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Tax increase may be necessary for city...

Council continues to look at budget

By Wade Warren
SDN Managing Editor

If Snyder citizens want to maintain the same level of city services as in the past, they must be willing to pay higher taxes.

This is what Mayor Dayton Robertson told the city council Thursday night as he proposed a rate that is less than two cents higher than the present $0.3935 per $100 valuation.

Robertson is proposing a rate of $0.4122 – a rate that will generate approximately $70,000 more in revenue for the city than the present rate.

"I don't like the idea of a tax increase any more than anyone else," Robertson said in presenting his plan. "I've studied the general fund items in our budget over and over, and not many of them are getting much more money than they did in 1998."

Robertson said he felt the increase is necessary in order that the city does not fall behind in making capital expenditures and then they hit all one budget year.

To aid in planning, Robertson had the city administration present a plan of capital expenditures for the next 20 years, and they total about $364,000 yearly.

The city is also looking at an increase in water and sewer rates of three percent for the coming year.

"What it boils down to is this. We can do without services, or pay more taxes," said Robertson.

The proposed tax increase will mean a citizen who pays taxes on a $30,000 home will pay $9.35 more, while a person owning a $50,000 home will pay $15.25. Taxpayers in a $100,000 home will pay $30.50 more if the proposal passes the council.

"If someone has a better idea. Let me hear from you," said the mayor. "I'm looking for ideas because I already know people won't like a tax increase because I don't either," said Robertson.

In a prior budget workshop, councilman James Ashley proposed a 2.7 percent salary increase for city employees.

This drew opposition from fellow councilman James Jenkins Thursday night.

"I would like to see a pay increase for employees," said Jenkins. "But we have to remember we have a responsibility to our taxpayers to watch their money."

Jenkins said the pay increase would not only affect the 85 city employees, but every taxpayer as well.

Jenkins said he felt the money that would be used for a pay raise would be put to better use if it purchased items for the fire and police department.

"I'm very pro-emergency services," said Jenkins. "I hate to see the fire department not purchase air packs and the money be used for raises. Not everyone in town got a raise this year."

Ashley maintained his position that the proposed pay raises would only keep city employees even with the cost of living increase.

Councilman Terry Martin said a bonus plan for the coming year might work better since it would not obligate the city in future years.

"You give three percent next year...it's here forever," said Martin.

Jenkins summed up his opposition by stating that he felt city employees were underpaid, but questioned if the city could provide a balanced budget and give pay raises, as well.

The council scheduled another workshop for Aug. 3 to continue its work on the budget.

The council did vote Thursday to adopt a fully-insured employee health insurance plan.

It too, will cost the city more.

The city's cost for employees increased from $196.24 to $277.89 monthly or from $211,939 to $300,121 yearly. The new plan will hit employees who want to insure dependents hard as the employee-borne costs increased from $267.56 to $425.61 per month.

The present plan is through Steakley Insurance, as is the newly adopted plan.

Robertson presided at the meeting and council members in attendance included Ashley, Jenkins, Martin and I.E. Martin. David Harrell was absent.

CHILE PICKING — Linda De La Crūz, left, and Candice Lee pick chiles this morning in De La Cruz's front yard. The girl's mother will make sauce out of the peppers. (SDN Staff Photo)

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Walk a mile in another man's shoes, and you'll end up with sweaty feet."

A hero with a Snyder connection...

A two-year-old Fort Stockton girl escaped serious injury or death following a July 5 accident at the Comanche Springs pool — thanks to the quick thinking and reactions of lifeguard **Tye Arnett**.

The two-year-old accidentally slipped and fell into the shallow end of the pool. Arnett, a senior at Fort Stockton High School, was alerted to the situation by the frantic call for help from another young swimmer.

Arnett quickly located the young victim on the bottom of the pool, dived into the water from his guard tower and pulled her to the surface and out of the water.

Arnett began emergency procedures to clear the girl's blocked breathing passage. She shortly coughed up a large volume of water and began breathing on her own.

Arnett was quoted in the Fort Stockton Pioneer as saying that "training is life-like, but nothing really compares to the real thing. I was scared. But when I got to the girl's side, all of my training came to me easily. I knew everything that I was doing and how to do it."

The lifeguard is the son of **Terry and Cary Scarbrough** of Fort Stockton and the grandson of **Bud** and **Jessie Scarbrough** of Snyder.

The 65th edition of the Scurry County Rodeo is now history, and the reigning queen is **Randi Herrington**. Also congratulations to **Cassie Mhoon**, the Little Miss Queen.

Congratulations to **Afton Sutter** and **Jackie Beccue** on winning the doubles competition in the Big Spring tennis tournament last weekend. The two sophomores are playing in another tourney this weekend in Sweetwater and here's hoping they bring home more trophies.

And two more heroes...

Roy and Christine Bennett assisted a 78-year-old man who had stopped breathing in the Lubbock International Airport. The two performed CPR on the man and stayed with him until paramedics arrived. The complete story of the couple's experience will be in Sunday's paper.

ACLU threatens lawsuit over city and its 'Godly' principles

LEAGUE CITY (AP) — This north Galveston County town could face legal action from the American Civil Liberties Union if it doesn't rescind a resolution calling for officials, schools and individuals to follow "Godly principles."

In February, the City Council unanimously approved a resolution urging President Clinton to call on Americans to remember "the Godly principles of our founding fathers and recognize both the influence these principles have had in the founding of our nation and the character, honor, sense of duty and commitment they produced in our founders."

In a letter this week to city officials, Michael L. Skadden, vice president and legal chairman of the ACLU's Houston chapter, warned councilors to rescind the resolution or face a lawsuit, the Houston Chronicle reported in its Friday editions.

"We believe that said resolution violates the anti-establishment clause of the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution," Skadden wrote. "While the principles stated in the resolution may be commendable, our law holds that it is not the place of a civil authority such as you to enact and enforce such a resolution as it in effect establishes an official religion."

Mayor Tommy Frankovich said the city council might drop the resolution to avoid a costly lawsuit. City officials will discuss the matter in executive session during Tuesday's regular meeting.

"We're not imposing anything. We're just stating history," he said. "If we can't state history there is something wrong with our country."

According to the resolution, the fundamental truths held by the nation's founders include:

— That there is a creator who made all things and "governs them by His Providence."

— That the creator has revealed a moral code of behavior, which distinguishes right from wrong.

— That the creator holds people and nations responsible for the way they treat others.

— That all people live beyond this life and, in the next life, are judged by the creator for their conduct.

The resolution calls on every official, whether elected or appointed, to revitalize these "Godly principles." It also says every public school or institution should teach the principles as a matter of history.

Skadden reminded the council of a Supreme Court decision last month that banned student-led prayer at public school football games in the nearby Santa Fe school district.

DCOS hears gas line report

Development Corporation of Snyder board members met briefly Thursday afternoon and were told the construction of a gas line to the industrial park should be completed in two or three weeks.

"All the bores under roads have been completed," said DCOS executive director John DeLille. "The only one remaining is under the railroad tracks."

The gas line is being constructed in anticipation of expansion at the industrial park.

The board also approved the monthly financial statements, which included an $83,312 job creation incentive payment to Lorber Industries, and $7,361 for a feasibility study at Lorber, as well.

DeLille also said Snyder Brick and Tile should be firing the plant on Wednesday.

Gary Landes presided at the meeting in the absence of Jack Gorman Jr. Other members present were David Cotton and Larry Anderson. Roy McQueen was also absent.

Danforth to release preliminary findings from Waco probe

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Special Counsel John Danforth was to release preliminary findings Friday on the 1993 siege at the Branch Davidian compound near Waco, Texas.

Spokeswoman Jan Diltz said Thursday that Danforth would hold an early afternoon news conference in St. Louis to discuss his interim report to the Justice Department. The report contains conclusions relating to about 95 percent of the subject matter of the investigation, she said.

Attorney General Janet Reno appointed Danforth in September amid criticism that followed revelations that the FBI, contradicting a position it had taken for six years, used incendiary devices on the last day of the 51-day standoff, April 19, 1993.

David Koresh and about 80 followers died, some from fire that consumed the compound on the final day of the siege, others from gunshot wounds.

Danforth, a longtime Republican senator from Missouri, an ordained Episcopal priest and an heir to the Ralston-Purina fortune, has rented space in a downtown St. Louis office complex.

As part of Danforth's investigation, expected to cost nearly $10 million, investigators staged a simulation of events that happened on the final day of the siege and interviewed hundreds of people.

The investigation was aimed at determining if FBI agents fired guns at the Davidians; if the FBI started the fire that ended the standoff; if the military's involvement violated federal law; and if there was a government coverup.

Danforth has required that the investigation take place in secrecy, without the leaks that plagued Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr's investigation of President Clinton's involvement with White House intern Monica Lewinsky.

Last week, a five-member jury decided the government was not negligent in its handling of the siege. U.S. District Judge Walter Smith doesn't have to follow the jury's advice. He will make his final ruling after he considers whether federal agents shot at the Davidians at the end of the siege.

ASK US

Q—How many churches are there in Scurry County?

A—There are 58 listed on the SDN church page.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Thursday, 100 degrees; low, 73; 7 a.m. Friday, 73; no precipitation; total for 2000, 14.77 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly clear. Low 70-75. SE wind 5-15 mph; Saturday, becoming partly cloudy; less than 20% chance of rain; high 95-100; E wind 10-20 mph.

Leah Mahers
Partly Cloudy

Sunset:
8:46 p.m.
Sunrise:
6:55 a.m.
Of 202 days in 2000, the sun has shone 199 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Life is filled with possibilities.

FTC says firm misleads customers

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Trade Commission contends a Florida company misleads consumers by telling them one of its dietary supplements can rid them of fatty deposits known as cellulite.

In a lawsuit filed Wednesday, the FTC said Rexall Sundown Inc. of Boca Raton, Fla., makes false and unsubstantiated claims to market its Cellasene supplement. The company denies the allegations.

Unlike most cellulite remedies, which are applied to the skin, Rexall's product is a pill containing ginkgo biloba, grape seed extract and other herbal ingredients.

The recommended eight-week regimen of the supplement costs $180 to $240, the FTC said. The government said sales totaled about $54 million last year.

Cellasene has been advertised in major newspapers, including USA Today, The New York Times and The Washington Post, as well as on the Internet and in fashion magazines, television and radio.

By law, dietary supplements cannot promise to treat or prevent disease directly. The industry is shielded from government oversight by a 1994 act of Congress, which said the Food and Drug Administration may intercede only if the agency proves a supplement poses an unreasonable risk or is marketed as a drug. But the FTC, which oversees truth in advertising, has the authority to take action against companies that cannot back up their claims.

Cellulite is a series of irregular pockets of fat that cause the area around the hips and thighs to appear dimpled.

The FTC said Rexall, which claims Cellasene "fights cellulite from the inside," had no clinical evidence establishing the pill's effectiveness. The FTC wants a permanent injunction to prohibit Rexall from making the claims. It also wants a judge to order that Rexall refund Cellasene's purchase price to consumers, said Darren Bowie, assistant director of the FTC's Division of Advertising Practices.

Rexall said Thursday it will "vigorously defend the truthfulness of its claims" for Cellasene.

"The commission's action completely ignores the sound scientific research into the effectiveness of Cellasene," Debbie DeSantis, Rexall's senior vice president of product development, said in a statement. "Cellasene was designed and formulated by one of the world's leading herbal/pharmaceutical extract companies with foremost expertise in cellulite research. We stand strongly behind the product and its value to our customers."

According to its Web site, Rexall manufactures dozens of nutritional supplements, including Pokemon children's vitamins, Osteo Bi-Flex arthritis cream and many herbal supplements regularly available over the counter.

On the Net:
FTC site: http://www.ftc.gov

Texas jobless rate continues to be steady throughout June

AUSTIN (AP) — The unemployment rate in Texas remained at a seasonally adjusted 4.4 percent in June despite the loss of thousands of Census jobs, the Texas Workforce Commission reported Thursday.

