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Home of Bill Bell

Grant process continues...

State survey visit on local parks goes well

By Brian Brisendine
SDN Staff Writer

A representative of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, here Monday to inspect Towle Park and the county's plans for its renovation, was impressed with what he saw.

Joel Seffel of TP&WD will make a recommendation to a TP&WD grant committee for the half-million-dollar matching grant the commissioners' court applied for last year.

Scott Crenwelge, parks director, said the visit "went extremely well."

"Joel is a very knowledgeable person and just by looking at our park and our facilities was able to make a few suggestions to increase our points and have a better chance at securing the grant," Crenwelge said.

The parks director said the outlook is positive for Scurry County securing the money and his first question to the representative was whether or not there was money available.

"My first question to him before we even left the office is 'is there money in the budget to fund this project?'" Crenwelge said. "He assured me there is plenty there."

Seffel also shared his opinion that Scurry County would be in the "upper end" of the list of applicants.

The commissioners' court applied for a $500,000 matching grant, but Crenwelge said as much as $900,000 already has been committed locally.

"That's one thing that impressed them the most about our community," he said. "The amount of support we have received from area people is unbelievable. There are cities of 200,000 people applying for the same grant that don't have the level of support or the commitments we've had in Snyder and Scurry County."

The grant committee will meet next week to begin reviewing applications — several thousand of them — and scoring applicants to select grant recipients.

Preliminary award letters will be sent to those chosen in mid-August, Crenwelge said, but the actual grants have to be approved by a TPWD board.

"We're told that if you get the preliminary letter, you've got the grant," he said. "The board rarely rejects a grant submitted by the committee."

Scurry County's master plan so far has garnered about 150 points — much higher than the 90 points tallied at the beginning of the grant process.

The local parks committee meets monthly and will continue to do so, Crenwelge said.

The master plan encompasses all of Towle Park and includes new amenities like a water park, a fishing pier, walking paths, a skate park, an amphitheater and several smaller pavilions.

Kiddie Park and the old picnic pavilion both are scheduled for demolition and replacement with more modern and versatile facilities.

The timeline for completion of the master plan is five years and much of the work will be done by the parks department and by local volunteers to keep costs down and help stretch the grant funds as far as possible, Crenwelge said. But he's not willing to stop there.

"Hopefully, before we get done with this project we'll get funding for several more," he said. "I want to encourage the people of Scurry County not to become complacent. One thing that has impressed TPWD more than anything is the community's optimism and support for the project."

A GLORIOUS FOURTH OF JULY...





FOURTH OF JULY FUN — People of all ages — and animals — celebrated the Fourth of July at Towle Park. Two-and-a-half-year olds Rylee and Telsa Rinehart enjoyed riding in their wagon in the parade. After waiting patiently in the passenger's seat, the dog took matters into its own paws and got behind the steering wheel. (Staff Photos by Shirley A. Gorman)

Cogdell mammography unit receives top honors

Cogdell Memorial Hospital's radiology unit is one of the most modern in the state for a community the size of Snyder.

But department head Brian Moffett knows that equipment alone doesn't make a top-notch department, you also have to have top-notch employees.

One segment of the department has been recognized following the required annual inspection by the Federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the Mammography Quality Standards Act (MQSA).

"Our mammography department had its inspection by the FDA and MQSA and we passed with flying colors," said Moffett.

Moffett said only about 10 percent of hospitals nationwide pass the inspection with zero deficiencies and Cogdell did it this year.

"We're proud to have that inspection certificate on our wall," said Moffett.

Tracy Moore is the mammography technician and has been in that position for about 14 months.

She moved to Snyder when her husband, Dr. Lance Moore, located his chiropractic practice here.

"When you have an inspection and you have no violations, it means you have good equipment and quality controls," said the technologist.

Moore said women wanting a mammography should set up the appointment through their physician.



Tracy Moore

JP to address budget with commissioners

Scurry County Justice of the Peace Deborah Boyd will address her budget with the commissioners' court when it convenes at 10 a.m. Monday.

The court, at its June 16 meeting denied Boyd's request for a $500 line-item transfer to cover travel expenses already incurred.

Precinct 3 commissioner Howard Limmer commented at the meeting that the county is trying to limit travel and the JP has already exhausted her budget midway through the year.

The court also agreed that expenditures above and beyond the original budget should be approved before any money is spent, which wasn't the case in this instance.

Boyd's annual travel budget is $1,500.

In other business, the court will consider consolidating county election precincts for the September constitutional amendment election.

Any line-item transfers or budget amendments presented also will be considered.

Hermleigh superintendent staying busy

By Wade Warren
SDN Managing Editor

New Hermleigh ISD superintendent Marvin Beaty has traded life in the Metroplex for rattlers, scorpions and tarantulas — and he is loving it.

"We're really looking forward to living here and working with the staff at Hermleigh," Beaty said.

Marvin Beaty

Beaty and school principal Clarence Spieker spent last week working on handbooks for students and teachers and getting ready for the district's next board meeting.

The two administrators have also gotten help from Hermleigh teachers.

"Any changes were run through the district's site-based team," Beaty said. "These teachers have been great about giving up their free time this summer to help."

Beaty also has spent a fair amount of time on the road since beginning his duties at Hermleigh, as he was already contractually committed to teach part of the summer in an education career alternative program in Fort Worth.

"I've driven about 3,000 miles since taking the job," Beaty said.

The superintendent said he has not made any major changes at the school since taking over. "I'll observe and watch for awhile, but I don't see any huge changes on the horizon."

Beaty said he would like to see the district increase its technology programs.

"Our teachers have requested more training in order to integrate technology into the classroom," Beaty said.

His family, consisting of wife, Kelly Jo, and two children, Taylor, 11, and Jacob, eight, will be joining him.

Beaty said the people in Hermleigh and Snyder have given him a warm welcome.

"People have even mowed my grass when I had to be away."

And despite encounters with critters he is not used to seeing, Beaty is pleased that he is with the Hermleigh school district.

"They are just nice people here," Beaty said. "This (move) is a real positive thing for my family,"

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Some movies are never released, but some apparently escape."

In case you haven't noticed, summer weather is here in full force.

To take your mind off the elements this holiday weekend, here's an offering of light fare to enjoy.

At Heathrow Airport recently, an individual, later discovered to be a public school teacher on vacation, was arrested trying to board a flight while in possession of a compass, a protractor and a graphical calculator.

Authorities believed he is a member of the notorious al-Gebra movement.

The teacher was charged with carrying weapons of math instruction.

While traveling, don't forget to buckle up...you know, "click it or ticket."

Somebody sent us a story about a mother driving around one summer evening with her three young children when a woman stood up and waved. She was stark naked.

The woman said she was reeling from the shock when she heard her five-year-old shout from the back seat, "Mom, that lady isn't wearing a seat belt."

And a mother was trying hard to get the ketchup to come out of the container.

During her struggle, the telephone rang so she asked her young daughter to answer it.

"It's the preacher, Mommy," the kid said.

Then she added, "Mommy can't come to the phone right now. She's hitting the bottle."

And we liked the story about the little guy who wandered into the ladies locker room at the health spa.

When the kid was spotted, the room burst into shrieks with the gals grabbing towels and running for cover.

The little boy watched in amazement and then asked, "What's the matter, haven't you ever seen a little kid before?"

And we can vouch that this story is true...

Ole what's-her-name was visiting the nursing home a few weeks ago during dinner.

One resident wheeled up to the table and observed, "I've never been to this restaurant before. When did it open?"

And don't forget to hug your air conditioner today.

ASK US

Q—When are Turner cantaloupes going to be on the market?
A—About the middle of July.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR



Jo Ann Cearley...

...is a longtime Snyder resident and a volunteer with the Girl Scouts. Her husband, Robby, works for Southern Electric and the couple have a daughter, Sarah, who is 10 years old and will be a fifth grader next school year. Jo Ann's hobbies include all sorts of crafts and she spends much time following nephews to sporting events.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Cherish your visions and your dreams, as they are the children of your soul, the blueprints of your ultimate achievements.

—Napoleon Hill



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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Garage sale

North College Avenue Baptist Church is holding a garage sale Saturday until all merchandise is gone. Location is 208 N. College Ave. The proceeds will benefit the youth fund.

First Baptist concert

The Continental Singers will perform at 6 p.m. Sunday at the First Baptist Church, 1701 27th St. Admission is free.

Grand jury

The Scurry County grand jury is expected to consider 15 felony cases when it convenes at 9 a.m. Monday in 132nd District Court.

WTC holiday notice

Offices at Western Texas College will be closed Monday in observance of the July 4th holiday. However, night classes will still be held.

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "How to Receive God and His Blessings," followed by "Are You Listening?"

Student success workshop

Snyder ISD will host a parent-child workshop from 10 a.m. until noon Wednesday at the Region 14 Education Service Center satellite office at 4300 College Ave. The make and take workshop is for children ages 3-5. For more information call 574-6012.

Cogdell open house

Cogdell Memorial Hospital will host an open house of the renovated emergency/admitting entrance, front lobby, surgery area, chapel and gift shop from 4 to 6 p.m. Wednesday.

SHS mini cheerleading camp

Registration for the July 28-31 SHS mini cheerleading camp, ages 4 to 12, is set for 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at the Humble Smith Building. The cost, including T-shirt, is $40 per camper with $10 off for second and third camper in family. All campers will perform at halftime of Snyder's first home football game. Call Rhonda Ward at 573-3475 for more information.

Nurses aide class

Due to low response, the orientation for the nurses aide class has been postponed until 2 p.m. Thursday. A certified nurses aide class will be held from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. every Saturday and Sunday until Aug. 16. Tuition is free and books may be purchased at WTC. For more information, call Maggie Barnes at 863-2426.

FBC services televised

First Baptist Church services are televised on channel 2 at 3 p.m. each Thursday.

JV cheerleader fundraiser

The JV cheerleaders will be selling Krispy Kreme doughnuts from 7 a.m. until 11 a.m. Friday for $6 a dozen at Wal-Mart. Call 573-1395 or 574-2995 to place orders.

Class of 1993 reunion

The SHS class of 1993 is planning a 10-year reunion next Saturday. Classmate addresses are needed. Contact Catalina Jones at 573-5045, or e-mail class of 93shs@yahoo.com.

Senior swimnastics

Swimnastics for senior citizens is held from 10 to 11 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the WTC pool.

SHS football program ads

Advertisements are now being sold for the 2003 football program. Anyone interested in purchasing an ad can call Christy Smith at 573-6301.

Sonshine registration

Sonshine School at 37th St. Church of Christ is currently registering students for the fall semester. For more information, call director Wendy Barnett at 574-1960.

Cancer treatment transportation

Transportation for cancer patients to Lubbock, Abilene or Midland is available free of charge. Call Sammie Jarrell at 573-5993 or Blakey Fargason at 574-8041. If not home, leave message on answering machine.



DRESSING UP — Bilingual summer school students took a break from their classes to try on some of the items in the Aprons exhibit at the Scurry County Museum. Back row from left are Claudia Eslas, Damian Medina, Ivan Rivas, Priscillas DeLuna, Edgar Molina and Rebecca Murillo; middle row, Rubi Lopez, Jose Medina, Ann Karin Islas, Mario Garcia and Taide Baeza; front row, Erica Gonzales, Katia Islas, Genoveva Esparza and Israel Islas. Teachers are Michael Velasquez and Elvira Gonzales. Sandra Alcala is the aide. (Contributed Photo)

Six suspects may be tried by military tribunals, Bush says

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush designated six prisoners to become the first people who could be tried before military tribunals, drawing renewed criticism from defense lawyers of the secretive special courts.

Officials refused to identify the six suspects being held in U.S. custody and suggested their identities might be kept secret during any military trial.

That drew criticism from the chairman of the American Bar Association's task force on the treatment of detainees in the war on terrorism.

"The State Department issues a report every year in which it criticizes those nations that conduct trials before secret military tribunals. What I'm hearing sounds alarmingly like something similar," said Neal Sonnett, also a former president of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers.

"If they're going to be charged by military tribunals then they have a right to full due process and the public has a right to know who's being tried and what the charges are and the government has an obligation to run these tribunals in a fair and transparent way."

All six suspects are believed to be either members of the al-Qaida terrorist network or otherwise involved in terrorism, said two Pentagon officials who briefed reporters on condition of anonymity Thursday.

Australian detainee David Hicks, who is being held at the U.S. Navy base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, likely will be one of the six, said his lawyer, Stephen Kenny. Australia's Federal Attorney General Daryl Williams said Friday that Hicks is among those to be tried.

Hicks, a Muslim who fought with the Kosovo Liberation Army, called his parents 17 days after the Sept. 11 attacks to say he was with the Taliban. He also allegedly threatened to kill an American upon his arrival at Guantanamo, U.S. officials said.

Some of the six may have attended terrorist training camps and some were involved in raising money and recruiting for terrorist groups, the officials said. Under Bush's order creating the military tribunals, only people who are not U.S. citizens may be subject to such trials.

British and Australian officials said Friday that two Britons and one Australian detained in Guantanamo Bay are among those who likely would face a U.S. military trial.

British officials said they would "vigorously" seek access to two nationals, Moazzam Begg, 35, and Feroz Abbasi, 23, who were among those designated by U.S. authorities as the first candidates for trial before a military tribunal.

Kenny said in Australia that his client faced "an American kangaroo court, where after the kangaroo has bounced, then someone else makes the final decision, mainly the president of the United States."

Unlike traditional criminal trials, the proceedings of military tribunals can be kept much more secret. The United States has not convened such a tribunal since World War II.

Dupree receives top GOP honor

National Republican Congressional Committee Chairman Tom Reynolds has announced that local businessman Bob Dupree has been named to the 2003 Republican Chairman's Honor Roll.

Dupree serves as co-chairman of the committee's Business Advisory Council and is being recognized for service and support in keeping the White House and Congress in Republican control, said Reynolds.

As a member of the honor roll, Dupree's name will be on display at the Republican headquarters building in Washington D.C.

As a member of the honor roll, Dupree qualifies to receive the committee's highest honor, the prestigious Republican Gold Medal to be presented at a special awards ceremony in the nation's capitol.

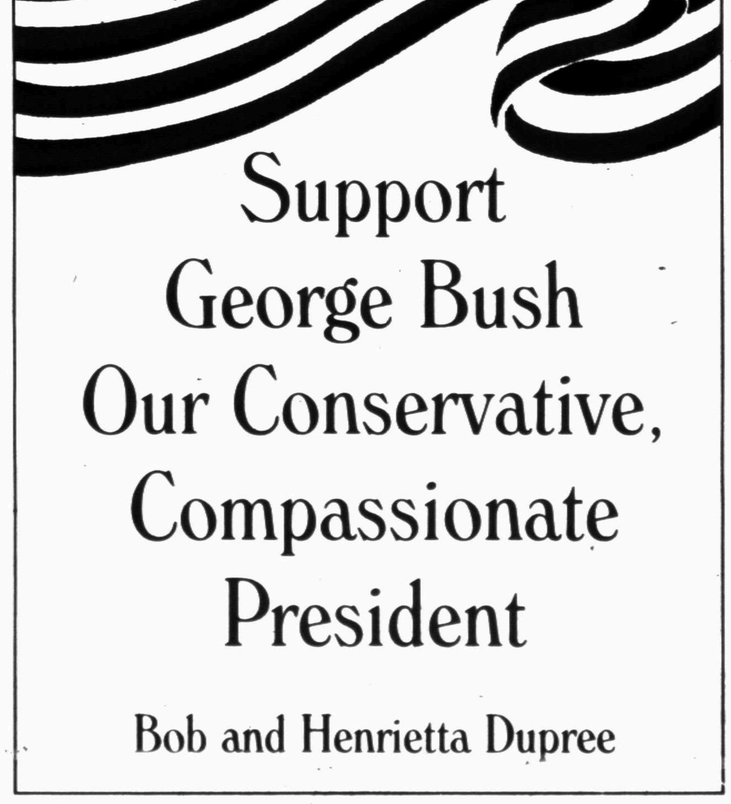
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Wildfire burns near Taos

TAOS, N.M. (AP) — A mountain wildfire roared across 500 to 1,000 acres near Taos Pueblo, chasing campers from the area and prompting fire engines to be called in to protect homes.

The fire burned to within a half-mile to a mile of the Indian pueblo. Lightning was suspected in the blaze that broke out Friday afternoon, said Carson National Forest fire information officer Iggy Peralta.

Several campers were evacuated from Pueblo Canyon and from Encibado Canyon on the east slope of Rancho Canyon Peak, Peralta said. Fire engines were guarding a few homes from the fire on pueblo land, he said.

"This thing is moving pretty fast," Peralta said.

The wildfire, which Peralta said produced "80 to 100-foot flame waves," was south and east of Wheeler Peak, the state's highest mountain at 13,161 feet.

Meanwhile, in Arizona, firefighters lit controlled burns around dozens of homes, camps, and an array of telescopes and antennas as a wildfire that had already destroyed 300 mountaintop homes raged in gusting winds.

Fire crews Friday conducted burnouts, thinned trees and other vegetation around Mount Bigelow, Organization Ridge and Willow Canyon to deprive the fire of fuel, said fire spokeswoman Jonetta Holt.

The blaze remained a mile away from Willow Canyon and 1.5 miles away from the other areas Friday night.

Those areas were spared during the fire's initial rampage across Mount Lemmon last month, but were threatened when the fire skirted lines around the southeast end and began driving east along a ridge.

With strong winds forecast again for Saturday, the areas were still considered threatened, said Dan Oltrogge, a fire official.

"The fire is going to have great potential to get in there tomorrow," he said.



Sydney Wright

Sydney Wright named All-American Scholar

Sydney Wright, Snyder Junior High School student, has been named an All-American Scholar by the United States Achievement Academy. She was nominated by math teacher Theresa Vest.

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

Sydney is the daughter of Kevin and Mary Ann Wright of Snyder. Grandparents include Glenn and Mary Margaret Norman of Post and Les and Betty Wright of Sarcoxie, Mo.

Cerise Covey graduates

Cerise Covey, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lanny Covey, was among 76 Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Pharmacy students who graduated May 18 at the United Spirit Arena in Lubbock.

Covey, a 1994 graduate of Snyder High School, earned a doctorate of pharmacy degree.

Landes recognized

KERRVILLE — Nicholas Landes has been named to the President's List for the spring 2003 term at Schreiner University.

To qualify, full-time students must have passing grades in all classes, must earn at least a 3.7 grade point average; and have at least 12 hours credit for the term.

Nicholas is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Landes of Snyder.

Jail escape was not reported for hours

GALLUP, N.M. (AP) — Law enforcement officials are investigating why an escape from a local jail by four inmates — including two charged with murder — went unreported for several hours.

Two of the inmates, including one of the murder suspects, were still at large late Friday, police said.

"We in law enforcement are totally disgusted, and it's disheartening," sheriff's Deputy Ron Williams said.

Law enforcement officials learned of the escape, which happened about 9 a.m., on Friday afternoon, when one of the inmates who had been injured in the breakout turned up at a hospital, police said.

The inmates escaped by leaping three floors from the jail's rooftop exercise enclosure. One of them hitched a ride to the hospital to get treated, and hospital officials called police because they weren't satisfied with his explanation.

Late Friday, murder suspect Robert Kiro, 34, was taken into custody without resistance at a residence in Chambers, Ariz., Gallup police Capt. Bobby Silva said.

Kiro was scheduled to face trial Aug. 11 in connection with the killing of a Gallup police officer.

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Whatever happened to...

Paula Hood, daughter of Kenneth and Joyce Smith of Snyder, graduated from Snyder High School in 1973. She now lives in Thorndale with her husband, Burce Hood.

She started teaching second grade at Thrall after she graduated. from the University of Texas at Austin in 1999. She also has coached seventh and eighth grade basketball, volleyball and track.



Paula Smith Hood
1973



Paula Hood
2003

At Snyder High School, Paula was active in concert and marching band and played the tenor saxophone. She was a junior varsity cheerleader.

Paula took college courses while raising two children. Her husband is an electrician with the Alcoa plant in Rockdale.

Bruce is also a graduate of SHS. Their children are Justin, a graduate of Texas A&M University, who lives in Conroe and is the CFO for Lifeforms a home building company and Shannon, a student at UT at Austin studying nursing.

Paula and Bruce have three grandsons, Jaden, Jordan and Jentry.

(Readers are invited to submit information and pictures for this feature. Bring by Snyder Daily News or mail to Box 949 in Snyder, 79550.)

Snyder, Ira, Hermleigh and Fluvanna grads...

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Name _____

Year graduated _____

Parent's name _____

Some general high school activities for which they might be remembered _____

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After graduation they (college, military, etc.) _____

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Anything additional _____

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Current picture?

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On Nutrition by Ed Blonz, Ph.D.

Fish and leafy greens not a harmful combo

DEAR DR. BLONZ: Upon reading your discussion of nitrites, nitrates and the carcinogenic nitrosamines, it suddenly occurred to me that I regularly eat salmon or sardines with either chard, spinach or kale, and as the greens are always cooked this would amount to a considerable amount of nitrate. A vitamin C-rich food is not usually consumed at that meal and neither is vitamin E. It struck me that I may be causing myself harm. Am I correct? I guess I should make a point of having either an orange, a tomato and/or vitamin E at the same time. — **B.G., no address provided**

DEAR B.G.: You are not doing yourself any harm, and while an orange or a tomato might enhance the meal, add them because you want to, not because they are needed to keep you safe.

Let's examine the players here: Nitrates are compounds that are naturally present in certain foods. Nitrites are used as preservatives in cured meat products to decrease the risk of botulism. Amines are a component of protein (amino acids are the building blocks of proteins and amines are released when proteins are metabolized). Finally, nitrosamines are the carcinogenic compounds that can form when a nitrite combines with an amine.

The important thing to remember is that before a nitrate can become a nitrosamine it must first be converted to a nitrite. Bacteria usually converts nitrate to nitrite, with the bacteria in our saliva converting about 5 percent of the nitrate we consume. Additional amounts can be converted by the bacteria located in the large intestine, but by that point there is only a negligible risk of nitrosamine formation.

When you factor in that the spinach and kale you are eating contain vitamins, minerals and beneficial phytochemicals, it becomes clear that eating these foods is beneficial regardless of any nitrates they might contain.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: I was recently diagnosed with celiac sprue. This was quite a shock and also quite a dietary adjustment. I am told by a paper that I can't have vinegar. I have been told by a friend that I can't have modified food starch. Could you tell me whether these two are true or not? — **C.R., no address provided**

DEAR C.R.: Celiac sprue is a condition in which there is an acute intolerance of gluten, a complex protein found in wheat, barley, rye and oats. However, a report in the January 2003 issue of the European Journal of Clinical Nutrition found that adults with celiac sprue in remission are able to tolerate wheat-free rolled oats.

Regarding vinegar and modified food starch, however, it is my understanding that you should avoid white vinegar and food products that contain this ingredient. Rice vinegar, wine vinegar and apple cider vinegars should be fine. Modified food starch is of wheat origin, so it should also be avoided.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: I have heard that cottage cheese when consumed by the elderly leaches calcium from the bones. Is this true? Thank you for your response. — **M.M., via e-mail**

DEAR M.M.: One-half cup of low-fat (1 percent) cottage cheese contains 14 grams of protein, 1 gram of fat, 3 grams of carbohydrate and 69 milligrams of calcium. There is no reason to believe that cottage cheese leaches calcium from the bones of individuals in any age group.

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

Ed Blonz, Ph.D., is a nutrition scientist and the author of "Power Nutrition" (Signet, 1998) and the "Your Personal Nutritionist" book series (Signet, 1996).

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Southern health officials worried about eastern equine encephalitis

ATLANTA (AP) — Health officials on alert for the return of West Nile virus are concerned about the re-emergence of another mosquito-borne disease in the Southeast: eastern equine encephalitis.

A Georgia man died June 21 in the nation's first human case of the disease this year.

Florida, Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina have seen the highest number of horse cases of eastern equine encephalitis in years. The disease, which has existed in the United States for decades, kills nearly all unvaccinated horses.

"It's kind of going up the coast," said Laurel Garrison, epidemiologist for the Georgia Division of Public Health.

Although it rarely affects people, it can be more deadly than West Nile. Since 1964, there have been only 153 confirmed human cases of the disease.

"Eastern equine encephalitis has been an exceptionally infrequent disease," said Dr. Anthony Marfin of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. "If you saw five or six (human) cases a year, that was a big year."

But the virus kills up to 50 percent of people who catch it, compared with up to 15 percent for West Nile.

"It's such a serious disease that we've been sending press releases to warn people against this virus," said Nolan Newton of the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources. "I see no reason why it shouldn't just keep on going up the East Coast."

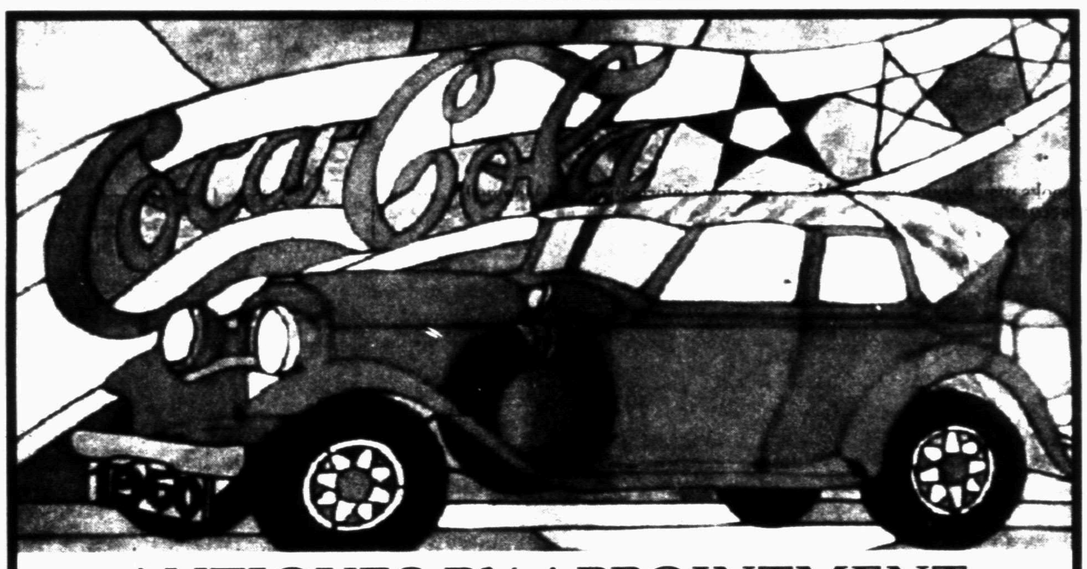
Florida has had 99 horse cases in 31 counties this year. The virus was confirmed in 11 Georgia horses and two birds. North Carolina has had four horses test positive and South Carolina 17 horse cases.

Virginia hasn't had any, but officials have sent e-mails warnings across the state. It's been detected in a pair of birds in West Virginia and has been found in Mississippi horses and even emus in Alabama.

"We sort of should have expected it," said Dr. Venaye Reece, equine programs coordinator for Clemson University.

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Recall supporters claim enough votes

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A majority of voters believe Gov. Gray Davis should be recalled in a special election, according to a poll published Friday, hours after recall leaders claimed they had enough support to put the question on the ballot.

The Los Angeles Times statewide poll of 1,412 adults, 1,127 of them registered voters, found 51 percent want Davis ousted, while 42 percent would reject a recall. The rest said they didn't know what to do.

Many pointed to the state's $38 billion fiscal crisis as the reason Davis should be removed. Others gave the Democrat poor ratings on education and energy.

