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Lake Thomas catching water...

Rainfall totals vary in county

From local, wire reports

Thunderstorms lashed Scurry County over the weekend dropping heavy rains and causing a host of weather-related problems.

The wet conditions were responsible for several accidents, particularly on U.S. 84, where DPS troopers closed one lane of traffic after high water left the outside lane submerged near Polar. One vehicle blew out a tire and skidded onto the median, while another vehicle hydroplaned on the highway.

The city of Snyder placed barricades at Ave. E and 23rd Street and at Ave. O and 13th Street due to flooding Saturday morning. A mattress and other large pieces of debris also were reported at the Ave. O location.

Saturday evening, the city received reports that the Deep Creek crossing underneath College Avenue was overflowing, and city crews placed barricades at the location.

Telephone service was disabled in parts of Snyder during the deluge, and a resident reported a sewer backed up in the alley of the 2100 block of 40th Street.

Rainfall over the weekend ranged from an official measurement of .73 inches at the water treatment plant, to over four inches around Hermleigh.

Rainfall on the Lake Thomas water shed caused the lake to rise just over a foot over the weekend and water is still flowing into the lake, according to a report from the Colorado River Municipal Water District.

In Brownwood Sunday, residents were frantically piling sandbags around homes and businesses as water rushed through downtown. Brown County Courthouse officials were moving files and documents to higher floors.

Lake Brownwood was 7.65 feet above the spillway Sunday afternoon and was expected to peak that night or early today at 9 feet above, sending more water into Pecan Bayou that runs through Brownwood.

"It'll hurt this area, because it'll take several days for the water to recede," said Brownwood City Manager Gary Butts.

Thunderstorms dumped from about 6 inches to a foot of rain in a 90-mile swath of the region early Saturday morning.

Rain that fell in the hills south of Abilene flows south into Lake Coleman and then into Jim Ned Creek, which feeds Lake Brownwood.

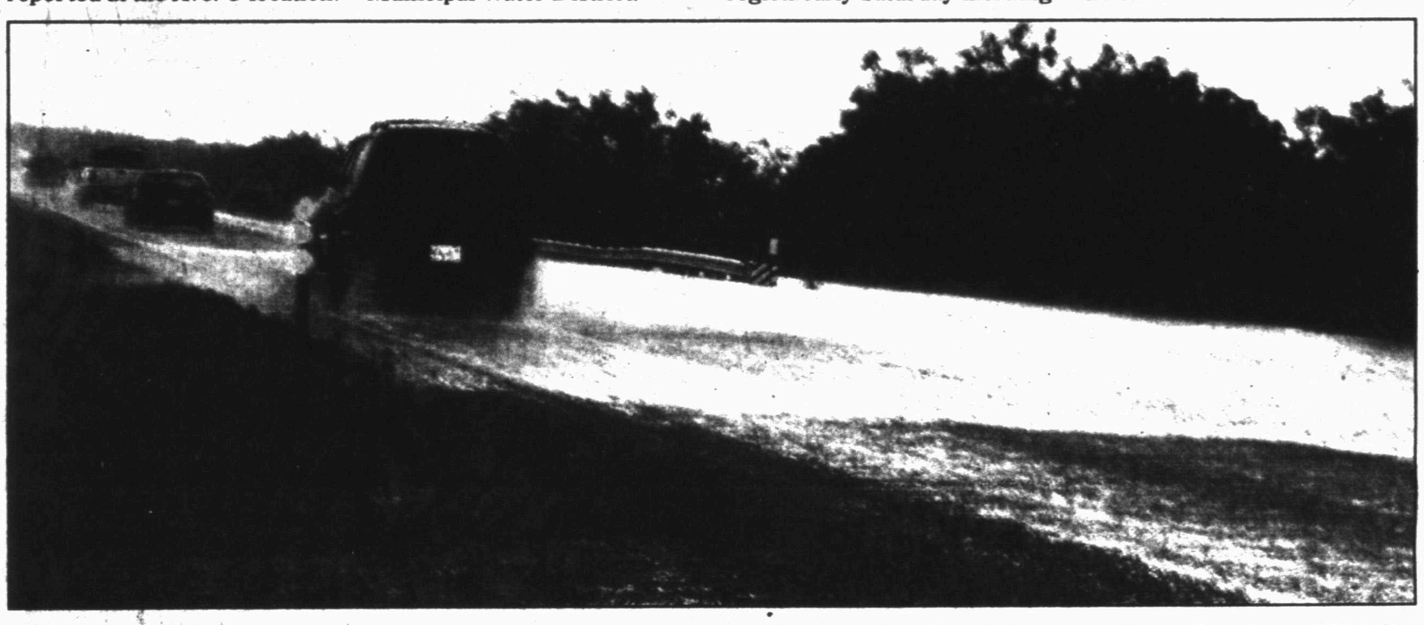
That is causing flooding in Brownwood, which didn't receive much rain, said meteorologist Buddy McIntyre with the National Weather Service in San Angelo.

After the Pecan Bayou passes through Brownwood, it goes into Mills County, where Mullin was expected to flood today or Tuesday. But the flood stage there is 40 feet, and water is now expected to rise to 38 feet, McIntyre said.

Sunday storms bringing up to a couple of inches of rain in some areas weren't expected to increase the flooding problem, he said.



PUDDLE PLAY — Brothers Canaan and Clayton Ewbanks and Jacob and Conner Tollison take advantage of the downpour Saturday at Towle Park. The rains effectively shut down the carnival and caused several problems throughout the area. (SDN Staff Photo by Bobby Allen)



SLIPPERY SITUATION — Cars slow down on U.S. 84 Saturday during the afternoon deluge near Polar. One lane of U.S. 84 flooded with run-off, forcing DPS to divert traffic to one lane for a brief period. (SDN Staff Photo by Bobby Allen)

Rainfall Reports

Snyder	.73
North of city	2.0
East of city	4.0
West of city	1.5
CRMWD office	1.3
Lake Thomas	1.4
Hermleigh	2.0
Fluvanna	2.2
Polar	.50
Camp Springs	1.1
Dunn	.70
Ira	.60
Union	.38
Gail	3.2
Gins	
Farmers Co-Op (E)	.50
Sc. County (W)	1.5

Totals as reported by area residents over the weekend.

By $7.2 million...

Local bank deposits decline

Low interest rates on short-term savings have sent investors looking and that situation is reflected in mid-year deposit figures of local financial institutions.

Combined deposits of reporting banking houses in Snyder were $217.2 million, a decline of $7.2 million when compared to the same period in 2001.

The reporting financial institutions were Snyder National Bank, West Texas State Bank, American State Bank and Texas Savings Bank. First American Bank does not report individual branch figures.

Snyder National's total deposits were $84. 3 million, a drop of $3.5 million when compared to both June 30 of last year and March 31 of this year.

At West Texas State Bank, total deposits were $74 million, a decline of $6.2 million when compared to the close of the first six months of 2001 and a drop of $1.8 million since the first quarter of 2002.

Deposits at Texas Savings Bank totaled $32.9 million, unchanged for the same period last year and a decline of $100,000 over the past three months.

Since last year American State Bank showed a deposit increase of $2.5 million, $26 million at current midyear. Compared to three months ago, ASB's deposits increased $1 million.

Combined loans reported were $97.9 million, a drop of $7.9 million when compared to the $105.8 million reported at the same time in 2001.

Loans at SNB were $25.8 million, a reduction of $3.5 million compared to the same time last year and an increase of $1.8 million when evaluated against the end of this year's first quarter.

WTSB reported total loans of $39.5 million, a drop of $4.5 million since mid-year in 2001 and a drop of $2.2 million when compared to the first quarter loan totals.

Texas Savings Bank showed loans of $32.6 million, an increase of $100,000 when compared against both last year's June 30 report and the first quarter of 2002.

At tonight's meeting...

Ira will name athletic director

Ira's school board will meet this evening at 6:30 to consider hiring Randy Jones as the school's athletic director.

Jones will be coming from Klondike where he had similar duties at the Dawson County school that he will have for the Bulldogs.

Besides serving as athletic director, Jones will be the head basketball and baseball coach, and assist with football. He will also teach physical education.

The trustees will consider the employment of Jones' wife, Riki, as a reading teacher.

Jones is replacing Bubba Edwards who is moving to Lockney as the head boys basketball coach.

The board will act on Edwards' resignation tonight.

In other personnel matters, interim superintendent James Bible will recommend a three-percent pay hike for custodians and the secretarial staff.

Trustees will also hear a report on summer maintenance, and a request from David Brown for improvements he made to a district-owned house. Brown has resigned from the district and is moving.

Principal Mike Duke will report on a library grant as part of his monthly report to trustees

Drug giant reports income it never received

NEW YORK (AP) — Merck & Co. recorded more than $12 billion in revenue over the past three years from its pharmacy benefits unit even though the subsidiary never collected the money.

The news sent its stock down nearly 2 percent.

The revenue in question is the co-payment that consumers with insurance plan prescription drug cards pay to retail pharmacies.. The pharmacy keeps the co-payment.

Merck, based in Whitehouse Station, N.J., said today its practice had no effect on earnings since the revenue was offset in its financial reports as an expense. It said its treatment was in accord with generally accepted accounting practices.

Merck spokesman Chris Loder said the company's independent accountants, PricewaterhouseCoopers, concurs with this accounting method.

However, Merck stock fell amid heightened investor suspicion about accounting issues. In morning trading on the New York Stock Exchange, Merck was down 96 cents a share to $47.90.

Merck counted patients' co-payments to druggists as revenue generated by its Medco unit, which manages pharmacy-benefit programs for businesses and health insurance companies, Merck said in a Securities and Exchange Commission filing on Friday.

The amount was $12.4 billion from 1999 through 2001, Merck said in the filing.

Medco did not actually receive those co-payments.

Merck plans to spin off Merck-Medco in an initial public offering later this week. Loder said that as part of the company's registration statement for the offering, accounting practices were thoroughly reviewed by the SEC.

Merck is the world's third-largest drug maker.

Two killed in foiled robbery

BALCH SPRINGS (AP) — Two people were fatally shot during an attempted robbery today at a sandwich shop in suburban Dallas, police said.

Authorities said two men entered a Subway restaurant about 10 a.m. and shot two employees before fleeing.

One of the suspects was caught and arrested across the street from the restaurant. He was taken to the Balch Springs Police Department for questioning.

The second man was still at large,

Balch Springs is about 10 miles east of Dallas.

ASK US

Q—Can people who aren't senior citizen age eat at the Scurry County Senior Citizen Center?

