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Home of Mike McLeod

POURING CEMENT — Eddie Barboza works to distribute the flow of concrete for a curb and sidewalk on 37th Street this morning as the work continues on the street improvements. A completion date on the project has not been released by TxDOT. (SDN Staff Photo)

In deaths of five children...

Insanity plea likely for accused killer

HOUSTON (AP) — An insanity defense likely will be used for a Houston woman accused of systematically drowning her five young children, her attorney said.

Andrea Yates, 36, was arrested last week in what a prosecutor called "the most horrendous thing that I've ever seen."

Yates told police Wednesday that she drowned her children one by one in a bathtub in their suburban Houston home. Dead are Noah, 7; John, 5; Paul, 3; Luke, 2; and Mary, 6 months.

Yates has been charged with one count of capital murder for the deaths of Noah and John. Authorities said other charges might follow.

Houston attorney George Parnham, who represents Yates, said in televised reports today that he has met with psychiatrists treating her at the Harris County Jail.

"My observation is that she is still in a very deep psychosis. We are having her treated and examined by very professional mental health experts who care deeply for their patients," he said Monday in a round of network television news show appearances.

Parnham also said Yates, who is on a 24-hour suicide watch in the jail, may have been taken off an anti-psychotic drug by her doctors before the murder of her children.

"We are in the process of obtaining as many medical records as we can," Parnham said. "Obviously this is important and the ultimate decision is whether or not proceed with the defense of insanity."

Yates was a registered nurse from 1986 to 1994 at the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, hospital records show.

The youngest of her parents' five children, she spent the most time with her dying father as he battled Alzheimer's disease, a neighbor told the Houston Chronicle in Monday's editions.

Parnham told the newspaper, "I've accumulated evidence in the last 24 hours that strongly suggests that the mental status of my client will be the issue, which means entering a not-guilty plea by reason of insanity."

He said he is gathering background on Yates' mental health history before making a final decision on her defense.

Parnham said today that what happened in the Yates' home last week "didn't happen in a vacuum." He said potential clues were "ignored, explained away or misdiagnosed," but he said he would not blame others for the deaths.

He would not say in any interview what evidence indicated she was insane when she killed the children at her Clear Lake home. However, the lawyer said he does not think the case warrants the death penalty and he hopes prosecutors decide against seeking it.

Her husband, Russell Yates, has remained one of her strongest supporters. He told reporters on Thursday that her severe postpartum depression, coupled with her father's recent death, drove her to harm their children.

Jury selection for drug trial underway

Jury selection was underway this morning in 132nd District Court for the trial of a 23-year-old Snyder woman who failed to show for her drug trial in April.

Some 140 prospective jurors were summoned for 8:30 this morning in the case against Danisha Venita Ollison of 1007 29th Street.

Ollison is charged with delivery of a controlled substance in a drug-free zone. She was indicted following an undercover drug operation that resulted in a roundup of suspects just before Christmas.

At the time of the drug delivery offense, Ollison was living in Apt. 3B1 at 4400 Ave. U, which is within 1,000 feet of Stanfield Elementary.

Ollison failed to appear for trial on April 17, and the Scurry County grand jury meeting in May handed down additional indictments for bond jumping and failure to appear.

District Judge Ernie Armstrong is presiding in the case. District Attorney Dana Cooley will present the state's case. Defense attorney is Justin Low of Odessa.

Not guilty...

Ringleader of escaped inmates enters plea

DALLAS (AP) — An innocent plea was entered today for George Rivas, the ringleader of a gang of escaped inmates charged with killing an Irving police officer.

Rivas appeared before District Judge Molly Francis just before the beginning of jury selection in the capital murder case.

District Attorney Bill Hill read the charge against Rivas, who wore a gray suit and glasses. When Francis asked for Rivas' plea, lead defense attorney Wayne Huff said, "My client stands mute."

The judge then entered a plea of innocent for the former escapee.

Rivas said after his capture that he fired the fatal shots at officer Aubrey Hawkins during a robbery on Christmas Eve.

Proceedings began amid heightened security measures. Additional bailiffs and sheriff's deputies were assigned, and those entering the courtroom had to pass through a metal detector.

Francis plans to poll 460 potential jurors this week, then spend about three weeks individually questioning those who qualify.

Rivas' trial is set to begin Aug. 13. The five other defendants will be tried consecutively over a period of at least a year. Hill has said he will seek the death penalty against all six and will not accept plea agreements.

Francis has issued a gag order prohibiting all trial participants from speaking publicly about the cases.

The defendants broke out of a maximum-security prison in Kenedy on Dec. 13. A seventh man committed suicide rather than surrender when captured in Colorado six weeks later.

Intense publicity of the escapees' travels and capture will make it difficult for lawyers to find jurors who have not formed opinions about the case, said a prominent jury consultant not involved in the case.

"It's going to be virtually impossible to find a jury with warm fuzzy feelings," said Richardson attorney Robert Hirschhorn.

Court upholds affirmative action ruling in Texas case

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court today sanctioned a lower court ruling that held an affirmative action program for colleges and universities in Texas discriminated against whites.

The case involved a successful challenge to a University of Texas law school policy that gave special consideration to black and Mexican-American student applicants.

This may not be the last word on affirmative action in higher education. A ruling that struck down the University of Michigan Law School's affirmative action policy is before an appellate court and appears to be working its way to the Supreme Court.

The court's order nonetheless dashed hopes that the justices were ready to resolve conflicts among appellate courts over affirmative action. Those differences have surfaced since the court's 1978 fractured Bakke decision, when the majority said universities may take race into account in admissions.

The state challenged a 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruling that found the former law school policy discriminated against whites.

The Supreme Court was asked to consider the case in 1996, but refused that year. Since then, the case returned to the lower courts and has worked its way back.

Texas education officials have said the ruling left the state at a competitive disadvantage with other public universities in recruiting students.

The Texas attorney general's office, in a brief in favor of the affirmative action policy, said the court should decide whether the Bakke decision remains the law of the land.

"The court's long silence on consideration of race in higher education has left conflict and confusion in the lower courts," the state argued.

The state said that even though Texas had long ago eliminated legal segregation in higher education, the admissions policy was critical to bring diversity to the state system.

CACTUS IN BLOOM — Various species of cactus have been in bloom the past few weeks, including this one near the Deep Creek walking path. (SDN Staff Photo)

Earthquake death toll is increasing

AREQUIPA, Peru (AP) — As the earth shook, Clever Velasquez heard his mother's desperate cry for help. Before he realized what was happening, he was buried under rubble, with his mother and his 8-year-old brother beside him.

"She kept yelling: 'Someone help us get out of here. I don't want to die here,'" Velasquez recalled after relatives pulled him and his mother to safety.

Rescue workers tended to the injured and rushed aid to cities and towns across Peru after a 7.9-magnitude earthquake toppled adobe homes and stone buildings Saturday. By Sunday night, the death toll had risen to at least 71, with more than 1,000 people reported injured.

At least 10,000 were reported to be homeless.

Throughout the day Sunday, stunned survivors gathered at hospitals to examine lists of the injured and the dead. Children and stray dogs in Arequipa roamed through mounds of debris and rubble — all that remained of some houses dating back 250 years — while rescue workers doled out plastic buckets and pails of potable water.

News of injuries and deaths trickled in from remote rural areas. Peru's Civil Defense Institute on Sunday twice raised the death toll.

ASK US

Q—Besides his salary of $15,000, what will be the coaching stipend for Ira's football coach.

A—$3,000.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Saturday, 88 degrees; low, 65; high Sunday, 96, low 69, 7 a.m. Monday, 73.

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy, low near 70, SE wind 10-20 mph. Tuesday, mostly sunny, high mid 90s, S-SE wind 10-20 mph.

Chloe Reecer
Sunny

Sunset: 8:52 p.m.
Sunrise: 6:42 a.m.
Of 175 days in 2001, the sun has shone 163 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

If opportunity came disguised as temptation, one knock would be enough.
—Lane Olinghouse

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Concerns raised about aquifer contamination

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Concerns are being raised about the potential threat to the Edwards Aquifer in the wake of conflicting assessments of chemical contamination in and around soon-to-be-decommissioned Kelly Air Force Base.

The Air Force says that a 12-square-mile plume of contaminants in the shallow water table beneath the base poses minimal risk to the deeper Edwards because it is shielded by a 1,000-foot barrier of clay and limestone.

This month, the federal Environmental Protection Agency cast doubt on that determination by putting the abandoned R&H Oil Co. refinery its list of Superfund cleanup sites. The refinery is next to the base.

The aquifer is San Antonio's primary source of drinking water.

Kelly's pollutants consist primarily of the chlorinated solvents perchloroethylene and trichloroethylene, both of which can cause liver and kidney damage.

An EPA document says water samples taken at the seven-acre abandoned refinery site found benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, 2-methyl naphthalene, xylenes, arsenic, barium and zinc. Those pollutants, the EPA says, "threaten nearby municipal water wells used by the city of San Antonio."

"I'm concerned about the contradictory statement by the EPA that the Edwards is threatened, because I don't believe it is," David Newman, environmental manager for the city, said in a report published in Sunday's San Antonio Express-News.

events

TEXAS LOTTERY

RESULTS

Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — One ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The ticket was worth an estimated $13 million.

The ticket was sold in Humble.

The numbers drawn were 10, 12, 16, 25, 29 and 41.

Wednesday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $4 million.

Pick 3

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

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Few women have top district jobs

HOUSTON (AP) — Kaye Stripling's appointment as Houston's school chief may not have satisfied Hispanic groups pushing for a Latino leader, but she is a minority in the male-dominated world of school superintendents.

"We're kind of a small group, but we've been raising some hell about that," Stripling said. "I'm not sure that women as a whole start out thinking that it's an achievable goal."

Stripling, who was recently named the sole candidate for the post, will be officially tapped for the position before the end of the month.

The 60-year-old administrator didn't think she wanted to take the helm of the nation's seventh-largest school district when appointed to be its interim chief in January. The position opened after President Bush tapped then-superintendent Rod Paige to be U.S. education secretary.

Stripling, who started her career in Houston as a special education teacher in 1964 and moved up through the ranks, said she never envisioned herself in the district's top spot. In the last six months, Stripling gained confidence and decided she could do the job — and that she wanted it.

But while public education is dominated by women overall, men maintain a stronghold on the top positions.

Nationwide, about 12 percent of school superintendents are women. In Texas, women lead 124 of the state's 1,045 districts — about 11.6 percent.

"About 50 percent of associate or assistant superintendents are women, but we think there are a lot of reasons why they don't take that next step," said Sharon Adams-Taylor, director of member networks for the American Association of School Administrators.

She said that often superintendent jobs, particularly in larger districts, go to candidates willing to move, and women are often less willing to hop from district to district. Also, often salaries for superintendents aren't much higher than those for their assistants, making it less attractive to take jobs that can be high profile and politically charged.

Stripling's salary as superintendent of the southwest portion of the Houston district is $200,000. Paige's salary was $275,000, but her salary as his replacement has yet to be announced.

"Clearly they are the people who are in the pipeline," Adams-Taylor said. "That's an issue for us, on how we get them to make that leap."

More are moving up in the nation's 56 largest districts, which are represented by the Council of the Great City Schools in Washington, D.C.

Stripling's appointment brought to 14 the number of women in charge of those districts — up three from 1999. A few of those are on their second or third superintendent jobs.

"Women are getting a lot of experience and there's quite a bit of movement," council spokesman Henry Duvall said. "These are CEO jobs for sure."

More than half of Houston's 205,000 students are Hispanic, about one-third are black, and the rest are white, Asian or of other races or ethnic groups. Also, 75 percent of the district's students qualify for free or reduced-price lunches.

The high Hispanic population in the district prompted Hispanic groups to push for a Latino superintendent. Stripling is white.

She said she is tuned in to the district's diversity and the need to ensure all ethnic groups are served.

Why did he kill girls? Accused dad says he was 'overwhelmed'

DALLAS (AP) — An accountant accused of killing his two young daughters while arguing with their mother on the telephone says battles with his ex-wife and his workload had left him feeling overwhelmed before the slayings.

John Battaglia is held on two counts of capital murder in the May 2 shooting deaths of Liberty Battaglia and her older sister, Faith Battaglia.

"I guess I was at my wits' end, trying to do too many things at one time," the 45-year-old Dallas CPA told The Dallas Morning News in today's editions.

