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DCOS...

Board approves contracts for gas line, brick plant

DCOS board members approved two items related to attracting jobs to Snyder when they met for their regular board meeting on Thursday.

The board has been in negotiations with TXU-Lone Star Gas for the construction of a natural gas line to the industrial park.

Currently, there is no gas service to the park, and the DCOS board feels one is necessary for the expansion of the current tenant — Lorber Industries — and for attracting other industries, as well.

The agreement the board okayed will eliminate all liability for the DCOS once the line is signed over to the gas company. Lone Star had originally proposed the DCOS be liable for the line for one year, but the board strongly opposed that proposal.

Also approved was a rebate from the utility which is hoped will cover construction costs for the line.

The DCOS will receive 38-cents per MCF until costs are recovered, or for a 10-year period.

The line is expected to cost $200,000.

Also, the board agreed to a revised figure on the number of employees Snyder Brick and Tile must have to qualify for incentives.

Originally, the firm had stated it would employ a total of 63 people in the manufacturing of the brick and the mining of the raw materials.

A new plan from the company indicates it could save money by contracting with a local company for the mining of the raw materials, hence some 8 fewer employees will be needed.

The board approved the revision to the incentive agreement with the company.

Board chairman Roy McQueen presided and all board members were in attendance to include David Cotton, Jack Gorman Jr., Larry Anderson and Gary Landes.

U.S. embassies are temporarily closed in Africa

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States temporarily shut down six embassies in Africa after receiving information they were under surveillance by "suspicious individuals."

The embassies in Gambia, Togo, Madagascar, Liberia, Namibia and Senegal were closed Thursday. State Department spokesman James P. Rubin said today a decision will be made over the weekend on whether they will be reopened Monday.

"We will be assessing that that this afternoon and tomorrow," he said.

"We had information suggesting suspicious individuals were surveying the sites, and as a precautionary, prudent measure we suspended operations."

Rubin told ABC's "Good Morning America," that the United States was putting pressure on a number of governments to capture accused terrorist Osama bin Laden. He is accused in the deadly attacks on U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania.

Bin Laden has been placed on the FBI's list of 10 most-wanted fugitives. He is believed to be in Afghanistan.

Last week, U.S. intelligence officials said bin Laden was believed to be in the final stages of planning another attack on U.S. facilities.

"We think that Osama bin Laden is responsible for the deaths of Americans and he will have nowhere to run and nowhere to hide," Rubin said today. "We're determined to find those responsible for killing Americans no matter how long it takes."

NOAH LANDSCAPING — Students of the Summer Youth Employment, sponsored by Western Texas College and West Central Texas Council of Governments, are landscaping at Noah Project-West. Working on a water sprinkler system are, from left, David Gonzalez, Greg Green, Lena Alvarez, Charles Hollaway, Stephanie Rocha, Marquise Lenard and Karynn Rodriguez. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

In Kosovo...

Albanians torch Serb homes

PRISTINA, Yugoslavia (AP) — Ethnic Albanians reportedly torched Serb houses and looted Serb-owned shops in Kosovo as Washington offered a $5 million reward for help in convicting Slobodan Milosevic and others wanted for war crimes in the Balkans.

In Belgrade, the Yugoslav parliament was scheduled to vote today on measures giving Milosevic's government power to crack down on dissent and keep its wartime controls over banking and the economy, despite the assembly's decision to lift the state of war imposed after NATO began bombing March 24.

Milosevic's autocratic rule has been shaken by the Kosovo conflict, in which Serb-led Yugoslavia sustained heavy bombing damage and was forced to agree to withdraw troops from Kosovo and allow a NATO-led force into the province.

Ethnic Albanians made up 90 percent of Kosovo's prewar population of 2.1 million, and many favored independence for the province.

In Pristina, British soldiers swarmed around the commercial center of the Kosovo capital late Thursday in an attempt to curb looting. During the 78-day NATO air bombardment, ethnic Albanians fleeing to nearby countries spoke of Serbs looting Albanian-owned businesses.

Now that Yugoslav forces have left the province under an international peace plan, ethnic Albanians are seeking revenge.

Fires believed set by ethnic Albanians leveled Serb homes and much of the Gypsy quarter Thursday in the western Kosovo city of Pec. Serbs complained of an intensifying campaign of retaliation that was driving some from their homes.

The fires started before daybreak, and columns of smoke rose into the sky over the city throughout the day. A dozen homes burned by early evening, one in sight of a Serbian Orthodox monastery where the city's Serbs are taking shelter.

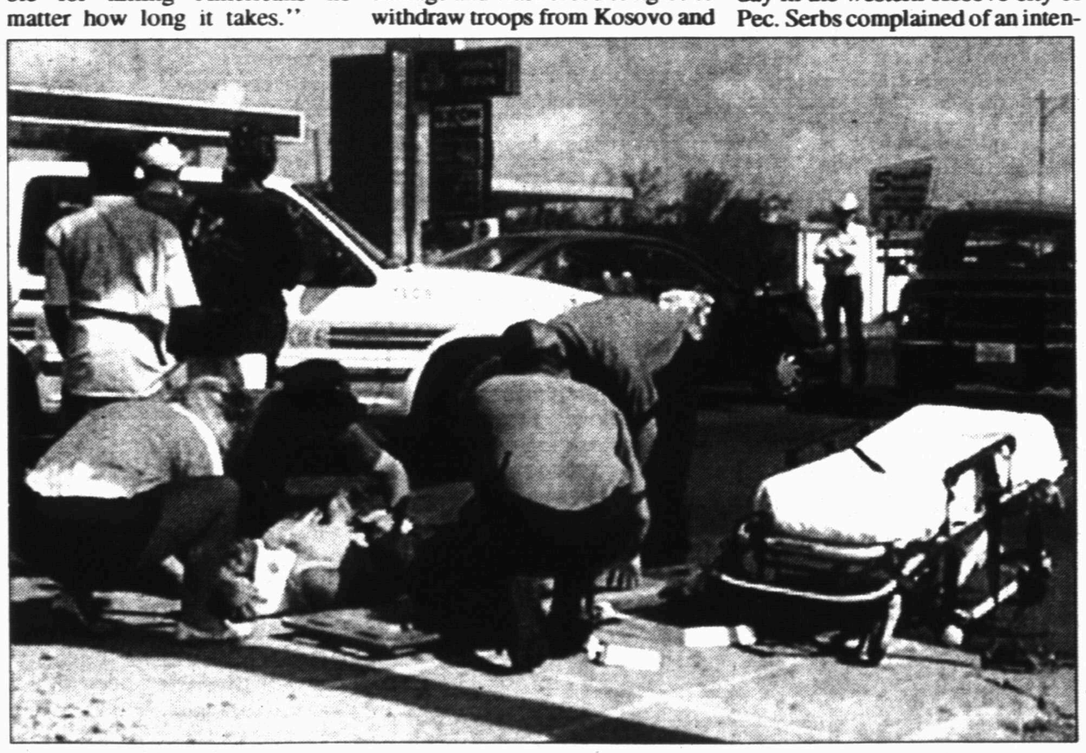
Gavrilo Gojkovic, a Serb in Pec, said Kosovo Liberation Army rebels pushed him from his home with guns and a knife at his back.

"This is Kosovo. You have no place here now," Gojkovic claimed the KLA fighters told him. Scores of Serbs sat in packed cars lined up outside the monastery, waiting for a NATO escort into neighboring Montenegro.

The reprisals continued despite appeals by NATO and Western governments for ethnic Albanians to allow peacekeepers and international investigators to bring to justice those responsible for the brutal crackdown, which ended with the peace accord.

"I would like to call on all Kosovo Albanians, and indeed on all the other people of Kosovo, not to allow ethnic hatred or the desire for revenge to cut their hearts," NATO Secretary-General Javier Solana told reporters Thursday during a visit to Pristina.

He spoke after meeting for more than 90 minutes with Serb and Albanian representatives, including Hashim Thaci, political leader of the KLA.



ONE TO COGDELL — Snyder EMS personnel treat 19-year-old Stacey Davis following a two-vehicle accident around 10:30 a.m. today at 37th Street and College Avenue. Davis, who was transported to Cogdell Memorial Hospital, was a passenger in a 1995 Ford Aspire driven by Delores Davis of 901 29th Street. A 1986 Bronco II driven by Preston Wilson of 2205 43rd Street was also involved in the accident. (SDN Staff Photo)

South Korea warns North Korea about missile test

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — South Korean President Kim Dae-jung warned today that another missile test by North Korea would seriously hurt the communist country's relations with its potential donors, including the United States, Japan and South Korea.

"Blocking another North Korean missile launch test is a top policy priority of the three countries," Kim told reporters. "If the North test fires a new missile, it will seriously hurt its relations with them."

Kim was commenting on reports that North Korea may be trying to follow up last year's missile test launch with another test as early as this summer.

Last August, North Korea surprised the world by firing a rocket that flew over Japan and landed in the Pacific. The North claimed it had launched a satellite, but Western officials believe it was a test of a three-stage ballistic weapon.

The development and sale overseas of missiles by the North, along with its suspected nuclear weapons program, were major issues at high-level U.S.-North Korea talks that ended Thursday in Beijing.

Wi Keyei-chul, the spokesman for the South Korean Embassy in Beijing, said today that South Korea expects North Korea to resume negotiations Saturday without the noisy demands for redress over the sinking of a North Korean gunboat that previously halted the talks.

The talks are supposed to focus on reuniting families separated by the division of the Korean peninsula into the communist North and the capitalist South 54 years ago.

North Korean negotiators ended the first session in 90 minutes Tuesday after chief delegate Pak Yong Su demanded South Korea apologize for last week's naval skirmish in a disputed part of the Yellow Sea. South Korea indicated it would scuttle the talks if North Korea insisted on discussing the clash instead of family reunions.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says this was found inside a fortune cookie: "Speak well of people and you will never need to whisper."

Larry Crabtree, in the Vernon Daily Record, found another good one inside the fortune cookie at Vernon's Canton Cafe. It read: "Eat more Chinese food."

One of the Vernon publisher's pet peeves is folks who litter. Therefore, he particularly liked the sign in a safari park:

"Visitors who throw litter into the crocodile pit will be asked to retrieve it."

Danny Andrews, in the Plainview Daily Herald, teaches adult classes at the First Baptist Church in his city. He likes to include some humor while imparting Bible knowledge:

--Q. Who was the greatest financier in the Bible? A. Noah. He was floating his stock while everyone else was in liquidation.

--Who was the greatest female financier in the Bible? Pharaoh's daughter. She went down to the bank of the Nile and drew out a little prophet.