A—Yes. A meal is $4 for those under 60.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Saturday, 80 degrees; low, 68; rainfall, .72 of an inch; high Sunday, 84; low 68; rainfall, .01; reading at 7 a.m. Monday, 68; total precipitation for 2002, 13.09 inches.

Area Forecast: Partly cloudy with 20 percent chance of showers. Tuesday, partly cloudy, high 95.



Ayeshia Greathouse
Partly Cloudy

Sunset:
8:51 p.m.
Sunrise:
6:46 a.m.
Of 188 days in 2002 the sun has shown 181 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Courage is fear holding on a minute longer.
—George S. Patton

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Arizona residents returning to homes after massive fires

PHOENIX (AP) — The last of the 30,000 people forced to evacuate because of Arizona's massive wildfire are returning home — but not to their normal lives.

"When you get home, there's a tremendous amount of adjustment after something like this. You're still exhausted and you don't realize the mental and emotional strain this takes out of you," said Mel Coleman, whose home in Linden survived the fire.

"You just sort of break down emotionally, just knowing that your home is safe, that everything you worked for is still intact," said Coleman, who was evacuated for 11 days. "There's also a feeling of despair, particularly for friends of mine who lost their homes."

People were evacuated from nine communities in the path of the wildfire, the largest in Arizona history. Firefighters from around the country were being reassigned to other states or sent home as the fire was finally contained Sunday.

About 1,100 firefighters and support staff remained on the fire lines, down from more than 4,400 in late June when the blaze was burning out of control and threatening hundreds of homes, fire spokeswoman Lori Cook said. She said the remaining workers were mopping up smoldering embers.

"There's still work to be done," Cook said. "We're going to be here awhile doing rehab."

The crews also were beginning to restore land that had been scarred by bulldozers and burned clean of foliage that had been holding the soil in place. As they work, the crews are seeding the burned land with native grasses to help mitigate erosion from the coming rain season.

The massive wildfire started in two locations on June 18 and June 20, and burned across 468,638 acres of eastern Arizona's White Mountains, destroying 467 homes and causing at least $28 million in damage. Authorities put the cost of fighting the fire at $43 million Sunday.

The town of Show Low, home to 7,700 people, barely escaped the flames. Linden lost more than 100 homes. Heber-Overgaard lost more than 200.

One fire began when a lost hiker tried to signal for help. Authorities said the other was started intentionally by a part-time firefighter who wanted the money he would get for helping fight it. On June 23, the two blazes merged into a 50-mile-wide wall of flames.

The part-time firefighter, Leonard Gregg, 29, has pleaded innocent to a charge of arson. The hiker has not been charged.

Elsewhere in the West:

— The fire that destroyed 56 homes near Durango, Colo., had burned 73,000 acres but was 85 percent contained by Sunday after several days of light rain. Most evacuees had been allowed to return.

— Cloudy skies helped firefighters hold back a 10,800-acre fire in the Gila Wilderness near Silver City, N.M., which continued to creep toward a woodland subdivision of about 60 houses.

— A 13,900-acre blaze on the Wind River Indian Reservation in Wyoming was about 35 percent contained Sunday. Also in Wyoming, a lightning-caused fire in a remote part of Yellowstone National Park burned 240 acres.

Increased military role is not likely

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration is turning aside suggestions that it increase the U.S. military role in Afghanistan following the assassination of an Afghan vice president.

Efforts should focus on training the Afghan army rather than joining the international peacekeeping force. White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said Sunday in Maine, where President Bush spent the weekend.

"The president thinks the best way to secure the Afghan country is through the training of the Afghan army," Fleischer said. "There are plenty of international peacekeepers in Kabul," the Afghan capital.

A bipartisan chorus of lawmakers said, however, that U.S. officials may need to become more active following the assassination of Afghan vice president Abdul Qadir, killed by gunmen Saturday in Kabul.

"I fear that we may see this government and our efforts unwind here if we don't make the appropriate investment of men and effort and resources," said Sen. Chuck Hagel, R-Neb., a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

"If we lose there, if this goes backward, this will be a huge defeat for us symbolically in that region, in the world, for our word, confidence in Americans all over the world. We cannot allow this to go down," Hagel said on NBC's "Meet the Press."

Similarly, Sen. Evan Bayh, D-Ind., said on "Fox News Sunday" that the United States needed to become more involved.

"If all you do is secure the capital and allow instability to fester around the country, I think we're running a real risk that the gains we made during the war could be lost by an insufficient peace," Bayh said. "My own view is, we went to war, we won the war, let's not lose it now."

About 7,000 U.S. troops are in Afghanistan, including infantry, special operations air and ground troops, military police and intelligence analysts. They are hunting for al-Qaida fighters and weapons, and are training a fledgling Afghan army.

Houston only city using 'truck lanes'

AUSTIN (AP) — Five years after state legislators passed a law to keep large, commercial trucks from driving in the left lane of major highways, Houston is the only city that has adopted it.

The 1997 law gives cities the authority to ban trucks from driving in the far left lane on highways with three or more lanes. Truckers still can use the restricted lane for passing.

The state Transportation Department recently sent letters to Austin and 71 other Texas cities promoting the law and suggesting they try it.

Austin transportation officials were unaware of the law until a reporter brought it to their attention. They said they recently contacted the state to learn more about the program.

"We are not aware of it, so we'll start to look into it," Austan Librach, the transportation planning director for Austin, said in Sunday's editions of the Austin American-Statesman.

In Austin, the law could be instituted to limit large trucks to two lanes on Interstate 35.

Houston first implemented the rule on an eight-mile stretch of Interstate 10, roughly from Interstate 610 to the Sam Houston Parkway. Trucks were ordered to stay out of the far left lane, the so-called fast lane.

Truckers still have three lanes to use, and cars still mix with trucks in those lanes.

A Texas Transportation Institute study found that all wrecks dropped by 68 percent on that portion of I-10 once the lane restrictions began in September 2000, with no deaths in the crashes that did occur.

"Which was the great news, that it involves everybody," and not just truck-related crashes, said Sgt. C.J. Klausner.

Girl, age 4, still missing

ORANGE (AP) — Police and dozens of volunteers Sunday spent a fourth day searching unsuccessfully for a missing 4-year-old girl.

Dannarriah Finley was last seen by her mother on Thursday, police said.

"If you're scared, please don't be scared to return her home," said a tearful Jaime Arnold, pleading for her daughter to be brought back.

Arnold, who turned 26 on Sunday, told police she put Dannarriah to bed in a room with Dannarriah's two sisters and their three cousins. She said she checked on the children about 4 a.m. and awoke at 10 a.m. to discover the girl missing.

Police Chief Sam Kittrell said investigators were following several leads in the search for Dannarriah, who was reported missing about 1 p.m. Thursday.

He declined to comment on whether any of the leads were significant. "All we know is we have a missing child," he said.

The Aerial Law Enforcement Response Team, a Houston-based nonprofit organization that searches for missing people, on Sunday combed exits and backroads of Interstate 10 with an Army surplus helicopter.

Using horses, boats, four-wheelers, cars and a helicopter, Texas EquuSearch provided about 70 volunteers from Orange, said Tim Miller, the organization's director. Their search took them to Sulphur, La., Vidor and Beaumont.

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Lotto Texas

No 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 $4 million.

The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 54 were 5-6-41-43-45-49.

Wednesday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $6 million.

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday night by the Texas Lottery, in order were 8-6-9

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Scuba divers take the plunge in spite of chronic illnesses

DEAR ABBY: A recent letter in your column misquoted information from one of my publications, "Medical Examination of Sports Scuba Divers." Nowhere in my study is it stated that the chronic conditions mentioned (such as asthma, diabetes, headaches, high blood pressure, coronary artery disease, valvular heart disease, congenital heart disease, etc.) are prohibitions against sport diving.

We have established physical standards for sport divers, and these accommodate many people with chronic illnesses who wish to participate in this sport.

Information about diving with chronic illness can be found at www.scubamed.com. Thanks for getting the word out, Abby. Your advice regarding proper training and certification is appreciated. — **DR. ALFRED BOVE, PHILADELPHIA**

DEAR DR. BOVE: Thank you for correcting the error. You are not the only expert I heard from. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: In response to Sarah Moody's letter about her son who died tragically of an asthma attack while scuba diving, Ms. Moody did not mention the organization that trained her son for diving, or if he had been certified.

It should be noted that all major certifying organizations (NAUI, PADI, SSI, YMCA) screen scuba students up front and exclude from training anyone with medical conditions considered "absolute contraindications." While scuba diving is not inherently dangerous, it involves certain risks and physical demands. Anyone who wants to experience the fun of scuba diving needs proper training from a reputable certifying agency, and — as with any new physical activity — should have a doctor's OK before doing so. — **SKIP POLLARD, SCUBA INSTRUCTOR, FORT LAUDERDALE**

DEAR SKIP: That's practical advice, and it could save a life if it's heeded.

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DEAR ABBY: I am a 12-year-old girl. Recently a boy I know was shot while standing in front of a movie theater with a bunch of us kids from school.

We didn't know that a gang member was standing close by him. Suddenly, a car came speeding by. Members of a rival gang opened fire on the gang member, aiming an automatic weapon out the window of the car.

Not only did the spray of bullets kill the gang member, but the gunfire also went beyond him and hit my 12-year-old friend, who had no connection whatsoever with either gang.

Not long after the attack on the World Trade Center, I heard someone from another country say on TV that Americans don't know what it's like to have a war going on in their own country. Those words made me furious.

I think someone should take that person to the spot where my friend was gunned down. There are still bloodstains on the sidewalk.

We Americans know all too well what it's like to have a gang war going on in our streets. It has been going on for years — and is still going on, even as I sit here writing this letter. Just sign me ... **FURIOUS IN TENNESSEE**

DEAR FURIOUS: I wish there was a simple answer to the problem of gangs and violence, but there isn't. The causes are complex and varied. However, this nation needs to pay more attention to — and allocate more funds for — youth programs that strengthen the family. I know it's not the answer, but it would be a good start.

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Pauline Phillips and her daughter Jeanne Phillips share the pseudonym Abigail Van Buren. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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Monday, July 8, 2002

Today is the 189th day of 2002 and the 18th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1835, the Liberty Bell cracked for the third time while being rung to mark the death of U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice John Marshall.

On this day in 1889, the first issue of the Wall Street Journal appeared.