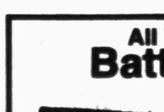
"I find it ineredible that when he took office we had a surplus in this state, and now we're in the hole," Teri Hoerntlein, a 37-year-old San Bernardino County independent, told the newspaper. "If this were a private business, we would have had to declare bankruptcy."

Despite the increasing support for removing Davis — a Times poll in March had found 39 percent of voters favored a recall— many of those in Friday's poll lost their enthusiasm once they learned a special election would cost at least $25 million.

The latest Times poll was conducted from June 28 to July 2. Both polls had margins of sampling error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

Whether the recall goes to a special election or not will come down to the signatures on the petitions.

By law, backers need 897,158 validated signatures of registered voters by July 16 to put the question to voters this fall. Ted Costa, coordinator of the Republican-led signature drive, said Thursday that just over 1 million signatures had been turned over to counties for validation

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WINS AREA AWARDS — Area II Star award recipients from Snyder include (kneeling from left) Logan West, Star Chapter degree in production; and Tyler Eveland, Star Greenhand in production; (standing) Rusty Smith, Star Greenhand in production; Amanda Greenwood, Star Lone Star FFA degree in placement; Michael Parsley, Star Chapter FFA Degree in agribusiness; and Ricky Early, Star FFA degree in placement. (Contributed Photo)

Snyder FFA wins top awards

Snyder Future Farmers of America attended the Area II FFA Convention in San Angelo, winning numerous awards and qualifying most of the students for the state contest to be held later this summer.

While they are in the program, students strive to earn four different degrees in four categories including production, placement, agribusiness and agriscience. Seven students who advanced to the area contest won in their respective fields.

Winners were Rusty Smith, Star Greenhand in production; Tyler Eveland, Star Greenhand in placement; Michael Parsley, the Star Chapter FFA degree in agribusiness; Logan West, Star Chapter FFA degree in production; and Ricky Early, Star FFA degree in placement.

Amanda Green was named the Star FFA degree member in placement.

Johnna Ferris was named the Star American degree recipient in the placement category.

The seven students who advanced to the state competition each received a $1,000 scholarship provided by the State FFA Foundation.

In public speaking events, Logan West placed third in senior prepared public speaking and fourth in extemporaneous speaking. and Jacinda Judah placed third in the soil stewardship public speaking contest.

Two Snyder FFA students, Jacinda Judah and Kasey Wemken, advanced to state competition in the scholarship contest. Each year, the Texas FFA presents over $1 million in scholarships.

Snyder students also garnered 37 of 44 proficiency awards, including Beth Parsley, ag communication; A.J. Frizzell, ag mechanics design and fabrication; Cody Wall, ag mechanics repair and maintenance; Zach Starnes, ag mechanics energy systems; and Cliff Beights, ag sales placement.



PUBLIC SPEAKERS — Snyder FFA public speakers at the Area II contest included Jacinda Judah and Logan West. (Contributed Photo)

Others are Jacki Thompson, home and/or community development; Michael Parsley, landscape management; Brandon Bragg, nursery operations; Jake Harvey, outdoor recreation; Kasey Wemken, poultry production; Beth Parsley, sheep production; Jenna Neff, small animal production and care entrepreneurship; Laci Hackfeld, small animal production and care placement; Jenna Neff, specialty animal production entrepreneurship and placement; Jacinda Juda, swine production placement; Ricky Early, swine production placement; Travis Thompson, turf grass management placement; Michael Parsley, turf grass management, entrepreneurship; Amanda Greenwood, vegetable production; and Jack Harvey, wildlife management placement.

Snyder FFA also won two area chapter awards, the Golden Horizon Award, which recognizes the most successful and active chapters in Texas, and the National Superior Chapter Rating Award, which recognizes the most active and successful chapters in the nation.

Snyder now advances to the state contest. In October, the national competition will be held in Louisville, Ky.

Frazier and Warren Beard were the agriculture science teachers for the 2002-2003 school year.

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Adults have three times as many teeth as children; the average person will develop 20 primary teeth by age 3 and 64 permanent teeth by adulthood.



ADVANCE — Jacinda Judah, left, and Kasey Wemken have advanced to state scholarships interviews as they compete for a $10,000 or $15,000 scholarships. (Contributed Photo)

Officials say spark probably caused fatal fireworks blast

KILGORE (AP) — A spark probably caused an explosion that tore through a fireworks warehouse and killed three people on the eve of July Fourth festivities, investigators said.

"We're leaning toward static electricity, some kind of spark," Kilgore Police Chief Ronnie Moore said Friday.

The anguished owner of the warehouse expressed sympathy for the three dead employees, which include his own father, hours after their bodies were found.

"I ask you to pray for the peace and comfort of us and all that are hurting," a teary-eyed Joe Lamb read from a handwritten statement. "Three wonderful people ... tragically lost their lives doing something they truly loved to do."

The three workers' bodies were recovered early Friday. Five people suffered minor injuries in Thursday's blast at Pyrotechnics by Lamb Co.'s warehouse, and the warehouse and six nearby houses were damaged or destroyed.

Twelve fireworks displays planned Friday night in east Texas cities were canceled, including Kilgore.

On Wednesday, a truck packed with fireworks exploded in Bonita Springs, Fla., killing five workers who had been unloading the shipment for Independence Day displays there and in Naples.

On Friday, ATF officials wrapped up their on-the-ground probe of the Florida explosion. A report is expected within two weeks. That blast also appeared to be accidental, investigators said.

Bonita Springs, Fla., Mayor Paul Pass led a moment of silence Friday for the 5 killed by the Florida explosion before the city's annual Fourth of July parade. Another observance was planned in Naples, Fla.

Lamb's business was appropriately registered and had no prior problems, said Clay Alexander, a Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms agent.

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Financial Focus

Have You Lost Track of Pension Benefits?

If you visited a store or a restaurant, and you left your purse or wallet behind, you'd certainly go back and get it. So wouldn't you do the same for a whole lot more money that you may have abandoned with a former employer?

You would — if you knew about it.

Right now, millions of dollars in pension funds are waiting to be claimed by their rightful owners. Are you one of them?

In recent years, defined contribution plans, such as 401(k)s, have become the dominant type of retirement account. But for a long time, pension plans — also called "defined benefit" plans — were the chief retirement savings vehicle for millions of employees. And a lot of these people separated from their employers without ever receiving their pensions.

How can this happen? It's not as hard as you might think. You work for a place for a few years, leave your job and forget you left behind a pension. Or the company you worked for went out of business, or merged with another company, and you thought the pension went with it. But the fact is that it's never too late to seek pension money that is owed you — and, if you're lucky, you might even get it.

Where should you look? You can start by contacting the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC), a federal government agency that insures the minimum pension benefits of approximately 35,000 private companies. Since 1974, all companies with 25 or more participants in defined benefit plans have been required to register with the PBGC. If a company ends a pension plan that isn't fully funded, the PBGC takes over as plan trustee and guarantees basic benefit payments. The PBGC also tracks benefits of employees who can't be located.

If you think you may have some pension funds somewhere out there, contact the PBGC through its web site at www.pbgc.gov. You'll be able to enter information about your former employer's pension plan and, hopefully, start the process toward garnering your missing money.

Contacting the PBGC may be helpful if you've lost touch with your pension information. But if you're still employed by the company that will pay your pension, or if you've recently left it, you'll want to stay current on your benefits. That's why you should request an "individual benefit statement" on the status of your pension. This statement should contain the status of your pension, when you're eligible to retire and an estimate of how much your pension will be. Request your statement in writing from the plan administrator - not a company official. If you don't get the statement within a few weeks, be persistent — you have a legal right to the information within 30 days.

At the same time you request your benefit statement, ask for copies of all benefits statements in your file and all pension plan documents, including the "trust documents" that show how the plan is administered.

You worked hard to earn your pension — so do whatever it takes to collect your benefits. You may have to be proactive to get what you deserve, but it's well worth the effort.

Officers did not stop SUV, chief of police says

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Police officers did not stop a vehicle that matched a suspect's in a kidnap report upon learning the vehicle belonged to a department lieutenant, and the acting chief said he has ordered an investigation.

"This thing fell through the cracks," Chief Alex Fagan said.

The woman said she had been forced into a car while walking home early Tuesday, and she banged on its windows to draw attention, the San Francisco Chronicle reported, citing police documents.

She was able to get out of the car, and told police the vehicle was a black SUV driven by a man in his 30s.

Minutes later, police spotted a Cadillac Escalade matching the description and officers ran a check on the license plates. The vehicle was registered to a police lieutenant, police said.

"My understanding is that there was no stop, there was no arrest, there was no detention," Fagan said.

The woman told officers that she didn't think she could identify the driver and said she did not want to try.

No one has been suspended and the probe will likely end next week, Fagan said.

"I don't think the focus is on the officers. Somewhere along the chain of command the notification wasn't made," he said in a televised interview. "There is no criminal action being taken."

The lieutenant is a 23-year department veteran. The Chronicle reported that police commission records show he was suspended in the early 1980s for 60 days for soliciting an act of prostitution from an undercover Oakland police officer.

Fagan is the acting chief while Police Chief Prentice Earl Sanders remains on medical leave.

Fagan's 24-year-old son was dismissed from the police force in June.

Frame collapses

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor received the city's Liberty Medal on the Fourth of July for actions that represent the founding principles of the United States.

She also joined Gov. Ed Rendell, Richard Dreyfuss and Wynton Marsalis and others to help open the National Constitution Center, a new $185 million museum, amid tight security.

Nearby, hundreds of protesters, including abortion foes and peace activists, held signs proclaiming their beliefs.

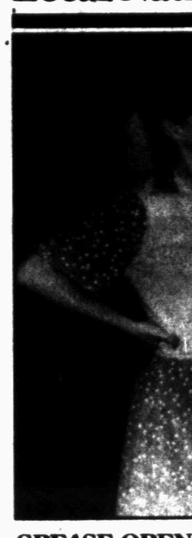
The museum ceremony was marred at the end when a heavy frame surrounding a mural fell onto the dais as several people on stage pulled ribbons to unveil the artwork.

The center's president, Joseph Torsella, was struck on the head but was able to walk to an ambulance. He was being evaluated at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital.

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GREASE OPENS — Sandy (Leigh Wilbourn of El Paso) resists a plea from Danny (Thomas Lowery of Snyder) during a chance encounter at Rydell High School in this scene from *Grease*. The 1950s-based musical was to open at 8:15 p.m. Saturday at the Kokernot Outdoor Theatre. (Contributed Photo)

Park Service tries to hold fort together

FORT WASHINGTON, Md. (AP) — Long before fighter jet overflights, chemical sensors and extra police patrols, homeland security for the nation's capital relied on a brick-walled fort on the Potomac River.

Perched on a commanding bluff about 10 miles below Washington, Fort Washington and its thick walls, fortified with cannons, stood ready to take on any enemy ship that might try to sail upriver. Built in 1824, Fort Washington guarded the capital through World War I before being decommissioned in the 1940s.

Now a national park, the aging fort is fighting a new battle that poses a threat graver than enemy guns. Nearly two centuries of rain and poor drainage, neglect and misguided repairs have left Fort Washington's walls precariously fragile. A section near the gate collapsed in 1999, lime from dissolving mortar has formed mini-stalactites on ceilings, and vegetation — including a tree — has taken root in cracks.

"Birds would alight on the wall and bricks would fall," said Bill Clark, who oversees the fort for the National Park Service. "The wind would blow and bricks would fall."

To keep the crumbling site from becoming unusable, the park service has undertaken a six-year renovation that will overhaul Fort Washington by 2006. Clark, with the help of Maryland's congressional delegation, secured about half of the estimated $10 million cost.

The collapsed wall is nearly repaired and workers are removing a portion of wall next to the front gate, brick by brick, and rebuilding it with new mortar. Work will intensify this fall when $4.8 million in federal money arrives, Clark said.

The need for a strong southern defense of the young American capital became painfully clear during the War of 1812, when British ships sailed up the Potomac. Fort Warburton, a smaller post near what is now Fort Washington, was abandoned and destroyed, allowing the British to continue upriver and seize Alexandria, Va., in 1814.

Fort Washington was completed in 1824, part of a system of seacoast batteries built after the war. The stone installation was based on a plan drafted by Pierre L'Enfant, the designer of the District of Columbia.

The walls were strengthened in the 1840s, according to Clark, when engineers who included then-Lt. Robert E. Lee of the U.S. Army added thick layers of red brick that made the walls 60 feet high in some points. During the Civil War, it was the primary coastal fortification protecting Washington.

Advances in naval guns and ships eventually made the fort obsolete, but new, concrete gun emplacements were built outside the fort's walls during World War I. The fort's last military use was during World War II as an officer school for the Adjutant General's Corps.

It was handed over to the Department of the Interior in 1946.

Park officials say about 260,000 people visited the serene site last year, mostly tourists and Washingtonians "getting tired of the downtown hustle and bustle," said Ranger Don Steiner.

What they see is a structure in decay. Repairs were done over the years, Clark said, but were mostly patchwork, with materials that ended up doing more harm than good.

Chief among those was Portland cement, a common, durable mortar used for most repairs on the fort in the 20th century.

Snyder student cast in 'Grease'

Grease, the popular musical depicting high school life in the rock 'n' roll 50s, was to make its Theatre of the Big Bend debut Saturday. It features Thomas Lowery, a theatre major from Snyder.

Curtain time is 8:15 p.m. at the Kokernot Outdoor Theatre. General admission is $5 for adults, $3 for students and senior citizens, $2 for children under 12 and free to Sul Ross State University students with ID.

Grease will alternate with *Crimes of the Heart*, a comedy by Beth Henley, Thursday through Sunday evenings in July. All performances begin at 8:15 p.m. Other performance dates of *Grease* are Sunday, July 11, 13, 17, 19, 25, 27, and Aug. 1. *Crimes of the Heart*, which opened June 27, also plays July 10, 12, 18, 20, 24, 26, 31, and Aug 2.

Grease, with music and lyrics by Jim Jacobs and Warren Casey, is the popular musical set in late 1950s Rydell High School where teenagers vie for each other's attention amid drive-ins, cruisin' and pajama parties.

Gregory M. Schwab, theater professor and chair of the Fine Arts and Communication Department, directs Grease. Musical direction is by Sergio Ruiz, Sul Ross instructor in music. Sul Ross theater majors Leigh Wilbourn of El Paso and Lowery perform the roles of Sandy and Danny.



CNA GRADUATES — These five people graduated from the certified nurses aide school on June 21. Seated are from left, Emily Luna of Snyder and Shannon Daniels of Sweetwater. Middle row from left are Monikka Taylor of Snyder and Adelita Salono of Sweetwater. Standing in back is Jeremy Amburgey. Maggie Barnes RN is the instructor. (Contributed Photo)

Today's chuckle

Pandas, Gerry and Misae, have triplets

SYRACUSE, N.Y. (AP) — After becoming a first-time father last year in the twilight of his life, the Rosamond Gifford Zoo's 12-year-old red panda, Gerry, is a father once again — three times over.



Gerry and his much younger mate, 3-year-old Misae (pronounced ma-SIGH), had triplets June 24, said Zoo Director Anne Baker.

Since groups of three cubs rarely survive beyond the first week of life, Rosamond Gifford Zoo officials waited until Wednesday to make public news of their birth, she said.

Such births in captivity are rare for the endangered species. Fewer than 1,000 red pandas remain in the wild, and about 350 are in captivity worldwide.

Last July, Gerry and Misae gave birth to a male baby, Banshi. A female twin died shortly after birth. It was the zoo's first panda pregnancy after trying several different breeding pairs and different methods over seven years.

The red panda cubs have not yet been named, Baker said. Zoo officials did not identify their sex.

The cubs will remain off-exhibit for up to eight months to protect their health and safety, she said.

In the wild, the red panda population has dwindled as the animal's ancient forest habitat in the eastern Himalayas has been destroyed. The pandas prefer hollow nesting holes in old trees at elevations up to 5,000 feet.

A typical red panda weighs about 10 pounds. With its mask and ringed tail, it resembles a raccoon — a distant relative — more than a giant panda, which is also a part of the same general animal family.

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SPORTS

AL roundup...

Red Sox pound seven homers against NY; Angles blank A's

By the Associated Press

The Boston Red Sox broke out their big bats and teed off against the New York Yankees.

The Red Sox hit seven home runs in a 10-3 victory Friday — the most ever allowed by New York — and those weren't the only things flying into the Yankee Stadium stands.

After getting knocked out in the sixth inning, David Wells tossed his glove and hat into the seats.

"Let's hope we got them all out of the way," New York manager Joe Torre said.

Switch-hitter Bill Mueller homered from both sides of the plate, Jason Varitek and David Ortiz each homered twice and Manny Ramirez sent a mammoth drive into the rarely reached left-field upper deck.

The Red Sox, who lead the majors in hitting and scoring, won for the eighth time in 11 games. Mueller's shot into the right-field upper deck in the ninth marked Boston's seventh of the game, one more than the Yankees had ever allowed.

"Was not aware of that," Mueller said. "It was nice. It's over with. We still have three games left."

In other AL games, it was: Tampa Bay 4, Chicago 3; Baltimore 8, Toronto 5; Minnesota 9, Cleveland 2; Anaheim 1, Oakland 0; Kansas City 9, Detroit 8; and Texas 7, Seattle 3.

The home-run derby made it easy for Derek Lowe (10-3) to win his career-best seventh straight decision.

Alfonso Soriano hit his eighth leadoff homer this season — one shy of Rickey Henderson's Yankees record set in 1986. Karim Garcia also went deep for the third consecutive game, but the AL East leaders opened the four-game series with only their fourth loss in 20 games.

It was the first time the long-time rivals played on the Fourth of July since 1983, when Dave Righetti pitched a no-hitter against Boston.

Wells (10-3) trudged off the mound with his head down after being pulled and, right before reaching the dugout, flipped his glove four rows into the seats. His cap followed, captured by a gleeful woman in the front row.

The left-hander set a career high for most homers allowed and matched the team record — in just 5 2-3 innings. He was the fifth pitcher to serve up five, and he and teammate Jeff Weaver are the only ones to do it at Yankee Stadium.

Twins 9, Indians 2

At Minneapolis, Justin Morneau and Corey Koskie each hit a two-run homer, and Rick Reed (4-8) won for the first time since May 25 as Minnesota beat Cleveland in a game that featured five ejections after the benches cleared in the third inning.

Minnesota snapped a four-game losing streak and won for only the sixth time in 20 games.

Angels 1, Athletics 0

At Oakland, Calif., Aaron Sele (5-6) and three relievers combined on a two-hitter for Anaheim.

Benji Gil had two hits and scored the game's only run on David Eckstein's suicide squeeze as the Angels won for the sixth time in eight games.

Mark Mulder (11-6) was the hard-luck loser, throwing a three-hitter for his major league-leading sixth complete game.

Devil Rays 4, White Sox 3

At St. Petersburg, Fla., Carl Crawford hit his first homer since opening day, a three-run drive off Billy Koch (5-5) with one out in the ninth inning that won it for Tampa Bay.

Crawford also hit a three-run homer in the ninth to beat Boston on March 31.

Roberto Alomar drove in two runs for his first RBIs with Chicago.

Orioles 8, Blue Jays 5

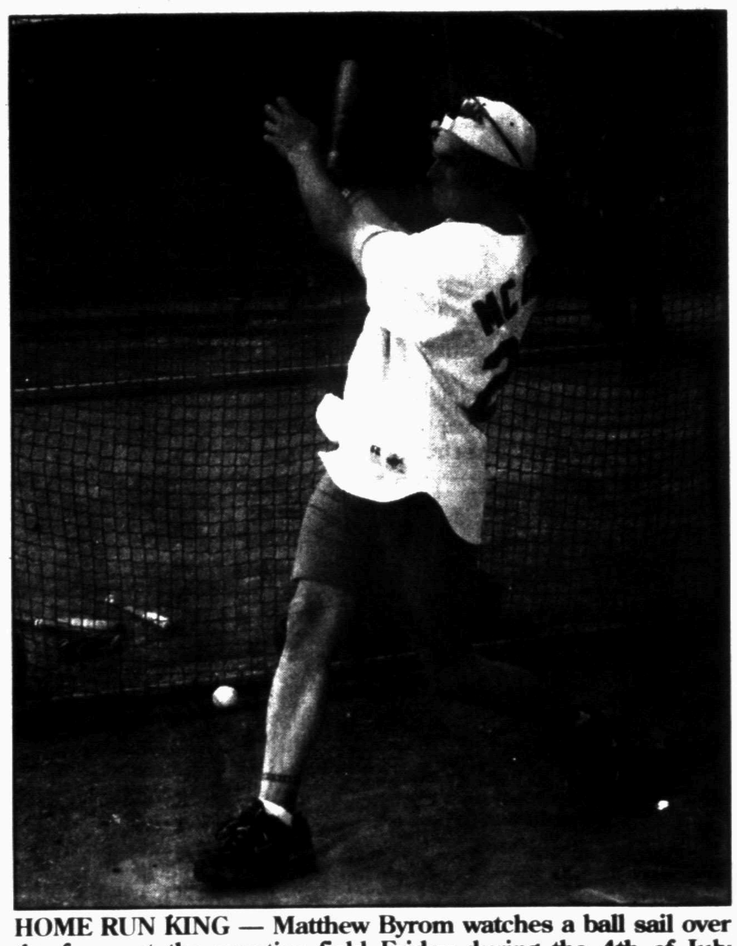
At Baltimore, Brook Fordyce doubled in two runs to give the Orioles the lead during an eight-run eighth inning. All eight runs scored with two outs.

Eric Hinske hit his first career grand slam for Toronto.

Royals 9, Tigers 8

At Kansas City, Mo., Michael Tucker had four hits and three RBIs as the AL Central-leading Royals held off Detroit.

Rookie Nate Field (1-0) got his first major league win.



HOME RUN KING — Matthew Byrom watches a ball sail over the fence at the practice field Friday during the 4th of July Home Run Derby. Byrom won the event for the second year in a row. (SDN Photo)

Gonzales blast lifts Rangers

ARLINGTON (AP) — Juan Gonzalez and Alex Rodriguez beat the Seattle Mariners — and the traffic.

Gonzalez hit a three-run homer— his first in almost a month — and Rodriguez had an RBI triple against his former team in the Texas Rangers' 7-3 victory Friday night.

After finishing off the Mariners, the two sluggers bolted the clubhouse minutes after the game ended to avoid heavy traffic from fans who waited for a fireworks show.

With the Mariners ahead 3-0 in the fourth, Michael Young led off with a single and was forced at second on Hank Blalock's groundball to second baseman Bret Boone. Shortstop Mark McLemore's relay to first was high, and Rodriguez followed with his triple.

"That's how the game changes," McLemore said. "We'd face Alex with nobody on and maybe we pitch him differently. It cost us."

After Rafael Palmeiro walked, Gonzalez hit Freddy Garcia's first pitch over the center-field fence to put the Rangers ahead 4-3. The homer the 424th of Gonzalez's career and 19th of the season. It also was has first since June 8 and first at home since May 7.

"Juan's blow was big for us, but I think Alex's hit was also huge to start us off," Rangers manager Buck Showalter said.

Todd Green added an RBI double in the inning.

Rodriguez also doubled in the fifth and is 10-for-24 against Seattle this season.

R.A. Dickey (4-3) allowed two hits over three scoreless innings after relieving starter Victor Santos in the fifth.

"R.A. was the key tonight, the way he shut them down," Palmeiro said. "It gave us a boost and some confidence that we could keep the game in check and perhaps add to our lead."

The Rangers have called up Dickey from the minors twice this season, most recently Monday.

"It's satisfying because it's fun to win," Dickey said. "It's fun to be in a competitive situation."

Young and Palmeiro had sacrifice flies in the seventh to stretch Texas' lead to 7-3, and Ugueth Urbina got two outs for his American League-leading 24th save in 28 chances.

Garcia (9-7) allowed seven runs and nine hits in 6 1-3 innings, however. He struck out seven and walked one.

"I just had one bad inning and you lose the game," Garcia said.

Bucs get break to top Astros

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Pirates reliever Brian Boehringer officially got the win. Maybe it should have gone to the architect who designed PNC Park.

Thanks to a lucky bounce off the limestone wall behind home plate, Pittsburgh scored on a rarely seen play — a wild pitch that scores a runner from second base — and it helped them beat the Houston Astros 3-2 Friday.

Call it a case of the Pirates stonewalling the Astros, who had beaten them in seven of their first eight meetings.

With the Astros leading 1-0 in the sixth and runners on first and second, Brandon Puffer replaced starting pitcher Ron Villone with a 3-0 count on Adam Hyzdu. Before Puffer could complete his warmup throws, rain halted play for 1 hour, 12 minutes.

Once play resumed, Puffer's first pitch to pinch-hitter Matt Stairs, who had replaced Hyzdu, sailed wide and high and deflected off the rough-edged stone wall. The wall resembles the brick wall behind home plate at Wrigley Field, but is lighter in color and has an irregular finish.

"You don't see that too much," Puffer said. "It hit a funky spot in the wall and just kicked."

By the time Brad Ausmus retrieved the ball in front of the Houston dugout down the first-base line, a sliding Brian Giles beat the catcher's throw home.

"It shows how one pitch can change the game," Ausmus said. "I've certainly never seen that before; it must have caught an angle. There are some nooks and crannies back there ... you can't do anything to defend it. It's really kind of a freak occurrence."

The wall was part of 2-year-old PNC Park's initial design and was created to result in just such a play. But Pirates manager Lloyd McClendon couldn't recall it influencing play before.

"I remember when I first saw the wall, I thought, 'Oh, my, balls can go anywhere,' " McClendon said. "But that's the first time I've seen it. Maybe things are starting to go our way."

Woods grinds way to lead at Western Open

LEMONT, Ill. (AP) — Tiger Woods' shoulders sagged with relief, and a grin spread across his face. What had started as a romp wound up as a grind.

But at the end of the day, the result was the same: Woods was on top of the leaderboard.

"He's one of the few guys that when he's on, he can run away and hide from you because he's that good," said David Toms, stroke behind Woods on Friday in the 100th Western Open.

"But there's going to be a lot of guys that will be close, and hopefully we'll still be close on Sunday afternoon."

Woods has been the second-round leader 22 other times in his career, and he's gone on to win 18 of those tournaments. But making it 19 won't be easy, considering there are nine players within four shots of him. There are some big names in that bunch, too.

Like Toms, winner of the 2001 PGA Championship. And Masters champion Mike Weir and U.S. Open winner Jim Furyk, who are in the group four strokes back.

And don't forget about Phil Mickelson, lurking six strokes off the lead.

"If I would have played better and still shot this number, I would have been pretty hot," said Woods, who shot a 2-under 70. "But the way I drove it on the back nine and some of the iron shots I hit in there, yeah, you're a little bit disappointed.

"I hung in there and I didn't shoot myself out of the tournament, and I kept myself there at the top of the board. So overall, it was still pretty good."

Woods tied the course and tournament record with a 63 in the first round Thursday, a resounding answer to all those who say he's in a slump. And he looked as if he might go even lower when he started Friday.

He tapped in a 1-footer for birdie on the first hole, then made a 15-footer for birdie on the third. After two-putting from 30 feet on the par-5 5th, he was at 12-under and looking as if he was going to have a round as hot and steamy as the temperatures at Cog Hill's Dubsdread course.

But as Woods is fond of saying, golf is a fickle sport. And it reminded him of that once again Friday.

"I got off to a perfect start," he said. "I just didn't quite keep it going."

