school weeks. Neither had chicken pox, and the more severe illnesses seemed to come up during vacations and summer breaks.

"It's not that difficult. You just wake up every morning, hope not to be sick and go to school," said 17-year-old Eric.

The brothers said there was no competition between them. But having made it late into senior year without missing a day, Eric said his focus was set on making it through all 13 years without missing a day.

"If I was dead, I wouldn't come to school. If I was dying, I wouldn't come to school," he said. "That's pretty much (it)."

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By Phillip Alder



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West
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♦ Q 8 5 4
♣ J 10 8 7 4

East
♠ J 8 7 6
♥ K 10 9 7
♦ K 10 9 6
♣ 6

South
♠ A K 9 5 4
♥ Q 2
♦ J 3
♣ A Q 5 2

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
3 ♣	Pass	4 ♠	All pass

Opening lead: ♣ J

Saturday, June 29, 2002

Finesses to be handled carefully

By Phillip Alder

How often does a deal occur in which no finesse is tried? Hardly ever. At first glance, though, this layout doesn't seem to contain any finesses, but both a favorable lead and a bad split result in a couple of candidates. However, you must be careful when organizing these finesses.

Against your four-spade contract, West starts with the club jack. How would you proceed? Did West have a better lead?

Declarer has several possible losers: one spade, two hearts, one diamond and one club. The red-suit losers are unavoidable, so South must play the black suits safely.

West is placed with the jack and 10 of clubs because of his lead, so finessing dummy's nine on the second round will fix that suit. But as hand entries are thin on the ground, handling the trumps correctly is vital. After winning trick one with the club ace (or queen), cash the spade ace and unblock dummy's 10. (If West has jack-fourth of spades, you will always lose a trump trick.) Then play a spade to dummy's queen. When West discards, you can lead a spade to your nine and draw the last trump. Now finesse in the other black suit, playing a low club to dummy's nine. You cash the club king and claim 10 tricks: five spades, one diamond and four clubs.

When South makes a game-try with three clubs and North jumps to game, perhaps West should have steered away from the club lead. However, he was hoping that his partner would ruff. If West had led either a trump (unlikely) or a diamond (reasonable), he could have defeated the contract.

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Duplicate Bridge Scores

Duplicate Bridge Club meets at the Snyder Country Club. Monte West directed Friday and Jane Hinton directed Tuesday.

Friday, June 21

A Group

1. Peggy Hardin, LaVerne Hood.
2. Nonnie Ward, Pat Floyd tied with Margaret Birdwell, Barbara Yorgesen.
3. Bette Byrd, Coleen Palmer.
4. Dorothy Rosson, Durelle Gorman.

B Group

1. Peggy Hardin, LaVerne Hood.
2. Nonnie Ward, Pat Floyd.
3. Dorothy Rosson, Durelle Gorman.
4. Betty Courtney, Bobbie Taylor.

Tuesday, June 25

1. Dora Blakey, Barbara Yorgesen.
2. Jane Hinton, Nonnie Ward.
3. Margaret Birdwell, Dorothy Rosson.
4. Billisue Stuard, Margaret Presswood.

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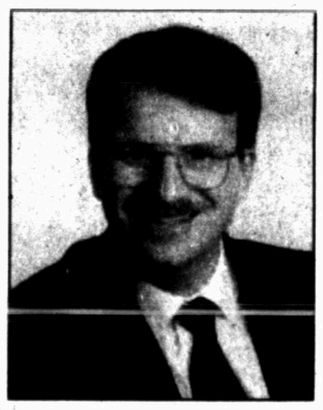


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Girls State

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single extracurricular education program for girls in Texas.

Because no sessions were held during World War II, the 2002 session marked the 58th year of Bluebonnet State. This year 600 girls were in attendance, making a total of 26,500 girls in Texas who have participated in this lop-level citizenship program.

One of the highlights of the session was the selection of two outstanding citizens of 2002 who will be sent to Girls Nation in Washington D.C. by the American Legion Auxiliary. There the two young representatives will continue their study in responsibilities of the national government.



GIRLS STATE — At the American Legion Auxiliary's 2002 Bluebonnet Girls State Clarissa Sauceda and some 600 other girls emershed themselves in studying government at the city, county and state levels. Sauceda is pictured far right on the front row. (Contributed Photo)

'Apple' executives sold stocks just before earnings warning

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — Twice in the past two years, Apple Computer executives sold company stock for millions just weeks before Apple warned of disappointing earnings. Each warning sent shares tumbling.

While the sales could have an innocent explanation, analysts consider them unusual because there were no other large stock dumps by Apple executives during the same period. And while executives often sell shares — stock options often are a major part of compensation — they tend to be less active sellers.

"These sells seem to be well-timed," said Lon Gerber, director of insider research at Thomson Financial, coming as they did on the eve of two of three Apple earnings warnings over a period that began in August 2000.

"It's always a bit suspicious" when executives sell before a warning, said Martin Friedman, director of research at Friedman, Billings, Ramsey & Co. Inc.

The computer maker defended the sales, which were questioned in a column last week on a Web site for Mac enthusiasts called Resexcellence.com.

"I can assure you that no executive would have exercised options had they believed we would not meet our original guidance for the quarter," Fred Anderson, Apple's chief financial officer, said in a written statement.

Anderson, one of the executives who sold stock prior to the warnings, refused further comment. So did other executives.

The biggest flurry of sales — 1.9 million shares worth more than $49 million — occurred between April 22 and May 31, according to Securities and Exchange Commission filings, and were executed by Anderson and five other executives.

During that period, Apple's stock was hovering around $24 on the Nasdaq Stock Market. On June 18, Apple warned that revenues for the quarter that began April 1 would be lower than expected. Shares are now trading around $17.

Back in August 2000, three of the same executives — senior vice presidents Avie Tevanian and Sina Tamaddon and general counsel Nancy Heinen — and a fourth, senior vice president of hardware engineering Jon Rubinstein, sold more than 370,000 shares worth more than $21 million.

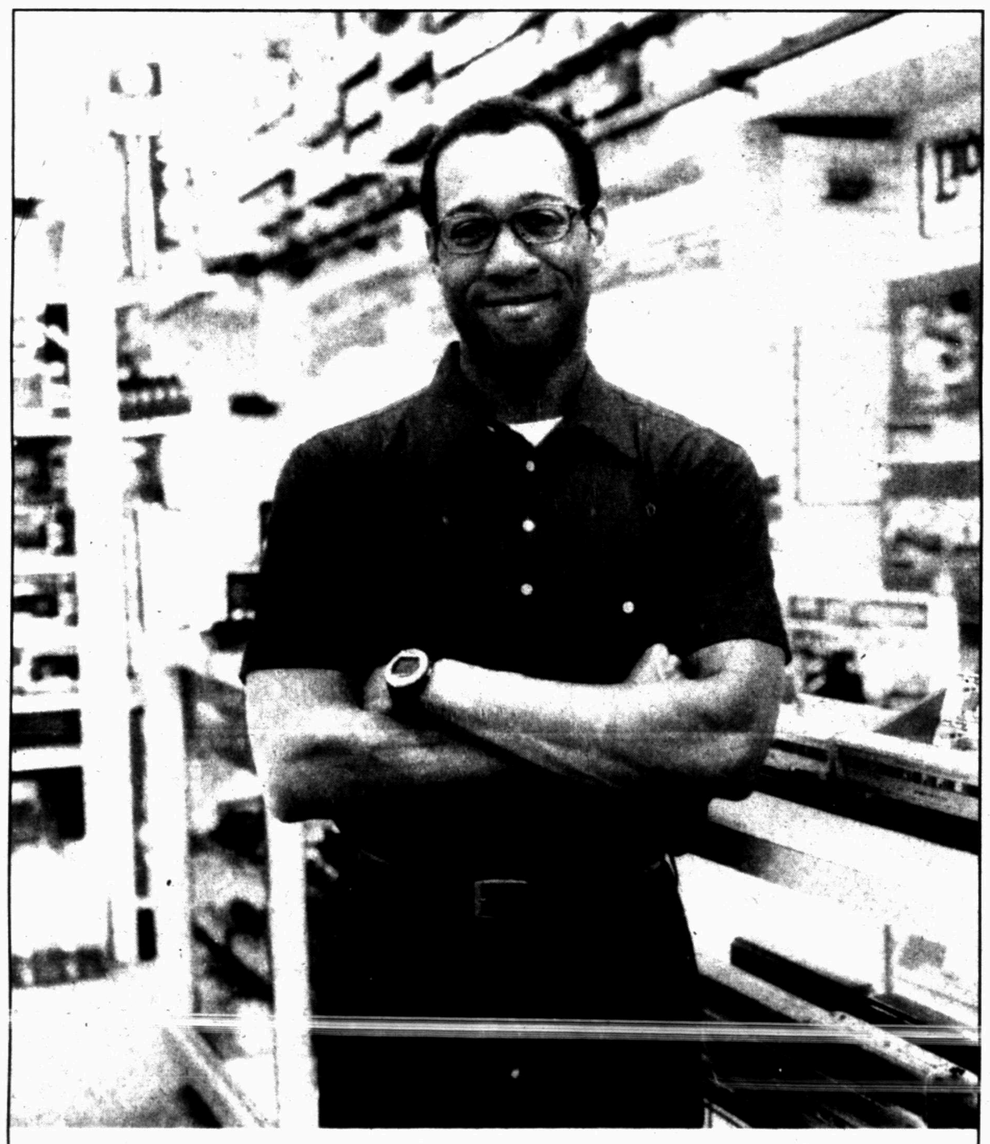
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Tuesday
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Wednesday
Swedish meatballs over noodles, hominy, turnip greens, cucumber/onion salad, banana pudding

Thursday
Closed for July Fourth

Friday
Fried fish, southern fried okra, butter beans, copper penny salad, tropical apples

Senior News

The Scurry County Senior Center provides wonderful meals, a variety of activities and opportunities to serve the community.

Seniors who have never visited the center are encouraged to do so. If you are 60 plus, need help, would like to help others or would enjoy visiting with others, join us. The center is open from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. weekdays.

We have 15 volunteers helping daily with Meals on Wheels. Many of these volunteers will take summer vacations, so we invite citizens to offer their assistance. Call 573-4035.

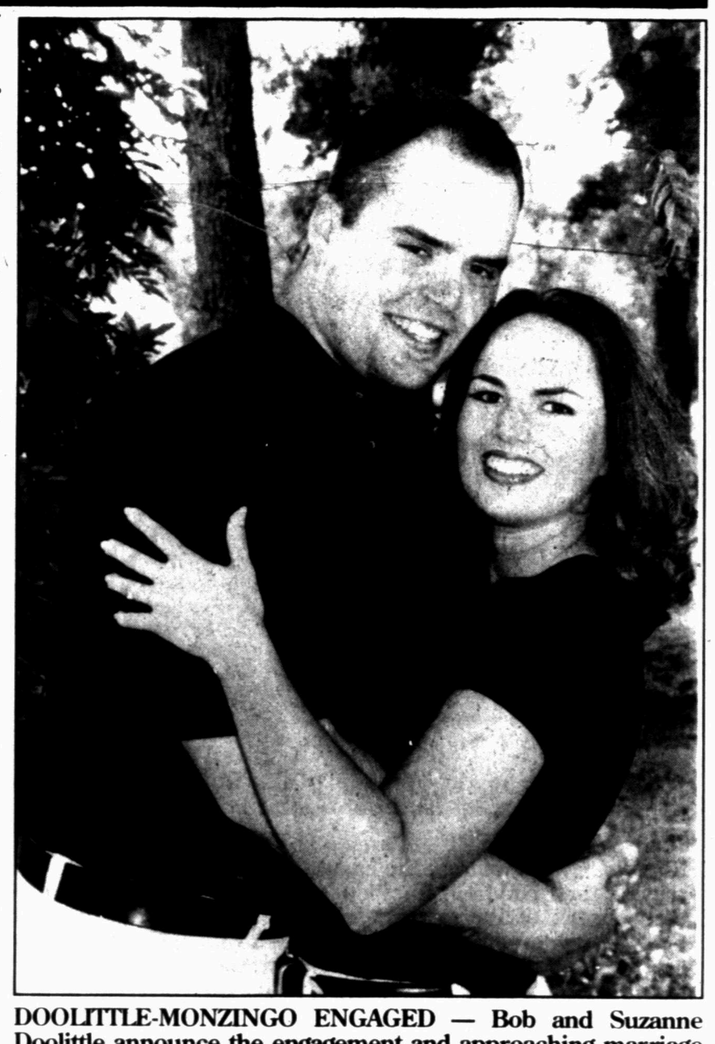
Monday
Seniors may play party bridge starting at 9:30 a.m. Join us each day for a mild exercise program from 11 to 11:30 a.m. Juanita Ellington leads this stretching and bending program. Seniors are encouraged to participate at their own speed and ability. Daily activities include pool, dominoes and quilting.