The commission adjusts statewide figures to account for seasonal variations in the job market, which economists say gives a more accurate picture of the underlying economy.

The unadjusted rate, also released Thursday, jumped from 4.2 percent in May to 5.1 percent in June. Metropolitan-area figures ranged from 2 percent in Bryan-College Station to 14.9 percent in McAllen-Edinburg-Mission.

Retail trade, construction and other fields offset a decline of government jobs, the commission reported.

Nonagricultural jobs declined by 1,800 in June, the first drop in 11 months, which the commission blamed on the loss of 24,200 federal jobs, mostly temporary work for the U.S. Census Bureau.

Following a seasonal pattern, schools and colleges also reduced employment, causing a total of 54,700 fewer workers for all levels of government, the commission reported.

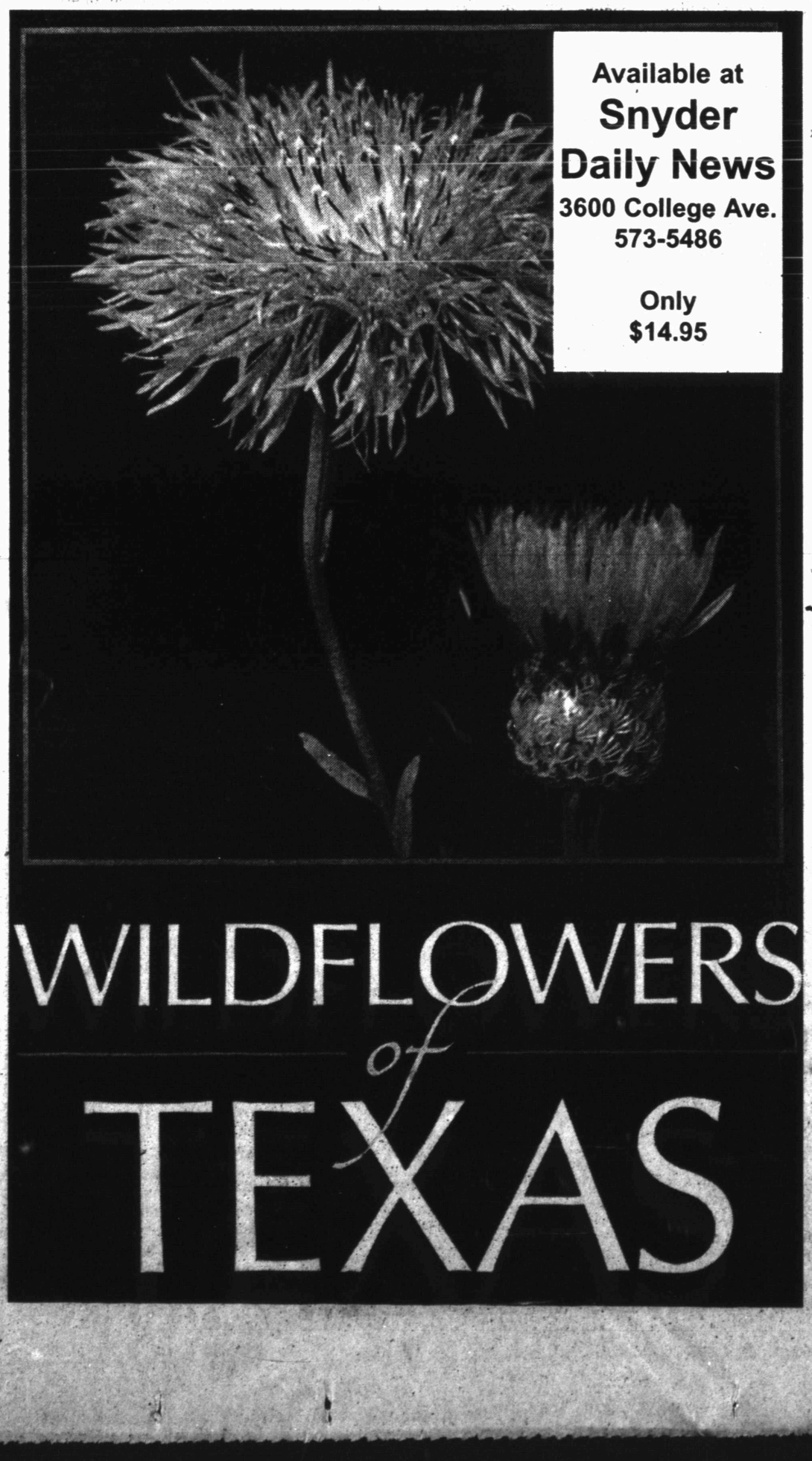
Construction added 3,000 jobs, bouncing back from a 2,700-job loss in May, and there were 1,800 new jobs in transportation, communication and public utilities, the commission said.

Trade added 11,400 jobs, with 8,900 of those jobs in retail — much larger than the average June increase of 2,900 in retail. The commission said the annual growth rate of 3.7 percent for retail was the highest rate recorded since July 1995 and the 16th straight month with growth faster than 3 percent.

The Dallas and Houston areas accounted for most of the new jobs in service industries — 14,300 of the 24,800 new jobs, the commission reported. Many of the new hires were added to handle summertime recreation and travel business.

Following are the unadjusted rates of unemployment for Texas urban areas as announced by the workforce commission for June, compared with revised May figures in parentheses:

Abilene 4.1 (3.5)
Amarillo 4.4 (3.5)
Austin-San Marcos 2.4 (1.9)
Beaumont-Port Arthur 9.7 (8.2)
Brazoria 7.6 (6.5)
Brownsville-Harlingen 9.8 (8.4)
Bryan-College Station 2.0 (1.5)
Corpus Christi 7.7 (6.3)
Dallas 3.7 (3.0)
El Paso 9.6 (8.5)
Fort Worth-Arlington 3.8 (3.1)
Galveston-Texas City 7.2 (5.8)
Houston 5.0 (4.2)
Killeen-Temple 4.1 (3.2)
Laredo 8.5 (6.9)
Longview-Marshall 6.6 (5.6)
Lubbock 3.8 (2.4)
McAllen-Edinburg-Mission 14.9 (12.5)
Odessa-Midland 6.9 (5.8)
San Angelo 3.7 (3.0)
San Antonio 4.3 (3.3)
Sherman-Denison 4.5 (3.6)
Texarkana 5.5 (4.7)
Tyler 4.2 (3.4)
Victoria 4.4 (3.4)
Waco 4.0 (3.1)
Wichita Falls 5.1 (4.0)



Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Saturday, July 22, 2000

You have excellent possibilities for accumulating a financial surplus in the year ahead. However, it will not be handed to you. You will have to put out the necessary effort.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) If you throw only a few light jabs where a knock out punch is required, a business matter in which you're involved might not live up to its expectations today. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Although it won't be because you have trouble accurately assessing today's developments, problems could enter the picture because of the impractical measure you may use in responding to events.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Advice offered you today from someone who gives it to you off the top of his or her head might sound refreshingly good. However, chances are it'll not fit your circumstances. Be careful.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Don't feel obligated to accept a deal not on par with others offered you just because it comes from a friend or someone with whom you've done business. Be prudent, not foolish.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) It might be more obvious to others than to you that you're the one who is in the strongest bargaining position. Let them make concessions first today before you make your offer.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Guard against inclinations today to take a strong position on an issue about which you know little merely to help out a friend. A sharp opponent could make minced meat out of you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Think before you act today. By not doing so, you could create a complication for yourself or another through expressing what you believe to be a good intention.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) It isn't possible to placate everyone, so don't even try. If you should attempt to take this course today, it will end up pleasing no one, and in reality, it could hurt someone in the process.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) When it comes to worldly concerns, you could do quite well today, but your grades may not be too good in areas where you have to deal with aesthetic values.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Be careful you don't come over too haughty with people who are of a lesser station in life than you. It's serves no purpose but to make you look small in the eyes of others.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Do not attempt to take credit today for that which you don't deserve. If the success that comes to you is due more to the efforts of another, give this person his or her just dues.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Chances are you won't intentionally want to betray a confidence today, but you could inadvertently do so if you're not on guard. Be particularly careful of what you tell to whom.

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Motion for new trial is denied

HOUSTON (AP) — A judge has denied a motion for a new trial for Angel Maturino Resendiz, marking the first real step in the appeals process for the admitted railroad serial killer.

Defense attorney Robert Morrow based his call for a new proceeding on his belief that appellate deadlines have robbed his client of effective legal counsel.

State District Judge Susan Brown denied the request on Thursday, according to the Houston Chronicle's editions Friday.

The case now goes to the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals in Austin.

Maturino Resendiz was sentenced to death in May for the 1998 capital murder of Houston physician Claudia Benton.

During his trial, his lawyers launched an unsuccessful insanity defense. Maturino Resendiz admitted through his attorneys to committing nine slayings in three states — Texas, Illinois and Kentucky.

More recently, he told law-enforcement officers in Florida that he also is responsible for two slayings there — the deaths of 16-year-old Illinois runaway Wendy Von Huben and her boyfriend, Jesse Howell, 19, also of Illinois.

The 40-year-old killer, now housed on death row in Livingston, wasn't in the courtroom on Thursday.

Morrow's bid for a new trial was based on the notion that he has not had enough time to interview jurors to determine if there was juror misconduct.

The motion for a new trial had to be filed 30 days after Maturino Resendiz was convicted, and a trial judge must hear arguments on it within 75 days, Morrow said. That leaves little time for investigation.

Morrow said he is not alleging misconduct, only that he could not have learned about it by now if there was.

Once the transcript is in, that issue and others Morrow feels are important will be included in the appeal to the Austin court.

Pursuit of the appeals process is a reversal of the killer's stance at the end of the Benton trial.

Man convicted

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — A man was convicted of murder Thursday despite the slaying of the key prosecution witness on the eve of trial.

Charles Pona was convicted of last August's shooting death of Hector Feliciano, which police described as drug-related.

The key witness, Jennifer Rivera, 15, was shot outside her home in May, but the jury was able to hear her on tape saying Pona was the man she saw fleeing the scene of the murder.

The identification was crucial in what was otherwise a circumstantial case. During their deliberations, the jurors, who were told Jennifer had been killed, asked to hear the girl's testimony played again.

"What's most important today is that Jennifer Rivera's murder did not allow the killer of Hector Feliciano to go unpunished," Attorney General Sheldon Whitehouse said on the courthouse steps. "Her voice rang out loud and clear in the courtroom."

Pona's attorneys did not speak with reporters when leaving the courthouse.

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Success of Indian-owned bank studied

SAN DIEGO (AP) — The owners of five new homes being added to the Viejas Indian Reservation are counting on financing from what has been the rarest of sources: an Indian-owned bank.

Officials at the Borrego Springs Bank "understand Indian country and are interested in helping us improve the quality of life," said Penny Culbreth-Graft, government manager for the tribe with a reservation 30 miles east of San Diego.

At a time when many commercial banks have strict lending policies and apprehensions about handling Indian lands in trust, the success of Borrego Springs Bank has piqued the interest of tribes nationwide.

Bankers and tribal leaders from around the country met in San Diego last week to learn more about it.

"It's really the last frontier in banking," said Byron Klapper of American Capital Access, a non-Indian New York financial guarantee company that has insured tribes in Minnesota and Washington.

Indian communities have long focused on creating wealth by developing their own businesses. As more Indian-owned businesses succeed, many tribes are pushing to manage their own profits and use the money to benefit members.

"It's about control," said J.D. Colbert, president of the North American Native Bankers Association.

Over the past 25 years, many of the nation's 558 recognized tribes have been gaining wealth, largely fueled by the casino boom. The National Indian Gaming Association counted 216 tribal casinos this year, compared with 70 in 1988. The Viejas have had one since 1992.

Revenues from slot machines and blackjack tables enabled the 250-member Viejas tribe in 1996 to buy Borrego Springs Bank, which now has assets and deposits worth $70 million and $5.8 million in shareholder equity.

It has five branches in San Diego and Imperial counties and 13 loan offices in seven states. The tribe owns 70 percent of the bank's stock.