His troubles started on No. 7, when he pushed his drive so far right the ball wound up buried in a clump of trees behind the cart path. Woods was clearly irked, taking a swing at his bag when he reached the trees.

He took a drop, then put that shot on the lip of a greenside bunker.

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Major League Leaders

NATIONAL LEAGUE

BATTING—Pujols, St. Louis, .377; Helton, Colorado, .334; Renteria, St. Louis, .331; Sheffield, Atlanta, .330; Podsednik, Milwaukee, .325; Vidro, Montreal, .324; Lieberthal, Philadelphia, .324.

RUNS—Pujols, St. Louis, 76; Helton, Colorado, 74; Furcal, Atlanta, 67; Sheffield, Atlanta, 67; Lowell, Florida, 60; Payton, Colorado, 60; Bonds, San Francisco, 59.

RBI—Pujols, St. Louis, 77; PrWilson, Colorado, 76; Lowell, Florida, 72; Sheffield, Atlanta, 68; Helton, Colorado, 64; Jenkins, Milwaukee, 61; Edmonds, St. Louis, 61; LGonzalez, Arizona, 61.

HITS—Pujols, St. Louis, 120; Helton, Colorado, 109; Pierre, Florida, 108; Renteria, St. Louis, 107; LCastillo, Florida, 104; LGonzalez, Arizona, 104; Furcal, Atlanta, 102.

DOUBLES—LGonzalez, Arizona, 30; Pujols, St. Louis, 29; PrWilson, Colorado, 29; Helton, Colorado, 29; MGiles, Atlanta, 27; Renteria, St. Louis, 26; ShGreen, Los Angeles, 26.

TRIPLES—Furcal, Atlanta, 8; CPatterson, Chicago, 7; LWalker, Colorado, 7; Wigginton, New York, 6; Podsednik, Milwaukee, 6; AGonzalez, Florida, 5; JEncarnacion, Florida, 5.

HOME RUNS—Lowell, Florida, 26; Edmonds, St. Louis, 26; Pujols, St. Louis, 25; Bonds, San Francisco, 25; Dunn, Cincinnati, 23; Sexson, Milwaukee, 23; JLopez, Atlanta, 23.

STOLEN BASES—Pierre, Florida, 39; DRoberts, Los Angeles, 24; Renteria, St. Louis, 20; EYoung, Milwaukee, 19; Podsednik, Milwaukee, 17; CPatterson, Chicago, 16; EnChavez, Montreal, 15; Lofton, Pittsburgh, 15.

PITCHING (9 Decisions)—Willis, Florida, 8-1, .889, 2.13; HRamirez, Atlanta, 7-2, .778, 3.75; Reitsma, Cincinnati, 7-2, .778, 4.63; WWilliams, St. Louis, 10-3, .769, 3.18; Wolf, Philadelphia, 9-3, .750, 3.23; Chacon, Colorado, 11-4, .733, 4.27; RuOrtiz, Atlanta, 11-4, .733, 3.50.

STRIKEOUTS—Wood, Chicago, 144; Prior, Chicago, 134; JVazquez, Montreal, 127; Schmidt, San Francisco, 122; Nomo, Los Angeles, 112; KBrown, Los Angeles, 103; Wolf, Philadelphia, 100; Millwood, Philadelphia, 100.

SAVES—Smoltz, Atlanta, 31; Gagne, Los Angeles, 29; MiWilliams, Pittsburgh, 23; Biddle, Montreal, 22; Wagner, Houston, 22; Williamson, Cincinnati, 20; Benitez, New York, 20.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

BATTING—Mora, Baltimore, .350; ISuzuki, Seattle, .346; Garciaparra, Boston, .338; Bradley, Cleveland, .335; Blalock, Texas, .334; Mueller, Boston, .327; MRamirez, Boston, .325.

RUNS—Garciaparra, Boston, 73; CDelgado, Toronto, 72; Wells, Toronto, 69; ASoriano, New York, 69; MRamirez, Boston, 69; ISuzuki, Seattle, 63; BBoone, Seattle, 63.

RBI—CDelgado, Toronto, 92; Wells, Toronto, 80; GAnderson, Anaheim, 71; BBoone, Seattle, 70; MRamirez, Boston, 66; Matsui, New York, 63; JaGiambi, New York, 63.

HITS—ISuzuki, Seattle, 123; Garciaparra, Boston, 120; Wells, Toronto, 113; ASoriano, New York, 111; BBoone, Seattle, 106; MYoung, Texas, 105; Matsui, New York, 104; GAnderson, Anaheim, 104.

DOUBLES—Huff, Tampa Bay, 30; Mueller, Boston, 30; GAnderson, Anaheim, 30; Bradley, Cleveland, 27; Wells, Toronto, 27; Matsui, New York, 26; Catalanotto, Toronto, 26.

TRIPLES—Garciaparra, Boston, 12; CGuzman, Minnesota, 9; Baldelli, Tampa Bay, 7; Byrnes, Oakland, 6; DYoung, Detroit, 6; Crawford, Tampa Bay, 5; MYoung, Texas, 5; Rivas, Minnesota, 5; DJimenez, Chicago, 5.

HOME RUNS—CDelgado, Toronto, 28; ASoriano, New York, 22; JaGiambi, New York, 22; BBoone, Seattle, 22; Wells, Toronto, 21; ARodriguez, Texas, 21; MRamirez, Boston, 20; Thomas, Chicago, 20.

STOLEN BASES—ASoriano, New York, 25; ISuzuki, Seattle, 23; Beltran, Kansas City, 23; Crawford, Tampa Bay, 19; Baldelli, Tampa Bay, 16; ASanchez, Detroit, 15; Winn, Seattle, 15; Damon, Boston, 15; Mondesi, New York, 15.

PITCHING (9 Decisions)—Halladay, Toronto, 12-2, .857, 3.64; Loaiza, Chicago, 11-3, .786, 2.18; Meche, Seattle, 10-3, .769, 3.14; DLowe, Boston, 10-3, .769, 4.50; DWells, New York, 10-3, .769, 3.85; Sabathia, Cleveland, 8-3, .727, 3.27; JJohnson, Baltimore, 7-3, .700, 3.89.

STRIKEOUTS—Clemens, New York, 119; Mussina, New York, 106; Halladay, Toronto, 103; Colon, Chicago, 94; Loaiza, Chicago, 94; PMartinez, Boston, 93; Wakefield, Boston, 90.

SAVES—Urbina, Texas, 24; MacDougal, Kansas City, 23; Foulke, Oakland, 22; Guardado, Minnesota, 20; DBaez, Cleveland, 19; Julio, Baltimore, 18; Percival, Anaheim, 18.

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SPORTS



DISTRICT ALL-STAR CHAMPS — The Snyder 13-year-old all-stars claimed the district tournament championship after a 13-5 win over Brownfield. The team is, kneeling, Tyrrell Gilbert, Ryan Gonzales, Lance Day, front, Blaine Knipe, Quentin Shafer, Ryan Arrendando, Jesse Conner, Ryan Claxton, Brent Bollinger, back, Brooks Gafford, coach Jody Day, Dustin Murdock and coach Dwayne Murdock. (Contributed Photo)

Stehley shoots a 76

Jim "Dutch" Stehley, 79, long time Snyder resident and avid golfer, accomplished one of his lifelong goals and shot a 76 while playing with his grandson last week in Massachusetts.

Dutch played the Juniper Hills- Lakeside course in Northboro, Mass. a rolling, tree-lined, par 71 course which was a real challenge for even the youngest in the group. He birdied the first hole and went on to shoot 37/39.

His son-in-law also playing in the group remarked, "Shooting your age for the first time is a great accomplishment but then doing it while playing with your grandson makes the experience extra special. I'm glad I was there."

Major League Baseball

National League East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	53	31	.631	—
Philadelphia	47	36	.566	5½
Montreal	47	39	.547	7
Florida	44	43	.506	10½
New York	37	47	.440	16
Central Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
St. Louis	45	40	.529	—
Houston	44	41	.518	1
Chicago	43	42	.506	2
Cincinnati	40	44	.476	4½
Pittsburgh	36	46	.439	7½
Milwaukee	34	50	.405	10½
West Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
San Francisco	52	33	.612	—
Arizona	47	38	.553	5
Los Angeles	45	39	.536	6½
Colorado	45	43	.511	8½
San Diego	31	56	.356	22

Friday's Games

N.Y. Mets 7, Cincinnati 2
St. Louis 11, Chicago Cubs 8
Pittsburgh 3, Houston 2
Colorado 8, Milwaukee 6
Florida 2, Philadelphia 1
Atlanta 8, Montreal 6
Arizona 3, Los Angeles 1, 10 innings
San Francisco 8, San Diego 6

Saturday's Games

St. Louis (Morris 8-5) at Chicago Cubs (Estes 6-7), 12:15 p.m.
Arizona (Dessens 5-4) at Los Angeles (Od.Perez 4-7), 3:10 p.m.
Montreal (Vazquez 6-6) at Atlanta (Maddux 6-8), 6:05 p.m.
Houston (Saarloos 2-0) at Pittsburgh (Suppan 6-7), 6:05 p.m.
Florida (Penny 6-6) at Philadelphia (Padilla 7-7), 6:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Trachsel 7-5) at Cincinnati (Graves 4-7), 6:10 p.m.
Colorado (Oliver 5-5) at Milwaukee (Ford 0-0), 6:35 p.m.
San Francisco (Schmidt 8-3) at San Diego (Jarvis 0-2), 9:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Montreal (Drew 0-0) at Atlanta (Hampton 3-5), 12:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Heilman 0-1) at Cincinnati (P.Wilson 5-5), 12:15 p.m.
Houston (W.Miller 5-8) at Pittsburgh (D'Amico 5-8), 12:35 p.m.
Florida (Redman 6-3) at Philadelphia (Wolf 9-3), 12:35 p.m.
Colorado (Stark 0-0) at Milwaukee (Sheets 6-6), 1:05 p.m.
St. Louis (W.Williams 10-3) at Chicago Cubs (Prior 8-3), 1:20 p.m.
San Francisco (Moss 7-6) at San Diego (Lawrence 5-9), 4 p.m.
Arizona (Good 3-2) at Los Angeles (Nomo 9-7), 7:10 p.m.

American League East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	52	32	.619	—
Boston	49	35	.583	3
Toronto	47	40	.540	6½
Baltimore	38	45	.458	13½
Tampa Bay	29	55	.345	23
Central Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Kansas City	46	38	.548	—
Minnesota	44	41	.518	2½
Chicago	42	43	.494	4½
Cleveland	35	50	.412	11½
Detroit	20	64	.238	26
West Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Seattle	54	31	.635	—
Oakland	48	37	.565	6
Anaheim	43	41	.512	10½
Texas	34	51	.400	20

Friday's Games

Boston 10, N.Y. Yankees 3
Tampa Bay 4, Chicago White Sox 3
Baltimore 8, Toronto 5
Minnesota 9, Cleveland 2
Anaheim 1, Oakland 0
Kansas City 9, Detroit 8
Texas 7, Seattle 3

Saturday's Games

Boston (Mendoza 1-3) at N.Y. Yankees (Clemens 8-5), 12:15 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Loaiza 11-3) at Tampa Bay (Sosa 1-6), 5:15 p.m.
Toronto (Lidle 10-6) at Baltimore (Ponson 10-5), 6:05 p.m.
Cleveland (B.Anderson 5-6) at Minnesota (Mays 8-5), 6:05 p.m.
Detroit (Maroth 3-12) at Kansas City (Voyles 0-1), 6:05 p.m.
Seattle (Moyer 11-5) at Texas (Thomson 5-9), 7:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Ra.Ortiz 9-6) at Oakland (Harang 1-2), 8:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Boston (Burkett 6-3) at N.Y. Yankees (Pettitte 9-6), 12:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Buehrle 6-10) at Tampa Bay (Standridge 0-3), 12:15 p.m.
Toronto (Hendrickson 5-6) at Baltimore (Lopez 2-4), 12:35 p.m.
Cleveland (Stanford 0-0) at Minnesota (Radke 5-8), 1:05 p.m.
Detroit (Roney 1-2) at Kansas City (Lima 3-0), 1:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Washburn 7-9) at Oakland (Hudson 6-3), 3:05 p.m.
Seattle (Meche 10-3) at Texas (Valdes 6-5), 7:05 p.m.

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Snyder all-star earn state berths

Babe Ruth League

DENVER CITY — With a chance to take home hardware, the Snyder Babe Ruth All-Stars left nothing to chance Thursday night.

The 14- and 15-year-olds scored nine times in the top of the fifth inning to pound Lovington, 21-4, in the all-star district tournament championship game.

Snyder jumped out to a 4-0 advantage after one-half inning, Leadoff hitter Cade Simpson reached base four times, delivering an RBI on two singles.

Caleb Gutierrez drilled a two-run single in the fifth, while Eric Martinez went 3-for-3 with 3 RBI and scored four times.

Ryan Mitchell went the distance, allowing four runs on four hits while striking out four. The Snyder defense turned two double plays behind its hurler.

Every Snyder player got a hit in the contest, with Dustin Williams, Chris Smith, Orlando Vasquez and Cale Lancaster belting key base hits in the blowout.

The all-stars move on to the state tournament in Seminole next Saturday, with the first game for Snyder slated for 7:30 p.m. The opponent has not yet been determined.

13-year-old league

ABERNATHY — The 13-year-old all-stars rolled through the final obstacle Thursday at the district tournament, advancing to the state tournament in Dumus after pounding Brownfield, 13-5, in the championship game.

Brent Bollinger got the victory, going four innings while allowing two hits and fanning four.

Ryan Claxton sealed the championship, pitching the final three innings, striking out three and allowing just one hit.

Bollinger and Claxton helped themselves out at the plate, with each collecting three hits each.

Brooks Gafford, Quinten Shafer, Ryan Gonzales and Dustin Murdock also had multi-hit games, while Lance Day and Jesse Conner contributed with timely hits.

The team will play host Dumus at 3 p.m. next Saturday to kick off the state tournament.

Little League

ROTAN — After slipping past Clyde on Thursday, the 11- and 12-year-old all-stars found themselves on the short end of an old-fashioned pitchers' duel Friday, falling to Colorado City, 3-1.

Snyder hurler Rey Juarez pitched a gem, going five innings allowing three hits behind four strikeouts while not allowing an earned run. But the defense struggled in the fourth, letting three unearned runs get by.

Riley Davis' first-inning triple plated Seth Sanchez, recording the sole Snyder tally.

Benji Gutierrez and Clint Wall both singled in the fourth for the only other Snyder hits off C-City starter Jacob George, who struck out 11 including five of the last six batters he faced.

Snyder topped Clyde, 9-6, Thursday behind a six-run second inning.

Tied up at 2-all in the second, the Snyder lumber ignited. Consecutive walks to Jake Alaniz and Rance Dunn with two outs paved the way for the offensive outburst, as cleanup hitter Riley Davis hit a two-run double and Juerz followed with a run-scoring triple. Gage West plated Juarez with a single, and Gutierrez rounded out the second inning scoring with a double.

Gutierrez was 3-for-3, and Alex Hernandez added two important basehits for the team.

The squad was scheduled to play at 8 p.m Saturday night against Abilene-Key City in an elimination game.

Federer ends Roddick's run

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — As Andy Roddick walked to his chair, two sets down and headed toward elimination at Wimbledon, he could only smile in admiration at Roger Federer's play.

"He's just playing very well," Roddick said. "On a couple of points, I felt like I put in really good points and was just on the losing end of them by a long shot."

Out-serving Roddick and hitting winners from all over the court, Federer won their semifinal showdown Friday, 7-6 (6), 6-3, 6-3.

The fourth-seeded Federer, the first Swiss man to reach a Grand Slam final, will play for the title Sunday against unseeded Australian Mark Philippoussis, who overpowered No. 13 Sebastien Grosjean 7-6 (3), 6-3, 6-3.

The final pairing might result in some entertaining tennis, never a given on grass. Philippoussis' single-minded, big-swinging game, which has produced 164 aces in six rounds, will be matched against Federer's stylish all-court approach.

Federer showed he could play on grass two years ago as a precocious 19-year-old, when he ended Pete Sampras' 31-match Wimbledon winning streak. This year he has won grass, hardcourt and clay court titles, a testament to his versatility.

All that's left is the long-expected Grand Slam breakthrough.

"He's a true master of his class," three-time Wimbledon champion Boris Becker said. "He's playing tennis like they used to play — go back to Ilie Nastase.

"He can serve-and-volley at times, he can stay back, he plays the drop shot, he plays the slice, he really can play all shots. That's something we don't see that much anymore, and it's good that this kind of tennis is succeeding at Wimbledon."

For the fifth-seeded Roddick, 0-2 in Grand Slam semifinals this year, the beginning of the end came in the tiebreaker. He held a set point serving at 6-5 but put an easy forehand into the net.

Sports Briefs

Football booster club

The football booster club will meet at 7 p.m. Monday in the film room.

Ladies play day

The SCGA hosts a ladies play day at 9 a.m. each Tuesday at Scurry County golf course. Format is low score on even holes.

Boys and Girls Club football camp

The SHS football players and coaches will host a camp Tuesday and Wednesday for ages 7-14 at the Scurry County Boys and Girls Club. The first 40 to sign up receive a free t-shirt. Cost of the camp is $10, with all proceeds benifiting the Boys and Girls Club.

Hermleigh athletic physicals

All incoming sixth, ninth and 11th grade Hermleigh athletes are reminded to get a physical. Forms can be picked up at the high school and all paperwork must be completed prior to the physical.

Snyder athletic physicals

Physicals are required for students wishing to participate in SISD athletics. Those needing physicals include all incoming seventh, ninth and third-year high school students; all new students to SISD who plan to participate in athletics; any student who answered yes to questions 1, 4, 5, 6, or 7 on their medical history form; and any student who has not participates in athletics in the past.

The district will pay for physicals up until Aug. 1. With the following doctors: Raykov, Burleson, Cooper, Thompson and Wolboldt. Incoming seventh and ninth graders pick up physical forms at the doctor's office.

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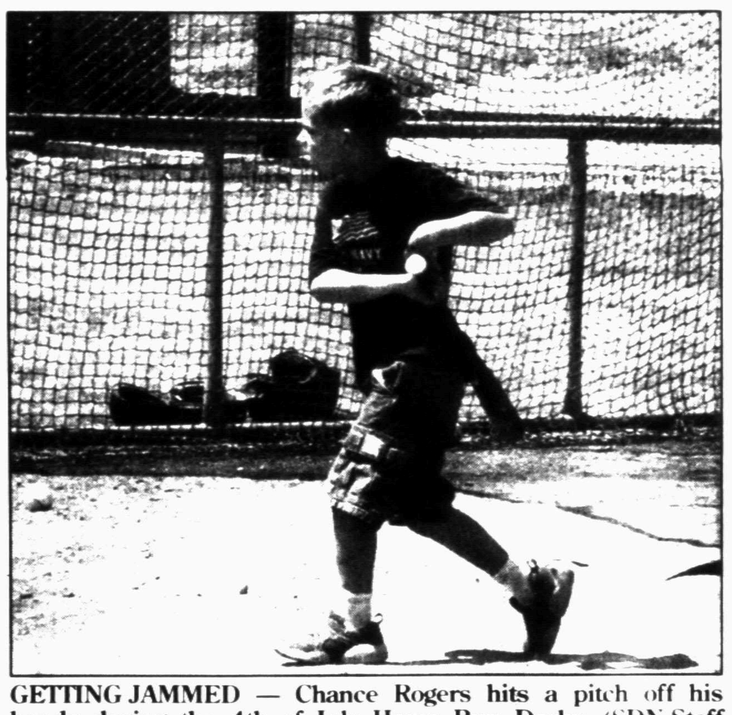
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Commissioners Court to hold a public hearing on a Drought Contingency Plan for Hermleigh Water Works at its regular scheduled meeting, to be held July 21, 2003, at 10:00 a.m. in the County Courtroom on the third floor of the Courthouse.

RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR PRIVATE CLUB REGISTRATION PERMIT
Application is filed by: Spanish Inn Club of Snyder. Location: 2212 College Avenue, Snyder, Scurry County, 79549. Mailing address: 2212 College Ave. Snyder, TX 79549. Officers: Wilbert L. Rawlings, Vice President. Chon Rodriquez II, President. Mary Ann Rodriquez, Secretary.

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By order of the Community Supervision & Corrections Department, Scurry County, Snyder, Texas. Sealed proposals will be received for: Canyon Reef TAIP Substance Abuse Treatment Services. The level of services include Intensive Residential (II) and Residential (III). RFP packets may be obtained from Arline M. Day, TAIP Coordinator, at 2511 College Ave., Snyder, TX 79549. Deadline for RFP's to be received is 5:00 P.M. July 25, 2003.

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ATTENTION: **Kim Palacios**; I have surveyed the property located at **2313 Merrill St.,** (Lot 9-10, Block 26, Boothland West Addition of the City of Snyder). I declare the structure(s) to be unsafe as defined by Ordinance No. 324 and intend to order demolition of the structure(s) on or about July 25, 2003. If no objections are received by this date the demolition order will be issued.
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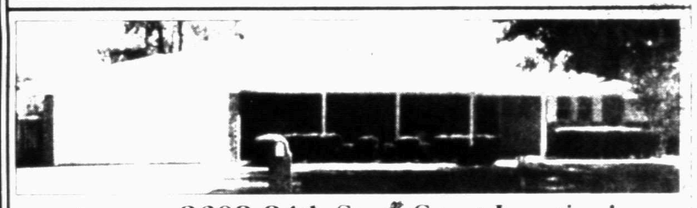
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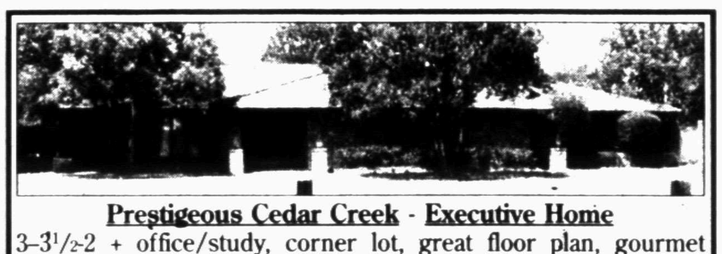
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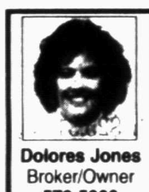
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Cute 2-1, CH/A 207 34th $20.5T
4003 Midland - Nearly new 4-2-2, open concept $80's
2908 42nd 3-2, 2 living areas .....$60's
3308 Ave. A 3-1, redone kitchen, new carpet $45T
2800 36th - Great Area - 3-1-2 .....$40's
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S. College - Excellent bldg. site, 1.61 A's $80T
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4519 Fredonia - Nice & Roomy - 3 or 4 bedrooms, 2 baths .....$80's
1508 Preston Trail - Quality & Design 3-2-2LA's Double fireplace tile floors .Call
513 34th Updated 2-1, Great rental prop. $20T
One of a kind! Custom, 2605 33rd ...Call
2274 McMullan - Mobile home site, has well $5T
1815 Garden Lane - Four lots, shop with loading area and income property $10T
1626 Pecan Farm Rd. - Pecan Farm/Approx. 800 trees, 15 acres, MH, equipment, truck ..$100T
C-City 1416 Pine St .....$6,900.
C-City 1640 Austin 3-1-cp $19T
C-City Cute & Roomy 3-1¾, great find $50's

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2476 Uvalde 3-2, brick ....Reduced $30's
Close In 4-3, 3 acres $68T
2-1-cp, pad for mobile home, on 2 acres, 912 CR 221 .....Call
1534 CR 265 20 acres, 3-1-1, barn, shop, corrals, other out buildings $80T
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Swiss Steak
Golden Carrots
Scalloped Potatoes
Tossed Salad
Oatmeal/Raisin Cookies
Tuesday
Chicken Strips w/Gravy
French Fries
Green Beans
Heavenly Hash
Brownie
Wednesday
Chicken Fried Steak
Baked Potato
Whole Kernel Corn
Carrot Raisin Salad
Jell-O Cake
Thursday
Tuna Noodle Casserole
English peas
Cauliflower w/Cheese
Tossed Salad
Pineapple Upside Down Cake
Friday
Fried Fish
Macaroni & Tomatoes
Creamy Slaw
Hush Puppies
Chocolate Pudding

Senior News

Social Security agents will be at the Senior Center at 2603 Avenue M Tuesday from 10 a.m. -noon and 1-2 p.m. Register as you enter the quilting area.

Bingo has been scheduled twice this month, July 10th and July 31. We will play from 10-11:45 a.m.

Participation in activities at the center is free, but the noon meal is a suggested donation of $2.50 per senior citizen, and for those not yet sixty the meal cost is $4 per person.

Volunteers are welcome and needed at the center. We have young people 13 and older helping with the meals-on-wheels program during the summer vacation. We need daily help in the serving line for the noon meal. Those interested in volunteering are asked to call the center for further details.

Avoid the summer heat by walking in the Travis gym just south of the Senior Center or using the treadmill here in the center.

Ask for the gym key at the Senior Center offices and use the treadmill at your own convenience. The gym and treadmill are available 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

MONDAY

Dominoes, pool, and quilting are activities that are available Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. Bridge begins at 9:30 a.m. and continues throughout the morning.

TUESDAY

Senior citizens swimnastics is great for cooling off and getting great exercise. The class is offered by Western Texas College on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10-11 a.m. A volunteer leads the class with a lifeguard on duty. There is no registration and no fee for the class or the parking.

The eighty-eight games are scheduled for Tuesday and Friday at 10 a.m., but the room is always available.

The Golden K Kiwanis invite all senior citizens to join them for their weekly meetings at noon on Tuesdays. They enjoy the noon meal followed by their program. They meet in the conference room at the senior center.

WEDNESDAY

Ladies pool begins at 9 a.m. Newcomers are welcome. A volunteer will be available to help seniors interested in learning the game. After lunch, join us in the bridge room for pinochle beginning at 1 p.m. Line dancing & clogging are canceled until further notice.

THURSDAY

Enjoy swimnastics at WTC 10-11 a.m. or join us for bingo at the center. We will play bingo at 10-11:45 a.m. The center will open at 6 p.m. for Game Night.

FRIDAY

Volunteers will be taking blood pressure readings 9:30-11 a.m. Bridge play begins at 9:30 a.m. and continues throughout the morning. Eighty-eight play begins at 10 a.m.

SATURDAY

Join us for the Community Sing at 6 p.m. at the center. Volunteers provide the music.

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Americans celebrate July Fourth holiday

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The celebrations offered snapshots of the nation at hundred year intervals: Troops coming home from Iraq hugged loved-ones for the first time in months, President Bush marked the centennial of aviation, and Americans feted the birth of their independence 227 years ago.

At Forbes Field in Topeka, Kan., parents, spouses and children of 135 National Guard soldiers, who were dispatched to Iraq five months ago, held emotional reunions.

"I'm not sure that any of us really appreciates the struggles George Washington went through in Valley Forge. This kind of personalizes those sacrifices," said Bill Burkett of Muskogee, Okla., whose daughter Stephanie was among the returning troops. Other troops came home Friday to North Carolina, Wisconsin and Maine.

Anecita Hudson, whose son was a POW in Iraq, began celebrating the holiday Wednesday at Fort Bliss, Texas, where Army Spc. Joseph Hudson and other former POWs received medals for bravery. The Hudsons were back in their hometown of Alamogordo, N.M., for the Fourth of July.

"Here in America, I really see that people are happy on the Independence Day," Anecita Hudson said. "It's really kind of overwhelming to see them all celebrating."

