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Court establishes fund for proceeds if lease approved

If voters approve the lease of Cogdell Hospital to Community Health Systems, the proceeds from the lease will be placed in a county heath care fund and the interest will be used to lower taxes, Scurry County commissioners agreed this morning.

According to Texas law, the county health care fund may be used only to finance items related to providing health care to county residents.

"For us to do anything different would be against our intent from the very beginning of these discussions," said Precinct 1 Commissioner Ralph Trevey.

"I move we place all the funds from the lease into a county health care fund."

"Only the interest will be used for the relief of ad valorem taxes," added Precinct 4 Commissioner Jerry Gannaway, who seconded Trevey's motion. "One hundred percent of the interest."

The court voted unanimously for Trevey's motion.

Precinct 3 Commissioner Howard Limmer first questioned whether the present commissioners court can bind future courts.

County Attorney Mike Hartman said they could if the statutes allow them to.

"In this case, the law says the county can set up a county health care fund and the money cannot be used for anything else," said Hartman.

"Future courts cannot come in and say, 'Let's use some of the money for a road grader,'" he said.

Community Health Systems of Brentwood, Tenn. has offered to lease Cogdell Memorial Hospital for 30 years with an up-front lease payment of $8 million. Other payments to the county would mean it could have up to $12 million available at the signing of the lease.

County Auditor Eddie McHaney said this morning that the interest on the health care fund could generate up to $720,000 for the county's general fund.

"Add the $488,000 that we presently give the hospital every year and the savings to the county will be over a million dollars a year," said McHaney.

An election on whether to lease the hospital is set for Aug. 9. Early voting will begin Monday, July 21.

County Judge Ricky Fritz made a brief statement before the meeting adjourned concerning public comments from the audience during special meetings.

"We have always allowed people to make comments during the public comment portion of our regular meetings. We always have and always will," said Fritz.

"However, I don't think the court is the proper setting for infomercials," said Fritz.

He urged citizens who have an opinion on the lease or any other topic to talk to their commissioners.

Fritz had to ask one citizen this morning to quit interrupting the discussion.

Don Light stood up three times and said he had a question about the original deed to the Cogdell property where the hospital was built.

Fritz asked Light to "Please sit down" each time.

"Don," said Fritz. "Please have a seat. Any more outbursts and you'll be found in contempt of court."

In other action, the court appointed election judges for the Aug. 9 state election.

Fritz said the same judges who were appointed to serve in the

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HOMERUN CELEBRATION — Snyder All-star Billy Pena gets congratulated by his teammates and manager George Page following his homerun in Saturday night's championship game. Snyder defeated Lone Star, 7-4, advancing to the Sectional Tournament in Ft. Worth. (SDN Staff Photo by Eric Drennan)

Revenue bonds among issues before WTC trustees tonight

Western Texas College trustees convene this evening to face some important decisions bearing on the institution's future direction.

Among those are issuing of general fee revenue bonds, reorganization of the administrative structure and a new agreement to provide correctional officer in-service training.

Trustees are also expected to accept the resignation of Gay Hickman, director of business and finance, and hire Patricia Claxton as director of fiscal services.

Several items on tonight's agenda relate to authorizing the board to issue revenue bonds to help renovate the auto/diesel building into a workforce training center.

Last month, the board hired architect Bill Adling to work up detailed plans on the renovation.

Trustees plan to issue bonds in the amount of $500,000, and use reserves for whatever amount it takes to complete the project. The bonds will be paid over a 15 year period through an increase in the building use fee from $1 to $2 and a facility use fee for the training center itself.

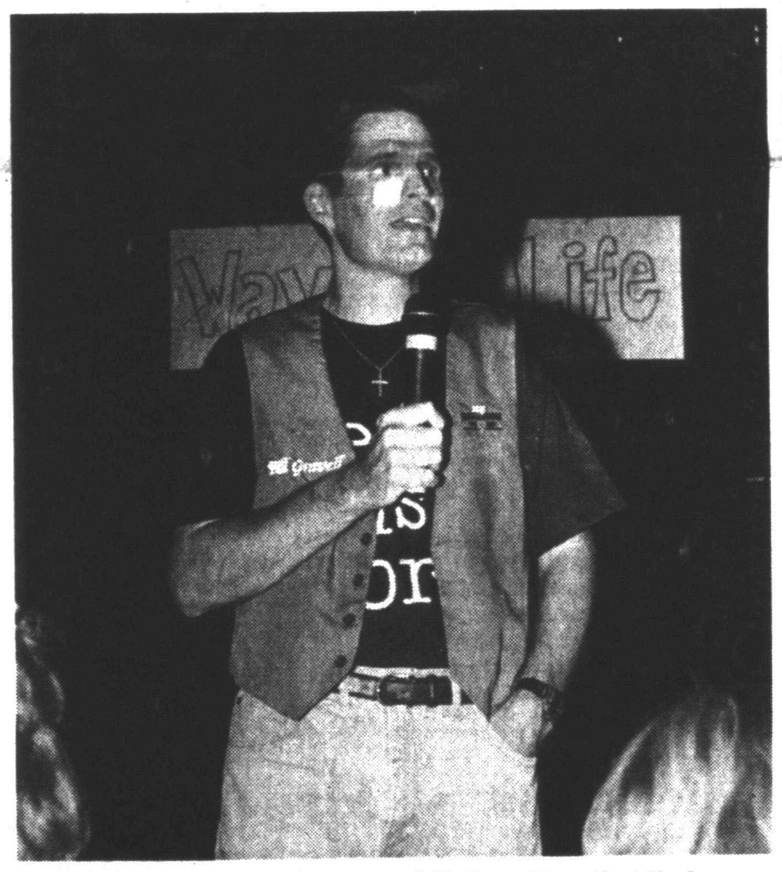
Related intems include an agreement with West Texas State Bank for the sale of the bonds, an advisory services agreement with First Southwest Company and bond counsel with Tart, McCall, Parkhurst & Horton.

Other action items include an interlocal contract with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice to provide in-service training for correctional officers from the Price Daniel, Wallace and Smith prison units. The board will also consider selling interest in some property with proceeds to go to the Senior Center's homebound meals program.

Under information and discussion, the board will review proposed budget revenue and expenditures information for 1997-98 and production figures for vocational and selected academic programs. These relate to requests from trustees related to preparing the upcoming year's budget.

Reorganization of the administrative structure is the other item for discussion. With Hickman leaving, WTC President Dr. Harry Krenek said some of his duties will be shifted to other administrators.

Approval of financial information and previous minutes are the only other items on the agenda. Tonight's meeting will begin at 7 o'clock in the administration board room.



INSPIRATIONAL SPEAKER — Bill Gravell, nationally known speaker and spokesman for the group called Hot Hearts, was one of many delivering inspirational messages at last weekend's Hearts on Fire Youth Rally at Scurry County Coliseum. The youth attending the rally also heard from such musicians as Code of Ethics, Michael O'Brien and Micah Brandon Black. (SDN Staff Photo)

Forum slated July 21

A public forum concerning the possible lease of Cogdell Memorial Hospital to Community Health Systems will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, July 21, it was announced this morning.

Dr. Gary Nussey, chief of the medical staff at CMH, said the forum will be held at the Fine Arts Theatre on the Western Texas College campus.

Dr. Nussey, Dr. Bid Cooper, and Laurie Stark, RN, will be among those speaking.

Dr. Nussey said the intention of the meeting is to share with the public information concerning visits to healthcare facilities owned or leased by Community Health Systems.

Local medical professionals have visited facilities in Big Spring, Hillsboro and Granbury, and plan to visit one in Deming, N.M. this week.

"Whoever wants to come is welcome. We haven't had many forums on this issue and I think we need to," said Dr. Nussey. He stressed that his knowledge is not in the financial aspects, but in physician recruitment, quality of care, philosophy of CHS and the like.

Snyder citizens on Aug. 9 will vote whether or not to enter a 30-year lease with CHS. The Tennessee-based corporation has offered an up-front cash payment of $8 million in addition to other incentives.

Coincidentally, the July 21 forum coincides with the first day of early voting in the election.

Pathfinder...

Third computer reset cuts off communication

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Communication with the Pathfinder lander on Mars was cut off today when a computer aboard the spacecraft inexplicably reset itself again as it was sending back pictures, NASA scientists discovered.

When scientists tried to reestablish contact early today, antennas used to communicate with the lander were being used by other space missions, said Frank O'Donnell, a spokesman for NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena. They planned to attempt contact later today, when Mars is in line with Earth.

The Earth-based antennas were busy with Galileo, the space probe on an orbital tour of Jupiter and its four major moons.

"All evidence points to it being a reset event and they're not concerned that it's anything beyond that," O'Donnell said. "It appears to be related to periods of time when the computer's carrying out a number of different activities.

"There is software that manages how it juggles different activities, and it's definitely a software problem, not a problem with any of the hardware."

It's the third time communication between the spacecraft and controllers on Earth has been lost. Glitches on July 4, the day the lander bounced to a landing on Mars, and on Friday caused earlier interruptions.

On Saturday, scientists reprogrammed the computer in an attempt to avert another reset. At 1:06 a.m. today they realized the problem had happened again.

"They figured those commands would help, but there's more work to do," O'Donnell said. "Obviously, we just had another reset, so we'll have to do some more work to get on top of it."

Before the communications break, NASA received data indicating the Sojourner rover had planted its chemical tester, an instrument called an alpha proton X-Ray spectrometer, on the rock dubbed Yogi for a 10-hour examination. Information from that test was to be transmitted to Earth tonight.

The reset apparently occurred during transmission of a new panoramic color photo the lander had taken, O'Donnell said.

Besides learning the chemical makeup of Yogi, scientists hope this week to perform a Danish experiment testing the source of the magnetic dust that fills Mars' atmosphere, project manager Brian Muirhead said.

Bosnian sentenced for war crimes

PALE, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — Serb anger at NATO vented like a rumbling volcano today, prompting international officials to tighten security after a bomb targeted a housing project and Serb leaflets threatened murder.

The Serb rage increased after the U.N. war crimes tribunal today sentenced Bosnian Serb Dusan Tadic to 20 years in prison.

"That man is not guilty and not a single witness could confirm that he was responsible," said Goran Neskovic, deputy Bosnian Serb justice minister. "All this is one propaganda war against us."

"It's more a political than a legal judgment," said Momcilo Krajisnik, Serb representative on the three-man collective Bosnian presidency.

Tadic came from Prijedor, the northwestern Bosnia town that in 1992 had some of the most horrific detention camps for Muslims and Croats during the 1991-95 war in the former Yugoslavia.

Prijedor's former police chief, Simo Drljaca, also was indicted by U.N. tribunal for allegedly helping to run the camps. He was shot to death by NATO forces during an arrest raid Thursday and received a hero's funeral Sunday in the northern town of Banja Luka.

Hours after the funeral, an explosion near the hotel housing three international organizations in Zvornik, a Serb-controlled town on the Yugoslav border, blew out windows of the hotel and a nearby school.

A jeep belonging to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe was destroyed and at least one civilian vehicle was damaged, said Liam McDowall, a spokesman for the U.N. police force.

"We have to consider the reasonable possibility that this is in some way linked to the events in Prijedor," he said.

The Hotel Drina houses local offices of the OSCE, which is organizing Bosnia's September local elections, as well as the U.N. police and U.N. refugee agency.

OSCE immediately tightened security, ordering its personnel not to move around Serb territory in Bosnia without escorts from the NATO-led peace force.

Serb rage over arrests of war crimes suspects has prompted Radovan Karadzic, the wartime Bosnian Serb leader twice indicted for genocide, to try and end a feud with rival Bosnian Serb President, Biljana Plavsic.

ASK US

Q—When is Snyder's first varsity football game?

A—The Snyder Tigers open their season Sept. 5 at 7:30 at Andrews.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Saturday, 97 degrees; low, 73; high Sunday, 97 degrees; low, 69; 7 a.m. Monday, 69; no precipitation; total for 1997, 19.75 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly clear. Low 70-75. Light SE wind. Tuesday, mostly sunny. High, upper 90s. SE wind 5-15 mph.



Amanda Rivera

Sunny

Sunset: 8:50 p.m.
Sunrise: 6:50 a.m.
Of 194 days in 1997, the sun has shone 182 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

The path to success is to take massive, determined action.

Anthony Robbins

Ratings deal threatens reform plans for TV

WASHINGTON (AP) — New detailed TV ratings are in the headlines, but four members of Congress contend that such on-screen warnings do nothing to fix what's really wrong with television: the shows are offensive.

The lawmakers — Sens. Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn., and Sam Brownback, R-Kan., and Reps. Lamar Smith, R-Texas, and Joe Kennedy, D-Mass. — are pushing legislation to require that early-evening television programs be free of sexual innuendo, deletable expletives or sly euphemisms for crude language.

But a deal that other lawmakers made with the TV industry may prevent the bills from going anywhere.

Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., the Commerce Committee chairman, and seven other senators promised industry leaders they would oppose, among other things, legislation aimed at creating a "family viewing hour." The assurance, similar to ones made by key House members, was in exchange for the industry's agreement to adopt stronger voluntary program ratings.