As they accumulate wealth, American Indians increasingly need financial services such as mortgages, small business loans and automatic teller machines, Colbert said.

Traditional lenders tend to shy away from home loans on reservations because much of the land is held in trust by the U.S. government and not owned by Indians themselves.

"One of the barriers in the past has been cultural because you are dealing with a sovereign nation," said Judith Knight of the American Bankers Association. "There may have been a time when the bank understood little about how the tribe functioned and the tribe didn't know how the bank functioned."

Both sides are finding ways to work around sovereignty issues, she said.

A coalition of tribes formed the nation's first Indian-owned bank in 1972 in Washington, D.C. The American Indian National Bank foundered after a few years, but other tribes succeeded in the 1980s.

Eight of the 10 Indian-owned banks operating in North America opened within the last four years in California, Arizona, Washington, Minnesota and Canada, Colbert said. Another 10 Indian-owned banks likely will open within two years in Oklahoma, Oregon and Montana.

The banks require government regulation and approval and, once approved, are available to everyone, not just tribal members. The difference, tribal members said, is that the banks tend to be more familiar with sovereignty issues and are more sensitive to Indian needs.

The bank now handles all the tribe's financial dealings, from employee payroll to managing the trust. Tribal members say owning a bank also has helped their financial savvy.

"It promotes saving and doing something with your paycheck other than cashing it," said Katrina Stahl, 19, a teller with Borrego Springs. "You learn to live in the real world and know what you've got to do."

On the Net:
Native bankers' association:
http://www.nanba.org

Detroit lawyer arrested in wife's murder in 1982

PONTIAC, Mich. (AP) — A Detroit lawyer and a Mississippi drifter have been charged in what authorities say was the 1982 murder-for-hire of the lawyer's wife, a former Detroit police officer.

Thomas Randolph Jr. was arraigned Thursday on first-degree murder and conspiracy charges in the death of Sharron Randolph. Authorities say he arranged to have her killed in a staged robbery attempt at a restaurant to collect $248,000 from insurance policies.

Prosecutors brought the case against Randolph and Sanirell Shannon, described as a Mississippi drifter, after a witness with a connection to Shannon contacted police.

Shannon, 49, was arrested Thursday in Hattiesburg, Miss., on a federal fugitive warrant, Oakland County Prosecutor David Gorcyca said. A Michigan warrant charges Shannon with first-degree murder and conspiracy.

A pretrial hearing has been set for July 28. Thomas Randolph III, who represented his father at the arraignment, did not return a telephone message left Thursday.

Sharron Randolph, 26, was shot in the head twice outside the Empress Garden restaurant Jan. 8, 1982. According to news reports, Thomas Randolph told police a man with an accent attacked them in the parking lot, forced him to hand over his wallet and $310, and then he was struck in the head with a gun.

Sharron Randolph, a mother of two who worked as a Detroit police officer for three years before she was laid off in 1980, was found dead in the back seat of their car.

"I was pretty much out of it when I heard a far-off firecracker sound," Thomas Randolph told The Detroit News at the time.

Randolph, who was working as a Wayne County Community College counselor, later sued the owners of the strip mall where the killing occurred, contending they failed to provide adequate lighting and security.

With Tourette syndrome...

Appeals court rules grocery story chain could fire worker

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — A grocery store acted legally when it fired an employee whose Tourette's syndrome caused him to swear at customers, the Michigan Court of Appeals ruled Thursday.

"We find it ridiculous to expect a business ... to tolerate this type of language in the presence of its customers, even though we understand that because of plaintiff's condition, his utterance of obscenities and racial epithets is involuntary," the court wrote in a 3-0 decision.

Karl Petzold, 22, suffers from coprolalia, a rare symptom of Tourette's that causes him to utter obscenities, particularly when he is under stress.

Petzold worked as a bagger at a Farmer Jack store in the town of Hamtramck for 10 months. He was fired in 1996 after one of his outbursts offended some black customers. Petzold sued Farmer Jack, saying the company was violating state civil rights laws that protect the disabled.

The Court of Appeals said Petzold failed to show that Tourette's syndrome was unrelated to his ability to perform his job at Farmer Jack.

"We emphasize that there certainly are jobs that persons with TS and coprolalia could perform," the court said in its decision. "However, plaintiff's coprolalia renders him completely unqualified to perform this particular job, which required continual contact with members of the general public."

Petzold's attorney, Michael Cutler, has said he will take the case all the way to the Supreme Court.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

07-21-00

North
♠ 3
♥ Q
♦ K J 6 4 2
♣ K J 8 5 4 3

West
♠ Q 10 8 2
♥ A K 10 5 3 2
♦ 7
♣ 9 6

East
♠ J 6 5
♥ J 9 7
♦ Q 8 3
♣ A Q 7 2

South
♠ A K 9 7 4
♥ 8 6 4
♦ A 10 9 5
♣ 10

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	3 ♥	Dbl.	Pass
4 ♦	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♥ A

Placing the cards makes life easier

By Phillip Alder

Joseph Addison, an English essayist, claimed, "Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body." For a bridge player, reading the deal — working out the locations of the missing key cards — is an important exercise.

This deal occurred during a club game in Mexico City. South was Dr. George Rosenkranz, Mexico's top-ranked player for many years. His one-spade opening bid might look light to your eyes, but ace-king-ace, especially when in long suits, are worth more than 11 points. Over West's weak jump overcall, Miguel Reygadas (North) made a negative double, promising length in both minors and reasonable values — exactly what he had!

West started with his two top hearts. How would you plan the play in both four and five diamonds?

If West had seven points in hearts, East probably had six in clubs. So, after ruffing in the dummy at trick two, Rosenkranz called for a low club. East won with the queen, then continued with the heart jack, ruffed in the dummy. Now came the club king, covered and ruffed, with West contributing the nine.

West appeared to have started with six hearts and two clubs. Since it was unlikely he also held four spades, declarer cashed the diamond ace and played a diamond to dummy's king, getting the bad news. However, Rosenkranz just led out the clubs, making his contract exactly.

To make five diamonds after those first five tricks, declarer must guess the trump position. He plays a diamond to dummy's king, then leads winning clubs. When East ruffs, South overruffs and cashes the diamond ace and spade ace, leaving dummy high.

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'Storm' stars friends

LONDON (AP) — They may call each other "mean" and "green," but George Clooney and Mark Wahlberg really are friends.

At a press conference Thursday promoting their latest movie "The Perfect Storm," the pair joked about Wahlberg's sea sickness during filming and Clooney's stint as producer.

"First of all, he's incredibly talented," Clooney said of Wahlberg. "Second of all, we got him cheaper than most."

Senate adds $900 million emergency aid to farm bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate agreed Thursday to add $900 million in emergency aid to a farm appropriations measure despite some complaints that it was excessive, even if the money addressed real needs.

The package of 15 amendments, approved on a voice vote, would provide millions of dollars for flood damage and other natural disasters and losses in livestock, apples, potatoes and citrus crops, among others.

The $75.3 billion measure financing food and farm programs for next year already contains more than $1 billion in emergency aid. It passed the Senate on a 79-13 vote and now must be reconciled with a House version.

The emergency amendments drew fierce objections from several Republican fiscal conservatives, who complained that the projected budget surplus was leading lawmakers to wreck budget spending guidelines.

"I believe this has gone too far," said Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas. "We are letting this surplus burn a hole in our pockets."

It came on top of a $15 billion farm bailout bill passed in May that was aimed at beefing up crop insurance programs and made $5.5 billion in direct cash payments to growers suffering low commodity prices.

Several senators said it was Congress' responsibility to respond to emergencies "when people are flat on their backs for causes they cannot control," in the words of Sen. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D.

Gramm and his allies won a commitment from the bill's sponsors that no more emergency spending would be added, but that could easily be changed.

Earlier Thursday, the Senate narrowly rejected a measure aimed at trying to resolve a dispute with a Texas beef processor over government meat safety standards.

The amendment offered to the agriculture spending bill by Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, was aimed at a dispute involving the Department of Agriculture and Supreme Beef Processors Inc., which supplies ground beef to the national school lunch program.

The department tried to close the facility last month after it failed its fourth straight set of microbial tests, but a federal judge in Texas barred the agency from using such test results to force the closing of the facility. The judge agreed with the meatpacking industry that testing for salmonella bacteria was not a fair measure of whether a plant was sanitary.

Harkin's amendment would have given the department the legal authority to withdraw or suspend inspection from meat and poultry plants that fail to reduce pathogens in their products. It failed by a vote of 48-49.

"If USDA lacks the authority to enforce pathogen reduction standards than surely we stand at the edge of a food safety debacle," Harkin said.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Kids who are cruel to animals often are victims themselves

DEAR ABBY: After 30 years of reading your column, I am impelled to respond to "Seen It in Seattle," the letter regarding the St. Bernard who was teased by a neighbor child until it turned vicious and finally had to be euthanized.

I am sorely troubled by that letter. Do you realize how many systematic acts of cruelty that would have taken, especially for a breed as placid and gentle as a St. Bernard?

One has to ask — where were the parents, the neighbors, the owners of the dog? Why would so many people look on impassively while a tethered animal was tortured into insanity? The way the helpless are treated is the measure of a society.

People of good will and conscience MUST speak up when they witness abuse. Abby, please encourage readers to be a voice for the voiceless. — **PUZZLED IN CORAL SPRINGS, FLA.**

DEAR PUZZLED: I already do — and with the help of people like you I will continue to do so. All that is needed for evil to thrive is for people of good will to look the other way. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: This concerns the letter about the child's cruelty to the St. Bernard. This is a difficult letter to write because, as a child, I physically abused cats and dogs. It was not because I had a "conduct disorder" — it was because I myself was beaten and sexually molested by my father on a regular basis from the time I was 4 years old until I was a young teen-ager.

The pain I caused those animals haunts me to this day. For the past several years, I have volunteered at my local animal shelter. I have also rescued cats and dogs. It's a small way to make amends for what I did as a child.

The reason for my letter is to warn adults not to just look at the child who is abusing the animals, but to look at who could possibly be abusing the child. — **SURVIVOR IN CALIFORNIA**

DEAR SURVIVOR: You have written a powerful letter. A child who abuses animals — or other children — desperately needs intervention and professional help. You are not the only reader to point out that this could indicate abuse in the household. Children from healthy, loving families rarely become abusers. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: The first cruelty in this case was keeping the poor dog tied up all day every day. If the dog's owners could not provide a fenced yard, they should never have taken the dog.

The late, famed anthropologist Margaret Mead said: "One of the most dangerous things that can happen to a child is to torture or kill an animal and get away with it."

The child in this case needs help and isn't getting it, and — as is usually the sad case — the poor dog paid the price after having suffered for so long. — **ELEANOR J., COTTONDALE, ALA.**

DEAR ELEANOR: Anyone who sees an animal being abused should telephone the SPCA, animal control and/or the police. If the perpetrator doesn't get help, a child could be next.

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DEAR ABBY: The letter from "Troubled in Connecticut" about what to call her in-laws reminded me of a funny story.

After my husband and I were married, he asked my mother what he should call her. Her reply was, "Your Majesty will do." — **HAPPY IN HUNTINGTON BEACH, CALIF.**

DEAR HAPPY: I like her sense of humor. Apparently your "Queen Mother" recognized a prince when she saw one.