On this day in 1957, the USS Gudgeon set out from Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, on the first circumnavigation of the world by a submarine. The Gudgeon returned to Hawaii on Feb. 21, 1958, after a voyage of about 25,000 miles.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Jean de La Fontaine (1621-1695), poet; Nelson Rockefeller (1908-1979), U.S. politician; Roone Arledge (1931-), television executive, is 71; Steve Lawrence (1935-), singer, is 67; Cynthia Gregory (1946-), ballerina, is 56; Raffi Cavoukian (1948-), children's singer, is 54; Anjelica Huston (1951-), actress, is 51; Beck (1970-), singer, is 32.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1976, golfer Fuzzy Zoeller shot eight birdies in a row at the Quad City Open.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "To live lightheartedly but not recklessly; to be gay without being boisterous; to be courageous without being bold; to show trust and cheerful resignation without fatalism — this is the art of living." — Jean de La Fontaine

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (July 2) and new moon (July 10).

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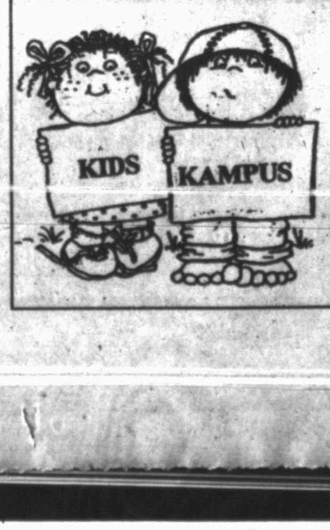
Application for public hunting permits on the O.H. Ivie Reservoir Wildlife Management Areas will be accepted *by mail only* beginning July 15, 2002 and ending August 16, 2002, at the O.H. Ivie Reservoir Field Office.

Hunting Permits will be limited, and requests for information and application packets should be made by calling the Colorado River Municipal Water District (CRMWD) at 915-267-6341, or by writing to:

CRMWD
P.O. Box 869
Big Spring, Texas 79721
Attn: Public Hunting

A public drawing for the WMA Public Hunting Permits for the 2002 Hunting Season will be held at 1:00 p.m. on September 6, 2002, at the O.H. Ivie Reservoir Field Office, located near the north end of the dam. All applicants are welcome to attend the drawing, if they desire.

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2.4 million in U.S. are raising grandchildren

THURMONT, Md. (AP) — Hunched on the living room floor in front of a Lego set, 5-year-old Michael Simmons turned and waved at his grandmother. "Look, Grandma," he said, holding a newly built toy in hand.

Pat Owens smiled and nodded approvingly. With Michael's parents out of his life, the 59-year-old Owens has joined the more than 2.4 million grandparents found by the 2000 census to be primary caregivers to a grandchild.

It was the first time the once-a-decade count tracked such living arrangements.

The closest the census had come in the past to addressing this issue was to estimate the percentage of children under 18 living in a grandparent-headed home. That was 6.3 percent in 2000, compared with 5.5 percent in 1990, 3.6 percent in 1980 and 3.2 percent in 1970.

That data, however, did not cover how many of those grandparents were the main caregivers for their grandchildren.

The 2000 census long form asked if a grandparent was responsible for "most of the basic needs" of a grandchild in the home. "Yes" was the answer from 42 percent of the nearly 5.8 million grandparents living with a grandchild.

Wyoming and Oklahoma led states in the share of grandparents who served parental roles to grandchildren — at 59 percent. It was lowest in Massachusetts, at 28 percent.

Just in numbers alone, California is first with 928,290 grandparents living in the same household with at least one grandchild under the age of 18. But on a percentage basis, California is 45th. Texas has the second-most, at 551,047, but 21 other states have a higher percentage than Texas.

Figures showing the number of children in a grandparent-headed home in 2000, released last year, was based on data from all census forms, as was the case for the data covering 1990, 1980 and 1970. Analysis of the additional data obtained from the long form used in the 2000 census was not available until recently.

For Owens and many other grandparents, returning to the "parent" role is not what they had planned for at this stage of life.

"Did we envision raising him? No. It's very hard," said Owens, who lives in small town about an hour north of Washington that is best known for Camp David, the nearby presidential retreat.

She took custody of Michael two years ago and has not heard since from his mother — Owens' daughter.

Owens said Michael's father has no contact with the boy, but recently started to provide child support.

Grandparents often step in after a grandchild's parents lose contact or end up in jail, said Amy Goyer of the Grandparents Information Center with AARP, an advocacy group for older Americans.

Others assume responsibility when a child's parents die or divorce — leaving many grandmothers and grandfathers with unforeseen financial burdens.

Owens says being able to watch Michael grow up in her own home — and not a foster home — is worth it.

"I don't want to make it sound like it's easy because there are some tough, tense times. But I'm very proud of the fact that all the grandchildren still play together and go to school together," said Owens, who has other grandchildren in the area. "That is the most important thing."

The census statistics are derived from the long-form questionnaire, a survey distributed to about one of six households in 2000. Other questions covered topics such as income, education and commuting.

The majority of families with children are headed by married couples, according to data released last year from short-form questions asked of all U.S. residents. That percentage declined from 76 percent of such households in 1990 to 72 percent in 2000.

The three-part long-form question on grandparenting was added to the latest census to comply with welfare changes passed in 1996. Many grandparents on limited incomes who are raising grandchildren struggle to support a young child.

Percentages of such living arrangements were highest in the South and rural counties across the Midwest and West.

2nd half rebound predicted

WASHINGTON (AP) — On Wall Street, investors are suffering through another round of corporate accounting scandals and stock market blues. On Main Street, things may be looking up.

Private economists are predicting solid growth for the second half of this year after a roller coaster opening six months.

The optimism is based on a belief that consumers, bolstered by low mortgage rates and interest-free auto financing, will keep spending, especially if forecasts of a declining jobless rate come true.

It is a view at odds with all the recent gloom in financial markets.

Another turbulent week saw the Dow Jones industrial average plunge briefly below the 9,600-point mark only to close with a 324-point rally.

The technology-heavy Nasdaq index and the Standard & Poor's 500-stock index both dropped below the lows they had hit immediately following the Sept. 11 attacks.

The market weakness reflects continued fallout from the latest corporate accounting scandal, this time at the country's second largest long distance telephone company. WorldCom announced it was eliminating 17,000 jobs.

"Instead of overdosing on euphoria, investors now are in the grips of despair, pessimism and mistrust that is being fueled from all the accounting troubles," said David Jones, chief economist at Aubrey G. Lanston & Co. in New York. "This is an unwinding of all the excesses that went into the high-tech bubble."

The investor worries have not been helped by the numerous government warnings of terrorist attacks, which sent consumer confidence skidding to a four-month low in June.

"We need to separate economic fundamentals from this crisis in confidence," said Sung Won Sohn, chief economist at Wells Fargo in Minneapolis. "The economy is fundamentally sound."

Sohn and other analysts are convinced that last year's recession is over, probably ending this January or February. The National Bureau of Economic Research, the official arbiters, is waiting to pinpoint the month.

Analysts see little danger of a "double dip" recession in which growth slips back into negative territory

The gross domestic product — the economy's total output — raced ahead at an annual rate of 6.1 percent in the first quarter. Analysts believe it grew by a more sedate 2.5 percent rate in the April-June quarter.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Tuesday, July 9, 2002

More responsibilities may be placed in your hands in the year ahead. They will serve to strengthen you and broaden the approval you'll get from others. This new status brings rewards.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Don't be afraid to take command today when events dictate you do so. Matters that you personally direct will work out as you envision them, though this may not be true if you delegate your authority. 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 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Intuitions pertaining to the handling of critical career matters could be extremely helpful and give you an edge. Play these hunches without hesitation.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — By looking out for the interests of those with whom you're involved today, you ensure their support in matters that are important to you. It brings satisfaction to everyone.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — This may not be a good day to seek out challenging situations, but should one occur, don't back off from handling it. When under pressure, you will perform quite effectively.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — If you don't engage in things that offer to widen your perspective and range of interests, you're apt to end up feeling quite unfulfilled. Don't allow yourself to get in a rut.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — You've been moving in the right direction. Continue to focus on making those changes that will offer you broader benefits. This is not the time to let down.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Carefully weigh and balance all of the important issues you find yourself involved in today, but don't do so to the point where you fail to take action. Indecisiveness can be as bad as impulsiveness.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Several tasks that you've been neglecting will be much easier to deal with today than if you wait until a later date. Make an attempt to clean them up now while the aspects favor you.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Instead of randomly picking your companions today, try to spend some quality time with those who are truly important to you and with whom you don't have to put on any airs. It'll make you feel good.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — When dealing with the wants and needs of the public today you'll instinctively have a handle on gauging their desires. This can be an enormous asset when directly involved with them.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Allow yourself plenty of latitude today to operate both mentally and physically. You will function far more effectively when you're able to utilize either as the situation calls for.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Because you'll manage your resources responsibly, prudently and shrewdly when shopping, today holds great promise for profitable possibilities and much growth.

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder



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Vulnerable: East-West

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Monday, July 8, 200

The unusual play paid great dividends

By Phillip Alder

Writing about World War I, George Grosz claimed, "The war was a mirror; it reflected man's every virtue and every vice, and if you looked closely, like an artist at his drawings, it showed up both with unusual clarity."

In today's deal, which occurred some 40 years ago, would you prefer to declare in or defend against four spades doubled?

When South's four-spade overcall was passed back to East, he felt trapped. Confident that five clubs would be doubled and unsure how much it would cost (here, probably 500), East doubled. West also decided not to venture five clubs.

After West, Sam Fry, led the heart six, you might expect East, Peter Leventritt, to win with the ace. However, Leventritt saw with unusual clarity that unless his partner had a singleton heart, this defense would fail. So he put in the heart queen. South, after winning with his king, played a trump to dummy and called for a heart. Leventritt won with his ace, gave partner a heart ruff, got back in with the diamond ace, and played a fourth heart to promote West's spade queen as the setting trick.

Would South do better to ruff a club at trick three, then to play two more rounds of trumps? No! West exits with a club, and the defenders can trap declarer in his hand, eventually collecting one spade, two hearts and one diamond.

So, is the contract hopeless? No! After winning trick one, South should have immediately played a diamond to remove East's later entry.

So, is the contract laydown? No! West must lead a trump at trick one. Then, the defenders can score those same four tricks. But who would find that?

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Oil Patch News

Borden County

Sharp Image Energy Inc. will drill the No. 1-71 South Lake Thomas, a 7,600-foot wildcat located 20 miles southwest of Snyder. Location is in Section 71, Block 20, Lavaca Navigation Co. survey.

Garza County

Burk Royalty will drill the No. 1 Beggs Ranch, a 8,950-foot wildcat located 18 miles east of Post. Location is in Section 34, Block 2, T&NO survey.

Kent County

Mobil Producing will drill the No. F38A-W in the Salt Creek field unit, eight miles northwest of Clairemont. Planned for a depth of 7,800 feet, location is in the John Rodman survey.