That agreement bodes ill for the new "family viewing" proposals, which would grant television networks a limited exemption from antitrust laws and allow them together to reinstate and develop voluntary programming standards.

Sponsors want to encourage production again of safe shows like "Happy Days" and "Little House on the Prairie."

But what constitutes safe "family friendly" programs and who decides? In the early 1970s, "All in the Family" featured Carroll O'Connor as the politically incorrect Archie Bunker. It sparked a national uproar over what language and topics were appropriate for prime-time television, but the program was tame by today's standards.

Sponsors of the bills insist they would give government no control over broadcasters. "Any guidelines or programming standards the industry chose to adopt would be purely voluntary and could not be enforced by the government in any way," Brownback said.

Groups that want to clean up TV programming like the "family hour" bills.

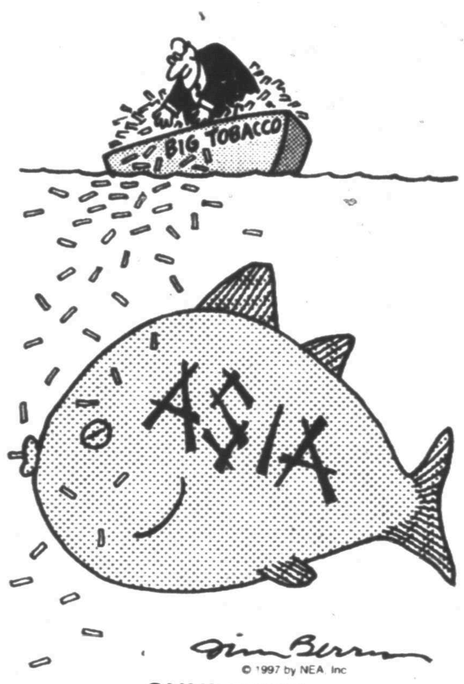
"We wholeheartedly support the bill because ... it allows the networks to do something to clean up the content of programming," said Mark Honig, executive director of the conservative Parents Television Council.

"It doesn't mandate or legislate anything from Capitol Hill but actually puts the burden on the industry to resolve this problem."

"We cannot support the bills because of the First Amendment implications and the fact that we've been there before," said Dennis Wharton, spokesman for the National Association of Broadcasters. "Essentially, the family viewing hour was dropped because of the antitrust and the First Amendment implications back in the late 1970s."

Television networks followed a self-imposed set of standards until a federal court ruled in 1982 that provisions restricting sale of advertising violated antitrust rules. The broadcasters' group threw out the entire code in January 1983.

Berry's World



CHUMMING

Proposed bills may complicate tax code

WASHINGTON (AP) — The new tax bills being negotiated in Congress may promise middle-class tax relief, but figuring how to get it will not be easy.

Both the House and Senate versions now in a conference committee are replete with complex language that is sure to lengthen already complicated tax forms and instruction books.

"It's a prescription for hair pulling — if you have hair," said Steve Forbes, a former Republican presidential candidate and advocate of a flat tax. "Nobody is going to be able to figure this out."

Separate tax bills passed by the House and Senate, both hefty tomes with dozens of provisions, call for $135 billion in tax cuts over five years — the biggest tax cut since 1981. It would be offset by about $50 billion in new revenues, for a net cut of $85 billion.

The White House and congressional negotiators last week began talks aimed at resolving differences in their proposals, with the hope of sending a final package to President Clinton by early August.

Simplifying the tax code was a major topic of debate in the 1996 election, sparked by Forbes' flat-tax proposal. Driving the simplification proposals were various academic studies describing the enormous burden on individual taxpayers and businesses; Professor Joel Slemrod of the University of Michigan estimated it cost Americans $75 billion annually to comply with the tax code.

The House, Senate and administration tax proposals all claim middle-class tax relief — not simplification — as a primary goal. They target tax breaks for investors, college students and families with children in ways that are not easily understood.

Forbes recently criticized the various proposals as making the tax code "more complex, more confusing and more corrupt."

For example, the House bill proposes to cut the maximum tax on capital gains — profits from sales of stock and other investments — from 28 percent to 20 percent for middle- and upper-income taxpayers. After 2001, the plan becomes highly complicated, with capital gains taxed only on the profits after the effects of inflation are subtracted — giving investors a huge break on their taxes. Performing that calculation would be quite involved, tax specialists said.

The Senate bill contains a complicated formula aimed at giving the $500-per-child tax credit to more lower-income families. It essentially gives workers half of their Earned Income Tax Credit — a tax break intended for the working poor — before they take their $500 child credit.

Sen. William V. Roth Jr., chairman of the tax-writing Senate Finance Committee, acknowledged the formula is not easy to figure out.

NBC still lone holdout to new ratings system

NEW YORK (AP) — Only one network is holding out against the new television rating system — the one more Americans watch.

Top-rated NBC won't join competitors in warning about violence or suggestive dialogue on "Seinfeld," "ER" or "Friends" because it believes the TV industry caved in to critics who want to decide what gets broadcast.

The lone holdout is being hailed by those who oppose the system, but some advocates and industry analysts predict NBC will ultimately bow to Washington pressure.

"This is a temporary temper tantrum," said Jeff Chester of the Center for Media Education, which represented parents' groups in recent ratings negotiations.

Under terms of the agreement reached last week, by Oct. 1 rival networks will add "V," "S," "L" and "D" to denote violence, sex, offensive language and suggestive dialogue to the age-based ratings that now flash in the corner of TV screens at the start of most programs.

"We feel very strongly that government and special interests shouldn't be dictating what's on television," NBC spokeswoman Beth Comstock said.

NBC fears parents may eventually block all shows with a rating deemed offensive, regardless of individual show content.

"Their programming is very specifically directed to hip, young, urban people," said Gene DeWitt of DeWitt Media, which buys advertising time for companies, "so I think it would be a really serious blow to them if they somehow felt this would force them to water down their programming or take less money from advertisers."

Labeling shows like "Friends" for suggestive dialogue could also be costly for NBC when it comes time to sell them for syndication, Chester said, since some stations might be reluctant to broadcast such shows during afternoon hours.

NBC insists its decision to oppose the new ratings system was made on principle, not economics. The network has been cheered by writers and producers who dislike the ratings.

"NBC is to be commended for refusing to cave in," said Dorothy Swanson of Viewers for Quality Television.

ABC President Robert Iger said the Disney-owned company also opposed governmental interference, but wanted to help concerned parents and also because it concluded the new ratings wouldn't affect programming decisions.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Tuesday, July 15, 1997

Advancement and favorable recognition in your chosen field of endeavor appear to be slated for the year ahead. Improvement in your financial position is also indicated.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Make it a point today to use one or more of the recreational outlets you enjoy. It will help you get your mind off your mundane affairs and heighten your productivity. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Today, if you must gather information on a grave matter, ask indirect questions rather than blunt ones. What you need to know will be revealed to you slowly.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Admirers might emulate your mode of dress or mannerisms today. This should please you very much, as imitation is the sincerest form of flattery.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Today, if you are required to make a choice between profit or personal accomplishment, choose the latter. Self-esteem is more enduring.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Do not hesitate to repeat previously successful decisions today. Review your inventory of experiences and select those that functioned the best.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Your instincts in joint endeavors are more astute than usual today. It could prove advantageous for all involved to bow to your hunches.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Big shots, with whom you may have to deal on a one-to-one basis today, will have greater respect for your assertiveness than your humility.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Success is probable today if your objectives are proportionate to your abilities. Take care not to underrate nor to overrate your aptitudes.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Let the child within you bubble to the surface today. Associates will find your joyous attitude contagious and a powerful factor in your popularity.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) A propitious development could prove beneficial for you and your family today. An outside influence may be the one who starts the ball rolling.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) It is important today in your dealings to see yourself as an equal to your counterpart. Deal from power points, not from feelings of inferiority.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Today you might possess a bit of the Midas touch. Gains will be relevant to the significance of the endeavor in which you are currently involved.

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Aliens a hit — 'Men in Black' and 'Contact' rule box office

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The outer-space craze gripping the nation ruled at movie theaters over the weekend as "Men in Black" outdueled "Contact" as the most popular film.

"Men in Black" earned $30.5 million in its second week, according to estimates Sunday from Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc. The comedy starring Will Smith and Tommy Lee Jones as secret police protecting Earth from alien hoodlums has now raked in $140 million.

"Contact," a more serious look at the possibility of life elsewhere with Jodie Foster starring as a scientist obsessed with contacting aliens, debuted with $20.5 million in ticket sales.

Final figures were to be released today.

The only other new release making the top 10 was "A Simple Wish," a children's film starring Martin Short and Kathleen Turner as mischievous magic makers. It was No. 9 with $2.6 million.

"Face/Off" was No. 3 in its third week with $12.3 million while "My Best Friend's Wedding" remained in fourth place with $8.4 million.

Disney's big summer animated release, "Hercules," dropped two places to fifth, taking in $8.2 million in its fifth week.

"Out to Sea" held onto its No. 6 spot for a second week with $4.1 million, followed by "Batman and Robin" with $3.8 million. The film has earned $98.5 million in four weeks.

In 10th was "The Lost World: Jurassic Park," which earned $1.3 million. The dino-sequel has taken in $220.9 million in eight weeks.

The top films from Friday through Sunday:

1. "Men in Black," $30.5 million.
2. "Contact," $20.5 million.
3. "Face/Off," $12.3 million.
4. "My Best Friend's Wedding," $8.4 million.
5. "Hercules," $8.2 million.
6. "Out to Sea," $4.1 million.
7. "Batman and Robin," $3.8 million.
8. "Con Air," $2.8 million.
9. "A Simple Wish," $2.6 million.
10. "The Lost World: Jurassic Park," $1.3 million.

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Scurry County

Baytech Inc. has completed the No. 2-46 Taylor in the Mirage field, two miles east of Dunn. The well was finaled to produce 22 barrels of oil and no water. Perforations were from 7,444-374 feet, and location is in Section 46, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Abraxas Petroleum has completed the No.6WF-C Huddleston in the Sharon Ridge field, six miles northwest of Ira. The well was finaled to produce 17 barrels of oil and 109 barrels of water. Perforations were from 2,238-3,260 feet, and location is in Section 161, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Primrose Operating Co. will drill the No. 123 Fuller-Dorward field unit, nine miles southeast of Justiceburg. The re-entry project is planned for a depth of 4,000 feet, and location is in Section 691, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Borden County

Union Oil of California has completed the No. 1 Miller-Conrad in the Reincke field, 13 miles northeast of Vincent. The well was finaled to produce 20 barrels of oil and 124 barrels of water. Perforations were from 5,452-458 feet, and drill site is in Section 57, Block 25, H&TC survey.

Garza County

Patterson Petroleum has completed the No. 1 Jeff in the Happy field, 10 miles south of Post. The venture was completed to produce 154 barrels of oil and 28 barrels of water. Perforations were from 8,210-300 feet, and location is in Section 18, Block 2, T&NO survey.

Yates Energy has completed the No. 2-040 UNOCAl in the Roxanne K field, eight miles southeast of Post. The well was completed to produce 87 barrels of oil and no water. Perforations were from 8,096-111 feet, and location is in Section 940, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Mitchell County

Parker and Parsley Development will drill the No. 418 Mary Foster in the Iatan East Howard field, nine miles southwest of Westbrook. Planned for a depth of 3,400 feet, location is in Section 7, Block 29, T1S, T&P survey.

Allegro Operating has completed the No. 2-D Simpson in the Coleman Ranch field, one-tenth of a mile east of Cuthbert. The well was finaled to produce two barrels of oil and four barrels of water. Perforations were from 3,074-286 feet, and location is in Section 60, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Howard County

Miltex Oil Company has completed the No. 1-35 Texaco in the Hutto field, six miles south of Coahoma. The well was finaled to produce four barrels of oil and 11 barrels of water. Perforations were from 7,521-738 feet, and location is in Section 35, Block 31, T1S, T&P survey.

Lakewood Operating has completed the No. 1 Little Gem in the C.C. Gunn field, 21 miles northeast of Big Spring. The well was completed to produce 101 barrels of oil and no water. Perforations were from 7,511-524 feet, and location is in Section 12, Block 25, H&TC survey.

Oryx Energy has completed the No. 20 W.R. Settles in the Howard-Glasscock field, one mile southeast of Forsan. The well was completed to produce 74 barrels of oil and 585 barrels of water. Perforations were from 2,316-206 feet, and location is in Section 135, Block 29, W&NW survey.

Cobra Oil and Gas will drill the No. 1-24 Hatch in the Fusselman field, five miles west of Big Spring. Planned for a depth of 11,000 feet, drill site is in Section 24, Block 34, T1N, T&P survey.

Lakewood Operating will drill the No. 1 Apache unit in the Canyon Reef field, 20 miles east of Big Spring. Planned for a depth of 7,700 feet, location is in Section 18, Block 25, H&TC survey.