--What kind of man was Boaz before he got married? Ruthless.

--Who was the greatest comedian in the Bible? Samson. He brought the house down.

--How did Adam and Eve feel when expelled from the Garden of Eden? They were really put out.

--What is one of the first things that Adam and Eve did after they were kicked out? They really raised Cain.

--What excuse did Adam give to his children as to why they no longer lived in Eden? Your mother ate us out of house and home.

--The ark was built in three stories, and only the top story had a window to let light in. How did the light get to the bottom two stories? They used floodlights.

--Who is the greatest baby-sitter in the Bible? David. He rocked Goliath to sleep.

--What do they call pastors in Germany? German Shepherds.

--What is the best way to get to Paradise? Turn right and go straight.

--Who was the most flagrant lawbreaker in the Bible? Moses, because he broke all 10 commandments at once.

--Which area of Palestine was especially wealthy? The area around the Jordan. The banks were always overflowing.

--Where is the first tennis match mentioned in the Bible? When Joseph served in Pharaoh's court.

--Which Bible character had no parents? Joshua, son of Nun.

--Why didn't Noah go fishing? He only had two worms.

ASK US

Q—I got a call from a company selling calendars for the Snyder Tigers boosters. Is it official?

A—The booster club's official calendar company is Calendar Girl Athletics from Odessa. They will start selling in July. A sizeable amount of their sales are donated back to the club.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Thursday, 91 degrees; low, 66; 7 a.m. Friday, 67; no precipitation; total for 1999, 13.59 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, fair. Low near 70. Saturday, mostly sunny, hot. High around 100.

Brad Ashworth
Sunny & hot

Sunset: 8:52 p.m.
Sunrise: 6:41 a.m.
Of 175 days in 1999, the sun has shone 168 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

"There is no darkness but ignorance."

Shakespeare

JUN 25 1999

Straw poll may sort wheat from chaff

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Dan Quayle is lining up Indiana college students for an Iowa "poll the nation will see." Lamar Alexander's camp says the straw poll could be the "last opportunity" for his struggling campaign. George W. Bush has enlisted interest groups to bus in backers.

The 12,000 or so activists who show up for the Iowa Republican straw poll Aug. 14 won't pick any delegates, but they could well narrow the field of serious candidates for the party's presidential nomination.

"It will give some structure to the field, deciding who is a contender and who is a pretender," said Brian Kennedy, who runs former Tennessee Gov. Alexander's campaign.

"I think it is a do-or-die event for some candidates," said Greg Mueller, a consultant allied with publisher Steve Forbes.

The lengths candidates are going to are detailed in campaign memos leaked by rivals.

Texas Gov. Bush is tapping various trade organizations to bring in Iowans to increase his showing.

In a memo to students at Huntington College in Indiana, a Quayle supporter offers students from the former vice president's home state free travel to Ames, Iowa, 500 miles away, for the poll.

"All presidential candidates will be there and the Quayles want you to be there also to show our support," says the memo.

Only Iowans can vote, however, and state GOP executive director Dee Stewart said all IDs will be checked. Quayle spokesman Jonathan Baron said students would come as volunteer organizers, not voters.

Joseph Rodgers, a major Alexander supporter, sent out a fund-raising letter saying the campaign needs $1 million "by the end of this month" to compete in the straw poll.

"This is the last opportunity we will have to give Lamar a chance to prove a lot of people wrong," Rodgers wrote on campaign letterhead.

With a large and unruly field seeking the GOP nomination, there's some hunger for clarity. Those who fare poorly could find attention hard to get and money scarce as the contenders move closer to February caucuses that open the presidential nominating season.

"The campaigns that finish in the top three are going to be the ones who are taken seriously as we move toward the caucus process," said Stewart.

The expectations game is under way, too.

Bush is high atop opinion polls and backed by much of the GOP establishment. But his aides initially sought to lower expectations, noting that rivals have been organizing in the state for months, if not years.

Bush himself shattered that.

"It will be a good test for our organization and it will be a good test for me," said Bush. "I think we not only ought to compete, I think we ought to win the Ames straw poll."

"Bush has the most to lose," said Kennedy. "He's set the bar at 50 percent and if he doesn't do that he's given new life to his competitors."

The conventional wisdom holds that Iowa's caucuses and straw polls demand painstakingly built organizations. If Bush wins the straw poll so soon after jumping in, it will be yet another sign of his strength.

"He clearly, basically, wants to end the race for the Republican nomination on Aug. 14," complained candidate Pat Buchanan.

VP Gore defends AC

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Vice President Al Gore, seeking to bolster his credentials as a unifier, offered a forceful defense of affirmative action and paid tribute to a gay and lesbian community center.

He faced a skeptical audience at the gay center, where Javier Garcia asked, "I want to know exactly why you're here." Garcia said later he was "suspicious" that Gore's appearance was purely political.

Gore's tour of the center Thursday came exactly one week after his rival for the Democratic presidential nomination, Bill Bradley, visited it.

"I'm here to learn and to pay honor to this place," Gore said, adding the Gay and Lesbian Center of Los Angeles was "helping to change attitudes and abolish some irrational discrimination that is all too common."

He granted his only interview of the day to the Advocate, a national gay and lesbian news magazine.

"The vice president has a long-time commitment to bringing our country together," said Gore spokesman Chris Lehane. "He strongly believes that we're much stronger as a country when all aspects of our community work together and come together."

Gore said he supports federal legislation that would outlaw discrimination against homosexuals at the workplace, and bills criminalizing certain hate crimes.

Michelle Byler, 22, said she didn't find Gore convincing.

"He didn't really speak to me or say anything to impress me," said Byler, who said she left the Army after acknowledging her homosexuality. She added that she had met Bradley a week earlier and found Bradley equally unimpressive.

Earlier, in the affluent Bel Air section of Los Angeles, Gore told a largely black audience that while the nation has made some progress in shrinking the racial divide, much work remains.

The wage disparity between blacks and whites is narrowing, and black and white graduation rates are "just about even," he said, speaking poolside at the home of Jerry Florence, an auto and music executive.

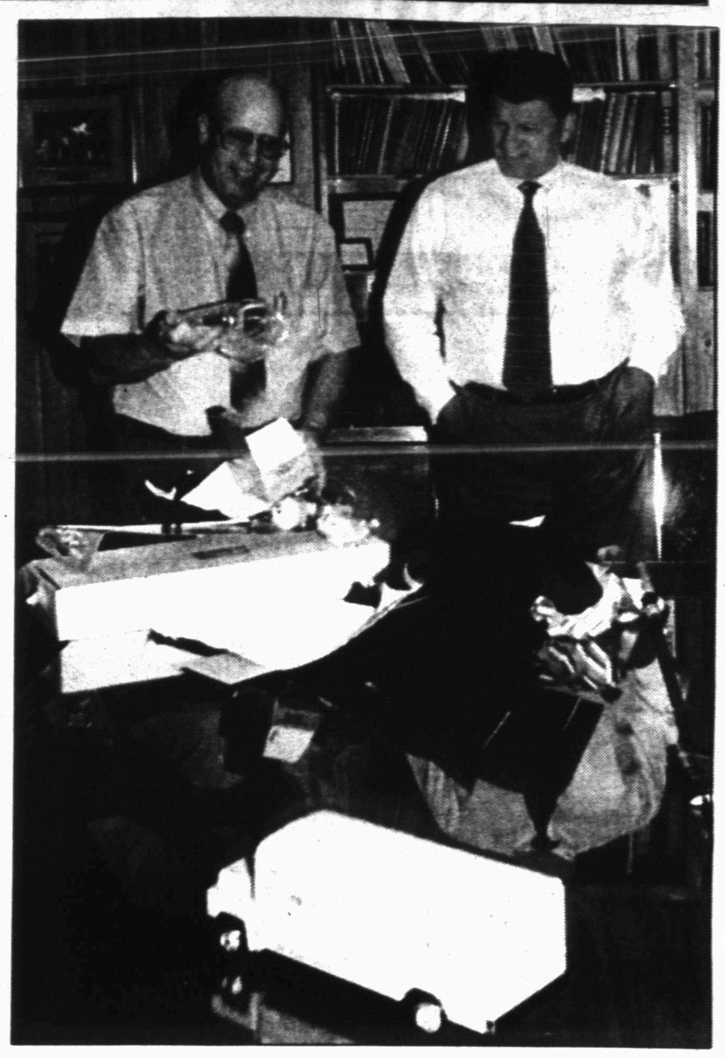
Peppers will be installed as pastor

The Rev. Stanley E. Peppers Sr. of Snyder will be installed as pastor of the Little Zion Baptist Church in Rotan with services tonight and Sunday.

Tonight's service will be at 7:30 with the Rev. Homer Reddic of the Canaan Baptist Church of Loraine leading the services.

On Sunday, Rev. Wendell Davis of Lyons Chapel Baptist Church of Lubbock will lead the service at 3 p.m.

The Rotan church is located at 412 S. Lincoln Ave.



TAYLOR RETIRING — Lawton Taylor, director of Snyder ISD's maintenance and transportation for the past 11 years, was given a reception at the administration building. Superintendent Gayle Lomax presented Taylor with a rod and reel from fellow employees to enjoy in his retirement. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Bush calling for unity and education during campaign

LIVONIA, Mich. (AP) — Sounding a cry for "compassionate conservatism," Texas Gov. George W. Bush said he will stand for conservative values while also reaching out to Americans in need.

In his first Michigan visit as the frontrunner for the Republican presidential nomination Thursday, Bush again addressed abstinence as one of his leading issues, saying "it is conservative to confront illegitimacy" but it is compassionate to offer help to young parents and their children.

"No child should be left behind in America," Bush said at a $1,000-a-plate fund-raising dinner in the Detroit suburb of Livonia, linking the issue to his goals of reforming education and decreasing poverty.

"Failed schools are creating two societies," Bush told the more than 1,000 in attendance. "One that reads, and one that can't. One that dreams, and one that doesn't."

He said he wants to give more authority to states to regulate and set standards for their schools and level the field for all children.

Earlier Thursday, at a stop in Detroit's Mexicantown, Bush used his push in Texas for charter schools and school vouchers as an example.

"If they aren't learning, we ought to blow the whistle on failure," he said. "It's important to free parents to make choices."

Bush arrived to the sound of Mexican folk music as he waded through about 300 people packed in a small park in a predominantly Hispanic neighborhood on the city's south side.

He spent most of the 30-minute visit posing for snapshots and autographing signs that read "Viva George Bush."