Tuesday
Eighty-eight play is from 10 until noon. Seniors who know how to play "42" will learn "88" with ease. The Aubrey Wilson County Western Band will entertain in the dining room at 11 a.m. Golden K Kiwanis Club, great supporters of the Senior Center and other activities in the community, meet at noon each Tuesday in the center conference room.

Wednesday
Join us for ladies pool at 9 a.m. and for a Patriotic Sing-a-long at 11 a.m. The Sunshine Choir will lead the singing. Double Pinochle, a new activity, is at 1 p.m. in the bridge room. There will be line dancing practice at 1 p.m. and clogging practice at 2 p.m.

Thursday
The Senior Center will be closed for July 4th.

Friday
The blood pressure clinic and bridge play begins at 9:30 a.m. followed by "88" play at 11 a.m.



DOOLITTLE-MONZINGO ENGAGED — Bob and Suzanne Doolittle announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Julie Doolittle, to James Monzingo, son of Edward and Gloria Monzingo. Julie is a 1997 graduate of Snyder High School. Their wedding is set for 6 p.m. on Sept. 14 in The House Estates in Hockley. (Contributed Photo)

More than 20,000 fill arena for Hinn crusade

DALLAS (AP) — In television evangelist Benny Hinn's first of three crusades over two days, Israel received praise as a nation that loves the Lord and its enemies were branded as evil.

More than 20,000 people filled American Airlines Arena on Thursday night for Hinn, 49, who wore his trademark white suit. Two hours before Friday morning's service, long lines had already formed outside the building.

Hinn, whose television shows are aired on stations worldwide, was flanked by a group of Dallas-area pastors and backed by a 1,000-member choir. During an altar call, hundreds of people came forward.

The televangelist endorsed the United States' support of Israel in the Middle East struggle, and the crowd gave a standing ovation when he brought an Israeli tourism official onto the stage and introduced him.

"This war is not between Arabs and Jews. It's between God and the devil, and I assure you God will win this war," Hinn said.

Hinn held up a Bible and said, "God's people love the Jewish people because this is a Jewish book. We have the same God — the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob."

Hinn said he and San Antonio evangelist John Hagee hope to organize a march on Washington in support of Israel. He said he hopes the march can take place by late August.

Hagee is founder and pastor of the 15,000-member Cornerstone Church in San Antonio and has daily and weekly programs on radio and television.

Hinn, who attracts followers seeking relief from various ailments, is known for a flick of the wrist that sends believers tumbling backward. He is said to be the model for the Steve Martin film "Leap of Faith."

"I've been healed at his crusades several times," Mike Banis, a 37-year-old San Antonio tow-truck driver, said as he waited for the evening service to begin.

Banis said Hinn previously cured his internal bleeding. "I come to all the miracle crusades when they're around San Antonio. I've gone as far as Little Rock, Arkansas." he said. "This is the healing ministry, one of them."

Hinn lives in California, where his ministry is building a new $3 million residence for him.

He moved his corporate headquarters to the Dallas-Fort Worth area from Florida in 1999, saying it was a more convenient location for the operation. That year, during a crusade in Dallas, he announced plans for a 50-acre spiritual theme parl: near Texas Stadium in Irving.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Woman's money focus could cost her friends

DEAR ABBY: I feel lucky to have a wonderful circle of friends. We've always been there for each other, in good times and bad.

However, one of these individuals (I'll call her Ruth) has a more affluent lifestyle than the rest of us. Ruth and her husband earn professional incomes that allow her to enjoy the finer things in life.

She is well aware of the fact that most of us are unable to live the way she does. The problem: When any of us purchases new clothing, furniture, etc., she invariably asks — in front of everyone — where it came from, who designed it, if it was on sale, etc.

Apparently this information is important to her because she's always talking about where she purchased her designer outfit and how much it cost.

Can you give me a clever comeback for the next time the interrogation begins? I'd like to put Ruth in her place without destroying our friendship. By the way, she's pretty good about dishing out criticism, but not at taking it. — **OFFENDED IN THE SOUTH**

DEAR OFFENDED: Since Ruth is part of your "wonderful circle of friends" who have "always been there for each other in good times and bad," give her the benefit of the doubt. She may just be trying to make conversation, or to compliment you on your taste, so there is no reason to put her down.

Take her aside and tell her privately that her questions make you uncomfortable, and why. If she continues to quiz you publicly, smile and say, "I've told you before, I'd rather not discuss it." And change the subject.

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DEAR ABBY: A few weeks before our son's first birthday, my mother-in-law asked what we were buying for him. I told her I hadn't decided yet, but I knew what I wanted to get him when he was older. Well, she bought him the toy I mentioned. Abby, it says right on the box: "CHOKING HAZARD — not for children under 3."

When my husband gently pointed out that the gift was "too old" for our son, she snapped, "It's all plastic parts!" and changed the subject.

Since then, she has asked us how he likes it. We have put her off by saying we haven't had time to put it together. I feel that warnings are placed on toys for good reason. I refuse to put my child in danger. Should we lie and tell her he likes the toy and put it in storage for a few years? What will we do when she visits?

We don't want to hurt her feelings, but I don't want this to happen every holiday or birthday. Any ideas how we can keep this from happening again? — **CAUTIOUS MOMMY IN NEW JERSEY**

DEAR CAUTIOUS MOMMY: If you think a toy is dangerous, it's your parental obligation to keep it from your child. Rather than trying to tiptoe around this issue, tell her the truth and don't apologize. If this is an example of your mother-in-law's lack of judgment, do not leave her alone with your little boy. There is no telling what she might let him do.

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DEAR ABBY: I had what I thought was a great marriage to "Grant" for nearly 15 years. Like many women, as I entered my 30s, I became bored and unhappy and, as our marriage suffered, I blamed it all on him. (I mean, wasn't he supposed to keep me happy?)

To make a long story short, I filed for divorce. Grant was shocked. I don't think he would have ever filed. It devastated our 10-year-old son and 8-year-old daughter.

It has been three years since our divorce became final, and after a series of boyfriends — each more disappointing than the last — I still haven't found what I'm looking for. Grant has had only two girlfriends since, and he is fairly infatuated with the woman he is seeing now.

Our children adore their dad, and I now realize how handsome, how nice, and what a great man Grant really is. I now believe he really is my soul mate.

Did I make the biggest mistake of my life? Can I, or should I even try to win him back? Help me, Abby! — **REGRETFUL IN MICHIGAN**

DEAR REGRETFUL: The answer is yes to all three questions. Sometimes we don't appreciate what we have until we lose it.

Before you start campaigning to win him back, you would be wise to get some counseling to be sure you're serious about wanting him back and not acting out of frustration about your inability to connect with another man.

If it turns out that Grant really is the person you want to spend the rest of your life with, pray that he is more forgiving than most would be after having been hurt the way he was. It will take a miracle for him to forgive you. But miracles have been known to happen. And you'll never know unless you try.

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DEAR ABBY: My 90-year-old grandmother had been a devoted member of her church for more than 50 years. She has been homebound for the last two years. The first of each month, she continues to send 10 percent of her Social Security check to her church, hand-delivered by friends and family — whoever is attending.

Is my grandmother's pastor required by a "higher power" to come to her house on a regular basis to visit and pray with her, so that she feels she's still a part of her church community?

During the past year, my grandmother's pastor has come by her home only once. Grandma's modest home is always spotless, and she is pleasant to be around — she's just old and lonely.

Her world has always revolved around her church, and now is the time that she needs their support. To tell you the truth, I'm so disappointed by their lack of compassion, it will be hard to look at those church people if they show up at her funeral. — **VENTING IN OKLAHOMA**

DEAR VENTING: There is no excuse for your grandmother to be ignored any longer. Whoever takes her money to the church next time should have a heart-to-heart chat with the pastor and tell him or her what you have written to me.

The responsibility to visit belongs not only to the pastor, but to the elders, deacons and the church members in general. Sometimes there is even a committee of volunteers to minister to the needy, elderly and infirm.

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DEAR ABBY: My grandmother died recently, and while going through a box of old photographs I was reminded of some advice you've given to readers: Always write the names of the people (and the date the picture was taken) on the back of your photographs.

One of my grandmother's snapshots was of a lady and a dog. Neatly printed on the back was, "Me and my dog." — **SAM IN PENNSYLVANIA**

DEAR SAM: It could have been worse. It could have said, "Me and my gal," signed with a paw print.

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Photo depicts baby dressed as suicide bomber; is it real?

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel's army released a photograph purporting to show a Palestinian baby dressed like a suicide bomber with ammunition belts and explosives strapped to its body and a head band of the Islamic militant group Hamas.

The authenticity of the picture, which appeared in Israeli newspapers Friday, and whether the belts contained explosives could not be verified.

In a television interview with the British Sky News network, a man whose identity was concealed said he was the baby's uncle and that the photograph was real.

Palestinian Labor Minister Ghassan Khatib said the picture did not surprise him, and that it was understandable Palestinians would teach their children violence toward Israelis, although he does not support the suicide attacks.

The Israeli army, Khatib said, distributed the picture to "tell the world that the Palestinians are teaching their children how to hate Israel and how to act against Israel — and I just want to say this is correct."

Col. Miri Eisin, a senior intelligence analyst for the army, said the ammunition strapped to the baby probably was not real.

Eisin said the picture was found Tuesday in the family album of a senior member of Hamas who is wanted by the army during a search of his home in the West Bank city of Hebron. She said she did not know if the baby — who appeared to be about 12 to 18 months old — was the Hamas activist's son or relative.

She refused to identify the wanted man. Eisin said soldiers photographed the picture and left the original in the family album. She said the soldiers had been looking in the family album for an up-to-date picture of the wanted Palestinian.

Pictures of older children dressing up as suicide bombers are not uncommon, and a boy about 10 was seen at a Hamas rally in the Gaza Strip on Friday wearing fake explosives around his waist. But the picture of the baby was unusual and incensed Israelis who have been attacked by 71 suicide bombers in the past 21 months.



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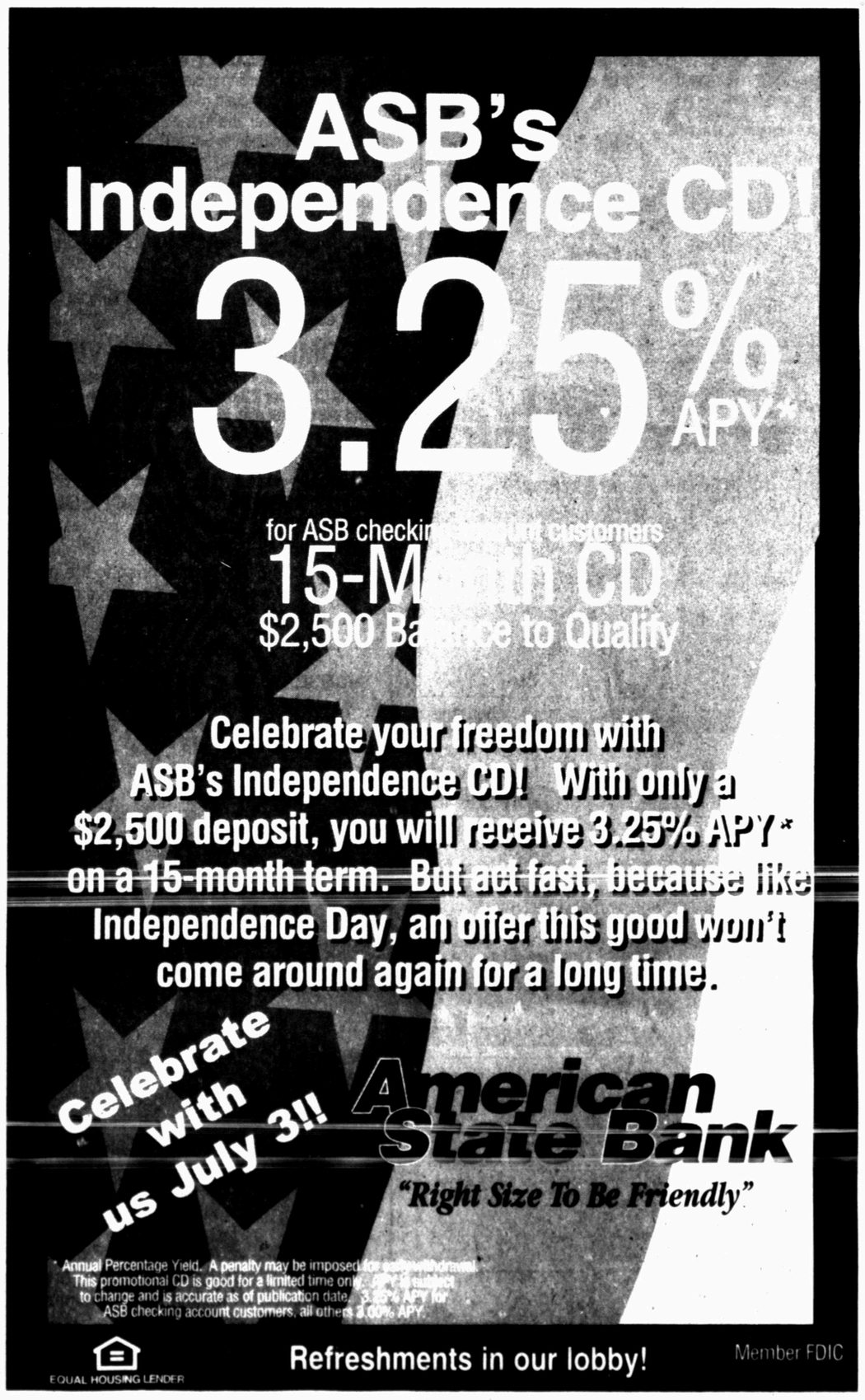
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Hi Fellow Snyderites!