Fisher County

Bettis Boyle and Stovall has completed the No. 5 U.S. Gypsum in the La Paloma field, three miles southeast of Longworth. The well was finaled to produce 17 barrels of 38 gravity oil and 67 barrels of water. Perforations were from 3,808-813 feet, and location is in Section 7, Block 1, GT&B survey.

Nolan County

Pioneer Exploration Co. will drill the No. 1-A R.R. Petty in the Hylton field, three miles south of Nolan. Planned for a depth of 6,300 feet, location is in Section 13, Block Z, T&P survey.

James R. Small will drill the No. TXL, a 4,700-foot wildcat located eight miles north of Blackwell. Drill site is in Section 15, Block 2, T&P survey.

Enrich Oil Co. will drill the No. 5 McDonald, a 7,800-foot wildcat located three miles northwest of Maryneal. Location is in Section 195, Block 1-A, H&TC survey.

Walter Exploration Inc. has plugged and abandoned the No. 1 Paige Unit, a 4,200-foot project located 12 miles southeast of Sweetwater. Location was in Section 4, Block X, T&P survey.

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Texas creating DNA database of rapists

DALLAS (AP) — Fingerprints have been used for years to help investigators solve crimes. Slowly but surely, Texas is joining the list of states using "genetic fingerprints" to try solving sexual crimes.

A computer database is being filled with the DNA information of some criminals. Authorities hope for it to one day be an important crime-fighting tool both on state and national levels.

For now, it's still in the experimental stages.

About 500 DNA profiles have been entered in a few months into the database, known as Combined DNA Index System, or CODIS.

Dr. Meghan Mendenhall, who supervises the Texas Department of Public Safety program, said she expects to eventually add about 1,000 records per month.

"The purpose is to provide DNA profiles that law enforcement agencies can search through, like a fingerprint database," Mendenhall said. "The ultimate purpose is to solve sexual assault crimes for which there are no suspects."

Investigators have yet to test the system; therefore, no crimes have been solved with it.

"We knew it would take some time to build," said state Rep. Brian McCall, R-Plano, who sponsored the 1995 law that created the database. "But I'm ready for a hit. I'm ready for it to prove its value." allow police to conduct electronic searches using fluid or tissue samples, similar to the way fingerprint exams are currently done.

Since the FBI sponsored the creation of a DNA database in the late 1980s, all but four states have passed laws requiring certain convicts to submit samples, said Dawn Herkenham of the FBI forensic science systems unit.

Nationally, more than 380,000 DNA samples had been collected by mid-1996 and more than 75 cases throughout the country have been solved using a DNA database.

The FBI expects to eventually link each state system into a national database.

Some states collect DNA samples from people convicted of murder, assault, robbery and kidnapping.

Texas requires any adult convicted of a sex crime to submit a blood sample, regardless of when the crime was committed. Juveniles who committed a sex crime on or after Jan. 1, 1996, also must provide blood samples, as are certain adult probationers and parolees.

Officials note that sex offenders often strike more than once — sometimes after they've been convicted and released.

The state spent about $700,000 building its DNA lab in an old bus garage. Mendenhall said it will take about $800,000 per year to run the program.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Father's Faithful Payments Support Mom Instead of Son

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: In 1985, I met a woman I grew to care for very much. She and her 9-year-old son from a previous marriage moved into my home. Within weeks, without prior discussion with me, she became pregnant and quit her job. For the next four years I supported her, our child and her older son, even though she was collecting child support from her former husband.

After counseling and considerable agony, it became obvious that this woman was a user and incapable of a healthy relationship. She moved out in 1989, and we worked out a joint-custody arrangement for our 3-year-old son "Josh." I was required to pay her $600 a month in child support.

A year later she disclosed that she had been addicted to drugs the entire time we were together. While I supported her son, she had spent his support check on drugs.

During the last seven years, she started, but never completed, several drug rehabilitation programs, and she has frequently uprooted the children as she moved from relationship to relationship and place to place. All the while, I've been paying child support and giving her thousands of dollars besides.

One recent afternoon, she came by my office to pick up the child-support check and mentioned she'd moved in with another boyfriend and was living rent-free. She was proud that Josh finally had a room of his own, but mentioned that he was sleeping on the floor because he didn't have a bed. I said, "Wait a minute ... you've been collecting child support for seven years, living rent-free for the past several months, and Josh is sleeping on the *floor*? You haven't bought him something as basic as a bed?"

She replied, "I needed that money to square myself away." Then she added, "And you know what? I can spend that money on anything I want and legally there's nothing you can do about it!"

Jo confirmed this on the way home from school later that day, but defended his mom and said, "It's OK, Dad. I have a (borrowed) sleeping bag." It broke my heart. (Josh now has a bed.)

Abby, while a lot of attention is focused on "deadbeat dads," let's be mindful of the fact that the male gender has no monopoly on "deadbeats."

SINGLE DAD IN SAN DIEGO

DEAR SINGLE DAD: Your son may need more than money and the bed you have provided for him. His mother is hardly a model of responsible behavior. Rather than blaming your ex-girlfriend, you, as the more responsible parent, should be talking with your lawyer about increasing your visitation or obtaining full custody. The more opportunity your son has to live in a healthy environment, the better his chances are for a successful future.

DEAR ABBY: Last year, my daughter had a boyfriend living with her, using her car, etc. His favorite excuse was, "I have no money." He also was smart enough not to have any credit cards. My daughter paid for everything, or charged it on her credit cards. Dinners, clothes, concert tickets, his car repairs — it went on eight months. Then he left town with a good job offer.

My daughter itemized all she had spent on him, which came to about $3,000. Then she sent him the list. He wrote back saying he hadn't asked her for a thing!

Did she learn her lesson? No, she's now in an identical relationship. She's one foolish person, thinking she has to buy men so they'll like her.

I have talked myself blue in the face telling her that she can't afford all this generosity. I know she's responsible for her own actions, but in my day, the man paid for everything. Any hope for her?

FRUSTRATED MOM IN DENVER

DEAR FRUSTRATED MOM: Times have changed a bit since your day. Today, many couples share expenses instead of the man bearing the entire burden.

Your daughter, however, has some serious self-esteem issues. Playing the role of "sugar momma" may foster dependence, but it won't buy love. She's making an investment that has a notoriously low return. The money would be far better spent on counseling.

Parents, friends search for answers on teen-ager's tape

ARLINGTON (AP) — A disturbing audiotape made before two teen-age sweethearts committed suicide reveals that the pair viewed themselves as a modern-day Romeo and Juliet.

The cassette, taped before the May 19 suicides of Gary Dean, 14, and Angela James, 15, haunts relatives and friends of the two Bailey Junior High School students nearly two months later.

"They sounded totally messed up on the tape," said Angela's mother, Robin Baldridge. "It didn't even sound like my daughter. She was real giggly, and her speech was slurred."

Angela's stepfather, Ray Baldridge said "it sounded like they were having a good time."

The rambling, often incomprehensible tape prompts questions by relatives, still grieving eight weeks after the teenagers shot themselves at Gary's home in suburban Dalworthington Gardens. Two comments hint at the couple's troubled relationship. The teens said they had no choice but to kill themselves because they argued a lot. In addition, Gary said he didn't want to see the 21st century begin.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



North 07-14-97
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♥ A 5 4 2
♦ A K 3
♣ 5 2

West
♠ 6 3 2
♥ 9 7
♦ Q J 9 8
♣ A Q 10 8

East
♠ 5 4
♥ Q J 10 6
♦ 10 7 5 4
♣ 6 4 3

South
♠ A Q 10 9
♥ K 6 3
♦ 6 2
♣ K J 9 7

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South

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

Opening lead: ??

In the beginning

By Phillip Alder

Who said this? "I should have no objection to a repetition of the same life from its beginning, only asking the advantages authors have in a second edition to correct some faults of the first."

In their latest confrontation, IBM's chess computer, Deep Blue, did remarkably well against Garry Kasparov. I just wondered how it chose its opening moves. The computer's memory presumably contains all known opening theory. So, how does it resolve whether to reply to 1. e4 with, say, e5, e6, c5 or c6?

In bridge, the first play — the opening lead — is based on much more information: the auction. And the more bids you have heard, the better the picture of the unseen hands you can build up.

If you wish, look only at the West hand and decide upon your lead against four spades.

North bids what he expects his partner to make.

What card should West select? If he opts for the superficially attractive diamond queen, declarer will win in the dummy and play a club. If West now switches to a spade, declarer wins and loses another club. But declarer cannot be stopped from getting two club ruffs in the dummy. His winners will be four spades, two hearts, two diamonds and two club ruffs: 10 in all.

However, with his strong clubs over South, West should lead a *trump*. And he should keep leading trumps every time he wins a club trick. Now declarer gets only one club ruff in the dummy and finishes one down. He will lose one heart and *three* club tricks.

The observation was made by Benjamin Franklin.

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Community Calendar

MONDAY

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

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

Bilingual AA meeting; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; 8 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous; Winston Park Club; for information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 6 p.m.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for more information call 573-9458, 573-8626 or 573-8929; 8 p.m.

TUESDAY

Snyder Shrine Club; call 863-2702 for meeting place; 6 p.m.

The gun club meeting normally held this date has been rescheduled for the third Tuesday.

Narcotics Anonymous; Winston Park Club; for more information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 6 p.m.

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

New Horizon Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-1141 or 573-2101; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for information call 573-3956, 573-2101,573-1141 or 573-8626; 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

LLL Club; fellowship hall of First Baptist aChurch; 9:30 a.m.

Al-Anon meeting (smoke free), noon to 1 p.m., brown bag. Park Club in Winston Park. For information call 573-4203 or 573-5525.

TOPS TX56, (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.; 2501 35th. For information call Peggy Eubank at 573-6509.

Bilingual AA meeting; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; 8 p.m.

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

New Horizons Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club Addition in Winston Park; for information call 863-2349 or 573-8626; 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 appointments; 573-9742 or 573-2763.

NA Anonymous; Snyder Park Club; for information call 573-3667, 573-1579 or 573-0949; 6 p.m.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 573-8929; 8 p.m., open meeting (last Friday of the month is the birthday meeting, pot luck at 7 p.m.).

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for information call 573-3956 or 573-2101; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

Defensive Driving Course; community room of Snyder Savings & Loan; no reservations necessary but for information call 573-2850; 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Horseshoe Pitching For Fun; Horseshoe Courts located at the coliseum; everybody welcome; 3 p.m.

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

Rolling Plains Ratite Association; The Shack; 7 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for more information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 863-2349; 10 a.m.

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

Narcotics Anonymous Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 5 p.m.

Beginners Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club at Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; 7 p.m.

Clinton likes 'Air Force One' movie

NEW YORK (AP) — President Clinton is giving the movie "Air Force One " a big thumbs up.

The movie stars Harrison Ford as a president who does away with bad guys during a hijacking of the presidential plane. But a heroic president isn't the only reason why Clinton loves the script.

Clinton was sitting next to Glenn Close at a dinner in Jackson, Wyo., last year when Ford asked her if she would like to play the vice president in the film.

