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At least 1.7%...

City ends budget talks; employees to get raise

By Wade Warren
Managing Editor

City employees will get at least a 1.7 percent salary increase next year as the city council agreed last evening to include the increase in the 1999-2000 budget.

Employees will also be eligible for merit raises as the council indicated it would also include enough funds to support the merit raises.

The total amount of the proposed pay hikes, which added a total of two percent in personnel costs, is $53,555 in a projected budget of $8,786,630.

When budget talks began, no salary increases were proposed.

But at the conclusion of last week's regular city council meeting, councilman James Ashley said he would like the city to provide figures on what a 1.7 percent salary increase would total.

Ashley said he felt the increase is necessary for municipal employees to keep up with the rate of inflation.

Last evening, Ashley indicated he would like to see the 1.7 percent figure included in the upcoming budget.

Councilman Terry Martin said he did not have any problems adjusting salaries to the inflation rate, but would like to see the city continue with its merit raise program implemented last year.

"I think the merit pay program is good because it awards city employees who work hard," said Martin.

Councilman James Jenkins said he is not particularly in favor of a merit plan this year, but actually favored an across-the-board plan of a two-percent increase.

Martin said he favored a plan which included an across-the-board raise and a merit raise, as well.

Following additional discussion, Mayor Dayton Robertson polled the council and they all indicated favor for the 1.7 percent across-the-board hike, and a .3 percent increase in merit raise funds.

Merit raises can vary, but the maximum increase is six-percent.

During the discussion of salary increases, Martin asked City Manager John Gayle if all city employees received merit raises in the previous budget.

Gayle replied that not all employees received merit raises, but he did not know exactly how many did not.

Martin also said he would like to see a "leveling out" of salaries of employees doing similar work.

Gayle said parity is not something that can be achieved in the short run, but the city administration would have a plan in next year's budget to resolve the parity question.

"It's not a one-sentence fix," agreed Robertson.

Tuesday's meeting ended the budget work for the council and what remains is plugging in the appraisal district's final tax roll numbers, and figures associated with refinancing water and sewer bonds.

The city will meet Tuesday to discuss the refinancing proposal.

Mayor Robertson touched lightly on the refinancing of the bonds, and said the city would not realize much savings this year because of one-time costs association with refinancing.

Robertson did say the city would realize a cash-flow advantage in future years if the bonds are refinanced.

Robertson presided during the workshop, and all council members were in attendance to include Ashley, Jenkins, Martin, Jerry Webb, Vernest Tippens and I.E. Martin.

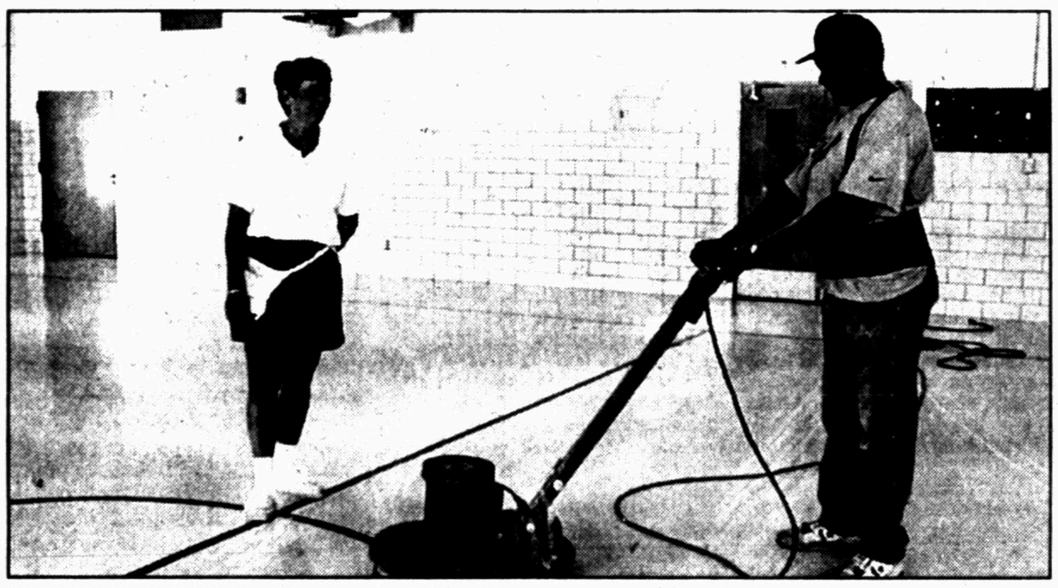
Hermleigh ISD has routine meeting

The only action item on Hermleigh ISD trustee's agenda Tuesday night was approved as the vocational agriculture teacher will continue on a 12-month contract.

Supt. Jerry Church said the board had considered shortening the contract of Richard Smith to 11-months, but voted to keep it at the present 12.

Church said the board also discussed the school's health insurance program, but not all expected bids were received and no action was taken.

Church also reported on the district's TAAS results, and said preliminary reports indicated the district was up in all areas.



SCHOOL WORK GOES ON — Brady Cobb polishes the gym floor at Stanfield Elementary as Anita Hopkins looks on. SISD employees are working to finish 10 school gym floors before school starts. They will work on the high school gym floors next week followed by the Snyder Junior High School gyms.

Crude oil futures end day highest since 1997

By The Associated Press

Crude oil futures prices finished above $20 a barrel Tuesday on the New York Mercantile Exchange for the first time since 1997 as investors bet inventories will continue to tighten.

On other markets, silver and copper futures retreated sharply.

Crude rose to its highest levels since Nov. 19, 1997 as a refinery outage on the West Coast fueled new concern about tightening inventories of crude, gasoline and distillates.

Chevron shut its 65,000 barrel a day gas-making unit at its Richmond, Calif., refinery over the weekend due to a mechanical problem and was forced to heavily buy gasoline on the spot market to make up for an expected shortfall, market participants said.

The news pushed crude past $20 a barrel, where it had stubbornly hovered for weeks, as investors squared positions in advance of weekly inventory data, which was expected to show another decline in crude stockpiles.

Crude inventories have been on the retreat, according to the American Petroleum Institute and the U.S. Energy Department, as world oil producers show unusual cooperation in keeping excess supplies off the market.

Such action in the past month has helped erase a year-over-year surplus and spurred talk that supplies of gasoline and heating oil may become critically tight later this year.

The American Petroleum Institute reported after the close of Tuesday's trading, that the nation's crude oil inventories fell from 327.22 million barrels to 324.63 million in the week ended July 9, while gasoline supplies slipped to 212.79 million barrels, from 214.69 a week earlier.

Crude for August delivery rose 24 cents to $20.15 a barrel; August heating oil rose .57 cent to 51.72 cents a gallon; August unleaded gasoline rose .18 cent to 59.77 cents a gallon; August natural gas rose .32 cent to $2.176 for each 1,000 cubic feet.

Copper futures fell sharply on the New York Mercantile Exchange as warehouse inventories rose sharply.

Market participants were taken unawares by a steep rise in stocks moving into warehouses owned by the London Metal Exchange. Copper has been on the rise in recent weeks as suppliers reduce production in the face of a supply glut.

But the increasing prices apparently attracted a wave of selling. The London Metal Exchange reported stocks rose 8,775 metric tons to 766,100 metric tons. The report threw cold water on a heated market, analysts said.

"We are still going to have a supply surplus this year," said metals analyst David Meger at Alaron Trading. "The situation will get better down the road, but it doesn't fix the immediate problem."

September high-grade copper fell 1.7 cents to 76.20 cents a pound.

Ira trustees meet Thursday evening

Ira ISD's board of trustees will consider a number of yearly items when it meet at 7:30 Thursday evening in the school's administration office.

The board will continue work on the district's 1999-2000 budget, and consider bids for insurance for the district.

The student code of conduct will be considered, as will the annual interlocal agreement with the Hobbs Alternative School.

The board will also consider amendments to the 1998-99 budget.

64th annual...

Rodeo draws large number of entrants

For the second year in a row, a record number of contestants are expected for this week's 64th annual Scurry County Rodeo.

After tallying just over 200 entrants a year ago, almost 240 competitors are registered to compete in the 1999 version of the event, which gets underway Thursday at the rodeo grounds on Gary Brewer Rd.

The opening performance begins at 7:30 with the grand entry and crowning of the new rodeo queen, Kasey Nachlinger. Nachlinger, daughter of Larry and Karen Nachlinger, will be crowned by outgoing queen Darcee Purcell. Nachlinger is a senior at Snyder High School where she is active in both FFA and 4-H.

Also new to this year's event will be announcer Phillip Schutts of Weatherford, and the Nolan County Sheriff's Posse which will lead the grand entry.

While a few of the faces have changed, the competition should be as solid as years past.

The 239 contestants will compete throughout three performances, beginning nightly at 7:30, with the final round slated for Saturday evening. They will be competing in bareback riding, saddle bronc riding, bull riding, calf roping, barrel racing, girl's breakaway roping, team roping, and team mugging. TNT Rodeo Company of Anson is providing the stock.

The nightly performances aren't the only activities associated with the rodeo. The annual stockholders' roping was held last weekend, and the rodeo parade is scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday.

Following a night of roping and riding, competitors and fans will be able to kick up their heels to the sounds of Terry Sneed and Up the Creek at the rodeo grounds pavilion.

Tickets for each performance can be purchased at the gate for $5, with advance tickets selling for $4.



Kasey Nachlinger

New Mexico pastor aids suspect's surrender

ALBUQUERQUE (AP) — After weeks of uncertainty and hours of negotiation, the Rev. Troy Robinson says his prayers and those of the family of the so-called Railroad Killer have been answered.

Robinson, the pastor of Hope Chapel Foursquare Gospel Church in Albuquerque, watched Tuesday as Rafael Resendez-Ramirez gave himself up on an international bridge in El Paso.

"It was a peaceful end," Robinson said. "I praise God because that's what we had prayed for for weeks."

Robinson had helped Manuela Maturino, a longtime member of his church and Resendez-Ramirez's sister, as she crafted a deal with authorities to end the six-week manhunt for her brother.

About a month ago, Texas Rangers and other law enforcement agencies began speaking with Maturino. Robinson said she had asked him to be present during the negotiations at her Albuquerque home.

Margaret Iglesias, a retired teacher who lives next door to Maturino, said the northeast Albuquerque neighborhood where they live is one where neighbors know each other, but she said she knew nothing about Maturino's connection to Resendez-Ramirez.