Mobil Producing will drill the No. #48A-W Salt Creek Field unit, nine miles northwest of Clairemont. Scheduled for a depth of 7,800 feet, location is in Section 194, Block G, W&NW survey.

Mobil Producing will drill the No. 36-L Salt Creek field unit, 11 miles northwest of Clairemont. Planned for a depth of 7,800 feet, location is in Section 2, Block 6, John Rodman survey.

Fisher County

Sinclair Oil Corporation will drill the No. 2 Jimmy Wright in the Rough Ride field, 10 miles southwest of Roby. Planned for a depth of 6,200 feet, drill site is in Section 4, Block N, J.W. Posey survey.

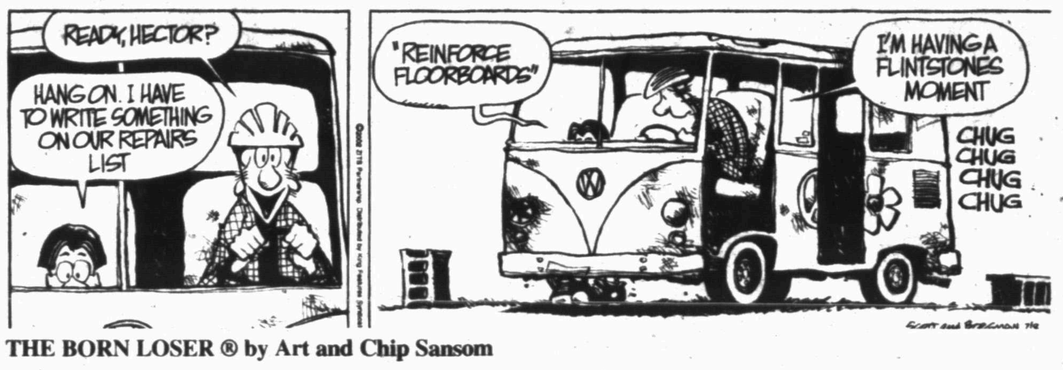
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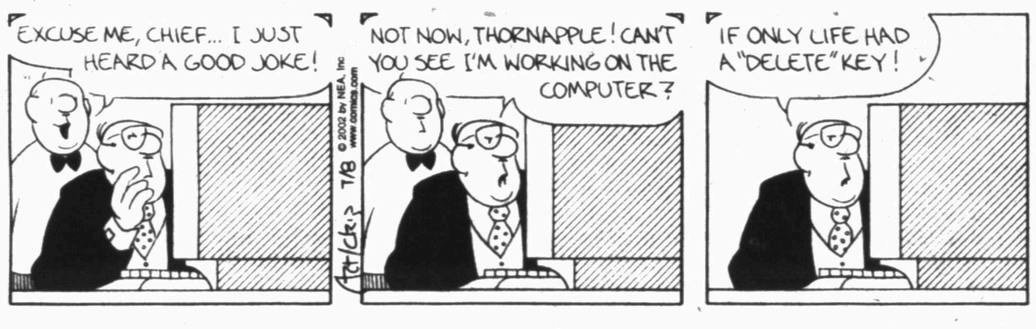


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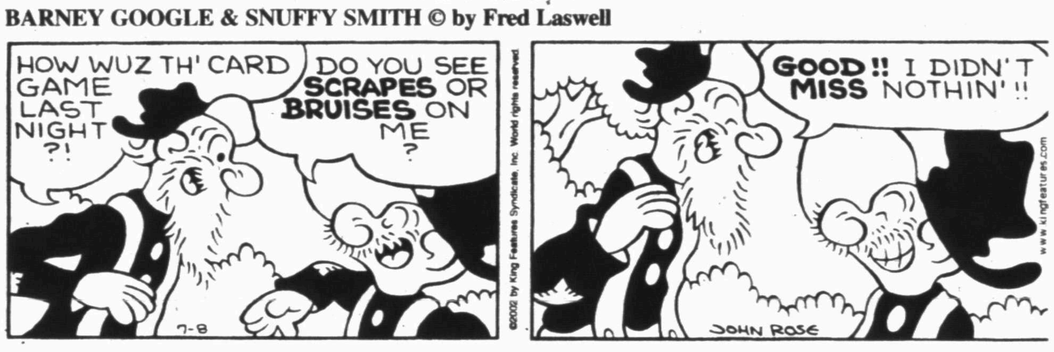
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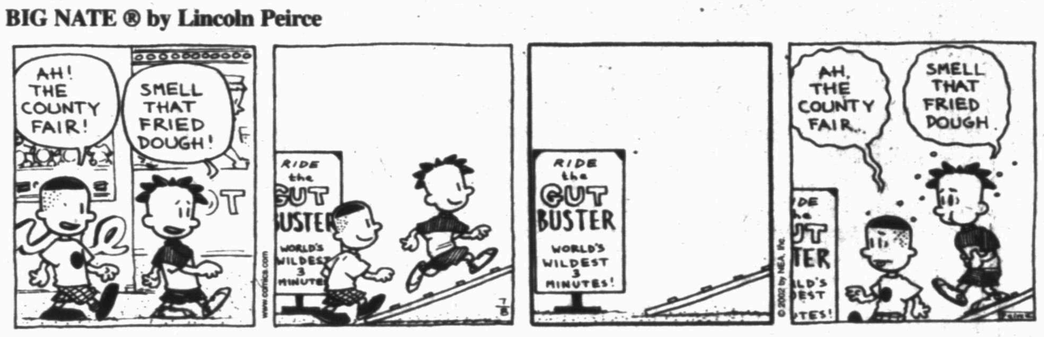
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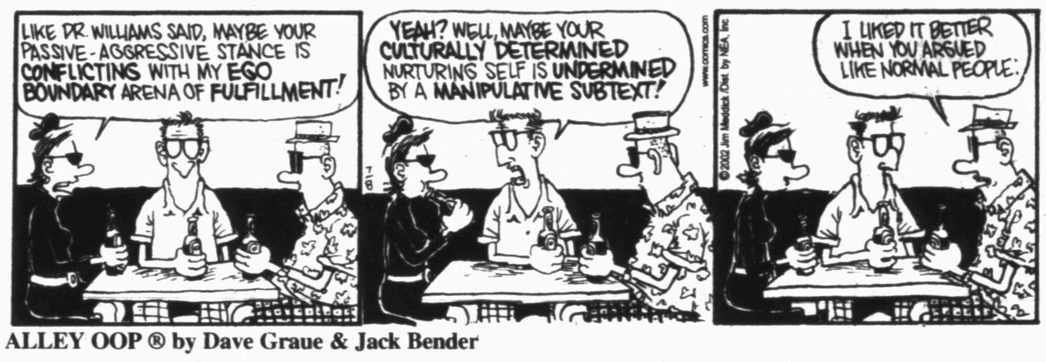
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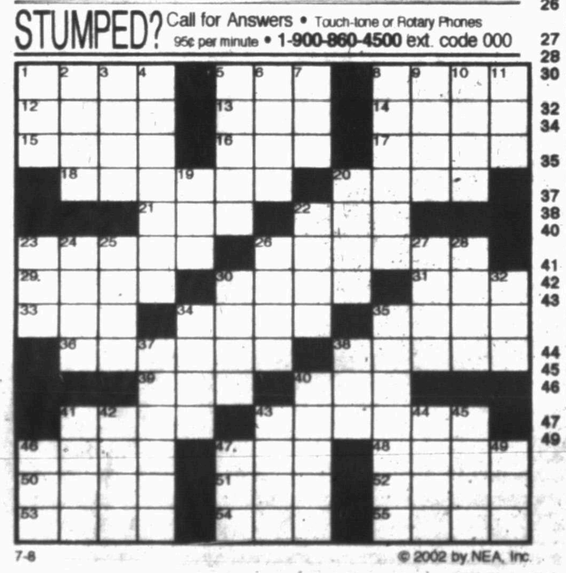
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SPORTS

Little League games scheduled for tonight

Little League action resumes tonight after Saturday's rain wiped out most of the weekend games.

Snyder's 15 and 16-year-old all-stars face Abilene Wylie at 6 p.m. at Moffett Field, while the local 11-12 squad takes on Merkel at the same time in Merkel.

In tonight's second game at Moffett Field, Sweetwater faces Clyde at 8 o'clock.

The 13 and 14-year-old tournament also gets underway tonight at Sweetwater. Snyder's first game is scheduled for 7 p.m. Tuesday against Colorado City.

With a victory tonight at Merkel, Snyder can lock up a spot in the second round where it would face Abilene Dixie in the first game Tuesday at Abilene Eastern LL Complex. The winner of the second round advances to the section tournament starting next Monday at Midland.

Selig under fire in Milwaukee

MILWAUKEE (AP) — These surely aren't the sweet sights and sounds Bud Selig wanted for his All-Star game.

Pitchers Curt Schilling and Tom Glavine talking more about strike dates than strike zones.

Sammy Sosa, Barry Bonds and Richie Sexson showing up at Miller Park — on the scoreboard as crazed, puffed-up cartoon characters, making them look as if they were on steroids. In baseball's own ad, of all things.

The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel providing a rude welcome as the Bud Bowl comes to the commissioner's town. A headline in the newspaper's business section Sunday read: "For all we owe Seligs, it's time they left."

Hardly the festive mood that accompanies most All-Star games.

"I think that we're in a sport that is tumultuous as baseball has been for nearly a decade," former Brewers star Paul Molitor said before managing the U.S. team in Sunday's minor league Futures Game.

"Being the commissioner of baseball is certainly not an enviable job at this particular juncture," he said. "Different storms have made their way over baseball at different times, and he's the man on top, so he's going to receive the brunt of the criticism, whether it's about Yankee dominance, interaction with steroid use, whatever it's going to be."

Selig was at Sunday's game, signing autographs as the World team won 5-1.

At least Selig, the Brewers' former owner, caught one break: Boston pitcher John Burkett, who said he'd boycott the game if picked for the AL roster, wasn't chosen. Red Sox ace Pedro Martinez was selected, but declined the invitation.

On Sunday, Arizona star Randy Johnson also backed out. The Big Unit said he wanted to spend the break preparing for the second half of the season.

Truth is, the most memorable part of this All-Star game Tuesday night might be the tributes to Ted Williams, Darryl Kile and Jack Buck.

Baseball was still working Sunday to put the finishing touches on its remembrance of Williams as a great hitter and military hero.

The Hall of Famer, who died Friday, was always linked with the All-Star game. The Boston Red Sox great played in 18 of them and drove in a record 12 runs, three with a two-out, bottom-of-the ninth homer in 1941 that sent him skipping around the bases at old Briggs Stadium in Detroit.

In fact, Tuesday night will be the 56th anniversary of the 1946 game at Fenway Park, where Williams went 4-for-4 with two home runs, including a shot off one of Rip Sewell's famed "eephus" pitches.