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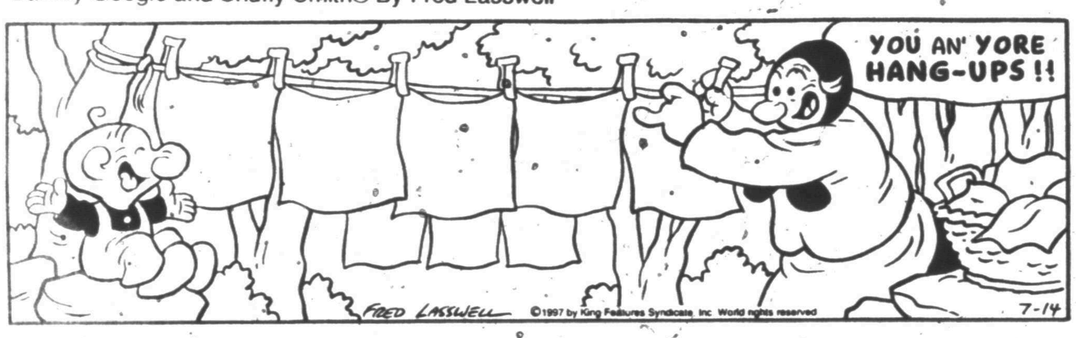
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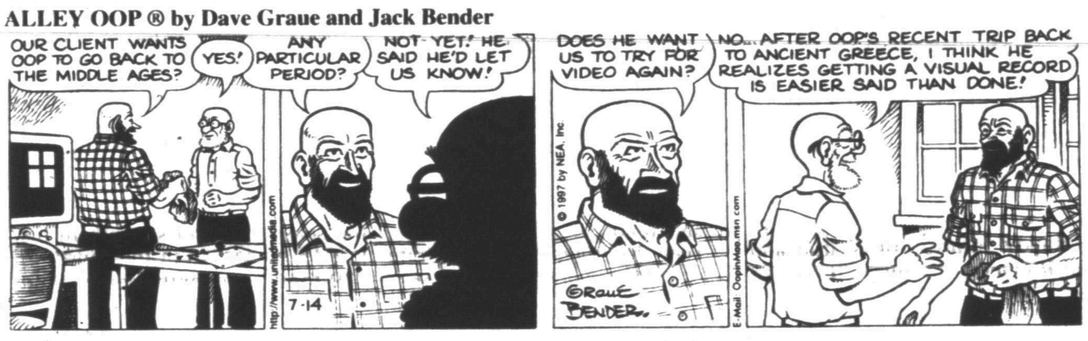
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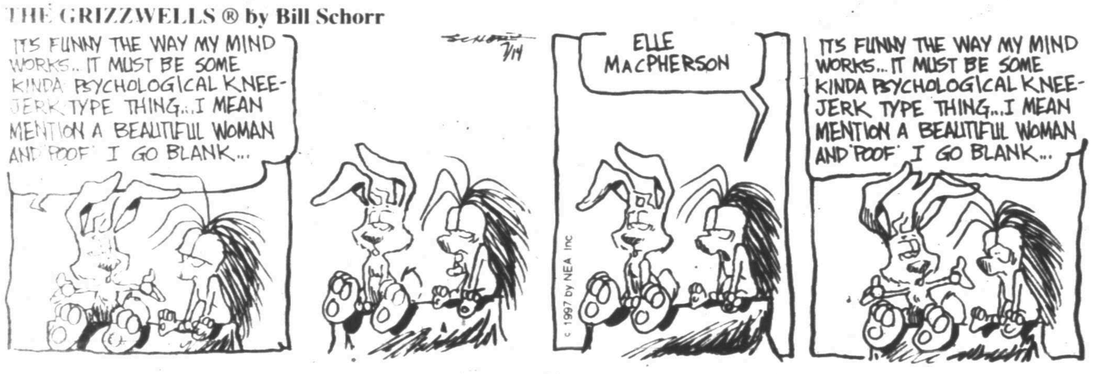
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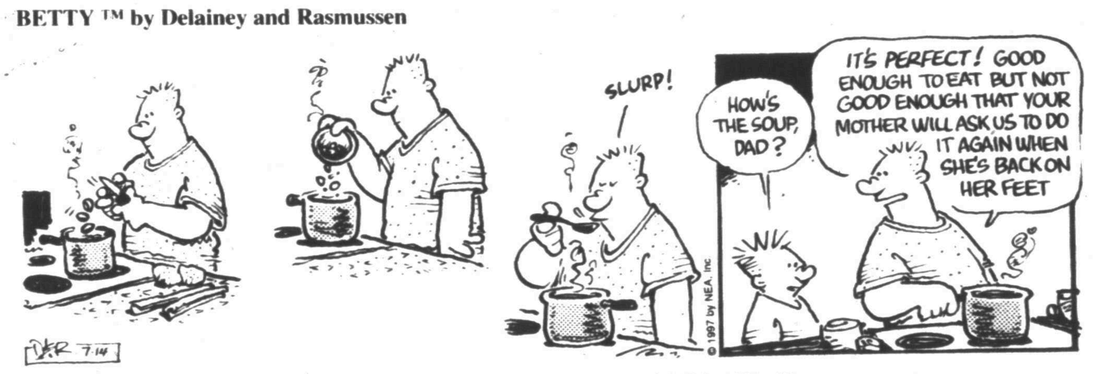
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25 Indefinite person
28 Like (suff.)
29 Sharp
32 Throw off the track
34 Most attractive
36 Scolds vehemently
37 Before, to a poet
38 European flatfish
41 Transmitted
43 Pasture sound
44 Winter forecast
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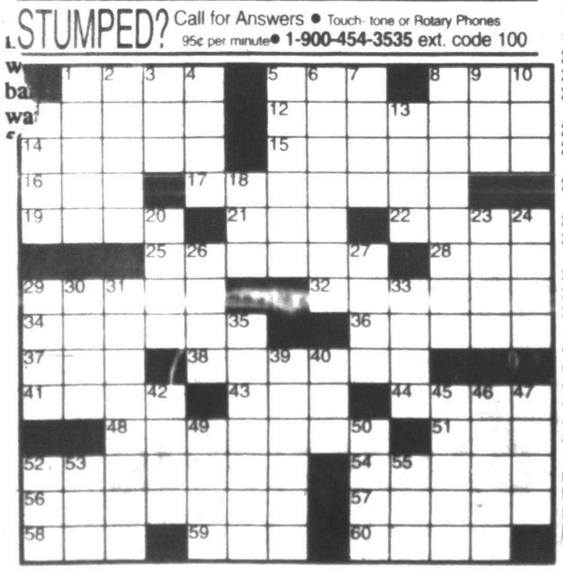
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18 Beam
20 Kiss Me —
23 Monogram pt.
24 Brooks and Gibson
26 Bird's home
27 Finnish first name
29 Unreturnable serves
30 Heal
31 Knives and forks
33 Rodents
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SPORTS



WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS — Snyder's Little League All-stars won the championship of the District 5 All-Star Tournament. Members of the Snyder team are, front row, left to right, Stafford Gray, Colby Driggers, Clay Williams, Josh Green, Tyler Trout and Jed Martin. On the middle row are Brady Reed, Josh Gutierrez, Jake Barnes, Eric Dickerhoff, Billy Pena, Logan Hill, Chance Greenwood and Joseph Martinez. On the back row are coach Frank Ortegon, manager George Page and coach Les Rinehart. (SDN Staff Photo by Eric Drennan)

Snyder All-stars bring home tournament title

ABILENE — Saturday night's game was simple, the winner goes to sectionals and the loser goes home.

Well, the Snyder All-stars came home but they brought the championship with them. Snyder defeated Lone Star, 7-4, winning the District 5 Championship and earning the trip to Ft. Worth for the sectional tournament.

"I told our kids before the game, 'Boys you're up in a corner with a bear chasing you, so you better get after it tonight' and they did," Snyder manager George Page said.

Snyder ace Billy Pena, with a solid defense behind him, needed only 12 pitches to retire Lone Star in the top of the first.

Chance Greenwood led off the bottom of the inning with a walk, then went all the way to third on a fielder's choice.

Lone Star's best pitcher, Adrian Hernandez, threw a wild pitch and Greenwood crossed home plate to give Snyder the early 1-0 lead.

But in the second, Lone Star sent nine batters to the plate, showing the resolve that earned them a chance at the championship.

First at the plate was Hernandez. Behind in the count 0-2, he smashed a home run off the scoreboard in left-center field, knotting the score at 1-1.

The momentum began to shift as five of the next seven hitters reached, base.

Lone Star scored two more runs on RBI singles from Demotric Sanchez and D.J. Sigala, taking the 3-1 lead.

Snyder was not to be outdone though.

With Logan Hill standing on first after an error, Jed Martin belted a double down the left field line.

Hill never slowed at third and beat the throw to the plate, bringing Snyder back to within one run of the lead.

Martin hustled to third on the throw-in and later scored on a passed ball to bring the game even once again.

Pena got rolling in the third, striking out the side on only 14 pitches.

With one out in the bottom of the inning, Pena came to the plate, looking to avenge the homer he gave up to Hernandez.

And avenge he did, crushing an 0-1 pitch over the stadium lights in left field.

After holding Lone Star scoreless in the top of the fourth, Snyder kept the rally going in the bottom.

Hill was hit by a pitch and Martin reached on a two-base error, moving Hill to third.

Next-up, Eric Dickerhoff knocked a two-RBI double to left and went to third on a fielder's choice.

Dickerhoff eventually scored on a sacrifice fly by Greenwood, pushing the lead to 7-3.

Snyder would allow only one more Lone Star player to cross the plate, earning the 7-4 victory and the championship.

"We take our hats off to Snyder," Lone Star manager Doug Smith said. "We said coming into the tournament that if we wanted to win it all, we would have to beat Snyder.

"Our guys played great the whole tournament and you can't hang your head when you play as good as you can and get beat by the best."

Page gives alot of the credit for the championship to his coaches, Frank Ortegon and Les Rinehart.

"The kids really respond to Frank," Page commented. "He is really great at being able to correct their mistakes, without jumping on them and hurting their confidence.

"And Les is a super motivator. The kids love his enthusiasm, plus he has some management experience himself and both guys help out with the decision making."

Snyder now advances to the four-team Sectional Tournament at the Westside Lion's field in Ft. Worth.

Snyder's first game will be Friday night at 7 against an opponent that is yet to be determined.

Snyder 7, Lone Star 4

Snyder: Pena, home run; Martin and Dickerhoff, double; Joseph Martinez, single. **Lone Star:** Hernandez, home run; Sanchez and Sigala, single.

Rangers defeat Mariners 4-2 in game filled with strikeouts

SEATTLE (AP) — Damon Buford led of the ninth inning with a homer and Mark McLemore tripled and scored on a sacrifice fly to give the Texas Rangers a 4-2 victory over the Seattle Mariners on Sunday.

By winning the final two games of the four-game series, the defending AL West champion Rangers got within five games of the first-place Mariners. Seattle's lead over Anaheim, which won Sunday, was cut to 2½ games.

Randy Johnson of Seattle and the Rangers' Bobby Witt battled to a 2-2 tie with Johnson allowing five hits and five walks in seven innings. The teams set a major league record with a combined 31 strikeouts.

"It's nice when you win," Texas manager Johnny Oates said. "But I wouldn't want to lose a game when you have 31 punchouts."

Danny Patterson (6-3), who got out of a jam after replacing Witt with two on in the seventh, retired the Mariners in the eighth, and John Wettleland worked the ninth for his 19th save.

"There were a lot of strikeouts today, but those are two hard-throwing pitchers," Seattle manager Lou Piniella said.

Bobby Ayala (6-3), who came in for Johnson at the start of the eighth, allowed Buford's leadoff home run, a triple by McLemore and Ivan Rodriguez's sacrifice fly in the ninth.

The Mariners lost despite getting 18 strikeouts, 14 by Johnson and four by Ayala. The 18 times struck out tied a Texas team record, accomplished by Johnson on Sept. 27, 1992.

Witt was taken out of the game with two outs in the seventh after singles by Joey Cora and Alex Rodriguez put runners at the corners. Patterson got Edgar Martinez to ground out to end the threat.

Witt struck out nine, while allowing eight hits and a walk in 6 2-3 innings.

Ken Griffey Jr. missed the game in order to attend his mother-in-law's memorial service. She died Thursday.

The Rangers got run-scoring doubles from Juan Gonzalez and Mike Simms in the fourth.

The Mariners used home runs by Paul Sorrento and Jay Buhner to tie the score at 2-2.

Sorrento hit his 18th homer of the season — and seventh in his last 13 games — in the fourth, a 439-foot shot over the center-field fence. Buhner hit his 23rd in the sixth, a high 362-foot fly to left.

Oates felt lucky to win — because Johnson wasn't pitching in the ninth.

"When is Randy not tough?" he said. "Day in, day out, I think if you talk to the hitters, he's the one guy who is right at the top of the list. You really don't want to face Randy. We were very fortunate that his pitch count (130) got up today and that he had to leave after seven."

"We're making this interesting for the Angels and the Texas Rangers," Johnson said. "We could be putting them out of the race."

Pirates plunder Houston 5-3

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Kevin Polcovich had key hits in consecutive two-run innings and the Pittsburgh Pirates, who had scored only once previously in the four-game series, rallied Sunday to beat the Houston Astros 5-3.

The Pirates, who got the first combined extra-inning no-hitter in major league history from Francisco Cordova and Ricardo Rincon in winning 3-0 Saturday, split the series and regained a one-game lead in the NL Central despite being outscored 20-8.

Houston won the first two games by a combined 17-0, then scored in only one of the final 19 innings — a three-run sixth against Jon Lieber.

Pittsburgh was held scoreless for 34 2-3 innings — a record for Houston pitchers — until Mark Smith's winning three-run homer in the 10th Saturday, was shut out for four innings Sunday until scoring twice in both the fifth and sixth.

Clint Sodowsky (1-1) got his first NL victory in relief of Lieber despite walking two and throwing a run-scoring wild pitch in two-thirds of an inning. Russ Springer (1-3), who replaced Houston starter Ramon Garcia in the sixth, took the loss.

The last previous time the Astros were no-hit victims, by Cincinnati's Jim Maloney in 1969, they came back with a no-hitter of their own — by Don Wilson — a day later.

Garcia pitched 3 2-3 hitless innings Sunday until Dale Sveum, 1-for-15 lifetime against Houston, singled with two outs in the fourth. But the Pirates didn't score until the fifth, when Polovich singled with one out ahead of a wrong-way double by Lieber that fell in front of right fielder Derek Bell, Tony Womack's single and a run-scoring error by third baseman Sean Berry on Jermaine Allensworth's grounder.

Lieber seemed to run out of gas in the 90-degree heat in the sixth, leaving after Luis Gonzalez's one-out, two-run double. Sodowsky loaded the bases with two walks ahead of his run-scoring wild pitch, but got out of the jam when Brad Ausmus lined out.