"I had no idea she was involved in any way until afterwords," Iglesias said. "I didn't know she was his sister."

THE SDN COLUMN
By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "A boss says, 'Go' while a leader says, 'Let's go.'"

Defense lawyers are always looking for a new defense. Guess you could blame some of this on the summer heat.

The Texas State Trooper newsletter included some "True Scoops," a semi-regular feature spotlighting some of the more dubious criminal capers that have occurred around the country.

And judging from some of the escapades, there are a lot of crooks out there who have yet gotten the grasp of their chosen profession – or went too long in the sun without a hat.

An example is the latest trooper newsletter tells of a would-be robber in Elm Grove, Wis. Dressed completely in black, he walked up to the checkout counter of a convenience store and ordered a pack of cigarettes, placing $2 on the counter.

The man then pulled a gun, seized the female clerk by the arm and demanded all the money in the cash register.

The clerk, however, had other ideas. With one hand, she grabbed her assailant by his hair, and with the other, she grasped the barrel of his gun and then yanked with both hands.

The gun barrel broke, revealing the weapon to be a plastic toy. That apparently angered the clerk who began beating her attacker with both fists.

The clerked paused long enough to hit a robbery alarm button in the store, and the punched-out holdup man took the opportunity to flee – leaving his $2 and package of smokes on the counter.

Then there was the young guy in South Carolina who flunked out of college and bank robbery school at the same time.

The culprit, a college student, decided to rob a bank. He was subsequently arrested. During arraignment, the defendant told the federal judge that it was the bank that had started him on his criminal career by charging him excessively for overdrafts.

The judge then wanted to know why he robbed the Palmetto Bank when it was First Federal that had him charged for overdrafts.

The man explained that he didn't have time for a stick-up during the week – when he was going to school – and only the Palmetto Bank's branches were open on Saturdays.

ASK US

Q - When does the Scurry County Library close on Saturday? The sign on the door says 1 p.m., but a recent cutline said 6 p.m.

A - The library closes at 1 p.m. on Saturday.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Tuesday, 91 degrees; low, 64; reading at 7 a.m. Wednesday, 71; no precipitation; total precipitation for 1999 to date, 17.27 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy with a slight chance of evening thunderstorms. Low 65 to 70. Rain chance 20 percent. Thursday, partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. High in the lower 90s.



Tonya Breedlove
Slight Chance

Sunset:
8:50 p.m.
Sunrise:
6:50 a.m.
Of 194 days in 1999, the sun has shone 187 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

It is not enough to get things done; they must be done right.
-Arthur T. Hadley

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Neglect cited in suit against nursing home

MIDLAND (AP) — The state filed a lawsuit against Mabee Healthcare Center this week, calling its record one of the worst cases of neglect at a nursing home in years.

Citing a Texas Department of Human Services investigation, Attorney General John Cornyn said a housekeeper at the nursing home is suspected of sexually assaulting a female patient with Alzheimer's disease.

Another Alzheimer's patient reportedly roamed unsupervised in a room full of cleaning solution and ingested chemicals that severely burned her throat and stomach. Several other residents suffered burns on their arms and legs.

"If you are responsible for the abuse and neglect of the elderly, you will be held accountable for your actions," Cornyn said. "I have made it a priority in my administration to protect those who cannot protect themselves and I intend to continue that commitment."

Mabee Healthcare Executive Director Alan Hale issued a written response, saying the nursing home will "file an answer and all allegations will be vigorously defended."

The lawsuit seeks civil penalties of up to $20,000 for each of six violations, three of which involve an allegation of sexual assault.

All the accusations are based on a TDHS investigation, which was prompted by 71 complaints since 1995, the TDHS reported.

The suit, filed July 7 in Midland's 385th District Court, alleges that housekeeper Clinton Ophry took an 84-year-old Alzheimer's patient from her living area on Sept. 28, 1998, and another staff member later found the two together. The resident "was not wearing shoes and ... her shirt was buttoned crooked," according to the lawsuit.

The staff member requested that the patient receive a physical exam that night, and doctors found evidence she had been sexually assaulted.

Town celebrates capture

WEIMAR (AP) — Freed from the terror of a rail-riding serial killer, residents of this tiny South Texas town Tuesday celebrated their deliverance and remembered his victims.

"This is about the best news in Weimar since the end of World War II," said Mayor Bernie Kosler about Rafael Resendez-Ramirez's surrender Tuesday morning in El Paso.

Resendez-Ramirez is suspected in the murders of eight people along railroad tracks in three states, including Weimar's Rev. Norman "Skip" Sirnic, his wife Karen, and 73-year-old Josephine Konvicka. The Sirnics were found bludgeoned to death with a sledgehammer in the parsonage of Weimar United Church on May 2. Mrs. Konvicka was killed in her home about three miles west of town on June 4.

"I'm so happy they caught him," said Petra L. Reyes, 73, who lives alone just one block from the tracks that first brought the killer into Weimar. Like most of the town's 2,000 residents, Mrs. Reyes has kept her doors locked tight and not dared to set foot outside after dark.

"It's been so scary," she said. "Every time I hear a little noise outside, I get up and peep out the window. Now I think I can rest in peace a little bit."

Many citizens, especially those living near the railroad tracks, stayed with relatives while Resendez-Ramirez remained at large. Most kept porch lights burning brightly around their homes. Others took more drastic measures.

"The stores around here sold out of pistols," Mayor Koslar said. "That worried me, thinking that some innocent person might get hurt. We're used to walking up to everyone's house. Now, you better call ahead or you may get shot."

While he hailed Resendez-Ramirez's surrender as a chance for healing, Mayor Koslar worries that his town may never be the same.

"I don't know if we can ever get back to like we were," he said. "I hope we can. This was a nice quiet town, but everybody's been so concerned about who's next. ... It's really changed everybody. It's changed our way of life."

It's difficult to find anyone in Weimar who didn't know either the Sirnics or Mrs. Konvicka. Friends say their loss has been the most painful blow to the community.

"Everyone knew Skip (Sirnic) and knew they were the kind of people who had so much life and vitality. They made everyone feel included," said Lorraine Hoffmann, Weimar United Church secretary.

Linda Taylor of nearby LaGrange met the Sirnics just a few weeks before their deaths. She said the couple witnessed to her about Christianity during a rough time in her life.

"God sent them like angels to me," she said. "They were such beautiful people."

Those who knew Mrs. Konvicka, a retired restaurant worker, said she was a devout Catholic and homebody who loved her family and liked to bake.

"She was just a kind, loving person," Mayor Kosler said.

A communitywide service scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Weimar High School football stadium will honor the victims and give thanks for Resendez-Ramirez's capture, Kosler said.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Girl's Notice of Racism Makes Mom See It in Different Light

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: I worked for civil rights in the '60s. My 10-year-old daughter grew up in a racially mixed church, a racially mixed neighborhood and a racially mixed school. She has studied the history of slavery, Hitler, and other examples of what bigotry can do to a society, a country and the world. I have taught her from a very young age that bigotry is wrong, period. At the tender age of 10, she has already lost friends because she will not tolerate racist remarks. I have patiently tried to explain why racism was tolerated in the past in various societies.

A few days ago my daughter asked me a question I could not answer. "Mom, why is it OK to be a racist if you're black?" She went on to cite examples of racist remarks at her school, in the media, by politicians and on TV.

As I thought about it, she is correct. Today's America does tolerate, and in a few cases, even encourages blacks to be racist against whites. We wonder why there is violence in our schools. We despair over the white supremacist movement. We call for closer family support and guidance. Why do we not cry out against racism wherever it may be found? How can we move forward as a country, as a world, if we have not learned by our mistakes?

Please, Abby, help me out here! What can I tell her?

MY KID'S MOM

DEAR MOM: Let's not point the finger only at black Americans. Bigotry is alive and well in *every* community because it seems that some people have a need to feel "superior."

Explain to your daughter that racism cannot be wiped out by decree. Its demise must come from the realization that we have more things in common than we do superficial differences such as skin color or a foreign-sounding accent.

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DEAR ABBY: "Glad I Tried, Joliet, Ill." wondered if her dying mother heard her say "I love you" during the last stages of life.

Abby, she should be consoled by something all hospice volunteers learn during their excellent and professional training: Hearing is the last sense to fade. It is very likely that her mother heard her last message although her mother was unable to acknowledge it.

JOHN R. BUTLER, ROGERS, ARK.

DEAR JOHN: Thank you for your comforting words to "Glad I Tried." Within the last year or so, I read an account of a woman who was in a coma for many years. She testified that although she could not communicate, she heard everything that was said to her during those years.

I believe that a number of studies have revealed that patients hear far more in an unconscious state than most of us ever suspected they could. That's why physicians encourage the families of trauma patients to read to them, play music for them and, above all, to talk to them.

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CONFIDENTIAL TO "CAN'T FORGIVE HER IN IDAHO": Perhaps these words will help you begin to rebuild your friendship. "He that cannot forgive others breaks the bridge over which he must pass himself; for every man has need to be forgiven." — Thomas Fuller.

Give it a try — you'll be glad you did.

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Date Book

Wednesday, July 14, 1999

Today is the 195th day of 1999 and the 24th day of summer

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1789, a mob stormed the Bastille, a fortress-prison in Paris. Every year on July 14 France celebrates this event as Bastille Day.

On this day in 1946, Dr. Benjamin Spock's "The Common Sense Book of Baby and Child Care" was first published.

On this day in 1992, actress Demi Moore appeared on the cover of Vanity Fair magazine wearing nothing but a painted-on suit.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Owen Wister (1869-1938), writer; Isaac Bashevis Singer (1904-1991), writer; Woody Guthrie (1912-1967), singer-songwriter; Gerald Ford (1913-), U.S. president, is 86; Ingmar Bergman (1918-), film director, is 81; John Chancellor (1927-1996), broadcast journalist.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1968, Atlanta Brave Hank Aaron hit his 500th home run.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "It seems that the analysis of character is the highest human entertainment. And literature does it, unlike gossip, without mentioning real names." — Isaac Bashevis Singer

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (July 12) and first quarter (July 20).

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House GOP propose $864 billion tax cut

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Republicans say their $864 billion tax cut is a fair refund of surplus money to taxpayers, but Democrats contend it will explode after 10 years into a potential budget-buster.