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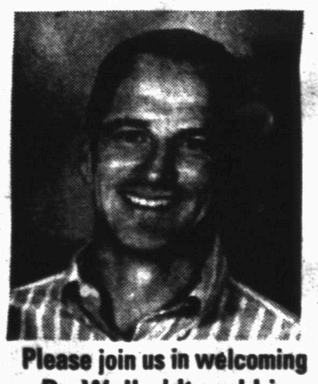

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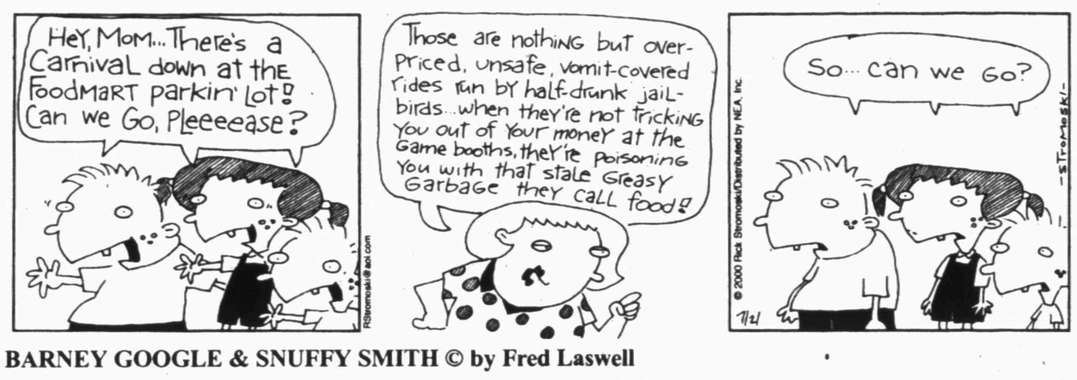

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1 Writer Mark —
6 Prejudice
10 Annoying
12 Shoelace tip
14 Showier
15 Kind of beard
16 Positive vote
17 Actress Lupino
19 Electromotive unit
20 Authentic
23 Choreographer Tharp
26 Genetic material (abbr.)
27 "Rose — — rose"
30 Stir
32 Declared
34 TV frog
35 Dyed
36 Compass pt.
37 "— Miz"
39 Smells
40 Dictatorship
42 Liver fluid
45 Bill —, the Science Guy
46 Author John — Passos
49 Program
51 Skillful
54 Low-cost lodge
55 White and shining
56 Hardy's heroine
57 Actress Della —

DOWN

1 Waiter's burden
2 Metal strand
3 Utah ski resort
4 Roman three
5 Compass pt.
6 Life story, for short
7 "— — at the office"
8 Singing voice
9 Close falcon eyes
11 Say "Cheese!"
12 Versus
13 Southeast Asian holiday
18 Failure
20 Dejected
21 Simply
22 Country
23 Give and —
24 Songbird
25 Days of — (the past)
27 "Leave — — Beaver"
28 Fortuneteller
29 Sums
31 Immortal
33 Singer Williams
38 Declare
40 Campers' homes
41 Tide type
42 — humbug!
43 "— — Rhythm"
44 — majesty
46 Gilded
47 Greases
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50 — Moines
52 The (Ger.)
53 Actress Charlotte —

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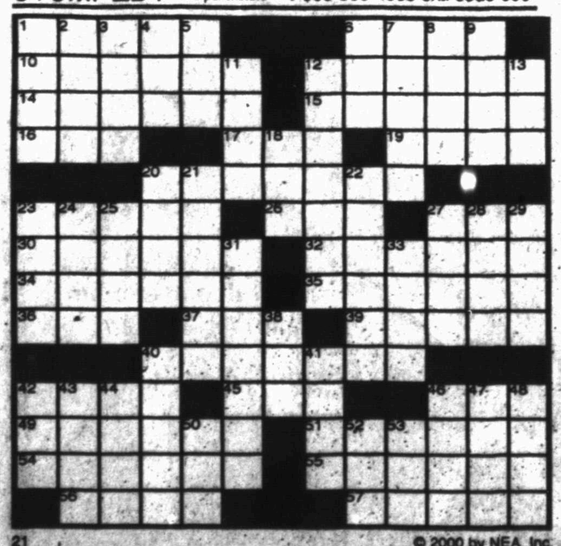

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Snyder Daily News Comics

DENNIS THE MENACE ® by Hank Ketcham

"ALL WEEK, DAD BRINGS HOME THE BACON, SO HOW COME WE'RE HAVING MEATLOAF?"

SPORTS

All-stars eliminated as Wichita Falls wins, 12-4

Snyder's 9 and 10-year-old all-stars ended their summer run Thursday in Abilene as they were defeated by Wichita Falls, 12-4.

The loss eliminated Snyder from the double elimination tourney as the team went down to Ft. Worth, 10-4 on Wednesday.

"We came out on fire for the first three innings as we had a 4-0 lead," said coach Ray Conner. "We made a couple of errors and they had five runs on the board."

"The air just went out of the boys after that."

Scoring for the Snyder all-stars were Jesse Conner, Brent Bollinger, Lance Day and Ryan Claxton.

Conner, Bollinger and Arthur Perez had singles for the all-stars, while Day and Brooks Gafford both had doubles.

"This is really a good group of baseball players," said Conner. "If they stay with it, the Snyder Tigers are going to be a tough team in about six or seven years."

"They worked really hard all the way through district, but after five months of baseball, I think they were ready for a little bit of summer vacation," said the coach.

Couples making showing in Open

ST. ANDREWS, Scotland (AP) — Fred Couples found the Old Course just as accommodating Friday as it was the day before, shooting a 4-under 68 to move into contention behind surprising lefty Steve Flesch in the second round of the British Open.

Couples, winless in two years and not a factor in recent major championships, made four birdies on the front side and appeared headed for the early lead in the clubhouse until his ball landed in a gaping greenside bunker on No. 16 and he made double bogey.

Couples was 6 under for the tournament, a shot behind Flesch, who followed his opening 67 with a 70.

Spanish sensation Sergio Garcia, who had a disastrous Open debut last year, was 8 under through 12 holes and atop the leaderboard. Also in contention at 5 under were Davis Love III and Jean Van de Velde, who blew a three-stroke lead on the final hole in the Open last year.

Tiger Woods, a stroke behind entering the day, had an afternoon tee time.

With barely a hint of breeze, and sunshine that made it feel more like Southern California than the edge of the North Sea, players continued their assault at the home of golf, where even 112 deep bunkers didn't disrupt scoring.

"The course was there for the taking," Couples said.

Woods shot a 67 on Thursday in the morning, giving Ernie Els and the other players a target and challenge.

Before hitting a shot, the Big Easy knew he had a tough task ahead.

"You see Tiger 5 under and you haven't even started the round, you know you got your work cut out," Els said.

Els knew that feeling well. He was beaten by Woods in a playoff earlier this year and finished second to him in the Memorial and U.S. Open. At Pebble Beach, he had the dubious distinction of playing with Woods down the stretch — and finished a whopping 15 shots back.

For one sunny day at St. Andrews, at least, Els had the upper hand. A birdie on the treacherous Road Hole was his eighth of the day, and his 6-under 66 gave him a one-stroke lead over Woods and Steve Flesch after the first round.

"If he beats me by 15 from now, there should be an inquiry," Els said.

There were plenty of inquiries after Els came in under lengthening shadows to join 77 others who matched or broke par under benign conditions.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

American League At A Glance
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East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	49	41	.544	—
Toronto	52	45	.536	½
Boston	49	43	.533	1
Baltimore	41	53	.436	10
Tampa Bay	37	56	.398	13½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Chicago	60	35	.632	—
Cleveland	49	45	.521	10½
Detroit	43	49	.467	15½
Kansas City	43	50	.462	16
Minnesota	42	56	.429	19½

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Seattle	55	39	.585	—
Oakland	51	43	.543	4
Anaheim	52	44	.542	4
Texas	45	48	.484	9½

Friday's Games

Kansas City (Reichert 3-6) at Detroit (Weaver 6-7), 7:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Rapp 5-6) at Toronto (Halladay 4-5), 7:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Yan 4-6) at N.Y. Yankees (Gooden 3-3), 7:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Baldwin 12-4) at Boston (Wakefield 6-5), 7:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Colon 9-6) at Minnesota (Redman 7-4), 8:05 p.m.
Texas (Glynn 1-0) at Seattle (Abbott 5-3), 10:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Washburn 5-2) at Oakland (Hudson 10-2), 10:05 p.m.

Saturday's Games

Kansas City (Witasick 2-8) at Detroit (Mlicki 4-9), 1:05 p.m., 1st game
Anaheim (Cooper 4-3) at Oakland (Zito 0-0 or Prieto 1-1), 4:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Mercedes 4-4) at Toronto (Loaiza 5-6), 4:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Rupe 1-4) at N.Y. Yankees (Cone 1-8), 4:35 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Garland 1-1) at Boston (Fassero 6-3), 5:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Drew 1-0) at Minnesota (Lincoln 0-3), 7:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Durbin 2-4) at Detroit (Sparks 0-1), 7:05 p.m., 2nd game
Texas (Glynn 1-0) at Seattle (Halama 8-5), 9:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Kansas City at Detroit, 1:05 p.m.
Baltimore at Toronto, 1:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay at N.Y. Yankees, 1:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox at Boston, 1:05 p.m.
Cleveland at Minnesota, 2:05 p.m.
Anaheim at Oakland, 4:05 p.m.
Texas at Seattle, 4:35 p.m.

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East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	58	38	.604	—
New York	52	42	.553	5
Florida	48	47	.505	9½
Montreal	44	48	.478	12
Philadelphia	43	51	.457	14

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
St. Louis	54	41	.568	—
Cincinnati	48	47	.505	6
Chicago	40	54	.426	13½
Pittsburgh	40	54	.426	13½
Milwaukee	40	56	.417	14½
Houston	33	62	.347	21

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Arizona	55	41	.573	—
San Francisco	52	41	.559	1½
Los Angeles	49	45	.521	5
Colorado	47	46	.505	6½
San Diego	42	53	.442	12½

Friday's Games

Milwaukee (Snyder 3-4) at Chicago Cubs (Wood 4-6), 3:20 p.m.
Philadelphia (Byrd 2-7) at Pittsburgh (Anderson 2-5), 7:05 p.m.
Montreal (Thurman 1-1) at Florida (C.Smith 0-2), 7:05 p.m.
Arizona (Morgan 4-2) at Cincinnati (Parris 5-12), 7:35 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Leiter 10-3) at Atlanta (Mulholland 9-9), 7:40 p.m.
St. Louis (Ankiel 6-5) at Houston (Elarton 9-3), 8:05 p.m.
San Diego (Eaton 1-1) at Colorado (Bohannon 4-6), 9:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Estes 9-3) at Los Angeles (Perez 4-4), 10:10 p.m.

Saturday's Games

N.Y. Mets (Reed 4-2) at Atlanta (Maddux 12-3), 1:15 p.m.
Arizona (Guzman 2-0) at Cincinnati (Luebbers 0-1), 1:15 p.m.
St. Louis (Hentgen 9-6) at Houston (Miller 0-2), 1:15 p.m.
Milwaukee (Bere 6-7) at Chicago Cubs (Downs 4-3), 4:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Hernandez 8-7) at Los Angeles (Gagne 1-5), 4:05 p.m.
Montreal (Johnson 4-4) at Florida (Cornelius 3-3), 7:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Person 5-2) at Pittsburgh (Arroyo 0-3), 7:05 p.m.
San Diego (Clement 9-8) at Colorado (Jarvis 2-4), 8:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games

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N.Y. Mets at Atlanta, 8:05 p.m.
San Francisco at Los Angeles, 8:10 p.m.

Texas loses to Angels by 6-1

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Apparently, these Anaheim Angels mean business.

Oliver

It's going to take a lot more than a beaning, an injured achilles or shoulder tendinitis to keep their regulars out of an entire game if they can still walk, swing a bat or throw a ball.

Mo Vaughn was temporarily stunned after taking an 88-mph fastball from Darren Oliver in the helmet during the first inning of Anaheim's 6-1 victory over the Texas Rangers on Thursday night. But he kept playing.

"I've been drilled before. I've been hit by Randy Johnson. It's no big deal," Vaughn said. "I played nine innings. I've known Darren for a long time, and I know he didn't do it intentionally."

Vaughn walked his next four times up to tie a club record. He also took an extra base in the third inning with a head-first slide after Troy Glaus' single was bobbled in left field by Rusty Greer, and hustled home on Bengie Molina's groundout.

Tim Salmon, who didn't start for the fourth straight game because of a sore left shoulder that required a cortisone injection on Monday, wasn't supposed to play again until Friday — and only as a DH.