In Dayton, Ohio, President Bush climbed a flag-draped stage flanked by military jets to praise the work of U.S. troops and celebrate the 100th anniversary of flight in the hometown of the Wright brothers.

"Today and everyday, the people of this land are grateful for their freedom, and we are proud to call ourselves citizens of the United States of America," Bush told a cheering crowd on a tarmac at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base.

Natalie Neal, 39, of nearby West Chester, Ohio, was up before dawn to secure a place in the crowd of thousands.

"There's not a better way to spend the Fourth of July than with your military and with your president," Neal said.

In the nation's birthplace, Philadelphia leaders honored the first female Supreme Court justice, Sandra Day O'Connor, with the city's Liberty Medal for embodying the founding principles of the nation.

O'Connor also joined jazz man Wynton Marsalis, Pennsylvania Gov. Ed Rendell and others in opening the new National Constitution Center.

The duty to uphold the Constitution is shared by citizens, lawmakers, presidents and judges alike, O'Connor told a crowd outside the new museum, about three blocks from Independence Hall, where the Constitution was drafted in 1787.

"I find the system quite comforting," O'Connor said. "By spreading the responsibility to uphold the Constitution among so many, the framers enlisted a legion of defenders for their new charter."

The new $185 million center holds the first public printings of the Constitution, an inkwell Abraham Lincoln used in signing the Emancipation Proclamation and exhibits recalling the many controversies that have tested the Constitution in its history, including tickets to President Andrew Johnson's 1868 impeachment trial and a lock pick from the Watergate burglary.

Deputy shot in gun battle with motorist

LUFKIN (AP) — An East Texas sheriff's deputy was wounded and a motorist died in a gun battle during a traffic stop when a law officer's gun was seized.

Angelina County Deputy Joey Davidson was in good condition Friday evening at an area hospital with a gunshot wound to the back of the knee, according to officials with the Sheriff's Department. He was expected to be released Saturday.

Sheriff Kent Henson said Davidson stopped a motorist late Thursday on Loop 287 East and was backed up by another deputy. Davidson was interviewing the vehicle's driver alongside the road. A struggle ensued and the man "pulled one of the deputies' guns," the sheriff said.

He said the man shot Davidson in the leg and the deputy returned fire.

The motorist, identified Friday as 25-year-old Lonnie James Jefferson of Houston, was pronounced dead at the scene by Justice of the Peace R.G. Bowers. Jefferson had a Dallas County warrant on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and another in Longview for evading arrest, the Lufkin Daily News reported in Saturday editions.

The sheriff said he did not know where or how many times the motorist had been shot, but said that both weapons used were .40-caliber Glock pistols. The backup deputy did not fire any shots, he said.

"Anytime you make a stop, you never know what to expect," Henson said.

Births

Melissa amd Horacio Monterrubio announces the birth of their daughter, Cassandra Nicole Monterrubio, at 6:09 p.m. on July 2 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. Cassandra weighed seven pounds, 10 ounces.

Paternal grandparents are Federico and Paula Monterrubio of Mexico City. Maternal grandparents are Andres and Virginia Escarino of Snyder.

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Lori Chesser and Jonathan Davidson of Snyder announce the birth of their son, Kyler Blake Davidson, at 7:08 p.m. July 1 in Rolling Plains Memorial Hospital in Sweetwater. Kyler weighed seven pounds, two ounces and was 19 inches long.

Grandparents are Gary Chesser of Cleveland, Tex., Dana and Marc Doughtry of Charlotte, Tex., Sheila Davidson and Jim Meyers, both of Illinois. Great-grandparents are Clinton and Annette Chesser and Darrel and Susan Bills, all of Snyder.

Eight are arrested in Snyder

Arrests

DPS troopers arrested Milton Raymond Laughard, 36, of 205 N. Ave. W at 5:20 p.m. Thursday on U.S. 84 for possession of marijuana and cocaine.

At 7:40 p.m. Thursday, troopers arrested a 37-year-old man on U.S. 84 for outstanding warrants from Dallas County.

Snyder officers arrested a 19-year-old man in Towle Park Thursday night for numerous outstanding warrants.

Two subjects were taken into custody in the 600 block of 28th Street at 1:30 a.m. Friday. Arrested were a 21-year-old man for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated and a 24-year-old man for public intoxication.

A 34-year-old man was arrested in the 2600 block of Ave. K at 1 a.m. Saturday for public intoxication.

Officers arrested a 23-year-old woman in the 1900 block of College Ave. at 2 a.m. Saturday for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

Troopers took a 24-year-old woman into custody at 37th Street and Denison Ave. at 2:10 a.m. Saturday on a theft warrant.

Thefts

Earlene Gray Thursday afternoon reported a break-in at her residence Thursday. Officers advised an offense report for burglary of a residence would be submitted.

Adrianna Hernandez reported her wallet stolen at Beall's Thursday afternoon and a report for Class B theft was filed.

Beth Bowen Friday morning reported the theft of a bicycle from the 3700 block of Ave. V.

Disturbance

A woman called 9-1-1 at 10:40 p.m. Friday to report that someone assaulted her and tried to take her child. Officers advised a report for assault, family violence would be submitted.

Suicide threat

A woman requested officers at the Park Village apartments at 8:20 p.m. Thursday and reported that a subject had threatened suicide and was in possession of a knife.

Officers contacted a male subject and escorted him to meet with MHMR representatives. An offense report was submitted.

Criminal mischief

Snyder officers submitted an offense report for criminal mischief at 8:30 a.m. Thursday for graffiti written on a wall at Texas Finance.

At 5:30 p.m. Friday, a man reported the tires on his vehicle were slashed and a report for criminal mischief was filed.

Smoke report

A woman reported heavy smoke in a stairwell in the Park Village apartments at 10:50 p.m. Thursday and the fire department was dispatched.

A smoke bomb had been set off in the stairwell and no fire was located.

Gas drive off

A clerk at Town and Country North reported a gas drive off in the amount of $34.32 at 1 p.m. Thursday.

A drive off worth $25.31 was reported from the Allsup's in Hermleigh at 11:15 p.m. Thursday. Another drive off from that location was reported at 2:30 p.m. Friday worth $20.

A $10 gas drive off was reported from Town and Country North at 5 a.m. Saturday.

Fireworks

Dispatchers received more than 20 complaints of fireworks inside the city limits Thursday and Friday. Officers advised several people of the city ordinance against fireworks.

Obituaries

Thomas Gressett

1910-2003

MINERAL WELLS — Thomas W. Gressett, 92, died Thursday, July 3, on the 67th anniversary of his marriage to Gladys Bullard Gressett.



Mr. Gressett

Born Oct. 18, 1910 in Colorado City, he served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

Mr. Gressett was a 32nd degree Mason, member of the Scottish Rite, Moslah Shrine Temple, the Mineral Wells Lions Club and the South Side Church of Christ.

Mr. Gressett was preceded in death one week by his wife, Gladys. He also was preceded in death by 10 siblings.

Survivors include one sister, Reecie Swafford of Mansfield; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m., Monday in the White's Funeral Home Chapel in Mineral Wells. Burial will be 4 p.m. in Westbrook Cemetery in Westbrook. The family will begin receiving friends at 9 a.m. Monday prior to funeral service

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Kitty Beck

1915-2003

RALLS — Kitty Lee Beck, a native of Scurry County, died Friday, July 4, at her home in Ralls.

Funeral service for Mrs. Beck, 88, is set for 2 p.m. Sunday in the First Baptist Church with the Revs. Floyd Haddock and Ken Bevel officiating. Burial will follow in the Ralls Cemetery under the direction of Adams Funeral Home.

Born June 12, 1915 in Dunn, she married J.P. Beck on April 27, 1935 in Clovis, N.M. He died Aug. 5, 1988.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Charlotte Campbell; two brothers, Harold and David Shoemaker; two sisters, Elsie Brown and Jimmie Richardson; a granddaughter; and two great-grandsons.

Survivors include two daughters, Alice Faye Parker and Sammie Logsdon, both of Ralls; two brothers, Roy and Sam Shoemaker, both of Ralls; three sisters, Alice Wilson of Escondido, Calif., Joann Crane of Wylie and Mary Hale of Ralls; 10 grandchildren; 24-great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

THANK YOU

THANK YOU

Our precious father and husband, Kenneth Elvin Rinehart, went home to be with the Lord on June 25, 2003. During his long illness he stated several times "we have met more good people since I have been sick". We want to thank those good people and everyone who has supported our family during his illness and his passing.

Special thanks to Dr. Clint Wolboldt and his staff, the nurses who cared for him at Cogdell Hospital and at home, and the members of North College Ave. Baptist Church.

Thank you all,
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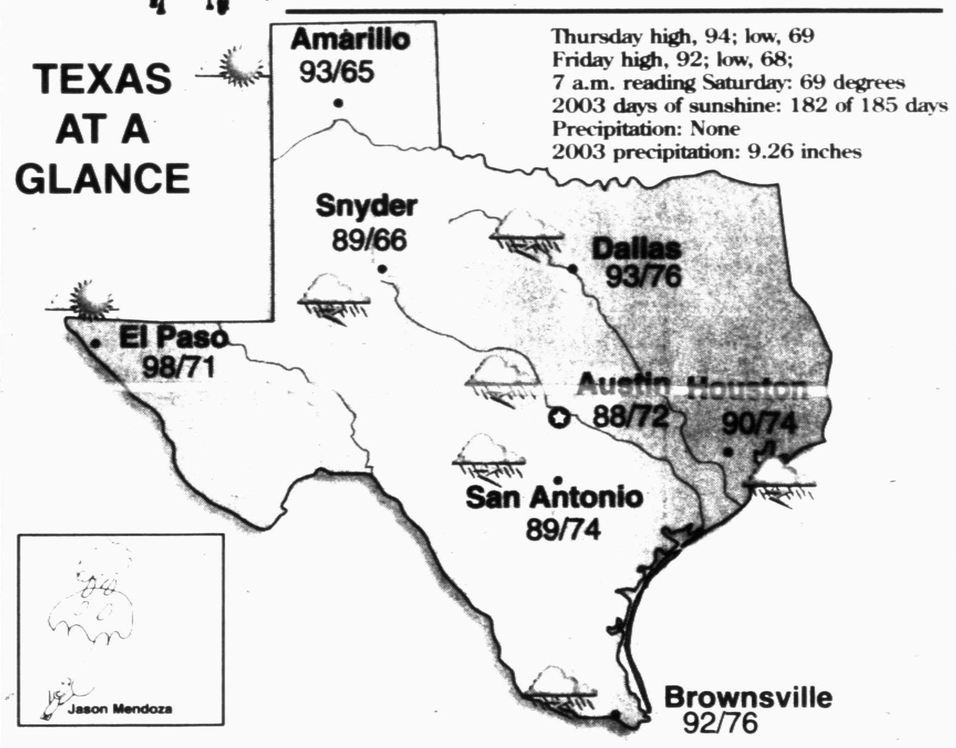
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TEXAS AT A GLANCE



Thursday high, 94; low, 69
Friday high, 92; low, 68;
7 a.m. reading Saturday: 69 degrees
2003 days of sunshine: 182 of 185 days
Precipitation: None
2003 precipitation: 9.26 inches

Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	90	70	t-storm	El Paso	98	71	mst sunny	Midland	89	68	t-storm
Amarillo	93	65	mst sunny	Fort Stockton	87	67	t-storm	Raymondville	94	74	t-storm
Austin	88	72	t-storm	Gainesville	93	72	t-storm	Rosenberg	91	73	t-storm
Beaumont	89	73	t-storm	Greenville	92	72	t-storm	San Antonio	89	74	t-storm
Brownsville	92	76	t-storm	Houston	90	74	t-storm	San Marcos	89	73	t-storm
Brownwood	92	70	t-storm	Kingsville	92	74	t-storm	Sulphur Springs	92	71	t-storm
Corpus Christi	91	76	t-storm	Livingston	91	71	t-storm	Sweetwater	90	68	t-storm
Corsicana	92	73	t-storm	Longview	92	72	t-storm	Tyler	92	74	t-storm
Dallas	93	76	t-storm	Lubbock	91	66	pt sunny	Weatherford	93	71	t-storm
Del Rio	90	75	t-storm	Lufkin	91	72	t-storm	Wichita Falls	96	72	t-storm

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	81	68	t-storm	Houston	90	74	t-storm	Phoenix	110	84	sunny
Boston	89	68	pt sunny	Los Angeles	78	62	pt sunny	San Francisco	68	54	windy
Chicago	87	70	t-storm	Miami	87	79	t-storm	Seattle	76	53	mst sunny
Dallas	93	76	t-storm	Minneapolis	88	70	pt sunny	St. Louis	92	76	mst sunny
Denver	93	61	pt sunny	New York	91	70	pt sunny	Washington, DC	90	74	t-storm

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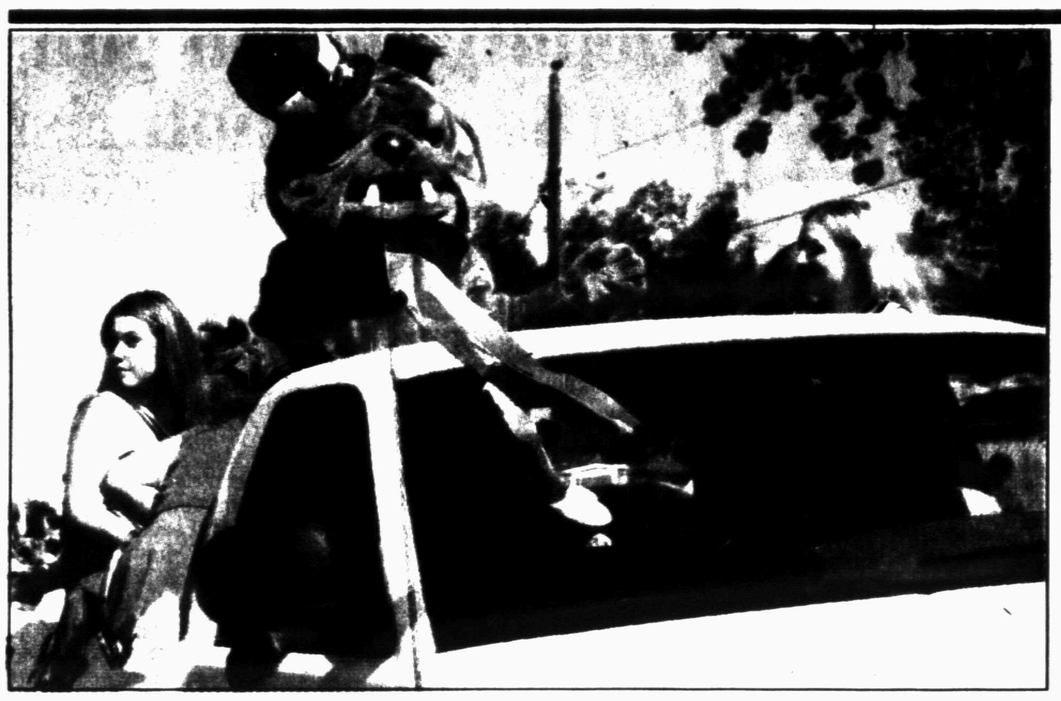
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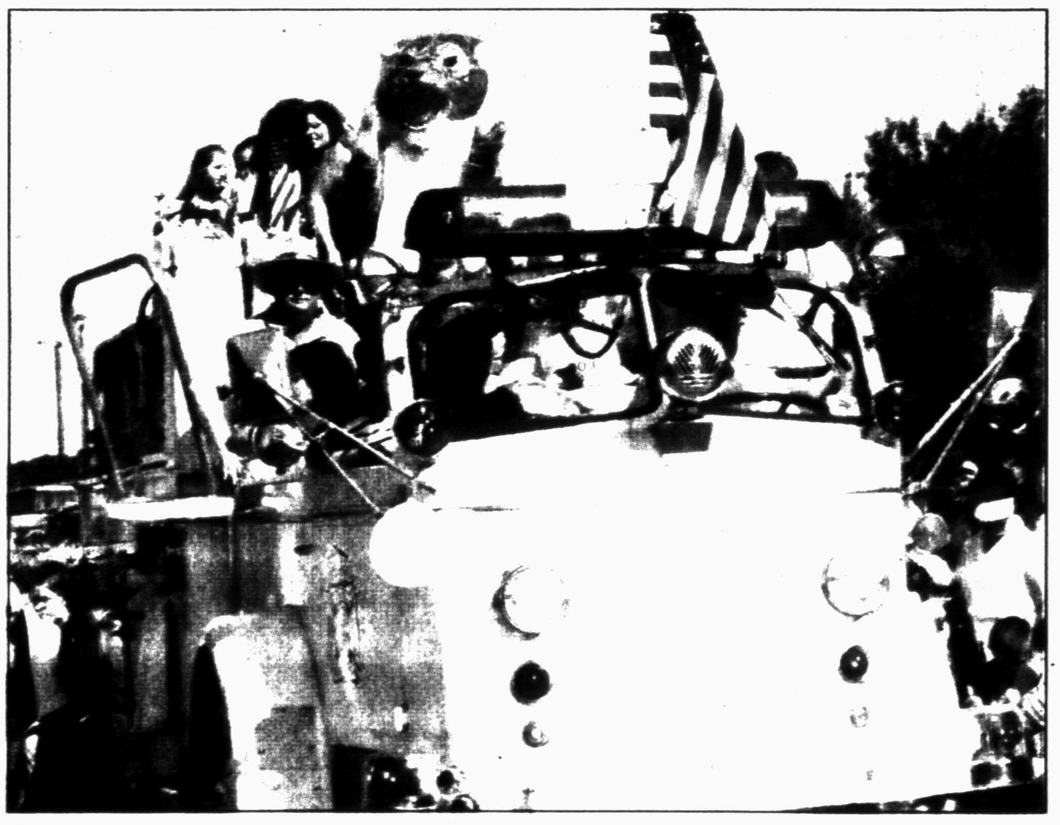
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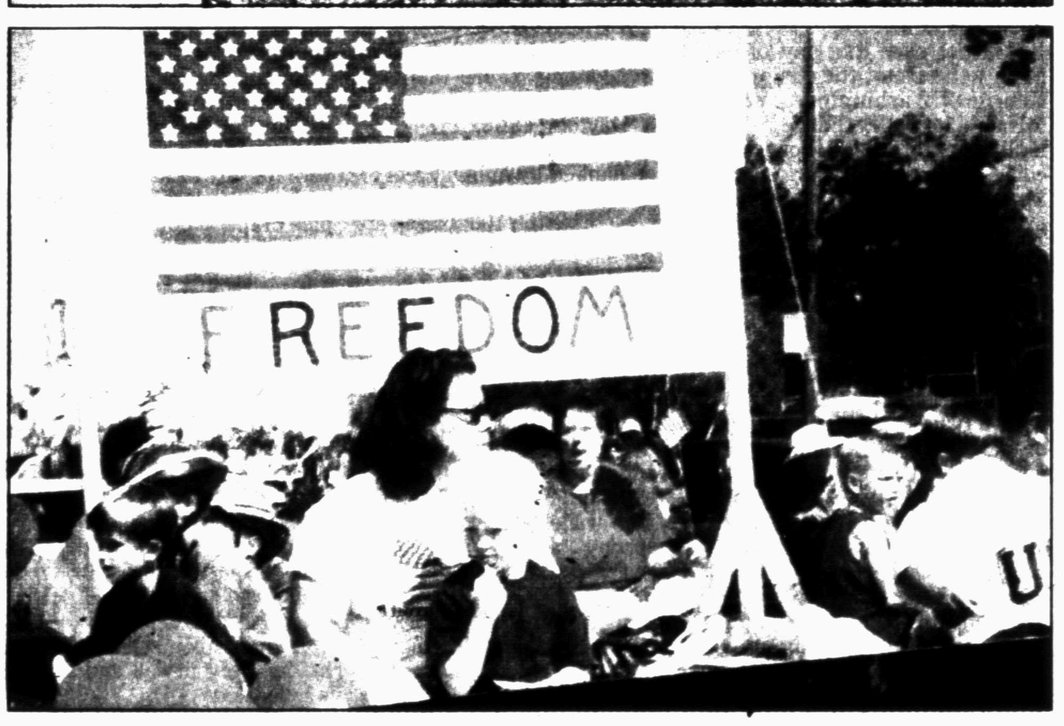
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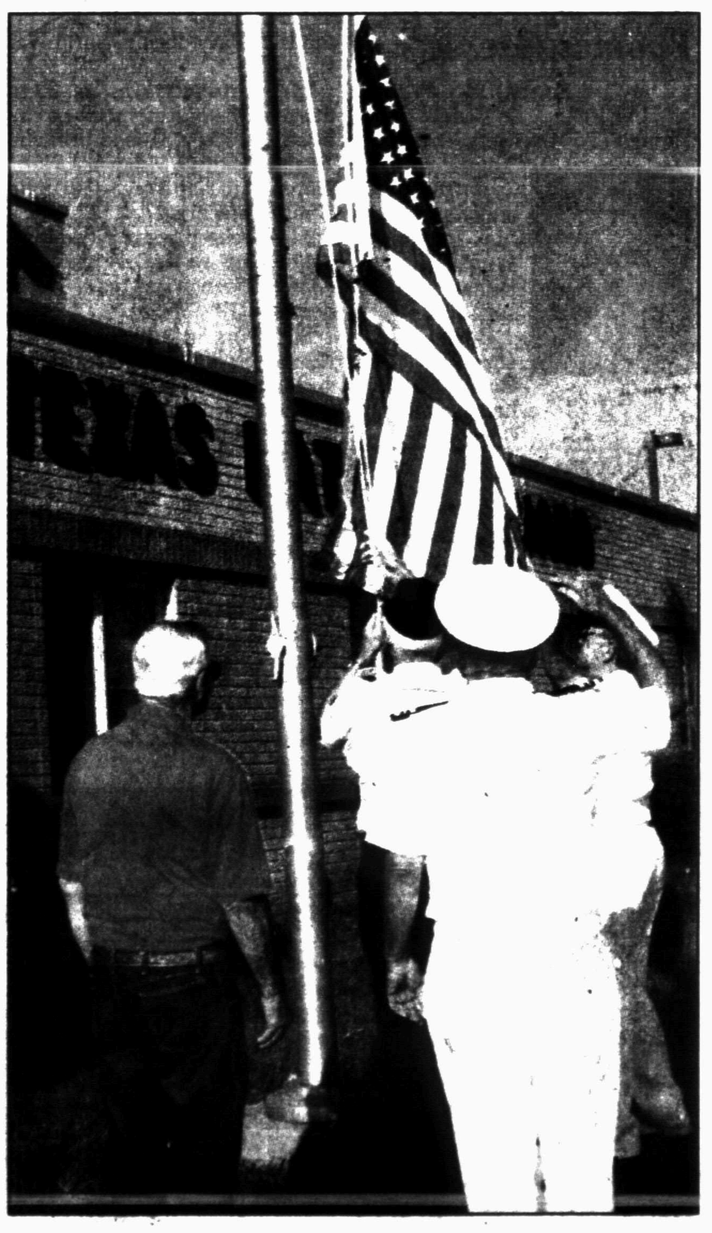
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37th St. Church of Christ celebrates its 50th year

The first services of the 37th Street Church of Christ were held July 5, 1953 at the current location, 2500 37th Street.

Prior to this, Snyder had been growing rapidly following the discovery of the Kelly-Snyder oil field in 1949, which brought a flood of new residents to Snyder and Scurry County.

As a result, Snyder's 25th Street congregation was busting at the seams. After a period when two Sunday morning worship services were necessary, the congregation was faced with the prospect of adding to the existing facilities at the 25th Street site or establishing a second congregation in Snyder.

In 1952, the decision was made by the elders of the 25th Street church to establish a second congregation. With the approval of the membership, work was begun that would lead to the formation of the 37th Street Church of Christ in western Snyder.

A site committee consisting of Claude McCormick, Earl McDow and Gordon Smith chose a location at 2500 37th Street.

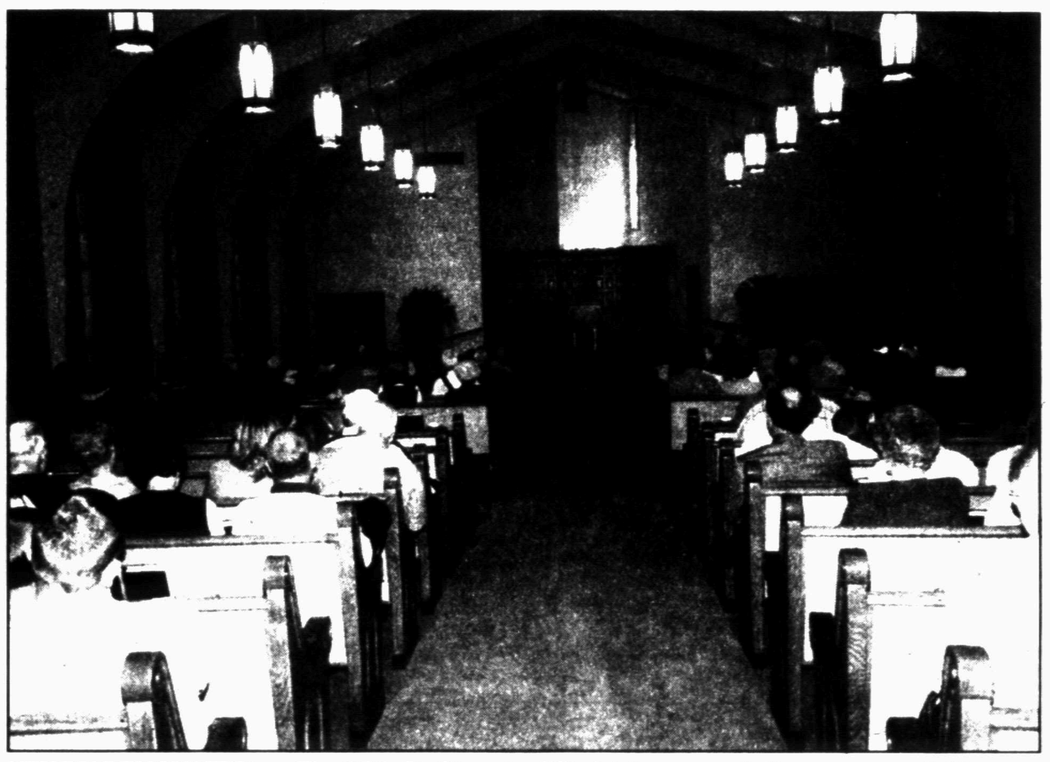
At that time seven lots were obtained in the Western Crest Addition. Next, a building committee composed of McCormick, McDow, Smith, J.L. "Broadway" Browning and John Voss was given the task of designing a building.

The committee engaged the services of architect William Collier Jr. of Abilene and ultimately awarded the contract to Paden Construction Company of Brownfield. In December 1952, construction began.

Ted Norton, the minister of the 25th Street Church, wrote in his regular column published in the local newspaper, "The 37th Street Church of Christ was instituted and supported by the church at 1411 25th Street. Any members from the 25th Street Church who desire are going to meet with the 37th Street Church."

According to an article in the Snyder Daily News on Dec. 19, 1952, cost of the building was about $130,000. Included was a 59 by 95-foot auditorium seating 400.

Also included were a small auditorium seating 75, and a group of nine classrooms on the east side. An office complex and minister's study was located on the northwest corner of the building. Also included were dressing rooms, a cry room and two groups of restrooms.