How's your summer shaping up? Hasn't the rain and the weather been wonderful? Western Swing was just a blast. We had folks "coming home" from all over the US and Canada and beyond, and everyone was so nice. We've gotten over 50 cards and e-mails, endless phone calls and all saying "Thank You" and how they love Snyder, and how they can't wait for next year. We're growin' folks! We had great crowds each night, and more Snyder folks than ever came out to enjoy the music. Next year I'm having buttons made for all the Snyder folks so you can help act as hosts also. They love it when they meet the locals. Thanks again to everyone who had anything to do with the success of the festival. We could not put it on without every one of you.

The Sammy Baugh Celebrity Golf tournament was a huge success again this year. The Snyder Country Club hosted the event this year and 26 celebrities came in to raise enough money to send 8 more kids to college making a total of 30 so far. We ran the concessions again this year and enjoyed seeing familiar faces and welcoming them back to Snyder. We also appreciate the chance to provide the concessions. It's a lot of hard work, but as always we constantly look for ways to earn money to operate the chamber. Our hats off to Bob O'Day, Jessie Hatfield, Pancho Hardt and the whole crew who put this huge and very successful event together each year for these kiddos, and a big kiss and hug for Sammy Baugh.

The second annual fly in was a big success and lots of fun this year. The event grows bigger and more popular as we get bigger and better ideas. This year's crowd exceeded last year's, judging from the breakfast crowd we fed! I need to stop and praise our army of volunteers and Gold Coats that help out constantly. If it weren't for the guys and gals there would be no festivals and events! Our team was scrambling eggs, flipping sausage and pancakes, ladling syrup and butter, serving coffee and juice, selling and taking tickets, cleaning up and loading and unloading and that was just the breakfast crew! Our sheriff, Darren Jackson, who is also the president of the chamber this year, lost his eye brows and burned his arm hairs in the line of duty-lighting the huge grills of butane. Rodger Sullenger and John Rogatzke headed up the airport crew and the pilots organization crew to pump gas, land and exit the planes, operate the radio command center, fly the children, decorate the stage area and keep everything running smoothly and on time. The Donut Dolls sang World War II songs and had everyone tapping their toes while Joe Hernandez emceed the event. The local Boy Scouts cleaned tables and handled the trash patrol while the STAR program parked all the cars! See it was huge, and it does "take a village" to put on and clean up all of our events. The county's "orange crew" and the Price Daniel inmates helped set up and take down. About 175 people were involved, a runway full of private planes as well as WWII planes, and acres of parked cars testified to the huge crowd. Gee it's fun to live here! There's something going on all the time!

July 4th is next and you will find a schedule on this page so I won't go into it again here. We'll look forward to seeing you there.

Susan Combs, the Ag Commissioner, will be in town on July 16th at 3:00 p.m. at the museum to answer questions on how she can help our town, then on Aug. 2, the grand opening of the new airforce training facility will take place. It's going to be huge, fun filled and full of surprises. You won't believe who's coming! More later!

Your chamber is growing, and so is our Gold Coat organization. Isn't it wonderful. We are truly blessed.

Love,
Donna

SNYDER CHAMBER WELCOMES NEW CHAMBER MEMBERS

Abel & Sherri DeLoera
Teresa Cornett
Tiger Gym

NEW GOLDCOATS

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David Harrell
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Richard Dupree

July 2002

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Set up Park for July 4th Chamber office closed	2 Set up Park for July 4th Chamber office closed	3 Vendors set up all day. JULY 4TH CELEBRATION Opens 4 - 9 p.m.	4 JULY 4TH CELEBRATION Open 9 - 9 P.m. See schedule for more details	5 AJRA Rodeo	6 AJRA Rodeo
7 AJRA Rodeo	8 Grand Opening and ribbon cutting of Hog Heaven formally Nix's Cafe 10:00 a.m.	9	10	11 Ribbon Cutting Purple Sage Motel Laundrymat 10:00 a.m.	12 Chamber Closed in Observance of July 4th	13 Best of Texas Lamb & Steer Show Jackpot stock show
14 Best of Texas Lamb & Steer Show Jackpot stock show	15 Parks Committee Meeting Towle Park Pavillion	16 Susan Combs, Ag Commissioner Museum 3-4:30 p.m	17 CHAMBER OFFICE CLOSED FOR VACATION	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29 Chamber Board Meeting	30	31	HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!!		

PARKS COMMITTEE WANTS YOU!

You are invited to attend an open meeting to discuss the findings of the consultants hired by the Snyder Parks Committee. The meeting will be held on July 15 at the Towle Park Pavilion. The committee will not only be considering the new recommendations, but will welcome input from the public as well. Watch the SDN for the time.

AMAZING MAZE TO OPEN JULY 4TH

One of our most exciting projects this year is to watch Gregg and Donna Gafford take the idea of building a corn field maze and develop it, from the "kernel" to the finished product. We feel, as a chamber, the "amazing maze" will be an economic boon to our city as well as a great tourism attraction to Snyder. The maze will be fun for adults and children alike as we try to twist and turn our way to the design in the center, after running into many dead ends. We congratulate the Gafford family for this brilliant idea and wish them lots of luck in this new business venture. They will open July 4th and be open until just before the fireworks go off. After all, the Gafford kids want to be in the park for the fireworks, too! Good Luck Gaffords- "If you build it, we will come" - Now that's really corny!!

Hours: July 4th -Sun. July 7th 10 a.m. till 9:00 p.m.
Regular Hours: Mon & Thursday 4:00 - Dark; Fri - Sun 4:00 - Midnight
Closed Tues & Weds

AG COMMISSIONER TO VISIT SNYDER

Representatives from ag commissioner Susan Combs office in Austin have contacted us here at the Chamber to advise us of a visit by the commissioner. She is making a West Texas tour, and will be stopping in several small towns in our area, including Lamesa and Colorado City as well as Snyder, to address the problems facing West Texas today. She will give a 5 to 10 minute talk, then open the floor for about 50 minutes of questions from the citizens of West Texas seeking solutions to their major concerns. She stated declining population, shrinking school enrollment and current ag-related prices would probably top the list. We agreed, except that I added if she could make it rain, that would really be helpful. We encourage you to attend and meet Commissioner Combs. She will be at the Scurry County Museum from 3 to 4:30 p.m on Tuesday, July 16th.

2002 JULY 4TH SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

WEDNESDAY, JULY 3RD

8:00 a.m.	Set Up Booths	Armory & Park
4:00 p.m.	All Booths open to the public	Armory & Park
7:00 p.m.	Thriftdoor Cowboys (Entertainment)	Cottonwood Flats
9:00 p.m.	All Booths Close	Armory & Park

THURSDAY, JULY 4TH

7:30	Dermott School-Open to Public Art Show/Book Sale/Flea Market	Coliseum Grounds
8:00 a.m.	July 4th Prayer Breakfast	Pavilion
	Registration for Horseshoe	Horseshoe Courts
	Registration for Washer Pitching	South of Pond
9:00 a.m.	All Booths Open	Armory & Park
9:00 a.m.	Volleyball Tournament begins	Towle Park
9:00 a.m.	Parade Line Up Begins	Moffett Field
	Flag Raising Ceremony	Armory
	Horseshoe Pitching Begins	Horseshoe Court
9:30 a.m.	Bike Decorating contest	Moffett Field
10:00 a.m.	Parade begins	Moffett Field
	AMAZEing FUNMazes	Ennis Creek Rd. & Hwy 84
11:00 p.m.	Washer Pitching Tournament	Park Area
	Aggression from Hamlin (Entertainment)	Cottonwood Flats
1:30 p.m.	Towle Park Pool Opens	Park
1:00 p.m.	Closed-Dermott School Fundraiser Art Show/Book Sale/Flea Market	Coliseum Grounds
1:00 p.m.	Towle Park Pool Opens	Towle Park
1:30 p.m.	Kaci Archer (Entertainment)	Cottonwood Flats
2:00 p.m.	Drawing for the WTC Truck	Wal-Mart
4:00 p.m.	Colonial Hill Youth Group (Entertainment	Cottonwood Flats
5:00 p.m.	Puppet Show	Cottonwood Flats
6:00 p.m.	Towle Park Pool closes	Park Pool
	Samantha Medrano (Entertainment)	Cottonwood Flats
7:30 p.m.	Kaci Archer (Entertainment)	Cottonwood Flats
9:00 p.m.	Booths Close	Armory & Park
Dark	Fireworks - Glow in Dark Novelty Items sold	

MAJOR CHAMBER ANNOUNCEMENT

Since she is shy to tell you, I will! Sandra Barboza, chamber secretary for five years and administrative assistant for six years, is getting married. The lucky groom is J.R. Salinas.

There will be a celebration shower at the chamber office from 6 to 8 p.m. on August 8th. Please come by and wish them well as they begin their new life together. A money tree has been started at the chamber office.

Sandra is a very integral part of our community and this chamber couldn't run nearly as efficiently without her hard work and dedication. I am happy to say the couple will reside in Snyder. J.R. works for K & N Electric and Sandra will remain at the chamber. (whew!)

The wedding will be on Saturday, August 24. The couple invites you all to attend and celebrate with them.

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July 4, 2002 - Towle Park Pavilion, 8:00 a.m.
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PROGRAM:

Welcome ..... Cliff Shiller
Opening Prayer ..... Tom Woodward
Posting of Colors ..... Boy Scouts of American
Pledge of Allegiance ..... Cliff Shiller
"Freedom Songs" ..... Mrs. Jerry Haire & Company
"Cost of Freedom" ..... Pastor Michael Pigg
Recognition of Veterans ..... Cliff Shiller

"TAPS" in memory of all who have given their life for freedom ..... Jason Williams

Closing Prayer ..... Pastor Michael Pigg

RENOVATE THE CORNELIUS-DODSON HOUSE

Fundraiser to renovate the Cornelius-Dodson house to be held at the Dermott School on July 4th from 7:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Jean and Jess Everett will have a book and art show and sale inside the schoolhouse. A picture will be raffled with tickets at $1.00 each. Drawing to be held at the White Buffalo Days Celebration.

Outside on the lawn, weather permitting, we will sponsor a flea market. There will be a $5.00 fee to set up a table to sell whatever-baked goods, crafts, garage sale items, etc. We hope local people will take advantage of this opportunity to help us by setting up a table.

We are planning to have a silent auction table of our own. We want to do this without asking for donations from merchants and business people who are asked so often to donate for various causes. They help HSC, Inc. in many other ways.

We are asking that you look around your home for an article to donate for this auction. It does not have to be valuable but should be a cut above garage sale items and readily saleable. We would appreciate your help on this. Call 573-3822 for pick-up or bring items to the schoolhouse July 3rd, 9:00 to 12:00 p.m.

We hope to make people more aware of what we have at Heritage Village and perhaps inspire some to join us.

Please consider helping us by donating an item for the silent auction or having a table of your own.

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Two convicted in five killings

TACOMA, Wash. (AP) — Four years after masked gang members burst into a karaoke bar and gunned down five people in the city's worst mass killing, the last suspects have been convicted.

A jury on Thursday found Jimmee Chea, 22, and John Phet, 20, each guilty of five counts of aggravated first-degree murder and five counts of first degree assault. Both face a mandatory sentence of life in prison without parole.

The case was based on witness testimony, including the words of two men who had earlier pleaded guilty in the killing. No physical evidence tied either Chea or Phet to the Trang Dai restaurant and karaoke bar, where five people were shot to death and five wounded in a gang-related attack July 5, 1998.

"It's extremely gratifying that we worked so hard to put together a case that we thought made sense and the jury thought made sense," deputy prosecutor Phil Sorensen said.

Chea and Phet were the last of nine defendants originally charged in the crime. Two brothers died in a murder-suicide, a third defendant hanged himself in jail, and four agreed to plead guilty to reduced charges.

Seeking revenge on a Trang Dai patron, masked members of a predominantly Cambodian-American gang burst into the small night spot and sprayed it with bullets, hitting several Vietnamese immigrants.

The target of the attack survived. Killed were Tuyen Ngoc Vo, 21; Duy Quang Le, 24; his brother, Hai Quang Le, 28; Tuong Hung Dang Do, 33, and Nahn Ai Nguyen, 26.