Salmon wasn't even planning on being back in right field until the weekend. But there he was in the ninth inning as a defensive replacement.

Garret Anderson, scratched from the starting lineup just before the game because of a mild strain in his left achilles, entered as a pinch-hitter in the eighth.

The Angels are playing hard for rookie manager Mike Scioscia, and they find themselves with a chance to make the playoffs after a 70-92 finish in 1999.

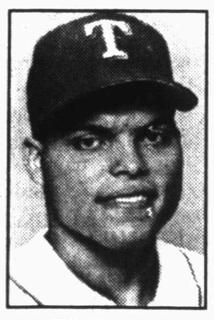
Anaheim is tied for second place with Oakland for the AL wild-card spot, only four games behind first-place Seattle in the West. They are eight games over .500 — without an everyday DH.

Salmon isn't too particular about how the Angels get to the postseason, as long as they get there for the first time since 1986 — when they were one pitch away from that elusive AL pennant they have been chasing since their first season in 1961.

Rookie Seth Etherton (5-1) allowed a run and six hits in 7 1-3 innings for his fifth victory in as many starts. The right-hander pitched through the seventh for the first time in his eight major league starts and didn't walk a batter until the eighth.

Facing a team that entered the game leading the AL with a .292 batting average, Etherton retired his first nine batters and held the Rangers to one hit in the first 4 1-3 innings — a bloop single by Luis Alicea.

"I made the pitches when I needed to. That's been the key to my success so far this year," said Etherton, who gave up his only run on an RBI single by Ivan Rodriguez in the sixth. "I've felt comfortable since my first start, and the confidence builds up a little more each time."



Rodriguez

Oliver (2-5) was activated earlier in the day after spending a month on the disabled list with tendinitis in his pitching shoulder. The left-hander was charged with four runs and seven hits in five innings — including Scott Spiezio's ninth homer in the second with the bases empty.

Notes: Shigetoshi Hasegawa, who relieved in the eighth and retired Rafael Palmeiro on an inning-ending double play, recorded his third save.

Lima wins second game for Astros

HOUSTON (AP) — Jose Lima won his second straight decision after losing 13 straight, and Lance Berkman hit a three-run double Thursday night to lead the Houston Astros over the Cincinnati Reds 6-2.

Cincinnati's Mike Bell struck out as a pinch hitter in the seventh inning, making his family the first to have three generations play for one major league team. Grandfather Gus Bell (1953-61) and father Buddy Bell (1985-88) previously played for the Reds.

Mark Wohlers returned to the major leagues for the first time since April 1999, making his Reds debut.

Wohlers, who had 33 saves for Atlanta in 1997 before losing his control the following year, walked six in two-thirds of an innings with the Braves last season, then was traded to the Reds for John Hudek on April 16, 1999.

Cincinnati put Wohlers on the disabled list with an anxiety disorder the following day, and he tore a ligament in his right elbow last June during a minor league rehabilitation assignment. Wohlers then had ligament replacement surgery.

The 30-year-old reliever pitched two hitless innings against the Braves, walked none and struck out two, throwing 14 pitches.

Lima (3-13), who won his first start April 5 against Pittsburgh, then didn't win until beating Kansas City on July 9. He didn't get a decision Saturday in Houston's 11-6 loss to Detroit.

Against Cincinnati, Lima allowed two runs and eight hits in 6 2-3 innings, struck out four and walked one as Houston stopped a three-game losing streak.

Lima escaped early trouble after allowing leadoff doubles in the second and third innings. The Reds broke up the shutout in the fifth on Eddie Taubensee's RBI single.

Barry Larkin's RBI double in the seventh chased Lima. Marc Valdes and Octavio Dotel finished with hitless relief.

Scott Williamson (3-7) allowed two runs — one earned — and two hits in three innings but walked four.

Houston took a 2-0 lead on Bill Spiers' RBI single in the second and Richard Hidalgo's run-scoring grounder in the third.

Berkman's double over the head of left fielder Dmitri Young made it 5-0 in the fourth.

Hidalgo's solo homer in the fifth off Scott Winchester made it 6-1.

Notes: Dante Bichette's second-inning double extended his hitting streak to 14 games. Sean Casey singled in the sixth, stretching his hitting streak to a career high 13 games. ... The Astros have 18 home sellouts in their first season at Enron Field, including Thursday's crowd of 42,554. The Astros have drawn 1.7 million through 45 home games.

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Sports Briefs

WGA Ladies Match Play

The Women's Golf Association of Snyder Country Club will host The Ladies Match Play Partership Saturday starting at 8 a.m. Lunch and awards will follow play. Also scheduled is the annual Raggedy Ann and Andy Tourney August 11-13.

Kiwanis Club tournament

Snyder Kiwanis Club will host the Cargile Scholarship Foundation Benefit Golf Tournament Aug. 5 at Western Texas College.

Format will be a four-person scramble, and entry fee is $30 per person. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top four teams, along with prizes for closest-to-the-hole and longest drive. $10,000 will be awarded for a hole-in-one.

To register, call the WTC pro shop at 573-9291, or Russell Fisk at 573-3438 or 573-3267.

Men's blowout partnership

The 12th annual Blowout Partnership will be held Aug. 25-27 at Snyder Country Club. The field will be limited to 60 teams, pre-flighted by combined handicap.

A practice round will be held Aug. 25. Saturday's format will be scramble, and Sunday's will be lowball.

Entry fee is $310 per team. Deadline to register is Aug. 18.

For more information, call the SCC pro shop at 573-7101.

Ranch hand competition

The second in a series of four ranch rodeos will be July 28-29 at the Rotan Sheriff Posse Arena. The top three teams from each rodeo will advance to the finals, to be held Oct. 6-7 in Snyder.

Events include team doctoring, team mugging, team penning, wild cow milking and calf branding. Other rodeo dates are Aug. 18-19 and Sept. 16-17.

For more information, call Terry Fowler at (915) 735-2989, Glen Overby at (915) 735-3669, or Larry Nachlinger at 573-2039.

SCC Junior Club Championship

The Snyder Country Club Junior Club Championship will be July 28. Entry fee is $10. Players must be 18-years-old or younger, and must be a member of the club. To register, call the SCC pro shop at 573-7101.

Adult-child tourney

An adult-child golf tournament will be held July 29 at Snyder Country Club. Cost is $20 per team, and includes a hamburger lunch. Players of all ages are welcome. To register, call the SCC pro shop at 573-7101.

Athletic physicals

All athletes needing to take a physical must do so by Aug. 4. 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 participating 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, the athletic director's office, or Steve Krueger.

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

WGA play day, swingers

The Women's Golf Association of Snyder Country Club will hold its weekly play day at 9 a.m. Tuesday. Format will be play the pro.

Also, the Friday mixed-foursomes event will begin at 5:30 p.m.

Horseshoe pitching

Snyder Slingers Horseshoe Club has league play at 7 p.m. Thursdays at the courts adjacent to the coliseum.

For more information, call T.C. Nunn at 573-6710 or Terry Duncan at 573-5589.

Underwood fighting sweet tooth in Cowboy camp

WICHITA FALLS (AP) — Dimitrius Underwood has controlled the demons that last year derailed his football career and nearly ended his life.

A few days into training camp with the Dallas Cowboys, Underwood is fighting a new urge: a sweet tooth.

Underwood's sugar cravings are a side effect of the medication he's taking to control acute bipolar disorder, the mental illness that haunted his brief, bizarre tenures in Minnesota and Miami.

Giving in to his hunger has left Underwood with a bundle of unwanted pounds, but it's a small price to pay considering he wouldn't be playing football — and maybe not even alive — without his daily pill.

"If I put them sweets down at the training table at night, I'd probably be all right," Underwood said, smiling.

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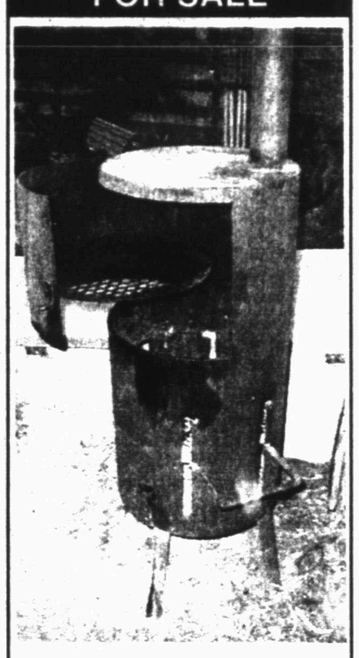

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Officer shoots unarmed black man

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — An officer shot a suspected car thief to death at the end of a high-speed chase, apparently firing at the unarmed black man within seconds after getting out of his cruiser, authorities said.

When asked why Officer Jared Kruse, shot 35-year-old George Bibins early Wednesday morning, Police Chief Don Carey said, "That's the crux of the investigation.

"We can't put our finger on the justification," Carey said Thursday.

Bibins had crashed the stolen Jeep into a telephone pole after an eight-minute chase that began when officers tried to pull him over for a traffic violation.

He was inside the Jeep when he was shot, Carey said. He died of a single gunshot wound to the upper torso.

A police camera videotape tells most of the story but Carey said it does not show Kruse, who is white, discharging his weapon. The videotape does include what sounds like a weapon being discharged, Carey said. The video was not released to the public.

Carey visited black community leaders before the news conference. City Councilman Frank Brown, who took part, said the leaders would probably issue a statement next week. Carey also met with some of Bibins' relatives.

"It was a waste of time, because I still don't have any answers," said Ruby Gordon, Bibins' half sister.

Bibins was released from prison July 10. It was his third prison stay in the last decade, mainly for theft and burglary convictions, according to police and prison records. His family said he had recently got a job at a car-detailing shop.

Carey said Kruse fired the single shot within "one or two seconds" of getting out of his police car.

"I can't speculate on what the officer perceived. I can only tell you there was no weapon in the vehicle," Carey said. "Our investigation of this incident to this point has raised some concerns."

The Douglas county attorney will investigate the shooting and a grand jury will be called, which is required under Nebraska law when someone dies in police custody.

Kruse and the officer with him, John Gruidel, have been removed from patrol duty and are working desk jobs while an internal department investigation is conducted. Carey said there is no evidence that Gruidel fired his weapon.

Bush interviewed on 'Larry King Live'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Cold War diplomatic veterans George Shultz, Henry Kissinger and Colin Powell are George W. Bush's vision of a great foreign policy team in a new administration, the GOP presidential hopeful says.

"Some of whom, you know, may be a part of the administration, but all of them are my supporters and friends," Bush teased during an interview aired Thursday on CNN's Larry King Live.

Also on Bush's list is his campaign's foreign policy chief, Condoleeza Rice, a Russian and Eastern European affairs specialist at the National Security Council during Bush's father's administration.

Powell, who was Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff during the Persian Gulf War, was reported to have said recently that he would consider serving in the Texas governor's cabinet. But said that "made me feel great."

Asked whether he'd consider tapping Powell for a cabinet post, Bush replied: "Of course.

"This is a man that's unbelievably experienced. He loves America," Bush said in the interview taped Wednesday for Thursday's show. "He's a powerful figure in American history already and still a young man. There's more for him to do."

The glimpse of Bush's possible Cabinet comes as he narrows his choices for a running mate and considers releasing a list of people he would want as his White House advisers.

Assembling an experienced group on foreign policy has been a top priority for the Texas governor after he muffed a pop quiz on overseas leaders and faced questions about whether he has enough diplomatic knowledge and experience to be president.

The names Bush floated in the interview would infuse his administration with people with first-hand institutional knowledge of the nation's recent military and diplomatic history, bracketed by the peak of the Cold War, it's death during Bush's father's term, and its legacy.

With advice from these luminaries and some of them at his side, Bush in May proposed a unilateral — although unspecified — cut in U.S. nuclear arms.

Despite the talk of foreign policy, Bush ruled out an overseas trip before Election Day. "I'm not going to go to other countries before the election," Bush said.