Keith Osik's one-out double in the sixth chased Garcia and brought on Springer. Jose Guillen fought off a two-strike pitch to ground a run-scoring grounder into right field and Polcovich followed with a go-ahead double.

Womack followed Smith's second pinch-hit in as many at-bats, a single, with a run-scoring double in the eighth.

Jason Christiansen and Marc Wilkins pitched a scoreless relief inning apiece before former Astros farmhand Rich Loiselle finished up in the ninth for his 11th save in 12 opportunities.

SDN Local Sports Briefs

Tennis mini-clinic

A tennis mini-clinic will be held each Friday from 8 to 10 a.m. and from 10 a.m. until noon. The clinic is for junior high and older. Cost is $5 per two-hour session. Class sizes are limited to six. Call Alan Lee at 863-2305.

Athletic physicals

All incoming 7th and 9th graders, and all students new to SISD who plan to participate in athletics must take a physical. Students not participating in sports last year, or who answered yes to questions 1, 4, 5, 6 or 7 on medical history forms, will need a physical.

Anyone needing a physical should schedule an appointment before Aug. 5. The school will pay for exams through Aug. 5 only.

Participating doctors are Drs. Burleson, Cooper, Thompson, Nussey and Pierce. Anyone not needing a physical must return all forms filled out to the athletic department.

Golfers' Memorial Partnership

The 1997 Golfers' Memorial Partnership will be held at Snyder Country Club Friday-Sunday. The format will be a two-man scramble and there will be a practice round on Thursday.

Only the first 60 paid entries will be accepted. The cost of the tournament is $150 per team, plus cart fee. For more information call SCC pro shop at 573-7101.

Junior Club Championship

Snyder Country Club will host its Junior Club Championship, July 25 at 8 a.m. Entry fee is $10. For more information call the SCC pro shop at 573-7101.

Parent-Child golf tournament

A parent-child golf tournament will be held at Snyder Country Club, July 26 at 8 a.m. Entry fee is $20 per team, including hamburgers for all players. Parents may play with more than one child and grandparents or other adults may be substituted. For more information call the SCC pro shop at 573-7101.

Snyder Tiger Tennis Camp

A tennis camp for incoming 7th through 12th graders will be held July 28-Aug. 1 from 8-4 each day. For more information call 573-9064.

Junior golf clinic

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National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	58	33	.637	-
Florida	52	37	.584	5
NewYork	51	39	.567	6½
Montreal	49	40	.551	8
Philadelphia	25	63	.284	31½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Pittsburgh	45	45	.500	-
Houston	45	47	.489	1
St.Louis	44	46	.489	1
Cincinnati	39	50	.438	5½
Chicago	38	53	.418	7½

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
SanFrancisco	52	39	.571	-
LosAngeles	48	43	.527	4
Colorado	44	48	.478	8½
SanDiego	41	50	.451	11

Saturday's Games

Atlanta 7, N.Y. Mets 4
St. Louis 2, Chicago Cubs 1, 12 innings
San Diego 11, Colorado 7
Philadelphia at Florida, ppd., rain
Cincinnati 4, Montreal 3
Pittsburgh 3, Houston 0, 10 innings
San Francisco 8, Los Angeles 5

Sunday's Games

Pittsburgh 5, Houston 3
Montreal 2, Cincinnati 0
St. Louis 11, Chicago Cubs 5
San Diego 13, Colorado 11
Los Angeles 9, San Francisco 3
Florida 9, Philadelphia 3
N.Y. Mets 7, Atlanta 6, 10 innings

Monday's Games

Montreal (Juden 11-2) at Florida (Rapp 4-6), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Reed 6-4) at Pittsburgh (Cooke 7-9), 7:35 p.m.
St. Louis (Valenzuela 2-11) at Cincinnati (Mercker 6-6), 7:35 p.m.
Philadelphia (Stephenson 2-4) at Atlanta (Brock 0-0), 7:40 p.m.
Houston (Reynolds 4-6) at Chicago Cubs (Castillo 6-9), 8:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Astacio 5-7) at Colorado (Holmes 3-1), 9:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Creek 1-0) at San Diego (Jackson 1-7), 10:05 p.m.

American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Baltimore	55	33	.625	-
NewYork	51	38	.573	4½
Toronto	43	44	.494	11½
Detroit	42	47	.472	13½
Boston	39	51	.433	17

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	47	37	.560	-
Chicago	47	42	.528	2½
Milwaukee	42	44	.488	6
Minnesota	38	51	.427	11½
KansasCity	36	50	.419	12

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Seattle	51	40	.560	-
Anaheim	48	42	.533	2½
Texas	45	44	.506	5
Oakland	37	56	.398	15

Saturday's Games

N.Y. Yankees 6, Detroit 2
Anaheim 6, Oakland 3
Texas 9, Seattle 2
Toronto 3, Boston 1
Milwaukee 3, Baltimore 2
Cleveland 7, Minnesota 2
Chicago White Sox 11, Kansas City 7

Sunday's Games

Toronto 3, Boston 2
Detroit 3, N.Y. Yankees 1
Milwaukee 6, Baltimore 4
Cleveland 12, Minnesota 5
Chicago White Sox 7, Kansas City 6
Anaheim 5, Oakland 3
Texas 4, Seattle 2

Monday's Games

Detroit (Jarvis 0-0) at Boston (Suppan 2-0), 7:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Clark 0-0) at N.Y. Yankees (Wells 9-4), 7:35 p.m.
Toronto (Person 3-5) at Baltimore (Kamieniecki 6-4), 7:35 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Drabek 6-6) at Minnesota (Stevens 1-2), 8:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Mercedes 3-4) at Kansas City (Rusch 3-5), 8:05 p.m.
Texas (Santana 3-4) at Anaheim (Watson 8-5), 10:05 p.m.
Seattle (Wolcott 4-4) at Oakland (Wojciechowski 0-0), 10:05 p.m.

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Houston	6	4	.600	2
Charlotte	4	5	.444	3½
Cleveland	3	6	.333	4½

Western Conference

	W	L	Pct	GB
Phoenix	6	3	.667	-
Sacramento	4	5	.444	2
LosAngeles	4	6	.400	2½
Utah	3	7	.300	3½

Saturday's Games

Houston 89, Sacramento 61
Charlotte 72, Cleveland 43
Utah 52, Phoenix 51

Sunday's Game

Phoenix 57, Los Angeles 56

Monday's Games

New York at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
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AlldSignal	86 15-16	86 3-16	86 9-16—	⅛
Alltel	32 3-16	31¼	32¼—	¼
AmerOnline	72⅝	70¼	72 7-16+	1 3-16
AmStores	52⅜	51 11-16	52 9-16+	1¼
Ameritech	69 3-16	68¾	69 1-16+	1-16
Amoco	90⅜	90	90⅜+	⅛
AndarkPtr	64½	64	64 —	½
Armcolnc	4 1-16	4	4 1-16	
AtlRichfld s	69	68¼	68¾	
ATMOS Egy	24¼	24	24⅛—	⅛
Aviall	15¼	14 15-16	15¼+	3-16
BakerHughes	44 5-16	43 11-16	43 15-16+	⅛
BellAtl	71⅛	71	71 1-16—	⅛
BellSouth	46½	46 3-16	46⅝	
BethSteel	10⅜	10 11-16	10 11-16+	1-16
BritPet s	79¾	79⅛	79⅜—	⅛
BurlNoSFe	96⅜	95 15-16	96 3-16+	3-16
Caterpillar s	57 5-16	55 15-16	56 5-16—	1⅛
CenSoWst	21 5-16	21 3-16	21¼—	⅛
Chevron	76¼	76	76¼+	⅛
Chrysler	35½	35¼	35 7-16+	1-16
Coastal	56 5-16	55¾	56¼—	1-16
CocaCola	69 15-16	69¼	69¾+	1-16
ColgatePalm s		67¾	67¼	67⅞
ComclMetals	30 5-16	30	30 5-16—	1-16
Cooperln	52 15-16	52 7-16	52 7-16—	3-16
CyprusAmax	25 1-16	24¾	25 1-16+	3-16
DallSemicn	36½	36¼	36½—	3-16
DeltaAirl	83½	82¼	83 3-16—	5-16
DigitalEq	39½	38¾	39 7-16+	1
Dillards Inc	35 11-16	35 9-16	35 9-16	
DowChem	90¾	90¼	90 11-16+	⅛
DresserInd	39 15-16	39 7-16	39 11-16	
DuPont s	63 13-16	62 3-16	63 7-16+	3-16
EastmanChem	61¼	60¼	61 —	¼
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EDS Corp	45 3-16	43¾	45¼+	2¼
Easerch	22¼	22	22¼+	⅛
Entergy	27¾	27¼	27 9-16	
Exxon s	61 9-16	61¼	61¼—	¼
FstBksAm		13	13	13
Flowers s	17¼	17¼	17 3-16+	1-16
FordMotor	41¼	40 15-16	41 +	⅜
GTE Cp	46 7-16	46	46¼+	⅛
GenDynam	77¾	76¼	77¼+	⅛
GenElecs	71 9-16	70¾	71 7-16+	13-16
GenMills	67¼	67¼	67⅛—	⅛
GenMotors	55 5-16		54¾	55
GaPacif	94½	93¾	94 1-16+	3-16
GlobalMar	28¼	27 13-16	27 13-16—	11-16
Goodrich	47¼		47	47
Goodyear s	63	62¼	62¼+	7-16
GtAtlPac	26 15-16	26 13-16	26 13-16—	3-16
Haliburta	84¼	83¾	84 +	⅛
Halbtn wi	42½	42	42 —	½
Hanson ADS n	24¼	23¾	23 15-16—	⅛
HarteHanks		30¾	30½	30½
HomeDepot s	45 9-16	45¼	45 5-16+	7-16
HoustonInds	21¼	21¾	21¾+	3-16
IBM s	96¾	95¾	96¼+	½
IntlPaper	57¾	57¾	57 11-16+	5-16
JohnsonJn	63¾	63 3-16	63 7-16+	⅜
K mart	11 9-16	11 1-16	11⅛—	⅛
Kroger s	29 15-16	29 5-16	29 7-16—	⅛
Litton	54¼	53¾	54¼+	1¼
LockhdMart	103¾	103¼	103⅜—	3-16
Lowes Cos	35¼	35 3-16	35⅛—	⅛
Lubys	20	19¼	19 15-16+	7-16
LucentTech	79¾	78¾	79¼+1	1-16
MayDeptStrs	51¾	51¼	51⅜—	⅛
Medtronic	91 15-16	91¼	91¾+	½
Mobils	72½	72 1-16	72 5-16+	1-16
Monsanto	49 1-16	48¾	48 13-16—	5-16
MorganJP	109¼	108 11-16	108 13-16+	1-16
Motorola	85 15-16	84¼	85¼+	⅜
NCR Corp s	28¼	27 13-16	27 13-16—	3-16
NationsBk s	67¾	66¼	67½+	¼
Navistar	20 3-16	19¾	19 15-16—	7-16
NoramEngy	15 7-16	15 5-16	15⅜—	1-16
Norwest	60½	59¾	60¼+	3-16
Nynex	54 11-16	54 3-16	54 3-16—	7-16
OryxEngy	22	21¼	21 11-16—	1-16
Penney JC	55½	55¼	55 3-16—	5-16
Pennzoil	76¾	76	76¼—	⅛
PepBoys	33 15-16	33 9-16	33¾—	⅛
PepsiCo	38 1-16	37 7-16	38 +	⅛
PhelpDodge	84	83¼	84 +	½
PhilipPet	44 7-16	44¼	44 7-16—	⅛
PilgrmPrd	12¾	11¾	12¼+	7-16
Polaroid	56	55 13-16	55 13-16—	3-16
Praxair	55¾	55¼	55¾—	⅛
ProctGamble		149¾	148¾	148¾
PubSNwMx	18¼	18¼	18 7-16+	3-16
RoyalDut s	55¼	54¾	55 7-16+	½
SBC Comm	60¾	59¾	60 5-16—	¼
SaraLee	44¾	44 9-16	44¾+	1-16
SearsRoeb	55	54 3-16	54 5-16—	11-16
SherwinW s	32½	32¼	32½+	⅛
SmthBc ADS	105	104 7-16	105 +	2¼
SouthernCo	22¼	22 1-16	22 3-16+	1-16
SwstAirlines	27	26¾	26¾—	⅛
SwestPSvc	39¾	39 3-16	39⅜+	1-16
Sprint	49¾	48½	49¾—	¼
SunCo	32 11-16	32½	32 11-16+	⅛
TNP Ent	25¼	24¾	25 +	⅛
Tandy	54½	54 3-16	54¼—	¼
TempleInland	62 9-16	62	62 3-16+	⅛
Tenneco	46¼	45¾	45¾	
Texaco	110½	109	109 11-16—	1
TexasInds	28	27 9-16	28 +	5-16
TexasInst	98¼	96 7-16	98 5-16+	2 1-16
TexUtil	35¼		35	35¼
Textron s	66¾	66¼	66¾+	⅛
Travelers s	66¼	65¼	65 5-16—	⅜
TrinityInds	32 13-16	32¼	32½—	½
TritonEngy	46	45¼	46 +	1-16
Tyler	2¼		2¼	2¼
US WestCm	37 15-16	37¾	37⅞+	⅛
USWstMda	21 9-16	21 3-16	21½+	5-16
USX-Marathn	30	29¾	29 15-16—	1-16
USX-USS	36 11-16	36 3-16	36 5-16—	⅛
UnCarbde	51 7-16	50 13-16	51 7-16+	11-16
UnPac s	71 15-16	71 5-16	71 9-16—	⅛
UnitedTech s	85¾	84¼	85 +	½
Unocal	37¾	36 15-16	37 9-16+	15-16
WalMart	35¼	35 5-16	35 9-16+	⅛
WstnGasRs	17 7-16	17 3-16	17 3-16—	⅛
WestghEl	24¼	24	24 1-16—	3-16
WinnDixie	37¾		37¼	37 7-16
Woolworth	24¾	24¼	24¼—	⅛
Xerox Corp	83¼	82	83 +	5-16
ZenithE	12 3-16	11 13-16	11¼—	⅛

10 people jailed during weekend

Ten people were arrested over the weekend on various charges and a juvenile was taken into custody early this morning for violating conditions of his probation.