Later, Bush said Michigan holds a lot of the cards in the 2000 election.

"Michigan is a very important state not only in the primary but the general election as well," he said.

Datebook

June 25, 1999

Today is the 176th day of 1999 and the fifth day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1868, President Andrew Johnson instituted the eight-hour day for federal employees.

On this day in 1876, Gen. George Custer and 265 soldiers of the 7th Cavalry were killed at the Battle of the Little Bighorn, in Montana. They were defeated by Sioux and Cheyenne led by Crazy Horse and Sitting Bull.

On this day in 1982, Secretary of State Alexander Haig gave his resignation to President Ronald Reagan. They had disagreed over foreign policy.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Henry "Hap" Arnold (1886-1950), U.S. Army Air Force general; George Orwell (1903-1950), writer; Sidney Lumet (1924-), director, is 75; June Lockhart (1925-), actress, is 74; Willis Reed (1942-), basketball great, is 57; Carly Simon (1945-), singer-songwriter, is 54; Phyllis George (1949-), sports broadcaster, is 50; George Michael (1963-), singer, is 36.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1977, Ted St. Martin, an amateur basketball player, made 2,036 consecutive free throws, breaking his own record.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Patience, and the mulberry leaf becomes a silk gown." — Chinese proverb

TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (June 20) and full moon (June 28).

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Secret recording lawsuit allowed by high court

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The California Supreme Court has ruled that news gatherers may be sued for infiltrating a workplace and secretly recording an employee.

A state appeals court had overturned $1.2 million verdict awarded to Mark Sanders, an employee of a psychic hotline whose conversations with a reporter posing as a co-worker were broadcast nationally on ABC.

The appeals court had ruled that the clandestine taping did not violate his privacy because his conversations were in an open area of the workplace and could have been overheard by others.

The high court ruled Thursday that employees have a right to expect that private conversations with co-workers will not be secretly taped and broadcast to others.

The court did not order Sanders' damages reinstated, saying the appellate court must still consider other issues in the case.

The opinion by Justice Kathryn Mickle Werdegar did say a news organization may be able to defend a secret recording by showing that it was necessary for news coverage. The recording may also be easier to defend if the workplace is open to the public, Werdegar said.

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Rains threaten wheat harvest in heartland

WELLINGTON, Kan. (AP) — Spreading like a golden wave across the nation's heartland, millions of acres of winter wheat began ripening a few weeks ago, drawing crews from across the country and the world to harvest it.

Then the rains began.

Now, the fields are too soggy for the 27,000-pound combines to move in, and the wheat is too wet to harvest.

Soon the stalks will fall over, making the crop even harder to bring in. And soon, too, the wheat heads will sprout, destroying the crop's commercial value for anything but animal feed. Winter wheat is used primarily to make bread.

The "custom cutters" who follow the ripening crops and streamed into Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas from as far away as Australia and South Africa are waiting out the weather in hotel rooms in sleepy rural towns, doing little but sleeping, eating and hoping for the rain to stop.

Forecasters said that's not likely anytime soon. Rain and thunderstorms are expected to continue into next week in Kansas.

"Everybody is in the same boat — sitting and waiting," said Robert Wawrzyniak, who hauled his combine from Missouri into Kansas two weeks ago.

The rain could mean big losses for farmers, too.

"I think it is too soon to say it is a national disaster, but obviously the acres harvested are going to be down quite a bit," said Mark Simmons of the Kansas Association of Wheat Growers.

Only 2 percent of the winter wheat crop has been harvested in Kansas, compared with 31 percent by this time last year, Kansas Agricultural Statistics reported this week. Oklahoma farmers have harvested 51 percent of their crop, compared with 79 percent at this time a year ago.

In Oklahoma, where the wheat has been ripe much longer, many farmers have already abandoned their crops. In southern Kansas, especially around Medicine Lodge, reports of sprouting wheat heads are also coming in.

The unseasonable rains hurt wheat in a number of ways. Wet wheat can rot during storage, and even once it dries out, the heads tend to shrivel up, lowering the weight per bushel and affecting the price farmers get.

Kansas and Oklahoma account for about one-third of all winter wheat grown in the United States. So far, commodity prices that could ultimately lead to higher bread prices in the supermarket have not been affected.

"I don't think we are reaching a strong concern about the national production," said Kansas state statistician Eddie Wells.

Just how much damage the rains have done to the wheat crop won't be known until the combines can get back into the fields.

In northwestern Kansas — where wheat is just beginning to ripen — the crop is still in mostly good condition. But farmers fear that with all of Kansas ready to harvest at the same time — and with nearly half of the Oklahoma fields still uncut because of rain there— there won't be enough crews and combines to get the crops in fast enough once it dries up.

Wawrzyniak, who came here from Maitland, Mo., with his wife and son, said he has worked just 6½ hours in the past two weeks.

"It is costing me money," he said. Many cutters are moving on in search of drier fields. That could pose a problem for some farmers, who rely on the crews to harvest about 60 percent of the fields.

"It's really going to put us in a bind, but it's happened before," said Marsha Carothers, whose family will use its own three combines to finish harvesting its 3,300 acres near Anthony, Kan. "We're used to it."

Forum bought by 'Staples'

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Owners of the new Staples Center arena have Owners of Staples Center buy Forum paid as much as $30 million to buy the Forum.

The L.A. Arena Co., a partnership that includes majority owner Philip Anschutz and the Fox Group, will assume responsibility for management and operation of the Forum upon completion of the sale, expected July 31, company officials said Thursday.

Financial terms were not disclosed. The Los Angeles Times, citing unidentified sources, reported Thursday that the deal was worth $25 million to $30 million.

Arena officials said the first public event at Staples Center will be a concert by Bruce Springsteen on Oct. 17.

The Forum has been home to hockey's Kings and basketball's Lakers since it opened Dec. 30, 1967, but both teams will play their 1999-2000 seasons at Staples Center.

Jerry Buss bought the Forum, the Lakers and Kings for $67.5 million in 1979 from Jack Kent Cooke.

Restraining order didn't stop sale of gun used in shootings

CASTLE ROCK, Colo. (AP) — A restraining order that required a man to stay away from his family did not show up on a federal background check, allowing him to purchase a handgun that police say he used hours later to kill his three daughters.

Court records show that Simon Gonzales' estranged wife obtained a temporary restraining order in late May and a petition was filed to make it permanent on June 16. Gonzales bought the gun from a federally-licensed firearms dealer Tuesday evening.

But because Gonzales had not been served with the order, it was not entered into his background record and it did not turn up during the required check, investigators said Thursday. Authorities did not say why Gonzales was never served.

"The ATF has confirmed that this was a legal transaction, a legal sale," said Michael Knight, a spokesman for the District Attorney's Office and an investigator in the case.

John Keating of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms in Washington said a restraining order — temporary or permanent — will prevent an applicant from buying a gun once it has been served and has entered the system.

Gonzales was killed by police in a pre-dawn shootout Wednesday after he drove in front of the police station and fired through a window, narrowly missing an officer inside.

Moments later, police found his daughters, Rebecca, 10, Katheryn, 8, and Leslie, 7, dead inside his bullet-riddled truck. An autopsy Thursday concluded that the girls died of gunshot wounds before the shootout.

Friends said Gonzales picked the girls up near their house in Castle Rock after Mrs. Gonzales gave him permission to take them out Tuesday evening.

Around 6 p.m., Gonzales called a gun dealer who had advertised a handgun in a newspaper for $375, said police. The background check took about one hour.

Police said the girls were shot in the truck. Gonzales' wife, Jessica, 33, her son, Jessie, relatives and friends struggled to understand what happened.

"We just can't conceive it. It can't even be real to us now, because you can't do that to kids," said Tommy Rivera, Mrs. Gonzales' sister.

Academies applications are due now

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Congressman Charlie Stenholm is seeking applications from young men and women who are interested in attending one of the United States Service Academies.

Eligible applicants will be at least 17, but not past their 23rd birthday, by July 1, 2000, and must be graduated from high school by that date.

Competitive applicants will be in the top 15 percent of their class and have SAT scores above 550 verbal and 600 math or ACT scores of 26 English and 27 math.

Involvement in extra-curricular activities, including school and community organizations and sports as well as full or part-time employment, is also in an applicant's favor.

Individuals who wish to attend the Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, Colo., the Military Academy at West Point, N.Y, the Naval Academy at Annapolis, MD or the Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Road, N.Y., and who wish to serve as a commissioned officer are strongly encouraged to contact Jayne Schoonmaker in Stenholm's Washington office. For additional information, call 202-225-6605 or write to 1211 Longworth House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515.

HSU lists grads and honor roll

ABILENE — Three Snyder residents have received degrees during May commencement exercises at Hardin-Simmons University.

In addition, one resident has been named to the Honor Roll for the spring 1999 semester.

Valarie Rae Winkles earned a bachelor of science in nursing drgee from HSU's School of Nursing.

Jason Scott McAden earned a bachelor of behavioral science degree from HSU's Irvin School of Education.

Brook Caral Culbertson earned a bachelor of business administration degree from HSU's School of Business. She graduated cum laude.

Salvador Aguirre has made the Honor Roll for the spring 1999 semester.

The HSU Honor Roll honors students who completed 12 or more semester hours with a grade point average of 3.60 or better for that semester.

Community Calendar

FRIDAY

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointment, call 573-9742.

Just For Today NA; Snyder Park Club; for information, call 573-0949 or 573-8018; 6 p.m.

Scurry County AA, closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information, call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th and Ave. M; for information, call 573-4203, 573-8626, 573-2101 or 573-0695; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

Just For Today NA, open meeting; Park Club; for information, call 573-0949 or 573-8018; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County AA, open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information, call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 10 a.m.

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

Just For Today, closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information, call 573-0949 or 573-8018; 5 p.m.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

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Over Hill and Dale Is Misery If Husband's Behind the Wheel

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been discussing buying a recreational vehicle that we could take to New Hampshire or California. However, I have some reservations about traveling with him, as he gets too intense when he gets behind the wheel of a car.

Past experiences have made car travel sheer hell, because he fills up the gas tank and refuses to stop for anything until the tank indicator reads empty. It doesn't matter whether the dog or I have to go to the bathroom, or need to get out and stretch our legs, or if we need to eat or are thirsty. As if that doesn't make us miserable enough, he insists on doing all the driving at 10 to 20 miles above the speed limit. All the scenery is a blur!

I have discussed these issues with him and he assures me that he will change, but I have been with him almost 20 years, and I don't see it happening in the near future. I am concerned that we'll end up killing each other.

Should I say yes?