In the interview, the governor also:

—Declared that the Republican National Convention July 31-Aug. 3 "is not going to be a bitter convention" where Republican tear apart Democrat Al Gore. "He will be spared, because I want to spend time talking about what we intend to do," Bush said. But he acknowledged that "I may needle him a bit..."

—Brushed off reports that Sen. John McCain, who challenged him for the Republican nomination, intends to speak at a shadow convention of disenchanted Republicans. "It doesn't bother me, because I know that John is my friend and John wants me to win," Bush said. "I don't think John would do anything to undermine my candidacy."

—Said he does not believe that New York Senate candidate Hillary Clinton hates Jews, despite a report this week that she used a slur a quarter century ago. Clinton denied using the slur.

"I hope she doesn't get elected, I'm for (GOP candidate) Rick Lazio," Bush said. "But I just cannot believe that, you know, the politics of dredging up something that somebody alleges somebody said 26 years ago is relevant...I don't think Mrs. Clinton is anti-Semitic."

Voters to face fall full of distractions

WASHINGTON (AP) — Voters will have plenty of distractions this fall when the Olympics and baseball's postseason occur just as undecided voters normally begin to focus on the presidential campaign.

This could make it tougher to get voters' attention until the final few weeks of the campaign, analysts say, and increase the public focus on the presidential debates, which will still compete with baseball's playoffs.

Several recent polls have suggested voter interest in the campaigns is lower than in recent election years. One showed the number who do not plan to watch the political conventions, about four in 10, twice the number who said that four years ago.

"That suggests a low-interest electorate which can be readily seduced to watch fun events in place of boring politics," said Doris Graber, a University of Illinois-Chicago specialist in political communication. "Politicians know this and avoid scheduling major political events in time slots that compete with sports events. When they do, sports always wins."

Some sports fans, like 29-year-old Duane Dorsey of Whitehall, Pa., say they have no trouble following sports and the campaign at the same time. But Dorsey said it helps him focus on politics when his baseball team is struggling.

"I follow the Phillies, they're pretty much out of it," the office manager said, adding the political campaign would be more important to him anyway.

"If people are concerned about issues that go on around the country, they will pay attention to the campaign no matter what," Dorsey said. "It's a little more important than sports. It affects everyday life."

Unfortunately, not all Americans are as civic-minded as Dorsey. A recent poll by the Pew Research Center for the People and the Press suggested that three in 10 Americans are not convinced it makes a difference who is elected president, with even more adults under age 30 feeling that way. That may be a bigger problem than competition from sports events like the Olympics, scheduled for Sept. 15 to Oct. 1.

The Games, which will be televised on NBC, MSNBC and CNBC, are taking place later than usual because they are in the Southern Hemisphere, where it will still be early spring.

"My guess is that these Olympics probably will not get too much in the way of the campaigns," said Tom Rosenstiel, director of the Project for Excellence in Journalism. "I think the American public can hold two ideas in its head if it has a mind to."

Officials with both campaigns said their message will break through the sports distractions.

Andrew Kohut of the Pew Research Center said his polling suggests interest in the elections may not pick up until October, making this more like 1996 than 1992.

The baseball playoffs and World Series are that month, but "that's always with us," Rosenstiel said.

If the combination of low voter interest and sporting distractions makes October the key focus of the campaign, that could magnify the importance of the presidential debates scheduled that month.

"I think you'll see more attention paid during the month of October and particularly in the debates," said Norman Ornstein, a political analyst at the American Enterprise Institute, a Washington think tank. "If you don't know the candidates, debates become a place you can engage them side by side."

The commission that schedules presidential debates had to work hard to find openings for the presidential and vice presidential debates because of competition from the Olympics, baseball and prime time pro football, said John Scardino, spokesman for the commission.

"The window was from mid-September to mid-October for the debates," Scardino said. "You've got the Olympics that run from mid-September to the end, then you've got ABC with commitments on NFL coverage ... then you've got Rosh Hashanah, then NBC and Fox have baseball commitments beginning in early October.

"It was extremely difficult to find the dates," he said, noting the presidential debates are set for Oct. 3 in Boston, Oct. 11 at Winston Salem, N.C., and Oct. 17 in St. Louis. A vice presidential debate is set Oct. 5 in Danville, Ky.

'Generation X' star is really a blonde

NEW YORK (AP) — Winona Ryder has a confession: The dark-haired Generation X movie star is really a blonde.

Ryder tells Harper's Bazaar magazine she started dying her blond hair blue and purple when she was 11 or 12.

"When I auditioned for (the movie) 'Lucas,' my hair was black and they wanted to keep it," she said in an interview for the August issue.

Ryder appears in the forthcoming movie "Autumn in New York" opposite Richard Gere.

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	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp s	32	31 13-16	31 13-16 +	3-16
AT&T Corp	33⅜	32⅝	33 5-16 —	1-16
Albertsons	31½	31	31¼ +	⅛
Alltel	63⅛	62⅛	62⅛ —	13-16
AmerOnline s	59⅞	58 3-16	58¼ —	3 5-16
AndarkPtr	47 15-16	46 7-16	46 11-16 —	1 1-16
ATMOS Egy	20 5-16	20	20 —	5-16
Aviall	5½	5 5-16	5 5-16 —	3-16
BP Amoco s	52 3-16	51 7-16	51 9-16 —	1
BakerHughes	33 7-16	32½	32 13-16 —	⅜
Bank of Amer	49 3-16	48⅛	48⅝ +	¼
BellSouth	40 7-16	39 7-16	39 11-16 —	3-16
Beth Steel	3 15\16	3⅞	3⅞	
BurlNoSFe	25 9-16	25 1-16	25½ +	¾
Caterpillar	37 3-16	36⅞	37 —	1-16
Chevron	80¼	79½	79¾ —	¼
Citigroup	72	70⅛	71⅝ +	1 1-16
Coastal	62 1-16	60⅝	60 11-16 —	1 1-16
CocaCola	60 15-16	60 7-16	60 13-16 +	5-16
ColgatePal	56 9-16	55⅜	56 9-16 +	1 3-16
CrncllMetals	28 1-16	27⅞	27⅞ —	¼
Cooperin	34 3-16	33½	33¾ +	3-16
DaimlrChry	55 13-16	55⅛	55⅛ —	¾
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DeltaAirl	54½	54 1-16	54 5-16 +	7-16
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DowChem s	30 39-64	29¾	30⅜ +	⅝
DuPont	44 15-16	44⅛	44 7-16 +	9-16
EastmanChem	47½	47 1-16	47⅜ +	9-16
EstKodak	59 9-16	57 15-16	58 5-16 —	1 9-16
EDS Corp	44⅝	43 11-16	43¾ —	3-16
Entergy	31 1-16	30⅞	30 15-16 +	¼
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GenMotors	60¼	60 5-16	60 7-16 +	5-16
GaPacGP	25 9-16	25 5-16	25½ +	¼
GlobalMar	27 15-16	27⅛	27 3-16 —	15-16
Goodrich	33¾	32 9-16	33⅝ +	⅞
Goodyear s	21¾	21¼	21 5-16	
GtAtlPac	15½	15¼	15 5-16 +	1-16
Halliburtn	45 3-16	43½	43 9-16 —	1 9-16
Hanson ADS	32⅛	32⅛	32 13-16 +	1-16
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Liton	47 7-16	46 1-16	46 1-16 —	1⅜
LockheedM	26 11-16	26 3-16	26 9-16 —	3-16
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LucentTech	53 13-16	51⅛	51 13-16 —	2 7-16
MayDeptStr	26½	26	26⅛ —	1-16
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SherwinW	21 13-16	21 7-16	21 9-16 —	3-16
SmithkiBchm	60⅝	60⅛	60½ —	9-16
SouthernCo	25 5-16	25⅛	25¼ +	⅛
SwstAirl	21¾	21	21 11-16 +	¾
SprintFON	43 3-16	42	42 7-16 —	⅛
SprintPCS s	64 15-16	63⅞	63 15-16 —	7-16
Sunoco Inc	28⅛	27⅝	27¾ —	7-16
TXU Corp	31 13-16	31 5-16	31⅜ +	5-16
TempleInland	42 7-16	40 15-16	42 7-16 +	1½
Texaco	50 15-16	49 11-16	49¾ —	15-16
TexInd	30 13-16	30⅜	30 13-16 —	3-16
TexasInst s	65⅞	61½	61 15-16 —	4 1-16
Textron	60 3-16	58⅞	59 1-16 —	13-16
TriconGlbR	27⅞	27 7-16	27 9-16 —	¼
TrinityInds	19 5-16	19	19 1-16	
TritonEngy	37⅞	37⅛	37¼ —	½
TylerTech	2 13-16	2¾	2 13-16 +	1-16
USX-Marathn	26½	25⅛	25¼ —	3-16
USX-USS	19¼	18¾	18¾ —	1-16
UnCarbide	47 11-16	46⅜	47 5-16 +	1 3-16
UnionPacif	42 1-16	41¾	41⅞ —	1-16
UnitedTech	58¾	57⅜	58⅜ +	1
Unocal	30 5-16	29	29 5-16 —	13-16
Venator Grp	13⅝	13¼	13¼ —	3-16
VerizonComm	47⅞	45⅞	47¾ +	3¾
WalMart	60½	59 13-16	59 15-16 —	1-16
WellsFargo	43½	43	43 7-16 +	⅛
WstnGasRs	20 9-16	19 15-16	20 —	½
WinnDixie	14 11-16	14½	14½	
Xerox Cp	19 7-16	19	19 3-16 —	3-16

Local Interest STOCKS

Patterson	25 1/8	-1 1/4
Dell	52 1/4	-9/16
Wal Mart	59 15/16	-1/16
Compac	27 7/8	+1/16
Dol. Gen.	20 1/8	+3/16
GTE	62 1/4	+3/16
SBC Comm.	43 5/8	+1/2
BJ Services	64 13/16	-1 9/16
LU	51 1/2	-2 11/16
Cisco Sys.	68 13/16	-11/16

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Carolina man convicted in trial linked to the Freemen

ASHEVILLE, N.C. (AP) — A leader of North Carolina's so-called patriot movement has been convicted of fraud and trying to pay off debts and back taxes with fake checks obtained from the Montana Freemen.

Jurors took less than three hours Thursday to convict Peter Stern, 57, on seven federal charges, including conspiracy, obstructing the Internal Revenue Service and threatening to kidnap two federal judges.

Stern could face more than 60 years in prison at sentencing.

Stern said he thought documents he obtained from the Montana Freemen were legitimate financial instruments. He said he never intended to defraud anyone by passing fake checks.

Nine Freemen were convicted in 1998 of conspiring against the nation's banking system. Two dozen Freemen members held FBI agents at bay at their compound for 81 days in 1996 before surrendering.

Stern attended a seminar with the Freemen in 1995.

"He came back (from Montana) with a whole idea of how to stick it to the government," Assistant U.S. Attorney David Brown told jurors.

Stern owed $90,000 in taxes and penalties before he began flooding the agency with documents and questions, Brown said. IRS agents said Stern has not paid federal income taxes since 1981.

Even when bank officials and others told Stern the documents were fake, he kept using them. "He did not want to know they were bogus," Brown said.

Stern testified that he spent hours researching federal codes, regulations and case law involving federal income taxes. He said tax forms are invalid and described why he has refused to pay.

Defense attorney Gerald Aurillo described Stern as a "a plain old guy looking for answers" against "a big government that won't give him answers." Aurillo accused prosecutors of trying to make Stern look like "a radical, crazy, right-wing nut."

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Church reformer John Calvin was born in 1509.

Judge bans fishing in order to protect Alaskan sea lions

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — Saying federal officials haven't done enough to protect Steller sea lions, a federal judge has banned trawl fishing in Alaska waters deemed critical habitat for the endangered mammals.

U.S. District Judge Thomas Zilly of Seattle ruled Thursday that trawling for pollock, cod and other fish poses a "reasonably certain threat of imminent harm" to the sea lions.

The ban takes effect Aug. 8.

"This is a very good day for Steller sea lions," said Janis Searles, an attorney with the Earthjustice Legal Defense Fund, which represented plaintiffs Greenpeace USA, American Oceans Campaign and Sierra Club in their lawsuit against the National Marine Fisheries Service.