NEWLY RENOVATED — The 37th St. Church of Christ has recently been renovated. The congregation will mark the church's 50th anniversary this weekend. (Contributed Photo)

About seven months after construction began, the first worship services were conducted in the new building. An article from the Snyder Daily News described the activities planned for the day. Services began with Bible classes at 9:45 a.m. and were followed by a worship service at 10:45 in the auditorium.

That afternoon, a special service was held at 3, an open house from 4 to 6 p.m., and the 7:30 evening worship.

Warder K. Novak had been chosen as the minister of the 37th Street church and his tenure began with the first day's service. Novak and his family lived in Snyder until they decided to move to Alabama in 1954.

C. Dale Brooks followed Novak in 1955 and worked as the minister until resigning in 1961.

That year, Durward Boggs moved to Snyder and served the church until 1963. Maxie Boren was then selected to become the minister in July 1963 and served until 1966.

Pat Abbananto was then chosen to be the minister and remained in that position until 1980. Charlie Garner was the next minister, serving from 1980 until the summer of 1984.

In the fall of 1984, Randal Gray became the new minister. Gray and his family decided to move to California in 1986 and Rick Cunningham was selected as the new preacher, remaining in that position until the spring of 1988.

He was followed by Larry Mitchell who remained until 1991. That same year, Homer Anderson began as minister, serving until the summer of 2000.

In April 2001, Dale Huff was selected and continues to serve as the minister of the 37th Street Church of Christ.

Elders are qualified by examples found in the New Testament. The first men appointed elders at 37th Street were Ennis Floyd, Jude Hale, Alfred Lieb, Earl McDow and Jay Rogers.

There have only been 21 men serve as elders in the congregation's 50-year history. The number in the eldership has ranged from six to 14 and present elders are Wallace Combest, Dan Cotton, Bob Martin, Willie Masters, Eddie Peterson and Tom Stinson.

Others who have served as elders are Clifton Tankersley, Clifford Terry, Frank Taylor, Broadway Browning, Charles Anderson, E.H. "Dan" Dever, I.E. Martin, G.A. Parks, Frank Pruitt and Bob Watlington.

Deacons are special servants who minister to the congregation. The original deacons for the 37th Street congregation were Broadway Browning, Fred Moffett, Willard Paine, Gordon Smith, Clifton Tankersley and Clifford Terry.

Present deacons are James Brown, Rod Clifton, Ted Cooley, Darin Duzan, Chad Etheredge, Jay Kidd, Stewart Long, Daryl Meador, Gary Moore, Ross Preston, Rick Starnes, Tom Valentine and Perry Westmoreland.

Others who have served as deacons are Charles Anderson, John Bailey, Mike Banta, Gaylon Boyd, Lester Bryce, Shelby Coker, Wallace Combest, Dan Cotton, Gary Davis, Dan Dever, Bob Doty, Arlie Eicke, Jack Finley and Bobby Goodwin.

Others are Milton Ham, C.T. Hardegree, Mark Hill, Mike Huddleston, Mike Kerley, J.W. Key, Bill Looney, Roy McQueen, Bob Martin, George Martin, I.E. Martin and Willie Masters.

Also, Fred Moffett, Jim Morrow, Ben Murphy, Gordon Musick, Don Osborn, G.A. Parks, Frank Pruitt, John Ritchey, Tim Riggan and Mike Roemisch.

Also Roy Rosson, David Sergent, Vollie Sorrells, Kim Squires, Tom Stinson, Frank Taylor, Max Trusdell, Bob Watlington, Foy Westmoreland, Gene Williams, Walter Wright and Al Young.

The 37th Street congregation has gained the reputation of being a mission-minded church, supporting missionaries and mission efforts on many continents.

Loy Mitchell was supported for many years in Zimbabwe. Bob Haire worked in Eastern Europe and Glenn Loper was a missionary to Brazil.

Other missionaries supported were Ted Paul, Australia; Kevin Hutchins, Yugoslavia; Joe Bright, Massachusetts; Carlos Esteves, Portugal and Brazil; Billy Vanhooser, Wisconsin; Claudio Chisholm, Pescara, Italy; Arthur Puente, Equador; Bill Owens, Oregon; Marshall Swindell, Colorado; Edward Hamil, North Dakota; Jay Don Rogers, England; Ryan Rogers, Sunset School of Preaching; Tommy Blalock, Arizona. Other missionaries were Dennis Moss and Ralph Aycock.



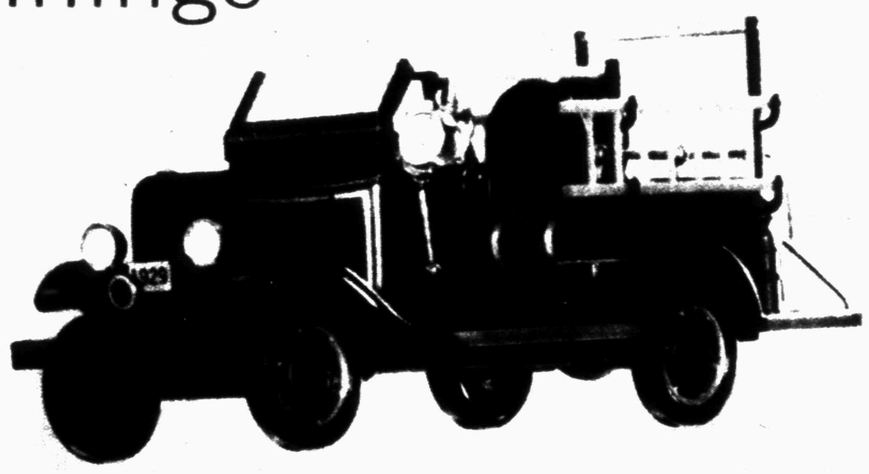
Pat Abbananto
Former minister of church

In 1976, youth of the congregation traveled to Tomah, Wisc., to help the Vanhooser family conduct a Vacation Bible School.

With the opening of the Price Daniel Unit in 1989, Bill Looney began a prison ministry that continues today and is staffed by

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new beginnings



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Noraine Agee will mark 100th birthday July 13

Noraine Agee will be 100 years old on July 17, and her family is planning a birthday party on July 13 at the Dunn Community Center.

Noraine Agee and a twin sister, Loraine, were born in Denison where they were reared and attended school. She and her twin sister were the oldest of three siblings. Their mother died when Noraine was 10 years old.

Her family moved to Snyder in 1947 from Dallas. Her father was planning to move back to Dallas when the oil boom hit Snyder and he stayed to work as a painter. They moved to Dunn in 1970.

Noraine's daughter, Doris Andrews, lives with her in the home that Noraine and her husband refurbished which took several months of work. She said they slept on cots for many weeks while getting it ready enough to move in.

Noraine said she never thought she would have a 100th birthday. Not too many years ago she crocheted, sewed and canned garden vegetables. When crocheting, she would look at the picture and assemble the item without reading the instructions. She attended the United Methodist Church.

While living in Dallas she worked at the Chase Bag Co., a garment factory, for 10 years. Her persistence prevailed when she wanted to visit family in California and her supervisor said she would not have a job when she returned. For several days after



Noraine Agee

returning, she would dress for work, arrive early and sit near the supervisors office. Finally, he told her to "just get in there and go to work."

Noraine made a trip to Oklahoma last summer to visit cousins.

Family members from Oklahoma, California, Louisiana, Virginia and several parts of Texas are expected to help her celebrate her 100th birthday.

She has four grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

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Nutrition classes will be held in July and August

During July and August, quarterly nutrition classes will be taught at the Outreach Health Services (OHS), Women, Infants and Children (WIC) clinic on ways to prevent obesity in children.

In the April issue of *Journal of the American Medical Association*, an article states that an alarming one out of seven children and adolescents in the United States is obese. This alarming trend is at least partly due to children spending increasing amounts of time on sedentary activities such as watching television, playing video games and instant-messaging their friends on computers.

Five core messages will be covered in the classes:

1. Stay active
2. Turn off the TV
3. Reduce portion sizes
4. Eat meals at regular times
5. Drink more water

Ideas for fun ways to get your child to be more active will be offered during the class, which is called "A Healthy Body Suits Me—Bring the Outside In." OHS WIC staff will teach the classes.

For more information, call the local WIC office at 573-0191.

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It takes an earthquake to remind us that we walk on the crust of an unfinished planet.

—Charles Kuralt

The Peace of Copenhagen ended the war between Sweden and Denmark in 1660.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



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	South ♠ K 10 ♥ K 10 9 ♦ Q ♣ A K Q J 10 6 4	

Dealer: West
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
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Opening lead: ♦ K

Saturday, July 5, 2003

Disasters that befall only "clever" players

By Phillip Alder

If you watch tournament players, it is astounding the disasters that can occur. This deal features one example. First, look only at the South hand. With both sides vulnerable, the player on your right opens three diamonds in the third position. What would you do?

Once you have decided, study the full deal. What would you expect the result to be in either five clubs or three no-trump after West has led the diamond king?

Over three diamonds, maybe you jumped to five clubs. That is hard to criticize. However, you would probably fail. East should overtake the diamond king with his ace. Then, when South plays the queen, East will probably take that card at face value and shift to the spade queen.

At the table, Barry Harper, from Canada, overcalled three no-trump, applying the real-men-do-not-need-stoppers principle! West led the diamond king, of course. East understandably thought that South, with the doubleton queen-two, was very lucky, finding the missing diamonds dividing 8-1. However, one would have expected East to overtake with the ace, planning to shift to the spade queen. (Then the defenders score at least 11 tricks.) But no — East signaled with the nine, the high card being discouraging in his partnership's methods. West, when he saw South's queen, concluded that declarer had Q-J-10 of diamonds and East ace-sixth. So, West shifted to the spade three! (A diamond to the ace for a spade shift by East looks much more sensible.) Then, when South ran his clubs, West pitched a couple of hearts, allowing Harper to rack up 12 tricks for plus 690. Did you guess that?

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Bridge Scores

Monte West directed bridge June 27 and July 1 at the Snyder Country Club.

Sunday, June 27

A Group

Nina Nesbit, Nona Morrison.

2. Margaret Birdwell, Durelle Gorman.

3. Christine Stuard, Betty Courtney.

B Group

Christine Stuard, Betty Courtney.

2. Pat Floyd, Margaret Dillaha.

3. Paula Gilbert, Vera McSpadden.

Tuesday, July 1

1. Linda West, Monte West.

2. Margaret Birdwell, Barbara Yorgesen.

3. Jane Hinton, Billisue Stuard.

4. Pat Floyd, Robbie Floyd.

Community Calendar

MONDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

TUESDAY

Gateway Family Services parenting discussion group, focuses on a variety of parenting issues and special challenges; no charge; call 573-1822 for more information; 10:30 a.m.

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

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

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

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

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

AA Big Book Study; closed meeting; contact numbers are 574-1292 or 573-1141; 7 p.m.

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

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

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club; 573-3733, 573-2101 or 573-1141; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

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

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EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY



Brenda and Mickey Winter
(Contributed Photo)

Couple celebrate 40th wedding anniversary

Brenda and Mickey Winter of Snyder celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary Sunday. The couple were united in marriage on July 6, 1963 at the First Baptist Church in Hermleigh where they resided and met during their youth. Brenda Hobbs Winter is the daughter of the late Carmen and Ophelia Hobbs, and William Milton (Mickey) Winter, Jr. is eldest son of the late William Milton Winter Sr. and Evlyn Winter.

They were students at Texas Tech University when they married. Brenda completed her bachelor of science degree in business education and Mickey completed his bachelor of science in mathematics. Soon afterward, Mickey earned his master of education degree from Texas Tech. The couple's first residence together was in Lubbock where Mickey taught math and also coached. Their son, Bill William Milton (Bill) Winter III, was born in Lubbock in July, 1967.

Mickey's evolving career with computer programming moved the Winter family to Garland in 1968. Their daughter, Meredith, was born in Garland in August, 1971. The family was actively involved with the Calvary Baptist Church in Garland for 19 years.

One final career move for Mickey took the Winter family to Tomball in 1987. He stayed busy with Compaq Computer Corporation and Brenda as a private legal secretary until their retirement in 1999.

Retirement to Snyder has relocated Brenda and Mickey near their roots of Hermleigh and Mickey's two brothers, Ted Winter of Snyder and Tom Winter of San Angelo.

Two busy granddaughters have kept the couple young at heart, as well as their many church activities and good friends and family.

Library News & Views

By Janie Romine, librarian

To all our summer reading program participants, we have just one week left. Remember, preschooler parents, on Monday we will have the last program and will be about nature.

The older students will have their last program on Wednesday where they and will learn about CPR from the Scurry County Health Unit.

We would like to thank Snyder Lanes & Grill, McCormick Marketing, Davidson's IGA, Town & Country Food Stores, United, Snyder One Stop and Westerner Golfland for their donations to our summer reading program. They have been very gracious in their support of your children reading this summer. Please thank these businesses when you visit their establishments.

Remember this Friday is the last day to turn in summer reading logs. It is important for all to turn in their logs on Friday so that the staff can prepare certificates and have them ready for the awards presentation on July 16, for both preschoolers and school-age children.

As you reflect on your freedom this weekend, come to the library and read about those who have earned that freedom for you.

Some of our new books include:

A Patriot's Handbook, by Caroline Kennedy, a collection of essays, speeches and poems that have shaped America.

The Words We Live By, by Linda Monk, an annotated guide to the Constitution.

More Than Petticoats, by Greta Anderson, details lives of remarkable Texas women.

These books and others will refresh your memory of the history of America, and will introduce you to historical happenings of which you may not have been aware.

No matter whether your interest is in past history or poems and essays of patriotism, you can find it at the Scurry County Library.

The library is closed on Saturday and will reopen on Monday, at 10 a.m. The staff hopes you are having a safe and enjoyable July 4th weekend.

No-talking in court

NORTH PLATTE, Neb. (AP) — Unless the judge asks you to speak up, it's best to keep quiet in Lincoln County District Court.

Judge John Murphy enforced the court's no-talking rule Tuesday by ordering three men back to jail after they were caught chatting in a jury box while waiting for their cases to be called up.

Murphy told the men they could wait in jail until they learned to behave themselves in a courtroom.

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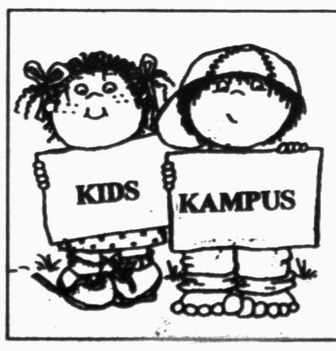
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AUGUST WEDDING SET — Ramon and Rosa Valadez, announce the engagement of their daughter, Cecilia Valadez, to Johnny Pena, son of Juan and Mary Pena. Cecilia and Johnny are planning a 3 p.m., Aug. 9 wedding to be held in St. Elizabeth Catholic Church. (Contributed Photo)



NEW, PAST PRESIDENT — Cliff Shiller, left, turns the gavel over to Snyder Lions Club president Ted Crenwelge. Other officers include Peggy Vernon, vice president; Jean Steakley, secretary, and Mac McCown, treasurer. Joe Hargrove, District 2T2 Governor from Crosbyton, installed officers. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Publisher's Weekly best sellers

HARDCOVER FICTION

1. "The Da Vinci Code" by Dan Brown (Doubleday)
2. "The Lake House" by James Patterson (Little, Brown)
3. "White Death: A Novel from the NUMA Files" by Clive Cussler with Paul Kemprecos (Putnam)
4. "The Devil Wears Prada" by Lauren Weisberger (Doubleday)
5. "The Lovely Bones" by Alice Sebold (Little, Brown)
6. "The Guardian" by Nicholas Sparks (Warner)
7. "The Face" by Dean Koontz (Bantam)
8. "The King of Torts" by John Grisham (Doubleday)
9. "The Dogs of Babel" by Carolyn Parkhurst (Little, Brown)
10. "Naked Prey" by John Sandford (Putnam)

NONFICTION/GENERAL

1. "Living History" by Hillary Rodham Clinton (Simon & Schuster)
2. "The South Beach Diet" by Arthur Agatston, M.D. (Rodale)
3. "Treason" by Ann Coulter (Crown)
4. "The Purpose-Driven Life" by Rick Warren (Zondervan)
5. "Atkins for Life" by Robert C. Atkins, M.D. (St. Martin's)
6. "Moneyball: The Art of Winning an Unfair Game" by Michael Lewis (Norton)
7. "A Short History of Nearly Everything" by Bill Bryson (Broadway)
8. "The Teammates" by David Halberstam (Hyperion)
9. "The Essential 55" by Ron Clark (Hyperion)
10. "Beyond Belief: The Secret Gospel of Thomas" by Elaine Pagels (Random House)

MASS MARKET PAPERBACKS

1. "Dr. Atkins New Diet Revolution" by Robert C. Atkins (Avon)
2. "The Beach House" by James Patterson, Peter de Jonge (Warner)
3. "Eleventh Hour" by Catherine Coulter (Jove)
4. "To Sir Phillip, with Love" by Julia Quinn (Avon)
5. "Tom Clancy's Op-Center: Sea of Fire" Created by Tom Clancy & Steve Pieczenik, written by Jeff Rovin (Berkley)
6. "Standing In the Rainbow" by Fannie Flagg (Ballantine)
7. "Angels and Demons" by Dan Brown (Pocket)
8. "Nerd in Shining Armor" by Vicki Lewis Thompson (Dell)
9. "Fire Ice" by Clive Cussler with Paul Kemprecos (Berkley)
10. "Hard Eight" by Janet Evanovich (St. Martin's)

TRADE PAPERBACKS

1. "East of Eden" by John Steinbeck (Penguin)
2. "The Secret Life of Bees" by Sue Monk Kidd (Penguin USA)
3. "Seabiscuit: An American Legend" by Laura Hillenbrand (Ballantine)
4. "Three Junes" by Julia Glass (Anchor)
5. "The No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency" by Alexander McCall (Smith Anchor)
6. "Life of Pi" by Yann Martel (Harcourt/Harvest)
7. "The Nanny Diaries" by Emma McLaughlin & Nicola Kraus. (St. Martin's/Griffin)
8. "Bookends" by Jane Green (Broadway)
9. "Dr. Atkins' New Carbohydrate Gram Counter" by Robert C. Atkins, M.D. (M. Evans)
10. "Self Matters" by Phillip C. McGraw (Free Press)

Neon sign prohibited

BOCA RATON, Fla. (AP) — A new kind of Krispy Kreme shop is coming this way, but it might not be as easy to be first in line for those tasty pastries.

It'll be the franchise's first without the trademark neon sign telling customers when fresh doughnuts emerge.

The 66-year-old company was forced to forego its neon sign in deference to a long-standing city law that prohibits exposed neon signs.

Instead, Krispy Kreme, based in Winston-Salem, N.C., is designing its first non-neon illuminated sign to light up when doughnuts are rolled out.

Staff attorney writes jokes for night job

BAY CITY, Mich. (AP) — Sylvia Linton finds plenty of fodder for her night job while serving as staff attorney for a local judge.

When she isn't researching and writing legal opinions for Bay County Circuit Judge Lawrence M. Bielawski, Linton is brainstorming and writing jokes.

She made her third local appearance Saturday at the Split-a-Gut Comedy Club, across from the county courthouse.

"People just connect with her," club manager Lee Reardon told The Bay City Times for a Wednesday story. "She's got the Polish humor, the local jokes, and people just love her."

While there's no shortage of lawyer jokes out there, Linton also mines the crime docket for material.

On Saturday, she poked fun at the would-be robber who held up the business where he worked. While his face was masked, he wore his uniform — complete with name tag — during the heist.

Then there was the bank robber who targeted his local branch, and wrote the stickup note on his own deposit slip.

"It's all true," Linton shrugs.

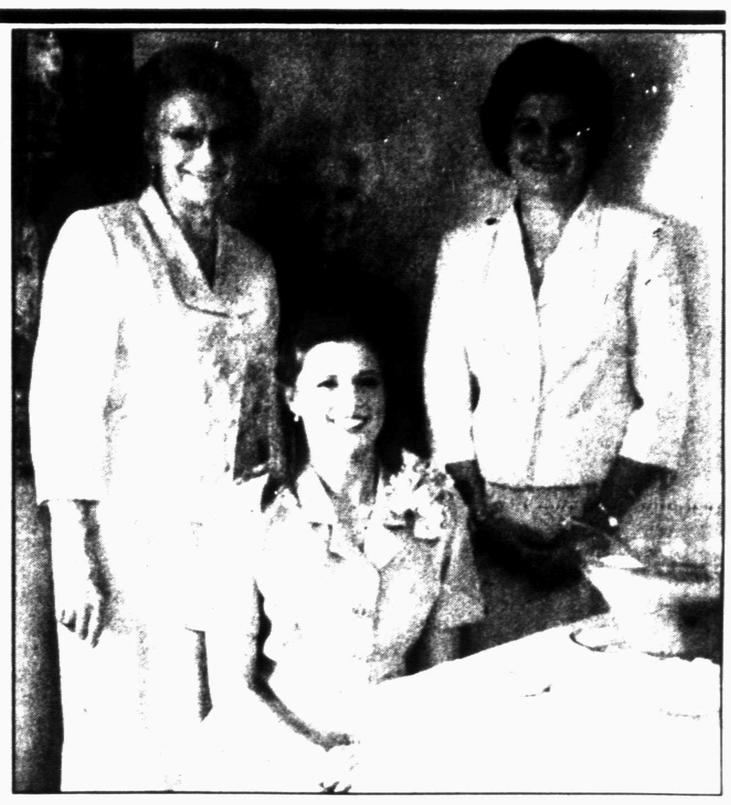
Linton, 43, first took her knack for humorous storytelling before an audience in February at a talent night event put on by the Bay County Bar Association.

"I love telling jokes, and I've done it for years," Linton said.

Births

Dylan Cade Henry was born to Jimmy and Ashley Henry of San Angelo at 10:33 a.m. on June 26 in the San Angelo Community Hospital. He weighed six pounds, 13 ounces.

Grandparents are Tommie and Nell Henry of Hermleigh and Steve and Kathy Johnson of Austin. Great-grandmother is Irene Hudgins of Hermleigh.



WEDDING SHOWER HELD — Tamara Cox, bride-elect of Dr. James Hanks, was honored at a bridal shower July 1. She is shown seated and standing are June Schwartz, her maternal grandmother from Loraine; Dorothey Norwood, the prospective groom's mother from Snyder; and Dolores Cox, the future bride's mother from Allen. The couple will marry at 3 p.m., July 26 in the First Baptist Church. (Contributed Photo)

Top five TV shows, films, albums and tours

By The Associated Press

TELEVISION

1. "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation," CBS.
2. "Without a Trace," CBS.
3. "CSI: Miami," CBS.
4. "Law & Order," NBC.
5. "Law & Order: Special Victims Unit," NBC.

(From Nielsen Media Research)

FILMS

1. "Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle," Sony.
2. "The Hulk," Universal.
3. "Finding Nemo," Disney.
4. "28 Days Later," Fox Searchlight.
5. "2 Fast 2 Furious," Universal.

(From Exhibitor Relations Co.)

HOT FIVE

1. "This Is the Night," Clay Aiken. RCA.
2. "Flying Without Wings," Ruben Studdard. J.
3. "Crazy in Love," Beyonce (feat. Jay-Z). Music World.
4. "Magic Stick," Lil' Kim (feat. 50 Cent). Queen Bee.
5. "21 Questions," 50 Cent (feat. Nate Dogg). G-Unit.

(From Billboard magazine)

ALBUMS

1. "After the Storm," Monica. J.
2. "Dance With My Father," Luther Vandross. J.
3. "St. Anger," Metallica. Elektra.
4. "Hail to the Thief," Radiohead. Capitol.
5. "Bare," Annie Lennox. J.

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CONCERT TOURS

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37th St. Church of Christ turns 50

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volunteers from the congregation.

To date, 284 inmates have obeyed the gospel as a result of this work. Some men of the congregation envisioned the need for a chapel for worship at the Price Daniel unit, and 37th Street spearheaded a fund-raising campaign that resulted in the completion of a chapel on April 13, 1996 at a cost of $191,826. Dedication of the chapel was held May 2, 1996.

Other current work includess Tex Williams in the World Bible School and Mike Tackett in the internationally-broadcast "Keys to the Kingdom" TV program.

"Five Minutes with the Master," is aired daily on KSNY Radio. In addition, the congregation assists the Spanish Church of Christ in Snyder; Robert Martinez, Victoria School of Preaching in Mexico; the Mutare School of Preaching in Zimbabwe; and the School of Preaching in Quito, Equador.

Early in the history of 37th Street, a minister's house was built on the northeast corner of the property. The church building has been expanded over the years. The auditorium was enlarged in 1969 to seat an additional 200. In the 1960s, additional classrooms were built, bringing the total of 18.

During a remodeling in 1982, a Family Center was added on the northwest side of the property.

In 2002, a committee was formed to assess the conditions and needs of the church building. This resulted in major renovations that have taken place in the past several months. In addition to the contract work, members volunteered their time, talent and financial resources to complete the renovation.

Current church membership is about 345 that represents 180 families. The congregation has a weekly budget of $6,204.63. During 2003, the average contribution has been $6,241.98. Average attendance for Bible class is 160 and morning worship is 260. Average Sunday evening worship is 161 and average Wednesday night attendance is 132. Each area is showing growth from previous years.

As the congregation looks to the future, members hope to continue to build on the past, looking to God for leadership in efforts to fulfill the great commission of Matthew 28: 19-20: "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I will be with you always, to the very end of the age."

(Contributors to this church history were Gary and Lesa Moore, Bobbie Taylor, Aline Parks and Irene Master.)

Public Records

Marriage License

Scott Lee Stout and Terry Lynn Munoz, both of Snyder.

Kenny Dean McJimsey of Snyder and Leticia Anne Bevills of Abilene.

Action in District Court

Wendy Varela, individually and surviving spouse of Christopher Varela, and as next friend of Michael Varela, William Varela and Elizabeth Varela, minors, vs. Aztec Enterprises Inc., order of dismissal without prejudice.

Filed in District Court

Wendy Varela, individually and surviving spouse of Christopher Varela, and as next friend of Michael Varela, William Varela and Elizabeth Varela, minors, vs. Aztec Enterprises Inc., suit for damages (refiling).

Deed Records

Loyd Edward and Mary Jane Raschke to Pamela J. Naegele, Lot 25 and the east 10 feet of Lot 24 in Block 2 of the Park Place Addition.

Dannie G. Pierce to Doris M. Hook, the west 60 feet of Lot 2 in Block 70 of the Grayum and Nelson 2nd Addition.

Richard W. Sumruld to Grimmett Bros. Inc., 3.639 acres in the subdivision of Block 13 of the Cody Addition.

Sharon Bynum Hillis to Clarence and Earline Payne, tract one being the east 60 feet of the west 120 feet of Lot 2 in Block 73 of the Grayum and Nelson Heights 2nd Addition; tract two being the west 30 feet of Lot 1 and the east 30 feet of Lot 2 in Block 73 of the Grayum and Nelson Heights 2nd Addition.

Frances Oma Farmer to Billy D. Jones, Lot 3 in Block 4 of the Highlands Addition.

Roy L. and Karen G. Idom to Enis and Susan Ortiz, the south 48 feet of Lot 22 and the north 33 feet of Lot 22 in Block 4 of the Park Place Addition.

Jimmie Ken Spence, independent executor of the estate of Ona Mae Spence, to Jimmie Ken Spence, tract one being all the northwest one-quarter of Section 160, Block 3, H&GN survey; tract two being 161.375 acres in the southwest one-quarter of Section 160, Block 3, H&GN survey; tract three being the northeast one-quarter of Section 16, Block 3, H&TC survey.