TRAVEL TERROR

DEAR TRAVEL TERROR: Heck no! Your husband has proven that once he gets behind the wheel he's disrespectful of the law, insensitive to your needs, and so focused on getting to the destination that you cannot enjoy the trip. Do your bladder a favor. Take a bus, take a train, but do not agree to accompany him on the highway.

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DEAR ABBY: This may seem trivial to you, but the more I encounter this the more it annoys me. It seems that almost every form to be filled out — organization, business, government agency, etc. — asks for first name, middle initial and last name.

Abby, there are thousands of us (maybe hundreds of thousands) who don't go by our first names. We use our middle names. When I try filling out forms using just the first initial and writing in my middle name, they invariably reverse it in subsequent correspondence.

Have these people never heard of T. Boone Pickens, H. Ross Perot and J. Paul Getty? It would be so simple to just put in the spaces and ask for first name *or* initial, middle name *or* initial and last name. Am I being petty? Sign me ...

J. QUENTIN PUBLIC,
NOT JOHN Q. PUBLIC

DEAR MR. PUBLIC: You are not being petty, and I empathize with your frustration. You are a square peg who doesn't quite fit into a round hole. Console yourself that at least you are in good company, because it's unlikely that the forms will be changed — even for H. Ross Perot, T. Boone Pickens or J. Quentin Public. (J. Paul Getty is beyond those worldly concerns.)

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DEAR ABBY: This is in response to the letter from the brother-in-law of a restaurant owner concerning "unattended children." I couldn't resist sending a copy of a sign that was on the wall of a restaurant near Interstate 90 near Bozeman, Mont.:

"Children unattended will be "Towed away at owner's expense!"

Abby, feel free to share it with your readers.

KEN CRANE, JORDAN, MINN.

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder

	North ♠ 4 ♥ 10 7 3 2 ♦ A 8 6 3 2 ♣ 9 5 2	06-25-99
West ♠ J 10 8 7 ♥ 4 ♦ K Q J 9 ♣ J 8 4 3		East ♠ Q 9 ♥ 9 8 6 5 ♦ 10 5 ♣ K Q 10 7 6
	South ♠ A K 6 5 3 2 ♥ A K Q J ♦ 7 4 ♣ A	

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
2 ♣	Pass	2 ♦	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	3 ♦	Pass
3 ♥	Pass	4 ♥	Pass
4 NT	Pass	5 ♦	Pass
5 NT	Pass	6 ♣	Pass
6 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♦ K

It is the same at the bridge table. There are players who transform honor cards into tricks, and there are those who, thanks to their art and intelligence, transform spot-cards into tricks.

Anyone can cash aces and kings, but how would you manage the latter transformation in this deal? You push into six hearts. West leads the diamond king. What is your plan?

South opened with a strong, artificial and forcing two clubs. North responded with a weak, artificial and forcing two diamonds. After that, four natural bids were followed by two doses of Blackwood before South settled for six hearts.

Faced with a diamond loser, you must establish your side suit, spades. And as often happens, when holding a two-suiter you should establish the side suit first. After winning the first trick, play a spade to your ace, ruff a spade low in the dummy, return to hand with a trump, and ruff a spade with the heart 10. Finally, draw trumps and claim, conceding a diamond at trick 13.

Note that you need to ruff two spades in the dummy to establish the suit. Yet if you cash the ace and king of spades before attempting to ruff the suit good, you go down. East overruffs when declarer uses a trump other than dummy's 10. Then a diamond back is lethal.

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Spotting the key spot

By Phillip Alder

Pablo Picasso pointed out, "There are painters who transform the sun into a yellow spot, but there are others who, thanks to their art and intelligence, transform a yellow spot into the sun."

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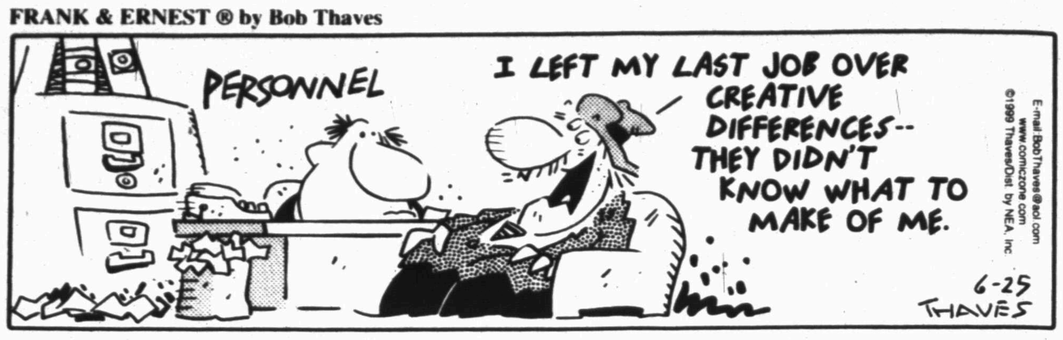

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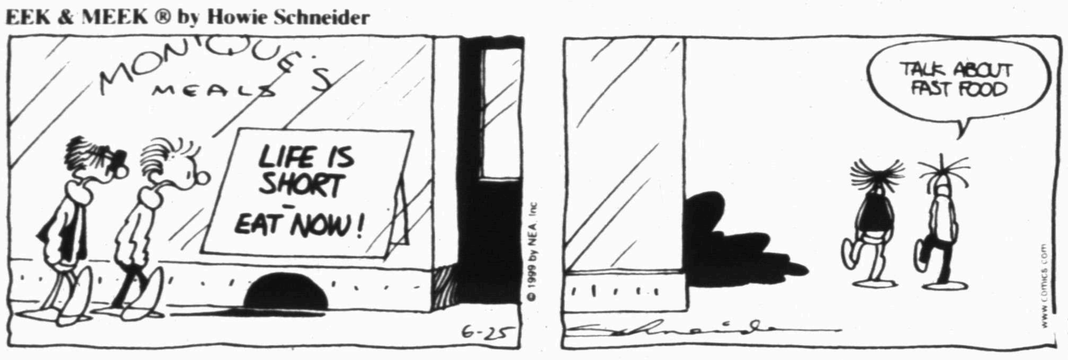

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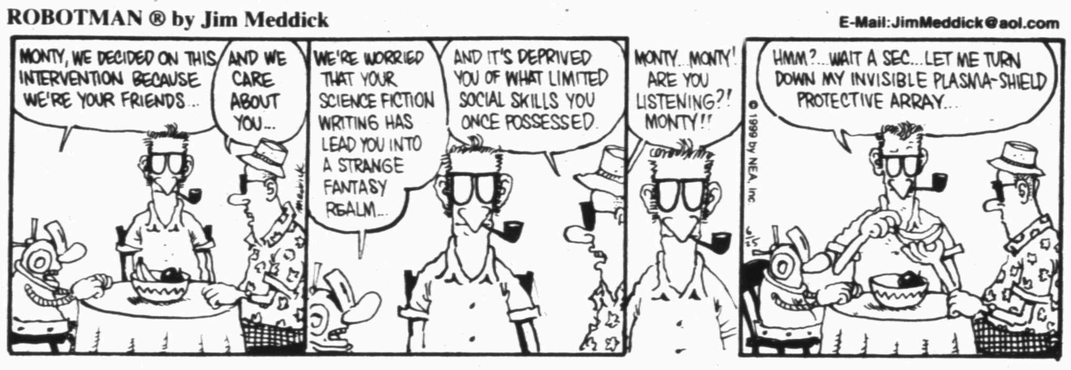

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NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 Mistreat
7 He who hesitates — —
13 Opinionated
14 Surge
15 Makes serious
16 Salad green
17 Chemical suffix
18 Corn unit
20 Struggle
21 Actress Carter
23 Number of cards in a Roman deck?
24 Bound
25 Russian ruler
27 Cowboy gear
29 Stag's mate
31 Convent dweller
32 Rose — — rose
33 Draft agcy.
34 Like some traits
37 Relate
40 Complacently self-satisfied
41 GI's address
43 Geological division
45 Make a choice
46 Encore
47 King —
48 Cornfield weed
51 Cuban leader
54 Melodic
55 Flowering shrub
56 Begins
57 Mouse, e.g.

DOWN

1 "Doll's House" author
2 Leo's son
3 Tags
4 Avail oneself of
5 Sun. speech
6 Ford flop
7 Spaniards and Portuguese
8 Err
9 Atty.'s deg.
10 — de Havilland
11 — Union
12 Suiting material
19 Sicken
22 Cargo
24 Christmas decoration
26 Sub — (secretly)
28 Reddish-brown
30 Food
34 Convey
35 Fur-bearing animal
36 Prefix for "gram"
38 Small
39 Actress Bacall
40 Fizzy drinks
42 Academy Award
44 Brown ermine
49 And not
50 Superlative suffix
52 Containing nitrogen (pref.)
53 Mournful

Answer to Previous Puzzle

P	O	W	E	R	S		P	O	L	L	E	E
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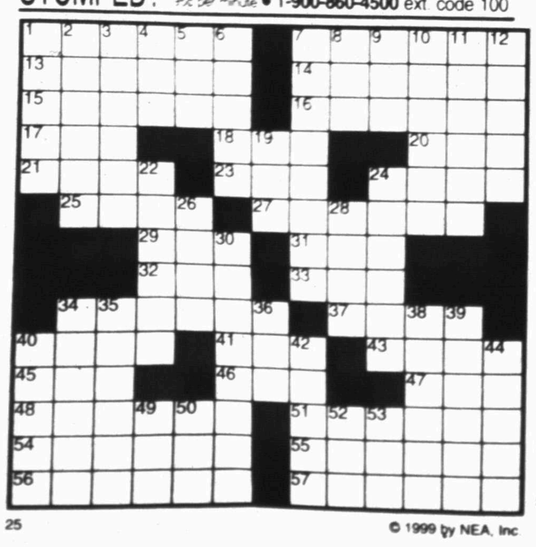

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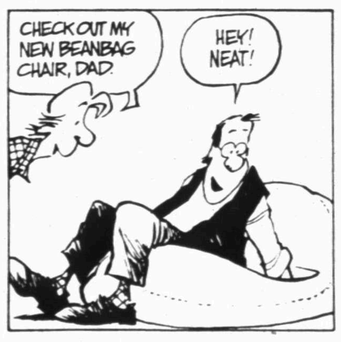

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"Ma! I just met this new guy. He's not good-looking or anything, but he's an accountant."

Picture Perfect Picnics

Use the hints to help you draw the pictures of people it might be fun to invite on a picnic.