Steller sea lion numbers in the region have dropped more than 80 percent in the past 35 years, from an estimated 230,000 animals in 1965 to 34,000 today.

Zilly agreed with the environmental groups that groundfishing may be harming sea lions by reducing their food supply and disrupting their foraging patterns. But he also said the efforts of the fisheries service haven't stopped the slide.

The trawling ban could cost the fishing industry about $100 million for the rest of this year, and more than $175 million in the first half of 2001, according to the At-Sea Processors Association, which represents catcher-processor vessels.

Disturbances expected during animal scientists' conference

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — An animal genetics conference is expected to draw not only hundreds of scientists from around the world but also a swarm of protesters who want to end what they call exploitation of animals.

Anticipating demonstrations at the International Society of Animal Genetics conference, police have bought more than 100 suits of riot gear and are consulting with Seattle officials who dealt with riots at last year's World Trade Organization meeting.

"We are preparing for any stage of what might happen," Chief Robert Olson said Thursday, a day before scientists arrive.

At least two animal rights groups have said that they are organizing protests and will do whatever is necessary to end what they call the exploitation of animals and dangerous manipulation of genetic material.

"It's turning animals into machines for profit, even more so than they are already," said Matt Bullard, a spokesman for the University of Minnesota-based Student Organization for Animal Rights.

The Web site of the Upper Midwest Resistance Against Genetic Engineering, or GrainRAGE, said the meeting is a "good excuse to rail against one of the foundations of our death-culture."

The group has posted a "Stop the mad scientists!" schedule and called for a "shut 'em down" event.

The society shares information on gene mapping to enhance animals' health and resistance to disease.

Organizers say the biennial conference, being held in the United States for the first time, has never been confronted by demonstrations.

"It's just a bunch of scientists getting together and reporting what they're working on," said Brian Kirkpatrick, ISAG secretary and animal-science professor at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where the organization is based.

Doctor to pay for false billings to Medicaid

HOUSTON (AP) — A Houston pediatrician has been ordered to pay almost $1.5 million in damages and civil penalties for falsely billing Medicaid for unperformed tests.

Dr. William Harold Mack, 65, who called himself "the Medicaid doctor" and operated two area clinics that screened poor children, submitted more than $230,000 in billing for unperformed tests.

He also billed Medicaid and the Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services for procedures at his own uncertified laboratory, according to Friday's editions of the Houston Chronicle.

U.S. Magistrate Judge Nancy Johnson's order, signed Wednesday, said Mack must pay $773,847 in damages and a $725,000 civil penalty. Mack had clinics in central and southwest Houston, said Assistant U.S. Attorney Michelle Zingaro. One clinic has since closed.

As a Medicaid provider, Mack was required to provide blood tests outlined by the Texas Health Steps Program. The tests were designed to detect childhood illnesses, such as sickle cell anemia and lead poisoning, that are treatable if found early.

Texas Attorney General John Cornyn, whose office investigated Mack, said Johnson's order is a signal to those who try to steal from Medicaid.

Date Book

Friday, July 21, 2000

Today is the 203rd day of 2000 and the 32nd day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1946, an FD-1 Phantom became the first jet airplane to land on a ship. The plane landed on the carrier "Franklin D. Roosevelt," near Cape Henry, Va.

On this day in 1954, Vietnam was divided into northern and southern regions by a treaty between France and the Viet-Minh.

On this day in 1983, martial law ended in Poland.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Hart Crane (1899-1932), poet; Ernest Hemingway (1899-1961), writer; Marshall McLuhan (1911-1980), mass-media expert; Isaac Stern (1920-), violinist, is 80; Don Knotts (1924-), actor, is 76; Norman Jewison (1926-), producer-director, is 74; Robin Williams (1952-), comedian-actor, is 48; Jon Lovitz (1957-), comedian, is 43; Tom Chambers (1959-), basketball player, is 41.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1963, Jack Nicklaus won the PGA golf tournament in Dallas, Texas.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Truth is the cry of all, but the game of the few." — George Berkeley

TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (July 16) and last quarter (July 24).

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Quitting smokers deal with cravings

DEAR DR. GOTT: I've been a smoker since high school. Now I'm 58 and trying to quit. How long does it take for the nicotine to leave your system?

DEAR READER: Once you have stopped smoking or chewing tobacco, the nicotine disappears from your body in a relatively short time, on the order of two or three days. However, a physical craving for the drug may last up to four weeks. Worse, the psychological craving may remain for months or years.

Given this information, you can readily appreciate the advantages — and drawbacks — of nicotine supplements in patch form or in chewing gum. These products unquestionably help smokers to abstain during the initial phases of withdrawal. But — and this is a big "but" — to stop smoking successfully, you'll have to address the issue of psychological addiction as well. For example, most smokers enjoy a cigarette at predictable times: when stressed, after that first cup of coffee in the morning, following a satisfying meal, in the car on the way home from work — I don't have to go into this; you know the drill. To stop successfully (and avoid white-knuckle anxiety), you will have to deal with the habit part of the addiction, too. This may mean changing some of your everyday activities, such as taking a walk after eating and forbidding yourself a cigarette in the car. This is the reason that support groups, such as Smoke Enders, are so useful; they help people break bad habits that are only indirectly related to nicotine itself. From the sound of your question, you are choosing to take some steps to improve your health. Congratulations on your good work.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My sister-in-law has just been diagnosed with ataxia. What is this? She has difficulty with coordination and speech.

DEAR READER: Ataxia means a weakness or inability to coordinate the movements of standing and walking. It is caused by damage to the spinal cord or brain, resulting from an array of disorders that includes nerve injury, neurological diseases, drug toxicity, infections and tumors.

Treatment of ataxia depends on the underlying condition. This can be simple (avoiding drugs and alcohol) or difficult (as in the management of injuries).

I'm somewhat concerned that your sister-in-law also has speech difficulties (dysphasia). This indicates to me that her walking/standing difficulties are simply a part of a more complex picture of neurological malfunction. For example, the nerves of speech are completely different from the nerves of locomotion. Thus, her nerve deficit appears to exceed mere ataxia. I'd begin to worry about serious neurological disorders, such as multiple sclerosis, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (Lou Gehrig's disease) or stroke.

Rather than being satisfied with the simple term of ataxia, you and your family should meet with your sister-in-law's physician to obtain a complete explanation of what is wrong and what can be done about it. To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Multiple Sclerosis." 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: When I touch my tongue to various parts of my body, they are salty. Is this something to worry about?

DEAR READER: Our bodies constantly secrete small quantities of salty perspiration. As the moisture evaporates, trace amount of salt are left on the skin which, when licked, give a characteristic taste. This is normal. Don't worry about it.

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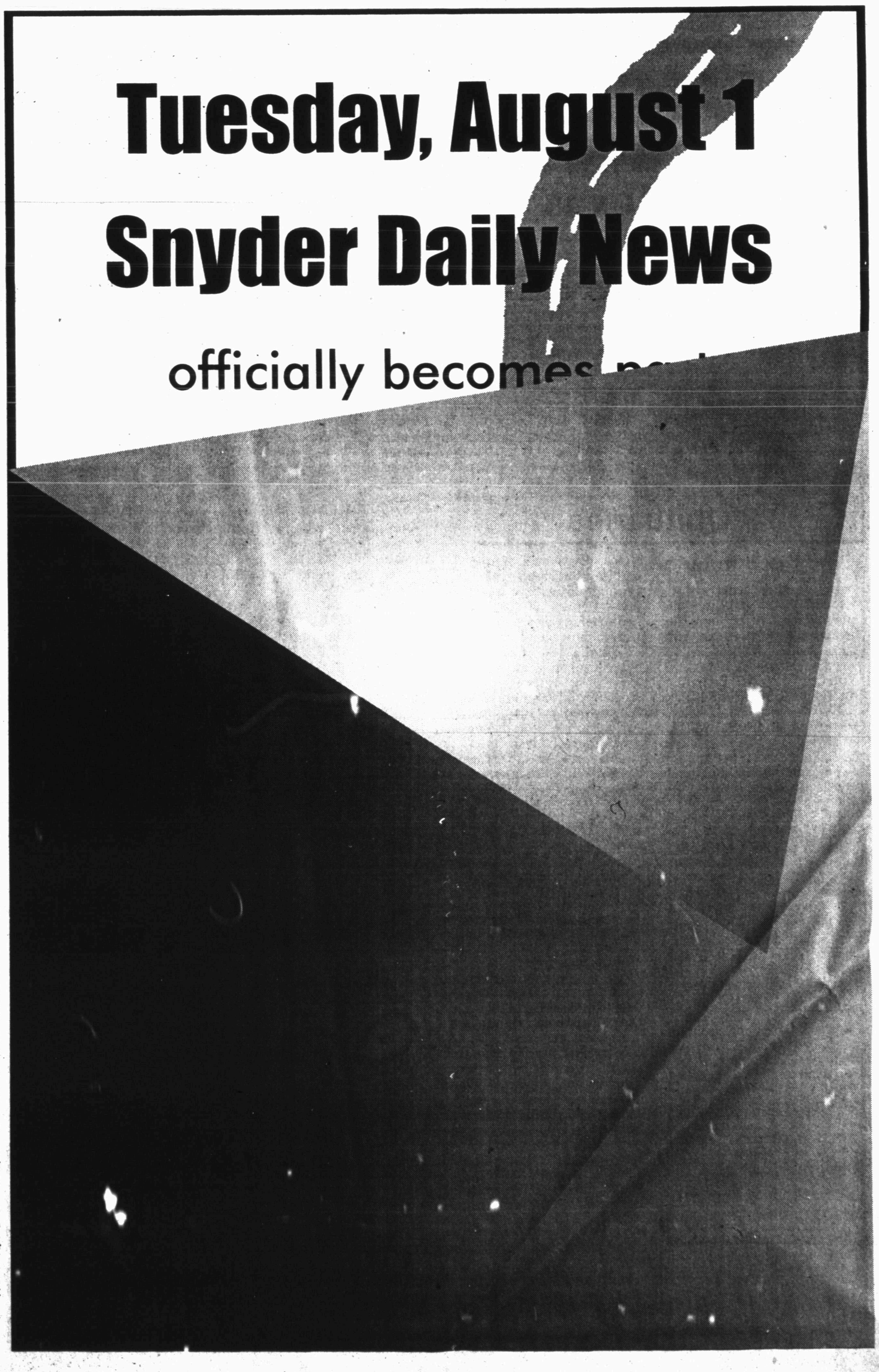

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Mideast negotiations at crucial stage

THURMONT, Md. (AP) — Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak has approved a plan to share administrative control of Jerusalem's Palestinian neighborhoods, an Israeli Cabinet minister said Friday. The United States is trying to sell the offer to the Palestinians.

The fate of the Camp David summit could hinge on whether Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat will accept the proposal or hold out for sovereignty over east Jerusalem, which would be the capital of a Palestinian state.

A member of Barak's Cabinet, Diaspora Affairs Minister Michael Melchior, told Israel Radio from Jerusalem that Israel could accept "a certain administrative autonomy solution" for Muslim quarters.

Barak had signaled even before the start of the summit, now in its 11th day, that some Arab areas outside Jerusalem could be joined to those within it, in exchange for Israel's absorbing some Jewish settlements.

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, drawing on a kinship forged from frequent encounters with Israeli and Palestinian leaders, settled into her temporary role as lead mediator at the contentious summit.

Albright, who stepped in for President Clinton after he left for a weekend economic summit in Japan, met twice Thursday with both Arafat and Barak, a U.S. official said Thursday evening.

She arranged to meet Friday with her staff, and then meet separately either with the Israeli and Palestinian negotiating teams or with Barak and Arafat again.

At the summit in Okinawa, Japan, Clinton refused to characterize whether he was growing more optimistic about a Middle East settlement. "All I can tell you is that they are still talking and that consistent with our rules, I am still not talking," Clinton said Friday. "But I am hopeful."