At the 1999 game, Williams made an emotional return to Fenway, with Cal Ripken, Tony Gwynn and other stars gathering on the mound to greet the "Splendid Splinter."

Not a chance, by the way, that Boston pitcher Derek Lowe will consider tossing a blooper pitch against the NL to evoke memories of Williams.

"No way," Lowe said. "I wouldn't know how to throw it."

There are plans for a pregame tribute to Kile and Buck. Kile tragically died last month a day before he was scheduled to pitch for St. Louis; earlier that week, Buck died after a Hall of Fame career as an announcer for the Cardinals.

Pitcher Matt Morris was the only St. Louis representative on this year's NL team, but decided Sunday to pass up playing.

Morris has given up big leads in his last two starts, and allowing 11 runs in 10 2-3 innings, and has struggled since Kile's death.

"It's just better for me for the second half not to pitch," Morris said. "Mental, emotional, physical — all drained into one."

Morris, though, intends to be on the bench at Miller Park for the game.

Glavine, who has been bothered by a blister on his index finger on his left hand, will be absent. Pitchers Robb Nen of San Francisco, Vicente Padilla of Philadelphia and Mike Remlinger of Atlanta were added to the NL roster.

Glavine, the NL player representative, does not plan to attend Monday's union meeting in Rosemont, Ill. But he'll pay close attention to developments, as will all of baseball.

"I just hold out optimism for some reason," the Atlanta ace said Sunday, "but I have nothing to back that up."

Schilling feared for baseball's future if there was another work stoppage.

"It wouldn't come back, it wouldn't recover, it wouldn't be what it is now during our careers, which is my concern," Schilling said. "I want to play five or six more years. I don't want to play five or six more years in front of 7,000 people."

Orioles roll over Rangers, 10-4

ARLINGTON (AP) — Rookie Rodrigo Lopez began the season in the Baltimore bullpen. At the All-Star break, he's the Orioles' winningest starter.

Lopez (8-3) allowed just four hits over seven innings, and struck out six, in the Orioles' 10-4 win over the Texas Rangers on Sunday night.

"We were so smart we put him in the bullpen coming out of spring training," Orioles manager Mike Hargrove said. "He's been something special ... he locates his fastball really well, he's got a dynamite slider, and throws a changeup. And he's not afraid to throw any of those."

The Orioles backed up Lopez with a seven-run fourth inning off Kenny Rogers (9-5), when they sent 11 batters to the plate and had seven straight hits.

Baltimore had 16 hits off five Texas pitchers. Every Orioles starter had a hit and every one but Gary Matthews Jr., who went 3-for-5, scored.

Lopez spent six years in the San Diego Padres organization before being released after last season. The right-hander then went 10-2 for the Caliacan Tomato Growers in the Mexican Winter League before going to spring training with the Orioles.

After making his first five appearances as a reliever, the 26-year-old Lopez took over struggling Josh Towers' spot in the rotation. Lopez is 7-3 with a 3.25 ERA in his 14 starts and Towers is in the minors.

"Being in the big leagues is my dream and I want to enjoy every moment I stay here," Lopez said. "I've been pitching the way I've been my whole career. I've just been more consistent. When the manager has confidence, it gives you confidence on the mound."

Three of the four hits off Lopez were homers by Rafael Palmeiro, Alex Rodriguez and Herbert Perry. Baltimore had a 9-1 lead before Rodriguez hit his AL-leading 27th homer, a two-run shot in the sixth.

Rogers got out of a bases-loaded jam in the first when Marty Cordova grounded into a double play. That was the first of seven straight batters he retired before Tony Batista's one-out single in the fourth.

Batista, the only Orioles player going to Milwaukee as an All-Star, scored the tying run when Cordova followed with a triple. By the time Batista hit an RBI double later in the inning, Baltimore led 7-1.

"I felt good, but I pretty much stunk it up those last few hitters," Rogers said.

Jose Leon added a two-run homer, Chris Singleton a two-run double and Melvin Mora a RBI-single in the fourth before Rogers left.

Batista greeted reliever Anthony Telford with a double into the left-field corner. Mora scored, but Matthews was thrown out at the plate on Rodriguez's relay throw from Kevin Mench to end the inning.

"We really thought in the first inning we had the momentum going, and Rogers shut us down," Batista said. "The next time around, we got after it and were able to come up with big hits."

Rogers threw 76 pitches and gave up 10 hits in 3 2-3 innings, his shortest outing of the season. The left-hander had allowed just one run on seven hits over 14 innings his previous two starts.

Palmeiro's 21st homer gave the Rangers a 1-0 lead in the second. Perry's 10th homer was a solo shot in the seventh.

Surging Astros topple Pirates

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The Houston Astros really don't need a break right now.

Not with Lance Berkman driving in runs faster than any player in the majors. Not with manager Jimy Williams getting production up and down his lineup. Not with one of the majors' best bullpens making any lead from the sixth inning on look almost insurmountable.

And not with six more games against Pittsburgh coming up in the 21/2 weeks after the All-Star break that begins Monday.

"If we keep playing the way we have the last two weeks, we'll be OK," Craig Biggio said.

Berkman, who leads the majors with 81 RBIs, was reduced Sunday to scoring a couple of runs rather than driving them in as the Astros won their seventh in nine games by beating the Pirates 6-1 Sunday.

Not that it mattered as Orlando Merced, starting only because Richard Hidalgo was a last-minute scratch with a sprained left wrist, had three hits and two RBIs and Jose Vizcaino's two-run double keyed a five-run fifth inning. No. 8 hitter Brad Ausmus started that inning with a double.

That was more than enough support for Wade Miller and three relievers as they struck out 14 on a day the Pirates seemed as if they couldn't wait to catch their planes home for the three-day All-Star break. Miller struck out nine in six innings.

Maybe that's why manager Lloyd McClendon was exasperated and unusually critical of a team that he has repeatedly refused to criticize even as it has played at a .371 pace since winning 12 of its first 17.

McClendon seemed especially unhappy that third baseman Aramis Ramirez (sore right shoulder) had to be pulled from the starting lineup just before game time.

Ramirez was replaced at third by Rob Mackowiak, who had a throwing error in the fifth, and in the batting order by Adam Hyzdu, who struck out with the bases loaded and the score tied at 1 in the third.

"That stuff, at a point it ticks you off," McClendon said. "I need my players on the field. My players have to understand you need to play sometimes when you're a little banged up. You've got to go out there."

The Pirates were hoping a stretch of 16 home games in a 19-game span leading into the All-Star break would turn their season around, but they lost 12 of the 16.

Jimmy Anderson's ineffective pitching contributed to the slide as he fell apart during a five-run inning for the second consecutive start. Anderson (6-10) didn't make it out of the first in losing 12-6 on Tuesday to Milwaukee, then was removed after Houston's five-run fifth Sunday.

"Yes, it's a concern," McClendon said. "His last couple of outings have been very discouraging."

Here's some more distressing news for McClendon: The Pirates make two trips to Houston in a span of 10 days later this month.

"We know we have a pretty good offense," Vizcaino said. "We just have to put it all together. We can score a lot of runs. The last 10 games, we've been putting runs on the board."

Sports Briefs

Golf tournament

The Golfers' Memorial Partnership is set for Saturday and Sunday at the country cub. Format is lowball the first day and scramble for the final round. Cost is $150 per team. For more information, call the pro shop at 573-7101.

SISD athletic physicals

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

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

Tennis events

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

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

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

Friday swingers

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

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

WGA weekly play day

The SCGA Women's Golf Association holds a weekly play day each Tuesday at 9 a.m. Format is low score on even holes.

WTC Men's Golf Association

The Men's Golf Association of Western Texas College holds a weekly event Tuesdays at 6 p.m.

SCGA weekly events

The Scurry County Golf Association holds a weekly scramble Tuesdays at 5:30. The Men's Golf Association holds an all-day MGA event each Thursday.

Hewitt takes Wimbledon title

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — Lleyton Hewitt crushed David Nalbandian in straight sets in the Wimbledon final to win his second Grand Slam title, solidify his No. 1 ranking and confirm the changing of the guard in men's tennis.

Hewitt, 21, put on a ruthless performance to win 6-1, 6-3, 6-2 in less than two hours and became the youngest Wimbledon men's champion since Boris Becker won his second title in 1986 at age 18 — and the first baseliner to lift the trophy since Andre Agassi in 1992.

Three NL pitchers back out of All-Star game

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Randy Johnson became the latest ace to back out of the All-Star game, opting to prepare for the second half of the season instead of pitching for the National League.

Earlier in the day, San Francisco closer Robb Nen and Philadelphia starter Vicente Padilla were added to the NL team as injury replacements. They will replace Atlanta's Tom Glavine and St. Louis' Matt Morris.

Atlanta setup man Mike Remlinger was picked as Johnson's replacement. It will be his first All-Star appearance.

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Atlanta	56	32	.636	—
Montreal	46	41	.529	9½
Florida	45	43	.511	11
New York	43	44	.494	12½
Philadelphia	39	47	.453	16

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	47	38	.553	—
Cincinnati	46	41	.529	2
Houston	41	45	.477	6½
Pittsburgh	38	49	.437	10
Chicago	35	51	.407	12½
Milwaukee	33	55	.375	15½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	54	34	.614	—
Arizona	51	36	.586	2½
San Francisco	49	38	.563	4½
Colorado	42	46	.477	12
San Diego	35	53	.398	19

Saturday's Games
San Francisco 3, Arizona 2
Los Angeles 4, St. Louis 2, 11 innings
Chicago Cubs 7, Atlanta 3
Florida 5, N.Y. Mets 2
Houston 10, Pittsburgh 2
Montreal 5, Philadelphia 3
Cincinnati 6, Milwaukee 4
Colorado 3, San Diego 2

Sunday's Games
Atlanta 2, Chicago Cubs 0
Milwaukee 7, Cincinnati 4
Houston 6, Pittsburgh 1
Philadelphia 10, Montreal 8
St. Louis 12, Los Angeles 6
San Diego 7, Colorado 1
N.Y. Mets 9, Florida 3
San Francisco 5, Arizona 2

Monday's Games
No games scheduled

Tuesday's Game
All-Star Game at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.