In his first interview since the May 2 shootings in his Deep Ellum loft, Battaglia did not admit or deny shooting 9-year-old Faith or 6-year-old Liberty and declined to discuss their deaths, maintaining that his memory of that night remained cloudy.

Battaglia, who faces a possible death sentence if convicted of either of the two capital murder charges stemming from the slaying of his daughters, accused ex-wife Mary Jean Pearle of interfering constantly with his right to see the daughters following his divorce last August.

The relationship, Battaglia said, "was like a nightmare. She wouldn't leave me alone."

He said Faith had told him shortly after he picked up the girls from Pearle that her mother had said she and Liberty wouldn't be going on a planned campout with their father because he was going to be in jail.

Police say Pearle was on the phone later when Battaglia had Faith ask her, "Why are you trying to put Daddy in jail?" The girl was next heard to say, "No, Daddy, don't do it. No, Daddy, no," followed by a burst of gunfire, police said.

Battaglia's voice cracked when he spoke about the girls. And he acknowledged that two roses he had tattooed on his arm after the shootings were for them.

"I'd give anything in the world to get my kids back," he told the newspaper in a telephone interview last week from his jail cell.

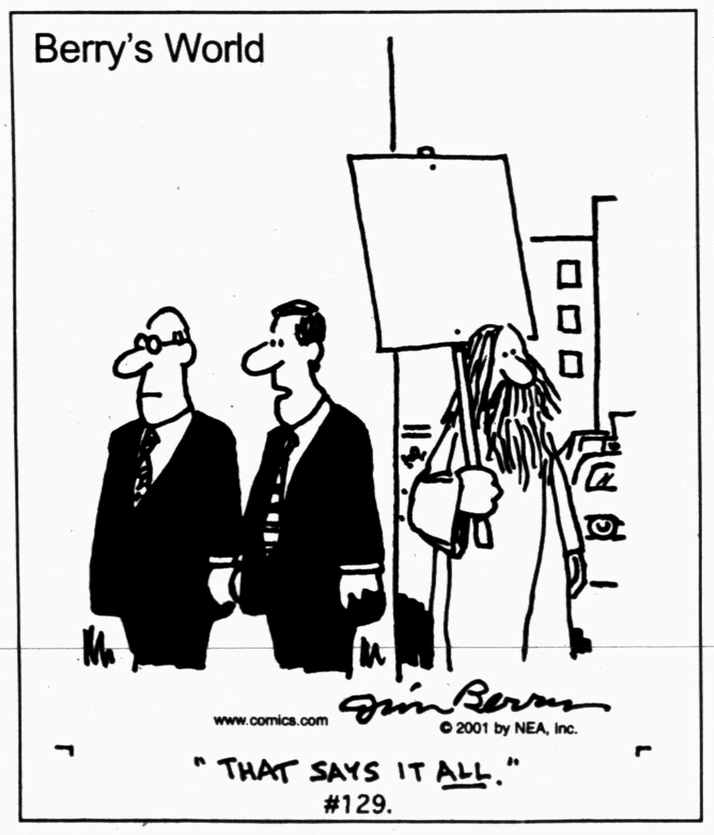
Battaglia was arrested outside a tattoo parlor near his loft several hours after the shootings. Jury selection for his trial is scheduled to begin in December.

Pearle deferred comment on Battaglia's accusations against her in a statement read by her media consultant, Lisa LeMaster.

"Blame is for the jury and ultimately God to decide," the statement read. "I would ask you to consider the source on these statements, a man charged with killing my two daughters. For now, to honor and protect Faith and Liberty's memory, I cannot address the case further."

Relatives and friends have described Battaglia as a charming, intelligent man whose life outside of his accounting work revolved around Faith, Liberty and a teen-age daughter from his first marriage. But court records showed he was also capable of violence.

Berry's World



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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Tuesday, June 26, 2001

Involvement in endeavors that are good for the masses at large could enhance your earnings in the year ahead. If you've got something good going, get it to those who have the pipeline.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — When working in close proximity with a person you know to be both careless and temperamental, be extra watchful of this individual should he or she begin to use unfamiliar tools or materials. Trying to patch up a broken romance?

The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — It is sheer folly to take an outlandish gamble today in hopes of recouping a previous loss. Instead of getting even, chances are you'll merely go further in the hole.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Only if the idea originates with you will you be helpful towards others today. Of course, that's not all bad, but it's not kind to turn a deaf ear should someone ask something of you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Self-doubts could override what you need to do in the way of bold actions today in order to bring a wayward situation under control. Do what you have to do.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — It might be all too easy today to have a misunderstanding with a friend over money or something material. Remember, financial involvements with pals can be like mixing milk and mud.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Carefully evaluate your objectives today before fighting an uphill battle over something rather insignificant. It could be a total waste of time and energy.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — The question should be, "How much are you prepared to do for friends today?" If you come up short, stop asking how much they're willing to do for you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Friends and associates you know only socially should not be relied upon to assist you in feathering your nest commercially today. Leave business in the arena where it belongs.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Although it might be more tempting, do not be attentive only to persons who offer counsel that suits your desires. Be wise enough today to listen to those who offer you sound advice.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — The best way to avoid problems in relationships today is to not be critical of them in the first place. We attract what we put out, so look up to pals, not down on them.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Don't allow companions or associates to pressure you into abandoning your ideals or reducing your standards. Don't stoop down to theirs; lift them up to yours.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Should you have to deal with a forceful individual today, have adequate faith in your own judgment so you can meet coercion with vigor. Having a big mouth doesn't make him or her right.

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Date Book

Monday, June 25, 2001

Today is the 176th day of 2001 and the fifth day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1844, President John Tyler and Julia Gardiner were married in New York City. Tyler was the first president to be married in office.

On this day in 1938, President Franklin Roosevelt signed a law establishing a minimum wage of 25 cents an hour.

On this day in 1982, Secretary of State Alexander Haig resigned from the administration of President Ronald Reagan.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Henry "Hap" Arnold (1886-1950), U.S. Army Air Force general; George Orwell (1903-1950), writer; Sidney Lumet (1924-), director, is 77; June Lockhart (1925-), actress, is 76; Willis Reed (1942-), basketball great, is 59; Carly Simon (1945-), singer-songwriter, is 56; Phyllis George (1949-), sports broadcaster, is 52; George Michael (1963-), singer, is 38.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1928, the New York Giants defeated Philadelphia 12-4 and 8-2 in a doubleheader.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Middle age is when your age starts showing around your middle." — Bob Hope

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (June 21) and first quarter (June 27).

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High blood pressure should be treated

CHICAGO (AP) — Younger men should be just as concerned about high blood pressure as middle-aged and older men because it puts them at significant risk of dying from cardiovascular diseases such as heart attacks and strokes later in life, a study found.

The findings suggest that prevention should begin in childhood, said Dr. Martha Daviglus, one of the study's authors and a professor at the Northwestern University Medical School.

The study, in today's issue of the Archives of Internal Medicine, is significant because most previous research focused on middle-aged and older men and most screening and treatment guidelines have been based on those findings, Daviglus said.

The study, based on data collected on 10,874 Chicago men ages 18-39 who were studied from 1967 to '73 and then followed for an average of 25 years, is the most comprehensive yet on the long-term effects of high blood pressure in young men, said Daviglus, of the university's Department of Preventive Medicine.

Almost 62 percent of those studied had high-normal blood pressure or stage 1 hypertension. High-normal is a reading of 130-139 (systolic pressure) over 85-89 (diastolic pressure) and stage 1 hypertension is 140-159 over 90-99, Daviglus said. Optimal blood pressure is below 120 over 80 and normal is 120-129 over 80-85, she said.

After 25 years, 197 of the men had died of coronary heart disease, 257 of cardiovascular disease and 759 of all other causes — some of which might also be attributed to high blood pressure because other diseases, such as renal and kidney diseases, are affected by high blood pressure, Daviglus said.

Life expectancy was shortened by 2.2 years for men with high-normal blood pressure and by 4.1 years for those with stage 1 hypertension.

Men with high-normal blood pressure had a 34 percent higher risk of dying from coronary heart disease, and those with stage 1 hypertension had a 50 percent higher risk of dying of coronary heart disease, Daviglus said.

"When you're young, you never believe you're going to have heart disease," she said. "But if we educate young people and show them the data — that yes, this is really going to affect you — they may change their lifestyle."

She said many doctors do not prescribe medication to treat high blood pressure in young men because of concerns about potential side effects of long-term drug use. But she said the study may indicate that some men need to begin medication earlier. Also, young men should be screened for blood pressure and doctors should stress lifestyle changes early, she said.

The finding that many young men had elevated blood pressure shows that prevention should begin in childhood by encouraging diets with more fruits and vegetables and less salt, and more exercise, she said.

Dr. David A. Meyerson, a Johns Hopkins cardiologist and spokesman for the American Heart Association who was not involved in the research, said the study provided important proof about the need for early prevention.

"The study affirms our strongly held belief that a population-wide effort for health promotion and disease prevention by lifestyle modification should begin early in life and be continued lifelong," said Meyerson. "Lifestyle modification for most is painless and, if started early, can dramatically reduce disease in the future."

FDA to inspect thousands of plants for allergenic products

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The Food and Drug Administration plans to inspect thousands of candy makers, bakeries and other processors over the next two years to make sure ingredients that cause common allergic reactions aren't getting into food and candy accidentally.

The FDA decided on the inspections, which could involve as many as 6,000 plants, after recently testing several plants in Minnesota and Wisconsin. One-fourth of the cookie, ice cream and candy makers tested had ingredients such as peanuts that weren't disclosed on product labels.

"We'd like to go out and see if that is true in the rest of the nation," said Kenneth Falci, an FDA official who briefed industry officials on the agency's plans at the Institute of Food Technologists annual conference over the weekend.

Foods are supposed to disclose all ingredients except for flavorings, colorings and spices, but allergenic ingredients sometimes slip into foods undetected because machinery hasn't been cleaned properly between different products, industry officials say.

Training for the 2,500 inspectors will take up to a year, Falci said.

The agency also has asked food makers and their ingredient suppliers to study all of the thousands of flavorings, colorings and spices that are in use to identify those that are made from common allergens, Falci said.

Under federal law, companies are not required to disclose the composition of flavorings, colorings and spices on food labels.

Some 7 million Americans who suffer from food allergies rely on ingredient labels to tell which processed foods are safe for them to consume. Some food allergies, particularly peanut allergies, can be fatal, claiming an estimated 150 lives a year. Allergy-related food recalls jumped 20 percent last year to more than 120, according to the FDA.

Eight food groups are responsible for most allergic reactions: Crustaceans such as crab and lobster; peanuts, eggs, fish, milk, soy, tree nuts such as almonds and walnuts; and wheat.

In Minnesota and Wisconsin, the FDA asked state inspectors to look just at peanut and egg allergies.

The inspectors found that allergens usually got into foods undetected because bakers used the same utensils to stir separate mixes or reused baking sheets between batches. At one candy company, certain machinery was washed only once a year, even though both peanut-containing and peanut-free chocolates were run through the equipment.

The food industry recently released voluntary labeling standards that call for disclosure of the sources of flavorings that could cause allergic reactions. Labels also are supposed to use more easily understood terms for ingredients like casein, a milk product.

Falci suggested that the FDA may restrict the use of some precautionary statements that some manufacturers are putting on all their products to protect themselves against lawsuits. One common statement reads, "May contain peanuts." Such a label could be considered "false and misleading" if there is little chance the food could contain an allergen, Falci said.

The food industry, meanwhile, is wrestling with whether to start testing foods for allergens. Tests have been developed that can detect minute amounts of allergenic proteins for peanuts, milk and eggs.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

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From the usual to the strong

By Phillip Alder

What, according to a Turkish proverb, is "black as hell, strong as death, sweet as love"?

Last week, we looked at normal takeout doubles, when the doubler is short in the opener's suit and has at least three cards in each of the unbid suits. The normal hand shapes are 4-4-3-2, 4-4-4-1 and 5-4-4-0, with 5-3-3-2 possible if the five-card suit is a minor. However, if the doubler has a good 17 high-card points or more, he can have any distribution. He shows his extra power on the second round.

Look at North's raise to two spades. How many points does it promise?

The answer comes from the logic of the game. South's minimum one-spade bid showed 0-8 points. If North knows game is impossible, he passes. One spade must be a sane contract. To bid again, North is saying that game might still be achievable. So, he must have at least 17 points, making a combined 25 feasible.

The raise to two spades shows 17-19 points (with four-card support).

South's hand, which evaluates to eight points (counting one for the doubleton), is worth game.