1. rhymes with **Tom**, but begins with **m**.
2. rhymes with **glad**, but begins with **d**.
3. rhymes with **mother**, but begins with **br**.
4. rhymes with **mister**, but begins with **s**.
5. rhymes with **sends**, but begins with **fr**.

"MY DAD'S A GOOD DRIVER BECAUSE MY MOM COACHES HIM."

SPORTS

HOOPS EDUCATION — Western Texas head coach Valery Jackson is conducting another WTC Super Shooters basketball camp. Participating in the camp are, front row from left, Hailey Putnam, Moche Roque and Michelle Nettles. On the second row are counselor Carrie Fincher, Kelsi Gardner, Deva Robinson, Diana Ellison, Sandy Nussey and counselor April Walker. On the third row are Allison Chastain, Carly Stewart, Britny Robertson, Nicole Neff, Stacey Williamson, Jodi Stewart, Cory Cornish and Jonathan Hembree. On the fourth row are counselor Crystal Johnson, Kandes Walker, Ciara Latta, Valerie West and James Nussey. On the back row are counselor Mary Cavazos, Afton Schwertner, Zipporah Peoples, Aeryal Peoples and Jackson. (SDN Staff Photo)

Confident Spurs looking to close out New York tonight

NEW YORK (AP) — Jaren Jackson imagined showing off his championship ring at the summer pickup games with other ex-Georgetown players.

Antonio Daniels wondered aloud about the victory parade. Sean Elliott talked about getting "away from the game a little bit," the day before the biggest game in San Antonio Spurs history.

Are the Spurs overconfident about their chances of closing out the New York Knicks tonight and winning their first NBA championship? Or are they simply up on their history, fully aware that no team has ever blown a 3-1 lead in the finals?

Game 5 at Madison Square Garden will provide the answer tonight.

"You'd have to be an idiot not to want to close it out," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said. "But we also know that if we think in terms that it's already done, we'll be in big trouble.

"You haven't done a thing until you win number four. If you don't keep that attitude, you'll be playing a Game 7."

Here, Popovich sounds like the most ardent, optimistic Knicks fan. That is exactly the rally cry being used by the Knicks as they face a do-or-die fifth game that could end their strange, emotional season.

"I don't think anyone has to say anything," said New York's Latrell Sprewell, not ready for his whirlwind return to basketball to end just yet. "If we lose, it's over with. Everyone here knows that. I think the guys will be ready to come out and play harder than we ever have, because there's no tomorrow."

The way the Knicks have responded to controversy, adversity and angst all season, they almost seem more comfortable now that they face elimination. This is a team that was 21-21 with two weeks left in the season, squeezed into the playoffs and became the first eighth-seeded team to make the finals.

Along the way, there was Allan Houston's shot against Miami, Johnson's 4-point play against Indiana and a stream of rumor, innuendo and dissension that never seemed to end; in fact, doesn't end to this day.

Just when the Spurs are on the brink of their first title, a championship that would touch the hearts of people like George "Iceman" Gervin, they face a Knicks team that embraces the idea of having nothing to lose. Outside the Garden, a three-story tall tapestry reads, "We Still Believe."

"All we have to do is win one home game," Knicks coach Jeff Van Gundy said. "Then we can go down there and get one road game. And then you're playing the ultimate game."

Van Gundy's job was believed to be in jeopardy when the Knicks almost failed to make the playoffs, but he said Thursday their postseason success has brought assurances from team president Dave Checketts that Van Gundy will be asked to return.

"It's not really up in the air," Van Gundy told the New York Times. "Dave made it clear to me he wants me back."

Van Gundy said he has no desire to coach elsewhere, but that he and Checketts will wait until after the finals to discuss the future.

Burkett records first win, 5-2

ARLINGTON (AP) — Rafael Palmeiro and Ivan Rodriguez had two-run singles as the Texas Rangers beat the Oakland Athletics 5-2 Thursday night, giving John Burkett his first victory of the season.

Burkett (1-3), banished to the bullpen after six ineffective starts, pitched five shutout innings before John Jaha's two-run homer in the sixth.

Making his first start since May 29, Burkett worked out of a jam in the first. The A's had runners at second and third with no outs after Tony Phillips singled and Miguel Tejada doubled, but Burkett struck out Ben Grieve, retired Jason Giambi on a foulout and Jaha on a groundout.

Burkett went on to retire 10 in a row between the second and the fifth. He allowed both runs and six hits in six innings, struck out five and walked none.

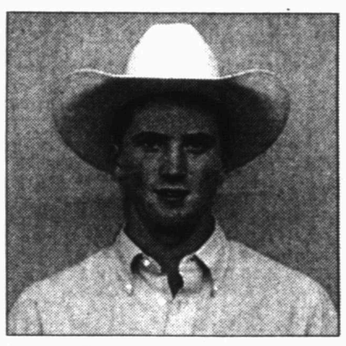
John Wetteland, the Rangers' fourth pitcher, got three straight outs for his 25th save in 28 chances.

Texas took a 3-0 first-inning lead off rookie Tim Hudson (2-1) on Juan Gonzalez's sacrifice fly and Palmeiro's two-run single.

Rodriguez's two-run single in the second pushed Texas' lead to 5-0.

Hudson, who had been a combined 9-0 in 14 starts in the majors and minors, allowed five runs and six hits in six innings.

Bynum secures title, advances to nationals



Bradley Bynum

Stoni Riggan

ABILENE — For the third straight year, Snyder is home to a high school rodeo champion.

Bradley Bynum, a freshman at Snyder High School, won the calf roping event of the Texas High School Rodeo Finals recently at Taylor County Coliseum.

Bynum's title comes on the heels of Stoni Riggan's barrel racing crown last year, and Terra Bynum's barrels championship of '97.

Riggan was back at the state finals this year, posting her best finish in the opening round when she captured sixth place.

Bradley Bynum also began with a sixth place finish in the first round. Bynum went on to advance to the short round where he garnered the runner-up spot to put him tops in the average.

The title earns Bynum a spot on the Texas state high school team. The squad will travel to Gillette, Wyo. July 19-15 for the 51st annual National High School Finals Rodeo.

Over 1,500 contestants from 38 states will compete for over $70,000 in prizes and more than $150,000 in scholarships.

Sports Briefs

Ladies' Pumpjack golf tourney

The Ladies' Pumpjack Partnership will be held Tuesday at Snyder Country Club. Breakfast will be served at 8 a.m. with play beginning at 9 o'clock.

Format will be two-person low ball gross and net, with all teams flighted by handicap. Cost is $85 per team. To register, call the SCC pro shop at 573-7101.

WGA couples play

The Women's Golf Association of Snyder Country Club will hold a mixed foursomes event this evening at 5:30.

Basketball camp

The Sam Tipton Basketball Camp for incoming 7th-9th grade girls will begin Monday and run through Thursday at the SHS gym.

Instruction will run from 9 a.m. to noon. Cost per camper is $50, which includes a camp T-shirt. For more information, contact Coach Tipton at 573-6301 ext. 30 (work) or 573-4437 (home).

Snyder volleyball camp

The Snyder volleyball camp will be held July 12-15 for incoming 5th-9th graders at the SHS gym. Camp hours will be from 8:30 a.m. until noon.

Cost is $40 and all campers need to register by July 9, so T-shirts can be ordered.

To register, call Patty Grimmett at 573-9416. If no answer, leave a message.

July 4th basketball tourney

The Powerade Fourth of July 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament will begin next Friday and continue July 4 at Towle Park. Cost is $40 per team.

Teams will be divided by age and ability. Divisions will be Little Dribblers (3rd-6th graders), Young Guns (6th-8th graders), Top Guns (9th-12th graders), NBA (very competitive) and Old Timers (recreational).

Each division will have male and female brackets, with co-ed teams entered in the male bracket.

Other contests in conjunction with the tourney will be half-court shot, free throws, 3-point shooting, slam dunks, and speed dribbling (little dribblers only).

All entries must be received by 9 p.m. Monday. To register, contact Valery Jackson at 573-8511 ext. 286 or 573-1494.

July 4th volleyball tourney

A co-ed volleyball tournament will be held July 3, with prizes awarded to the top three teams.

Teams will be comprised of eight players, and cost is $60 per squad. For more information, contact Louis Alaniz at 573-4767.

July 4th softball tourney

The WTC Student Government will be hosting a co-ed slowpitch softball tournament next Friday and Saturday at Towle Park. Entry fee is $100 per team, with a 10-player minimum.

Deadline for entry is Wednesday. For more information, contact Kara at 573-5419 or Alisha at 573-8511 ext. 276.

Athletic physicals

All athletes needing to take a physical should do so prior to Aug. 3. SISD will pay for physicals through Aug. 3 only. An appointment must be made with one of the following doctors: Burleson, Cooper, Thompson, Nussey or Rakov.

Athletes requiring physicals include all incoming 7th and 9th graders, students new to SISD, students wishing to participate in athletics for the first time, and any student whose medical history form requires them to do so.

All athletes not needing a physical must return all completed forms to their coach, athletic director's office, or Steve Kreuger.

Incoming 7th and 9th graders can pick up physical forms in the doctors' office.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

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East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
NewYork	42	28	.600	-
Boston	42	30	.583	1
Toronto	36	38	.486	8
Baltimore	32	39	.451	10½
TampaBay	29	43	.403	14
Central Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	47	23	.671	-
Chicago	35	34	.507	11½
Detroit	31	42	.425	17½
KansasCity	29	41	.414	18
Minnesota	26	45	.366	21½
West Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Texas	41	31	.569	-
Oakland	36	36	.500	5
Seattle	36	36	.500	5
Anaheim	32	39	.451	8½

Thursday's Games

Chicago 5, Minnesota 3
Detroit 6, Kansas City 4
New York 7, Tampa Bay 3
Toronto 3, Cleveland 0
Boston 2, Baltimore 1
Texas 5, Oakland 2
Anaheim 12, Seattle 7

Friday's Games

Chicago (Snyder 7-5) at Boston (Cho 1-0), 7:05 p.m.
Toronto (Wells 8-5) at Tampa Bay (Alvarez 2-5), 7:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Milton 2-6) at Detroit (Moehler 5-8), 7:05 p.m.
New York (Irabu 4-3) at Baltimore (Erickson 3-8), 7:35 p.m.
Cleveland (Wright 6-3) at Kansas City (Suppan 3-4), 8:05 p.m.
Oakland (Haynes 5-6) at Anaheim (Olivares 6-5), 10:05 p.m.
Texas (Glynn 0-2) at Seattle (P.Abbott 0-0), 10:05 p.m.