The tax plan, nearly half of which is a 10 percent across-the-board cut in income tax rates, would be phased in slowly from 1999 to 2009. In fact, its cost over the first five years is only a combined $199.9 billion, ballooning to $203.3 billion in 2009 alone.

Treasury Secretary Lawrence Summers told the House Ways and Means Committee in a letter Tuesday that such huge revenue losses would eat up money that could go to help shore up Social Security or Medicare.

"The cost of the proposed tax cuts would explode beyond the 10-year budget window," Summers wrote. "This would pose even greater risks for the future, just as the first wave of the baby boom generation is retiring."

The Ways and Means Committee today planned to begin voting on amendments to the measure, which Summers again said President Clinton would certainly veto. Democrats say that makes the bill little more than a campaign slogan for 2000.

Republicans contended the surplus projections don't take into account the dynamic effects a tax cut could have on economic growth or federal government savings as people no longer need such government services as Medicaid.

"Tax bills create wealth," said Rep. Nancy Johnson, R-Conn. "They help people live better."

The panel's chairman, Republican Bill Archer of Texas, brushed off veto threats and insisted his bill properly ensures that all taxpayers receive a refund from the surplus they have created. The income tax cuts don't go to everyone because some 40 percent of Americans now pay none at all, he said.

"It's very, very difficult to give an income tax cut to people who pay no income tax," Archer said.

In a speech in Miami, Clinton urged Republicans to reconsider the tax cut and focus budget surpluses on Social Security and Medicare while not forgetting key spending programs such as defense and education. Democrats appear willing to accept a tax cut of perhaps $250 billion.

"So I ask again the Republican leaders in Congress, for the sake of saving Medicare and strengthening our future, to reduce the size of your tax cut and join us in putting first things first," the president said.

There was some early Republican grumbling as well. A letter to Archer from about 50 House conservatives complained that provisions to fix the "marriage penalty" were too meager, although the lawmakers did not threaten to vote against the overall bill.

"We believe this bill doesn't go far enough in providing relief to families," said the group, which is led by Rep. David McIntosh, R-Ind.

Much of the plan, which would be the largest tax cut since President Reagan's in 1981, was released piecemeal last week. These previously known provisions include the 10 percent cut in all income tax rates over 10 years, an immediate reduction in the top capital gains tax rate from 20 percent to 15 percent, gradual elimination of estate taxes and new breaks for education and health care costs.

The finalized plan included several new items:

—Fixing the "marriage penalty" paid by millions of two-income couples by allowing them a standard deduction of $8,600, instead of $7,200 in current law.

—Phasing out the alternative minimum tax, which was created to ensure the wealthy don't escape taxes through legitimate tax moves but which has increasingly affected middle-class taxpayers.

—Prohibiting taxes on the first $400 in savings interest for a married couple, $200 for singles.

—Cutting capital gains taxes for corporations from 35 percent to 25 percent over nine years.

—Several small business provisions, including the restoration of the deductibility of business meals to 80 percent from 50 percent and allowing health insurance premiums to be fully deductible for the self-employed.

Senate Republicans are developing a competing proposal that costs roughly $792 billion over 10 years and attempts to target more tax cuts at the middle class. That bill will be considered by the Finance Committee next week.

New Jersey visit worth $1 million

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — On his first campaign trip to New Jersey, Texas Gov. George W. Bush explained the broad themes of the "compassionate conservatism" he hopes will keep him well ahead of his rivals for the GOP presidential nomination.

He also got to leave with $1 million more for his campaign, which also keeps him well ahead on the fund-raising scorecard.

"I look forward to coming back to your state a lot," Bush told more than 500 people Tuesday night in a hotel ballroom for a $1,000-a-person fund-raiser. Not all donors were present.

Bush pledged to cut taxes, help struggling families, provide every child with "a first-rate education," and eliminate trade barriers around the globe, as well as to fight for "tort reform," which would reduce the reasons people can file lawsuits.

"It is conservative to reform welfare by insisting on work. It is compassionate to take the sides of churches and charities that confront the suffering which remains. It is conservative to confront illegitimacy. It's compassionate to offer women and children practical help in times of crisis," Bush said during his 22-minute speech.

Promising a "responsibility era," Bush said, "I will set goals worthy of a great nation, and I will not use my office as a mirror to reflect public opinion."

The $1 million figure was announced to the crowd at the Newark Sheraton Airport Hotel by Clifford Sobel, the New Jersey Bush campaign finance chairman.

The event made New Jersey the second-best source of campaign cash for Bush, trailing only the Texas total of $3.6 million as of July 1, according to Federal Election Commission data compiled by Public Disclosure Inc.

Before Tuesday, New Jersey ranked 19th in Bush donations, with just $50,250 from 62 individual contributors.

Nationally, Bush leads all candidates in both parties, raising a record-breaking $36 million in the first half of the year — more than all his Republican rivals combined.

New Jersey, which went for Bill Clinton in the past two elections, had been more generous to Bush's Democratic rivals until Tuesday.

Former U.S. Sen. Bill Bradley has collected $805,993 from 964 people in his home state, making it his third-best state. Vice President Al Gore has $359,300 from 408 New Jersey donors, ranking the state ninth on his list.

The other New Jerseyan in the presidential race, publishing magnate Steve Forbes of Bedminster, appears to be relying on his personal fortune.

Senate confirms Eizenstat

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate voted unanimously Tuesday to confirm Stuart Eizenstat as the Treasury Department's deputy secretary.

Eizenstat was a top economic affairs official at the State Department.

Deadbeat dad surrenders

AUSTIN (AP) — He's a grown man — but his mom can still crack the whip over him.

Ricky Earl "Rico" Hall, 32, sixth on Texas' 10 worst deadbeat parents list issued by the attorney general, turned himself in after his mother told him to do so, state officials said.

Hall, of Garland, surrendered to Dallas County officials Tuesday for owing $27,674 in court-ordered child support for one child. He made arrangements with the state's Dallas Child Support office to come in after his mother, who lives in the Dallas area, saw him featured on a local news show, Attorney General John Cornyn said.

"The Top Ten Evaders List is part of my get tough policy on deadbeat dads," Cornyn said after Hall's arrest. "In this case, it took the concern of the grandmother to get her son to do the right thing."

Hall, who had a warrant issued for his arrest, faces up to six months in jail if convicted, according to Cornyn spokeswoman Andrea Horton. He is being held at the Dallas County Jail pending a bond hearing within the next few days.

"When he posts that bond — that will go to pay back child support and then there will be court hearing later in the case," Ms. Horton said.

She said it would be up to a judge to decide how Hall will pay the child support back to his ex-wife and whether it would include garnished wages and tax refund intercepts.

The top 10 list, which Cornyn has beefed up in an effort to crack down on dead beat parents, will be updated sometime in January. At that time, Hall's sixth-place ranking will go to another evader, Ms. Horton said.

Since Cornyn's list was released earlier this month, his office has received over 100 leads in locating the dead beat parents. The ranking was topped by Roger Guest, who owes $60,901 for three children and was still at large Tuesday.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

	North	07-14-99
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	♥ 8 6 5 3	
	♦ A J 6	
	♣ Q J 4	
West		**East**
♠ 9 7 4		♠ 10 8 3 2
♥ J 4		♥ K 2
♦ 9 7 4 3		♦ K 10 8 2
♣ 10 9 7 6		♣ 5 3 2
	South	
	♠ K Q 6	
	♥ A Q 10 9 7	
	♦ Q 5	
	♣ A K 8	

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: North

South	West	North	East
		1 ♣	Pass
1 ♥	Pass	2 ♥	Pass
4 NT	Pass	5 ♥	Pass
5 NT	Pass	6 ♣	Pass
6 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♣ 10

This way, that way, or the other way

By Phillip Alder

Who said this? "Sometimes people call me an idealist. Well, that is the way I know I am an American. America is the only idealistic nation in the world."

The heart suit in today's deal is a favorite with problemists — idealistic or otherwise. How should you play it (a) for no losers, (b) for at most one loser, or (c) in the context of this deal?

Speaking of part (c), you are in six hearts. West leads the club 10. How would you proceed?

It is definitely best for South to respond one heart, not two hearts. By making a minimum response, South gets not only distribution but also strength information from partner. After a strong jump shift, he would get only distribution information. Don't make a strong jump shift on a hand with which you expect to make the final decision for the partnership.

If the diamond finesse is losing, the trump suit must be played without loss. Yet if the diamond finesse is winning, South can take the safety-play to avoid more than one heart loser.

So, after winning trick one in hand, declarer should immediately take the diamond finesse. If it wins, declarer plays a heart to the *ace*, the safety-play for at most one loser — answer (b). However, when the diamond finesses loses, South plans to play a heart to the *queen*, the right line for no loser — answers (a) and (c).

Woodrow Wilson held the belief that America is the only idealistic nation.

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Don't see chiropractor for cancer

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: There you go again, bashing chiropractors. I am a chiropractor who can, through manipulation of subluxated vertebrae, treat diabetes and even cure cancer. Now what do you think of that?

DEAR DOCTOR: Not much, I'm afraid. You have succinctly expressed the huge rift in the chiropractic profession. Those practitioners who responsibly carry out their work in treating neck and back pain with spinal adjustment, as opposed to chiropractors who falsely claim that such adjustments can cure a variety of diseases.

But don't take merely my word on this. Here is a quote that appeared in Patient Care (June 15, 1999), by Samuel Homola, a chiropractor who is the author of numerous publications.

"Most people who go to chiropractors do so for the treatment of back pain, and there is scientific evidence to support the use of spinal manipulation in the treatment of some types of neck and back pain. But many chiropractors continue to believe that vertebral misalignment or some other spinal problem can cause organic disease and that using spinal adjustments to remove or prevent 'nerve interference' will restore and maintain health. Using such a limited treatment method to treat a broad scope of human ailments, chiropractors often present themselves as primary care physicians. Such a stand is, in my opinion, irrational and unsupportable.

"Until spinal manipulation is more readily available in physical medicine, or until the chiropractic profession abandons the vertebral subluxation theory and limits its practitioners to appropriate use of spinal manipulation for mechanical-type neck and back problems, it will be necessary for patients and clinicians to search for a properly limited chiropractor. Subluxation-based chiropractors should be avoided whenever possible, as should those who treat infants or who claim that regular spinal adjustments will maintain good health.