Witnesses testified that Chea was the getaway driver while Phet guarded the rear door and shot Vo, a waitress, when she tried to flee.

Two of those who pleaded guilty testified against Phet and Chea but admitted lying to police. Another witness, a girl who was 10 at the time, testified that Le spoke of killing someone and that Chea came to the house where she was living to help get rid of the guns.

Chea testified that he had loaned his car to a friend that night, and a woman testified that Phet was elsewhere. One of the men involved in the attack also testified that Chea and Phet were not involved.

Chea's lawyer, Ann Stenberg, said there were several grounds for appeal, including a ruling that barred the defense from introducing evidence of previous criminal activity in the area.

Economic woes may change political landscape in U.S.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democrats hoping for a wind at their backs during this year's congressional elections think they have felt the first faint breeze — that corporate corruption and a lagging economy have begun to wear on voters' nerves.

Republicans say Democrats are just imagining things.

Buoyed by the popularity of President Bush and his war on terrorism, Republicans have been running about even among voters with Democrats, who are stronger on issues like Social Security and health care.

But the troubled economy is threatening to tip that balance of public opinion in the remaining months before the November elections.

"If the economy goes South, Democrats will almost certainly pick up some seats," University of Virginia political scientist Larry Sabato said. But he added that it's not clear how much it would help them.

While it's an open question whether the economy will slide as the campaign heats up, economic growth has slowed from earlier this year. And the New York Stock Exchange dropped briefly below 9,000 this week before rallying.

Signs that economic concerns have been growing have shown up in a variety of recent public opinion surveys, including one by the Pew Research Center for the People & the Press and another — the Consumer Confidence Index, which sank to a four-month low in June.

In a Pew poll out Thursday, only a third — and only half of Republicans — said Bush is doing as much as he can to help the economy. And his approval for handling of many domestic issues, including the economy, had slipped since January. His overall job approval remained strong at 70 percent and approval of his anti-terror efforts was even higher.

"The Democrats have opportunities going into the fall on the domestic side, and the Republicans have to worry that frustration with the president and Congress doesn't turn into some kind of protest vote," said Andrew Kohut, direct of the Pew center.

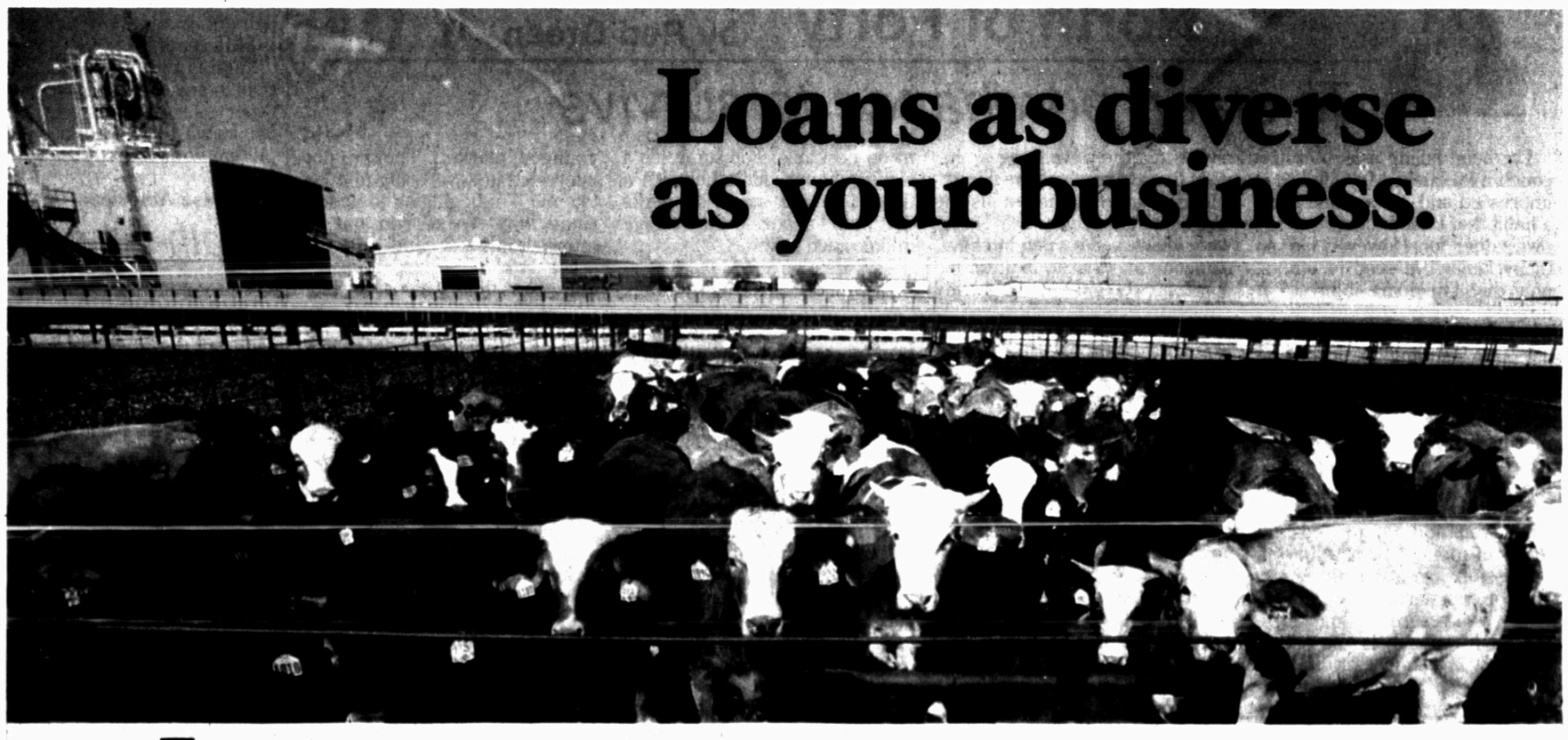
A Battleground poll out earlier in the week suggested Democrats have successfully put some distance between GOP members of Congress and the popular Republican president. GOP pollster Ed Goeas advised Republicans in Congress to align themselves closely with Bush in the coming months.

And he cautioned economic troubles that didn't hurt Bush with the public last year might be more of a problem now.

SUMMER II CLASS SCHEDULE

Classes run July 8-August 15
Registration July 8, beginning in the Admissions Office located in the Student Center

Course	No.	Sec.	Description	Day	Time	H	Room	Instructor	Fee
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Saints and Sinners by George Plagenz

In good company

One of our favorite families is the Murphys. Paul and his wife, Pat, have 13 children. Once when we were there for supper, 21 of us gathered happily around two tables in the kitchen to eat — the 15 in their family and our six.

I was going to say we "crowded" around the kitchen tables, but the word crowded carries an unpleasant connotation. If someone you like is sitting close to you, that's not crowding. As we all know, this can be quite a pleasant experience. Crowding is something else.

Much as I like a lot of room, I would rather occupy a small room with a company of happy people than be in a large room with people I am not particularly fond of.

Karl Lorenz, the German scientist, says, "I strongly doubt whether you can condition man so that he does not become nervous and neurotic when he is crowded."

Lorenz said it has been his experience that "people who live miles from the nearest neighbors and are not overwhelmed by social contacts show the greatest human kindness."

He tells a story from the days when he lived in Munich.

"We had as house guests," he says, "an American couple who lived in the wilds of Wisconsin. Just as we sat down to supper, the doorbell rang and I, who was overfed with human contacts, said with irritation, 'Who is that now?'"

His guests, said Lorenz, were shocked.

"To be less than overjoyed when the doorbell ran was incomprehensible to these people who lived deep in the country. It made me realize how much I had become a victim of overcrowding."

(For myself, I must say that I never visit a farm without feeling that farm-life holds one of the secrets hidden from modern man. The space and great quiet of the farm renews my spirit.)

Though Lorenz is undoubtedly right, it probably ought to be said that the reason we dislike crowding is that by and large we dislike the people who are crowding us. We don't "love our neighbors as ourselves."

Whether or not that may be true, overcrowding is one of the evils of modern society. In the ghetto, we are told that murder is the most likely cause of death for young men. Many of these killings, some social scientists say, can be laid to overcrowding. There are too many people per square foot on our shrinking planet. It eventually takes its toll on our frayed nerves.

One of the newspapers I worked for was located in a begrimed structure in downtown Cleveland. There was no air-conditioning and the city's dirt blew in through the open windows in the summer. Our arms got black from the soot on our desks and we stirred our coffee with copy pencils.

But we outgrew the old building and moved into an airy, well-lighted structure of concrete and glass. If we were overcrowded where we were and needed more space, now we had it.

Somehow, a lot of the love which permeated the old place stayed back there to live with the ghosts of those happy years on Ninth Street.

The moral of the story is that good company — not plenty of room — is the secret of happiness. I once got a card on Father's Day from one of my boys who penned these words, "May good company continue to surround you. Company is thought's best sustenance and stimulus."

The Murphys would understand.

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Letter to the Editor

Thanks for prayers

Dear Editor:

Last February, I wrote a letter to the Snyder Daily News advising everyone in the Snyder area how overwhelmed I was by your support after my diagnosis of cancer.

Since then your continued prayers and support have carried me through chemotherapy, and kept my family encouraged.

I have recently been advised by my doctor that all of my tests have come back negative, and all signs of the cancer are gone. I will continue my treatment by monthly checkups. God answers prayers — Thank You!

During this time, my wife and I prayed constantly about how we could pay back our blessings we received during my treatments. We both agreed there was no way to pay you back, but perhaps we could "Pay It Forward." My prayers changed to the "Pay It Forward" concept, and within a couple of weeks I received a phone call from the Stephenville Foster Home. I was asked if I would consider a position at the home as a foster parent. I perceived this call as an answer to my prayers because this was where I was raised, and have had no contact since 1986. I accepted the position and will be moving soon.

I felt I needed to tell the Snyder community my decision. Even though I am not from Snyder, I feel deep roots here because of the many friendships I have been so fortunate to have. I hope by accepting this position I have not let anyone down. I believe I am being led back to Stephenville, to help make a difference in a home, which made a difference in my life.

James 4:17 says "Whoever knows what is right to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin." I feel strongly that my decision, even though it was difficult, is the "right" thing to do.

My family and I will miss this community very much, but I hope you understand. Thanks again for all you have done for my family and me. We are looking forward to our chance to "Pay It Forward" in the Stephenville area.

God bless,
David "Gunny" Presley

Open Government Barometer

Number of Executive Sessions held by public entities in 2002.

Scurry County	6
City of Snyder	4
DCOS	3
Cogdell Hospital	2
Hermleigh ISD	2
Ira ISD	2
WTC	2
Snyder ISD	1

NEWSPAPERS: LIGHTING FREEDOM'S WAY





North of Forty by Red Green



To sleep perchance to survive

I've been falling asleep on the couch a lot lately. My wife is not impressed and, to be honest, it's a habit that I used to criticize my own father for. However, like so many faults I've seen in others, now that I'm doing it myself it doesn't bother me nearly as much. In fact, I would say falling asleep at seemingly inopportune times, or just being tired for no reason, are signs of great maturity. A few short years ago, instead of falling asleep, I'd be up and active well into the evening,. fixing the stove or replacing a roof shingle or plumbing a sink. So when you add up the cost in terms of money spent to have a professional repair my repair, and, of course, time lost due to injury, you realize that me sleeping on the couch is the safest, smartest investment of my time and financial resources. And as soon as my wife remembers some of my other waking nocturnal interests, she will agree whole-heartedly.

MY ANTI-HERO

When I was growing up, movies and television provided us with a lot of heroes. Men who always did the right thing at the right time. Men who were honest and true and fought for justice and "the American way." These were ideals, and it's good to have someone like that to look up to, someone who gives you a goal to strive for. However, when we fall short of the mark and pale by comparison with these icons, that can make us look bad, especially in the eyes of our wives. That's when you need to go the other way. You need to introduce the anti-hero into your spouse's life. Let her see someone on television who's way worse than you are. Someone who will make your indiscretion seem harmlessly trivial. If you're in minor trouble, a couple of episodes of "Judge Judy" might do it. If you're in the deep stuff, you may have to watch "Cops" or even "America's Most Wanted." All you need to do is to expose your wife to three men who are worse than you, and you're off the hook. If that can't be done, maybe it's time to turn yourself in.

MIDLIFE JOB PERKS

In every job there are little extras that make the position more desirable. For some it's a signing bonus, for others it's a title. Here are some job perks that would appeal to the average middle-aged guy:

— Coffee on an I.V. drip.
— Office near the men's room.
— Voice-activated computer so you don't have to reach around your stomach to access the keyboard.
— Large font inter-office memos.
— Phone set up for outgoing calls only.
— No office parties. Ever.
— The boss is older than you.