National League
All Times EDT

East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	44	28	.611	-
NewYork	41	31	.569	3
Philadelphia	37	33	.528	6
Montreal	27	41	.397	15
Florida	24	48	.333	20
Central Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	42	29	.592	-
Cincinnati	38	31	.551	3
Chicago	35	34	.507	6
Pittsburgh	35	35	.500	6½
St.Louis	35	37	.486	7½
Milwaukee	33	38	.465	9
West Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Arizona	42	31	.575	-
SanFrancisco	40	33	.548	2
Colorado	34	34	.500	5½
LosAngeles	32	38	.457	8½
SanDiego	31	38	.449	9

Thursday's Games

Philadelphia 7, Pittsburgh 5
New York 3, Florida 2
Atlanta 3, Montreal 2, 11 innings
Chicago 12, Colorado 10
Cincinnati 3, Houston 0
Arizona 8, St. Louis 7
San Diego 2, Los Angeles 1
Only games scheduled

Friday's Games

Philadelphia (Ogea 3-6) at Chicago (Farnsworth 2-2), 3:20 p.m.
Florida (Fernandez 2-4) at Montreal (Pavano 5-6), 7:05 p.m.
New York (Reed 5-3) at Atlanta (O.Perez 4-4), 7:40 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Schmidt 6-5) at Milwaukee (J.Abbott 1-6), 8:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Tomko 2-4) at Houston (Holt 1-6), 8:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Jimenez 3-7) at Arizona (R.Johnson 9-3), 10:05 p.m.
Colorado (Bohanon 9-3) at San Diego (Boehringer 3-1), 10:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (K.Brown 8-4) at San Francisco (Estes 4-4), 10:35 p.m.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
NewYork	4	1	.800	-
Detroit	4	3	.571	1
Orlando	4	3	.571	1
Charlotte	2	3	.400	2
Washington	1	5	.167	3½
Cleveland	0	6	.000	4½
WESTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	6	0	1.000	-
Sacramento	5	2	.714	1½
Minnesota	3	2	.600	2½
LosAngeles	3	4	.429	3½
Utah	2	3	.400	3½
Phoenix	2	4	.333	4

Thursday's Games

Sacramento 107, Utah 69
Houston 77, Detroit 65
Charlotte 88, Phoenix 72
Minnesota 86, Los Angeles 73

Friday's Games

Charlotte at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
Houston at Washington, 7 p.m.

Saturday's Games

Phoenix at Detroit, 4 p.m.
Washington at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
Minnesota at Utah, 9 p.m.
Los Angeles at Sacramento, 10 p.m.

Sunday's Game

Charlotte at New York, 4 p.m.

Following allegations...

Haskins offered $1.3 million to step down at Minnesota

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Clem Haskins' tenure as Minnesota basketball coach, rocked by charges of academic cheating to help his players and other irregularites, approached a conclusion today after agreement on a buyout package said to be worth more than $1 million.

The university's Board of Regents scheduled an emergency closed meeting for this morning today to consider the deal. A decision on Haskins' fate was expected one way or another, and a news conference was planned afterward.

Haskins' attorney, Ron Zamansky, told the Star Tribune he and university general counsel Mark Rotenberg agreed to the buyout package late Thursday night. It was worth about $1.3 million, plus benefits, the newspaper quoted an unnamed high-ranking university official as saying.

Haskins has been under pressure since March when allegations of academic fraud in the men's basketball program first broke. The coach has maintained he had no knowledge of wrongdoing in his program.

The investigation began after the Pioneer Press reported in March that Jan Gangelhoff, a former office manager in the academic counseling unit, said she did more than 400 pieces of course work for at least 20 basketball players from 1993 to 1998. The probe widened to include allegations of improper payments, travel irregularities and improper relationships between the team and university police investigating alleged crimes involving players.

Haskins had three years left on a 10-year contract he signed in 1994, retroactive to the 1992-93 season, that contained provisions that several legal experts have described as rare for college coaches.

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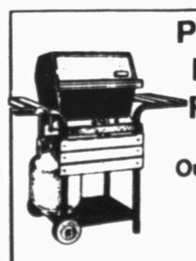
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AT&T Corp s	54	15-16	54 7-16	54⅞+ ⅜
AirTouch	112 11-16	109 15-16	112 9-16	+ 4⅜
Albertsons	51	50½	50 11-16	— ½
AlldSignal	65	9-16	64⅞	65⅜+ ¼
Alltel	73	1-16	72¾	72¾+11-16
AmOnline s	109⅝	107½	107⅞	+ 1⅛
Ameritech	66	7-16	65⅝	66 + ⅜
AndarkPtr	36 11-16	35 11-16	35 15-16	— ½
ArmcoInc	6	11-16	6 9-16	6 9-16 — ⅛
AtlRichfld	85¾		85¾	85½+ ¾
ATMOS Egy	25	13-16	25 7-16	25 13-16+ ¼
Aviall	17⅞		17½	17½ — 3-16
BP Amoco	110	15-16	110⅝	110⅝
BakerHughes			30⅝	29¾ 30 1-16
Bank of Amer	69⅞		68⅞	69 9-16+ 9-16
BellAtl	59	13-16	58 15-16	59 9-16+ 9-16
BellSouth s	43⅝		42¾	43 1-16 — ⅜
BethSteel	7¼	7 13-16	7	13-16+ 1-16
BurlNoSFe s	31¾		31¼	31⅜ — ⅛
CBS Corp	43½		43	1-16 43⅝+ ⅞
Caterpillar	59	7-16	58⅞	59 5-16+ 5-16
CenSoWst	25	1-16	24⅝	24 11-16 — 13-16
Chevron	91 11-16	90 13-16	90	13-16 — 13-16
Citigroup s	44⅞		43⅞	44⅝+11-16
Coastal	41	40 9-16	40	11-16+ ¼
CocaCola	63	5-16	62	11-16 62¼+ ¼
ColgatePalm	99 15-16	99 5-16	99	9-16 — ⅜
ColgatePal wi			49⅞	49⅞ 49⅞
ComclMetals	27⅞	26 15-16	27⅝+ ⅜	
CooperIn	52	13-16	52¼	52 13-16+ ⅜
CyprusAmax	14⅛		14¼	14 7-16+ ½
DaimlrChry n	89	7-16	88	15-16 89 7-16+ 1¼
DallSemicn	49	1-16	48	13-16 48 15-16
DeltaAirl s	57⅞		56½	56⅞+ ⅞
Dillards Inc	35	7-16	35	35 3-16+ 1-16
DowChem	129	127 11-16	128⅝+	9-16
DuPont	67	9-16	66¾	67 3-16+1 1-16
EastmanChem	52⅞		52¼	52⅝+ 5-16
EstKodak	70⅛	69½	69	9-16 — 3-16
EDS Corp	56	55	9-16	55⅞+1 5-16
Entergy	32	5-16	32	32 1-16 — 1-16
Exxon	76	11-16	75⅞	76½ — ¼
Flowers	20	11-16	20⅛	20⅛ — 7-16
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GenDynam	70	69 1-16	69⅝+11-16	
GenElec	107 7-16	106 1-16	106 5-16	— 7-16
GenMills	80½		79¾	80 7-16+ ⅜
GenMotors	63	11-16	63¼	63 11-16+ 9-16
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GlobalMar	14	13-16	14⅞	14 7-16 — ⅛
Goodrich	41	11-16	41	3-16 41 5-16 — ⅜
Goodyear s	56¼		55	55 3-16 — 1 5-16
GtAtlPac	32	9-16	32¼	32¼ — 5-16
Halliburta	41	13-16	40⅝	40⅝ — ½
Hanson ADS			46	45⅞ 45⅞ — ⅜
HarteHanks	27½		26⅝	26 13-16 — 3-16
HomeDepot	60	15-16	59	15-16 60 13-16+ ⅞
IBM s	125½	123 5-16	124½+1	15-16
IntlPaper	53⅜	52	9-16	52⅞ — ⅛
JohnsonJn	97½		91⅝	91⅝ — 3-16
K mart	15	15-16	15½	15 11-16+ 3-16
Kroger Co	55¼		55¼	55¼+1 3-16
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Litton	69	11-16	68⅝	68 13-16+ 7-16
LockheedM s	37	35¼	36½+1	5-16
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Lubys	16	11-16	16	9-16 16 11-16
LucentTech s	65⅞	64	9-16	64⅝+ ⅜
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MediaOne	73	15-16	73½	73 13-16+ ⅜
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Mobil			98	96⅞ 97⅛ — ⅛
Monsanto	39	15-16	39	1-16 39 13-16+1 1-16
MorganJP	130⅞		128⅞	129⅝+ 1⅜
Motorola	90⅞		89⅝	90 5-16+1 5-16
NCR Corp	48		3-16	47⅞+ ⅜
Nawistar	50⅝	49⅞	49	13-16 — 9-16
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UnionPacif			57	1-16 56⅞ 56⅞
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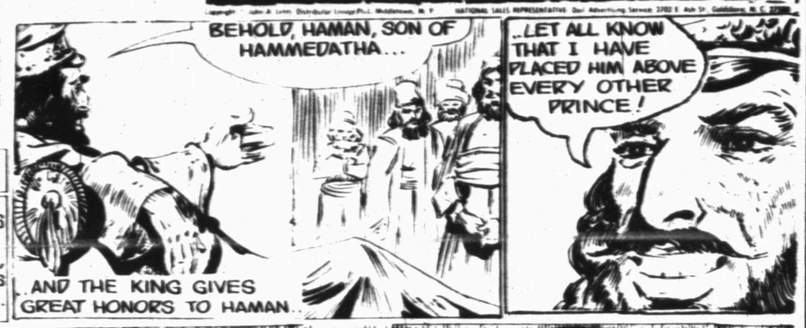

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Microsoft...

Trial testimony ends after 76 days

WASHINGTON (AP) — Testimony in the landmark Microsoft Corp. antitrust trial ended after more than 20 weeks in the courtroom, a legal drama that afforded an unprecedented look at the nation's booming high-tech industry and the controversial company that dominates it.

The final witness, economist Richard Schmalensee of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, argued forcefully that Microsoft isn't the entrenched monopolist that illegally wields extraordinary influence. The government portrayed it exactly that way.

"Microsoft was clearly engaged in a broad pattern of illegal behavior," Assistant U.S. Attorney General Joel Klein told reporters Thursday. "They used every trick in the monopolist's book. ... You name it, they did it."

Stephen Houck of the New York attorney general's office, the lead lawyer for the 19 states suing with the Justice Department, described the company outside the courthouse as a "malignant despot" and said its behavior "will justify a very significant remedy."