"Physicians should inform any patient being referred to a chiropractor that while spinal manipulation might be helpful in the treatment of some types of neck and back pain, there is no reason to believe that such treatment will prevent disease. They should advise patients that cervical manipulation is not without risk and should be used only when specifically indicated and not when symptoms are absent."

Case closed.

I refer interested readers to the National Association of Chiropractic Medicine Web site (http://www.chiromed.org) or an additional Web site (http://www.chirobase.org) that lists reputable chiropractors who do not advocate controversial notions beyond the limits of their training.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Medical Specialists." Other readers who would like a copy of my Health Report 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.

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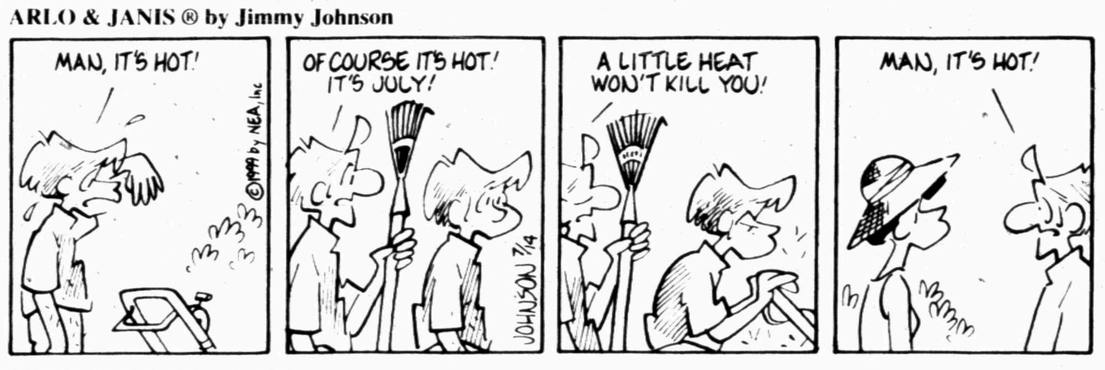
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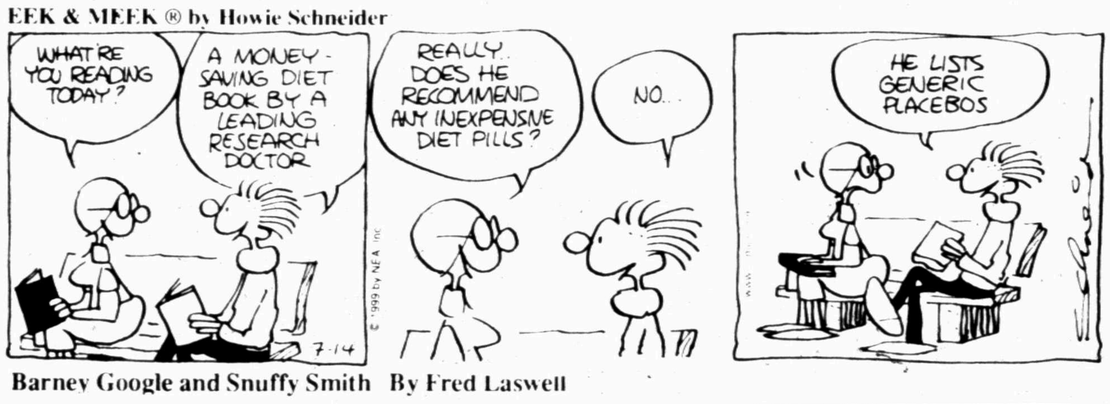
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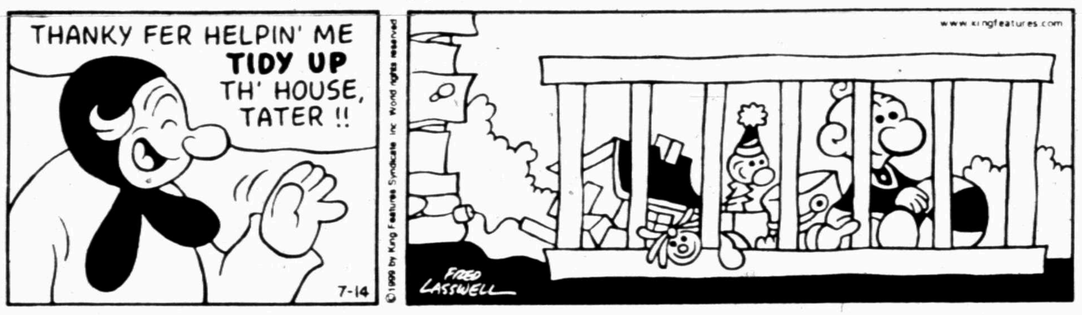
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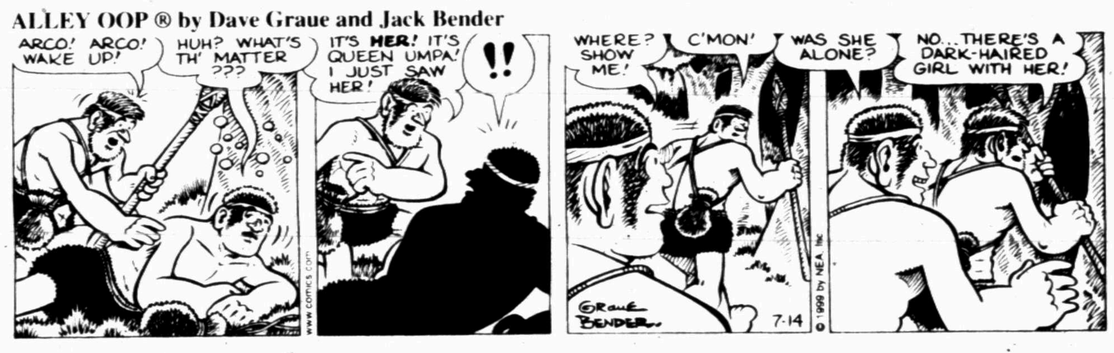
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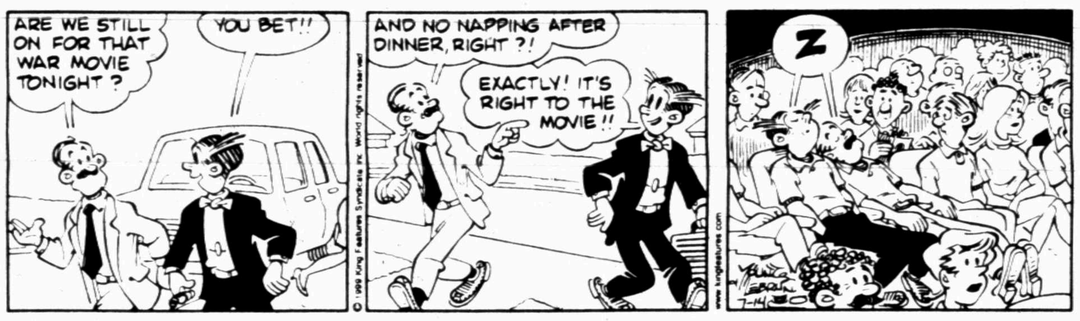
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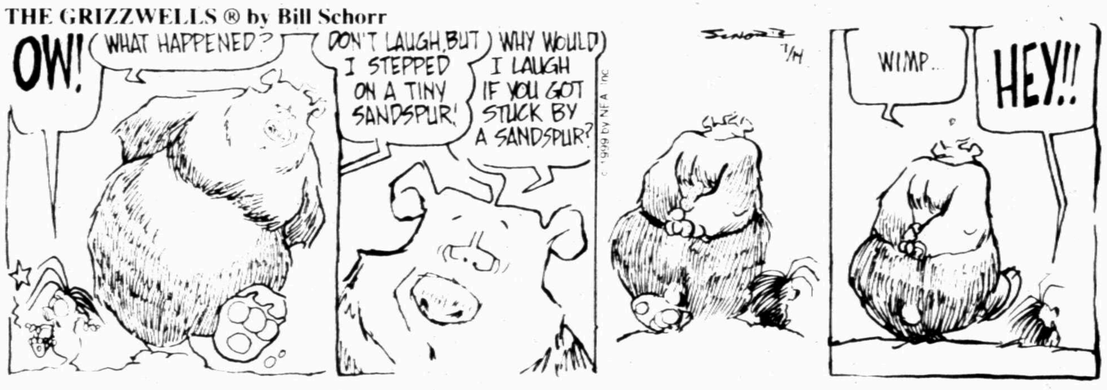
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"D'you realize we've been married three whole weeks, and neither of us has even mentioned the word 'divorce'?"

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ACROSS

1 Frozen water column
7 Antarctic landscape item
13 Imperfect
14 Shaped like a crescent
15 Brought in, after taxes
16 Written communication
17 Rower's need
18 Ending for "social"
20 Long-nosed fish
21 Group of three
23 Sin
24 Occupied
25 Type of missile
27 Make bubbly
29 Chinese pagoda
31 Author Rand
32 Fish part
33 Make lace
34 Spunky
37 Hawaiian goose
40 Town map
41 — Claire, Wis.
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55 Kind of gasoline
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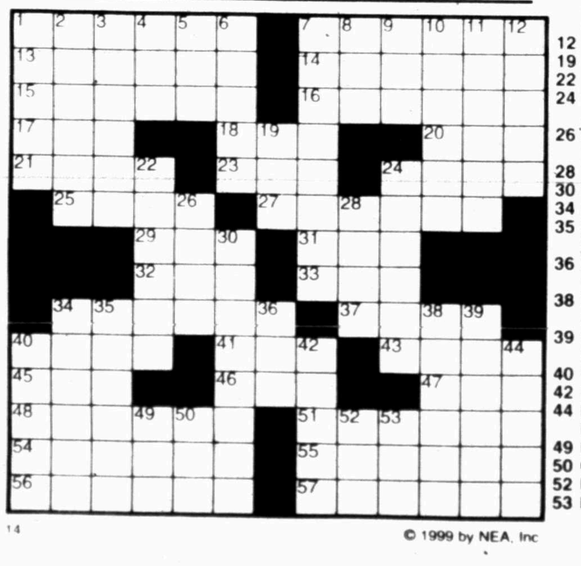
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3 Of medicine
4 Unit of weight (abbr.)
5 Actor Majors
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7 Abuse
8 Pool-shooter's need
9 Med. specialty
10 Racket-string material
11 Army command (2 wds.)
12 Singer Como
19 Malaga Mrs.
22 Kit
24 Playful conversation
26 Speaker's place
28 Tatum's dad
30 Come before
34 Fails
35 Philadelphia team
36 Sweet potato
38 California's neighbor
39 Called up (memories)
40 VCR button
42 Palate part
44 Northern European
49 Reverence
50 Cozy room
52 Bird's beak
53 Damage

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Second to One

There are five different types of rhinoceroses. One type, the white rhinoceros, is Africa's second largest land mammal. To find the name of the largest land mammal in Africa, fill in the missing letter in the words below. Then unscramble the letters in the boxes and write your answer on the blank below.