DANGEROUS SIGNS

I was in a department store the other day, and I had a very unsettling feeling. Although the store carried thousands of different items in a variety of styles and colors, I had this sense that there was nothing here that I really needed. Not one thing in the store that was going to make enough of a difference in my life to make it worth the purchase. I was turning into a marketer's worst nightmare — the reluctant consumer. I always read about how advertisers want the younger market. They're not interested in advertising to guys like me. I'm beginning to understand why. We've run out of money, interest and storage space. And we've lost the naive optimism that got us to buy things like hot tubs and expensive sunglasses. We see ourselves as we really are, and it makes us very difficult to manipulate. The only sales tool they have left is sex and the clock is ticking, believe me.

Quote of the Day: "Artificial intelligence is no match for natural stupidity." **— Red Green**

Red Green is the star of "The Red Green Show," a television series seen in the U.S. on PBS and in Canada on the CBC Network, and the author of the new book "Duct Tape is not Enough: A humorous guide to midlife." (Hatherleigh Press, 2002). Watch for the feature film Red Green's "Duct Tape Forever" at a theater near you.

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Austin American-Statesman

Title IX

Thirty years ago Sunday, landmark legislation was passed that changed the educational experiences of countless young women. Title IX, a provision in the U.S. education code, prohibited high schools and colleges from discriminating based on gender. That opened the doors to a flood of women who had previously lacked the athletic and scholastic opportunities available to men. Title IX has increased the number of women in college classrooms and corporate boardrooms. Those advancements have not come easily or without controversy.

Who can deny the progress of women's sports under Title IX?

The number of women's athletics programs has grown tremendously since the passage of Title IX, as high schools and universities have sought to meet female sports interests and give women the chance to demonstrate their abilities.

The number of female athletes has also skyrocketed, rising from about 300,000 girls in high school before the law to nearly 3 million this year. Softball — once just a college club sport — now is an NCAA sport. And sports favorites Mia Hamm, Sheryl Swoopes, Cynthia Cooper, Clarissa Davis-Wrightsil, Sue Bird and Laura Wilkinson (to name a few) are all beneficiaries of Title IX.

Title IX, however, has not been universally embraced. Myths about the consequences of Title IX -- as well as lawsuits trying to shake the law's requirements — have risen over the years. Critics blame it for the elimination of several male sports, including wrestling, gymnastics and tennis. Because women's sports are not self-sustaining, some argue, men's sports are sacrificed to comply with Title IX and fund female athletics. Now men, instead of women, are losing the chance to show their skill and play their sport of choice, they say.

Though female sports are not self-sustaining, few male sports programs generate revenue or even sustain themselves. College sports benefit from high-profile major programs, such as the University of Texas football team. On the other hand, if financial choices have to be made between football and, say, men's wrestling, the latter gets cut.

Besides, the goal of Title IX never was to create female sports teams that could break even or produce revenue. It's purpose was to provide "equal athletic opportunity for members of both sexes," according to the Justice Department. Money has become the issue, but equality was the goal.

Houston Chronicle

Piece of dream for Latinos

One of the mistakes often made in the complicated debates and discussions about "minority affairs" is the assumption that ethnic minority groups have a set of ethnic-specific issues upon which they focus and not much else.

The sweeping generalization is that some groups don't care about the same things other groups of Americans care about, such as high taxes, education for their children and so on. That assumption is mistaken.

Take as one example the issue of affordable housing, which these days is on the front burner in almost every U.S. city, especially in places like Houston that are developing and redeveloping quickly.

The topic will be much discussed here at this week's national convention of the League of United Latin American Citizens, particularly at a scheduled appearance Thursday of U.S. Housing and Urban Development Secretary Mel Martinez.

The Fannie Mae Foundation last week at the U.S. Conference of Mayors annual meeting announced the results of a study that indicated 41 percent of working Americans believe the lack of affordable homes is a very or fairly big problem, about the same number (39 percent) who are concerned about the lack of affordable health care.

Eight out of 10 (79 percent) working families, according to the study, believe the money today's market requires for a down payment and closing costs would be an obstacle to their owning a home. In these concerns, Latinos are no different.

Hispanics and other ethnic groups, and the organizations such as LULAC that represent them, have to be involved in this debate. They must adapt to the new economic realities of the nation and see that potential homeowners are educated about the basics of homebuying and understand their rights and responsibilities in the marketplace.

They also have to continue to act as watchdogs over unscrupulous lenders, insurers and others. Making insurance rates so expensive that people can't buy a house, for example, in some circles is a way to surreptitiously screen out minority homebuyers.

The good news is such groups are doing a better job and finding more collaborators among lenders and real estate professionals who recognize that a stake in the community through homeownership makes communities stronger and safer.

Such efforts seem to be paying off.

In 2001, Fannie Mae financed more than $87 billion in loans to 676,000 families of color. Just over half of the year's business, 51.5 percent, went to low- and moderate-income households, Hispanic Link reported.

Latinos purchased more homes in the final quarter of 2001 than in any quarter in the past five years, the U.S. Census Bureau reported earlier this year. The homeownership rate among Hispanics was 48.8 percent at the end of the 2001, representing 5.2 million homes.

Odessa American

Death-tax decision

Rather than do what's best for small business owners and farmers, Senate Democrats embraced their partys old-time class-warfare stance and put the kibosh on a Republican effort to make the repeal of the death tax permanent.

Only a handful of Democrats those facing tough re-election battles joined the GOP majority in voting for repeal. Two Republicans, Lincoln Chafee of Rhode Island and John McCain of Arizona (who has come to relish his support for liberal policies), joined the Democrats.

Its too bad, but at least the Republican strategy of smoking out the Democrats and forcing them to go on record opposing tax cuts has succeeded.

Public opinion favors the removal of this Progressive Era oddity. The death tax punishes success, forces families to sell off businesses and family farms to pay the tax on already taxed assets.

Last year, Congress approved President Bush's overall tax-cut package, which finally eliminated the death tax. Due to an oddity in the law, the tax would be phased out until 2010, then would go back into effect in 2011 at a 55-percent rate. In other words, only people who die in 2010 would have their estates avoid this unfair and punitive tax.

As the Associated Press reported, six Democrats who voted for repeal last year showed their true colors last week when opposed the Bush repeal plan. Instead they supported Democratic estate-tax revisions, which were little more than minor changes offered to provide posterior cover.

WTC News
WESTERN TEXAS COLLEGE

Campus Happenings

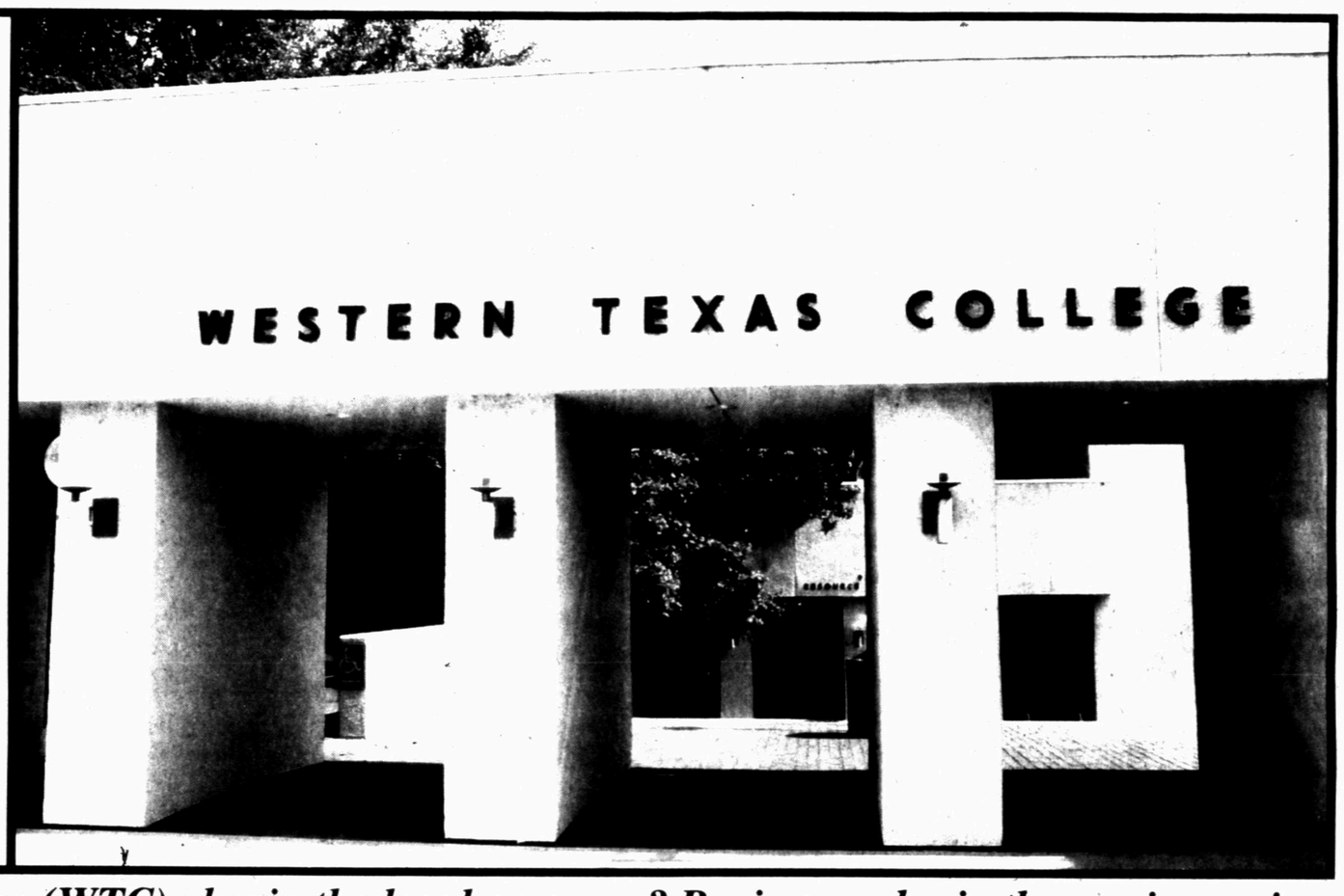
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FACT SHEET: ECONOMIC IMPACT OF WESTERN TEXAS COLLEGE



What role does Western Texas College (WTC) play in the local economy? Business sales in the service region are $13.7 million larger, and labor income is $9.4 million larger due to the past and present operations of WTC. The benefits of a robust local economy translate into job and investment opportunities, increased business revenues, greater availability of public funds, and an eased tax burden.

The following fact sheet is the result of an independent study of Texas community colleges conducted by CCbenefits Incorporated. CCbenefits applied a comprehensive economic model designed to capture and quantify the economic and social benefits of communtiy colleges. The study was funded by the Association for Community College Trustees (ACCT) and relies on data collected from individual colleges and translated into common sense benefit-cost and investment terms.

WTC stimulates the local economy

* WTC had an operating budget of $7.0 million in fiscal 2000, and spent $4.8 million (69%) of this on wages, salaries and supply purchases in Scurry and surrounding counties.

* WTC employs 115 full-time and 26 part-time faculty and staff. WTC paid faculty and staff wages of $4.3 million in fiscal 2000.

* For every $1 WTC pays in wages and salaries, there is another $0.28 in wages and salaries generated off campus in the WTC economy—this is the commonly known multiplier effect.

* WTC activities encourage new business, assist existing business, and create long-term economic growth. The college enhances worker skills and provides customized training to local business and industry. It is estimated that the present-day Scurry and surrounding counties workforce embodies over 100,000 credit and non-credit hours of past and present WTC training.

* WTC skills embodied in the present-day workforce increase the output of industries in the regional economy where the former students are employed by $6.15 million. Associated multiplier effects (sometimes called indirect effects) in other industries increase sales by $4.37 million.

* WTC skills from current and former students increase wages and salaries in the region by $2.3 million directly, and by another $1.6 million indirectly in fiscal 2000.

WTC leverages taxpayer dollars

* State and local government allocated $5.3 million in support of WTC in fiscal 2000. For every dollar appropriated by state and county government, WTC's spending alone generated $1.04 in wages and salaries in the service area.

* For every dollar appropriated by the state and county government in fiscal 2000, student earnings will increase by an average of $1.14 per year, every year through the rest of their working lives. Likewise, for every state dollar appropriated, WTC will see social savings of $0.21 per year, every year (i.e., reduced incarceration and health care expenditures, reduced expenditures on unemployment and welfare, and reduced absenteeism).

WTC generates a return on government investment

* State and local government support for WTC in fiscal 2000 will be fully recovered in 5.4 years, in the form of higher tax receipts (from increased student wages) and avoided costs (e.g., from reduced public expenditures on incarceration).

* Accounting for increased tax receipts and avoided costs; state and local government will see a rate of return of 24.5% on their fiscal 2000 support for WTC.

WTC increases individuals' earning potential

* 3,499 credit and non-credit students attended the College in fiscal 2000, 70% were employed full- or part-time while attending.

* 25% of the students stay in the region and contribute to the local economy after they leave the college.