Throughout his testimony this week, Schmalensee buttressed his arguments by describing a raft of competitors on the company's horizon — the $10 billion alliance between rivals America Online Inc. and Netscape Communications Corp., handheld computers and a new generation of software running across high-speed Internet connections.

But in what became routine during the trial, the company's witness was challenged again in cross-examination by David Boies, the Justice lawyer whose tough questioning has sometimes inflicted upon Microsoft the courtroom equivalent of a computer system meltdown.

Boies produced handwritten notes from Microsoft's files quoting its billionaire chairman, Bill Gates — "BillG" — in December about the prospective threat from the new AOL-Netscape alliance, announced just weeks earlier along with an important agreement with Sun Microsystems Inc.

"AOL doesn't have it in their genes to attack us in the platform space," said Gates, his comments once again appearing to undermine his company's legal arguments.

But Schmalensee said he assessed the AOL threat from secret documents produced by AOL.

And Microsoft lawyer Michael Lacovara cited a late-breaking news report Thursday — published just hours earlier — that AOL was negotiating with a small company that makes computers that don't use Microsoft's dominant Windows operating system software.

"I can't say you haven't brought me current" on industry developments, U.S. District Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson said.

Although testimony ended this week, the judge may not issue a final verdict until after January. And the case could wind through appeals courts for years.

Since the trial started, the sides have met at least twice in unsuccessful attempts to negotiate a settlement. Future talks are anticipated this summer.

Using tens of thousands of pages of e-mails and other documents, the government sought to portray

American...

Pilots have dozed off

WASHINGTON (AP) — Some pilots for American Airlines have dozed off while flying their passenger jets, according to a report published today.

Union documents obtained by USA Today say the company's policy on rest forces some pilots to fly without adequate sleep.

In one of the alleged incidents, an unidentified pilot was unexpectedly called to work last year to fly to Central America.

The pilot says he "faded fast" while cruising over Mexico.

"When I woke up, I looked over at the captain. He was sound asleep. I estimate we were both asleep for 30 minutes," the pilot says in the report prepared by the Allied Pilots Association and sent to American.

A spokesman for the airlines, Chris Chiames, told the newspaper the union claims are "complete nonsense."

Incidents like those included in the union documents will be investigated by the Federal Aviation Administration in a review of American's flight operations. The probe was prompted by the airline's June 1 crash in Little Rock, Ark., FAA spokesman Paul Turk said.

The National Transportation Safety Board is also looking at possible pilot fatigue. The flight crew of the jet had worked more than 13 hours before the fatal crash.

'Smart cars' concept to be developed jointly

WASHINGTON (AP) — "Smart cars" that use radar, cameras and computer chips to "see" slower cars and other objects in the road ahead will be developed under a joint $35 million project announced by General Motors Corp. and the federal government.

The crash-avoidance system announced Thursday is intended for distracted drivers who are not paying full attention to the road as they talk on a car phone, tune a radio or try to settle a fight among siblings in the back seat.

The high-tech system will be designed to detect obstacles ahead and warn the driver if he gets too close and could crash, said Ron Colgin, GM's manager for the project. If the driver is also using cruise control, the car will start to brake for him.

The research project focuses on reducing rear-end collisions. The Transportation Department says about one-fourth of all injuries in motor vehicle crashes result from rear-end collisions.

A dozen prototype cars with these systems of the future will be developed in the next 2½ years, GM said. Then about 100 drivers in southeast Michigan will be selected to drive the prototype vehicles for about two weeks.

"It's the most comprehensive field operation test under real-world conditions that has ever been conducted," Colgin said.

The results of the research will be shared with other automakers.

The Department of Transportation is providing about 61 percent of the funding because federal officials are interested in learning about the systems and encouraging other automakers to build them.

GM is interested in the joint research because engineers want to learn how motorists react as the car "sees" problems and warns them, and they want feedback on how marketable the system will be.

Reno says 'Justice' ready to name special prosecutors

WASHINGTON (AP) — With the independent counsel law about to expire, Attorney General Janet Reno said the Justice Department is ready to take over the job of appointing special prosecutors to investigate misconduct by high government officials.

Reno said the department is putting finishing touches on new rules it will follow in naming special investigators. "Our regulations will be ready by July 1," she said Thursday at her weekly news briefing.

The law that spawned Kenneth Starr's investigation of President Clinton and 20 other probes of high-level officials will expire June 30.

A few lawmakers are drafting legislation to revive the law, but most believe the statute will be allowed to die.

One key Senate Republican has urged Congress to seize some authority over the naming of special prosecutors by making Justice Department rules for their appointment, conduct and removal subject to the approval of Congress and the president.

The department does not now need congressional approval to change its regulations.

Sen. Fred Thompson, R-Tenn., chairman of the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee, said Tuesday that he plans to introduce the legislation in the next week or two.

When asked to comment on the proposal, Reno said she wanted to work with Thompson and other lawmakers "to address the concerns that have been raised," but asserted that appointing and removing special prosecutors should be left to the attorney general alone.

Astro-graph By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Saturday, June 26, 1999

You could be remarkably lucky in the year ahead in ways or areas which you never previously found beneficial. Don't hesitate to take advantage of unusual opportunities that come your way.

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LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Someone you find appealing could make his or her feelings known about you today. Although this person's message may come through an intermediary, it should please you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Tidy up loose ends today, because if you choose to do so, everything you pick up will go easier and more smoothly than you can imagine and you'll get a lot accomplished.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Discuss your ideas freely today with someone whose judgment you respect. This person could point out ways to make your thoughts more effective and place greater value on your project.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) This is one of those days when your financial prospects could be outstanding from time to time. Focus all your attention today on ways to make or save money.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) You possess excellent communicative skills and this could be the day to make them shine. If you want more clout where your peers are concerned, you only have to assert yourself.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) There is a possibility someone to whom you've shown consideration and generosity in the past may try to reciprocate today. She or he could do so in a surprising way.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Allow your hopes and expectations to soar today, because they have more than better chances of being gratified at this time. What you desire can be achieved with minor but rational effort.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) An opportunity that could pertain to something that would assist you in fulfilling an ambitious desire might spring up today. However, it may be fleeting, so don't sit on it.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) This is an great day to contact those you've been anxious to get a hold of but haven't been able to reach. You'll be able to touch base on all the details you've been wanting to communicate.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) An important objective can be achieved today, but not necessarily in the manner you envision. Should things take a slight twist, follow the way they're pointing.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Don't be reluctant to seek cooperation from those who can help you reach your objectives today. Chances are, people you've aided in the past will be supportive of you now.

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"What we have here, doctor, is undoubtedly an overdose of RICKY MARTIN."

Dr. Gott by Peter Gott, M.D.

Study shows hair/breast cancer link

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I read somewhere that X-ray analysis of hair samples can diagnose breast cancer. Is this off the wall or what?

DEAR READER: I, too, was floored by the revelation reported in the Journal of the American Medical Association (May 5, 1999). Veronica James, a physicist at the Australian National University, Canberra, recently released the findings of her study in the journal Nature (Volume 398, 1999). By using sophisticated X-ray analysis of human hair, Dr. James discovered that women with breast cancer had consistently distinctive changes in the X-ray diffraction patterns, to the point that the test might well be appropriate for general use.

Predictably, the initial response of the medical community was disbelief — until her findings were unequivocally confirmed by three other investigative teams. Now, scientists at the Brookhaven National Laboratory are attempting to validate her results.

Basically, when exposed to a special type of X-ray analysis, hair samples from women with breast cancer showed a distinctive pattern. So did women without breast cancer, but who were considered to be at risk because of a family history of malignancy. Dr. James believes that the altered pattern is caused by an abnormal phospholipid bilayer of the cell membrane that reflects the risk of cancer. Ordinarily, scalp hair was tested; if a woman dyed her hair, pubic hair was substituted.

I don't know about you, but I am thunderstruck by this information. Not only does it have the potential for displacing mammograms as a screening strategy, it holds promise for identifying women with a higher-than-normal risk for breast cancer, long before these mammograms would indicate a problem. Instead of undergoing the uncomfortable and expensive procedure of mammography, tomorrow's women may be able simply to submit a hair sample to a national laboratory and discover if they are at risk. A breakthrough? You bet. However, before you write me for specific information, wait until Dr. James' discovery has been verified and is in general use, a process that may take several years.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Breast Cancer and Disorders." 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: I'm slim and always thought I was in good shape, until I took a stress test last year. I had to quit before I reached the maximum heart rate; I was beat. Since then, I started exercising in a carefully monitored program at our local gym. I feel better and have improved my muscle tone, but I've been gaining weight. I'm a 40 year-old female. I'm tempted to stop exercising. Should I?

DEAR READER: Your question is more a series of statements. I'll counter with a question: Exercise is beneficial and has made you feel better, so rather than stopping it, why not eat less?

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Clinton turns to domestic agenda

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House is floating a Medicare prescription benefit that could pay roughly half the cost of drugs up to a limit of perhaps $3,000 to $5,000 a year, in return for higher premiums paid by beneficiaries, officials said today.

The proposal still is being written, White House press secretary Joe Lockhart said, and final details will not be disclosed until Clinton presents it Tuesday. The drug benefit would be optional, according to congressional aides and lobbyists who have been briefed by the administration.

It is unclear how much the new benefit would cost taxpayers or how it would be paid for.

"Next week I will propose a detailed plan to strengthen Medicare, to cut its costs, to modernize its operation, to use competition and innovation, to strengthen the core guarantee of quality care for all Americans who are elderly and eligible," the president said in a Georgetown University speech.

"I will also for the first time propose a way to help senior citizens with their greatest growing need: affordable prescription drugs," he said. "It is a huge issue out their for seniors. Finding agreement on Social Security and Medicare will be hard."

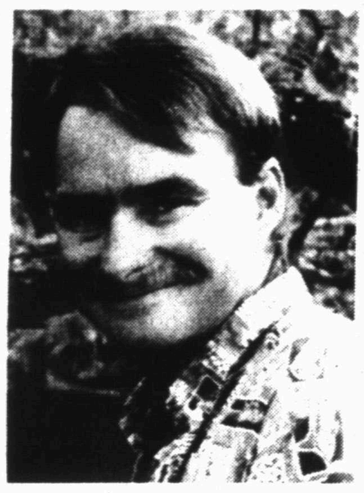
Meanwhile, Sen. William Roth, R-Del., chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, said his panel would put together a prescription drug benefit for consideration in the fall. "One of the key issues that we must address in any reform proposal," he said, "is insuring that the poor and sick elderly have access to prescription drugs."