H I ☐ P O
G O R I ☐ L A
P A N T ☐ E R
M O ☐ K E Y
G I R ☐ F F E
Z ☐ B R A
B ☐ A R
T U R ☐ L E

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"CARROTS MAY BE GOOD FOR MY EYES, BUT THEY'RE BAD FOR MY MOUTH."

SPORTS

American League tops NL in all-star contest

BOSTON (AP) — Once the Splendid Splinter got teary, there was hardly a dry eye on the field at Fenway Park.

The All-Star game turned into a tribute to Ted Williams on Tuesday night, and the greatest names from baseball's past, present and future all were there to take part.

Stan Musial, Hank Aaron and Willie Mays surrounded him. So did Ken Griffey Jr., Tony Gwynn and Derek Jeter. They watched him lob in the ceremonial first ball, then saw Pedro Martinez pitch his way into history in leading the American League over the Nationals 4-1 for its third straight win.

Martinez became the first All-Star pitcher to strike out the first three hitters. He then overpowered Mark McGwire to make it four straight, and wound up fanning five of the six batters he faced.

Martinez's fastball made a memorable impression on McGwire. But seeing Williams up close, talking to him and having him give a pat on the shoulder, seemed to move Big Mac even more.

"When you see Ted Williams, and tears are running from his eyes, it's a very emotional time," McGwire said.

Planned as a pregame salute to the all-century team, the last All-Star game in the 1900s became a one-man show for the man considered by many to be the greatest hitter ever.

Williams waved his cap to the standing crowd of 34,187 as a golf cart drove him around the park he always called home and took him to the mound. Every other player — retired and active — closed in around him for a baseball embrace.

"I can only describe it as great," said The Kid, now 80. "Hell, I haven't had a base hit in 30 years, and I'm a better hitter now than I've ever been in my life."

Maybe a bit more emotional, too.

"When I got up there, tears were coming out of Ted's eyes," said Colorado's Larry Walker, who dug up a piece of the right field turf as a memento. "I kind of turned away, it almost brought tears to my eyes. The greatest player in the w ld is surrounded by more great players. I know Ted was extremely touched by it."

As was everyone else.

"It was like 'Field of Dreams,'" Cleveland first baseman Jim Thome said. "Here these guys walked out, the best players that ever played the game."

It helped, too, that the whole thing was narrated by Kevin Costner, the actor who starred in that baseball movie.

In fact, the game itself started 14 minutes late because of festivities. Not than anyone seemed to mind.

"It's the chance of a lifetime," Texas' Rafael Palmeiro said. "The game can wait."

Once it began, Martinez made short work of the National League hitters. Though its starters had outhomered their AL counterparts 214-149, they were no match for Boston's ace.

With Hall of Famers Bob Feller, Warren Spahn and friend Juan Marichal watching, Martinez tied an AL record for strikeouts and became the first AL starter to win an All-Star game in his own park. That was plenty to earn him the MVP award.

"I think it makes it a little more special, being here in Boston," he said. "Representing the decade, the last one of the century. Being there with all those players around us, I never, never expected it."

Mixing a blazing fastball, darting curve and tantalizing changeup, he fanned Barry Larkin, Walker and Sammy Sosa to start the game. The Red Sox star, already halfway to the magic 30-win mark at the break, kept up the streak by striking out McGwire to begin the second inning.

After Matt Williams reached on an error by second baseman Roberto Alomar, Martinez fanned Jeff Bagwell on a 3-2 curve. And when Williams was caught stealing on the play, Martinez was done.



CHEER STARS — Members of the Snyder Cheer Stars are, front row from left, Jessica DeLeon, Shelbi Talavera, Kate Wall and Jaclyn DeLeon. On the middle row are Tana Sullenger, Britney Webb, Krista Dorsett, Megan Kariainen, Aspen Mann and Lindsey Morin. On the back row are Erica Little, Whitney Ashford and Breanna Talavera. (Contributed Photo)

Rain, wind could make harsh conditions at British Open

CARNOUSTIE, Scotland (AP) — Rain fell on the Carnoustie Golf Links and a breeze stiffened as Tiger Woods, fresh off a helicopter ride through the clouds, sat safely inside a tent off the 18th green.

The trip from St. Andrews across the Firth of Tay didn't faze him. Neither did the conditions that threaten to make the British Open course as cruel as it is long.

"I love it," Woods said. "I've always loved it. I grew up in Southern California where we had good weather every day. So it is always a challenge to play in bad weather."

The elements were back in play Tuesday, leaving the warm sunshine that greeted the start of the week as nothing more than a distant memory and reminding players of just how tough Carnoustie promises to be.

Woods could be excused for his optimism; he had played only four holes the day earlier and hadn't yet seen the course at its full 7,361-yard self.

Others had, though, and it wasn't always a pretty sight.

With fairways that seem the width of cart paths, deep rough and long, long par-4s, Carnoustie would be tough under the best weather conditions. And seaside British Opens are rarely played in the best weather conditions.

"It's the hardest course I've ever played," Bernhard Langer said.

"It's going to make us look foolish if the wind blows real hard," said U.S. Open winner Payne Stewart.

That's precisely what happened in the third round last year at Royal Birkdale, when Brian Watts was the only one to break par and Woods shot himself out of serious contention with a 77.

Birkdale could pale in comparison, though, to a nasty day on the thin fairways of Carnoustie.

"You might as well stick red hazard posts down the fairways," Phil Mickelson said. "I've never seen fairways as penalizing as that for a major championship."

In a year when the U.S. Open was played with little rough, the British Open more than makes up for it with tall, spindly grass that seems to grow out of everywhere on the links course.

Hitting the fairway is crucial. The problem, the course plays so long that most players will be forced to hit drivers off the tee on most par-4s.

That's where Woods and a few others will have an edge.

"I will be able to hit say a 2-iron or 3-wood off the tee just as far as some of the guys can hit their drivers," Woods said. "I believe that is a tremendous advantage in any tournament, period."

Woods, who has won three of his last four tournaments and was in contention coming down the stretch at the U.S. Open, is the favorite of British oddsmakers to win his first major since the 1997 Masters.

His swing has evolved in the last year and he is playing with more consistency and patience. And, he learned a few things from Birkdale last year about the wind that may serve him well here.

"It was disappointing, yes, but I learned I needed to control my ball flight a little more and be more efficient at it," Woods said. "I needed to learn how to putt in the wind a little better, different techniques used in the wind. These are things you have to learn."

Carnoustie is back in the Open rotation for the first time since Tom Watson beat Jack Newton in an 18-hole playoff in 1975 to win the first of his five British Open titles.

The course is longer now and the fairways tighter. Bunkers were mostly all redone, and one was added on No. 6 to keep players from carving shots like Ben Hogan hit on the par-5 in 1953 on his way to a win there.

"If we get the wind they are predicting for Thursday, you might see some real tears out there," said Watson.

Snyder teams bow out of all-star action

ABILENE — Baseball season finally came to an end for Snyder's two remaining all-star teams.

Snyder Senior, which fell in the winner's bracket semifinals on Monday, dropped a 13-9 decision to Abilene Southwest Tuesday to end its tourney run.

Snyder had registered back-to-back victories over Clyde and Sweetwater, before bowing to Abilene Senior and Southwest.

In other all-star action Tuesday night, Snyder Minor saw its bid for a berth in the finals fall short with a 12-7 setback to Abilene Key City.

It was Key City's second victory over Snyder, with the first coming in the quarterfinals of the winner's bracket.

Snyder posted wins over Merkel, Colorado City and Abilene Western during the two-week tournament.

SDN Sports Briefs

Volleyball tournament

The Snyder volleyball Slam Tournament will be held Saturday at the SHS gym, beginning at 9 a.m.

There will be female and co-ed divisions, and price is $5 per person. There must be a minimum of eight teams to fill the field. Deadline for registrstion is Friday. Format will be double elimination.

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

Golfers' Memorial Tournament

Snyder Country Club will host the Golfers' Memorial Tournament Saturday and Sunday, with tee times at 8:30 and 1:30 each day.

Format for the two-man event will be scramble on Saturday and low ball on Sunday. For more information, contact the SCC pro shop at 573-7101.

Scurry County Rodeo

The Scurry County Rodeo will be held Thursday through Saturday at the rodeo grounds on Gary Brewer Rd. Performances begin nightly at 7:30. The parade is scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday.

Couples golf tourney

The 25th annual Raggedy Ann and Andy golf tournament will be held July 31 and Aug. 1 at Snyder Country Club. Entry fee is $200 per team, not including cart.

Prizes, based on a full field, will be $500 for first place, $400 for second, and $300 for third in each pre-flighted division. Free food and beverages will be provided on the course, with a dinner slated for Saturday night.

Only the first 60 paid teams will be accepted, and deadline to enter is July next Wednesday. For more information, contact the SCC pro shop at 573-7101.

WTC junior golf clinic

A junior golf clinic for ages 10-17 will be held at Western Texas College July 26-30. Cost is $75 per student for the week.

Covered during the clinic will be the short game, putting, trouble shots, etiquette and rules, with video swing analysis also provided.

The first 50 golfers to register will be accepted. For more information, call the WTC pro shop at 573-9291.

Tennis camp

The Snyder Tiger Competitive Edge Tennis Camp will be held July 26-30 for junior high through college-level athletes.

Allen Lee and selected instructors will train players in mechanics and strategies. Registration is limited to the first 40 entries. To register, contact Alan Lee at 863-2305.

Athletic physicals

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

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

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

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

SCC scramble and MGA

A members' scramble is held each Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at Snyder Country Club. At 5:30 each Thursday, the Men's Golf Association hosts a 9-hole event. Thursday's format varies.

Snyder Cheer Stars nab awards at cheer camp

The Snyder Cheer Stars racked up some impressive honors recently at the NCA Cheerleading Camp at Howard College.