* Studies demonstrate that education increases lifetime earnings. The average annual earnings of students with a 1-year certificate is $28,442, or 79.7% more than someone without a high school degree or GED, and 15.9% more than a student with just a high school diploma.

* The average earnings of someone with an Associate Degree is $33,401, or 111.0% more than someone without a high school degree or GED, and 36.1% more than a student with just a high school diploma or GED.

* After leaving the college, the average WTC student will spend 28.3 years in the workforce. The student who leaves with a two-year college degree will earn $250,624 more than someone with just a high school degree or GED.

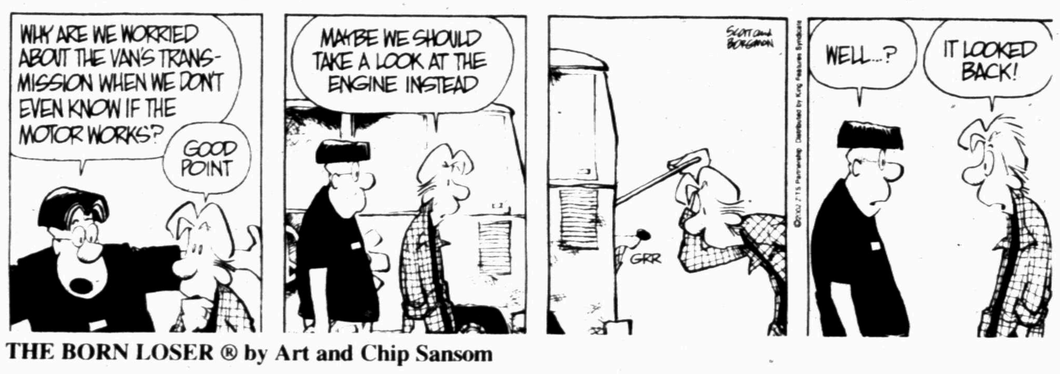
* Over their next 28.3 years in the workforce, the average WTC student's lifetime earnings will increase $10 for every education dollar invested (in the form of tuition, fees, books, and forgone earnings from employment).

* Students enjoy an attractive 28.0% rate of return on their WTC educational investment, and recover all costs (including wages foregone while attending WTC) in 5.1 years.

Source: Christophersen, Kjell & M. Henry Robison. *The Socioeconomic Benefits Generated by Western Texas College: Executive Summary.* CCBenefits, Inc. 04.13.02.

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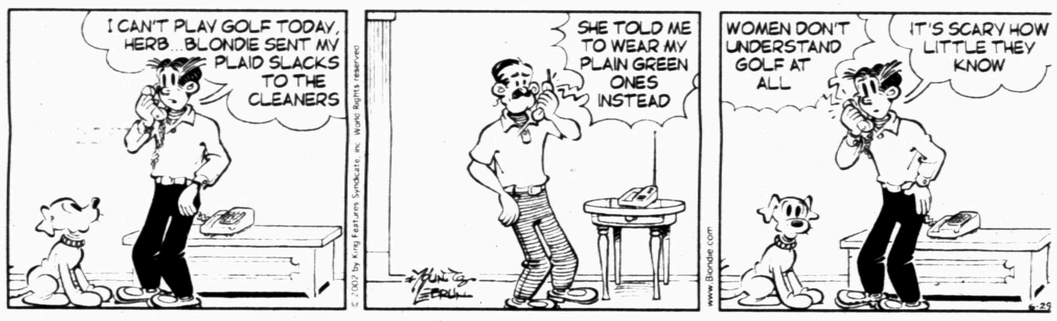
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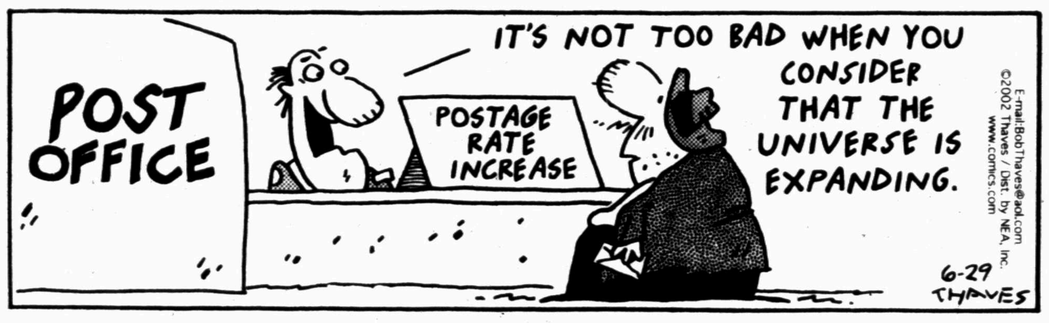
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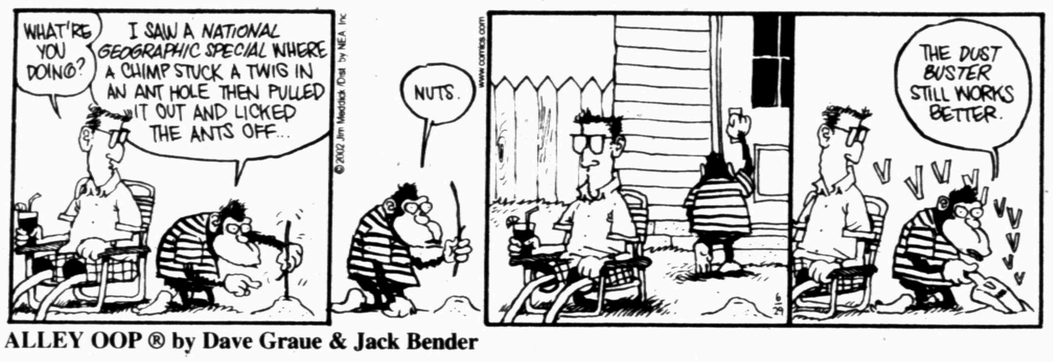
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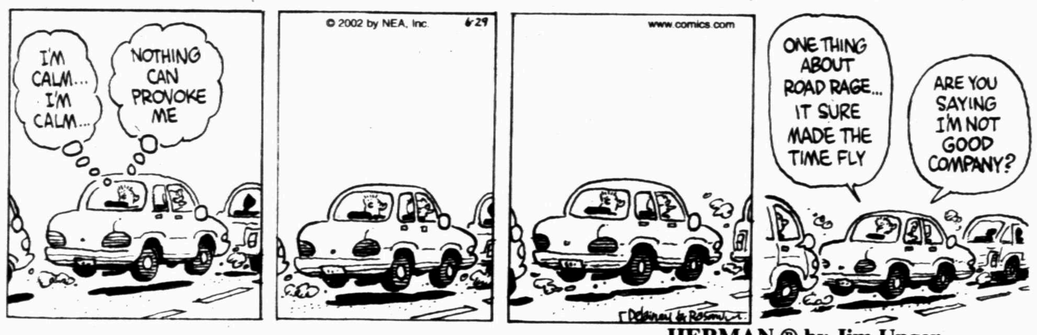
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12 Sour
13 Card combo
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15 Secret writing
16 Mice, to cats
17 Rainier's realm
19 Apportion
21 Jigger
22 Reid and Conway
23 Quips
26 Go to earth
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29 Wild duck
31 Stuck-up person
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40 Navaho foes
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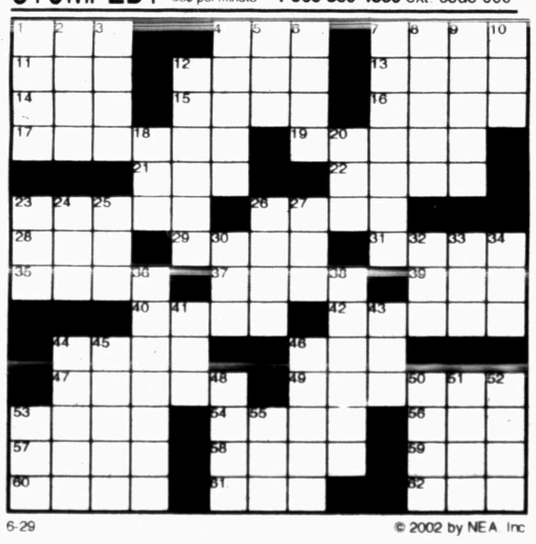
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"DENNIS! THAT IS NOT WHAT 'WASH AND WEAR' MEANS."

Date Books

Saturday, June 29, 2002

Today is the 180th day of 2002 and the 9th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1950, President Harry Truman authorized a naval blockade of the Korean coast.

On this day in 1956, actress Marilyn Monroe and playwright Arthur Miller were wed.

On this day in 1988, the Supreme Court upheld the constitutionality of a federal law that provided for independent prosecutors to investigate high-ranking government officials suspected of criminal activities.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: William J. Mayo (1861-1939), surgeon; Antoine de Saint-Exupery (1900-1944), writer and aviator; Frank Loesser (1910-1969), composer; Ruth Warrick (1915-), actress, is 87; Elizabeth Dole (1936-), previous American Red Cross president, is 66; Harmon Killebrew (1936-), baseball great, is 66; Gary Busey (1944-), actor, is 58.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1957, golfer Betsy Rawls won the U.S. Open.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The time for action is now. It's never too late to do something." — Antoine de Saint-Exupery

TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (June 24) and last quarter (July 2).

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Sunday, June 30, 2002

Today is the 181st day of 2002 and the 10th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1859, Jean Francois Gravelet became the first daredevil to cross Niagara Falls on a tightrope.

On this day in 1870, Ada H. Kepley of Effingham, Ill., became the first woman to graduate from an American law school. She attended Chicago's Union College of Law.

On this day in 1936, Margaret Mitchell's novel "Gone With the Wind" (Macmillan) was first published.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: John Gay (1685-1782), writer; Georges Duhamel (1884-1966), writer; Susan Hayward (1917-1975), actress; Lena Horne (1917-), singer and actress, is 85; Nancy Dussault (1936-), actress, is 66; Vincent D'Onofrio (1959-), actor, is 43; Mitch Richmond (1965-), basketball player, is 37; Mike Tyson (1966-), boxer, is 36.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1948, Bob Lemon helped the Cleveland Indians defeat the Detroit Tigers by pitching a no-hitter.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "It is always brave to say what everyone thinks." — Georges Duhamel

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Connick Sr. to pay tribute to Sinatra

OCEAN GROVE, N.J. (AP) — Move over, son. Harry Connick Sr. is coming to New Jersey to pay tribute to Ol' Blue Eyes.

Connick, the district attorney in New Orleans, will perform in this shore town Saturday in "A Salute to the Music of Frank Sinatra." Connick will sing some of Sinatra's most well-known tunes, including "Come Fly With Me," "The Lady Is a Tramp" and "Strangers in the Night."

Connick, the 76-year-old father of crooner Harry Connick Jr., has always been a music lover. But he took the spotlight in 1989 while singing in New Orleans' French Quarter with his son. Since then, he has performed in nightclubs in his hometown and at concerts across the country.

The elder Connick announced in March that he would not run for a sixth term, ending a three-decade career in which he crusaded against French Quarter prostitution, championed the death penalty and fended off federal charges of corruption.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Sunday, June 30, 2002

It's important in the year ahead that you keep all your activities in proper balance. It is okay to work hard, but be sure to find the time for relaxation and fun. It'll enhance your success, not diminish it.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — After getting off to a poor start today, something extremely fortunate may happen for you that will put you back in a good, positive frame of mind. Hold onto that as you go into the new week. Cancer, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and an SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Be careful not to negatively judge situations in advance today — it will end up working against you. You're actually in a lucky cycle now, so relax and enjoy.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — A condition that has kept you boxed in recently is about to be alleviated today. Someone you have joined up with before may play a major role in this turn about.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — A dubious figure at work may prove you wrong when s/he takes actions today in order to protect your interests.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — You may have a tendency today to do things in ways that make what you hope to accomplish much more difficult than they need be. Make your actions work for you, not against you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Should you not initially succeed today, use the challenge to stimulate your initiative instead of allowing it to subdue your efforts. Success in your endeavors can be realized.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Being nice only to those who can further your interests today could wound your image and damage your popularity. Equality in all of your relationships is essential.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Complications of a commercial or financial nature may develop early on today, but don't let it get to you. If you keep your wits about you, you will be able to make lemonade from those lemons.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — It's all well and good if you want to make some changes in your plans today in order to suit your needs. However, if the alterations affect others, be sure to inform them first.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Base your judgment calls today on information you gather firsthand instead of banking on an intermediary or second source. Their versions could be distorted.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — A revision change of major proportions may be called for today regarding something you had in the works. However, the forced updating will turn out to be a lucky thing.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — When it comes to career matters today, gambling on unfamiliar tactics could cause a setback. Things can get back on track if you return to using traditional methods.