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East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	55	32	.632	—
Boston	52	33	.612	2
Baltimore	42	43	.494	12
Toronto	34	52	.395	20½
Tampa Bay	28	57	.329	26

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	50	39	.562	—
Chicago	42	46	.477	7½
Cleveland	39	47	.453	9½
Kansas City	33	52	.388	15
Detroit	31	54	.365	17

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	55	33	.625	—
Anaheim	51	35	.593	3
Oakland	50	38	.568	5
Texas	39	47	.453	15

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

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

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	12	5	.706	—
Orlando	9	6	.600	2
Charlotte	9	7	.563	2½
New York	9	8	.529	3
Indiana	7	9	.438	4½
Cleveland	6	10	.375	5½
Miami	6	10	.375	5½
Detroit	1	15	.063	10½

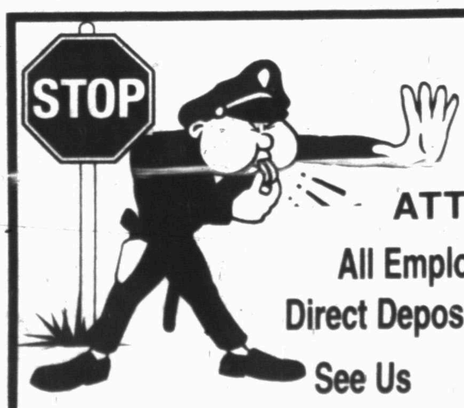
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	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	14	2	.875	—
Houston	14	3	.824	½
Utah	10	6	.625	4
Portland	10	8	.556	5
Seattle	8	9	.471	6½
Phoenix	7	8	.467	6½
Minnesota	6	10	.375	8
Sacramento	2	14	.125	12

Saturday's Games
Charlotte 78, Cleveland 67
Orlando 72, Phoenix 70
Indiana 50, Washington 45
Houston 61, Detroit 40

Sunday's Games
Miami 65, Seattle 61, OT
Los Angeles 102, Utah 75
Portland 74, Sacramento 59

Monday's Games
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Washington at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Indiana, 8 p.m.
Detroit at Utah, 9 p.m.



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Man apprehended for murder of three

HOUSTON (AP) — A 19-year-old man was charged Monday with capital murder in the strangulation of his girlfriend and her mother and the beating death of her grandfather.

Derrick Dewayne Charles was arrested Sunday night for the deaths of Myiesha Bennett, 15; her mother, Brenda Bennett, 44; and her grandfather, Obie Lee Bennett, 77.

Charles was apprehended near Houston's Bush Intercontinental Airport after police found Brenda Bennett's car, which was stolen from the family's Houston home and left at a motel near the airport.

The bodies, which had begun to decompose, were discovered at the family's one-story brick home Saturday night. The three had been dead for several days, police said.

"The two females were bound and gagged, and it appears the mother was also raped," Houston police Sgt. Mike Peters said. "The elderly gentleman apparently walked in and was beaten to death."

Peters said there were no signs of forced entry into the home but there were signs of a struggle.

Police found Charles after an anonymous caller alerted them to Bennett's car Sunday night, police spokesman John Cannon said.

The car was taken to the police impound where investigators planned to search it for fingerprints and other evidence, Cannon said. The car's right front fender and headlight had been crushed and the passenger side mirror was hanging down, he said.

Diane Gilliam, a neighbor, said family members grew concerned about the Bennetts after three days went by without hearing from them.

"(A relative) told me she ... came to check on them," Gilliam said. "When she knocked on the door, there was no answer. She went around to the back yard and saw flies coming from the back porch. That's when she really got suspicious and called police."

Police could not immediately determine causes of death for the victims, but preliminary examinations of the bodies indicated the two females were strangled and the man was beaten.

Myrtle Braziel, a clerk at the La Quinta Inn where the car was found said it was parked within a few feet of the motel's lobby entrance in front of a room. She said she was uncertain if anybody registered as a motel guest had driven the car there. She had not noticed the car until police arrived to remove it, she said.

Police took copies of the guest register for the past few days and were particularly interested in guests' checkout times, she said.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



What is emphysema?

DEAR DR. GOTT: My 58-year-old cousin has emphysema, and I am his sole caretaker. What is emphysema, and what can I expect in the future?

DEAR READER: Emphysema is a chronic lung disease marked by destruction of the alveolar air sacs, the tiny compartments where oxygen and carbon dioxide exchange takes place.

The lungs are really a huge, thin membrane that permits gases to pass between the air and the blood. By dividing this membrane into innumerable, microscopic pockets, Nature has provided far more surface area for gas exchange than would be possible with a single membranous sheet. Thus, the lungs are a natural marvel because they contain square yards of active membrane, compressed into a relatively small space. This results in an extremely efficient system of gas exchange within a limited area.

Emphysema destroys this efficiency. The disease is the result of genetic factors, infection and/or pulmonary irritants that break down the walls of the alveolar sacs, causing them to collapse and coalesce, which reduces breathing ability.

In the presence of emphysema, the lungs become over-filled with stale air, which is trapped in large, inefficient pouches called bullae. These bullae prevent oxygen from diffusing into the bloodstream; as they expand over time, they also press on surrounding lung tissue, further reducing breathing capacity.

Therefore, emphysema patients are usually breathless at rest because they cannot obtain enough oxygen or expel enough carbon dioxide waste. Exercise, of course, merely aggravates the situation, so, severe emphysema is invariably associated with marked pulmonary disability.

Emphysema patients also tend to have "barrel chests" because the rib cage expands to accommodate the accumulation of trapped, stale air. Eventually, emphysema leads to the consequences of low blood-oxygen, such as heart failure, mental deterioration and, at the end, respiratory failure.

Although the damage from emphysema is permanent and incurable, the destruction of lung tissue can be arrested and treated. Patients must stop smoking (the major cause of emphysema) and avoid air pollution (which can further damage the lungs). In my experience, people who adopt these measures often experience a significant improvement in breathing, probably because avoidance of tobacco smoke and other pollutants reduces mucus production and plugging in the remaining, functioning pulmonary tissue.

Further, treatment of emphysema itself is beneficial. This includes special breathing exercises, antibiotics to eradicate infection, steroids to reduce inflammation and supplemental oxygen delivered through a plastic hose to prongs placed in the nostrils. In some patients with advanced disease, doctors can surgically deflate and remove large bullae (which serve no useful purpose), thereby allowing more normal pulmonary tissue to expand and function. This operation, which is relatively new, shows great promise.

Although I have made smoking cessation the cornerstone of emphysema therapy, it may be a difficult choice for some smokers — even with modern anti-smoking strategies, such as nicotine gum, patches and inhalers. A personal note: I completed part of my residency training at New York City's Bellevue Hospital. We had, at that time, an emphysema patient whose disease was so severe that he required the use of an iron lung for survival. He was placed in this device, which virtually breathed for him, for 23 hours a day. For one hour a day, he was taken out of the tubular machine and wheeled out of the ward — for a cigarette!

In caring for your cousin, you can expect that he will need a lot of help in coping with the disease. He should follow my suggestions and his doctor's instructions. Respiratory therapy, medications and possible surgery are certainly reasonable options. By the way, his environment should be free of pollution. That means no smoking in the house; also, visitors or family members with colds or upper respiratory infections should avoid contact with your cousin, unless they wear suitable protective masks.

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Pit spitting champion defeated by son

EAU CLAIRE, Mich. (AP) — The Young Gun was a little better than the Pellet Gun.

Rick "Pellet Gun" Krause — a 12-time winner of the annual Cherry Pit Spitting Championship — was defeated by his eldest son, Brian "Young Gun" Krause on Saturday.

Brian Krause, 24, spit a cherry pit 61 feet, 2 inches to beat his 48-year-old father, who topped out at 55 feet, 10 inches.

Rick Krause's youngest son, 19-year-old Matt "BB Gun" Krause, was third with a distance of 45 feet, 21/2 inches.

"This is the first time we ever did that," Brian Krause said of the one-two-three finish. Brian's son, Braden Krause, won the under-5 division with a spit of 14 feet, 4 inches.

The Krauses have come to embrace their status as pit-spitting royalty. Rick Krause appeared for his turn to spit wearing bright red tights.

Markets

Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP) -Morning stocks:

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	15.97	15.30	15.47	—.18
AOL TimeWrn	14.61	13.71	13.88	—.73
AT&T Corp	12.25	10.16	10.23	+ .04
Albertsons	30.48	30.14	30.47	+ .18
Alltel	47.99	46.83	46.92	—.55
AmEl Pw	39.11	38.55	38.66	—.22
AndarkPtr	48.88	48.14	48.59	—.63
ATMOS Egy	23.00	22.52	22.97	+ .32
Aviall	13.84	13.50	13.52	+ .08
BP PLC	50.85	50.33	50.80	+ .22
BakerHughes	33.15	32.50	33.04	—.26
Bank of Amer	71.60	70.75	71.26	+ .44
BellSouth	32.36	31.20	31.38	—.50
BurlNoSFe	30.78	30.20	30.31	—.12
Caterpillar	48.60	47.52	48.15	—.09
ChevronTex	87.90	86.77	87.78	—.12
Citigroup	39.60	38.60	38.82	—.73
CocaCola	57.18	56.65	57.01	+ .54
ColgatePal	51.98	51.47	51.48	—.26
CmclMetals s	22.24	22.02	22.20	—.03
Cooper Inds	38.65	38.17	38.41	+ .19
DaimlrChry	47.69	46.97	47.13	+ .31
DeltaAirl	19.52	18.77	18.92	—.18
Dillards Inc	27.75	26.74	27.02	—.21
DowChem	34.19	33.80	33.81	+ .07
DuPont	45.75	45.00	45.10	+ .15
EastmanChem	48.15	47.59	47.83	+ .02
EstKodak	29.02	28.19	28.21	—.49
EDS Corp	33.54	32.37	33.19	+ .03
Entergy	42.61	41.90	42.00	+ .02
ExxonMobil	40.64	40.20	40.49	—.03
FstBksAm	41.10	41.10	41.10	—.32
FootLocker	14.32	14.11	14.13	—.22
GenDynam	107.47	106.09	107.03	+ .80
GenlElec	29.92	29.08	29.24	—.45
GenMills	44.15	43.81	43.92	—.05
GenMotors	60.00	50.60	50.82	—1.07
GaPacific	25.05	24.60	24.67	—.21
Goodrich	26.50	25.91	26.19	—.02
Goodyear	18.69	18.29	18.49	—.03
GtAtlPac	18.65	18.17	18.40	+ .35
Halliburtn	14.96	14.44	14.53	—.45
Hanson ADS	33.85	33.70	33.85	—.75
HarteHanks s	20.47	20.29	20.47	—.05
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Honeywellintl	36.78	35.52	35.80	—.70
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Lubys	6.31	6.19	6.23	—.10
LucentTech	1.92	1.76	1.77	—.05
MarathonOil	26.75	26.25	26.65	+ .09
MayDeptStr	33.15	32.55	32.77	—.01
Medtronic	41.40	40.52	40.68	—.62
Motorola	15.22	14.80	14.85	—.30
NCR Corp	35.86	34.28	34.70	—1.25
Navistar	33.10	31.89	32.23	—.15
PNM Rescs	23.21	23.03	23.10	
Penney JC	21.00	19.90	19.94	—.88
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PepsiCo	48.97	48.13	48.23	+ .13
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PhilipPet	58.57	57.72	58.42	—.08
PilgrmPrd B	14.09	13.90	13.94	+ .02
Praxair	55.39	54.14	54.40	—.36
ProctGamb	90.48	89.29	89.38	—.50
RadioShack	30.15	28.92	29.26	—.94
ReliantEngy	16.80	16.15	16.72	+ .67
RoyalDut	57.30	56.86	56.99	—.17
SBC Comm	31.85	31.10	31.14	—.29
SaraLee	20.34	20.11	20.11	—.13
Scripps EW	77.92	77.10	77.63	—.29
SearsRoeb	53.05	51.64	52.22	+ .09
SherwinW	29.75	29.35	29.49	—.09
SouthernCo	27.18	26.90	26.93	—.17
SwstAirl	15.30	15.01	15.06	+ .06
SprintFON	11.90	11.30	11.41	+ .11
SprintPCS	5.18	5.00	5.03	—.08
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Former Enron worker hopes for reforms in benefits laws

HOUSTON (AP) — When Bill Peterson learned he had been laid off from Enron Corp., he was on short-term disability undergoing experimental chemotherapy for a particularly deadly form of melanoma.