The squad received five superior ribbons and two excellent ribbons, while also garnering the NCA Team Award for teamwork.

The Cheer Stars were awarded the NCA Spirit Stick on three separate occasions, and had three individuals named to the All-America Team.

Receiving All-America honors were Kate Wall, 10; Jessica DeLeon, 9; and Jaclyn DeLeon, 8.

Other All-America nominees were Whitney Ashford, Aspen Mann, Krista Dorsett and Shelbi Talavera.

Other members of the squad are Breanna Talavera, Erica Little, Lindsey Morin, Megan Kariainen, Tana Sullenger and Britney Webb.

The Cheer Stars are coached by Neika and Kay Porter, and Lauren Hackfeld.

Major League Baseball

American League
All Times EDT

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	52	34	.605	—
Boston	49	39	.557	4
Toronto	47	43	.522	7
Tampa Bay	39	49	.443	14
Baltimore	36	51	.414	16½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	56	31	.644	—
Chicago	42	43	.494	13
Detroit	36	52	.409	20½
Kansas City	35	52	.402	21
Minnesota	34	52	.395	21½

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Texas	48	39	.552	—
Oakland	43	44	.494	5
Seattle	42	45	.483	6
Anaheim	41	45	.477	6½

National League
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East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	55	34	.618	—
New York	50	39	.560	5
Philadelphia	46	40	.535	7½
Montreal	33	51	.393	19½
Florida	32	56	.364	22½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cincinnati	49	36	.576	—
Houston	50	37	.575	—
Pittsburgh	43	44	.494	7
St. Louis	43	45	.489	7½
Milwaukee	42	44	.488	7½
Chicago	41	44	.482	8

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Francisco	50	38	.568	—
Anzona	48	41	.539	2½
San Diego	43	43	.500	6
Colorado	40	46	.465	9
Los Angeles	39	47	.453	10

Tuesday's Game

American League 4, National League 1

Wednesday's Games

No games scheduled

Thursday's Games

San Diego at Seattle, 6:35 p.m.
Philadelphia at Boston, 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets at Tampa Bay, 7:05 p.m.
Florida at Toronto, 7:05 p.m.
Colorado at Cincinnati, 7:05 p.m.
Cleveland at Pittsburgh, 7:05 p.m.
Atlanta at N.Y. Yankees, 7:35 p.m.
Montreal at Baltimore, 7:35 p.m.
Minnesota at Chicago Cubs, 8:05 p.m.
Kansas City at Milwaukee, 8:05 p.m.
Detroit at Houston, 8:05 p.m.
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HOUSTON (AP) — The man suspected in a terrifying series of killings along railways in three states admitted today he was guilty of a burglary in one of the slayings and indicated he is willing to cooperate with authorities.

State District Judge William Harmon told Angel Maturino Resendez, also known as Rafael Resendez-Ramirez, of the burglary charge and asked if he had any questions. The 39-year-old replied through a translator: "Can all this be done very quickly so I can say I am guilty?"

The hearing was to set bond and assign Maturino Resendez an attorney, so the admission of guilt was not an official plea, prosecutors said. He had made a similar attempt to plead guilty to the burglary count, the only count brought against him so far in Texas, earlier today.

Maturino Resendez, a suspect in at least eight killings, surrendered Tuesday after a massive manhunt.

In giving his name to the judge, Maturino Resendez explained that the name Resendez-Ramirez was an alias he got from the name of an uncle.

Assistant Harris County prosecutor Devon Anderson said Maturino Resendez was charged with burglary at the home of Dr. Claudia Benton in the Houston enclave of West University Place. She was killed in her home on Dec. 17.

Ms. Anderson said Maturino Resendez's fingerprints were found on Ms. Benton's stolen car and said there was possibly also DNA evidence linking the Mexican drifter to the slaying.

"It makes it hard to deny you're the one who did it," she said.

Ms. Anderson said Maturino Resendez could be charged with capital murder in the case.

"Well, we've got him and I'm assume we're going to keep him until we're done," she said. "You can only mess up a slam-dunk, but it's a good case."

He is charged with three killings in Illinois and Kentucky and is suspected in five more in Texas.

One of the most intense manhunts in years ended Tuesday with a simple handshake between a Texas Ranger and Maturino Resendez at an El Paso border station.

It's still unclear why the elusive man chose to turn himself in with the possibility of facing the death penalty for brutal slayings that began nearly two years ago.

His surrender was aided by family members in contact with a rookie Texas Ranger.

"This is about the best news in Weimar since the end of World War II," said Bernie Kosler, mayor of the tiny Texas town where Rev. Norman Sirnic, his wife, Karen, and 73-year-old Josephine Konvicka were bludgeoned to death earlier this year.

Within hours of his surrender, Maturino Resendez was flown to Houston where authorities interrogated him for nearly eight hours about two slayings in that area: Ms. Benton and another woman in the area, Noemi Dominguez, a 26-year-old schoolteacher.

Police booked him on the burglary charge.

In Texas, a charge of capital murder can usually only be filed when there is evidence that a murder occurred during the commission of a select group of felonies. Burglary is included in that group.

Ms. Anderson said the decision on whether to bring the capital murder charge would be up to her boss, Harris County District Attorney Johnny Holmes.

Military record of Bush is questioned

FORT WORTH (AP) — Presidential front-runner George W. Bush says his claim of serving in the Air Force is legitimate, based on time he spent training and on alert while a member of the Texas Air National Guard.

Asked about his service as he arrived in Washington Tuesday night, Bush said, "I don't want to get into a semantical discussion. ... I served 600 days active duty. I flew F-102 fighters and I was proud of my service. ... The facts are I served 600 days in the Air Force."

The Republican presidential front-runner already has faced questions about whether he received preferential treatment when he joined the Guard during the Vietnam War.

Now, his statements that he was in the Air Force are being examined. Bush started saying he had Air Force service a couple of decades ago in issue papers and ads during a congressional race he lost in West Texas.

A pullout ad from The Lubbock Avalanche-Journal of May 4, 1978, shows a huge picture of Bush with a "Bush for Congress" logo on the front. On the back, a synopsis of his career says he served "in the U.S. Air Force and the Texas Air National Guard where he piloted the F-102 aircraft."

When asked whether the literature was misleading, Bush spokeswoman Karen Hughes said Tuesday that it was all "accurate." She said that while Bush was attending flight school from November 1968 to November 1969, he was considered to be on active duty for the U.S. Air Force. Several times when he was serving in the Guard, he was placed on alert and was considered to be on active duty as well, she said.

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Semantics probably are at the heart of the issue.

The Air Force says Air National Guard members are considered 'guardsmen on active duty' while receiving pilot training. They get active-duty pay, which is more than their Guard pay, during pilot training. They are not, however, counted as members of the overall active-duty force.

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Jim Teet, a spokesman at one of the bases where the Air Force teaches pilots to fly jets, said Guard and Reservist officers working to get their wings are considered part of the full-time military.

"We have Reservists and Guard going through training all the time, and they're considered active duty," Teet said from Laughlin Air Force Base at Del Rio, Texas. "This is a 12 hour-a-day school and they would have to be considered active duty."

In the early days of his campaign, Bush's service in the Guard has been a contentious point for the former fighter pilot.

Political rival Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., has joked that as a prisoner of war in North Vietnam he slept more soundly knowing that Bush was defending the shores of Texas from invasion.

But Bush hasn't been alone in defending Guard service. As running mate to Bush's father, former President Bush, Dan Quayle had to defend himself against charges that he joined the Indiana National Guard to avoid service in Vietnam. Quayle is now seeking the GOP presidential nomination.

Airline suit is dismissed

FORT WORTH (AP) — American Airlines has won dismissal of a passenger lawsuit alleging the nation's second-largest air carrier tried to drive small, startup airlines out of business.

U.S. District Judge Wilkie D. Ferguson of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., dismissed the claims Tuesday that American cost passengers more money for tickets by driving low-fare airlines out of markets with predatory pricing.

Customer Matthew Zifrony had alleged in the lawsuit that American helped force Pan American Airlines out of Miami and Vanguard Airlines Inc. out of routes to Dallas-Fort Worth. Zifrony could not be immediately reached for comment.

American's parent company, Fort Worth, Texas-based AMR Corp., is still contending with about a half-dozen similar civil lawsuits filed in Wichita, Kan.

"Ultimately we think all of these civil lawsuits will be dismissed because they're without merit," said airline spokesman Chris Chiames.

The dismissed Florida lawsuit, which had requested the judge to bar American's allegedly anti-competitive conduct, was filed shortly before a U.S. Justice Department lawsuit against American was filed making similar claims.

The Justice lawsuit, which is the first predatory-practices case brought since airlines were deregulated in 1978, alleges that American monopolized airline passenger service to and from Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport, the nation's third largest.

The government claims American saturated lower-cost competitor Vanguard Airlines' routes with additional flights and cutting fares.

Sports magnate Hicks buys stake in Perot development

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas investor and sports magnate Thomas O. Hicks has bought a nearly half-interest in the commercial retail development that Ross Perot Jr. plans for the area surrounding a new downtown sports arena.

Hicks' Southwest Sports Group has bought a 49.5 percent stake in the proposed Victory development by Perot's Hillwood Development Corp. SSG manages Hicks' sports and entertainment properties.

Hicks and Perot will not disclose the terms of the deal, The Dallas Morning News reported in Wednesday's editions.

Victory is planned as a complex of apartments, retailers, hotels and office buildings to surround the arena, which is tentatively scheduled to open in the fall of 2001.

"We believe Victory is going to be one of the most important developments in this city, and we want to be part of it," said Hicks, chairman of the Dallas investment firm of Hicks, Muse, Tate & Furst.

Hicks owns the Texas Rangers baseball team and the Dallas Stars hockey club. Perot owns the Dallas Mavericks basketball team.

The two already are partners with the city of Dallas in the construction of the arena, to be called the American Airlines Center.