Dalia Itzik, Minister of the environment and a member of the Israeli cabinet, said Barak told her on the phone that negotiations were at a critical stage, but that an agreement was still possible. On Israel army radio, Itzik quoted Barak as saying: "The Palestinians were not prepared enough, and did not make the breakthroughs I expected from them. I'm telling you, this is a real crisis. However, I'm staying here to try and bring about an agreement, and it is quite possible that will happen, even though the way is strewn with obstructions."

On the 10th day of talks at the secluded presidential retreat, American officials declined to discuss the substance of the negotiations, but said Albright's mandate was to propel the talks forward in Clinton's absence.

"She will try to close the gaps" between the two sides, her spokesman Richard Boucher told reporters. "It's clear that we want to use this period productively."

Senate OKs GOP tax cut for couples

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Republican election-year tax cut for millions of married couples won final Senate approval Friday, sending the bill to the White House, where it faces a threatened veto by President Clinton.

Prior to the 60-34 vote, GOP sponsors sought to portray their confrontation over the "marriage penalty" bill with Clinton as a choice between more government spending and a return of growing tax overpayments to taxpayers.

"The issue is whether he will or won't grant America's families the tax relief they deserve," said Sen. William Roth, R-Del., chairman of the Senate Finance Committee. "Let's divorce the marriage penalty from the tax code once and for all."

Seven Democrats joined all but one Republican in voting for the bill; which passed the House on Thursday. Neither margin was sufficient to override a veto, meaning the issue will likely be a centerpiece of this year's election campaign debate over how to use the projected budget surplus.

"Once again, our Republican friends are using an attractive label like the marriage penalty as a cover for unjustified tax breaks for the wealthy, and at the expense of urgently needed priorities like prescription drug coverage for our senior citizens," said Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass.

The measure would cut taxes for about virtually all married couples, beginning this year, at a cost of $292 billion over 10 years.

TXU Electric, FPL energy to build W. Texas wind turbines

DALLAS (AP) — TXU Electric & Gas has decided to put West Texas' winds to use.

In a deal announced Wednesday, TXU Electric said in conjunction with FPL Energy it will build, own and operate 242 wind turbines in West Texas that are expected to power about 29,000 Texas homes, company officials said Wednesday.

"New technologies and economies of scale make this a clean, cost-efficient source, and we're very pleased to be supporting renewable energy for TXU Electric customers," said Daryl Thomas, Snyder's local manager.

Construction on the 160-megawatt project will begin late this year and begin providing renewable energy from the 166-foot-tall wind turbines by the end of next year. Officials would not release the location of the turbines because land still is being acquired.

FPL Energy will supply 500 million-kilowatt hours of electricity each year, according to the contract.

"This project will be a major addition to our use of wind energy, and it clearly solidifies TXU Electric as a renewable energy leader in America," said Steve Philley, TXU Electric vice president.

FPL Energy currently operates wind farms in five states with 974 megawatts of capacity. The company expects to add 500 to 1,000 megawatts of wind energy projects by late 2001.

Wind turbines generate electricity by winds turning the turbine blades and a shaft, which is connected to a generator. The electrical energy is then carried through transmission lines to customers.

"Newer technologies and economies of scale make this a clean, cost-efficient energy source, and we're very pleased to be supporting renewable energy," Philley said.

TXU Electric is a subsidiary of TXU. TXU is one of the largest investor-owned energy companies in the world. TXU delivers energy to 9 million customers in Texas, the United Kingdom and continental Europe and Australia.

FPL Energy is an independent power production subsidiary of Florida Power & Light Company. Florida Power & Light is one of the nation's largest providers of electricity-related services, with about 3.8 million customer accounts in Florida.

On the Net:
http://www.txu.com
http://www.fplgroup.com
http://www.fpl.com
http://www.fplenergy.com
http://www.fplfibernet.com

Fight leads to five arrests in Snyder

• ***Fight***

A fight in the parking lot of Town & Country on East Coliseum Drive early this morning led to the arrest of five subjects.

Officers received a call at 2:53 a.m. reporting that several subjects were outside the store involved in a disturbance and that they had weapons.

An 18-year-old man was arrested for public intoxication and minor in possession while a 17-year-old male was arrested for consumption of alcohol by a minor.

Another 17-year-old male was jailed on charges of unlawfully carrying a weapon. Two male juveniles, ages 14 and 16 were taken to the police department for unlawfully carrying weapons, public intoxication and probation violation.

The two juveniles were later transferred to the Texson juvenile detention center in Sweetwater.

Cpl. Brian Peterson said the weapons involved were baseball bats and knives.

• ***Runaway***

A Department of Public Safety trooper transported a 17-year-old male who was reported as a runaway in Williamson County to the Law Enforcement Center at 8 a.m. He was later released to his grandparents.

• ***Car shoepolished***

A woman requested an officer in the 3100 block of 40th Street at 11:02 a.m. Thursday in reference to someone shoepolishing her car. There was no damage to the vehicle and the woman requested a close patrol of the area.

• ***Bicycle found***

A bicycle was found in the 2100 block of Avenue M at 9:02 p.m. Thursday.

• ***Driving while intoxicated***

Officers arrested a 39-year-old man in the 900 block of Avenue R at 8:30 p.m. Thursday for misdemeanor DWI.

Minor reunion set

The Samuel T. and Mattie Minor family reunion will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday at the Family Life Center at First Baptist Church. Friends are welcome.

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Obituaries

H.H. Buchanan

1925-2000

Houston H. Buchanan, lifetime resident of Snyder, died Wednesday, July 19, in Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene after a lengthy illness.

Service for Mr. Buchanan, 74, is set for 10 a.m. Saturday in Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

The Rev. Miller Robinson, retired Baptist minister, will officiate.

Mr. Buchanan was born on Sept. 12, 1925 in Scurry County and married Helen Mae Dunning in 1945 in Sioux Falls, S.D. She died in 1968. He retired from Chevron Oil in 1972, later owning and operating Massey Ferguson Implement Co. in Snyder. He was a veteran of World War II serving in the Army Air Corp. Mr. Buchanan was a member of Colonial Hill Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Velma Thompson; and three brothers, Billy James Buchanan, Doyle Nitchel Buchanan and Jesse Buchanan.

Survivors include two daughters and sons-in-law, Barbara and Jack Daniels of Rockport and Anita and Stanley Corvin of Elizabethtown, Ky.; one sister, Jewel Moore of San Angelo; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Harold and Janelle Buchanan of Snyder and Kenneth and Nita Buchanan of Eldorado, Tex.; one grandson, Jason; one step granddaughter, Debra Ann; two step grandsons, Jack Jr. and Lyndon; and four step great-grandchildren.

The family will greet friends at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home from 7-8 p.m. today.

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Joy Dean Panter

1936-2000

SWEETWATER — Joy Dean Panter, 63, of Sweetwater, former Snyder resident, died Thursday, July 20, in Abilene Regional Hospital.

Graveside service is set for 10 a.m. Saturday in the Sweetwater Cemetery under the direction of Cate-Spencer & Trent Funeral Home. The Rev. Malcolm Brown will officiate.

Mrs. Panter was a nurse's aide and had lived in Snyder for about 15 years.

Survivors include three daughters, Valrie Ussery of Eldon, Mo., Julie Isett of Lubbock and Tammie Segura of Sweetwater; two sons, Robbie Ray Panter of San Angelo, Johnnie Dean Panter of Sweetwater; two sisters, Gunda Sanders of Jemez Springs, N.M., and Audrey Croche of Farmington, N.M.; two brothers, Mike Dahl of Farmington and Rue Gaylean of Bixby, Okla; nine grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and several aunts, uncles and cousins in Snyder.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: July 20—Brandi Flores, Judy Gann, Bradley Johnson and Fred Wilkinson.

DISMISSALS: Arturo Amador, Inez Beaver, Bobby Bradford, Pete Jalomos, Billy Reeves, Brianna Segura, Raymond Guzman, Otis Kincheloe and Fred Wilkinson.

CENSUS: 35 (Med./Surg.-8, Long-term Care-25, OB-1 and Nursery-1).

Births

Brandi Flores of Snyder announces the birth of her son at 10:37 p.m. on July 20 at Cogdell Memorial Hospital. He weighed seven pounds, 7½ ounces.

events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Lucky 13 bake sale

Lucky 13 Club will hold a bake sale from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Saturday at Wal-Mart.

Carwash Saturday

A car wash will begin at 8:30 a.m. Saturday at Wal-Mart for Christina Arellano, queen candidate. Donations suggested are $5 for cars, and $7 for trucks and vans. Proceeds benefit Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Dance slated Saturday

Dance to the rhythmical sounds of Zabor Saturday at the Latin American Center. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Admission is $5 per person and $8 for couple. Kids 12 and under are free. Proceeds will benefit Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Another car wash

A car wash to benefit Hermleigh High School cheerleaders is planned from 10 a.m. to about 4 p.m. Saturday at Long John Silver's.

SHS 1980 class reunion

Snyder High School's class of 1980 will have a homecoming dance from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday at the Country Club. Classmates, teachers and friends invited. Admission is $5 each.

Medical Funds set up

Medical funds have been established at American State Bank and West Texas State Bank for Jamie Justiss to help defray medical expenses. He is the son of Matt and Barbara Arnett of Fluvanna and the grandson of Robert and Mary Langford of Snyder.

Genealogy Society meeting

Scurry County Genealogy Society will elect officers at its next meeting, Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Scurry County Library. Visitors are always welcome and members are encouraged to attend this meeting.

Kings Kids registration

Registration for Kings Kids and Mothers Day Out is underway for next school year at First Baptist Church. The program is for children one to four-years-old, and pre-K. Call 573-5683 or 573-7401 or come by 1701 27th St. for more information.

Joy School pre-registration

Pre-registration for Joy School is now underway. Joy School will be accepting infants through pre-K five days a week. For more information, call 573-3554.

Sonshine School registration

Pre-registration for Sonshine School at 37th Street Church of Christ is in progress. The classes begin Aug. 15 for ages two to five and will be held Tuesday and Thursday. For more information, call Lora Lord at 573-1700, or the church office at 573-0154.

Bible study tapes

Bible study tapes air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "Responsibilities of a Father," followed by "Great Is Our God."

LVN class testing

Students wishing to enroll in the fall Licensed Vocational Nursing class at Western Texas College should contact the counseling office to arrange for the pre-entrance exam to be given through Tuesday. Interviews will be conducted through Aug. 7. For more information, call the counseling office at 573-8511, ext. 313.

GED exams

GED examinations will be administered Thursday in the testing center at WTC. Call Emily Hataway at 574-2112 or Molly Kattes at 573-2919 for more information.

FBC worship service

The First Baptist Church Sunday morning worship service airs at 3 p.m. every Thursday on TV Channel 2.

SHS class of 1975 reunion

Members of the class of 1975 are urged to send in reservations for the class reunion to Karen Wadleigh at 1906 30th St., or call 573-8455, by July 28. The reunion is Aug. 5.

Bible Club

Northside Missionary Baptist Church will be having a Bible Club for grades 1-6 from 1-3 p.m July 31-Aug. 4. The church is located at 1909 16th St. For more information, call 573-7105.

Holiday poems sought

Mesquite Country Writers Guild is soliciting original, short holiday poems for its quarterly poetry newsletter, "Bards of A Feather." The deadline is Aug. 15. Submissions may be mailed to 9221 S. Hwy. 208 in Hermleigh, 79526, or e-mailed to dade@bigcountry.net.

Northeast Elementary cookbooks

Copies of the Northeast Elementary millennium cookbook are still available for $7. Call Diane Arnold at 573-2159.

Computer courses

A variety of computer courses are being offered this summer by the Continuing Ed division of WTC. Call 573-8511, ext. 390, for a list of classes.

Cancer treatment transportation

Transportation for cancer patients is available every day free of charge to Lubbock, Abilene or Midland. For more information call Martha Schiebel at 573-8626 or Sammie Jarrell at 573-5993. If not home, leave message on answering machine.

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Thursday by the Texas Lottery:
9-19-25-34-37

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
9-4-8