Swartz and Brough Inc. to Delia Asebedo, Lot 2 in Block 4 of the Parkway Addition, Section 1.

Vision Makers Inc. to Thomas L. Martin, Lot 5 in Block 11 of the Original Town of Snyder.

Veterans Land Bank of Texas to Gary Leroy and Dianne Lou Harrison, 52.983 acres in the north one-half of Section 666, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Molly C. Kattes, individually and as attorney-in-fact for David H. Kattes, to Cielo Land and Cattle Co., the southwest one-quarter of Section 151, Block 97, H&TC survey.

New study finds far reaching sources for haze in Big Bend

EL PASO (AP) — Part of the blame for the haze increasingly obscuring Big Ben National Park's wide open vistas may fall to sources as diverse as the Sahara Desert and East Coast power plants.

"I guess the theme that keeps showing up ... is that there isn't hardly anybody who isn't responsible for the pollution at Big Bend," said Mark Scruggs, the National Park Service's assistant chief for the Air Resources Division, located in Lakewood, Colo.

The findings are from a preliminary analysis of data collected in 1999 as part of a multi-agency study. Researchers declined to discuss the study in more detail until all parts are completed later this summer.

A significant part of the park's pollution comes from coal-fired power plants in the eastern United States, including the Ohio River Valley, researchers involved with study said. Nearby power plants in Mexico may have less of an effect than previously thought, they said.

The amount of pollution traveling from the eastern United States "is something we're surprised about," said the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's James Yarbrough, a lead researcher.

Pollution appears to be transported from the eastern United States over the Gulf of Mexico and then along the Texas/Mexico border into the park.

Two Mexican power plants, Carbon I and Carbon II near Piedras Negras in Coahuila, were earlier identified as major sources of sulfates that cause most of the problem. Although the plants meet Mexican air quality standards, they haven't been equipped with controls for sulfur-dioxide emissions required in the United States.

"We're not saying Carbon I and Carbon II are exonerated," Yarbrough said.

Dust from the Saharan Desert may add to the haze but a fact sheet released earlier indicates it's not a major contributor.

For the past four years, scientists have used computer models and other methods to analyze air quality data collected between July and October 1999. Scruggs said visibility at the park is worst during those months.

The Big Bend Regional Aerosol and Visibility Observational Study, or BRAVO, is a combined effort between the EPA, the National Park Service and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

Parks in the eastern United States have worse visibility problems, Scruggs said, but Big Bend "has shown a significant degrading trend."

So far, the visibility problems don't seem to hinder visitation, said Vidal Davila, Big Bend chief director of science and resource management.

But, people notice.

Jack Lamkin, a former president of the Friends of Big Bend National Park, first visited the park in 1956 on his honeymoon.

"We went up on the South Rim and the saying then was you could see three days into Mexico," Lamkin said. "I don't know if that was by horseback or by jet plane, but you could see a long way."

Now, visibility is "tremendously impaired," said Lamkin, who lives north of the park in Marathon.

"It's gotten worse, not overnight, but it's been gradually taken away from us," Lamkin said. "If it had happened overnight, there would be a tremendous uproar. People would be beating down the doors of government to cure it."

Date Books

Saturday, July 5, 2003

Today is the 186th day of 2003 and the 15th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1776, the first copies of the Declaration of Independence, now called the "Dunlap Broadsides," were distributed by John Hancock to the New Jersey and Delaware legislatures.

On this day in 1935, the the Wagner Act was signed into law, guaranteeing workers the right to organize and bargain collectively with their employers. The National Labor Relations Board was created by the Act as an enforcement agency.

On this day in 1946, French designer Louis Reard presented the bikini to the public at a fashion show in Paris.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: P.T. Barnum (1810-1891), showman and entrepreneur; Jean Cocteau (1889-1963), writer and filmmaker; Henry Cabot Lodge Jr. (1902-1985), U.S. politician; Huey Lewis (1950-), musician, is 53; Edie Falco (1963-), actress, is 40.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1989, Mark McGwire hit his 100th home run.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The extreme limit of wisdom, that's what the public calls madness." — Jean Cocteau

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (June 29) and first quarter (July 6).

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Sunday, July 6, 2003

Today is the 187th day of 2003 and the 16th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1785, the name "dollar" was chosen for U.S. currency.

On this day in 1854, the Republican Party was formally organized at a state convention in Jackson, Mich, wherein the name "Republican" was adopted..

On this day in 1923, the Soviet Union was officially established.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: John Paul Jones (1747-1792), U.S. naval hero; Merv Griffin (1925-), entertainment mogul, is 78; the Dalai Lama (1935-), Tibetan Buddhist leader, is 68; Janet Leigh (1927-), actress, is 76; Sylvester Stallone (1946-), actor, is 57.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1957, Althea Gibson became the first African-American tennis player to win Wimbledon.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "I have not yet begun to fight." — John Paul Jones

TODAY'S MOON: First quarter (July 6).

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Court asked to overturn ruling on personal right to own gun

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court is being asked to overturn an appeals court ruling that said the Constitution does not guarantee people a personal right to own a gun.

The court's past rulings on Second Amendment gun rights — many in the 1800s — are a mess that should be straightened out when the justices return from their summer break, an appeal being filed Thursday at the court said.

The appeal relates to one of two closely watched cases from the liberal-leaning 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco. The high court will also decide later this year whether to review a 9th Circuit ruling that banned teacher-led reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance in public schools because of the phrase "under God."

The gun case includes an unlikely group of challengers — not the National Rifle Association or other organized groups, but some rugby teammates and friends. They include a police SWAT officer, a Purple Heart recipient, a former Marine sniper, a parole officer, a stockbroker and others with varied political views. They had sued the state over laws banning high-powered weapons.

"Citizens need the Second Amendment for protection of their families, homes and businesses," their attorney and rugby teammate, Gary Gorski of Fair Oaks, Calif., wrote in the appeal of a ruling that upheld California's assault weapons ban.

The Second Amendment states, "A well regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed."

The 9th Circuit panel said the amendment's intent was to protect gun rights of militias, not individuals. A more conservative appeals court in New Orleans has ruled that individuals have a constitutional right to guns.

Eugene Volokh, a constitutional law professor at the University of California, Los Angeles, said the Supreme Court's record on the Second Amendment is thin and odds are against the justices taking the case.

"The court hasn't jumped into it since 1939," he said. "At some point the Supreme Court will want to make sure it is interpreted consistently throughout the nation."

The case brings a politically charged issue to the court just before the presidential election. If justices agree to hear the case, it will be scheduled for argument next year.

Last year, gun-control advocates were dismayed by the Bush administration's endorsement of individual gun-ownership rights, in a filing at the Supreme Court that effectively reversed long-standing federal government policy on interpreting the Second Amendment.

The administration could weigh in now in this case. Mathew Nosanchuk, litigation director for the pro-gun control Violence Policy Center, said it's better strategy for the White House to steer clear of the issue. The California case involves a state assault weapons ban, and there is controversy over whether Congress should renew a federal assault weapons ban next year.

President Bush has said he supports extending the federal ban, but sentiment is strong in the GOP-controlled Congress to let the ban expire and Bush has not put much energy into efforts to extend it.

Some advocates on both sides probably want the justices to decline to review the 9th Circuit ruling, said gun rights attorney Stephen Halbrook. "It's a wild card. You really can't read where they'll go."

He also said the case is complicated because it involves questions about state authority to undercut gun rights and whether the challengers had standing to sue the state.

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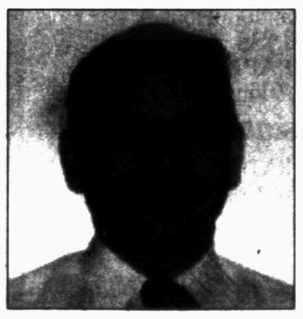
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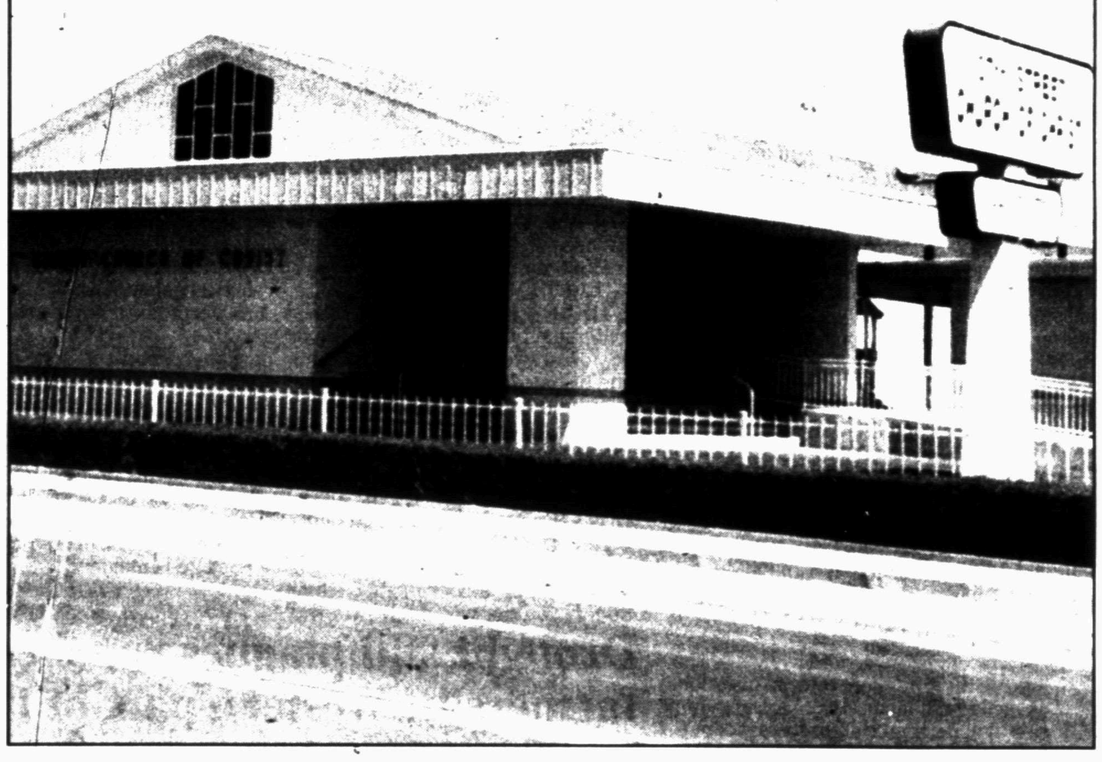
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9:30 - 10:15 am	Bible Class at building
10:30 - 11:30 am	Worship Service at Building, Maxie Boren, speaker
12:00	Meal provided at Scurry County Coliseum (Barbecue with trimmings)
1:30 pm	Singing
2:00 pm	Worship Service, Dale Huff, speaker at Scurry County Coliseum
6:00 pm	Communion Service at 37th Street building

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Statue of Liberty is sacred to caretaker

NEW YORK (AP) — When Charlie DeLeo prays, he is closer to heaven than many people — more than 300 feet above New York Harbor, atop the Statue of Liberty.

"She's my chapel, a sacred place," says the 55-year-old DeLeo. "I often say my prayers up there. I pray that all countries would enjoy the same freedom I have in America."

For 27 years, DeLeo worked as maintenance man for the statue that welcomed millions of immigrants to America, including his grandparents from Sicily and Greece. But even after his retirement in 1999, he could not stay away from "The Lady" — his name for the monument he has scaled about 2,500 times.

Now a volunteer, DeLeo keeps coming back. He has climbed the statue's inside girders to paint her crown, scaled her copper skin and rescued injured seagulls that crashed into the windows. He has replaced the floodlights that illuminate the 24-carat gold-leaf flame, and cleaned the crown's 25 windows and seven spikes.

And in addition to taking about 1,000 people up on official visits, he confesses, he sneaked in another 1,000 to enjoy a view of the New York skyline.

In the 1970s, he watched the new World Trade Center rising into the sky. On Sept. 11, 2001, from Lady Liberty's crown, he saw the twin towers collapse.

"I looked up and saw the second plane flying right over Liberty's torch, very low," he recalls. "The north tower was already on fire. Seconds later, the south tower exploded into a fireball. And I thought, The Lady is next."

Liberty still stands, though high on the list of potential terrorist targets. After the attack, Liberty Island was closed to tourists for 100 days. The statue itself remains off-limits, and visitors boarding ferries to the island must pass through airport-type security.

Although DeLeo retired from the National Park Service four years ago, he still spends most days on Liberty Island.

"He's a wonderful, warm person. He doesn't just say hello, he says, 'Hi, how are you?' — and he really wants to know," says Brian Feeny, a National Park Service official.

Hours change for Red Cross

ODESSA — To better serve the public the American Red Cross office in Odessa is implementing new office hours.

Changes include Mondays — 8:30 a.m.-noon and 1-5 p.m.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Man with two lovers faces double trouble

DEAR ABBY: After a six-year relationship with my boyfriend, "Rudy," I have learned that he's been shacking-up with another woman. I am devastated.

I was sometimes suspicious about Rudy's living situation. He told me he was renting a room from his longtime friend, "Lorna," but I was never invited in. Rudy's explanation was that since it wasn't his home, he didn't feel comfortable having company.

You guessed it, Abby. Lorna, the "longtime friend," turned out to be my Rudy's lover. The way I found out was humiliating. Last Sunday, I dropped by to visit him because he had told me on the phone the night before that he had the stomach flu. When I rang the doorbell, an older man opened the door and identified himself as Lorna's father.

When I asked if I could come in and see Rudy, the old man told me that Lorna and Rudy were away on a Caribbean cruise. My jaw dropped. When I introduced myself as Rudy's girlfriend, and my 15-month-old as Rudy's child, HIS jaw dropped.

How could the man I love, the father of our precious baby, have pulled off this double life? I'm hurt and angry, but I know I must pull myself together for my daughter. How will I control myself when that two-timer has the nerve to show his face at my door? Can you give me some advice? — **TWO-TIMED IN BOSTON**

DEAR TWO-TIMED: Your boyfriend is an accomplished user. He has taken advantage of you and Lorna, too — so please don't think you are alone in your situation. What you say to him when he shows up is up to you. Fortunately, you have some time to prepare your speech. I'm sure it will be a dilly.

Before you do, however, it is imperative that you consult a lawyer and establish child custody rights and a support payment schedule for the benefit of your little girl. Let's hope that Rudy is willing to be a more responsible father than he has been a boyfriend.

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DEAR ABBY: I look at myself and wonder how I got here. I am almost 23 and feel like a blank slate. When I was in high school, I had a 3.8 GPA. I had drive and purpose and knew exactly where I was headed.

Now I am tired all the time. College has taken a toll on me. I am overweight, a "C" student, and completely burned out. I've held a couple of part-time jobs, but nothing that excites me. I am at a crossroads. I have no idea where to go from here.

I have a few acquaintances, but no close friends. Boredom and loneliness fill my days. What do I do? Start over and try to fix things? I don't know whether to take time off from college or continue to grin and bear it. Maybe I should just lie down and die.

All I know is I'm tired of feeling like I have nothing to offer anyone. I am not happy with the road I've chosen, but don't know what other avenue to take. Abby, what can I do to feel alive again? — **CO-ED IN CENTRAL CALIFORNIA**

DEAR CO-ED: You are exhibiting signs of depression. Go to the student health center and tell them exactly how you are feeling. Once you are treated — medically and/or psychologically — find out if your school offers career counseling. It will help you to understand where your strongest attributes lie and what your alternatives are.

You are clearly bright and success-oriented. Many people have more than one career in a lifetime. Select something you enjoy — something that stimulates your creativity and makes you feel good about yourself. I guarantee you'll discover you have much to contribute — and much to live for. Let me hear from you in three months. I care.

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(Editors: For editorial questions, please contact Alan McDermott at amcdermott@amuniversal.com.)

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DEAR ABBY: I am a 29-year-old married woman, and I dearly love my husband and child. However, I think I've fallen head over heels for my "first love" (I'll call him Cliff) all over again.

I recently ran into Cliff at the hardware store, and after talking a while, we went riding around in his car — just like we did when we were in high school. Then we parked and started making out.

Cliff confessed that for the past 10 years he's felt HE was meant to be my husband, and letting me go was the biggest mistake of his life. The terrible thing is, now I'm wishing I had married him, too.

For the past month we've been secretly meeting downtown three times a week. All we do is drive around, park and neck — nothing more. When I'm with him, I feel like a teenager again. I still love him, Abby, and I'm so confused I cry in my pillow. Sign me ... **BACK IN LOVERS' LANE**

DEAR BACK IN LOVERS' LANE: You may be just "two teenagers in love" in your fantasies, but in reality you're two adults who are begging for trouble. You're playing a dangerous game that could devastate your husband and affect your child. Before any more clandestine meetings, it's time to sit down and sort out what's really important to you. Counseling can help you discover what is missing in your marriage that has made a second adolescence so appealing. Don't put it off.

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DEAR ABBY: I need some advice. My boyfriend and I have been together for two years. He was adopted by loving parents who gave him everything. But he has just found his birth mother, and they seem to want to catch up on lost time.

My problem is I can't seem to stop resenting that his mother came back into his life. I feel very left out, and as if my time has been usurped by another woman. Don't get me wrong. I am happy for him, but I no longer feel that I am his No. 1 priority.

I tried talking to my boyfriend about this, and he acts like he understands my feelings — but he also says it seems I want him to choose.

How can I stop feeling this way? — **LEFT OUT IN LAREDO**

DEAR LEFT OUT: First of all, understand that what is going on is not about you; it's all about him and his need to understand who he is and where he came from. Like any new relationship, it is distracting in the beginning, but will subside in time. So be patient. Realize that what a man feels for his mother is not what he feels for his girlfriend. Don't take this personally, and above all, do not allow yourself to be put into a "her or me" situation. If you do, you might win the battle, but you'll surely lose the war.

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DEAR ABBY: I am a 16-year-old male student and I have a huge crush on my summer school teacher, "Miss Bodacious." She doesn't notice me and it's driving me crazy. I'm losing my mind. I hate it! Please help. What should I do to calm my raging hormones? — **GOT IT BAD FOR "BOD" IN DELAWARE**

DEAR GOT IT BAD: In a word, SUBLIMATE. It's time to take the energy you are devoting to fantasizing about your teacher and channel it into something else — like sports activities. Not only will it give you less time to think about "Miss Bodacious," but you'll be so tired when you're done that you won't have the energy. (Cold showers also help.) Good luck!

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Drought still plagues ranchers, farmers in Western part of U.S.

BRIGHTON, Colo. (AP) — Fields from Montana to New Mexico are green and filled with golden wheat for the first time in years, but the drought isn't over for farmers and ranchers across the Rockies and western Plains.

Still, plentiful snow and rain this spring has wheat farmers throughout the Rockies expecting to reap one of their better crops in years.

"The wheat looks beautiful. We had a good winter and we had lots of rain in April," said Tom Paterson, an agriculture specialist at Montana State University in Bozeman.

The Colorado wheat harvest is projected at 72 million bushels this summer, compared with just 36 million bushels last year. "It's improved a lot," said Joe Klausner, who raises wheat near Roggen, in northeastern Colorado.

A little farther east, Randy Wilks isn't so optimistic.

"We've had about half of our wheat crop fail and about half of it is in good shape," said Wilks, who farms near Burlington.

For these farmers and ranchers, the effects of at least four years of drought persist.

According to the National Drought Mitigation Center in Lincoln, Neb., southwestern sections of Wyoming and Colorado, all of Utah and parts of New Mexico and Arizona remain in a severe drought. In these parched regions, farmers have cut back on crop sizes and ranchers are selling off livestock for lack of feed.

"We need kind of a good old Wyoming winter this winter to get some snow out there," said John Etchepare, director of the Wyoming Agriculture Department. The state's reservoirs and soil moisture are still below normal.

In New Mexico, rain has fallen the last three weeks in the eastern half of the state, bolstering hopes for a good wheat harvest this summer. Other parts of the state, though, remain dry. San Juan County in northwestern New Mexico has been declared a drought disaster area.

Even where the drought is considered in retreat, agriculture experts warn it will take years to recover.

"The pieces are coming together, but we're not whole yet," said Jim Miller, spokesman for the Colorado Department of Agriculture.

On the Net:

Drought center: http://www.drought.unl.edu

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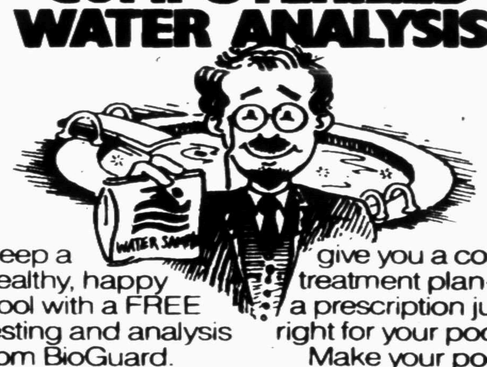
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American Profile
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Evidence of Iraqi weapons hard to come by

WASHINGTON (AP) — Current, reliable information on Iraq's weapons efforts was sometimes lacking but U.S. intelligence analysts did not exaggerate their findings under pressure from Bush administration officials trying to build a case for war, says Richard Kerr, who is heading the intelligence community's internal review of its prewar performance on Iraq.

The analysts cataloged some uncertainties about the data in intelligence reports but still generally concluded Iraq had active weapons of mass destruction programs, Kerr, a retired senior analyst and former deputy director of central intelligence, said in an Associated Press interview.

Some Democrats in Congress say those doubts never were made public. In the two months since the ouster of Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein, U.S. and British forces have not validated many of their prewar claims, including those that said Iraq had chemical and biological weapons stockpiles.

Critics have accused the administration of exaggerating or mishandling intelligence to convince Americans and the world that it was necessary to invade Iraq.

Kerr is leading a team of three other retired intelligence officers in a review of the performance of the CIA and other agencies. They have submitted an initial report to CIA Director George Tenet, who has vigorously defended the agency's efforts on Iraq.

A CIA spokesman declined to comment on the contents of Kerr's report. The official said it was part of a self-evaluation of the intelligence community's prewar performance that was proposed by Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld in October 2002.

In discussing the report, Kerr primarily described his finding that the integrity of the intelligence process was maintained. Efforts to gauge the accuracy many of agencies' prewar predictions will have to wait until a more thorough search of Iraq is completed, he said.

The foundation of the U.S. information on Iraq's weapons programs was discoveries after the 1991 Gulf War, Kerr said. But after U.N. weapons inspectors left Iraq in 1998, much of the information dried up, leaving the U.S. government to discover what it could from satellite images, intercepted communications and spies and refugees.

Solid information was sometimes lacking from those sources. However, what the intelligence agencies did learn seemed to confirm their conclusions that Iraq indeed had active programs to make chemical and biological weapons and to develop nuclear weapons, said Kerr.

"There was, in some areas, a dearth of hard, detailed intelligence," he said. "That presents a real problem for intelligence analysts."

Still, he said, "it would have been very hard for an intelligence analyst to determine that there were no weapons of mass destruction programs. There was a lot of information over time."

In the run-up to the war, intelligence analysts faced intense pressure from Bush administration officials seeking information to prove Iraq was a threat, Kerr said.

"While there was an awful lot of pressure to try to support various positions, that's always the case," he said. "People are going to prod the intelligence community to try to make them more precise but also to convince them they're right."

But a review of the prewar findings shows the analysts didn't change their position, Kerr said.

"They were pretty consistent over a considerable period of time," he said.

Kerr predicted that more evidence of weapons programs would yet be found in Iraq but acknowledged the search might be fruitless. "It's a set of judgments," he said. "It may be wrong. It may not be completely accurate."

Congressional intelligence oversight committees are conducting preliminary inquiries.

Critics have raised a variety of questions: Was bad information collected and wrongly believed? Were the analysts wrong or inappropriately influenced? Did the Bush administration not accurately reflect the real intelligence in its statements to the public and United Nations?

Prewar intelligence reports also note uncertainties and acknowledge gaps in U.S. knowledge, Kerr said.

But many of those uncertainties, qualifications and caveats never reached the public, congressional Democrats say. Statements by Bush administration officials rarely expressed doubts about Iraq's weapons programs.

"When discussing Iraq's WMD, administration officials rarely included the caveats and qualifiers attached to the intelligence community's judgments," said Rep. Jane Harman of California, the top Democrat on the House Intelligence Committee, during a House debate last week. "For many Americans, the administration's certainty gave the impression that there was even stronger intelligence about Iraq's possession of and intention to use WMD."

Sen. Evan Bayh, D-Ind., a member of the Senate Intelligence Committee, said some uncertainties about Iraq's alleged weapons programs were glossed over in the run-up to the war.

"These are our best judgments," he said. "The public sometimes receives them as gospel, when in fact they're our best judgments. Our intelligence is good, but it's not infallible."

In recent weeks, the Defense Intelligence Agency, the CIA's counterpart at the Pentagon, declassified part of a prewar report on Iraq's weapons. Its language suggests some uncertainties that Bush administration officials ignored in public statements.

"Although we lack any direct information, Iraq probably possesses CW agent in chemical munitions, possibly including artillery rockets, artillery shells, aerial bombs and ballistic missile warheads," the report says.

McGuire inducted into honor society

STEPHENVILLE — Brandon Thomas McGuire, a Tarleton State University student from Snyder, was inducted into the Phi Eta Sigma national freshman honor society.

University officials recommend students for membership in the scholastic honor society at the end of their freshman year.

McGuire was one of 117 new members added to Tarleton Phi Eta Sigma chapter for the 2002-2003 school year.

Students inducted into the society must have been enrolled full-time at the university and have earned at least 3.5 grade point ratio as a freshman.

Federal tax cut will put more money in pockets of winners

AUSTIN — As Americans look forward to seeing the paycheck-boosting effects of a federal tax cut on July 1, Texas Lottery winners also can expect a lower rate of taxes excised from their winnings, as required by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

"Texas Lottery winners who garnered prizes in excess of $5,000 will pocket more cash, thanks to the federal tax cut that has taken affect," said Reagan E. Greer, executive director of the Texas Lottery Commission.

"The Jobs and Growth Tax relief Reconciliation Act of 2003 offers a lower tax rate that shrinks the current 27 percent down to a new and improved 25 percent."

The new law, which replaces the 2001 Act, reduces the tax rate to 25 percent on all prizes of more than $5,000 paid to U.S. citizens and resident aliens.

"Because this new tax rate is retroactive with an effective date of Jan.1, 2003, winners paid in 2003, according to the previously required 27 percent may receive a refund from the IRS when the winner files his or her annual income tax return," Green said.

The new law's Conference Report states that "taxpayers who have been over-withheld in 2003 as a consequence of this (should) obtain a refund of this through the normal process of filing an income tax return and not through the payor.

Actor takes on anti-Dogie roles

NEW YORK (AP) — Neil Patrick Harris starred as a boy genius for four seasons on the ABC sitcom "Doogie Howser, M.D."

The series ended in 1993. Since then, Harris has taken on an array of anti-Doogie roles in films such as "Starship Troopers" and "The Next Best Thing." He's also the voice of Peter Parker in MTV's new animated version of "Spider-Man."