West leads the heart king.

Knowing from West's opening bid that the diamonds probably won't split 3-2, South is faced with four losers: one spade, one heart and two diamonds. He must get rid of a diamond by taking the club finesse, either immediately or — preferably — after drawing trumps. His 10 tricks will be three spades, one heart, two diamonds, three clubs and a heart ruff in the dummy.

As it is a Turkish proverb, you probably deduced that it refers to coffee.

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Sweetwater men injured in crash

BOLIVAR, Mo. (AP) — Two men were seriously injured Sunday after their light plane flipped over and crashed just after taking off from the Bolivar Memorial Airport.

Jim Berlin, 70, and Jerry Berlin, 66 — both of Sweetwater, Texas — were transported to Cox South Hospital in Springfield, a hospital spokeswoman said. Jim Berlin was in good condition, and Jerry Berlin was in critical condition early today, hospital officials said.

According to witnesses, the plane suddenly veered to the left after takeoff. It reached a height of about 50 feet before it crashed, leaving the plane heavily damaged.

Accepts proposal

LONDON (AP) — Irish singer Sinead O'Connor has accepted a marriage proposal from a journalist she met a few months ago, the groom-to-be said.

Nick Sommerlad, a Dublin-based correspondent for Britain's Press Association, said Sunday the couple plans to tie the knot sometime next summer.

"Yes, we are getting married," said Sommerlad, 27. "We have not got any firm dates for it yet. I am delighted and so is she."

The two began dating in February after being introduced by a mutual friend. "We fell for each other very quickly," Sommerlad said.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Wife's wish for her birthday is to spend it with friends

DEAR ABBY: My 36th birthday is coming, and I would like to do something exciting. I want to have fun with some of my close friends. I have celebrated with my husband and 9-year-old daughter for the past eight years. It's always the same. They buy me a cake, give me gifts and sing "Happy Birthday" — and every year, I become more depressed because "like that," my birthday is over.

I need something more. How can I break this depressing cycle and explain to my husband and daughter that I prefer spending my birthday with friends? — **WANTING A HAPPIER BIRTHDAY**

DEAR WANTING: Is there any reason why you can't do both — have a family birthday and some special time with your friends? Many people celebrate their birthdays over a period of several days.

I can't help feeling something more is going on than you have revealed in your letter. You may be depressed, and not just on your birthday. See your physician and tell him or her how you feel. If you don't, I see trouble ahead.

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DEAR ABBY: I have been invited to a "senior recital" for my next-door neighbor's daughter. The parents of this girl have reserved the auditorium at the school and invited friends and family to an hour-long presentation by her, followed by a reception.

My question: Is this a gift-giving occasion? Should I take flowers or what? I don't want to arrive empty-handed, but I'm in a quandary as to what exactly I should do.

Obviously this is a first for me, Abby. I like these people and want to do the right thing. Any suggestions would be appreciated. — **D.M.K. IN DELAWARE**

DEAR D.M.K.: While being invited to a senior recital is not usually considered a gift-giving occasion, if you were to take something the girl could have as a keepsake, she would probably treasure it for the rest of her life. It needn't be anything expensive.

Another idea would be to unobtrusively take a photograph of her during her presentation, frame it, and give it to her as a memento.

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DEAR ABBY: My wife and mother-in-law had surgeries on the same day in hospitals more than 100 miles apart. After my wife emerged from surgery, and I was assured that everything had gone well, I raced to the other hospital to see my mother-in-law.

When I reached her side, I could see she was close to death. I asked her if there was anything I could do. She raised an arm, pulled me close and whispered a compliment I will never forget. She said, "Dougie, I'm not a jealous person. If I were, I would be jealous of the life my daughter has had with you."

I kissed her wrinkled cheek, said goodbye and drove back to my wife. It was a sunny California day, but I had difficulty seeing through my tears.

My message to other sons-in-law is this: Instead of making fun of your mothers-in-law, tell them how much you love them. You might be surprised to find out they love you, too. — **"DOUGIE" SOMEWHERE IN CALIFORNIA**

DEAR DOUGIE: Please accept my sympathy for the loss of your mother-in-law. She must have been a wonderful woman to have given you such a meaningful farewell gift. I hope others will take your letter to heart. It contains an important lesson.

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Dear Abby is written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips.

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11 teens charged

PATERSON, N.J. (AP) — Police have charged 11 teen-agers in the death of a homeless man who was beaten and stomped to death by a rampaging group of youths who had been let out of school early.

Hector Robles was attacked on Wednesday as he sat on a tire, sipping beer from a bottle, witnesses said.

The teens, all between the ages of 15 and 17, were due to appear in court today. The prosecutor's office has 30 days to decide whether to try the suspects as adults.

Nearly 100 people gathered Sunday at the site of the beating for a candlelight ceremony in Robles' memory.

A preliminary autopsy showed Robles died of multiple blunt wounds to the torso.

Police are looking for more suspects in the incident.

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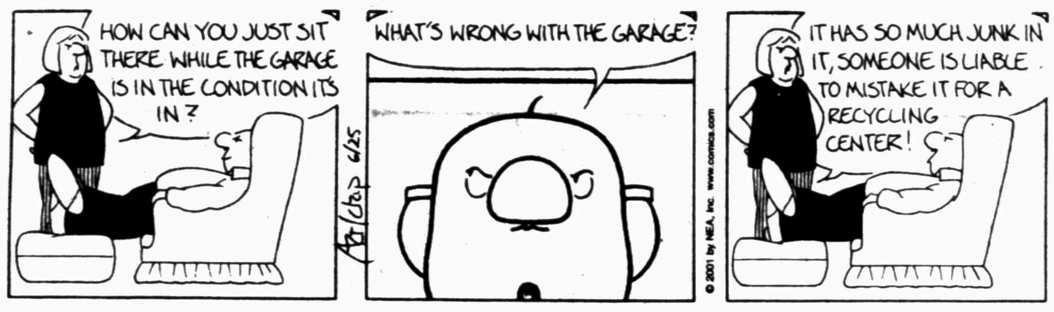

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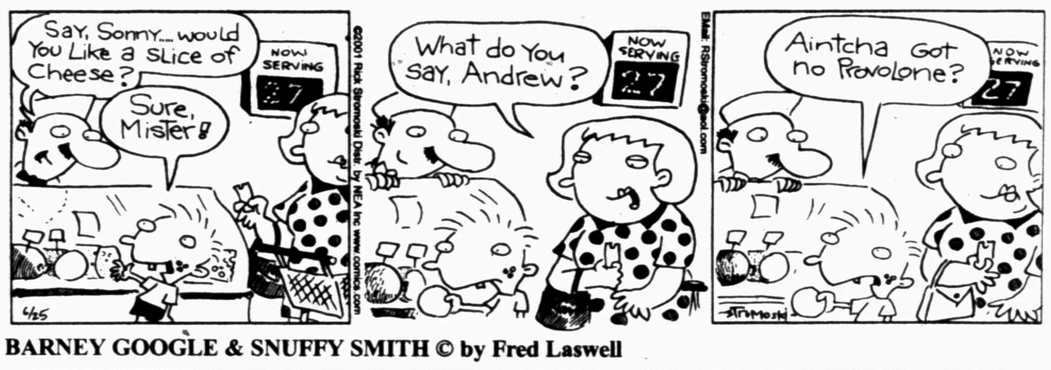

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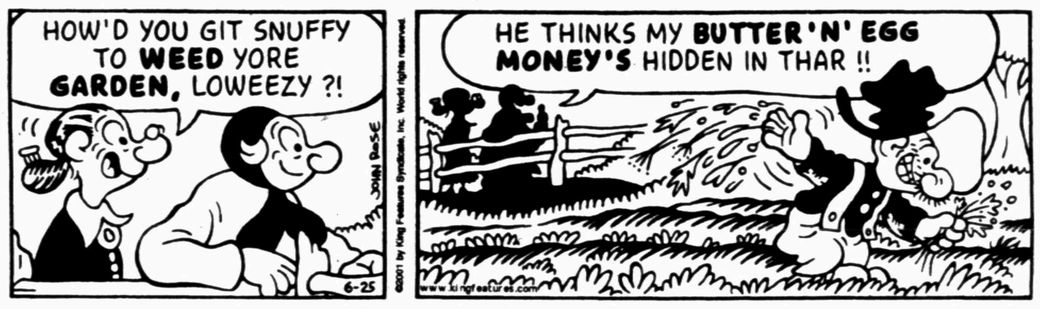

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10 Purplish red
12 Road divider
14 Tennis player Goolagong
15 Army command (2 wds.)
16 Fiber cluster
17 Negative vote
19 Singing voice
20 Caring
23 Playful mammal
26 Rowing need
27 Chairman —
30 Swerved
32 Nantucket, e.g.
34 Actress Dahl
35 Theater district
36 "— Abner"
37 Be in debt to
39 Fertilizer ingredient
40 Faster
42 Nonprofit org.
45 LAX info
46 Get the perp
49 Des —, Iowa
51 Washington city
54 Certify
55 Pencil part
56 Towel word
57 "God — America"

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2 Talk wildly
3 Small quantity
4 Vast age
5 Silver or Reagan
6 O'Hare vehicle
7 Perfect
8 Small container
9 Sunrise direction
11 Hawaiian goose
12 London district
13 Recent (pref.)
18 Bother
20 "Present!"
21 Before this time
22 Bearlike
23 Egg-shaped
24 Actress Garr
25 Spill the beans
27 Brewer's grain
28 Start the poker pot
29 Fragrance
31 Most moist
33 Lion's den
38 Small lizard
40 More rational
41 London gallery
42 Singer Sumac
43 Gypsy —
44 Quote as an authority
46 A — for news
47 Singing Brothers
48 Cell features
50 Curly letter
52 Wall St. expert
53 Coolidge nickname

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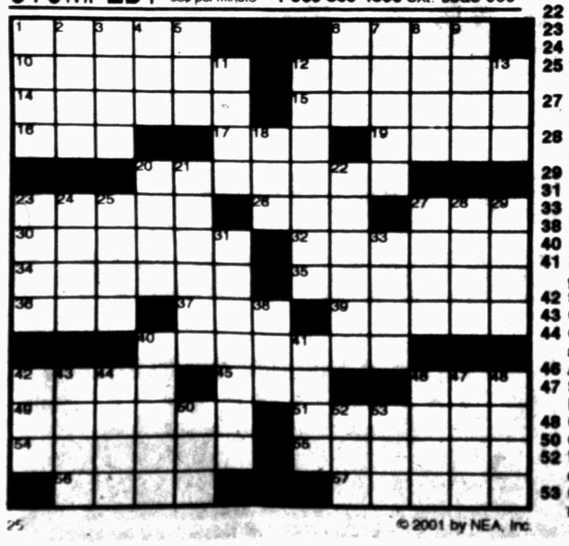

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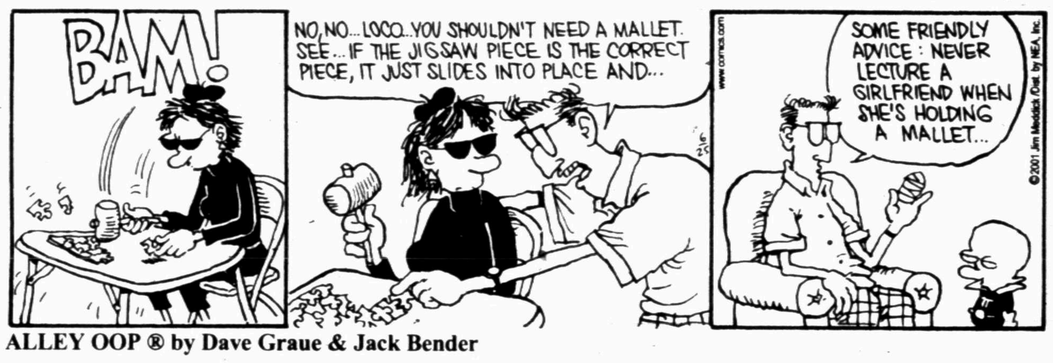

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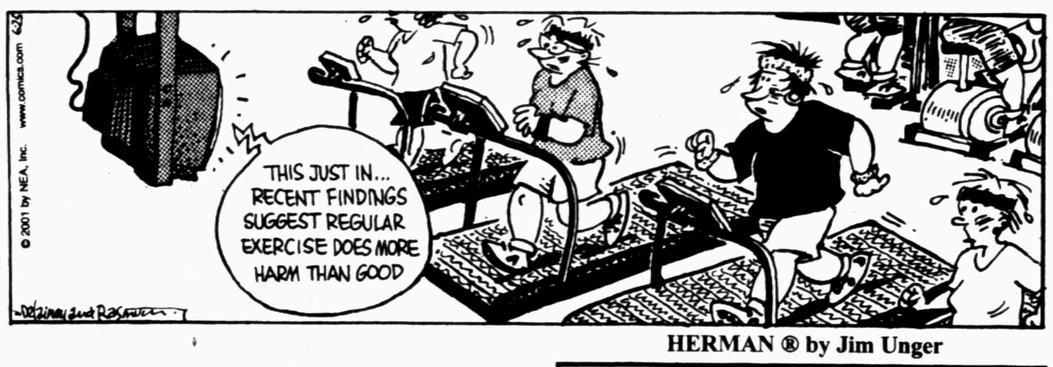

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SPORTS

Rangers continue surge with 9-5 victory over A's

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Rob Bell used some of his worst stuff to get his first victory of the season.