Eight months later the 55-year-old former Enron Net Works employee uses morphine patches to stave off the pain. His wife, Cathy, a licensed vocational nurse, tends to his needs and is scrambling to gather enough money to pay for his funeral when the time comes.

The abrupt layoff and loss of disability benefits and health and life insurance last December forced the Petersons to sell their suburban Houston house, pickup truck and car to keep up his treatments. They now live with Cathy Peterson's twin sister in Hendersen, about 120 miles east of Dallas.

They managed to pay thousands of dollars in medical costs before winning battles to get their insurance reinstated, but lost everything along the way.

"Because we have nothing, nothing costs nothing," she said.

Bill Peterson said he harbors no bitterness toward the company he once proudly called his employer. That bitterness is reserved for whoever is deemed responsible for questionable accounting that fueled Enron's stunningly quick downfall.

But the Petersons hope that possible reforms that have emerged from Enron's collapse include measures to protect workers on short-term disability from mass layoffs like those at Enron and, more recently, WorldCom Inc.

"That would be very beneficial to people who are already down and have no opportunity to go out and find employment," he said. "I tried to get a job, but my physical condition and my mental state were not so I could interview properly."

That would take an act of Congress to rewrite regulations in the Employee Retirement Income and Security Act, or ERISA, said Jerry Reisman, an employee rights expert with Reisman Peirez & Ressman in Garden City, N.Y.

"It's incumbent upon Congress to protect employees who have short-term disability benefits that have been discontinued by reason of bankruptcy or some other event" if the employer provided the benefit, he said.

Various ERISA reforms proposed in Enron's fallout have largely focused on giving workers more control over 401(k) accounts. Enron matched 401(k) contributions with company stock, so workers whose accounts were heavily loaded with Enron stock watched their holdings evaporate when shares became worthless in the company's collapse.

Financial partnerships and accounting practices now under investigation by the Justice Department and federal regulators fueled Enron's descent into the largest corporate bankruptcy in U.S. history on Dec. 2.

Diana Peters, a former Enron worker who serves on the Employee Related Issues Committee related to the bankruptcy, said she is pushing for a change in the U.S. bankruptcy code that would ensure workers continue receiving short-term disability benefits in the event of a mass layoff prompted by Chapter 11 or Chapter 7.

She said the committee, appointed in March to give employees a stronger voice in the bankruptcy case, isn't part of her effort.

San Antonio base in lead to house U.S. Army South

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — It's not a slam-dunk deal, but Fort Sam Houston is a front-runner to land the headquarters for U.S. Army South.

In a copyright story, the San Antonio Express-News reported today that the Army is recommending that the headquarters be moved from Puerto Rico to Fort Sam Houston — a move that would bring up to 700 jobs to San Antonio.

Army South oversees operations in 32 Central and South American countries and has 1,250 military and civilian workers. It adds $160 million a year to Puerto Rico's economy, but myriad problems there have the Pentagon strongly considering a move.

The newspaper also reported that a powerful Georgia congressman is challenging the recommendation, which needs the approval of Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld — a decision that could come this week.

Politicians from several states — including Texas, Georgia, Louisiana and Mississippi — have wooed top Army officials in hopes of winning the headquarters.

Over the past year and a half, the Army studied 11 communities in the Midwest and South. In August, it narrowed the site list to Fort Sam Houston and Fort McPherson, Ga. Fort Sam Houston eventually won out in part because of its vacant old Brooke Army Medical Center building, which would be renovated by a private developer at no cost to the Army.

"The availability of facilities and accessibility to Southern Command and Latin America and the ability to provide garrison support and facilities without significant costs, would have an advantage in this time of centralizing and consolidation," said Lt. Col. Tom Budzyna, an Army South spokesman.

However, Rep. Michael "Mac" Collins, R-Ga., a member of the House Ways and Means Committee and the GOP's deputy majority whip, succeeded in getting an Army team to tour Fort Benning, Ga., last week — the second such visit made to the post. That brought protests from city leaders in San Antonio.

"San Antonio has certainly taken its fair share of the sacrifices that have been dealt out in military downsizing and reassignments in the last five years," said Joe Krier, president of the Greater San Antonio Chamber of Commerce.

"And it seems to us that when the Army repeatedly reached an independent, objective conclusion that we're the best place, with all due respect it's time for the political people in other states to recognize that a just and fair decision has been made."

Winning Army South would be a turning point for the old BAMC, built in the Depression, shuttered in 1996 and once used as a Delta Force training site.

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WorldCom execs to refuse questions

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two subpoenaed former executives of WorldCom Inc. will refuse to answer questions today from a House committee that is opening an investigation into allegations the huge telecommunications company defrauded investors of billions.

"We've heard from their attorneys and both are expected to take the Fifth Amendment and declare their constitutional right" to refuse to give testimony that could incriminate them, said Rep. Michael Oxley, R-Ohio, chairman of the House Financial Services Committee.

Oxley referred to Bernard J. Ebbers, a former WorldCom chairman, and Scott D. Sullivan, former chief financial officer. Current WorldCom executives also have been subpoenaed, as has stock analyst Jack Grubman.

WorldCom, whose interests include No. 2 long-distance telephone company MCI, is battling to avoid bankruptcy since the recent disclosure that it disguised $3.9 billion of expenses as capital expenditures in order to appear profitable.

The Securities and Exchange Commission has filed a civil fraud suit against WorldCom, and the Nasdaq Stock Market plans to delist the company's shares, which have plunged from more than $63 in June 1999 to 25 cents Friday.

WorldCom is only the latest major corporation to face allegations of executive wrongdoing and accounting irregularities, and public confidence in business and the stock market has suffered as a result. Congress already is investigating the bankruptcies of Enron Corp. and telecommunications company Global Crossing and the role played by accounting firms.

Oxley, interviewed on NBC's "Today," said of the WorldCom case: "It appears it might be just good old-fashioned fraud here. ... I suspect at the heart of it was an attempt to cover up some very bad business practices and a general deterioration in the telecom sector."

Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., a senior member of the committee, told NBC there are problems with the system — not just a few bad people.

"Competitive pressures clearly are forcing people in the accounting industry, analysts in the stocks area to do things that are really undercutting our economic situation," Frank said. "We have to ... protect honest people in the accounting industry from being told if you don't OK this transaction, we switch accountants."

Frank said one problem is SEC Chairman Harvey Pitt, an appointee of President Bush. Frank said he should resign because of his former close ties to the accounting profession. Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., made the same point Sunday; Sen. John McCain of Arizona, senior Republican on the Senate Commerce Committee, agreed.

"While Mr. Pitt may be a fine man, he has appeared slow and tepid in addressing accounting abuses, and concerns remain that he has not distanced himself enough from former clients," McCain said.

White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said the SEC under Pitt has acted aggressively against wrongdoers and that accusations against him were "without merit."

Oxley said he believes the corporate world is placing too much emphasis on the bottom line, leading companies to act irresponsibly.

President winds up birthday vacation

KENNEBUNKPORT, Maine (AP) — President Bush played one last round of golf today in the early morning mist of the Maine coast before returning to Washington for a week of ceremony and political challenge.

He put off for another day any talk of the corporate scandals that have shaken markets and preoccupied his administration. He travels to Wall Street on Tuesday to address wrongdoing and reform in American business.

But for now, the president said, "I'm focused on 18 holes of golf."

His father, former President George Bush, seconded the notion.

"It's vacation. You should relax by the sea," the elder Bush told the younger at the first tee of Cape Arundel Golf Club.

An afternoon Medal of Honor presentation ceremony was on the president's schedule after his return to the White House. Honored posthumously was Army Capt. Rocky Versace, who was executed by his Viet Cong captors in 1965.

With corporate wrongdoing threatening political damage, White House press secretary Ari Fleischer said Bush "will focus on strict enforcement and tough punishment."

"The overall message on Tuesday is that he's got confidence in the strength of the overall economy and that the confidence will grow as confidence is restored in corporate behavior," Fleisher said.

The message is that "everyone is accountable," he said.

All Bush would say about his Tuesday speech was, "It's in pretty good shape."

On Sunday, Bush and first lady Laura Bush attended services at the seaside St. Ann's Episcopal Church where they sang hymns and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Then the president and daughter Jenna joined his father, George H.W. Bush, for a fishing expedition aboard the former president's speedboat, Fidelity II.

During the church services, Chaplain M.L. Agnew Jr., departed from the regular program and asked the congregation to stand and say the Pledge of Allegiance. The pledge has figured regularly in Bush's public appearances since the phrase "under God" was ruled unconstitutional by a federal appeals court last month.

In her homily, the Rev. Chilton Knudsen, Episcopal bishop of Maine, slipped in the words: "Happy birthday Mr. President, and God bless."

The trip was Bush's second to the family summer home at Kennebunkport since he moved into the White House.

Although he spent most of his childhood summers at the six-acre compound at Walker's Point with its cool breezes and wrap-around Atlantic views, Bush made clear he prefers the open plains of Texas, even in the heat.

Bush spent most of August last year at his 1,600-acre ranch near Crawford, Texas, and intends to repeat that vacation this year.

When a reporter asked if he was having second thoughts and might come to Maine instead, Bush had a crisp reply.

"I think you'll like Crawford," he said.