Harris, 30, tells TV Guide in its July 5 issue that it isn't tedious to record the superhero crying out "Ow!" and "Umph!" when he's in pain.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Sunday, July 6, 2003

Although all your goals might not be attained in the year ahead, concentrate on several major targets and the important ones will be. The trick is not to expect more from yourself than time permits.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Resist the urge to be overly protective of those in your charge today. Your good intentions may be construed as smothering.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Allow the pleasantry of the entire day to linger in your mind until day's end. Your feelings of well-being will be governed by your choices.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Be extremely selective regarding the outside activities you involve yourself in today, as you don't want to regret getting in over your head.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — For most of the day you'll be your sweet cooperative self, but as you tire, your patience will as well. Don't end the day on a note of intolerance.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Your generous nature will help you entertain the desires of others without feeling put upon. However, should someone deny you a turn at the receiving end, you'll show your teeth.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Flirting is one thing, but getting involved in romantic intrigue is quite another. Be careful how far you go today and what the consequences will be if you cross the line.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — You'll end up on the short end of an agreement today if you don't check out what the other person is offering. Take ample time to weigh all the pros and cons.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Shelving things you don't feel like doing might seem like a dandy idea now, but when faced with having to do them, it could turn your day into a nightmare.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Allow those special to you to be just as outgoing and attentive with others as they are with you today. If you believe gallantries exist solely for you, you could be in for some jealous moments.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — A family member you've gone out of your way to help may not show the proper appreciation. Don't let it spoil your day; let the deed be your reward.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Do not be too critical of people who work at your side today. Do your best on the job and garner satisfaction from that, not from comparing yourself to others.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Trying to make up for an infraction with a material peace offering may not work out too well if the person is still steaming. Only a sincere apology offered with hat in hand may suffice.

Monday, July 7, 2003

The year ahead should turn out to be much more balanced in all areas of your life. You'll keep your emotions and your mind under excellent control without letting any one thing dominate.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Something that you thought would be extremely difficult to conclude will actually turn out to be rather amiable to all involved. You'll wonder what took you so long.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Hang loose today, because you will need a great deal of flexibility to satisfy your restless urges. If you allow yourself to get too tied down, you'll be bored to tears.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Sharing what you have with others will give you great feelings of self-satisfaction. What you do brings joy to those around you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Make certain a matter that is important to you remains under your control today. You'll have the interests of others at heart and won't abuse the command.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — You're very much at peace with yourself today and will have no trouble working alone. You won't need others to amuse you or engage you in something diverting.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Your gregarious spirit always craves to express itself. Today, putting yourself in the company of persons who are outgoing will produce a healthy state of mind for you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Business associates might finally see the easygoing side of you. This will enhance your image, and it could also fatten your wallet.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — If you talk to others as you would like to be talked to, you end up winning many new friends. Today you'll give that a full workout.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Someone who knows exactly what he or she is doing will be looking out for your interests today. It will be a person who thinks highly of you and wants to make your life pleasant.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Give everyone the benefit of the doubt and this should turn out to be a very pleasant and harmonious day. If you're not judgmental with them, they won't be with you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — What keeps you the happiest today is being physically active, so you're likely to start your week off at a full trot. The more things you have on your agenda, the happier you'll be.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Being with pleasant people will put you in a good mood today and do wonders for your frame of mind. For guidance on this and other matters, visit www.bernice4u.com.

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Speaker for all seasons by Don Newbury

It is tempting to call it the ultimate in dog-piling after the best of bird fights, but truth is sometimes hard to determine. Truth — to the "t" — in these days seems to be about as pure as driven slush.

Birds did win, by the way, when the Rice Owls defeated Stanford, 14-2, to win the NCAA College Baseball World Series. Some fans bragged that the Owls beat the Cardinals.

Not so. The Stanford moniker is "Cardinal," a throwback to an earlier nickname — Indians. With the arrival of political correctness, Stanford faithful, stinging that they no longer could be called "Indians," became "Cardinal." Thus, they retained their redness instead of changing feathers. So, it wasn't a "battle of the birds," but rather a collision of the birds with a basic color….

I digress, and it will happen again. What a dog-pile! There were Owls stacked on top of Owls "hooting it up" after the venerable institution's First NCAA championship in any sport after nearly a century of trying. In most ways, this was a "David vs. David" duel. The Goliaths, like defending champion University of Texas, had already gone by the boards. Had UT won, it would have been more of a "dog bites man" story; ho-hummers would have hoed and hummed.

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How unseemly that these two academic behemoths met in the finals! Had it been field polo — or academic duels between researchers, Nobel laureates and Supreme Court Justices — eyebrows would have remained at usual elevations.

Slamming the door on Stanford with the biggest thrashing in the history of baseball championship games, the Rice guys proved with gusto that indeed both nice guys — and academicians — can win. Let's hear it for true student athletes, two words that don't have to be mutually exclusive. These bright young men can make complete sentences on many topics, including those ending in "ology," and they know about all the clauses — from dependent to Santa. One day, of course, some of them will find out a no-trade clause is a new term "handy" mostly to professional baseballers.

Back to the dog-piling. They were as giddy as Little Leaguers, those Owls, and TV captured it all. Even channel surfers — sports enthusiasts or not — were moved by such unbridled enthusiasm. What a wonderful highlight reel. Some Owl reels have been "low lights." No, silly, they never once reduced highlights to a color slide....

Academically, Rice has long since been the crPme-de-la-crPme, but athletically, quite the opposite. Sure, legendary football Coach Jess Neely was one of the all-time great coaches in the USofA. Still, during his more than 20 years at Rice, there was just one Southwest Conference championship (1953), and the Owls' win over Alabama in the '54 Cotton Bowl is remembered less than one unlikely single play — the one where a guy made a tackle from the bench to stop Dickie Maegle as he raced down the sidelines. Stunned officials gave Rice the touchdown, and urged 'Bama's Tommy Lewis to attempt tackles only when a participant in the game....

Many Rice fans claim they've gone to games mostly just to see what the MOB does at half-time. The MOB (Marching Owl Band) has been on the bright side of ingenuity often and on the dark side of propriety sometimes with hilarious half-time presentations for some 30 years. On several occasions, they've given heartburn to Rice administrators who've had to smooth out whatever the MOB roughed up.

Band members maintain that they don't march and they won't march. Theirs is to bring merriment, and words they like best seem to start with "un" — as in unconventional, unusual, unorthodox, etc.

They call themselves the Marching Owl Band only because they like the acronym. In reality, when they take the field, they scatter, "unmobbing," if you will, committed to doing the unexpected, even at the risk of being committed.

They've featured tributes to the Marx brothers, and lobbed boat loads of fun-poking at UT, Texas A&M and others. (The band has caused Aggies to reach for sabers and Bevo, UT's beloved steer, to cock his head sideways.

Mostly they've provided comic relief, particularly in post-Neely years, to divert Rice fans' attention from halftime scores.

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Lives there a Little Leaguer anywhere who doesn't dream of being in a David role at the biggest of games? To make the dream closer to reality, such youngsters should listen up. Only 40% of them who might otherwise qualify for athletic scholarships can meet Rice admission standards.

Let all of us use both hands to salute the Rice Owls and their 67-year-old Coach Wayne Graham. He's in his fifth decade of coaching, beginning with his organizing Little League teams as a young man, later serving in juco ranks and professional leagues.

When hired at Rice a dozen years ago, he promised the Owls a national championship. They had, of course, heard that before.

If the MOB happens to be waiting for a once-in-a-century event to march for, this is it.

A man of ability, character and grace, he already knew about dog-piling. After all, before taking over at Rice, he won seven national junior college titles for San Jacinto College-North, where he once coached a guy named Roger Clemens, New York Yankee ace now with 300 major league wins. Why didn't they hire him sooner?

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Some teams get strangle hold on basement positions year after. The Texas Rangers' seem destined annually to secure last place, and they may have done it this year in record time. Their pratfalls are to professional sports what the MOB-sters are to traditional bands — but the band pratfalls are intentional.

I wish I'd thought of it: A couple I know has season tickets at The Ball Park, where they usually attend with faint hope and out of a sense of community obligation.

My friends maintain that the Rangers do not play a game of inches, but a game of pinches. "We pinch each other to stay awake," they say - him pinching her at the top of each inning and her pinching him at the bottom. They've yet to mention dog-piling.

Dr. Don Newbury, former president of Western Texas College, lives with his wife in Burleson, Texas. The longtime Texas educator has seen a goodly number of dog-pilers, mostly in Little League, but never up close. Persons interested in his books or information concerning his speaking are invited to call him at 817-447-3872 or e-mail: newbury@speakerdoc.com

Poor Rix's Almanac

by Rix Quinn

Poor Rix offers stupid answers to smart questions. Got a question? E-mail rixquinn@charter.net, or write him in care of this newspaper.

Hey, Poor Rix: Somebody told me a duck can sleep with one eye open. Is this true? — Bird Watcher.

Researchers say ducks can sleep with one eye open, so they can watch for enemies. They don't do this all the time. Just when they perceive danger.

Which brings up that critical question: "How perceptive are ducks?"

The answer? Probably more than turkeys, who've never figured out where their distant cousins go in November.

Want to know more? Well, here it is anyway.

Ducks who sleep with one eye open can also sleep with only half their brains. Wow. Only dolphins — and a handful of politicians — can randomly access half their intelligence.

Did you know we call a baby duck a "duckling," and a male duck a "drake?"

I don't know what we call a female duck, because I have never called one.

There's a nearby restaurant that serves a full duck in orange sauce. The man at the next table ordered it.

After the meal, the waiter went to that table and asked, "Would you like to take home the rest of the duck, including the webbed feet?"

"Sir," the man questioned, "what in the world would I do with the feet of a duck?"

"Well," the waiter replied, "you would need much wider shoes…but you would swim very, very fast."

Letter to the Editor

Wondering

Dear Editor:

I got to wondering the other day how many religious people, that are readers of this newspaper, know that "Jesus is the Spirit of prophecy." See Revelation 19:10.

Then I wondered further how many religious readers of this newspaper know that if you're not a spiritual person you will have a difficult time understanding matters of the Spirit. See 1 Corinthians 2:14, 15.

Perhaps I should explain at this point that I consider a religious person to be one that goes to Bible class and church at every opportunity and lets as many as will listen know that he believes that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.

How many of you believers know that, once you're in Christ, your sins are forgiven and that you can't sin any more? See 1 John 3:5. As long as I'm wondering, how many of you understand/believe Matthew 24:34? If you understand and believe this verse you are on your way to a whole new understanding of the Bible.

Sincerely,
George R. Clark

Who said you can't fight city hall?

By Joe Klock, Sr.

Mostly out of the public eye, and almost totally without preliminary hearings, the three Republican dittoheads on the Federal Communications Commission recently used their majority to approve an "update" of the rules governing mass media ownership.

In so doing, they hoped to present an early Christmas gift to the fatcats in communications and an undeserved finger to the viewing and reading masses.

Remarkably, Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy, although she reportedly attended none of the very few public hearings on the proposed new rules, confidently proclaimed, "I am satisfied that we have the information and the input we need to make a sound, judicially sustainable decision that will benefit the public interest."

Judiciously sustainable it might well be, but unless the "public" to which she referred was a small coterie of public figures in the Rupert Murdoch weight class, the soundness of their decision was about on the level of a massive investment in lottery tickets.

Specifically, what the FCC did was "update" the existing rules to permit, for example, Viacom, Disney and AOL Time Warner to gobble up enough TV stations to control nearly half of the national viewing audience, allow owners of "only" two stations in large cities to acquire a third, and, in most cities, remove the prohibition against cross-ownership of television stations and newspapers.

The net result, predictably, would be a sandstorm of mergers and acquisitions which would leave far more information and entertainment outlets under the control of far fewer owners. This would not, you may rest unassured, be in the best interest of the public of which us-all are a part.

Those of us whose life span is admittedly approaching that of native moss can recall when major cities, my native Philadelphia included, had at least two morning and two evening newspapers daily, usually with divergent editorial views. Today, by contrast, there is in my adopted Miami and elsewhere only one morning bladder, the positions of which are about as flexible and unpredictable as the average I-beam.

In my City-Of-Brotherly-Love boyhood, there was also a treasure-trove of local radio/TV stations, with live talent, studio bands, original programming, and genuine journalists behind the microphone (John Facenda, to name just one).

Typical today in most areas is single ownership of multiple stations, all so highly automated that one boardmeister can operate them simultaneously, leaning heavily on prerecorded cartridges, remote network feeds and push-button technology.

Had it succeeded, the FCC's end-run around public scrutiny would have made a bad situation worse, but it encountered that one monster most feared by bureaucrats, influence peddlers and special interests — an informed and aroused electorate.

We of the politically unwashed masses are usually content to mutter into our beers or teacups, wring our hands, curse our stars and silently suffer the slings and arrows sent our way by the powers that be.

In this case, however, a reported million-plus of us stormed the bastions of the F.C.C. and forded the moats surrounding our elected dulligates to Congress behind a massive "hell,no!" banner. John McCain, chairman of the Senate Commerce Committee described it as "sparking more interest than any issue I've ever seen that wasn't organized by a huge lobby."

Score one for Vox Pop — the voice of the people!

Spurring that public outcry was an eclectic gaggle of groups including such unlikely bedfellows as The National Rifle Association, National Organization for Women, Consumers Union and the United States Conference of Catholics (that last group knowing more than a little about the power of public protest).

As a result, a bill is slogging through the Senatorial swamp with uncharacteristic speed which would not only spoil the media moguls' Christmas, but would more than reverse the FCC proposals, actually loosening the noose on our present information squeeze. Among other things, it would require some shedding of holdings by the existing fatcats.

With a show of bi-partisan support that was totally lacking in the FCC proposal, the reversing legislation breezed through McCain's Commerce Committee on a voice vote, and appears heaven-bent for approval in the full Senate.

That's the good news, folks, and the proof that we, the "American people" so often mentioned by politicians, need not be the sheep they hope we will be. City Hall CAN be fought...and defeated!

Howsomever, as Yogi Berra reminded us, "the game ain't over until it's over," and it will be played out in the ball park of the House of Reprehensibles, where the loins of the opposition are being girded by a coalition of lobbyists and political contributors with sheaves of IOUs in hand.

It's the bottom of the ninth...time for the home team to step up to bat. Be sure to let your designated hitter in the House know what you want!

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Open Government Barometer

Number of Executive Sessions held by public entities in 2003.

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Snyder ISD	7
Ira ISD	6
DCOS	4
City of Snyder	2
Cogdell Hospital	1
Scurry County	0
WTC	0



EDITORIAL COMMENT

Houston Chronicle

DeLay's hypocrisy

At a recent news conference, U.S. House Majority Leader Tom DeLay said, "It never ceases to amaze me that people are so cynical they want to tie money to issues, money to bills, money to amendments."

The congressman's remark either betrays the height of cynicism or reveals a pathological failure to comprehend what's going on. Given DeLay's history of wily maneuver and relentless, sometimes secretive fund-raising, the odds favor the former.

Last year executives at an unsavory Kansas utility company, Westar Energy, directed $25,000 to DeLay's Texans for a Republican Majority. The executives spent another $56,000 in campaign contributions in an effort to profitably influence legislation pending in Congress. The businessmen wanted special help from DeLay, Rep. Joe Barton of Ennis and Rep. Billy Tauzin of Louisiana, all Republicans.

They got it. Only after revelation of a federal investigation of possible fraud at the company did the politicians' affection for aims of the Westar executives erode.

DeLay denied any quid pro quo, and probably none was stated. But business interests focused on enriching themselves do not hand out lavish campaign donations without expecting something in return. Sometimes it is only to avoid the kind of retribution that DeLay has threatened from time to time.

In e-mails, Westar executives hoped their contributions would bring a seat at the table. DeLay has been known to turn over entire offices to lobbyists intent on writing legislation to benefit their clients.

Generously backed by highway contractors, DeLay argues that rail transit won't alleviate congestion. But hundreds of billions of dollars spent on Texas highways haven't alleviated congestion, either.

Fort Worth Star-Telegram

Redistricting

As lawmakers gather in Austin for a special session to deal with congressional redistricting, there's a question they all need to answer in the privacy of their hearts: Is this really a road we wish to travel?

This is a state that has taken pride in its ability to work across party lines for the good of Texas.

Sometime soon — probably early next year — this same Legislature will gather again to deal with the most important issue facing the state now and in the future — what kind of public school system Texas wants and how to pay for it.

It would be nice if Democrats and Republicans were still speaking when that happens. Redistricting is perhaps the most politically divisive task a legislature can undertake.

It's partly payback, of course. Republicans simmering under lengthy Democratic rule want their piece of the pie, and who can blame them? But payback cuts both ways, and, while it is unlikely in the immediate Texas climate, does this mean another round of redistricting if Democrats regain control of the Legislature?

Republicans argue that the congressional delegation makeup does not reflect the voting patterns in Texas and there is some truth to that. What they don't like to discuss is that at least five of the 17 districts that sent Democrats to Congress voted Republican in statewide contests.

Now, what does that mean? It could mean that the power of the incumbency is mighty and that would be true. It could mean voters are satisfied with their representative, and that would seem true for a majority of them. And it could mean that voters simply didn't see a candidate they liked better than the incumbent.

All of this has already led to some ugly scenes — Democratic state reps fleeing to Oklahoma of all places to break a quorum to keep the issue from reaching the house floor during the regular session and the disruption of some hearings on redistricting around the state at week's end. The Fort Worth City Council even got into the act with a resolution that urged the Legislature not to alter the current map.

The mix in the Metroplex — our major point of interest — is advantageous: One-fourth of the state's congressional delegation split six Republican and two Democrat. Fort Worth, Arlington, Dallas and other cities have both sides of the aisle covered.

San Antonio Express-News

Latino clout

Now it's official. Latinos, according to the Census Bureau, have become the nation's largest minority group.

With a Latino population of some 38.8 million as of July 2002, Latinos barely edged out African Americans, with a population of 38.3 million. Each group accounts for a little more than 13 percent of the overall population.

The growth shows no signs of slowing down. The number of Latinos could reach 60 million by 2020.

If the announcement received only passing attention in San Antonio and South Texas, that's partly because it represents nothing new. This region long ago learned to accommodate itself to indeed, nurture its majority-minority demographic, although not without bumps along the road.

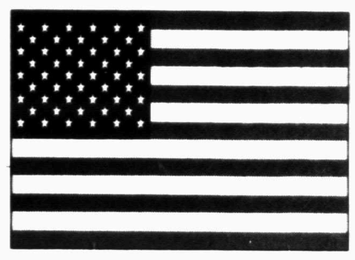
San Antonio could be a prototype for where the nation's headed.

In the nation, as in San Antonio in years past, Latino culture, pop and otherwise, seems to grow more quickly than Latino political influence. "In foodstuffs, salsa and ketchup are neck and neck," Harry Pachon, president of the Tomas Rivera Policy Institute, told the Los Angeles Times.

Certainly, business already knows it has to pay attention to the Latino influence on food, fashion, entertainment and a host of other areas. Cinco de Mayo will eventually be as ubiquitous, and as all-American, as St. Patrick's Day.

The Latino political influence nationwide continues to lag behind the numbers, but that will no doubt change, just as it did in San Antonio a couple of decades ago.

WTC News
WESTERN TEXAS COLLEGE



The WTC campus will be closed Monday, July 7 in observance of

Independence Day

However, Monday night classes will meet as scheduled

Sunday, July 6, 2003 — Western Texas College, 6200 College Ave.

Preregistration underway now for Fall '03 Semester

Preregistration for the fall semester at WTC is now underway. New and returning students should schedule an appointment with the Counseling Office to select their fall classes and complete the preregistration process. A complete class schedule is available online at www.wtc.edu or may be picked up in the counseling office.

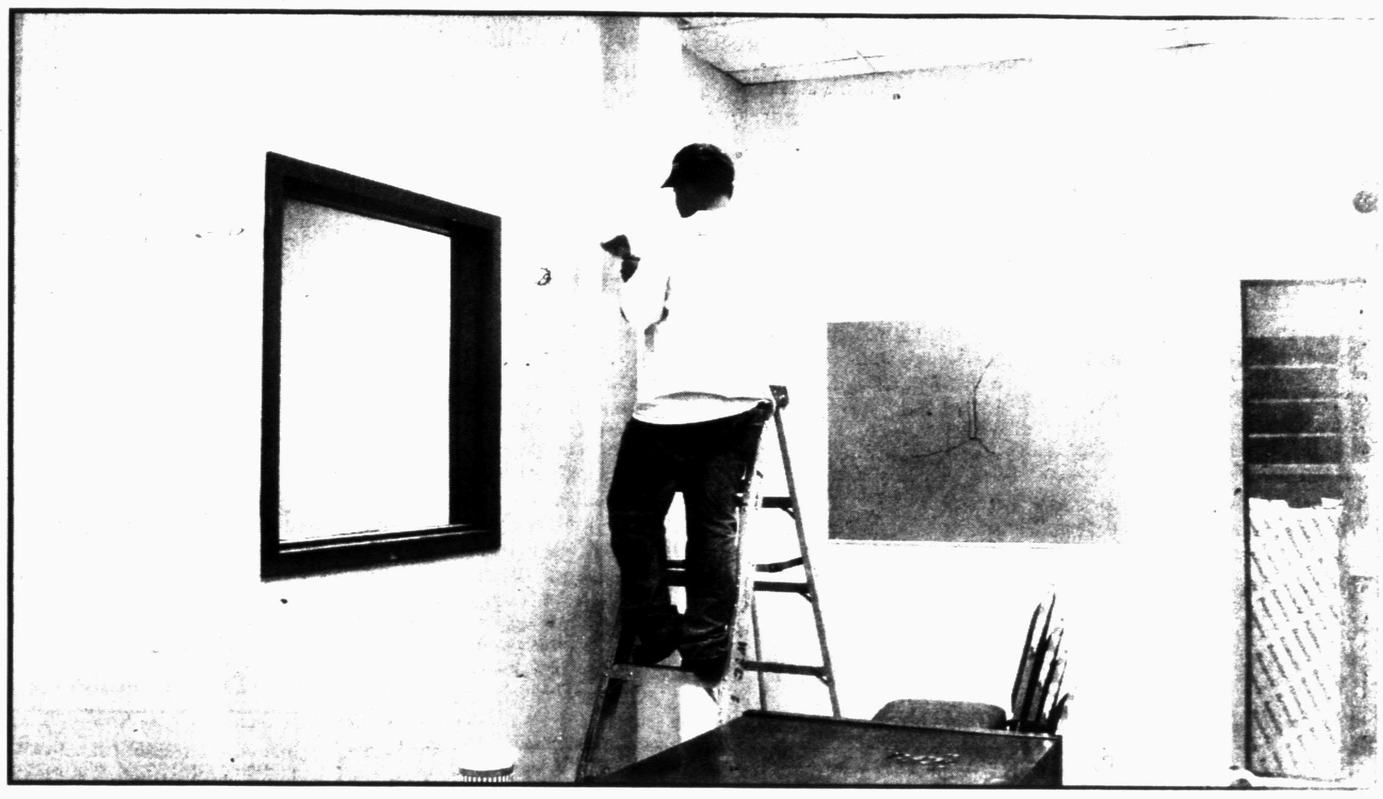
Payment for preregistration can be made between August 4 and 19 by going directly to the WTC Business Office in the administration building. In addition, credit card payments may be made by phone by calling 573-8511, ext. 306. Before paying for classes, students with financial aid or scholarships should contact the Financial Aid Office located in the Student Center.

It's not too late to apply for Financial Aid for Fall

Plans are NOW underway for the fall semester on campus. If you would like to be considered for a tuition or housing scholarship, now is the time to complete your application. The WTC scholarship foundation has more than 80 fully endowed scholarships, many with multiple recipients. All scholarships are awarded on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Western Texas College
Scholarship Opportunities

Students interested in applying for Federal Pell Grants or the Federal Workstudy Program need to fill out the free application for federal student aid (FAFSA). This may be completed online at www.fafsa.ed.gov or by mail. Visit the financial aid office located in the WTC student center soon to complete your file. Careful planning now will ensure a successful enrollment in the fall. For more information, call the financial aid office at 573-8511 ext. 309 or 1-888-go-to-wtc.



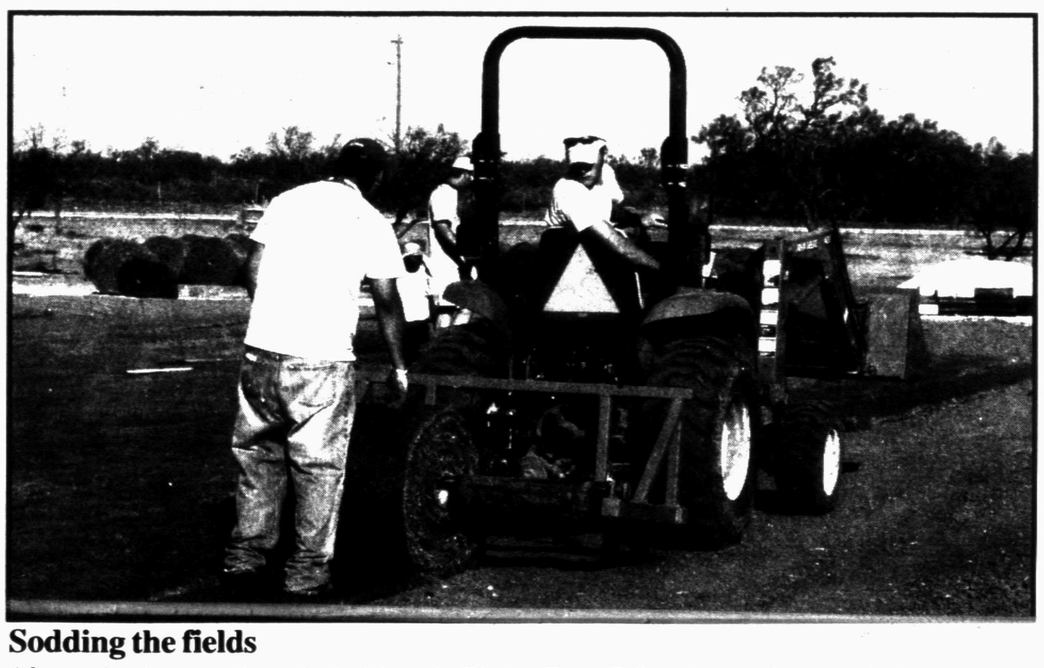
Remodeling Project

Maintanence crews were busy this week remodeling the former journalism lab for use as offices for Trio grant personell. R[illegible] preparing the room for a fresh coat of paint. The additional office space became necessary after the college received the good news a projected $880,000 Upward Bound Grant.

The Upward Bound Grant is designed to capitalize on the foundation of information gathered through the Talent Search an[illegible] support on students who have completed the 8th grade but not yet entered the 12th grade. WTC will receive $220,000 a year for [illegible] to accomplish this goal.