Congressional Democrats are nervous about raising Medicare premium charges heading into the 2000 elections.

They also are concerned about another possible feature: a means-testing requirement that links premium costs to beneficiaries' incomes. Some lawmakers are concerned the higher costs and income tests will blow up in their faces, much like the 1988 surtax that Congress approved — and later was forced to repeal at the demand of outraged senior citizens — to provide catastrophic health insurance under Medicare.

Facing Tuesday's deadline for the unveiling of Clinton's proposal, White House officials are consulting with Democrats to test their reaction. One official said the administration is open to the idea of means-testing but might not include that aspect in Clinton's plan, leaving it to Congress to decide what to do. Republicans likely would attack any income-linked benefit as a tax increase.

Obituaries



Vance Williams

Vance Williams

1964-1999

A memorial service for Vance Franklin Williams is set for 3 p.m. Saturday in the First Baptist Church Chapel. Dr. Marty Akins, pastor, will officiate.

His body was cremated.

Mr. Williams, 34, died Friday, June 18, while on a fishing trip in Key West, Fla.

Born Aug. 27, 1964 in Abilene, he was a 1982 graduate of Snyder High School and attended Texas Tech University.

He married Sue Cummings in September, 1995 in Albany, N.Y. He was a truck driver, working out of New York.

Survivors include his wife, Sue Williams of Albany, N.Y.; his parents, Lanelle and Alex Cross of Snyder and Buddy and Carol Williams of Atlanta, Ga.; a sister, Nicole Kerr of Lubbock; and a nephew, Tyler Kerr of Lubbock.

Visitation of friends and family will be held following the service at the home of Alex and Lanelle Cross.

Charlie Garner

Charlie Garner

1932-1999

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Charlie T. Garner, former minister of the 37th Street Church of Christ in Snyder, died Wednesday, June 23, following a long battle with cancer.

Funeral service for Mr. Garner, 67, will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday in the Lake Forest Church of Christ, with his son, Charlie T. Garner III, and son-in-law, Brian Giselbach, officiating. Burial will follow in Evergreen Cemetery, under the direction of Corey-Kerlin Funeral Home.

Born June 22, 1932 in Orlando, Fla., Mr. Garner moved to Snyder in 1980 from Port Lavaca and served as minister in Snyder before moving to Winter Garden, Fla., in 1984.

He was a Church of Christ minister for 49 years, having served 11 different congregations throughout the U.S.

He had also been a missionary in the Philippines and his last ministry was his home congregation of Lake Forest Church of Christ where his father had been an elder.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Jeanette Garner Parks and Barbara Garner Gumtow.

Survivors include his wife of 47 years, Jenet S. Garner of Jacksonville; two sons, Charlie Theo Garner III of Atlanta, Ga., and Carl Thomas Garner of Victoria; two daughters, Jamie Walker of Valdosta, Ga., and Mildred Giselbach of Cincinnati, Ohio; two brothers, Ronald Adams of Green Cove Springs, Fla.; and Donald Garner of Monroe, N.C.; one brother-in-law, Jim Gumtow; and 12 grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Preacher Scholarship Fund and the Sunrise School of Preaching in Butuan City, Philippines; Community Hospice of Northeast Florida in Jacksonville; the Central Florida Bible Camp in Eustis, Fla., or to the Children's Home and Bible School in Mt. Dora, Fla., all in care of the Elders of Lake Forest Church of Christ, 950 West Edgewood Ave., Jacksonville 32208.

Patty McClatchy

Patty McClatchy

1930-1999

HOUSTON — Patty Lou Reynolds McClatchy of Houston, formerly of Snyder, died May 18.

Service was held for Mrs. McClatchy on May 21 in the chapel of Grand View Funeral Home. An ordained minister of the Universal Life Church and founder of the Center of Infinite Light Church, she was co-owner of McClatchy Trucking Co. in Snyder in the 1950s.

She is survived by two sons and a daughter-in-law, Patrick McClatchy and Gary and Stephanie McClatchy; a daughter and son-in-law, Charlie and Jane Morse; three grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

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Korean conflict...

Tensions still persist on anniversary of war

WASHINGTON (AP) — As officials from the United States, South Korea and Japan were convening to assess the latest developments concerning North Korea, they had a lot to ponder.

Just within the past few days, there had been a maritime confrontation between North and South Korean vessels, a U.S. decision to dispatch a carrier group to the Pacific, signs of North Korean plans to test a long-range ballistic missile and a U.S. warning of serious consequences if it did so.

Today's meeting at the State Department was being held, coincidentally, on the 49th anniversary of the North Korean invasion of South Korea. Not much has happened in the interim to enhance mutual trust.

The purpose of the meeting was to ensure the three countries act in concert on the Korea question.

The one positive development in an otherwise grim picture was the agreement by the two Koreas to resume on Saturday the highest level talks they have had in 14 months. The talks were suspended on Tuesday with the North Korean officials demanding an apology for South Korea's sinking of a gunboat last week.

The Clinton administration has been doing its best to create a positive atmosphere with North Korea. As one example, the State Department vetoed a proposed Voice of America editorial two months ago calling attention to what it described as the deplorable conditions at North Korean prison camps.

The editorial was to have been aired two weeks before a U.S. team was due to inspect an underground site thought by some officials to be a nuclear weapons construction headquarters.

It had taken long months of arduous negotiations to persuade North Korea to agree to the inspection, and the State Department wanted nothing to jeopardize it.

Officers handle reports of fireworks inside city

It was the first day of sales and officers were already receiving calls about fireworks being set off inside the city limits.

The first call was received at 9:25 p.m. of fireworks in the area of 28th Street.

Dispatch received a second call at 10:06 p.m. in reference to juveniles popping firecrackers on 37th Street. Officers advised the subjects were outside the city limits.

A third report was made at 11:34 p.m. of children setting off fireworks in the 2100 block of 41st Street. Officers made contact with a parent who advised she would take possession of the fireworks.

Other activity included officers making one arrest and filing two offense reports.

A 36-year-old male was taken into custody at 6:05 p.m. in the 2900 block of 45th Street for driving while license suspended.

E.L. Franklin contacted officers at 4:14 p.m. in reference to the theft of golf clubs from his residence at 2803 34th. An offense report for burglary of a habitation was submitted.

An offense report for Class A family violence was filed at 12:19 a.m. today.

Three accidents were also reported Thursday.

At 10:38 a.m., officers worked a two-vehicle mishap in the 1800 block of College. Involved were a 1989 Eagle Summitt driven by Darla Gaylene Traylor, 40, of 2607 Avenue Y and a 1999 GMC 2500 pickup driven by Jeffery Dean Thompson, 29, of 2786 Brooks Avenue.

A two-vehicle accident occurred at 12 p.m. in the First American Bank parking lot involving a 1974 Ford LTD driven by 68-year-old Royce Buckley Smith of 3749 Rose Circle Drive and a Ford Taurus driven by 18-year-old Rebecca Ann Hernandez of 3798 Sunset.

A minor accident was also reported at 3:13 p.m. in the Town and Country parking lot on East Coliseum Drive. Involved were a 1995 Oldsmobile Cutlass Cierra driven by Jackie Phillips Jenkins, 44, of Dunn and a 1997 Chevrolet pickup driven by Marc Velasquez, 30, of 800 18th Street.

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A medical fund has been established at West Texas State Bank to assist Mary Batchelor, a cancer patient and owner of MB's Beauty Salon.

Healing clinic

A healing clinic, sponsored by the Road Back Ministry, will be held at 7 tonight in the Union Community Center.

Kids' safety fingerprinting

Snyder Police Department will be at Wal-Mart Pharmacy from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday to fingerprint children. The project is a partnership between Wal-Mart and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

Scurry Masonic Lodge

Scurry Masonic Lodge #706 will have its installation of officers at 7 p.m. Saturday. All Master Masons and their families are invited.

Ira Masonic Lodge #934

The Ira Masonic Lodge will install officers at 7:30 p.m. Monday. All masons and their wives are invited to attend.

Joint service

Rivers of Living Water and Sound of Jubilee will have a joint servuce at 6 p.m. Sunday at 2301 Ave. G.

Seniors swimnastics

Swimnastics for senior citizens is held from 10 to 11 a.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays at Western Texas College.

Bible study tapes

Bible study video tapes air weekly on cable TV channel 2. The tapes to be shown at 7 p.m. Monday are "The Day Jerusaleum Was Distroyed," followed by "The Family Life Blood: Encouragement."

Genealogy meeting Tuesday

Scurry County Genealogy Society will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Scurry County Library. The program will be stories of members' early lives. The public is welcome.

Book signing

National bestselling novelist, Jodi Thomas, will be in Snyder Thursday to autograph her newest book at Wal-Mart from 3-5 p.m.

Lions to attend prayer breakfast

Lions Club will not meet Tuesday, but instead will attend the 7 a.m. prayer breakfast at the Towle Park Pavillion July 3.

God, Country service

"With Liberty and Justice for All," will be presented by the choir of Colonial Hill Baptist Church at 7 p.m. July 4th. Veterans will be recognized and the public is invited.

GED testing dates announced

The GED Testing Center on the WTC campus will administer exams at 8:30 a.m. Saturday. Any person who is not enrolled in high school, has not graduated from high school, is at least 16 years old, and meets other requirements may be tested for a high school equivalency diploma. The battery of five GED tests costs $60 and takes 7½ hours to complete. Examinees need not take all tests in one sitting. For pre-registration and more details call 573-2973 or 573-8511, ext. 246.

Adult education classes

Adult Education will be held from 8 a.m. until noon on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday in the library at Western Texas College. Classes include English as a second language, GED preparation and those wanting to improve basic skills. No night classes are available.

July 4th celebration

Anyone interested in providing entertainment for the July 4th celebration should contact the chamber of commerce at 573-3558. Also food, activity and arts and crafts booths are still available.

Class of '69 reunion

The SHS Class of 1969 will hold its 30th reunion July 9-10 at Snyder Country Club. All teachers, former classmates and those from other classes are invited. For more information, call 573-8877 or 573-6454.

Foster parent training

A training session, "Framework for Understanding Poverty," will be presented by the Oil Patch Foster Parent Association from 9:30 to 3:30 p.m. July 17. RSVP to Donna Zalman at 863-2275 or Donna Dickinson at 573-7817. Cost of the workbook is $15.

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Thursday by the Texas Lottery:

11-12-24-25-37
(eleven, twelve, twenty-four, twenty-five, thirty-seven)

Pick 3

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

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(two, six, zero)