Officers arrested a 21-year-old male at 5:48 p.m. Saturday in the 2600 block of Avenue E for driving while license suspended.

An 18-year-old male was arrested at the Skinny's store on 37th Street at 6:52 p.m. Saturday for public intoxication. He was also charged with resisting arrest.

At 10:01 p.m. Saturday, officers arrested a 34-year-old male in the 2200 block of Avenue M for public intoxication.

Two people were arrested by deputies in Fluvanna Saturday night for public intoxication. Taken into custody at 11:15 p.m. in the 900 block of Beech were a 26-year-old male and a 25-year-old male.

Officers arrested a 22-year-old male at 11:50 p.m. Saturday in the 2400 block of Avenue R for no driver's license and no liability insurance.

A 39-year-old male was arrested at 2 p.m. Sunday in the Wal-Mart parking lot for public intoxication.

Officers arrested a 31-year-old male at 5:09 p.m. Sunday in the 2900 block of Avenue T for driving while license suspended.

Two people were arrested at North Park at 9:05 p.m. Sunday for public intoxication. Taken into custody were a 24-year-old male and a 25-year-old male.

Officers arrested a 14-year-old male at 12:47 this morning in the 2500 block of Avenue M for probation violation.

In other activity over the weekend, Buck Buchanan requested to speak to an officer at 8:10 a.m. Saturday from 3704 College in reference to the theft of money from the Fina service station. An offense report for Class B theft was submitted.

Abel Garza requested to speak to a deputy at 8:55 a.m. Saturday in reference to the theft of property from a residence on CR 264. An offense report for felony theft was submitted.

H.D. Moreland requested to speak to an officer at 11:03 a.m. Saturday in reference to someone stealing a mobile telephone from 123 34th St. An offense report for burglary of a vehicle was submitted.

Todd Clark requested to speak to an officer at 3 p.m. Saturday in reference to the theft of a lawn mower from 429 Key St. An offense report for Class B theft was submitted.

Mary Garcia requested to speak to an officer at 307 33rd St. at 4:55 p.m. Saturday in reference to the theft of guns from the residence. An offense report for burglary of a residence was submitted.

An offense report for a dog bite was made at 8:45 p.m. Sunday from the 2100 block of Moncrief.

An offense report for Class C theft was submitted at 12:35 this morning in reference to someone stealing signs from a residence in the 1200 block of 26th Street.

A report of a possible prowler was made at 2:20 this morning from the 3700 block of Rose Circle.

Date Book

July 14, 1997

Today is the 195th day of 1997 and the 24th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1865, Edward Whymper and his party climbed the Matterhorn for the first time.

On this day in 1881, Billy the Kid was shot and killed by Sheriff Pat Garrett in Fort Sumter, N.M.

On this day in 1946, Dr. Spock's "The Common Sense Book of Baby and Child Care" was published.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Owen Wister (1869-1938), writer; Isaac Bashevis Singer (1904-1991), writer; Woody Guthrie (1912-1967), singer-songwriter; Gerald Ford (1913-), U.S. president, is 84; Ingmar Bergman (1918-), film director, is 79; John Chancellor (1927-1996), broadcast journalist.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1912, Ad Wolgast and Joe Rivers simultaneously knocked each other down in the 13th round of their fight.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Nothing puzzles me more than time and space; and yet nothing troubles me less." — Charles

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1955, two people were killed when lightning struck the crowd at England's Ascot race track.

SOURCE: 1997 Weather Guide Calendar, Accord Publishing, Ltd

TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (July 12) and full moon (July 19).

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80 firms, large, small, contribute to spacesuit

WINDSOR LOCKS, Conn. (AP) — Like a giant 250-pound jigsaw puzzle, the U.S. spacesuit is assembled from components tailor-made for it by workers across the nation who do not see the final product except in images broadcast from space.

Eighty firms contribute to the $10.4 million suit, officially called an extravehicular mobility unit, making parts as tiny as a one-eighth-inch washer and as big as a 30-inch-long water tank.

The extravehicular mobility unit actually is used only when astronauts leave the shuttle for space walks and is not to be confused with the flight suit, the orange jumper that astronauts wear in the shuttle during missions.

Even the company that oversees the subcontractors and assembly of the suit, Hamilton Standard, does not see the pieces come together — that happens at NASA headquarters in Houston.

Most of the parts are made by small businesses.

"It's interesting to go out and visit some of these people. You expect to see another Hamilton Standard and they're not a Hamilton Standard," said Bob Poisson, deputy program manager at Hamilton Standard, a unit of United Technologies Corp.

Instead of big, modern, high-tech plants, some are small businesses operating out of warehouses from New England to California.

Sustaining a supplier base is not easy, given the sporadic nature of the orders, Poisson said.

"We don't stamp these things out like cars," said Michael Gan, a contract manager at Hamilton Standard. "The problem is having a sustained commitment from such a small supplier base having made only 17 spacesuits."

NASA now has 17 complete spacesuits. Minus life-support systems, about 50 suits have been made.

The white suit weighs 250 pounds on earth and takes 15 minutes to don. It is equipped with a drink bag in the helmet, a visor in case the sun is too bright and a camera to record the extravehicular activity. Because space work and walks can last seven hours, the suit is also equipped with a urine collection device to allow for a bathroom break. All parts are American-made.

Hamilton Standard makes the hard upper torso, display and control module, the secondary oxygen pack and airlock adaptor plate. (Spacesuits, while the best-known of Hamilton Standard's products, account for just 10 percent of the company's business.)

The helmet is made at Air-Lock, of Milford, and the thermal covering, bodysuit and all soft goods are made by a Delaware company, ILC Dover.

Local machinists provide latches and brackets for the spacesuit, sometimes as last-minute requests.

"They're not big parts but they usually bail us out," Poisson said.

The spacesuit itself has undergone steady improvement — although it looks the same as it did at the start of the shuttle program in 1981, Gan said.

One new feature: adjustable parts that resize so that a suit can fit 95 percent of all astronauts, male and female. Now with a few quick measurements, the new mix-and-match suits can probably fit you.

When four astronauts leave earth for an extraterrestrial jaunt, they will only need two or three spacesuits. Steve Smith and Joe Tanner were the first astronauts to share one suit, resizing it while in orbit in February. Usually, only two astronauts from a crew of four leave the spacecraft at a time.

Though it's becoming old hat to the rest of the country, whenever an astronaut embarks on extravehicular activity, the people involved in making the spacesuit still get butterflies in their stomach.

After 27 years at Hamilton Standard and seven with the space program, Gan said each launch is still exciting.

"We never lose that," he said.

More roadside crosses likely to follow

GROOM (AP) — Steve Thomas thought that one gigantic roadside cross would be enough of an "advertisement for Jesus" to counteract contrary messages along Interstate 40 in the Texas Panhandle.

Turns out, his 190-foot Christian tribute was just the beginning.

"I can't tell you all the people that want to build a cross," said Thomas, who will mark the second anniversary of the cross' erection on July 20. "A lot of them can't raise that kind of money, though."

Thomas and other donors, including landowner Chris Britten, have supplied the approximately $750,000 the project has cost thus far. That price includes a tomb replica, a series of bronze statues depicting Jesus' march to crucifixion and a hut to house a copy of the Shroud of Turin.

Thomas has established Cross Ministries in his nearby hometown of Pampa to handle donations and turn the metal cross into a human endeavor.

"It's a big umbrella, and under that we'll design crosses around the country," said Thomas, who added that he's helping with cross plans near Effingham, Ill., and Tampa, Fla. "We're also having healing ministries and we minister to people coming off the interstate."

Studies conducted by Amarillo businesses have shown that 30,000 to 50,000 cars travel east and west along I-40, which runs across the Panhandle along fabled Route 66.

Effingham resident John Schultz said he was moved by the cross while returning with his wife from their Phoenix winter home. So moved, in fact, that he's building his own.

"I was highly impressed with it," said Schultz, a retiree. "I thought it sent a good message. If we complete our plan, we hope to put a radio transmitter in ours."

Low-power broadcasts would spread a Christian message to travelers in the woody area, where such a giant structure would be visible for less than a mile, Schultz said.

Thomas initially wanted his cross to rise nearly 300 feet. Anything over 200 feet, however, would come under the Federal Aviation Administration's purview. Thomas settled for 190 feet tall and 110 feet wide.

Visibility isn't a problem across the vast Texas Panhandle prairies. The cross can be spotted from eight miles to the west, 15 to the east and about 20 from rural parts of Armstrong County to the southwest.

What prompted the cruciform monument?

Three red neon X's on an adult bookstore down the highway incensed Thomas into wanting to build a giant billboard, but he said he couldn't think of the Bible verse to display. Word of another roadside cross downstate in Ballinger roused him to action.

"We see all sorts of advertising for Satan — why aren't we seeing any done for Jesus?" asked Thomas, a devout Catholic. "There are churches built, but we don't pay any attention to them."

Truckers' CB radio commentary about the cross seems to be split down the middle, Thomas said. Half think it's a waste of money; the other half sound awestruck.

Thomas, an engineer, earned his fortune designing large projects, including the world's biggest mobile drilling rig. His son Zach, a rookie linebacker who starred for the Miami Dolphins last season, isn't doing too badly for himself either.

The elder Thomas has had his travails, however. He says both of his parents were wracked by alcoholism, a disease he blames for his father's suicide in 1966 and his mother's death years later.

Thomas' other son, Bart, faces a felony charge of indecency with a child in an alleged incident stemming from his teaching job in a Lubbock suburb.

"A lot of people see (the cross). There's a lot of suffering," said Thomas, who supervises his ongoing project whenever he has time, usually on weekends. "We'll work as evangelists to help."

Thomas says in an inspirational tape distributed at the cross site that the project is part of God's plan for him. He wanted to become a structural engineer from an early age, a desire he believes was ordained for this purpose.

As for effect, it certainly impacted Illinois resident Schultz.

"I haven't noticed that sign (the neon XXX). But I have noticed Steve's cross," he said.

Month after McVeigh conviction; grand jury will probe bombing

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Conspiracy theorists and federal prosecutors both believe Timothy McVeigh didn't act alone in blowing up the Oklahoma City federal building. They agree on little else.

A state grand jury has been empaneled to determine whether other people were involved — and whether the government knew about the April 19, 1995, attack in advance. The blast killed 168 people and injured hundreds more.

Jurors were to begin hearing testimony today.

McVeigh awaits execution after his conviction on murder and conspiracy charges last month. Co-defendant Terry Nichols is scheduled to be tried on the same charges in federal court Sept. 29.

The federal indictment alleged the men plotted the bombing with "others unknown." But federal authorities doubt a larger conspiracy and they vehemently deny any prior knowledge of the attack.

Still, several potential witnesses say they saw McVeigh with others the morning of the bombing. And some say agents of the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms were aware of a bombing plot.

"I am looking forward to going before the grand jury," said Charles Key, a state representative who helped collect 13,500 signatures for a petition to empanel the grand jury. "I am anxious for us to win this battle that we have been fighting so long to reveal the truth."

The petition named seven witnesses who have said they saw at least one other person with McVeigh in Oklahoma City the day of the bombing. None of the witnesses was called before the federal grand jury primarily concerned with indicting McVeigh and Nichols.

Among those subpoenaed to testify this week is Kyle Hunt, a banker who has said he saw a Ryder truck followed by a light-colored sedan driven by McVeigh near the federal building 30 minutes before the bombing. Hunt said there were two passengers in the car.

Also expected to testify was David Snider, who said he saw McVeigh with another man in a Ryder truck a few blocks away from the federal building the morning of the bombing.

"I've been waiting for this day a long time," Snider said.

Foodborne disease creates a lot of misery for patients

DALLAS (AP) — Last summer, a curiously high number of Bonham residents began suffering from the same wicked form of a mysterious, debilitating foodborne disease.