Monday, July 1, 2002

There are indications that, in the year ahead, you may get involved in more activities than usual utilizing your skills and talents. These may occur within both your work-a-day world and your social one.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Try to focus on creative pursuits today. Anything that permits you to use the full scope of your imagination and originality will be an endeavor you'll relish and excel at. Major changes are ahead for Cancer in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 and an SASE to Astro-Graph c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Don't discount your logic totally, but do give a lot of credence to your intuition regarding the development of effective procedures. Your instincts won't let you down if a choice is called for.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Someone with whom you may be closely involved today may need help in coming to peace with an issue. You're just the one who can help him or her sort things out in a fair and just manner.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — It won't seem to matter what tasks are asked of you today. You'll perform at your peak and the end results will be a testament to the pride you took in performing your assignment.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — There is plenty of room in the world for being in love with love, and today you may take on this position. We can always use another romanticist to point out beauty to the rest of us.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Even though you may have plenty of other issues or interests vying for your time today, there will be nothing more important to you than your family. You'll give them top priority.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — This might be just one of those days when it seems like everybody you know wants to get in touch with you. The calls and e-mails may come from people near and far.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — If there is something special you've been wanting to purchase, check all your sources once again today. Chances are, one of them will be having a bargain made just for you.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Today will be more enjoyable for you if you can break away from what others want you to do. Don't let friends tie you down — do your own thing.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Your sensitivity for those you have contact with today inclines you to be responsive to their needs in larger measure than usual. When asked for assistance, you'll be right there.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Because you'll treat everyone as a friend today, the world will see you as a pal as well. The friendly vibes you put out will be openly apparent to all around you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — The ability for achievement is very pronounced in you today. Shoot for the moon, because even objectives that appeared to be too difficult last week can now be done with relative ease.

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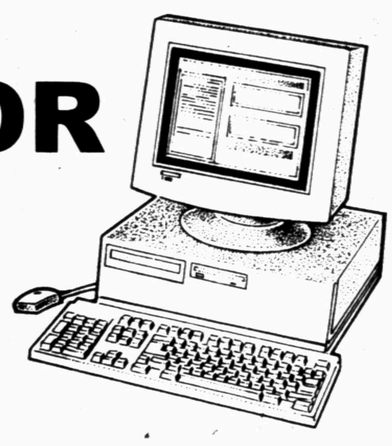
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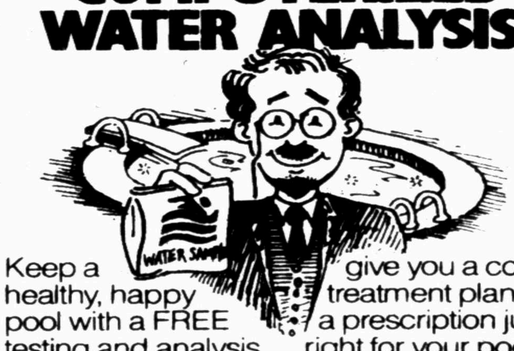
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Essays showed contempt for school

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — A teenager who pleaded guilty to murder described his contempt for school and for America in essays that reveal a transformation from popular student to cold-blooded killer of two Dartmouth College professors.

Robert Tulloch, 19, said his discontent started during the short time he lived in Florida and crystalized when his family moved back to Vermont when he was in the fifth grade.

"By this time, I had developed into an incredibly smart, witty, and scheming individual," Tulloch wrote in an essay as a senior at the Chelsea (Vt.) Public School in the fall of 2000.

"So now, after defying school for the last five years, having regular conflicts with the teachers, enjoying myself by doing exactly what I want, I am ready to depart. School is not for me and now I can leave."

The essay is undated, but was written within months of the Jan. 27, 2001, murders of Half and Susanne Zantop at their secluded home in Hanover. Prosecutors say Tulloch and James Parker had already begun training themselves as killers to get money so they could move to Australia.

The essays are among 6,500 pages of investigative documents released Friday by the state. They shed more light on what was going on in the minds of Tulloch and his best friend, Parker, when they slaughtered the unsuspecting professors.

In an undated letter from jail, Tulloch schemed about becoming a literary partner with an inmate friend identified only as "Chief."

"Chief and I were going to write a book, and make millions since two Dartmouth professors died," Tulloch wrote to Chief's wife. "Everyone who knew them or lived in New Hampshire or who likes this kind of thing will buy it. I believe you could end up with some $30 million."

He said he was excited about making money off the murders.

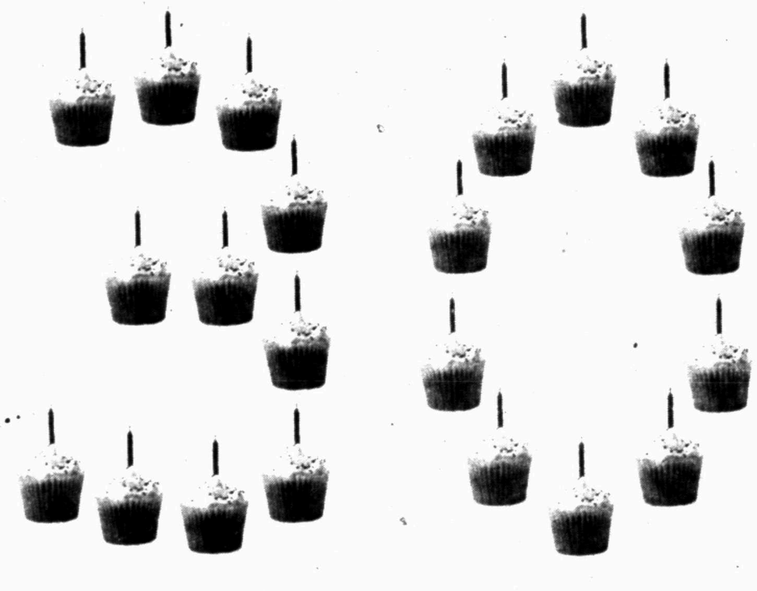
"Boy, this idea makes me jumpy," he wrote. In an agreement Tulloch later made with prosecutors, proceeds from any book would go to the Zantop family.

In another school essay, Tulloch said he believed America treated Europeans and Japanese poorly during World War II and entered the war only when its interests were challenged.

"The Japanese? Well, we had to kill or be killed, right? And the Jews? Well, heck, they're all the way across the ocean, what do we owe them. And so, since it is a known fact that American lives are worth more than any other, we stayed out of the war. We bombed Japan, ruined countless future generations and still didn't give a damn," Tulloch wrote in May 1999, when he was a junior.

The German-born professors were stabbed to death and their throats were slit during a robbery. As the police closed in, the pair fled. They were arrested at an Indiana truck stop three weeks after the murders.

Tulloch pleaded guilty in April to murder and conspiracy and is serving a sentence of life without parole. Parker, 18, pleaded guilty in December to being an accomplice to second-degree murder and is serving a sentence of 25 years to life.



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Convention for G.I. Joe underway

NORFOLK, Va. (AP) — Call him an Everyman, an American hero even. Just don't call G.I. Joe a "doll."

That word is anathema to G.I. Joe's makers and to enthusiasts gathering this weekend for the sixth annual International G.I. Joe Collectors' Convention.

"We stay away from the 'D' word," said Paul Arnold, 41, a contractor from nearby Virginia Beach and owner of more than 160 vintage G.I. Joes from the 1960s and '70s.

"They're action figures," he said. "I just refer to them as 'Joes.'"

More than 500 people have registered to attend the convention, some coming from as far as Japan, England, Singapore, Brazil and Italy.

The event got off to a flying start Friday morning — literally. More than 500 G.I. Joes will be dropped from the 10-story Norfolk hotel where the convention is being held. Each action figure is equipped with a parachute designed to unfurl automatically and float it safely to the ground.

The figures were donated by Pawtucket, R.I.-based toy maker Hasbro, sponsors of the convention along with the G.I. Joe Collectors' Club, based in Fort Worth, Texas.

Public Records

Marriage License

Billy Brent St. Clair of Hermleigh and Melissa Kay Mitchell of Snyder.

Billy Cheyenne Burleson and Deidra D'Ann Goebel, both of Snyder.

Kraig Alan Billingsley and Leslie Aid Mitchell, both of Snyder.

Jason Scott Smith and Lana Christel Rice, both of Snyder.

Brian Leon Walker and Lacey Rene Miller, both of Snyder.

Action in District Court

Pamela Black vs. Davidson Food Inc., order of dismissal with prejudice.

Deed Records

Earl W. Hardy, et al, to Jerry Simmons, Joel Simmons, Jeff Simmons, Jeremy Terry, Rick Sims and Blake Hortenstine, tract one being all of Section 630, Block 97, H&TC survey; tract two being the west one-half of Section 631, Block 97, H&TC survey; tract three being 160 acres in the Jones Preemption survey; tract four being 152.90 acres in the Priddy Preemption survey; tract five being 34 acres in the Helms Preemption survey.

Douglas Don Narrell and Clara Beth Taylor, co-trustees of the Margaret Kate Narrell Estate Trust, to Daryl and Bettye Cain and Edward and Mary Riney, tract one being the southwest one-quarter of Section 24, Block Y, T&P survey; tract two being the east one-half of the southeast one-quarter of Section 57, Block 25, T&P survey.

Hattie Mae Phillips, attorney-in-fact for Harold Van Hooks, to Enrique Carrizales and Anna M. Jaramillo, 12.067 acres in Tract 18 of the Dallas Trust and Savings Bank subdivision of the Grimes Ranch Lands, Section 40, Kirkland and Fields survey.

Donald R. and Kathaline Murdock to Donald C. and Edith Jean McMillon, Lot 6 in Block 17 of the Gross Replat of Block 17 in the Colonial Hill Addition.

A.H. Chaney to Calvary Baptist Church of Snyder, the south 50 feet of Lot 21, 2nd Replat of Block 3, Section 1 of the Parkway Addition.

Lonard Keith Kildow to Troy D. and Brenda R. Botts, the north part of Lots 1 and 2 in Block 7 of the West Side Heights Addition.

David and Molly C. Kattes to Gordon S. and Erma L. Daniel, 243.661 acres in Section 339, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Verlene Bedwell Bowling to William Benton and Verlene Bowlin, Lot 7 in Block 1 of the Parkview Addition, Section 1.

Juan Fierro Silvas to Sandy Alvarado, et al, tract one being Lot 2 and the west 4 feet of Lot 1 in Block 3 of the Highland Addition, 2nd Section; tract two being Lot 5 in Block 1 of the 1st Section of the Parkway Addition.

Eugenia Grizzle to Darla Kaye Huddleston, Lot 8 in Block F of the Highland Park Addition.

Faustino Ramirez to Rita Rascon, the south 85 feet of Lot 7 and the south 85 feet of Lot 8 in Block 21 of the Wilmeth Addition.

Jose Luis and Maria Cabrera to Justo Juarez and Angelica Murillo, Lots 2 and 3 in Block 22 of the Bootheland West Addition.

Malcomb L. and Marla S. Rigsby to Joe and Bertha Botts, Lots 13-15 in Blocks 39 and 42 in the H.F. Murray subdivision of the Grayum and Nelson Heights Addition.

L.L. and Patsy Beebe to Allen W. and Ginger A. Robertson, 3.0 acres in Tract 37 of the Dallas Trust and Savings Bank subdivision of the Grimes Ranch Lands in Section 14, Block 1, J.P. Smith survey.

Merwyn Glen Pickel and Laura Elaine Pickel, Co-Trustees, to Roger L. and Doris J. Lollar, tract one being 44.9 acres in Tract 51 of the Dallas Trust and Savings Bank subdivision of the Grimes Ranch Lands, Section 38, Kirkland and Fields survey; tract two being 42 acres in Tract 52 of the Dallas Trust and Savings Bank subdivision of the Grimes Ranch Lands in Section 13, J.P. Smith survey.

Lila I. Guinn to Carla Guinn Bavousett, Robbie Guinn Odom and Jesse Halbert Guinn, tract one being 144 acres in the south one-half of Section 11, Block 3, H&TC survey; tract two being the east one-half of the southwest one-quarter of Section 11, Block 3, H&TC survey.

National Fuel and Lubricants Inc. to Jerry Don and Kathy Greene, the east 110 feet of the south 80 feet of Lot 4, Block 53 of the Original Town of Snyder.

Roberto and Margarita C. Luna to Thelma Ramos, Lot 12 in Block 3, Section 1 of the Parkway Addition.

Danny C. and Janell W. Eckert to Nancy Lujean Eckert, Lot 15 and the west 13 feet of Lot 14, both in Block 7 of the Replat of the south one-half of Blocks 6 and 11 of the Highlands Addition.

Retired priest in Kentucky pleads innocent to charges

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — A retired Roman Catholic priest pleaded innocent to felony sexual misconduct involving 15 alleged victims.

The Rev. Louis E. Miller could face up to 10 years in prison for each of 36 counts of indecent and immoral practice and up to five years for each count of sexual abuse.

Calls to his lawyer, David Lambertus, were not immediately returned Thursday. A spokesman for the Archdiocese of Louisville said he would not comment.