Rafael Palmeiro and Ruben Sierra hit back-to-back homers in the fourth inning as the Rangers beat the Oakland Athletics 9-5 Sunday to win their third straight series.

Ivan Rodriguez also homered as Texas won with plenty of offense and a good start from Bell (1-0), who was unimpressive but effective. He allowed five hits and three runs over five innings in his second appearance since joining the Rangers in a trade with Cincinnati on June 15.

"I didn't have great stuff, but a win is a win," Bell said. "I felt like I had a six-shooter with one bullet in it, and that was my fastball. I'm still waiting for my curveball to come back."

It was the first victory in 13 starts for Bell, who jumped from Double-A to the majors last season but couldn't get on track in Cincinnati. Winless in 10 tries with the Reds this season, he hadn't won since beating the Cubs last Sept. 13.

Manager Jerry Narron praised Bell's changeup, as well as his tenacity in pitching out of two jams.

"We had him on the ropes, but he minimized the damage," Oakland manager Art Howe said. "He was probably one hitter from being out of the game, but he qualified for the win."

The Rangers' improved starting pitching has been the primary reason for their small steps back toward respectability. A disastrous season has knocked Texas out of the playoff race, but the Rangers hope to regain some of their confidence and self-respect with their current run of solid play.

The Rangers won for the sixth time in nine games, taking two of three from the stumbling A's.

"We've pitched well for the last two weeks or so, and that's really the only difference," Narron said. "We're getting guys out that we weren't getting out before."

Frank Catalanotto had a two-run double in Texas' three-run fifth inning against Gil Heredia (4-6), who hadn't lost since May 12. Heredia allowed six hits and four earned runs while pitching into the fifth.

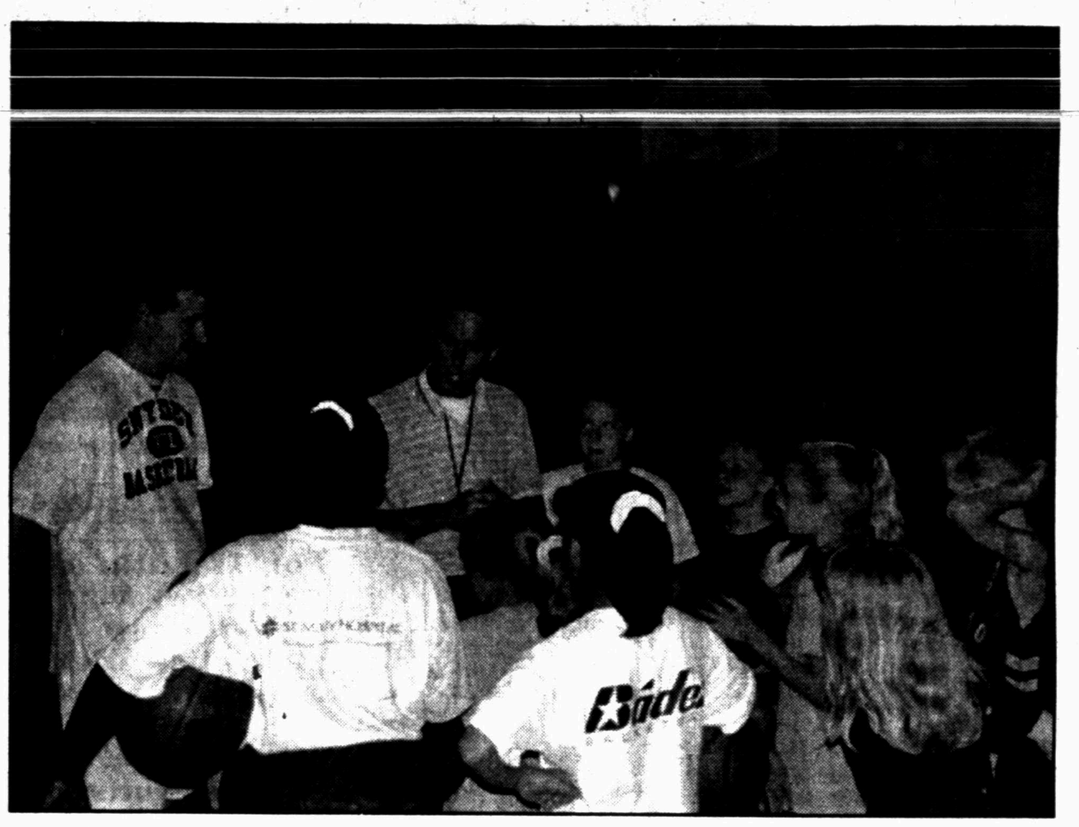
"Whenever I pitch against these guys, I'm not very good," said Heredia, who is 0-5 in six career appearances against Texas. "I have to go out and try to do something different. I have to make an adjustment."

Oakland, which had a short postgame clubhouse meeting, lost for the eighth time in 11 games to finish a seven-game homestand against AL West opponents with just three victories.

Palmeiro, who snapped an 0-for-15 slump with a second-inning single, hit a 2-0 pitch from Heredia into the right field stands at the Coliseum in the fourth for his 19th homer.

Sierra, whose ninth-inning homer on Saturday forced Oakland to win in the 10th, followed with another shot to right, his ninth homer.

After Bo Porter scored from second base on Heredia's throwing error in the fifth, Catalanotto — the utility player who made just his sixth start this season in left field — drove home Ricky Ledee and Michael Young, putting Texas up 6-2.



THIS IS HOW IT'S DONE — Snyder High School girls' basketball coaches Mike Martin, center, and Brent Parr instruct a group of youngsters this morning at the Snyder Tiger Basketball Camp at the SHS gym. (SDN Staff Photo)

Dallas owner plans $300 million complex

DALLAS (AP) — The owner of the Texas Rangers and Dallas Stars announced plans Sunday for a $300 million sports complex in far north Dallas that will house a minor league baseball team and a state-of-the-art hockey practice facility.

Construction will start this fall on a 9,000-seat minor league baseball park that will have 30 luxury suites. Efforts are under way to obtain an existing minor league franchise to play at the park beginning in 2003 as a minor league farm team of the Rangers, owner Tom Hicks said.

The complex will be at the northeast intersection of Texas Highway 121 and Dallas North Tollway, in the suburb of Frisco. It will contain two NHL-size rinks and will be not only the Stars' practice site but the Stars' new headquarters, Hicks said.

The sports complex will anchor a mixed-used development that will include 800,000 square feet of office and retail space, 500 apartment units, a 75,000 square foot convention center and a 12-story hotel.

Hicks is chairman and owner of Southwest Sports Group, a Dallas-based sports entertainment company that includes the Texas Rangers, Dallas Stars and Mesquite Championship Rodeo.

The 65-acre complex will be a private-public partnership between Southwest Sports Group and the city of Frisco. Hicks was joined at the news conference by other Southwest Sports Groups officials and Frisco city leaders.

Hicks said Frisco is the best location for the facility, which will be known as the StarCenter, because it's "in the center of phenomenal growth."

The StarCenter will have two National Hockey League ice rinks and larger locker rooms and weight rooms, features that will help attract free agents, he said.

One of the ice rinks will have seating for 4,000 and will also be used for high school hockey games and tournaments.

Hicks said the Dallas Stars will move from their current practice facility, a converted ice rink near the Dallas Cowboys' headquarters at Valley Ranch in Irving, to the StarCenter in 2003.

Hicks said Frisco city leaders approached his group about building the baseball stadium because they had been trying to attract a minor league franchise.

"That's when the light bulb went off that we can combine our brands," he said.

Hicks said Frisco will contribute about $67 million to build the sports complex.

Kathy Seel, mayor of Frisco, said it's expected the complex will generate $100 million a year for the Frisco economy.

The complex will be just to the west of Stonebriar Mall, which opened in the past year.

"We're very excited. We have a young community, so there is already a lot of energy in that location. We feel this will contribute to everything going on in this area," Seei said.

The baseball stadium is expected to be ready by spring 2003 and the StarCenter is scheduled to open by summer 2003.

Astros' rookie pitcher shines in 7-5 victory

HOUSTON (AP) — Tim Redding finally got a chance to live up to his season-long hype.

Though the rookie didn't take the decision Sunday, his major league debut was still good enough to help the Houston Astros beat the Cincinnati Reds 7-5 and split the four-game series.

Redding has been the talk of the organization since striking out 170 batters in 154 2-3 innings at Class-A Kissimmee last year en route to winning the Florida State League's MVP award.

So when Roy Oswalt bruised his forearm in Tuesday's game and had to miss a start, the Astros called Redding up. He gave up five runs on six hits and two walks in 5 2-3 innings, but the Astros were still impressed.

Redding, whose fastball runs from 95-to-98 mph, struck out seven and was in command much of the game.

"He looked good," manager Larry Dierker said. "He showed the velocity we heard he had. He had some control problems but not serious control problems. Outside of bad pitches on the two home runs he gave up, he handled himself pretty good."

Redding was generally pleased, though he said he can do better.

"I felt good," he said. "One good thing is there can only be one first day. Hopefully the next time, the butterflies will be gone. I don't think they'll ever truly be gone because I'm a competitor. But I should be less nervous next time.

"I was pretty nervous. Once I got in the game, I tried to tell myself it was just another game. The mound's the same distance from home plate, there are eight players behind you. It's still the same game. It's just a bigger atmosphere."

His teammates were impressed.

"I think he's capable of pitching here," outfielder Moises Alou said. "I don't know what's going to happen. I hope they keep him here. If they send him back down, it might affect his confidence."

Sports Briefs

Ladies Invitational

The Women's Golf Association of Snyder Country Club will host the Ladies Invitational at 9 a.m. Tuesday. Format is a four-person scramble, and each team must have a minimum handicap of 50. A breakfast is scheduled for 8 a.m., with a luncheon and awards ceremony to follow play.

Western Texas MGA

The Men's Golf Association of Western Texas College holds a weekly event at 6 p.m. each Tuesday. Players need to register in the pro shop by 5:30.

Volleyball camp

Snyder volleyball camp is scheduled for July 16-19 from 9 a.m. until noon each day. Incoming fifth through ninth grade girls are eligible, and cost is $40. Deadline to register is July 13.

For more information, call Coach Patty Grimmett at 573-9416 or 575-1785. If no answer, leave a message.

Tuesday scramble and all-day MGA

The Men's Golf Association of Snyder Country Club holds its weekly scramble at 5:30 p.m. each Tuesday.

Also, an all-day MGA event is held each Thursday.

Athletic physicals

Seventh and ninth grade SISD athletes, and anyone who has never participated in Snyder athletics must take a physical. SISD will pay for the physicals through Aug. 3.

An appointment should be made with one of the following doctors: Raykov, Burleson, Cooper, Thompson, Nussey, Wobolt, or P.A. Beth Ashley.

All SISD athletes must return completed athletic forms to the athletic director's office or Steve Kreuger.

Garcia leads rain-delayed event

HARRISON, N.Y. (AP) — Sergio Garcia neared his second career PGA Tour victory, and one golfer he might not have to contend with in the final round of the Buick Classic is Tiger Woods.

Garcia shot a 5-under 66 in the rain-delayed third round for a two-shot lead at 12-under 201. Woods was eight strokes back after a 68 on the Westchester Country Club course.

S Hoch, the second-round leader with Garcia at 7 under, also had a 68 and was second at 10-under 203. J.P. Hayes, the 1998 winner, was another stroke back after a 67.