This summer, many of those patients are still suffering.

Despite trying all sorts of industrial-strength doses of various medicines, many still can't control a type of diarrhea so debilitating that it causes urgent bowel movements, sometimes as often as 15 a day.

"I've never seen anything like this that had such an effect on an otherwise healthy person," said Bonham physician Harriette O'Connor.

While most patients now are feeling better, she said, few believe they are cured. Some have only recently felt comfortable leaving their homes.

"I haven't been to church in 13 months," said one Dallas man who went out for lunch last May in Bonham, 66 miles northeast of Dallas. Three of the four diners at his table became ill, The Dallas Morning News reported.

Help could be on its way.

The University of Texas School of Public Health in Houston is trying to organize a study to test a drug that scientists are hopeful may work.

But no one will predict whether the medicine will treat the illness because no one can say exactly what is making people sick.

"We're pretty confident that it's an infectious organism, but we don't know what it is," said Dr. Akiko Kimura of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The CDC was called in to help by the Texas Department of Health after 29 patients from Bonham, a city of only 6,800, had visited doctors.

An investigation eventually concluded that people who became ill were 63 times more likely than other townspeople to have eaten at a Golden Corral restaurant.

The restaurant, which closed last July 14 for lack of business, maintains it is not responsible for the outbreak.

Golden Corral spokeswoman Gloria Barker noted that the restaurant served about 24,000 meals during the time in question, and only a small number of diners got sick. She also pointed out that some people who never ate at the restaurant became ill.

In her final report to the CDC, Kimura noted that "the restaurant may have simply amplified an agent which is otherwise present in the environment."

Kimura said the infectious agent may be stealthily causing illness in larger towns. Unexplained diarrhea is a common enough diagnosis that a cluster of cases in a city like Dallas might blend into the background.

All of the previous known outbreaks except one have hit smaller, more rural areas such as Bonham.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



How does age effect mineral levels?

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: How do I go about finding out if there are enough minerals in my body? As we age, does our ability to absorb vitamins and minerals diminish? If so, how do we compensate for this?

DEAR READER: All the minerals necessary for good health can be measured by a blood test or series of tests. Because the bloodstream carries minerals to tissues and, therefore, reflects the tissue levels of these substances, doctors can analyze the mineral content of blood to determine whether a deficiency exists.

Not only will the tests measure the concentrations of beneficial minerals — such as calcium, potassium and magnesium — they will also indicate the presence of harmful ones, such as lead. If you request such testing, your doctor can order it.

With respect to your second question, the absorption of vitamins and minerals does depend on age, to some degree. As we grow older, the general efficiency of our digestive processes diminishes. However, this is rarely severe enough to cause significant deficiencies.

Rather, the aged may not eat regularly, and they do not always consume balanced, nutritious meals. Thus, many adults may subsist on diets that lack a proper vitamin/mineral content.

For this reason, many authorities recommend vitamin/mineral supplements, such as Centrum and others, if an older person's diet is inadequate. By and large, those of us who regularly consume balanced meals absorb enough vitamins and minerals.

Therefore, supplements are appropriate only if a person is unable or unwilling to eat normally — or if a patient has a chronic disease, such as colitis, that can hamper absorption of vital nutrients.

To give you more information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Fads I: Vitamins and Minerals." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

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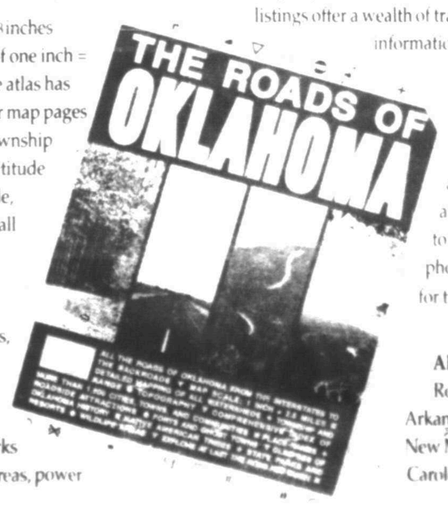
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Memory lapses often helpful for politicians

By DONALD M. ROTHBERG
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Politicians have notoriously short memories — particularly about events they wish had never taken place.

"I can only tell you what I recall about that," President Clinton said when asked about his role in getting the Democratic National Committee to hire John Huang as a fund-raiser.

"I think I may have said to someone that he wanted to go to work for the DNC," said Clinton. "I don't remember who I said it to. But I believe I did say that to someone."

The motives for high-level memory lapses vary. Now that Huang is a central figure in investigations of Democratic Party fund raising, Clinton has every reason to want to forget he ever recommended the Democrats hire the man. Huang is now a major embarrassment.

Then there are those telephone calls to contributors. Federal law bars government officials from soliciting political donations on government property, and White House employees were warned to avoid making solicitations from inside the executive mansion.

When Clinton was asked whether he had made such calls, he replied, "I don't want to flat-out say I never did something that I might, in fact, have done just because I don't remember it."

Hillary Rodham Clinton also was asked whether she had made fund-raising calls from the White House. She also pleaded an unreliable memory.

"I do not recall making any, but I'm not going to say absolutely never," she told reporters. "I just don't recall making any."

Clinton is only the latest prominent politician to suffer from memory lapses. There is a long history of forgetfulness.

"A president faces so many people in a minuscule way," said Henry Graff, a historian at Columbia University. "I have had thousands of students. They remember something you said in such and such a lecture. They remember you, but you don't remember them. Presidents are like this."

In addition, Graff said, "Until Truman's time, I don't think any president ever admitted making a mistake."

Ronald Reagan's memory on Iran-Contra seemed clear. He insisted there was no deal behind the sale of arms to Iran.

Then the commission headed by Sen. John Tower, R-Texas, issued a report saying Reagan was involved in the swap of arms for hostages held by Iran-backed terrorists.

"My heart and my best intentions still tell me that is true," Reagan said in an Oval Office speech on March 4, 1987. "But the facts and the evidence tell me it is not."

Richard Nixon's Watergate tapes caught the president advising aides how they could duck questions from a grand jury.

"You can say I don't remember. You can say I can't recall. I can't give any answer to that, that I can recall," Nixon is heard telling aides.

One of the best-known lapses of modern times took place during the 1960 election campaign. Nixon was running for president and telling voters that his experience during nearly eight years as vice president made him far more qualified than Sen. John F. Kennedy, his Democratic opponent.

That claim took a terrible beating on Aug. 24, 1960 when a reporter asked President Eisenhower for "an example of a major idea" of Nixon's that had been adopted as administration policy.

"If you give me a week, I might think of one," Eisenhower replied. "I don't remember."

Was Eisenhower guilty of an excess of candor. Or was his reply a politically awkward, but unintended, jibe at his vice president?

According to Graff, when Eisenhower was president he told John Krout, who was provost of Columbia University and an old friend, that "that boy Nixon has to get more experience. I'd like to see him go out and maybe be a Cabinet officer."

Transponders on trains, boats, planes

WASHINGTON (AP) — Trucks. Trains. Cattle. Communications satellites. Bumblebees.

The common bond is the transponder, a bit of high-tech that's become a quiet necessity of today's world. The little-known device helps keep airliners from colliding, allows trucking companies to track their loads, helps farmers keep tabs on their cows' milk output, leads cops to stolen cars.

They let the military keep tabs on shipments of armaments and relay television signals to millions of dishes.

Some Americans carry a variation of the transponder to buy gasoline, an electronic key marketed by Mobil Corp. that allows customers to charge purchases by waving the "Speedpass" at the gas pump.

Indeed, a tiny transponder glued to a bumblebee allows researchers to track its movements to the nest.

At its most basic, a transponder is little more than an electronic receiver and transmitter designed first to recognize a particular signal, then reply.

"Essentially, it is used to identify or communicate with a vehicle or container or something that moves around," explained Rick Schuman, director of system applications for the Intelligent Transportation Society of America.

The use that probably affects most people is in communications satellites, where transponders receive and rebroadcast signals from Earth.

Growing numbers of Americans are installing small satellite dishes to receive the signals. In England they sprout from the sides of flats and homes across the country.

Get your signal by cable? That's merely a centralized satellite receiver. Even folks using only over-the-air television depend on satellites to get the network show to their local station.

The last time you traveled on a commercial airliner, the plane's transponder received radio signals from ground radar stations and other aircraft and replied with its altitude and an identifying code. That's how air traffic controllers can tell apart those moving dots on their radar screens.

And thanks to a system called the traffic alert and collision avoidance system, airliners avoid one another because transponders recognize when a plane is too close and warn the pilots to change course.

The government plans a system called "free flight" for airliners to travel with little ground control, using complex new transponders to track surrounding traffic and tell the pilot how to avoid a collision.

Tom Staggs, of AlliedSignal Inc., a leading transponder manufacturer for aviation, said the new devices could let pilots view radar signals seen by air traffic controllers and provide a print communications link — like the words that sometimes crawl across a television screen — to avoid misheard voices on the radio.

Transponders were recently in the news when the military lost track of a truck carrying four dummy missiles. Standard military practice is to place tracking equipment on trucks carrying munitions, weapons and other sensitive equipment, but that truck's broke down.

The truck was found when the driver called his office to say that he tried to charge dinner at a truck stop and was told his company credit card had been canceled. The company had done it in the hope he would call in.

Within three years, a tiny short-range transponder may become a lifesaver for police officers by preventing crooks from taking a cop's pistol and using it.

A .40-caliber semiautomatic pistol developed by Colt's Manufacturing Co. Inc. uses radio-frequency signals to block unauthorized people from using the firearm. A receiver inside the firearm's magazine picks up electronic signals from a transponder worn by the officer inside a wristband or ring.

Automobiles too can benefit from transponders: to find their way using the Global Positioning Satellite system, to lead police to stolen vehicles, to pay tolls on so-called intelligent highways.

Schuman estimates that 2 million commuters currently use short range transponders to pay daily tolls on highways in New York, California, Virginia, Texas, Florida, Louisiana and other areas.

On a more prosaic level, farmer Don Jensen of Stanley, N.Y., has placed transponders around the necks of his 800 dairy cows to enable weighing meters to measure how much milk each produces.

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Lots at Hillside Memorial Gardens are reasonably priced and they offer a Pre-Need Financial Plan of only 20 percent down and small monthly payments without interest or carrying charges. If the only time you have is on the weekends, Greg can be contacted at 573-5864 and will be glad to help you anytime.

Granite and bronze memorials are available at Hillside Monument Works. Greg goes to great lengths to see that the finished product is one that pleases the family members and reflects the individualism of the loved one for whom the monument has been created.

The staff at Hillside realizes that they provide an important service to the community and work hard to maintain the trust and confidence of the people. They will be happy to counsel with anyone at anytime concerning their present or future needs. Give them a call at 573-5251 or and visit with them at Hillside Memorial Gardens and Monument Works on the Colorado City Highway.



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Jackson now Spelman County sister

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — Janet Jackson is now a Spelman College sister.

The Los Angeles alumnae chapter of the black women's college in Atlanta on Sunday gave Jackson its "Sisters' Award" for her support of education, AIDS research and youth-oriented causes.

"Through her generosity, she has made an indelible imprint on the lives of many in this country, and around the world, who are in need," the chapter said.

Jackson has long supported the Congress of Racial Equality, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Man hopes personal struggles over

NEW YORK (AP) — Comedian Martin Lawrence is hoping his personal struggles are over.

Lawrence's show "Martin" was canceled by FOX-TV in November after costar Tisha Campbell quit and filed a lawsuit accusing him of sexually harassing her on the set. The suit has been settled, but Lawrence said it was too bad the show was tossed.

"There was more of 'Martin' to see, and if things had been different, it could have lasted longer," he said in the July 21 issue of Newsweek. "The fans were there and the material was there. But we had to move on. There was no choice."

Lawrence is also hoping his family problems are behind him. He recently went through a divorce and custody battle for his daughter.

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Opening remarks made in tobacco trial

MIAMI (AP) — The tobacco industry lied about the risks of cigarettes to plant doubts in the public's mind, an attorney for flight attendants charged today as a landmark trial got under way.

The remarks came in opening statements at the trial of the nation's top five cigarette makers in a $5 billion lawsuit by 60,000 attendants who claim secondhand smoke made them sick.

"The strategy of planting doubt remains a fundamental strategy," attorney Stanley Rosenblatt told a six-member jury. "They were brilliant at that."

The industry has pursued the same tactics when denying any danger from both smoking and secondhand smoke, Rosenblatt charged, telling jurors he would give a history lesson dating from 1954 to tell the attendants' case. He brought packs of Camel and Capri cigarettes to court as props.

The airline employees claim they have constant, awful reminders of years being forced to inhale smoke on the job in the air — asthma, bronchitis, heart disease, even lung cancer.

The attendants' suit is the first tobacco class-action case to reach trial, and the first secondhand-smoke trial. It could prove to be the only wide-ranging tobacco case to be decided by a jury, because of the proposed $368 billion nationwide settlement that would limit such suits.