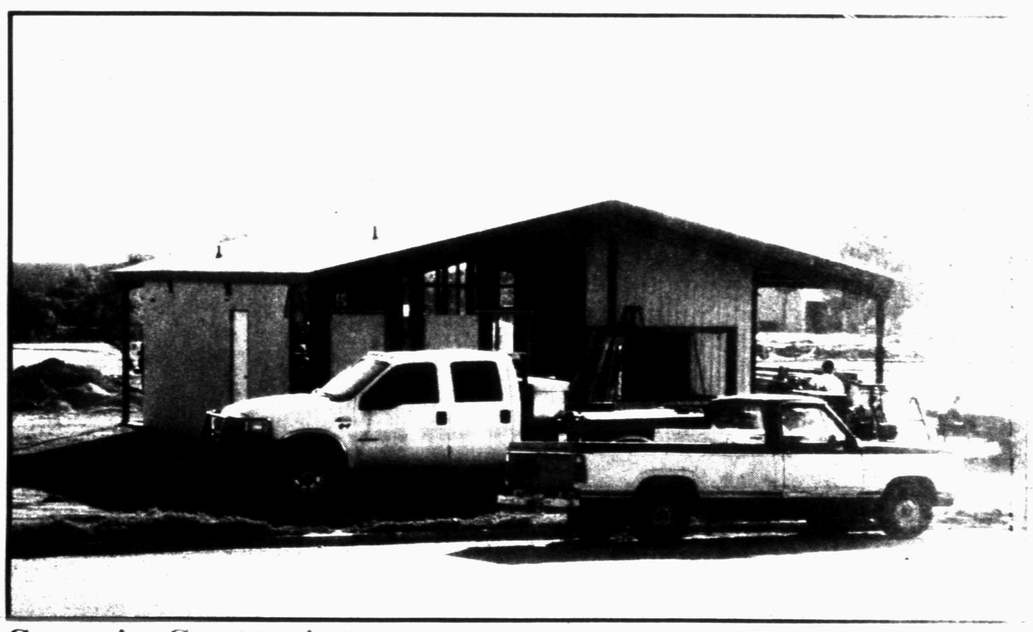
Students for the Upward Bound program will be chosen through a criteria provided by the Federal government, specifical[illegible] students from low-income families and students from families in which neither parent holds a bachelors degree. Sixty students a[illegible] Mitchell, Scurry, Garza, Fisher, and Nolan counties for each of the next four years to help increase enrollment and success rates in post[illegible] education.

Upward Bound projects provide instruction in math, science, composition, literature, and foreign language. Students chosen for th[illegible] receive academic, financial, and personal counseling to help reach their goals, assistance in preparing for college entrance exami[illegible] tance in completion of financial aid applications. Students who apply for this program must have a need for academic support [illegible] through the project in order to finish secondary school and undertake a program of postsecondary education.



Sodding the fields

After weeks of construction and rain delays, the Western Texas College baseball field got a little greener Tuesday as sod was rolled onto the infield. The sodding is being done by Brad Hinton and his crew from Hinton C & S Farms. The outfield will be sprigged and construction will soon begin on dugouts and



Concession Construction

bleachers. Work is also continuing on the softball field and a concession stand to be shared [illegible] WTC welding students Matthew Fuller and Jason Bond are working on the concession stand [illegible] pictured above. (WTC Photos)

TESTING DATES

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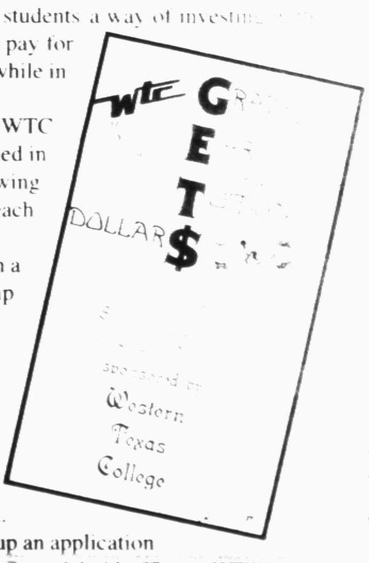
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GET$ Scholarship Program Rewards Academic Achievement

A program designed to reward area high school students for earning good grades was [illegible] years ago by Western Texas College.

The GRADES EARNED for TUITION DOLLARS (GET$) program promotes academic achie[illegible] awarding WTC scholarship dollars for grades earned by high school juniors and seniors from Sny[illegible] Hermleigh.

This scholarship program is designed to give prospective WTC students a way of investing [illegible] future through academic achievement. It is possible for students to pay for a large part of their college tuition by concentrating on good grades while in high school.



When a student is accepted as a member of the GET$ program, WTC will deposit funds into his or her scholarship account for grades earned in Math, Science, History, Government, and English/Literature. Following each six-week period, students will receive $20 for each A, $12 for each B, and $3 for each C earned in one of these major subject areas.

In return, participating students agree to provide the college with a copy of their transcript in June of each year so that their scholarship dollars may be recorded.

In order to be eligible for scholarship dollars, students must enroll at WTC within 12 months of graduation from high school and remain enrolled full time for at least one long semester each year until the scholarship dollars have been used. They must also maintain at least a C+ (2.5) grade point average each semester at WTC.

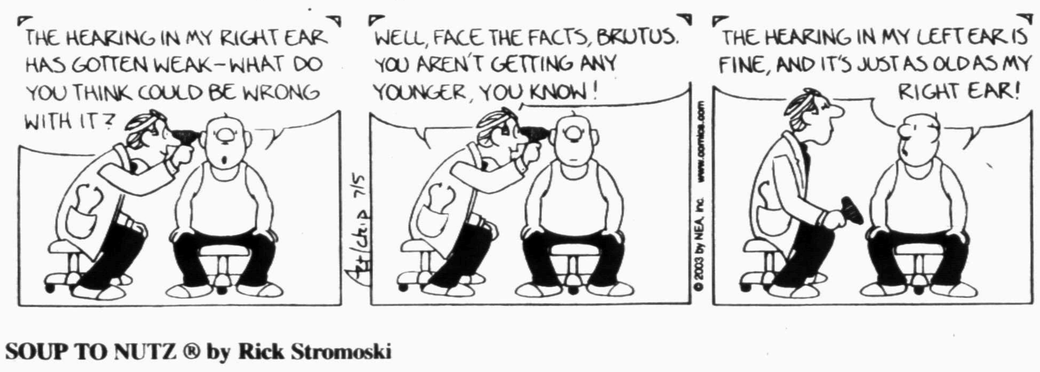
When eligible, students may receive up to one-fourth of their WTC scholarship dollars each time they register as a full time student. Interested students entering the eleventh or twelfth grades may pick up an application for the GET$ program from their high school counselor or from the financial aid office at WTC

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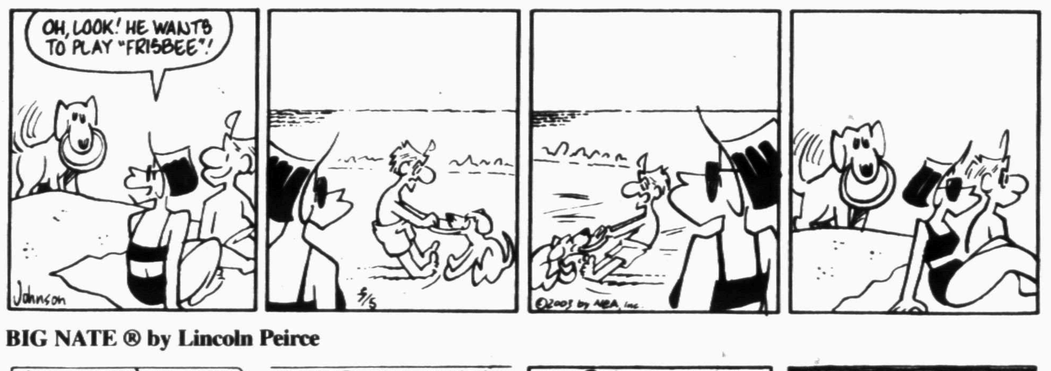
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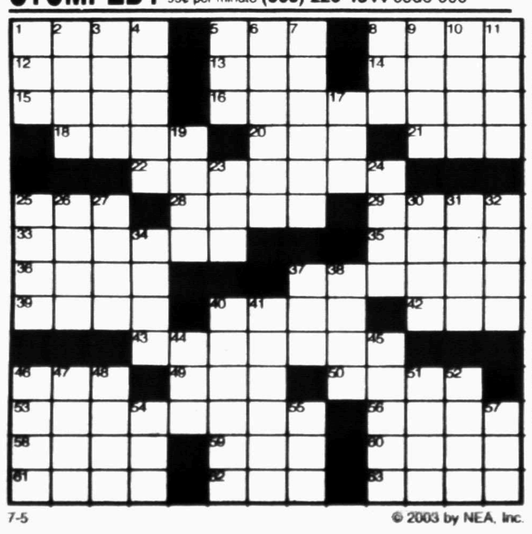
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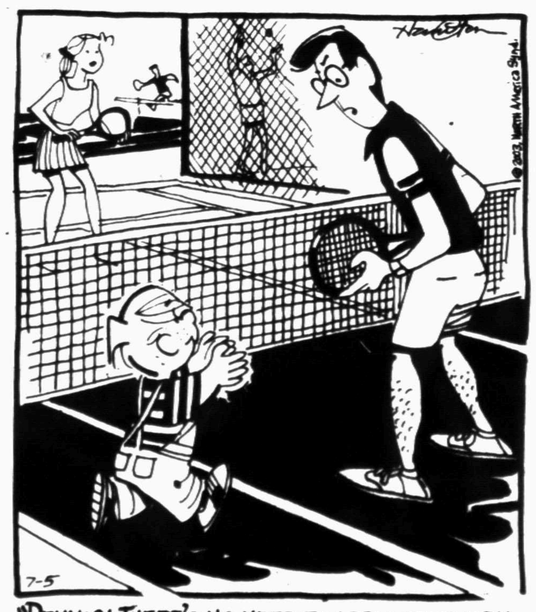
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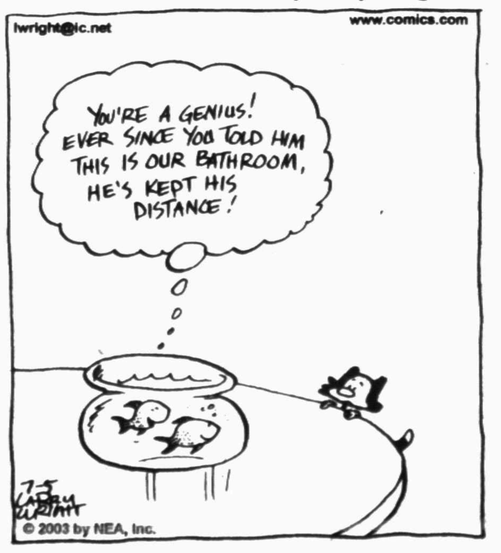
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Economic, political landscape altered from 2000

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — The face of New Hampshire, the first-in-the-nation primary state, has changed since the presidential election of 2000. Unemployment has nearly doubled. Independent voters are more numerous. Blue-collar jobs are on the decline.

The new economic and political landscape presents a challenge for the Democratic presidential candidates.

Several White House hopefuls — Howard Dean, Bob Graham, John Kerry and Joe Lieberman — will campaign in New Hampshire this holiday weekend, a reflection of the state's status in the nomination process.

Al Gore won the Democratic primary with 50 percent of the vote in 2000, beating former New Jersey Gov. Bill Bradley. Bush prevailed over Gore in the state in the general election.

By the numbers, New Hampshire remains one of the country's wealthiest states, with a per capita income of $34,334, the sixth highest, according to the most recent figures released in 2002. There is no personal income tax or general sales tax, which makes it attractive to its growing population of 1.3 million.

In 2000, New Hampshire was like many states, enjoying the economic good times with a surge in high-paying, high-tech jobs and a low unemployment rate of around 2 percent. Today, the unemployment rate is nowhere near the national figure of 6.4 percent, but it has increased to 3.9 percent.

Since 2000, the state has lost 20,000 manufacturing jobs. The fastest declining occupations are the blue-collar jobs of textile machine operators, shoe and leather workers and sewing machine operators — a factor for Democratic candidates such as Rep. Dick Gephardt of Missouri, whose strength is his appeal to the party's union voters.

Gephardt, who sought the party's nomination in 1988, drew most of his support in that year's primary from working-class voters.

"His challenge is, assuming he's got the working class base, that base is shrinking," said Dante Scala, a political scientist at Saint Anselm College in Goffstown.

Erik Greathouse, Gephardt's New Hampshire campaign manager, counters that Gephardt is attracting broader support, particularly with his health care plan.

"One of the things we've done is make sure folks understand Congressman Gephardt is not just a labor candidate," he said.

Politically, the proportion of independents among New Hampshire's 690,159 registered voters has increased, from 36.5 percent to 37.7 percent. Republican strength has held steady at 36.7 percent but the number of Democrats has dropped, from 27 percent to 25.6 percent. Independents can vote in the primary.

The task for the Democratic candidates is not only building support among the party's typical voters but winning over the independents, who tend to be younger, wealthier and well-educated. Those voters are spread out, a factor for any campaign strategist.

Although Democrats and Democratic-leaning independents remain a minority in wealthy suburbs, their growing numbers there have steadily undercut the state's blue-collar cities as Democratic strongholds, Scala said.

In the 1976 primary, Democrats in Manchester, the state's largest city, cast nearly three votes for every one cast by Democrats in eight surrounding towns. By 2000, Democratic turnout in suburban towns such as Bedford and Londonderry nearly matched that in the city.

After studying census data and patterns in the last three Democratic primaries, Scala recently concluded that Democrats who appeal to both working-class Democrats and the party's "liberal elite" are much more likely to eventually win the nomination than candidates who appeal mainly to one faction. He cites Gore, Bill Clinton, and Michael Dukakis as examples.

Harping on the struggling economy is certain to be an issue for Democrats, and they will have specific examples for New Hampshire voters.

"The economy is going to be paramount, and any politician who thinks otherwise is a fool," said Paul Needham, a town councilor in Derry, where 450 people lost jobs when a circuit-board plant closed last fall.

On the Net:

New Hampshire state government: http://www.state.nh.us/

Decision to court-martial cadet means AF serious about scandal

DENVER (AP) — The Air Force Academy's decision to court-martial a cadet on rape charges is being hailed as a promising sign that officials want to address the school's sexual assault scandal.

Douglas Meester, 20, is the first cadet to face a military trial on rape charges since the scandal broke earlier this year. He is charged with rape, sodomy, indecent assault and providing alcohol to minors.

Brig. Gen. John Weida on Wednesday announced his decision to court-martial Meester rather than accept an officer's recommendation for administrative punishment. Weida became cadet commandant earlier this year in a management shakeup that stemmed from the scandal.

No date has been set for the court-martial. If convicted, Meester could face life in prison and dismissal from the Air Force.

Meester's father, Douglas Meester, told The Denver Post that he thought Weida would accept the recommendation because evidence showed that the sex between his son and the female cadet was consensual.

"In our opinion, the Air Force's decision is politically motivated," the father said. "I think they are trying to make him a scapegoat."

Kate Summers of the nonprofit Miles Foundation, which helps victims of violence in the military, said she sees it as the Air Force's first step toward accountability.

"This will hopefully precipitate system accountability for leadership which may not have responded in a timely fashion to charges previously," Summers said.

She said she was concerned a plea bargain could reduce the charges to something relatively minor, such as conduct unbecoming. She also said her group still is concerned with the academy's treatment of alleged victims.

The Air Force, Defense Department and an independent task force have been investigating dozens of alleged sexual assaults at the academy since reports surfaced in February that women who reported being sexually assaulted were punished or ignored. The academy's top commanders have since been replaced.

A spokesman for Sen. Wayne Allard, R-Colo., who called for an investigation after his office received complaints from dozens of female cadets, also said the decision was a promising sign.

"From the beginning, Sen. Allard's been concerned that there was no process, at times, being followed on cases such as this," spokesman Dick Wadhams said. "That's what needs to happen, the judicial process needs to be executed regardless of the outcome."

During an Article 32 hearing in May, an 18-year-old freshman cadet from Pennsylvania testified that on Oct. 18, she drank at least six shots of tequila with Meester and two other cadets in his dorm room. She said she passed out and awoke as Meester raped her, and that she drifted in and out of consciousness.

Defense attorneys argued the woman never told Meester to stop and did not resist him. Both cadets were found to have blood-alcohol levels almost double the legal limit for driving. The investigating officer who presided over Meester's hearing recommended leniency, which Wieda rejected.

Defense attorney Capt. Kathleen Reder said Meester has several options, including asking the secretary of the Air Force to approve his resignation instead of a court-martial.

"Certainly administrative dispositions are something you want to look at," she said.

Reder said she may ask the judge to move the court-martial away from the academy near Colorado Springs and she suggested Meester is being treated differently than he would be had there been no scandal.

Two from Snyder get HSU degrees

ABILENE — Hardin-Simmons University has announced that Stephanie Gentry and Cherjalynn Prescott of Snyder were among 226 students that received degrees during the spring commencement exercises in May.

Gentry received a bachelor of behavioral science degree in sports/fitness/leisure studies with a minor in psychology.

Prescott received a bachelor of behavioral science degree in public relations/advertising with a minor in Bible. She graduated cum laude.

Ranch estate planning seminar set in August

Estate taxes are a major problem for ranch owners–and their heirs. Dr. Wayne Hayenga, an attorney with Texas Cooperative Extension, will hold a Ranch Estate Planning Seminar on August 6 and 7, in conjunction with the annual Beef Cattle Short Course, which will be held August 4-6. The Seminar will begin at 10:00 a.m. and continue until 4:30 p.m. on August 6, and on August 7 from 8:30 a.m. until noon. It will be held at the College Station Conference Center.

Topics covered will include the basic tools of estate planning: Wills, Living Trusts, and Powers of Attorney. But most of the time will be spent on income and estate tax saving plans for ranching families.

Irrevocable trusts, generation skipping trusts, bypass trusts, property ownership, community/separate property, special use valuation for ranches, partnerships and corporations will be discussed in the context of the gift and estate tax rules.

Dr. Hayenga will deliver a top notch educational program emphasizing key points with an entertaining style illustrating estate and income tax law provisions with practical examples that make learning a pleasure. His teaching makes full use of his broad background and practical experience as a farmer, banker, and lawyer.

Registration fee is $100.00 per person. It includes seminar materials, lunch on Wednesday, as well as refreshment breaks. For more information, call Sharon at (979) 845-2226, Fax: (979) 847-9374 or email:

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Lower back pain should be investigated

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm 27 and suffer from sciatica. I don't want to become dependent on strong painkillers. Is there any treatment or exercise I can apply to eliminate my chronic pain, or are narcotics the answer?

DEAR READER: Any medicine has potential side effects, some of which can be serious, such as the addiction potential for narcotic analgesics. Therefore, I completely agree with you that other options are more appropriate.

At 27, you are very young to have sciatica (lower back nerve malfunction), unless you have suffered significant trauma. (In older people, sciatica can result from herniated discs or bone spurs.) Therefore, I would first focus my attention on what, actually, is causing your problem. Is your back pain simply caused by muscle spasm? Could it be a manifestation of overuse syndrome? Are you doing something in your everyday activities that may aggravate your discomfort?

To get to the bottom of this puzzle, you should see an orthopedic back specialist, and — probably — have an MRI study of your lower back, where the sciatic nerves originate.

Now to your question.

An intensive program of physical therapy often helps relieve (and cure) back pain. Other non-surgical therapy includes ultrasound treatment, acupuncture, transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulation (TENS), chiropractic manipulation and analgesic medicines.

If you do, in fact, have a herniated disc, and the techniques I mentioned fail to relieve your discomfort, you may be a candidate for surgery to remove pressure on the sciatic nerves. While you are undergoing appropriate testing and so-called "conservative management," you may choose narcotics as a temporary expedient. But I would advise you to avoid the chronic use of narcotics unless this option is absolutely necessary.

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DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm concerned that members of my family bathe the dog in the bathtub. What about fleas and mites? Can humans contract them in this manner?

DEAR READER: Parasites, such as fleas and mites, are ordinarily killed by a good soaping and dunking. Those that survive the shampooing would be washed down the drain.

If the tub is cleansed and rinsed after the dog's bath, I do not believe that any parasites would be left to find a new home. But even if they were, the human soaping and cleaning should leave them no doubt that they're unwelcome.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Do you believe that the legalization of certain illegal drugs (such as marijuana and cocaine) would be a detriment to our society?

DEAR READER: The lines are being drawn on this complex issue as this is being written. Those people who believe in modifying the restriction of certain drugs point to the fact that the use of illicit narcotics, such as cocaine, has really not increased in 100 years. They claim this proves that 1) The problem isn't all that big and 2) Thus far, no policy of control has been effective. Supporters also believe that many of the problems stemming from the use of illegal drugs are directly related to the control of this "industry" by organized crime, both in this country and abroad. If drugs were legalized (or at least decriminalized), the argument goes, billions of dollars in illicit profits would evaporate, severely crippling the crime cartels and reducing the incidence of serious felonies.

On the other hand, opponents of decriminalization take the position that you don't solve a problem by making the cause of the problem — in this case, drugs — more readily available. Even if such drugs were eventually legalized, there would still have to be certain controls (age restriction, for example); thus, a huge black market would spring up in which organized crime would enthusiastically invest, and we would be back to square one.

In addition, there will always be profits to be made from drugs (and alcohol, too, for that matter). Do we really want our state and federal governments — upon which the responsibility for the manufacture, importation, distribution and sale of drugs would fall — to make money on such a venture? To me, this seems like crass hypocrisy.

Therefore, I do not believe that either of these extremes provides an answer. From my professional dealings with alcoholics, I know that you don't motivate addicts to give up something by making the substance easier to obtain. Further, I worry that across-the-board legalization of really dangerous drugs, such as narcotics, would indicate to juveniles tacit approval by adults that these drugs are "OK." They are not, and this is certainly not a message we want to give to our schoolchildren.

In my view, certain drugs should be legalized. For example, new laws should decriminalize the cultivation and possession (for personal use) of marijuana — and, most important, the drug should be allowed to be used for patients with terminal illnesses or chronic pain syndromes.

Our legal system is currently inundated by the prosecution of relatively trivial marijuana-related cases. Such overemphasis on this substance clogs the courts to the point where narcotics dealers are often given a mere slap on the wrist. If marijuana were legalized, law enforcement and punishment could be focused more on dealers and suppliers of other drugs, who should be summarily dealt with using strict prison terms.

Finally, I think that there should be renewed emphasis on prevention and treatment. Attempted interdiction of drugs entering the United States hasn't worked because as long as there is a demand, there will be a supply. We need to educate our youth about the dangers of addictive substances. We need to encourage them to say "No!" and mean it. We need to be role models, too. Little Johnny is more likely to turn to drugs if Daddy is drunk every night.

If, through a series of programs and treatment centers, we can wean more addicts off drugs (and, more important, keep them off), we can substantially reduce the demand for these drugs.

Coupled with prevention, treatment gets at the cause of addition. Merely attempting to prohibit the availability of drugs isn't, by itself, going to be effective — as it wasn't effective in the 1920s during prohibition.

I don't pretend to be an expert on illegal drugs. But I do believe that a modified approach — short of across-the-board legalization — might make the problem of drug abuse more manageable. I think there are compelling arguments on both sides of the issue and I hope that whatever strategy is ultimately adopted will contain a solid dose of common sense.

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Court upholds ruling that Max Factor heir can't appeal verdicts

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — An appellate court upheld a ruling that convicted rapist Andrew Luster has no right to appeal his guilty verdicts because he jumped bail and fled to Mexico during a break in his trial.

"By his flight to a foreign country, the inference is compelling that, but for his capture, he would be a fugitive to this day," Justice Kenneth Yegan wrote for the 2nd District Court of Appeals in its ruling Wednesday.

Luster, a great-grandson of cosmetics legend Max Factor, was convicted in absentia in January of drugging and raping women in his Ventura County home.

His attorney appealed the conviction, but Luster was still a fugitive, and the appeal was dismissed June 10 on the grounds that Luster had forfeited his right to appeal by jumping bail. The attorney appealed that ruling after Luster was captured June 18 in Puerto Vallarta.

Luster is serving his sentence in a California prison.

The bounty hunter who caught him is meanwhile facing Mexican charges of "deprivation of liberty," similar to kidnapping without requesting a ransom. The charge carries a maximum of four years in prison.

The bounty hunter, Duane Chapman, spoke to reporters Wednesday in Los Angeles. He said he didn't think he broke any laws and he expects to be exonerated. He said he feared Luster, spotted in a disco, was preying on women in Puerto Vallarta.

"My brother came and said, 'He's in the club right now and the flashing lights are on him and the girls are 17 years old walking around," Chapman said. "We had to protect everyone, we thought."

More than 800 firearms reported missing

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Pistols, revolvers, shotguns, submachine guns and even a stun gun are among the 800-plus firearms belonging to federal officers that remain missing after a General Accounting Office report two years ago found more than 1,000 weapons unaccounted for.

Lawmakers with the House Judiciary Committee called the findings in the GAO report released this week intolerable and inexcusable.

"There's just simply no excuse for the government to not be able to account for the weapons that were lost," Rep. Lamar Smith, R-San Antonio, said in the San Antonio Express-News. "I don't think we'll see those numbers again. Even though it was less than 1 percent, that's still too many."

Smith, a member of the judiciary committee, said congressmen asked for the report because they wanted to send a message to agencies to "clean up their act."

Officials of the 78 Texas counties in the San Antonio district of the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, formerly the INS, reported two firearms stolen in car burglaries from 1999 to the present, spokesman Denton Lankford said.

Hill Country peach growers deal with weather related woes

ROUND MOUNTAIN (AP) — Peach growers Paul and Sherry Jenkins have endured more than their fair share of growing pains this year.

First there was a winter drought, and then hailstorms. A late-March freeze ravaged their budding peach crop, and then a few weeks ago, a freak tornado turned some 500 of their trees into scattered brush.

But when visitors drop by the Jenkins' small stand in Round Mountain, on U.S. 281 north of Johnson City, they do find peaches. But barely 20 percent of their normal crop survived the weather to grow into sweet, fleshy fruit.

"We've had everything that could possibly go wrong go wrong this year," Paul Jenkins said, "except we didn't get wiped out completely."

The same can't be said about 25 miles away in Stonewall, just east of Fredericksburg and the heart of Hill Country peach production.

Vogel Orchards, a three-generation family operation, is making peach preserves, peach butter and peach ice cream, just as it does every year. But the fruit going into the jars is being trucked in from Round Mountain and other parts of the state.

"We had a 99.9 percent loss," said Terri Vogel, who oversees the roadside stand on U.S. 290. "I had five girls hired to help me run the retail part of it, but we could only keep two of them, and they're only part-time."

A hard freeze on March 30 is to blame for the crop's demise. Temperatures in some areas dropped into the teens that night, blackening the tiny peach blooms.

The fuzzy fruit is a big part of the local identity in Gillespie County, where about 40 percent of Texas' peach acreage — about 1,500 acres — is found.

Normally this time of year, Hill Country tourists crowd the roadside huts and orchards bustle with large numbers of seasonal workers filling boxes and baskets with newly ripened peaches to satisfy demand.

But most of the stands along the highways are idle this summer, and out among the trees, small crews tend to pruning, spraying and other tasks typically done when the harvest rush is over.

Jim Kamas, a peach specialist with Texas A&M Cooperative Extension, said experienced growers have been in this spot before — the state's peach crop is wiped out every seven years, on average. The last time it occurred was 1996.

"But the new growers haven't taken it on the chin before," said Kamas, based in Fredericksburg. "I talk to the veterans and they say, 'I'm going fishing', but the other guys, they're scrambling."

Kamas conservatively estimated the annual yield for peaches in Gillespie County at roughly $8,000 per acre. At 100 percent failure, the loss would run about $12 million.

Crop insurance is limited, he said, but savvy growers stay mindful of the cycles. "They set back some assets (in better years) to cover years like this."

And while the peaches are gone this year, they're not forgotten.

In late June, the annual Stonewall Peach Jamboree went off as scheduled, with two nights of rodeo, live music and the selection of the Peach Queen and her three duchesses.

Ernie Loeffler, director of the Fredericksburg Convention and Visitors Bureau, said peaches aren't as important to the area's tourism industry as they were a decade ago. Visitor numbers have steadily climbed through good peach years and bad.

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