Webb completes LPGA feat

WILMINGTON, Del. (AP) — No one ever won a career Grand Slam as quickly as Karrie Webb, or made it look so easy.

Webb delivered an early knockout with three straight birdies, then ignored a late charge from Laura Diaz to win the LPGA Championship by two strokes and become the youngest woman to complete the Grand Slam.

Webb, who closed with a 2-under 69 at DuPont Country Club, finished at 270 and earned $225,000. Diaz closed with a 68.

Webb has won her last four majors — including consecutive U.S. Opens — by a combined 25 strokes. The 26-year-old Australian became the fifth woman to win the LPGA's four majors. The others are Juli Inkster, Louise Suggs, Pat Bradley and Mickey Wright, who was 27 when she won the career Grand Slam in 1962.

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East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	42	31	.575	—
Atlanta	40	34	.540	2½
Florida	39	35	.527	3½
New York	33	43	.434	10½
Montreal	30	46	.395	13½
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	43	30	.589	—
St. Louis	40	35	.533	4
Milwaukee	38	34	.528	4½
Houston	38	35	.521	5
Cincinnati	28	46	.378	15½
Pittsburgh	25	47	.347	17½
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	46	29	.613	—
San Francisco	40	35	.533	6
Los Angeles	38	36	.513	7½
Colorado	37	38	.493	9
San Diego	35	40	.467	11

Saturday's Games
Atlanta 9, N.Y. Mets 3, 11 innings
Arizona 9, Colorado 5
Milwaukee 4, Chicago Cubs 0
Pittsburgh 7, Montreal 4
Florida 12, Philadelphia 1
Houston 9, Cincinnati 3
St. Louis 6, San Francisco 5
San Diego 6, Los Angeles 2

Sunday's Games
Atlanta 8, N.Y. Mets 4
Montreal 11, Pittsburgh 4
Milwaukee 6, Chicago Cubs 3
Houston 7, Cincinnati 5
Colorado 7, Arizona 6
Philadelphia 9, Florida 3
San Diego 6, Los Angeles 1
St. Louis 7, San Francisco 3

Monday's Games
Montreal (Vazquez 5-9) at Florida (Burnett 5-3), 7:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Maddux 7-5) at Philadelphia (Daal 8-1), 7:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Levrault 3-1) at Pittsburgh (Williams 2-2), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Leiter 4-5) at Chicago Cubs (Tavarez 5-4), 8:05 p.m.
San Diego (Jarvis 3-7) at Colorado (Chacon 4-4), 9:05 p.m.
Houston (Miller 8-3) at Arizona (Batista 4-3), 10:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Park 8-4) at San Francisco (Gardner 3-5), 10:15 p.m.

Tuesday's Games
N.Y. Mets (Appier 4-7) at Chicago Cubs (Lieber 8-4), 2:20 p.m.
Montreal (Blank 2-2) at Florida (Penny 6-1), 7:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Haynes 5-8) at Pittsburgh (Anderson 4-7), 7:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Burkett 6-5) at Philadelphia (Figueroa 0-0), 7:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Reitsma 4-6) at St. Louis (Matthews 2-3), 8:10 p.m.
San Diego (Jones 3-10) at Colorado (Hampton 9-3), 9:05 p.m.
Houston (McKnight 0-0) at Arizona (Bierbrodt 2-0), 10:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Carrara 0-1) at San Francisco (Estes 7-2), 10:15 p.m.

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East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	43	30	.589	—
New York	41	32	.562	2
Toronto	36	38	.486	7½
Baltimore	34	40	.460	9½
Tampa Bay	22	52	.297	21½
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	44	28	.611	—
Minnesota	43	30	.589	1½
Chicago	36	36	.500	8
Detroit	32	39	.451	11½
Kansas City	28	46	.378	17
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	55	19	.743	—
Anaheim	36	37	.493	18½
Oakland	35	39	.473	20
Texas	28	45	.384	26½

Saturday's Games
Chicago White Sox 8, Baltimore 3
Oakland 5, Texas 4, 10 innings
N.Y. Yankees 2, Tampa Bay 1
Toronto 9, Boston 6
Detroit 10, Minnesota 9
Kansas City 3, Cleveland 2
Anaheim 2, Seattle 1

Sunday's Games
Toronto 5, Boston 2
Minnesota 14, Detroit 5
Tampa Bay 5, N.Y. Yankees 4
Chicago White Sox 8, Baltimore 2
Cleveland 4, Kansas City 2
Texas 9, Oakland 5
Seattle 7, Anaheim 3

Monday's Games
Minnesota (Mays 8-6) at Detroit (Holt 6-5), 1:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Rupe 4-6) at Boston (Cone 2-1), 7:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Roberts 5-6) at Toronto (Hamilton 3-4), 7:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Finley 4-4) at N.Y. Yankees (Keisler 1-2), 7:05 p.m.
Texas (Rogers 3-4) at Anaheim (Ortiz 5-5), 10:05 p.m.

Tuesday's Games
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Band of Freedom Riders to return to Mississippi

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — Just after her train arrived here in the summer of 1961, Norma Lisbon and about 20 companions — some black and some white — challenged the rule of segregation by entering a waiting room labeled "colored."

The band of Freedom Riders was arrested, and most of Lisbon's 40-day imprisonment was spent in maximum security. In exchange for her freedom, Lisbon was required to sign an agreement never to set foot again in Mississippi. Now, 40 years later, she intends to return.

Lisbon and veteran civil rights campaigner Carol Ruth Silver would like to see every surviving Freedom Rider attend a reunion in Jackson this November.

"I think the message is one of reconciliation, of putting this chapter in the history of Jackson, Miss., in its perspective," said Silver, 62, a San Francisco attorney who's organizing the reunion.

"It's time for making this a monument to the history of the civil rights movement ... to allow kids in Mississippi, both black and white, to say, 'Here's where something important happened and we look at it and understand it.'"

In May 1961, a group of black and white college students who became known as Freedom Riders set out from Washington to New Orleans to test a Supreme Court ruling banning racial segregation on interstate public transportation.

At segregated bus stations, black riders tried to use white waiting rooms and bathrooms, while whites tried to use facilities set aside for blacks. As the riders were beaten and arrested along the way, national attention rose and hundreds joined the campaign.

"People were on fire. They wanted to change things and they did," said Ed Blankenheim, 67, who was on a Greyhound bus that was firebombed in Anniston, Ala.

"It was the freedom ride notion itself — riding for freedom — that changed the civil rights movement," Blankenheim said.

With the help of a few friends, Silver has compiled a list of 416 former Freedom Riders by searching Jackson police records and archives of The Clarion-Ledger newspaper.

An Internet query has provided several possible addresses to match each name. A tedious search has begun, said David Lisker, a history professor at City College of San Francisco, who's helping to organize the event. He met recently with the Jackson City Council.

"To us, every Freedom Rider we find is like finding gold," Lisker said of the growing list of people who have been invited.

Jackson Mayor Harvey Johnson Jr. called the reunion an "opportunity for citizens to demonstrate to them how appreciative they are of the work they did some 40 years ago.

"The Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Voting Rights Act of 1965, all came on the heels of the kind of social activism that the Freedom Riders were symbolic of during that period of time," he said.

Though traces of racism remain in the state that recently voted to keep a Confederate emblem on its flag, today Mississippi has more black elected officials — including mayors of large cities — than any state.

Blacks and whites work side-by-side in local and state law enforcement, once a white-only profession. And most communities enjoy good race relations.

The reunion, planned for Nov. 8-11 at Tougaloo College, will include speakers on the civil rights movement, a tour of jail cells where the riders were detained and a tour of historic sites in Jackson, Lisker said.

In addition, it will be a chance to meet the friends and cellmates who helped one another endure 40 days in prison.

'Fast and the Furious' newest box office champ

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Race cars made road kill out of talking animals at the box office.

"The Fast and the Furious," a thriller about Los Angeles street racers, debuted as the weekend's No. 1 film, grossing $41.6 million, according to studio estimates Sunday.

Eddie Murphy's "Dr. Dolittle 2" opened in second place. The sequel about the veterinarian who speaks with furry creatures took in $26.7 million.

Last weekend's top film, "Lara Croft: Tomb Raider," finished third with $20.2 million, a steep 58 percent drop from its debut. "Tomb Raider," starring Angelina Jolie, has grossed $84.2 million in 10 days.

The overall box office soared, with the top 12 movies taking in $140.6 million, up 44 percent from the same weekend last year.

"The Fast and the Furious" benefitted from an up-and-coming cast that includes Vin Diesel, Paul Walker, Jordana Brewster and Michelle Rodriguez. Diesel plays the leader of a street-racing outfit whose gang is infiltrated by an undercover detective (Walker).

With a cast of white, Hispanic, black and Asian actors, the movie drew wide-ranging crowds. Half the audience was white, 24 percent was Hispanic, 11 percent was Asian-American and 10 percent was black, according to distributor Universal.

Movie-goers younger than 25 made up three-fourths of the audience.

Rob Cohen, who directed the film, spent the weekend visiting theaters and found the movie played well across-the-board.

"It was great to see this common turf that brings these ethnicities together peacefully under one roof, all enjoying the film in the same way."

Fast cars, a hip soundtrack, a PG-13 rating and a trailer that ran before Universal's "The Mummy Returns," one of the year's biggest hits, also helped "The Fast and the Furious."

"It had everything teen-agers are looking for in summer, both in real life and movies. Cool cars, beautiful people, great music," said Paul Dergarabedian, president of Exhibitor Relations, which tracks the box office.

Universal originally scheduled "The Fast and the Furious" for release in March. But studio Vice Chairman Marc Shmuger bumped it to June, figuring the movie could hold its own against big summer flicks.

"We were sensing greater opportunity by moving to summer, but also greater risk, because now we were having to compete against franchises and blockbuster movies," Shmuger said. "But if you can compete against them, the results are unbeatable."

The opening-weekend haul for "The Fast and the Furious" wound up exceeding its production budget of $38 million.

The sequel to "Dr. Dolittle," a $140 million hit, had a higher profile early on. The first film opened at No. 1 with $29 million in June 1998.

In limited release, the German film "The Princess and the Warrior" opened strongly, taking in $54,000 in three theaters. The movie reteams director Tom Tykwer and actress Franka Potente, who collaborated on "Run Lola Run."

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at North American theaters, according to Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc. Final figures are to be released today.

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One winning ticket sold for top jackpot

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The largest single-state jackpot in U.S. history has a winner.

The ticket was purchased in San Jose, but the identity of the holder will not be known until it is redeemed. The winner, who has 180 days to claim the record $141 million jackpot, could opt to take the money in 26 annual payments or a lump sum of about $70 million.

Alex Wang, 56, who owns the liquor store where the winning ticket was sold, will receive about $705,000 — or one-half of 1 percent of the jackpot — if the ticket is confirmed, said lottery spokesman Sid Ramirez.

"I couldn't believe it, but it looks like it's true," Wang said. Wang, who moved to the U.S. from Taiwan in 1970, has owned the liquor store for 27 years.

He has no immediate plans for the money, although he said he may buy a new home.

"First, I'll probably put it in the bank."

Ramirez and other lottery officials were at Wang's store Sunday to tie up some legal loose ends.

"As part of our security system that's been in place ever since the lottery began, we take the (lottery ticket) machine to make sure there has been no tampering or malfunctions of sorts," Ramirez said.

He said lottery officials will return to Wang's store in three to four weeks with his check. Officials will then give Wang special banners to hang at his store saying "this store made a million dollar winner."

About $43 million in lottery tickets were sold on Saturday alone, with 84,000 tickets sold every minute in the last hours before the 7:58 p.m. drawing — this despite the fact that the chance of winning was one in 41 million.

The huge prize built up during the past month as nine drawings came and went without a winner.

The largest previous single-state lottery prize before the current record jackpot was $118.8 million in 1991, also in California. The jackpot has exceeded $100 million only three times in the entire history of lotto.

Ramirez said this winning jackpot raised $80 million for public schools in the state.

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The winning numbers were 3-22-43-44-45 with Meganumber 8.

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Big cotton losses likely

LUBBOCK (AP) — It looks like another poor season for the Lubbock area cotton crop.

Producers expect about a third of cotton producing acres on the South Plains — nearly a million acres of planted cotton — to be declared lost.

"Cotton, more than any other crop, has the possibility of promising you more and delivering less, or promising you less and delivering more," said Roger Haldenby, a vice president of the Plains Cotton Growers. "It's like predicting what the weather's going to be like in September."