Miller, who worked at seven different parishes since 1956, is accused of abuse in 59 of the 146 lawsuits against the Archdiocese of Louisville. Thirteen of the suits were filed Wednesday afternoon, just after Miller was indicted. The plaintiffs allege the church was aware of Miller's conduct but did not take appropriate disciplinary action.

Also Thursday, the Archdiocese of Boston, citing a weak economy, said it plans to slice its budget by a third, cutting 15 positions as well as aid to parishes, schools and hospitals.

Chancellor David Smith said the cuts had been planned since last November and were to be implemented over the next two years, but were instead condensed into one year.

Smith blamed the struggling economy for the cuts and downplayed any effect from the sexual abuse scandal that has engulfed the Roman Catholic Church.

Also Thursday, the archdiocese made public a letter Cardinal Bernard Law sent to Bishop Gerald Barnes of the San Bernardino Diocese in which Law apologizes for approving the transfer of the Rev. Paul Shanley in 1990 without warning of his history of sexual abuse allegations.

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Scurry County Anti-drug Connection

The best things in life are drug free

The Snyder Daily News, in cooperation with the Scurry County Anti Drug Coalition and Al-Anon support groups devote this column to current information on substance abuse, and how we, as a community, can work together to create a safe and drug free environment for our children.

HOW DOES ALCOHOL AFFECT THE WORLD OF A CHILD?
(Part 1 of 6)
COMMUNITY

"Alcohol is the number one drug of choice among our Nation's youth. Yet the seriousness of this issue does not register with the general public or policy-makers. —Enoch Gordis, M.D., Director, National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism

- An overwhelming number of Americans (96%) are concerned about underage drinking, and a majority support measures that would help reduce teen drinking, such as stricter controls on alcohol sales, advertising, and promotion.
- Recent advertising expenditures in the United States for beer, wine, and liquor combined ($1.2 billion) totaled more than 10 times the amount spent on milk ads ($70.5 million). A total of $764.2 million was spent on beer ads, $131.5 million on wine ads, and $291.2 million on liquor ads.
- A study of fifth-and-sixth-grade students found that those who demonstrated an awareness of beer ads also held more favorable beliefs about drinking and intended to drink more frequently when they grew up.
- One study of Midwestern States found that 46% of ninth graders who reported drinking alcohol in the previous month said they obtained the alcohol from a person aged 21 or older.
- In a study conducted in 38 states and the District of Columbia, areas with greater numbers of drinking establishments had higher rates of alcoholism.
- The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimates that the 21-year-old minimum drinking age laws have saved 19,121 lives since the mid-1970s.
- Among drivers aged 15-20, fatal crashes involving a single vehicle at night are three times more likely than other fatal crashes to be alcohol-related.

ASK YOURSELF

As Parents

- Do you know how to discuss alcohol use with your child and where to get information to help you?
- Do you know your child's friends, and do you feel that they provide positive influences on your child's activities?
- Do you know the extent of drinking by children in your neighborhood and how to find local organizations that are working on the issue?
- Do you know the legal consequences if your child is caught drinking alcohol?
- Do you know your state's laws about providing alcohol to anyone under 21?

As Teachers, Administrators, and School Counselors

- Has your school or community assessed student drinking to determine the extent of the problem?
- Do you know what factors may be contributing to student drinking in your school or community (e.g., easy access to alcohol, peer pressure, adults' failure to address the issue)?
- Do you know what steps, if any, are being taken within your school system to help kids resist the pressure to drink?
- Is your school currently working to educate parents about alcohol use among children?
- Does your school have an active partnership with the families of its students?

As Concerned Citizens

- Do you know how easily children in your community can obtain alcohol and what communities can do to prevent access to alcohol by young people?
- Does your community have educational programs and policies to prevent children from drinking?
- Does your community have "alcohol-free" events? If not, do you know how to initiate them?
- Is there collaboration among public and private schools, community businesses, local government, and the police force to develop and enforce policies related to youth alcohol use?

For information about preventing alcohol use by children, e-mail *Leadership to Keep Children Alcohol Free* at: Leadership@alcoholfreechildren.org .

For further information on how you can be involved in creating a drug free community in Scurry County, contact the Snyder Area Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse (CADA) or the Scurry County Anti Drug Coalition at 573-1141.

Congress votes to raise debt limit

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congressional approval of a $450 billion boost in federal borrowing authority spared the government from choosing between defaulting and using "shaky ... or potentially fraudulent accounting devices," Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill said Friday.

He made the comment to reporters a day after the House gave final congressional approval to increasing the borrowing limit. And it came at a time when repeated disclosures of shady bookkeeping by major companies has transformed corporate behavior into a hot political issue.

O'Neill said the government must avoid even being accused of the "horrendous accounting policies and practices" uncovered in corporate America in recent months.

Even so, Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., could not resist commenting on O'Neill's remarks when asked about them by reporters.

"Just the sight of the treasury secretary going to jail for using fraudulent devices ... is not something I would wish on any administration," he said.

Daschle also chided the Republican-controlled House for not acting until the eve of a deadline the Bush administration had set for boosting the borrowing cap.

"To wait until well past the 11th hour to act and to put the treasury secretary in a position of publicly announcing that he would have even considered potentially fraudulent actions is reprehensible," Daschle told reporters. "It's extraordinarily disconcerting."

The $450 billion increase will provide enough money for the government to pay its bills until at least December, O'Neill said. That means Congress will not have to face the borrowing question again until after the November elections that will determine which party controls the Senate and House.

Democrats say congressional approval of the increase underlines how the tax cut President Bush engineered last year forced the government back into the red.

Republicans counter that though they didn't like muscling the debt limit increase through the House on Thursday, doing so let them thwart Democrats who had offered to support the effort — in exchange for higher federal spending.

White House press secretary Ari Fleischer said Bush was eager to sign the legislation. The White House was working with congressional leaders to get the bill on the president's desk Friday, so that he could sign it the same day.

O'Neill derided the notion of having a statutory limit on the government's borrowing authority, calling it an "anachronism" that "we'd be better off without."

Asked whether he would press Congress to do away with the cap, O'Neill was noncommittal.

The House voted 215-214 to increase the current $5.95 trillion debt ceiling, the first federal borrowing increase Congress has granted in five years.

The Democratic-controlled Senate had approved the measure by a bipartisan 68-29 margin on June 11. Bush is certain to sign it.

Just three Democrats and six Republicans crossed party lines, highlighting the House's partisan rift over the issue.

No one doubted that Congress would eventually raise the debt limit. A federal default is considered unimaginable because it would rattle the bond markets, force interest rates higher, weaken the world economy and deliver a jarring political blow to Bush.

But for months, Republican leaders lacked the votes to push it through the House, where they have a slim majority.

Many GOP lawmakers worried that their opponents in the November's elections would accuse them of forcing federal borrowing to pay for last year's tax cut. Democrats used Thursday's House debate to do just that, ridiculing Bush's fiscal plan and tax cut.

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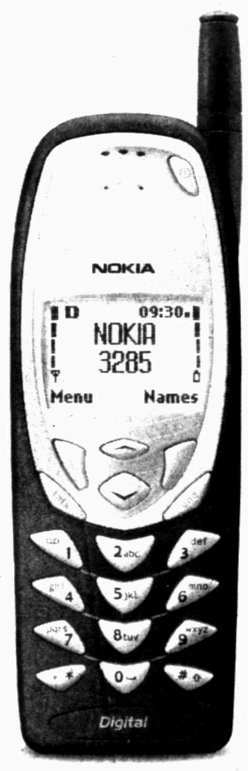
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Supreme Court to hear prescription drug case

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court agreed Friday to decide how far states can go in negotiating lower prescription costs for the poor, accepting drug companies' challenge of a pioneering Maine law.

The intervention stops, for now, Maine's effort to press companies to drop prices for about 325,000 residents who don't have insurance.

An appeals court had rejected arguments from a drug industry trade group that the Maine program unconstitutionally regulates transactions in other states and conflicts with federal Medicaid law. The high court will review the case next year.

The court's decision to take the Maine case came just hours after the House approved a prescription drug bill targeting the Medicare program, which covers the elderly and disabled. The proposal, which has not been voted on in the Senate, would spend $320 billion over 10 years to offer seniors a prescription drug benefit and rely mainly on private insurers.

The Bush administration had urged the Supreme Court to leave a lower court's decision in Maine's favor undisturbed.

The program, if allowed to take effect in Maine, would extend prescription drug benefits offered under Medicaid to the working poor or others whose incomes, while low, do not qualify for Medicaid.

Under the plan, companies would be pressured to sell drugs to uninsured customers at the same discounted price the government pays for Medicaid patients. The state would penalize drug companies that refused by requiring doctors to get prior approval before prescribing one of those drugs to a Medicaid recipient.

"However desirable national public policy attention to this issue may be, states may not in the meantime balkanize the national economy" with regulations, Daniel M. Price, a lawyer for the drug companies, had told the Supreme Court.

The program, which could cut drug costs for the poor by a third, has been on hold pending the court fight.

Price said Maine was trying to control commerce outside the state — a function reserved to Congress by the Constitution.

"It does not tie in-state prices to pricing elsewhere. It does not constrain manufacturers' pricing freedom, and does not interfere with economic force," Maine Attorney General G. Steven Rowe told justices in a filing.

Meanwhile Friday, the court also said it would consider a case from Kentucky that asks whether states can force health plans to open closed networks of doctors or other medical providers.

HMOs try to contain costs by using only a select group of doctors and providers. Sometimes doctors, pharmacies, hospitals and so forth are under exclusive contract to serve patients enrolled in one plan, and agree to accept lower fees in return for a guaranteed stream of patients.

HMOs say forcing them to open their networks to all would raise the cost of health care. States that have tried to require open networks say the closed systems can unfairly limit patients' choices.

About half the states have adopted laws that require health plans to open their networks to outsiders, so long as the providers agree to abide by terms of the plan.

San Diego company finds translators

SAN DIEGO (AP) — How do you find a Pashto speaker who can interrogate a suspected terrorist?

Try the Los Angeles phone book.

Cold-calling people with Afghani surnames worked for Titan Corp., which has supplied the majority of the foreign-language interrogators interviewing detainees at Guantanamo Bay Naval Base in Cuba.

Internet news groups, newspaper ads, language associations and word-of-mouth have helped the San Diego-based defense contractor find qualified speakers of Pashto and Dari, which are the predominant languages of Afghanistan, as well as Urdu (Pakistan), Uhygur (China), Uzbek (Uzbekistan), and Arabic.

"We've had to go through extensive searches to find these people," said Marc Peltier, who directs Titan Systems' linguistics program headquartered in Fairfax, Va. "The typical Pashto linguist does not post his or her resume on Monster.com," the employment Web site.

More than 500 people from some 36 countries have been detained in Guantanamo as part of the U.S.-led effort to root out terrorist networks around the globe. Military officials say the detainees are being interrogated to gather information that could prevent future terrorist attacks.

Sixty percent of the Guantanamo translators work for Titan, said company spokesman Wil Williams. The company says it will have a total of 35 of its translators working in Cuba by the middle of next month. The military is also supplying its own linguists.

Titan also has another 25 translators working with U.S. forces in Afghanistan and Uzbekistan.

All of Titan's translators are U.S. citizens. Most are from California, where company officials have recruited from ethnic enclaves in the cities of Fremont, Fresno, San Diego and Los Angeles.

Ranging in age from 18 to 70, the civilian linguists include a college professor, a partner in a San Diego pharmaceuticals company, a firefighter, an accountant who once commanded anti-Soviet mujahedeen in Afghanistan, a student, and a former Marine. The company did not disclose their names, citing security concerns.

All are men with one exception: a single mother of three from China who's fluent in Uhygur, the language of Eastern Turkestan.

"Why are they helping? They're not happy with what's occurred. They don't like the way Islam has been portrayed. They're not happy with the way Afghans have been portrayed. They want to help the United States," Peltier said.

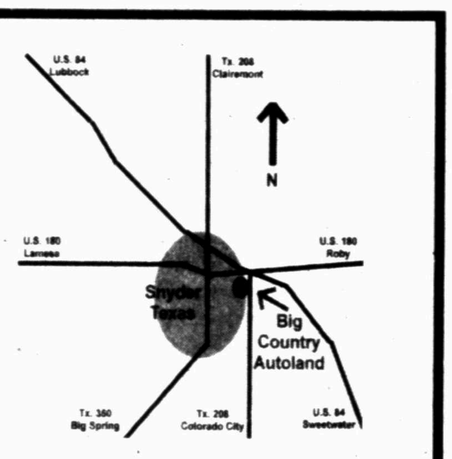
Money isn't always a factor since some are taking a cut in pay to work as translators, Peltier said. He wouldn't discuss what the translators earn at Guantanamo.

Titan, which won the contract in 1999 to supply linguists for the military, got a call Dec. 26 from the Army to find translators who could speak Pashto and Dari. One month later, Titan was sending its first group of translators to Cuba.

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