Obituaries

Bertha Davis

1908-2002

HOBBS, N.M. – Bertha M. Davis, a former Scurry County resident, died Friday, July 5, in Memorial Medical Center in Las Cruces, N.M.

Funeral service for Mrs. Davis, 94, is set for 10 a.m. Tuesday in the Chapel of Hope Funeral Home Chapel with Brad Reimers officiating. Burial will follow in the Memory Gardens Cemetery.

Born March 3, 1908 in Emory, Tex., she married Roy E. Davis in 1931 in Snyder. She was preceded in death by her husband and by two brothers, Francis Prather and Pearson Prather.

Mrs. Davis was owner of Davis Grocery and a member of the Northside Baptist Church.

Survivors include two brothers, Raymond Prather of Plainview and Bob Prather of Odessa; three sisters, Callie Floyd of Sweetwater, Leona Davis of Las Cruces and Rosa Edwards of Waco; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Investigators on scene of N. Texas derailment

AUBREY (AP) — Crews were working today to clear the wreckage after a cargo train that derailed, forcing the temporary evacuation of about 100 people.

Eighteen cars of the 80-car Union Pacific train derailed about 7 p.m. Sunday, said railroad spokesman Mark Davis. There were no injuries.

Davis said residents in the area about a mile from Aubrey were evacuated as a precaution because one of the derailed cars contained a form of ethylene compound, a potentially toxic material.

None of the chemical leaked, and residents were allowed back in their homes around midnight, said Denton County Sheriff's Department spokesman Kevin Patton.

Davis said the cause of the derailment was under investigation, and crews were transferring the ethylene to other vehicles.

A 1,200 foot section of track that was damaged was being replaced, and the rail line was expected to reopen by late Monday.

The train was traveling from Fort Worth to Kansas City when it derailed. Aubrey, which has about 1,300 residents, is 40 miles northwest of Dallas.

Local law enforcement make two felony DWI arrests on Saturday

Arrests

DPS troopers arrested Jimmy Cain, 36, of 6711 Camp Springs Road at 8:41 a.m. Saturday on U.S. 84 for felony driving while intoxicated.

Deputies arrested Miguel Castaneda, 35, of 2808 Ave. K at 9:22 Saturday night in the 2800 block of Ave. K for felony DWI.

Police arrested a 29-year-old man in the intersection of 37th Street and Ave. M at 9:42 Saturday night for misdemeanor DWI.

A 28-year-old man was taken into custody by deputies at 9:45 p.m. Saturday in the 200 block of 25th Street on a misdemeanor motion to revoke probation warrant.

Police received two 911 calls around 10 p.m. Saturday in reference to a fight at Dairy Queen on College Ave. and a 37-year-old man was arrested at the scene for public intoxication.

Troopers arrested a 46-year-old man at 11:35 p.m. Saturday in Dunn for misdemeanor DWI.

Police arrested a 22-year-old man at 2:19 a.m. Sunday in the 3200 block of Ave. L for misdemeanor possession of marijuana in a school zone.

A 39-year-old man was arrested just after 5 a.m. Sunday in the 1300 block of 27th Street for Class C assault and family violence.

Troopers arrested a 23-year-old man at 11:18 a.m. Sunday on U.S. 84 on a Taylor County warrant for misdemeanor theft of service by check.

Burglary

Larry Carrisalez reported at 9:20 a.m, Saturday the burglary of his residence in the 600 block of 19th Street.

Just before 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Virginia Williams reported a burglary of a vacant residence in the 6800 block of CR 4156. An offense report for burglary was submitted.

Close patrols

James Delarosa requested a close patrol of The Tire Center at 6 p.m. Saturday regarding people going in and out of the restroom after hours.

April McClure requested a close patrol of Cinema I & II just before 9 p.m. Sunday concerning two subjects harassing another patron and refusing to leave.

A close patrol was initiated at 2:48 a.m. today in the 900 block of 30th after police received a call of juveniles running down the street.

Gas drive off

A clerk with Town and Country north reported a gas drive off at 11:30 a.m. Saturday worth $24.

A gas drive off was reported from Town and Country east at 2:15 p.m. Saturday in the amount of $19.46.

events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Museum exhibit

A special exhibit of Harley-Davidson, Indian motorcycles and Cushman motor scooters continues through Aug. 22 at the Scurry County Museum on the Western Texas College campus. The free exhibit is entitled Ready To Roll and all bikes are owned by residents of Scurry County. For July Fourth, the museum will be open from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Medical fund

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

Discovery School registration

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

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 this evening is "Living by the Rules," followed by "Revive Us Again."

4-H Horse Club event cancelled

The Scurry County 4-H Club point night event scheduled for this evening has been cancelled.

York Rite Masons

York Rite Masons will have a stated meeting at 7:30 this evening at the Scurry Masonic Lodge.

Gateway Family Services

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

White Elephant Sale

Snyder Lions Club will hold its annual White Elephant Sale at Tuesday's noon meeting. Lions are asked to bring a gag gift to be auctioned. Members not bringing a gag gift will be fined $10.

FBC support groups

Support groups dealing with divorce, death; cancer or caring for elderly parents meet at 6:30 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at the First Baptist Church educational building. A special group for students facing these problems is held at the same time.

FBC services televised

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

Country and gospel music

There will be country and gospel music played at the Scurry County Senior Center beginning at 6:30 p.m. Saturday.

Desert Reign Ministry

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

SHS class of 1992 reunion

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

Cancer treatment transportation

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

Homeland Security Dept. could disrupt free trade

WASHINGTON (AP) — Business groups and port officials are raising new objections to transferring the Customs Service to a new Homeland Security Department.

Putting the emphasis on stopping terrorism, they complain, could disrupt the efficient movement of goods and people across U.S. borders, cutting into profits and damaging local economies.

"Congress should not let this enhanced focus on security compromise the traditional responsibilities of U.S. Customs," said Timothy Farrell, deputy executive director of the Port of Tacoma, Wash. "U.S. Customs is an integral link in our nation's economic chain of commerce."

The 300 U.S. entry points — land border crossings, international airports and seaports — have become busier since 1994, when the North American Free Trade Agreement eliminated many barriers with Canada and Mexico.

Last year, international trade was valued at $1.3 trillion and 472 million people entered the United States. The importers, exporters, brokers and other companies involved in all this activity say the nation's economic vitality could be threatened if Customs becomes mainly an anti-terrorism agency.

"It is the worst fear of many that trade facilitation will be almost entirely neglected in a humongous new department devoted almost entirely to security and enforcement," said James Clawson, chief executive officer of an international consulting firm and a member of the Joint Industry Group, representing 160 firms active in foreign trade.

Customs also is a key part of the war on illicit drugs, seizing more than 1.7 million pounds of marijuana, cocaine and heroin and 9.5 million tablets of Ecstasy in 2001, according to the National Treasury Employees Union. In late June, officials in Texas and New Mexico seized over 5,000 pounds of marijuana in several busts.

As Congress returns this week from a holiday and begins putting together legislation to create the new department, its impact on trade remains an unsettling issue, particularly to lawmakers representing major exporters.

Rep. Jennifer Dunn, R-Wash., whose state is home to Microsoft Corp. and Boeing Co.'s manufacturing operations, among others, said "a lot of us are interested in exactly how this will work. We don't want to slow down the passage of products."

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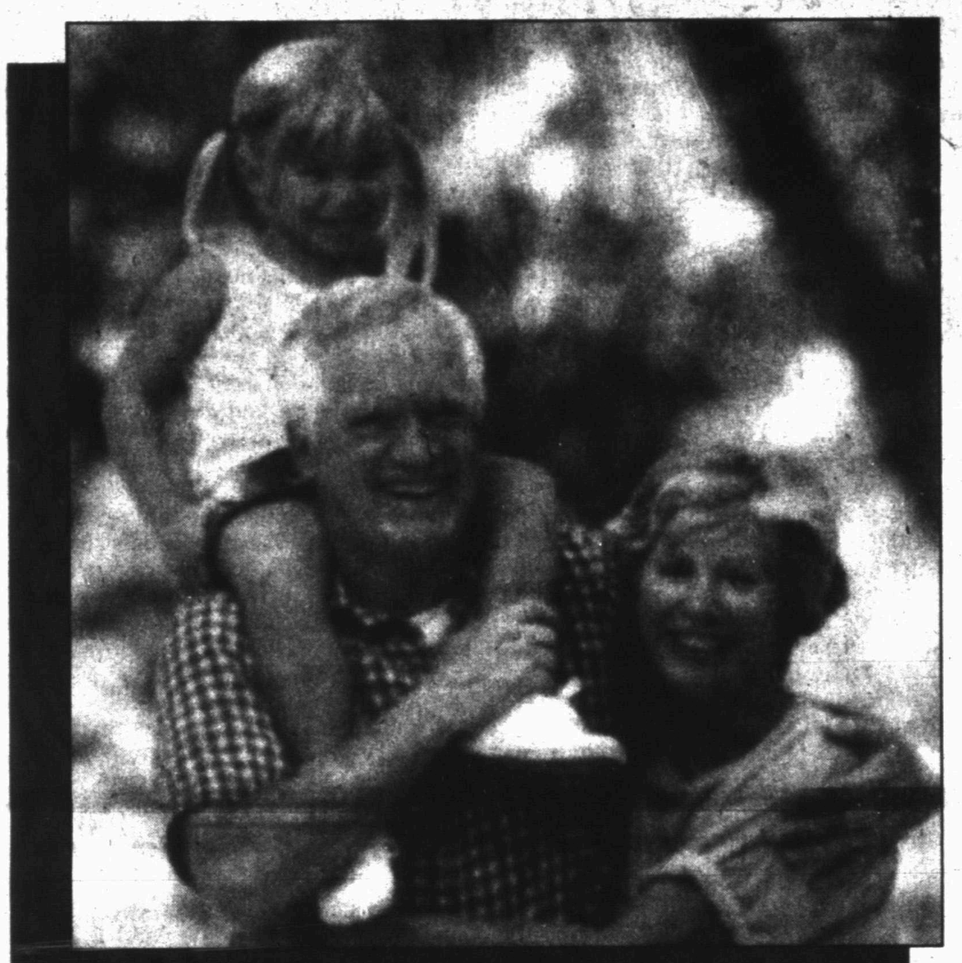
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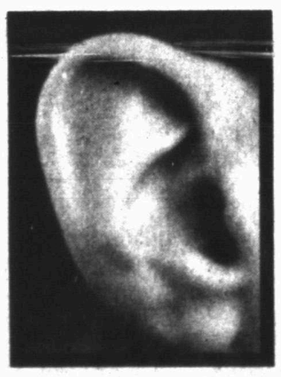


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