Haldenby said June 10 was the final planting date for many dryland cotton producers, who rely solely on rain to irrigate their crops, in counties south of Lubbock. The date, set by the federal Farm Service Agency, includes a 15-day waiting period for producers to yield sprouts from germinated seeds.

If the seeds have not germinated within 15 days, the acreage can be considered a failure, and farmers may apply for an insurance settlement. That critical day arrives on today.

About 350,000 to 400,000 acres of irrigated crops already have been declared lost based on earlier planting dates.

Producers who lose cotton acreage could replant with other grains, but Haldenby said farmers need insurance settlements soon, or those planting options also would be lost.

Haldenby said insurance settlements would not cover the actual cash value for lost cotton. Don Ethridge, chairman and professor in Texas Tech's agricultural and applied economics department, said that although economists generally consider that a region loses $3 for every dollar of cotton that is not produced, it is too early to know how such a loss in cotton production would impact the region.

"The economic consequences from the situation we are in right now are not too hard to identify. The specific magnitude is very difficult at the moment, because we don't know what alternatives will play themselves out," Ethridge said. "It might not be quite that high, because the extent to which some of this land may go into (alternate crops), it could produce some income to help offset some of that loss. It almost certainly won't make it all up."

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Scurry County

King Operating will drill the No. 2 King-Ernest, a 7,100-foot wildcat located nine miles southeast of Snyder. Location is in Section 31, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Kinder Morgan will drill the No. 215-5 Sacroc unit in the Kelly-Snyder field, five miles northwest of Snyder. Planned for a depth of 7,200 feet, drill site is in Section 249, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Kinder Morgan will drill the No. 214-2A Sacroc unit in the Kelly-Snyder field, five miles northwest of Snyder. Contracted for a depth of 7,200 feet, location is in Section 249, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Kinder Morgan will drill the No. 213-4 Sacroc unit in the Kelly-Snyder field, five miles northwest of Snyder. Scheduled for a depth of 7,200 feet, drill site is in Section 249, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Kinder Morgan will drill the No. 213-2A Sacroc unit in the Kelly-Snyder field, four miles northwest of Snyder. Also planned scheduled for 7,200 feet, location is in Section 249, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Garza County

Roger D. Hair will drill the No. 14 K. Stoker in the Garza field, three miles southeast of Post. Planned depth is 3,000 feet, and location is in Section 50, Block 5, GH&H survey.

Brothers Production Co. Inc. has completed the No. 1-31 PLK in the Happy field, 12 miles south of Post. The well was finaled to produce 59 barrels of oil and eight barrels of water. Perforations wee from 7,776-786 feet, and location is in Section 31, Block 2, T&NO survey.

Howard County

Partee Drilling Inc. will drill the No. 345 Twins, an 8,200-foot wildcat located six miles south of Coahoma. Location is in Section 34, Block 31, T1N, T&P survey.

LCS Production Co. will drill the No. 2-13 Guitar in the Would Have field, five miles northwest of Big Spring. Planned for a depth of 5,999 feet, location is in Section 13, Block A, Bauer and Cockrell survey.

Nolan County

Patterson Petroleum will drill the No. 1-42 B.K. Harris in the Lake Trammel field, four miles north of Maryneal. Contracted for a depth of 7,500 feet, location is in Section 52, Block C, T&P survey.

Enrich Oil Company will drill the No. 1 Stewman Phillips in the Big Silver field, five miles southwest of Maryneal. Planned for a depth of 7,500 feet, location is in Section 135, Block 1-A, H&TC survey.

LCS Production will drill the No. 1 Brooks in the Mulberry Canyon field, six miles northeast of Nolan. Planned depth is 3,999 feet, and location is in Section 76, Block 5, T&P survey.

LCS Production will drill the No. 2 Brooks in the Mulberry Canyon field, six miles northeast of Nolan. Also scheduled for 3,999 feet, drill site is in Section 76, Block 5, T&P survey.

LCS Production will drill the No. 4 Brooks in the same field, six miles northeast of Nolan. Contracted for 3,999 feet, location is in Section 76, Block 5, T&P survey.

Fisher County

Cholla Petroleum Inc. will drill the No. 47 Newman Swastika field unit, five miles northwest of Eskota. Planned for a depth of 3,999 feet, location is in Block K, T&P survey.

Markets

Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP) -

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	34.00	33.50	33.58	—.78
AOL TimeWrn	53.84	53.00	53.19	+.09
AT&T Corp	21.18	21.01	21.02	+.01
Albertsons	28.87	28.40	28.79	+.09
Alltel	58.14	57.80	58.05	+.42
AmEl Pw	46.50	45.50	45.81	—.20
AndarkPtr	57.15	55.62	55.90	—.80
ATMOS Egy	23.07	22.79	22.87	—.20
Aviall	11.05	10.80	11.04	+.29
BP PLC	52.80	52.47	52.60	+.17
BakerHughes	36.60	35.20	35.25	—.77
Bank of Amer	62.00	61.38	61.50	—.44
BellSouth	39.20	38.58	38.71	—.29
Beth Steel	2.15	1.96	2.06	+.01
BurlNoSFe	29.33	29.12	29.20	—.03
Caterpillar	54.64	53.95	53.98	—.67
Chevron	95.20	94.12	94.37	—.37
Citigroup s	53.70	52.86	52.92	—.48
CocaCola	44.20	43.75	43.99	+1.14
ColgatePal	59.59	58.50	58.90	—.45
ComclMetals	29.95	29.85	29.85	
CooperIn	40.45	39.82	39.82	—.03
DaimlrChry	45.25	45.03	45.20	+1.05
DeltaAirl	43.30	42.60	42.91	—.63
Dillards Inc	16.39	16.10	16.19	—.03
DowChem	33.38	32.70	32.98	—.04
DuPont	47.10	46.66	47.05	—.11
EastmanChem	47.77	47.20	47.41	+.08
EstKodak	49.33	48.21	48.27	—.56
EDS Corp	60.37	59.92	60.05	—.05
Entergy	39.35	39.00	39.00	+.09
ExxonMobil	88.88	88.02	88.52	—.39
ExxonMob wi	44.70	44.50	44.55	—.10
FstBksAm	26.25	26.20	26.25	
GenDynam	74.28	72.80	73.50	—.14
GenElec	52.61	51.69	52.01	+.15
GenMills	43.30	42.71	43.19	+.09
GenMotors	62.49	62.00	62.33	—.53
GaPacGP	34.10	33.91	33.95	—.40
GlobalMar	20.77	19.90	20.19	—.22
Goodrich	37.15	36.70	36.98	+.08
Goodyear s	27.65	27.25	27.31	—.62
GtAtlPac	43.92	13.50	13.76	—.04
Halliburtn	40.10	39.00	39.10	—.16
Hanson ADS	36.61	36.40	36.59	+1.91
HarteHanks	23.97	23.75	23.97	+.15
HomeDepot	49.95	49.00	49.03	—1.68
HoneywellIntl	36.60	35.18	35.29	—1.31
IBM	114.90	113.65	113.93	+1.06
IntlPaper	36.00	35.61	35.79	—.21
JohnsonJn s	52.30	51.75	52.10	—.29
K mart	11.72	11.47	11.50	—.30
KinderMorg	53.87	53.35	53.68	+.33
Kroger Co	24.56	24.30	24.30	—.58
LockheedM	35.85	35.45	35.66	—.03
Lowes Cos	77.82	75.72	75.75	—1.25
Lowes Cos wi	38.75	38.40	38.40	
Lubys	8.82	8.71	8.76	—.04
LucentTech	6.24	5.93	5.99	
MayDeptStr	34.40	33.45	33.48	—1.22
Medtronic	47.40	46.78	47.10	—.30
Motorola	14.46	14.18	14.29	—.26
NCR Corp	46.65	46.16	46.40	+.03
Navistar	27.49	27.20	27.37	+.10
Penney JC	25.40	24.85	25.11	—.81
PepBoys	10.99	10.70	10.99	+.36
PepsiCo	45.49	45.08	45.12	—.20
Pharmacia	49.40	48.55	48.61	—.18
PhelpDodge	39.98	39.40	39.71	—.22
PhilipPet	58.67	57.77	57.78	—.82
PilgrmPrd B	12.46	12.30	12.30	—.18
Polaroid	2.94	2.91	2.93	+.07
Praxair	47.45	46.90	47.24	—.17
ProctGamb	63.80	63.22	63.31	+.03
PubS NwMx	31.52	30.56	30.68	—.19
RadioShack	27.50	27.05	27.30	+.16
ReliantEngy	31.70	30.81	31.00	—.43
RoyalDut	60.75	60.43	60.55	+.53
SBC Comm	39.25	38.72	38.94	+.09
SaraLee	19.15	18.97	18.99	—.12
Scripps EW	68.15	67.40	67.60	+.62
SearsRoeb	41.75	40.99	41.11	—.64
SherwinW	21.60	21.35	21.60	+.16
SouthernCo s	23.29	23.01	23.10	—.05
SwstAirl s	17.50	17.22	17.38	—.11
SprintFON	20.75	20.50	20.51	—.09
SprintPCS	22.49	22.19	22.32	+.22
Sunoco Inc	36.40	35.71	36.00	+.18
TXU Corp	48.25	47.60	47.85	+.11
TempleInland	53.73	53.01	53.22	—.26
Texaco	71.20	70.37	70.57	—.23
TexInd	32.25	31.95	32.10	+.04
TexasInst	30.90	30.00	30.13	—.17
Textron	57.48	56.89	57.37	+.61
TriconGlbR	45.35	44.63	45.21	+.11
TrinityInds	21.55	21.49	21.51	—.01
TritonEngy	31.75	29.25	31.45	+3.45
TylerTech	2.53	2.50	2.50	—.05
USX-Marathn	30.42	29.75	29.85	—.34
USX-USS	20.00	19.80	19.80	—.14
UnionPacif	52.55	52.00	52.38	+.11
UnitedTech	74.67	74.00	74.53	+1.06
Unocal	35.50	34.82	35.05	—.25
Venator Grp	15.19	14.98	15.02	+.03
VerizonComm	52.80	52.31	52.43	—.12
WalMart	50.55	49.75	49.90	—.08
WellsFargo	46.60	45.81	45.90	—.28
WstnGasRs	33.95	32.95	33.02	+.02
WinnDixie	25.76	25.11	25.23	—.04
Xerox Cp	7.87	7.67	7.70	—.05

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Robot scouts planned for next Mars missions

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — The scientists came armed with ideas for a robotic NASA mission using innovative spacecraft that hop, fly, float, roll and dig.

By next year, NASA officials hope to select one idea as they prepare to build the new class of robotic spacecraft, called Scouts, for a $300 million mission the space agency intends to launch to Mars by 2007.

What the first spacecraft will look like is anyone's guess, but it is likely to be a departure from the group of orbiters and landers NASA has sent to Mars since the 1960s.

"It's odd that we should speak of orbiters and landers as mundane, but it's wonderful how the spectrum has been opened up," Joe Parrish, NASA's Scout program executive, told scientists who assembled recently to share their ideas.

The goal of the program is to fine-tune the proposals NASA expects to receive next year when it formally requests ideas for its first Scout mission.

NASA officials recently selected 10 proposals from a list of 43; each of the finalists will receive up to $150,000 for six months of additional study.

Among the ideas selected for further study are missions to scoop up samples of dust and gas from the atmosphere of Mars for return to Earth, a network of meteorological stations designed to spend years monitoring the weather on the surface of the planet and a probe that digs into the Martian polar caps.

One of the proposals, KittyHawk, would dispatch four gliders to fly through the Vallis Marineris, a canyon with walls that stand six miles high in places. Scientists believe the canyon cuts through sediments built up over billions of years. However, the difficulty of exploring such rugged terrain has stumped mission planners.

"We'd just glide down without power and image the walls from top to bottom," Wendy Calvin of the University of Nevada-Reno said about her proposal.

Several proposals would use multiple instruments or robotic spacecraft.

"Having a bunch of landers improves your chances that you're going to make it," said David Paige of the University of California at Los Angeles, whose Artemis proposal was among the 10.

The miniature landers, each with an even smaller rover, would search the planet's poles for water and organic materials. The mission would seek to answer many of the same questions as the failed Mars Polar Lander, but also explore multiple locations in doing so.

NASA was stung in 1999 by the back-to-back losses of the Mars Polar Lander and Climate Orbiter.