Markets

Midday Stocks

NEWYORK(AP)-

High Low Last				
AMR Corp	69 5-16	68¼ 68 7-16	—13-16	
AT&T Corp s		57¼	56¾ 56¾	— ⅛
Albertsons	54 1-16	53¾ 53 11-16	— 3-16	
AlldSignal	65 13-16	64¾ 65 9-16	+ 9-16	
Alltel	74 7-16	73 73 1-16	— ⅛	
AmOnline s		127	123¾ 124	— 1¼
Ameritech	71	70¼ 70¾	—61-256	
AndarkPtr		37¾	37¼ 37¼	+13-16
ArmcoInc		6¼	6 13-16	6¼
AtlRichfld	91¾ 90	11-16 91	3-16+	¾
ATMOS Egy		25¼	25¼ 25¼	— ½
Aviall	16 15-16	16¾	16¼+	1-16
BP Amoco	118¼	117¾	117¾	+1 3-16
BakerHughes	34¾ 33	15-16 33	15-16	— 5-16
Bank of Amer	74 9-16	74 1-16	74 5-16	+ ½
BellAtl		63¾	62½ 62¾	+ ⅜
BellSouth s	45 1-16	44½ 44	9-16	— ½
BethSteel	8 1-16	7 15-16	7 15-16	— 1-16
BurlNoSFe s	31 15-16	31¾ 31	13-16	+ ⅛
CBS Corp		45¼	44½ 44½	— ½
Caterpillar		60 3-16	59 9-16	60 + ⅛
CenSoWst		22	21 11-16	21¾ — ⅛
Chevron	97 7-16	96 3-16	96½	— ⅛
Citigroup s	48 5-16	47¾ 47	7-16	— ½
Coastal		40¼	40 3-16	40 3-16
CocaCola	62⅛ 61	11-16	61¼	—11-16
ColgatePal s		49½	48¾ 49	1-16+ ⅛
ComclMetals	32 13-16	31¾	32½	— 9-16
CooperIn	54 3-16	53¼ 53	5-16	— ¼
CyprusAmax		14½	14¾ 14¾	— ⅛
DaimlrChry n	90 3-16	89¾	89¾	+11-16
DallSemicn		55¼	54¾ 54¾	— ½
DeltaAirl s		59¾	59 7-16	59 7-16
Dillards Inc	35 7-16	35¼ 35	7-16	— ⅛
DowChem	128¼	125¼	125½	— 3
DuPont		74¼ 72	13-16	73¾+ ⅛
EastmanChem		53¾	53¼ 53¾	+ 3-16
EstKodak	73 1-16	71¼ 71	15-16	—13-16
EDS Corp	60 15-16	60¼	60¼	— ½
Entergy		30¾	30 1-16	30¾ — ⅜
Exxon		78¼	78 7-16	78 7-16
Flowers	18 7-16	17¾ 17	13-16	— 3-16
FordMotor		54¾	52¼ 53	— ½
GTE Cp	73 13-16	73	73½	+ 1⅛
GenDynam	68 15-16	68¾	68¾	+ ½
GenElec	116	115 5-16	115 5-16	— ¼
GenMills	82 5-16	82 1-16	82 5-16	+ 1-16
GenMotors		68¼	68 68	+ ¼
GaPacGP s		52¾	51¾ 52	+15-16
GlobalMar		17 9-16	17¼	17¼+ 3-16
Goodrich		43¼	43¼ 43	5-16 — 9-16
Goodyear s		59	58 5-16	58 5-16+ 5-16
GtAtlPac	35 3-16	34 15-16	35¼+	1-16
Halliburtn	47 3-16	46 5-16	46 5-16	— 3-16
Hanson ADS		47 7-16	47 47	— ⅜
HarteHanks		27	26¾	26¾ — 1-16
HomeDepot		65¾	65 3-16	65¼+ ⅜
IBM s		138½	136¾	136¾ — 1¼
IntlPaper		54 9-16	53 1-16	54 + 1
JohnsonJn	96 13-16	95 11-16	95¾	— 1
K mart	16 1-16	15 15-16	15 15-16+	1-16
Kroger Co s	30¼ 29	9-16 29	9-16	— 3-16
Litton	70 15-16	70¾	70¾	— 1-16
LockheedM s		37¾	37¼ 37	9-16+ 5-16
Lowes Cos	58 5-16	57¾	57¾	— 1-16
Lubys		15¾	15 15	1-16 — 1-16
LucentTech s		73 11-16	73 73	+ 5-16
MayDeptStr s		42¼	41¼ 41	11-16 — ¼
MediaOne	76 3-16	75¾	75¾	— 7-16
Medtronic	76 5-16	75¾ 75	3-16	— ⅜
Mobil		102 5-16	101¼	101¼
Monsanto	40 15-16	40 5-16	40¾	— 3-16
MorganJP		139¾	138¼	138¼+ ¼
Motorola		96	93¼ 94	1-16 — 2 7-16
NCR Corp		50 1-16	49¼ 50	1-16
Navistar	46 11-16	46¼	46¾+	⅛
Penney JC	45 5-16	44¾	44¾ —	½
PennzEnrgy s	16 15-16	16 13-16	16¾+	1-16
PepBoys	18 15-16	18 11-16	18¾ —	3-16
PepsiCo		38 13-16	38¼ 38	5-16 — ¼
PhelpDodge		65¾	65 65	9-16+13-16
PhilipPet		51 13-16	51 9-16	51⅜ — ⅛
PilgrmPrd B	23 11-16	23¼ 23	5-16	— 5-16
Polaroid		28 5-16	24¾	25¼ — 3¼
Praxair		47¾	47 47	1-16+ ⅛
ProctGamb	89 5-16	88 9-16	88 13-16	— ⅛
PubSNwMx	20 11-16	20¾	20¼+	3-16
ReliantEngy		27 5-16	27¼ 27¾	— ⅛
RoyalDut	64 3-16	63 5-16	63 5-16	—11-16
SBC Comm	55 7-16	54 11-16	55	— 1-16
SaraLee s		22¼	22¼ 22¾	
Scripps EW	52¼ 50	9-16 51	15-16+	1¾
SearsRoeb		46 13-16	45¾ 45¾	— ⅛
SherwinW		29½	29 29	— ⅛
SmithklBchm	66 9-16	65¾ 65¾	— 1¼	
SouthernCo	26 5-16	26¼ 26	3-16	— ⅛
SwstAirl s	32 7-16	31 13-16	32¼+	3-16
SwstAirl wi		21¾	21¾ 21¾+	⅛
SprintFON s	51 9-16	50¾ 50	11-16	— 9-16
SprintPCS n	56 9-16	55 9-16	55¾	— ⅛
Sunoco Inc	34 13-16	34 7-16	34½+	11-16
TNP Ent		38¼	38 7-16	38¾+ ⅛
Tandy s		55 7-16	54¼ 54¼	— ⅛
TempleInland	70½ 69	9-16 69	9-16+	3-16
Tenneco		24¼	24 24¼	
Texaco		66¼	66¼ 66¼	— 3-16
TexInd	36 11-16	36¼ 36¾+	⅛	
TexasInst	148¾ 146¼	146 13-16+	½	
TexUtil	40¼	40¾ 40	7-16 — 1-16	
Textron	90¼	88¼ 88¼	—1 7-16	
TriconGlbR		54	53 9-16	53¾ — ⅜
Trinitylnds	31 11-16	31¼ 31¾	— 5-16	
TritonEngy		11 9-16	11 5-16	11½+ ⅛
US West Inc	58 1-16	57 11-16	57 15-16+	⅛
USX-Marathn		32¼	32 5-16	32¾+ 3-16
USX-USS	29¼ 28	9-16 28	15-16	— 1-16
UnCarbde	48 3-16	46¼ 46	15-16	— ⅜
UnionPacif	59 13-16	59¾ 59¾	— 5-16	
UnitedTech s		68¼	68¼ 68	5-16 — 1-16
Unocal		42¾	42 42¾+	⅜
Venator Grp	10 5-16	10 10	1-16+	1-16
WalMart s	47 15-16	47 11-16	47 11-16+	⅛
WellsFargo	43 15-16	43 3-16	43 3-16	— 9-16
WstnGasRs		15	14¼ 15	+ ⅛
WinnDixie	38¼ 37	9-16 37	15-16	— 1-16
Xerox Cp s	58¼ 57	7-16 57	7-16	— 5-16

Local Interest STOCKS

PTEN	9 13/16	+1/4
KMG	53 13/16	-1/16
NMT	47 7/8	+5/16
CPQ	26 5/8	+1/2
ENE	83 15/16	-1/16
SRV	17 1/2	-3/16
GTE	73 3/4	+1 3/8
SBC	55	-1/16
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UNP	59 1/2	-3/16

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Town and Country Topics

By Kathryn Roberts, County Extension Agent



Use these simple steps to help reduce exposure to pollutants triggering asthma and allergy problems.

1. If you must keep pets, bathe and groom them often and minimize their access to carpeted areas and bedrooms of anyone in the house with allergies and asthma. Pet dander (minute scales of animal skin) is a known allergen.

2. Window coverings are magnets for dust. Use window shades made of plastic, wood or other washable materials for easy cleaning.

3. Mold can be found in the soil of houseplants — so check them often. If mold growth is evident the plants may need to be re-potted or kept outdoors.

4. Prohibit smoking in the home.

5. Keep humidity level low with a de-humidifier or air conditioner. Clean both regularly so they don't become pollution sources.

6. Consider using a high efficiency vacuum bag, like a Filtrate vacuum filter bag, or install a central vacuum system if your home has a chronic dust problem.

7. Keep trees and shrubs at least 3 feet away from the perimeter of the house. Tree and shrub roots can give surface water an easy route into a basement, which can lead to mold growth.

8. Consider using a high efficiency air filter, like a Filtrate filter from 3M, in your central heating or air conditioning system.

9. Keep windows closed to avoid outside pollens and other allergens from getting in. Turn your air conditioning on so the air in your home circulates and passes through your filter.

10. Regularly change furnace and air conditioning filter every two or three months, or as required by the manufacturer.

11. Avoid touching your nose and eyes and transferring pollen to them.

12. Wash bedding weekly in hot water — at least 130 degrees F. — to help control dust mites.

13. Control cockroaches and other insects. Dead roaches and cockroach droppings can collect in house dust and are often difficult to remove. Clean your home thoroughly and exterminate as necessary.

14. Clean bathrooms, kitchens and basements regularly to eliminate indoor molds.

15. Place allergen-impermeable covers over mattress and pillows. Do not use feather pillows and down comforters.

16. Make sure your home's roof and windows are in good shape. Moisture in interior wall spaces can encourage mold growth.

17. Remove water-damaged carpeting. It can lead to mold growth.

18. Refrain from using harsh-smelling products such as perfumes, room deodorizers, cleaning agents, paint and even talcum powder. These can trigger allergic reactions.