Dade Circuit Judge Robert Kaye opened court by giving jurors an overview of the case and telling them to treat the attorneys' opening statements as "a table of contents to a book."

Attorneys the tobacco industry, which denies smoking and secondhand smoke causes any illness, will get their opportunity to speak to jurors for the first time in their opening statement, set for Tuesday.

NASA: Mir repairs delayed until Friday

MOSCOW (AP) — The commander of the Russian space station Mir reported signs of heart irregularities to Mission Control today and questioned whether he could participate in an upcoming repair mission.

"Will I be able to make the trip?" cosmonaut Vasily Tsibliyev anxiously asked a Mission Control doctor, referring to an unprecedented repair job planned inside a damaged module on Mir.

The doctor, only identified by her first name, Irina, replied: "Let us think and see."

Tsibliyev, 43, said he was in no pain but felt the irregularities during a ride on a stationary bike. He also felt the heart irregularities while trying to sleep Friday night and blamed the problem on stress from Mir's June 25 collision with a cargo ship.

Plans have called for the two cosmonauts aboard Mir to participate in the repair mission while American astronaut Michael Foale waits in an escape capsule in case the crew needs to evacuate the space station.

NASA spokesman Rob Navis said today there had been no talk of Foale substituting for either cosmonaut and the repairs to the space station had been put off until Friday at the earliest.

He refused to comment on the health of Mir's commander, saying: "We don't comment on ours. We don't comment on theirs."

Valery Lyndian, a spokesman for Mission Control, stressed that Tsibliyev's condition did not appear to be serious. "It was not quite ideal with Tsibliyev. But it's still within the norm for an ordinary person," he said.

Tsibliyev sounded worried and upset when he spoke to mission controllers and the doctor today in a conversation reporters were allowed to monitor.

Obituaries



Albert Hook

Albert Hook

1934-1997

Funeral service for Albert Hook, 63, of Dunn is set for 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. Roy Rosson and Surry Gillum will officiate. Burial will follow in the Dunn Cemetery.

Mr. Hook died at 2 p.m. Sunday in Valley Fair Nursing Home in Colorado City after a lengthy illness.

Born on Jan. 4, 1934 in Dickens, he married Doris Taylor on Oct. 10, 1954 in Snyder. Mr. Hook came to Snyder in 1951. He served in the Army in the Korean Conflict during 1952-53, attaining the rank of Staff Sergeant.

Mr. Hook returned to Snyder and worked for Universal Oil Field Construction and then for Chevron. He owned and operated his own business from 1977 to 1990. He moved to Dunn from Snyder in 1983. Mr. Hook was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife, Doris Hook of the home; three daughters, Barbara Hook of Dunn, Betty Callaway of Merkel and Rose Bailey of Madill, Okla.; one son, Paul Hook of Springfield, Mo.; four sisters, Edith Lorene Morris of Fort Worth, Hazel Aldredge of Wichita Falls, Delores Bradley of Pampa and Jo Biddle of Paris; two brothers, Cecil Lee Hook of McClain and Denzel Hook of Pampa; and eight grandchildren.

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Cecil Lee Hook of McClain and Denzel Hook of Pampa; and eight grandchildren.

Lilla E. Bratton

1912-1997

STANTON — Lilla Ellen Bratton, 84, of Midland died Saturday, July 12, in a Stanton care center after a lengthy illness. Graveside service was held at 10 a.m. today in Pear Valley Cemetery in Pear Valley. The Rev. Jay Neal Mayo of Laredo officiated and Gilbreath Funeral Home directed the service.

Born on Dec. 16, 1912 in McCulloch County, she married Hugh Lawson Bratton Jr. on April 25, 1931 in Brady. He preceded her in death in 1971.

A longtime Snyder resident, Mrs. Bratton was a member of the Northside Baptist Church.

She was also preceded in death by two sisters, Mabel Davis and Thelma Smith, and a brother, Webbie Parker.

Survivors include two sons, Ronald Zane Bratton of Victoria and Harold Lynn Bratton of Brownwood; a daughter, Beverly June Mayo of Midland; a sister, Sadie Lohn of Canyon; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Ronnie Powell

1951-1997

ARGO — Ronnie Dail Powell, brother of William Powell of Snyder, died at 11:58 a.m. Sunday, July 13, in Titus Regional Medical Center. Graveside service is set for 2 p.m. Tuesday in Argo. He was 46.

Born on July 13, 1951 in Linden, he married Mary Caraway. Mr. Powell was a truck driver. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Powell of Argo; one son, Shawn Dale Collins of Mount Pleasant; three daughters, Debbie Grider of Atlanta, Tex., Ronnica Stroud of Rockwall and Angela Dawn Collins of Mount Pleasant; two other brothers, James Powell of Naples and Ricky Glenn Powell of Ore City; a sister, Jessie Howard of Dallas; and three grandchildren.

J.P. Sandefur Jr.

1920-1997

Funeral service for J.P. "Pat" Sandefur Jr. of Hermleigh was set for 4 p.m. today at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Loren Gardner, pastor of Anson United Methodist Church and the Rev. Rex Reynolds, pastor of First Baptist Church in Hermleigh, were to officiate.

Burial for Mr. Sandefur was to follow in the Pyron Cemetery.

Mr. Sandefur, 77, died at 6:30 a.m. Saturday in the Veterans Administration Hospital in Big Spring after a lengthy illness.

Born on March 4, 1920 in Stamford, Haskell County, he had resided in the Hermleigh area since 1952. He married Eril "Ducks" Bolding on July 22, 1939 in Buford. Mr. Sandefur, a U.S. Army veteran, was a farmer and a Methodist.

Survivors include his wife, Ducks Sandefur of the home; one daughter and son-in-law, Denise and Clark Compton; one son and daughter-in-law, James Burton and Debbie Sandefur; two sisters, Nan Rankin of Lubbock and Dorothy Dean of Angleton; three brothers, Haskell Sandefur of Killeen, Vic Sandefur of Alvarado and Glenn Sandefur of Fort Worth; four grandchildren, Beverly Poehls of Hermleigh, Sheri Sandefur of Lubbock, and Jacob and Eric Compton of Colleyville; and one great-grandchild, Kelly Poehls of Hermleigh.

Egyptian man revives after hours in morgue

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Apparently, the only thing that's certain is taxes.

A man who was pronounced dead regained consciousness after 12 hours in a morgue refrigerator and began shouting for help, a newspaper reported today. And the paramedic who found him alive collapsed in shock and died.

The cold of the refrigerator revived Abdel-Sattar Abdel-Salam Badawi, the daily Al-Akhbar reported. He had been declared dead in a hospital in Menoufia, 65 miles northwest of Cairo.

"I opened my eyes but couldn't see anything, I moved my hands and pushed the coffin's lid to find myself among the dead," the newspaper quoted Badawi as saying.

Badawi shouted for help, the report said. Eventually, three hospital aides who had come to remove Badawi's body found him alive.

"One of the employees ... fell dead," Badawi told Al-Akhbar.

The newspaper did not identify the hospital or say when the incident occurred. It said Badawi had been hospitalized with chronic liver disease.

Gingrich forsees 'finest capital city,' best school system

WASHINGTON (AP) — With untapped resources of technology and business management, America could have the finest capital city and the best schools in the world, House Speaker Newt Gingrich says.

"I believe we can achieve a better educational system than any other country in the world using an entrepreneurial incentive system," Gingrich, R-Ga., told an audience of more than 500 court officials Sunday night.

He said Washington, D.C., is a problem city but could become "the finest capital city in the world" with new thinking and reforms.

Gingrich was keynote speaker at a joint national conference of three organizations providing support for the nation's judges: the Federal Court Clerks Association, the National Association for Court Management and the National Conference of Bankruptcy Clerks.

Growing popularity of settlements through mediation instead of lawsuits suggests that the legal structure is "much too adversarial" and should be reformed to enable courts to concentrate on major issues, he said.

On management reforms, Gingrich cited the work of Peter Drucker, the American who won fame as a consultant for the Japanese automobile industry after World War II and later as a top U.S. management consultant.

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Fritz said the same judges who were appointed to serve in the special election will serve, but state law requires that if an election is held in August, the judges must be appointed in July.

Also, the court amended the county's travel policy to pay $80 per day for a hotel/motel room for county employees attending meetings. The old rate was $65 and the new rate will be retroactive to June 1 for bills that have not been paid. The court also approved five line-item transfers.

Fritz presided. All commissioners were in attendance, to include Limmer, Trevey, Gannaway and Roy Idom.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: July 11-None; July 12-None; July 13-Nicholas Barboza, 600 16th; Susan Hickman, 3408 Ave. V.

DISMISSALS: July 11-Jerry Early, Doyle Rice, Herbert Grover; July 12-None; July 13-None.

CENSUS: 41 (Med., Surg.-7, Long-term Care-32, CCU-1, OB-1).

What's Up?

Bible study series

Bible study video tapes are airing on TCA Cable Channel 2. They are followed by a series of tapes titled "Archaeology and the Bible." The next tape, "God Hates Divorce," will air at 7 this evening, followed by "The Life of Christ."

Canyon Community reunion

Anyone who has lived or is now living in the Canyon Community and would be interested in having a community reunion is invited to a meeting at Snyder National Bank at 7 p.m. Tuesday. Officers will be elected. For more information, call Dayton McCarter, acting president, at 573-3093.

Summer exit-level TAAS

Enrolled students and out-of-school examinees who have not met minimum requirements on all sections of the TAAS test or who were absent during spring testing may retake the necessary sections. The writing section will be given Tuesday, the math section Wednesday and the reading session Thursday. All summer examinees must present picture identification. Report to the Snyder Junior High School snackbar on the appropriate morning at 8 o'clock.

Hearing of appraisal protests

Scurry County Appraisal District review board will meet at 9 a.m. Tuesday to hear scheduled mineral, industrial and real estate protests. Hearing of real estate protests will continue at 9 a.m. Wednesday, followed by approving appraisal records.

Ira ISD board to convene

Cost estimates for proposed gym renovations and bids for insurance providers, fuel suppliers and the bank depository are items for Ira ISD board of trustees, which meets at 7 p.m. Tuesday. Budget amendments are also on the agenda.

Girl Scouts activities

A Girl Scouts swimming party will be held Saturday at the college pool from 1-3 p.m.

Scouts are also reminded to turn in money for the trip to Schlitterbahn by Wednesday. For information, call 573-3122.

Vacation Bible School

First Baptist, Hermleigh
Through Friday, 7-9 p.m., all ages. Call 863-2484 for information.

Hermleigh Central Baptist
July 21-25, 8:30 a.m.-noon, grades K-5. There will be a parade at 9 a.m. July 19. Call Alan Lee, 863-2305, for information.

37th St. Church of Christ
July 28-30, 7 o'clock nightly, all ages, including adults. "Take a Ride Through the Bible With Us" is the theme. Call 573-0143 to enroll.

Parade line-up announced

Line-up for the Scurry County Rodeo Association parade will be at 4 p.m. Thursday at 26th Street and Avenue X. The parade will begin at 5 o'clock. For more information, call Molly Tatum at 573-8180 or Lauri Kincheloe at 573-8421.

Snyder Bowhunters raffle

Snyder Bowhunters are holding a raffle for a new 4-wheel drive Honda four-wheeler to be given away Aug. 3. Tickets are $10 each. To purchase tickets, contact Steve Hand at (915) 556-3313 or 573-0257; Dale Putnam at (915) 634-9589 or 572-2420; or Woody Wooddell at 573-8566.

G-20 to help museum

G-20 Club members are painting street numbers on curbs. Donations will be given to the Scurry County Museum. If you are not contacted and wish to have the painting done, call 573-6107 from 8-5 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

Class of 1987 reunion

The Class of 1987 invites all Snyder High School teachers and administrators (1984-1987) to join them for their class reunion, Aug. 2, at the National Guard Armory from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. A barbecue lunch will be available for those who wish to purchase it.

Lord's Acre garage sale

First United Methodist Church will hold a Lord's Acre garage sale at 1712 27th St. on Aug. 2, beginning at 8 a.m. Funds will benefit the youth.

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
(1-2-5)
(one, two, five)

Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 2-14-18-21-30-40.
Estimated jackpot: $20 million.
Number matching six of six: two.
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Police clash with students in Nairobi

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — Police surrounded a university today and fired tear gas at students trying to hold a march to mourn victims of last week's violent crackdown on pro-democracy rallies.

One group of students marched from the Kenya Polytechnic University, which is near the national police headquarters, before being blocked by police.

The students set two vehicles ablaze, burned kiosks and blocked a main thoroughfare with burning tires before retreating to the campus. A photographer was hospitalized after being hitting in the head with a police club, but there were no other reports of injuries or arrests.

On July 7, police broke up rallies held in seven Kenyan cities, including Nairobi, to press for democratic reforms. At least nine people were killed.

President Daniel arap Moi's government has been harshly criticized for the use of force against unarmed demonstrators, in particular the police storming of Nairobi's All Saints Cathedral.