The orbiter ended up in pieces around Mars or smashed on the planet because engineers mixed up English and metric units of measurement. Barely 21/2 months later, the lander crash-landed on Mars and was lost, most likely because of a premature engine shutdown.

The mishaps forced NASA to revamp its plans to explore Mars. Although it roughly halved the number of spacecraft it intends to launch in the near term, it did reserve a slot for at least one Scout mission.

The mission will focus on a specific scientific target, such as probing steep gullies stained by springs that could harbor alien life.

"We're seeking from the community innovation to attack the diversity of Mars — to change the vantage point from which we explore Mars," said Jim Garvin, the lead scientist for NASA's Mars exploration program.

Bruce Murray, a former director of NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, lamented that the Scout program was too little of a good thing.

"Of the five to 10 really good concepts that get presented, one will be flown and the rest dropped — forever," said Murray, whose own proposal was not selected.

Ruiz says prison conditions have changed

DALLAS (AP) — The man who is forever linked to a federal lawsuit that led to radical overhaul of the Texas prison system said conditions in the units have improved.

"I'm not saying it's perfect, it's better," David Ruiz said in a recent interview with The Dallas Morning News, which published the account in Sunday's editions.

U.S. District Judge William Wayne Justice last week terminated federal oversight of several areas of the state's prison system and ordered the two sides in a 29-year-old lawsuit to reach an agreement within 90 days on measures to resolve three remaining issues.

Justice said in three major areas — condition of confinement in administrative segregation, the failure to provide reasonably safety to inmates against assault and abuse, and the excessive use of force by correctional officers in Texas prisons — prisoners "remain victims of an unconstitutional system."

Justice's ruling stemmed from a 1972 case filed by Ruiz, who claimed prison conditions were so brutal and crowded they amounted to cruel and unusual punishment, a constitutional violation. Justice agreed in 1981 and the state's eventual response was to spend billions of dollars on new prisons and improvements.

Ruiz, now 59, was convicted as an adult on robbery charges while in his teens and first ended up in prison more than four decades ago. He's been in and out a few times, but has spent more time behind bars than free.

He said some problems still need to be fixed.

Ruiz said medical services are better, but some inmates do not receive adequate health care. He is critical of the prison system's use of administrative segregation, essentially solitary confinement.

He also said he wants correctional officers to be held more accountable for brutality or harassment against inmates and said prisons need to be less violent in general.

The growing number of younger inmates with lengthy sentences increases the risk of prison unrest, he said.

Carl Reynolds, general counsel for the prison system, said there are things that go wrong in the prisons, but "it's certainly not the kind of system it was 20 years ago."

"It's a system that's set up to have a lot of checks and balances. It has a lot of self-monitoring. We find things wrong. We fire people for doing things wrong," he said. "... There's a lot of scrutiny, both internal and external, that reveals when we have problems, and we're constantly fixing the problems that we find."

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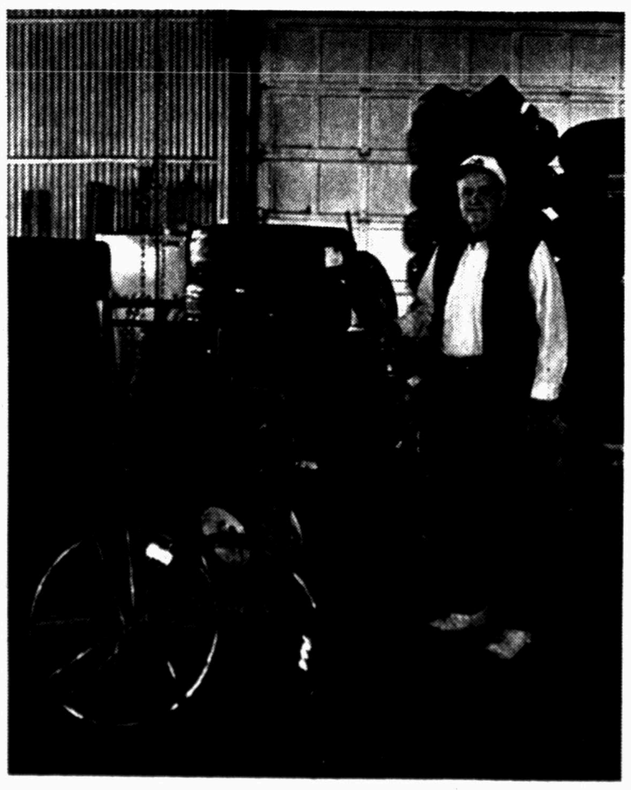

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Supreme Court says mandatory ad campaign violates First Amendment

WASHINGTON (AP) — A mandatory advertising campaign for the mushroom industry violates the First Amendment guarantee of free speech, the Supreme Court ruled today.

The 6-to-3 ruling was a victory for mushroom producer United Foods Inc., which argued that a mandatory mushroom promotional campaign forced the company to pay for ads that benefited its competitors.

"Just as the First Amendment may prevent the government from prohibiting speech, the amendment may prevent the government from compelling individuals to express certain views," Justice Anthony M. Kennedy wrote for the majority.

The Justice Department took the case to the Supreme Court, arguing that the generic ads benefit all producers, and that the Agriculture Department has an interest in seeing an entire industry succeed.

The government said the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals decision in favor of United Foods threatened similar marketing programs for milk, beef, pork, eggs and cotton. Federal and state regulators run dozens of generic ad programs worth hundreds of millions of dollars. The "Got Milk?" campaign, featuring celebrities wearing a fake milk mustache, cost about $100 million a year.

Producers pay into a common pool, which is then used to orchestrate generic ads.

The court previously ruled that joint advertisements are constitutional in heavily regulated industries such as California fruit production.

Kennedy said the mushroom case is different, because the mushroom market is less regulated and mushroom producers do not cooperate the way the fruit producers do.

It is not clear where today's ruling leaves other industry ad campaigns.

Milosevic's lawyer fighting extradition on war crimes

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — Slobodan Milosevic's lawyer filed a challenge today against a Yugoslav government decree that would allow his extradition on U.N. war crimes charges.

Toma Fila, the head of Milosevic's 10-member defense team, is demanding that Yugoslavia's Constitutional Court block implementation of the decree until it decides whether the measure is illegal.

The U.N. war crimes court, based in The Hague, Netherlands, wants to try the ex-president for alleged war crimes committed in Kosovo during the 1998-99 war.

The United States and its allies have hailed the Yugoslav government's decision to clear legal obstacles for the extradition of Milosevic and more then a dozen other war crimes suspects sought by the Hague court.

Yugoslavia risks losing billions of dollars in foreign aid if its fails to cooperate with the U.N. court. Efforts to improve ties with the tribunal have intensified ahead of a donors conference scheduled for Friday in Brussels, Belgium.

European Union foreign ministers meeting in Luxembourg on today described the Belgrade extradition decree as a "positive step on the path toward full cooperation with the tribunal."

German foreign minister Joschka Fischer urged Yugoslav authorities to take the next step and hand over Milosevic to The Hague. The meeting stressed that cooperation with the court would improve Yugoslavia's chances of raising $1 billion at the donors' conference.

Some Serbian officials have suggested that the appeals process could delay any extradition for more than two weeks. If extradited, Milosevic would be the first former head of state to face a war crimes trial before the U.N. court, which was established in 1992.

Arrests dominate Snyder police report

•Arrests

An 18-year-old man and a 20-year-old woman were arrested Saturday evening, each on charges of assault family violence. Police responded to a call from a third party advising of the disturbance.

Three subjects were arrested in separate instances after midnight Sunday, all involving alcohol. A 55-year-old man and a 39-year-old woman were taken into custody for misdemeanor DWI and a 47-year-old man was arrested for public intoxication.

A juvenile male was arrested at 2:30 a.m. Sunday for possession of marijuana, under two ounces, and possession of tobacco.

An 18-year-old man was arrested at 2:45 Sunday morning on a Nolan County warrant for bond surrender and engaging in organized criminal activity.

At 2:30 p.m. Sunday, a 47-year-old man was arrested for driving with a suspended license.

A 26-year-old man was arrested at 5:30 p.m. Sunday on a warrant for deadly conduct.

•Burglary of a vehicle

Gena Ferguson, 1260 CR 137, requested to speak to a deputy just before 10 a.m. Saturday in reference to the burglary of her vehicle. An offense report for burglary of a vehicle was submitted.

•Harassment

Larry Martinez, 2504 Ave. X, requested to speak with an officer at 10:40 p.m. Saturday in reference to receiving harassing phone calls. Officers made contact with Martinez who advised where the calls were coming from. Three juveniles were advised of the complaint and ordered to stop the calls.

•Criminal mischief

Jackie Jenkins, 2505 Ave. U, requested an officer in reference to a window on her vehicle being broken. Officer made contact with Jenkins and advised that an offense report for criminal mischief would be filed.

•Gas drive offs

A clerk at Rip Griffin's requested an officer at 7:45 p.m. Sunday to report a gas drive off in the amount of $13.

Town and Country East reported a gas drive off worth $16.04 at 9:15 p.m. Sunday.

•Fireworks

Officers were called to the 2900 block of 42nd Street for a report of fireworks being discharged in a resident's front yard. Officers made contact with a resident at 2904 42nd Street who advised he had let his children shoot fireworks earlier in the evening. He was advised of the complaint and assured officers he would comply.

An officer was flagged down by subjects on 37th Street at 10:45 Sunday evening who reported fireworks in the area. Residents at the location admitted to shooting fireworks, but advised they would stop.

•Fire notes

Officers responded to a grass fire at the intersection of Hwy 208 and FM 1606 near Dunn at 10:08 p.m. Sunday. The fire was started by fireworks.

At 7:30 p.m. Sunday, the fire department was dispatched to 3306 Ave. K on a report of smoke in the house. Two fire trucks and 18 firefighters arrived at the residence to find no one home.

A pile of burning clothes was found in aback room. The cause of the fire is suspicious in nature and remains under investigation.

Obituaries

Randy Dollins

1950-2001

Randal Dean "Randy" Dollins, died Saturday, June 23, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital following a long battle with cancer.

Funeral service for Mr. Dollins, 51, was set for 2 p.m. today in the 37th Street Church of Christ with Dale Huff, minister, officiating. Burial was to follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Randy Dollins

Born March 17, 1950 in Shawnee, Okla., he married Belinda Jane Langford on Feb. 20, 1970 at the Union Baptist Church.

A graduate of Snyder High School, Mr. Dollins was a pumper and a member of the band Crossfire. He was a Baptist and attended the Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife, Belinda Jane Dollins of Snyder; two sons and daughters-in-law, Kevin D. and Jennifer Kay Dollins of Hawkins and Kerry Lynn and Linda Sue Dollins of Fluvanna; his parents, Don and Marie Dollins of Snyder; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Sharon and Daryl Meador and Lisa and Louis Midwell of Snyder; his in-laws, Robert and Mary Langford of Snyder; his grandchildren, Haleigh Brooke Dollins, Caleb Wayne Wilson, Teah Denae Dollins, Skylar Logan Dollins and Abedale Mackenzie Dollins; aunts and uncles, Gene Terry of Shawnee, Herman Terry of Snyder, Bif and Betty Whiteley of Newcastle and Jeff and Willie Mae Hall of Missouri; nephews, Christopher Meador of Stillwater, Okla., and Louis Lee Midwell of Snyder; and two nieces, Amanda Midwell and Stephanie Ruiz, both of Snyder.

The family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society or the Community Care Hospice, 1510 S. Gregg in Big Spring, 79720.

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Dean Smith

1912-2001

Calvert Dean Smith, a former resident of Scurry County, died Saturday, June 23, in a Brownwood nursing home.

Graveside service for Mr. Smith, 89, is set for 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Snyder Cemetery under the direction of Heartland Funeral Home of Early.

Born Jan. 9, 1912 in Bowser, Tex., he married Charlcie Lee Jones in 1932 in Snyder. She died in 1993.

A retired farmer and rancher, Mr. Smith had lived in Hermleigh and Snyder before moving to Zephyr in 1964. A member of the Zephyr Church of Christ, he was a former member of the Snyder Church of Christ and the Hermleigh Church of Christ.

Survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law, Charles and Juanell Smith of Brownwood and Mike and Leslie Smith of San Angelo; a daughter and son-in-law, Nelda and Monnie Hedges of Greenville, N.C.; a brother and sister-in-law, Bernard and Francis Smith of Horseshoe Bay; three sisters, Bonita Moore and Montie Rea Iverson, both of Snyder, and Captola Rice of Lubbock; a sister-in-law, Arpie Smith of Trinity; six grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

He also was preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Rosie Smith; two brothers; and two sisters.

Jean Sadler

1926-2001

TYLER – Jean Everett Sadler, a former resident of Snyder, died Saturday, June 23, in Tyler.

Funeral service for Mr. Sadler, 74, was set for 2 p.m. today in the Colonial Hills Baptist Church in Tyler with the Rev. Robert Carter officiating. Burial was to follow in the Ebenzer Cemetery in Arp under the direction of Lloyd James Funeral Home.

Born Dec. 13, 1926 in Bristow, Okla., Mr. Sadler was a 1945 graduate of New London High School and a survivor of the New London school explosion in 1937.

A veteran of World War II and the Korean Conflict, he married Betty Lorine Lyon in September, 1948 in Arp. Mr. Sadler had lived in Midland and Snyder before moving to Tyler 10 years ago. He was retired as concrete manager for Concrete Inc.

Survivors include is wife, Betty Sadler of Tyler; two daughters and a son-in-law, Gail Jean Koening of Granbury and Debbie and Jim Toman of Spring; six grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

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Bible study tapes

Bible study videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 this evening is "Learning to Forgive," followed by "Getting to Know God's Person and Problem."

SHS football booster club

The SHS football booster club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the film room of the field house. Upcoming fundraisers will be discussed and all parents are urged to attend.

Genealogical Society

The Scurry County Genealogical Society will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Scurry County Library. Members will read narratives about their paternal great-grandfathers. Visitors are welcome. Yearly members are $12.50 per person or $15 per couple.

Steer validations

The 2001-2002 steer validations will be at 6 p.m. Tuesday. It will be held at the Ricky Miller residence on Round Top Road. Tags must be paid for at this time, and a parent should be present for the necessary signatures. Exhibitor's social security numbers will also be required. For all new feeders, a hair care and management demonstration will be held during the validation process.

Class of 1981 reunion

The SHS class of 1981 will hold its reunion Friday and Saturday. Registration should be turned in as soon as possible and an accurate count is needed by Wednesday. Contact Beth Bowen at 573-2670.

Car wash

The SHS Student Council will sponsor a car wash from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. Saturday in the Wal-Mart Parking Lot.

Certified nurses aide course

Snyder Oaks Care Center will hold a certified nurses aide course of 75 hours beginning Saturday. The class will meet 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. For more information, call 573-9377 or Maggie Barnes at 863-2426.

Children's Saturday fun time

Children's Saturday fun time will be held at Avenue D Baptist Church at 10 a.m. on Saturdays throughout the summer. All children are invited. Puppets and snow cones will be part of the fun. For more information, call 573-0971 or 573-6878.

Christian concert

Christian singers, Mercy Me, Jonathan Moore and Macy Hill, will be live in concert at 7 p.m. Sunday at the Scurry County Coliseum. Tickets are $5 for general admission and $7 for floor seating. Tickets are available at The Rest Stop. For more information, contact Becky at 573-1517.

SHS 1986 reunion

The SHS class of 1986 will hold its reunion July 6-7. Classmates are still being contacted. Call Xalyn Harris Palacios at 574-3343 or 573-2148, or Mike McWilliams at 573-6543 for information on classmates.

Class of 1966 reunion

The SHS class of 1966 will hold a reunion July 27-28. Anyone with classmates' addresses is asked to write to Janeen Patterson at Box 208, Snyder.

Class of 1976 reunion

The SHS class of 1976 will hold it's reunion July 28 at Jack Greene's pasture. For information, call Lorinda Hardin at 573-2700 or Sherry Thompson at 338-0026. The website is classmates.com.

Senior water aerobics

Senior water aerobics at the WTC pool will be from 11 a.m. until noon on Tuesdays and Thursdays. For more information, call Bobbie Taylor at 573-7144 or the Senior Center at 573-4035.

WTC swimming pool

The WTC swimming pool is open for public use. Lap swimming: M-TH 6:30-8 a.m. Open swimming: M-TH 2-5 p.m. Cost is $3 per person or $50 for a semester pass. The pool is also available for parties on Fridays and Saturdays. For more information, contact Mike Harrison at 573-8511, ext. 279.

Free lunch program

The free lunch program at Central Elementary continues through July 27. Meals will be served on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from noon until 1 p.m. All children who qualify for free lunches at school may eat. An adult accompanying a child will also be served. For more information, call 573-6915.

Cancer treatment transportation

Transportation for cancer patients is available every day free of charge to Lubbock, Abilene or Midland. For more information, call Sammie Jarrell at 573-5993 or Blakely Fargason at 574-8041. If not home, leave message on answering machine.

Top general may decide the scope of monitors of Pantex

AMARILLO (AP) — The scope of a citizens board monitoring the Pantex Plant could be decided by a top Air Force general.

The panel wants to continue making recommendations on plant operations while Department of Energy officials are encouraging the Pantex Plant Citizens Advisory Board to stick to issues related to groundwater and environmental cleanup topics.

Local DOE officials agreed in 1994 to establish the board, which includes Pantex proponents and critics. The Clinton administration created the Pantex board and others near America's weapons plants to give citizens a public forum following revelations that government scientists conducted about 800 radiation tests on humans, some of whom were not told of health risks.

Over the years, the Pantex board has sent recommendations to DOE on various issues, including plutonium storage, hazardous waste cleanups and groundwater concerns.

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Dandruff can be controlled

DEAR DR. GOTT: For years I've suffered problems with dandruff and have had no success using the following shampoos: Head and Shoulders, Pantene Blue, Gard Violet and Selsun Blue. Is there any hope for me?

DEAR READER: Possibly.

Seborrheic dermatosis (dandruff) is believed to be caused by a fungus with the marvelous name of Malassezia furfur. As reported last year in the journal Mycopathologia, researchers tested the products you listed against M. furfur. In addition, they tested Nizoral shampoo (in 1 percent and 2 percent solutions). Both preparations were at least 100 times more effective than other shampoos. Moreover, the 2 percent Nizoral was 10 times more active than the1 percent dilution.

Therefore, the answer to your question may be a scientific slam-dunk: Try 2 percent Nizoral shampoo.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I tried to kill myself five years ago and in the past three years have tried twice more. One overdose didn't work, so I have started cutting my wrists with a knife. I usually inflict about seven slashes on each arm, out of anger and depression. I'm afraid to tell my psychiatrist because he will probably put me in a mental hospital again, and I don't want that to happen. My friends know about this.

DEAR READER: And now so do I.

A pattern such as yours certainly demands attention right away. In my opinion, you should share this with your psychiatrist. I doubt that he will hospitalize you; more likely, he will start (or adjust) your medication on an outpatient basis. Your self-destructive behavior can be modified, even cured, by an appropriate medical professional. You do not need to suffer the anger and depression that are so disruptive. Frankly, I'm a little amazed that your doctor remains clueless. Seeing you in an interview with your wrists bandaged should be enough to alert any psychiatrist that aggressive therapy is paramount. Also, I'm a bit surprised that your friends - if they are indeed friends - have failed to blow the whistle or, at least, try to encourage you to seek help.

Actually, as strange as it sounds, I do not believe that you truly want to kill yourself. I view the so-called hesitation marks on your wrists as an agonizing plea for help, a clear-cut sign that you want to rid yourself of destructive anger and depression. In fact, your letter to me, which I personally answered, really seems to serve as a wake-up call that you are fed up with your negative feelings and are willing to request assistance. This is a very courageous and positive step toward recovery. Don't delay in calling your psychiatrist. Help is a lot closer than you realize.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: Some time ago, I didn't have a bowel movement for several days. When I finally strained, I experienced pain in my left foot. Could I have damaged something?

DEAR READER: This is unlikely. Perhaps the foot pain was caused by pressure on a nerve from colon distension. In any case, if you are now normal, I wouldn't worry.

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Execution delays stir debate

MOBILE, Ala. (AP) — For three consecutive months, attempts to execute three inmates on Alabama's death row have been stalled by federal courts, and in two cases part of the reason was the lack of a lawyer at a crucial point in an appeal.

Now advocates for inmates facing death sentences are looking to Congress to put pressure on the state to make changes.

"The state of Alabama bears responsibility of assuring that people who are poor have the same quality of representation as people of above-average means," said Diann Rust-Tierney of the American Civil Liberties Union's capital punishment project. "Other states have put money into statewide public defender services."

A bill introduced in March by Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., would create a National Commission on Capital Representation and withhold federal funds from states not complying with standards for capital representation. The bill also would provide capital defense incentive grants and resource grants for capital cases.

Stephen Bright, director of the Atlanta-based Southern Center for Human Rights, an anti-death penalty group, said he will testify Wednesday in favor of the federal legislation.

"States like Alabama, Georgia and Texas simply are not providing competent lawyers," Bright said.

"Alabama and a lot of the South have taken some raps on this issue. They ought to make it go away. Don't hand the opponents stuff to beat up on you," said Michael Rushford, president of the Criminal Justice Legal Foundation, a pro-death penalty group in Sacramento, Calif.

Alabama had 186 men and women on death row as of May 31. The next execution is set in July.

State judges can appoint lawyers to represent indigent defendants, and defendants convicted of capital crimes get automatic appeals.

However, an inmate who wants to pursue his case beyond that initial appeal — setting up a process that can go on for years — has to request a lawyer and may not find a qualified one willing to work for the limited amount of money available.

"It's a money-losing proposition for a lawyer. It just takes so much time," said Greg Hughes, a criminal defense lawyer in Mobile.

At the trial level, the pay is $60 an hour in court and $40 an hour for out-of-court time on an indigent's case, noted Joe D. Quinlivan Jr., another Mobile lawyer with death-penalty experience. There is no cap on payments at the trial level, he said.

During the appeal, there is a maximum of $2,000 for attorney fees at $60 an hour plus a maximum $875 in overhead. That's followed by post-conviction remedies, which pays only $1,000.

"It's really ridiculous," Quinlivan said.

The Montgomery-based Equal Justice Initiative tries to recruit death row lawyers, but there's no state-run office for that purpose.

"It's completely hit-and-miss. That's what's unique to Alabama," Bright said.

Court deadlines bear on the inmate's appeal and can short-circuit the process if unmet.

"And as time runs, you're deprived of both state and federal post-conviction review," Bright said.

In two of Alabama's three recently blocked execution dates, federal judges granted delays to consider appeals claims that included a lack of legal counsel when appeal deadlines were missed.

A "handful of committed lawyers have been able to at least try to find lawyers or help prisoners file petitions that need to be filed, but the pace of justice in Alabama is quickly outrunning the resources currently available," said Rust-Tierney of the ACLU's capital punishment project.

Mexico promises crackdown on corruption at the border

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexico said Sunday it will send observers to airports and border crossings to crack down on corrupt customs officers and other officials who demand bribes from returning migrant workers.

The 300 observers, all volunteers from human rights groups, are part of President Vicente Fox's efforts to reach out to Mexican workers in the United States.

Many of those workers take their vacations in summer, when farm work slows and children are out of school.

Many of the travelers complain that when they arrive in Mexico, corrupt border officials will detain or harass them unless they pay bribes or unfair "taxes" on their belongings.

The summer program, which begins July 1 and ends Aug. 31, will include sensitivity training for government workers.

Since taking office Dec. 1, Fox has launched several similar programs aimed at helping Mexican-Americans and Mexican migrants. He has even traveled to border cities to personally greet migrants as they cross the border.

Items auctioned to pay guitarist's debts

GREAT VALLEY, N.Y. (AP) — A couch, clothes and a crib were among the belongings of late 10,000 Maniacs guitarist Rob Buck auctioned off to help pay his debts.

Buck's estate raised $36,700, said auctioneer Corey Brown.

"We really didn't have a choice," David Bauer, the lawyer for Buck's estate, told the Post-Journal of Jamestown.

Buck, 42, a Jamestown native, died Dec. 19 at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center of complications related to liver failure. His friends and fans gathered Saturday to bid a final farewell.

"I'd like to take a little bit of Rob and spread him around if I can," said 10,000 Maniacs bassist Steven Gustafson, whose buys included Buck's paintings, 10,000 Maniacs records and a lava lamp.

He was outbid for Buck's favorite performance guitar — a Silver Jet-Gretsch — that went for $1,100. Jamestown resident Erol McNallie bought Buck's 1958 Studebaker for $5,100.

Buck formed 10,000 Maniacs in 1981 with Gustafson, Dennis Drew, John Lombardo and Natalie Merchant.

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