19. Maintain and clean your humidifiers and de-humidifiers on a regular basis, as they can be breeding ground for mold and bacteria.

20. Wood smoke is a problem for children and adults with asthma and allergies. Avoid wood stoves and fireplaces.

21. If allergic to dust mites, don't sleep or lie down on upholstered (stuffed) furniture.

22. Clean up surface dust as often as possible.

23. Use a damp mop or damp cloth when cleaning. Don't use aerosol or spray cleaners in the bedroom.

24. Remove stuffed animals (unless they can be washed) and anything under the bed.

25. Don't clean or vacuum a room when someone with allergies or asthma is present.

26. Don't permit recycling items such as newspapers, rags, cans and bottles to accumulate in your living space. Store them in a covered area outdoors and recycle frequently.

27. Use a dust mask when vacuuming to reduce exposure to allergies.

28. Keep a diary of when you suffer an allergy and/or asthma attack. This may help to identify triggers — such as cold air, perfume, paint, etc. — which in turn can be avoided.

29. Never store more than a few pieces of firewood indoors. Drying firewood can generate mold spores which can easily contaminate an entire house.

30. Use short nap carpeting whenever possible. Area rugs and carpets that can be removed for frequent cleaning may be the best choices.

31. Use low-toxic cleaning products whenever available. Always follow manufacturers' instructions.

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Commodity Round-up

Crude oil futures prices finished above $20 a barrel Tuesday on the New York Mercantile Exchange for the first time since 1997 as investors bet inventories will continue to tighten.

On other markets, silver and copper futures retreated sharply.

Crude rose to its highest levels since Nov. 19, 1997 as a refinery outage on the West Coast fueled new concern about tightening inventories of crude, gasoline and distillates.

Chevron shut its 65,000 barrel a day gas-making unit at its Richmond, Calif., refinery over the weekend due to a mechanical problem and was forced to heavily buy gasoline on the spot market to make up for an expected shortfall, market participants said.

The news pushed crude past $20 a barrel, where it had stubbornly hovered for weeks, as investors squared positions in advance of weekly inventory data, which was expected to show another decline in crude stockpiles.

Crude inventories have been on the retreat, according to the American Petroleum Institute and the U.S. Energy Department, as world oil producers show unusual cooperation in keeping excess supplies off the market.

Lubbock cattle auction

LUBBOCK — Lubbock Stockyards, Inc. had a run of 324 head of cattle for the July 8, sale. Cows were $2 to $3 better. Yearlings and calves were $1 to $2 better. Trading and demand were good.

Slaughter cows

(High dressing — cutter — utility: 39-45.75

Canners and cutters: 32 to 38.50

Slaughter bulls: 45-58

Feeder steers — choice:

300-400: 92-115

400-500: 80-93.50

500-600: 72-85

600-700: 74-82

700-800: 68-75

Feeder heifers: choice:

300-400: 85-95

400-500: 73-85

500-600: 70-77

600-700: 65-74

700-800: 62-70

Feeder bulls: good and choice:

500-600: 75-82

700-800: 63-68.50

Cow and calf pairs:

Good: 650-825

Grade: 500-640

Springers: 425-610

Baby calves: 75-150

Doodlers: 150-225

Colorado City cattle Auction

COLORADO CITY — The market was very active. Demand was good. Feeder and stocker steers and heifers were $2 to $3 better. Young bred cows were $25 higher. Pairs were $25 to $75 higher. Packer cows were steady and packer bulls were $2 higher.

Steers:

200-300: 96-121

300-400: 92-106

400-500: 80-94,50

500-600: 77-84

600-700: 72-79.50

Heifers:

200-300: 91-104

300-400: 82-97

400-500: 78-86

500-600: 72-81.50

600-700: 67-76.50

Young springer cows: 530-650

Middle aged cows: 450-570

Young pairs: 700-860

Middle age pairs:: 525-675

Slaughter cows: 38-45.25

Old & Shelley cows: 30-36

Packer bulls: [illegible]6.75

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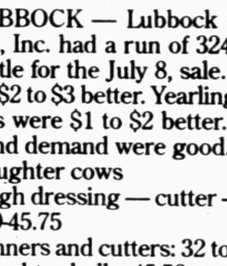
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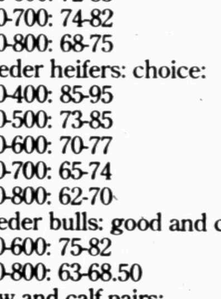
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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Aid to Israel remains unchanged

WASHINGTON (AP) — A House panel today rejected an attempt to alter the formula for distributing foreign aid, keeping a system that has allowed Israel to get its money all at once while parceling it out to Egypt.

That system is "stupid foreign policy," said Rep. Sonny Callahan, R-Ala., chairman of the House Appropriations subcommittee on foreign operations.

His effort to change the formula to end the upfront payments to Israel was rejected by the subcommittee, which instead adopted by voice vote a proposal to revert to the older system.

Supporters of keeping the status quo said this was not the time to change the formula to Israel's disadvantage, particularly as the Mideast peace process seems to be getting back on track and Israel's new prime minister, Ehud Barak, was on his way to Washington.

"We have an obligation in dealing with the Middle East to first do no harm," said Rep. David Obey, D-Wis.

The debate occurred on a $12.8 billion foreign aid bill, which the subcommittee later approved unanimously. The full Appropriations Committee will consider the legislation next week.

The bill provides $960 million in economic assistance and $1.9 billion in military assistance for Israel in the fiscal year that begins Oct. 1. That compares to $1.1 billion in economic assistance and $1.9 billion in military assistance for Israel in the current year.

For Egypt, the bill provides $735 million in economic assistance, down from $775 million in the current year; and $1.3 billion in military assistance, the same as now.

Israel gets its economic assistance up front, enabling it to put the money in an interest-bearing account.

Callahan sought to change that formula, saying it made no sense to give Israel preferential treatment. Giving Israel its money up front also reduces any leverage the United States had over how the money is spent, he said. He blamed the "Israel lobby" for the existing formula, which has been in effect for nearly two decades.

Callahan removed the no-advance-payment provision from the legislation he presented to the subcommittee. But Reps. Joe Knollenberg, R-Mich., and Nita M. Lowey, D-N.Y., offered an amendment to restore it, and it was adopted by voice vote.

Rep. Bill Young, R-Fla., chairman of the Appropriations Committee, proposed as a middle ground of adding $25 million to Egypt's accounts to help offset the imbalance. But Callahan protested that "two wrongs don't make a right" and Young withdrew his proposal.

The overall bill has drawn a veto threat from the administration because it is far below President Clinton's request for $14.6 billion.

The bill provides $200 million in economic assistance and $125 million in military assistance for Jordan.

It does not include any of the $500 million Clinton requested to carry out the 1998 Wye River peace accords, nor does it provide any funds for reconstruction in the Balkans. And it provides $725 million in aid to Russia and other former Soviet republics, some $307 million beneath Clinton's request.

Furthermore, it would withhold half the amount earmarked for Russia "unless it ends nuclear and ballistic missile cooperation with Iran."

Bull run said safe

PAMPLONA, Spain (AP) — Pamplona's famed San Fermin Fiesta ended Wednesday with one of the safest bull runs of the eight-day festival. Two people — including an American — were injured in falls, but no one was gored.

Wednesday's 900-yard race from the city corral to the bull ring ahead of six fighting bulls and a handful of steers lasted 21/2 minutes — the fastest of the festival. The race is televised nationally.

The fiesta, also known for its all-night revelry, dates back centuries but became internationally popular with Ernest Hemingway's 1926 novel "The Sun Also Rises." It now attracts tens of thousands of foreigners annually, including an estimated 10,000 Americans.

So far this year, seven people were gored but none seriously. Dozens have been treated for falls.

On Wednesday, a 50-year-old American from Detroit, identified only as Paul G., was treated for a hip fracture after falling during the run.

Obituaries



Lorna Reed

Lorna Reed

1903-1999

Lorna Reed, a resident of Snyder for the past 40 years, died Tuesday, July 13, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital following a lengthy illness.

Funeral service for Mrs. Reed, 95, is set for 2 p.m. Thursday in the 37th Street Church of Christ where she had been a member and Bible class teacher.

Bill Looney and Homer Anderson, ministers, will officiate. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born Sept. 27, 1903 in Nolanville, Tex., she graduated from Pendleton High School in 1921. She married Homer Reed on Sept. 6, 1922 in Temple.

Mrs. Reed attended Baylor University and then taught school at Salado, Cedar Creek and in Houston.

Her father, H.H. Reed, was a state representative from Bell County for 18 years.

The Reeds moved to Snyder and Mr. Reed operated Reed Automotive until his retirement. Mr. Reed died in 1986.

A homemaker, Mrs. Reed was active in World Bible School, sending and grading Bible correspondence courses from students all over the world. She had also been a mentor at the Price Daniel Unit.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Homer L. Reed.

Survivors include a daughter, Mavis Brumbelow of Snyder; two sisters, Helen Lanott of Lubbock and Alice Pounds of Levelland; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

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Clinton Lewis

1941-1999

Clinton Lewis, a former resident of Scurry County, died Tuesday, July 13, at his home in Christoval.

Funeral service for Mr. Lewis, 58, is set for 4 p.m. Friday in the Hermleigh Methodist Church. The Rev. Loren Gardner of Anson will officiate. Burial will follow in the Hermleigh Cemetery under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Mr. Lewis was born Jan. 24, 1941 in Hermleigh. He married Billie McBride on March 25, 1961 in Hermleigh.

A former resident of both Snyder and Kermit, Mr. Lewis retired from Texaco on March 31, 1999. He had lived in Christoval for the past six years. He was a member of the Hermleigh Masonic Lodge.

Survivors include his wife, Billie Lewis of Christoval; two daughters and sons-in-law, Margaret Jane and Roy Burleson of Midland and Cindy and Jimmy Burleson of Tulia; two sons, James Lewis of Christoval and Jeff Lewis and his wife, Linda, of Levelland; three sisters, Clara Mae Hoskins of Hermleigh, Eunice Graham of Zavalla, Tex. and Frances Hess of Roscoe; and two granddaughters, Megan Lewis and Madison Lewis, both of Levelland.

Friends are contributing to the Hospice of San Angelo, 36 East Twohig, No. 1100, 76903.

Swanson Aucutt

1926-1999

Graveside service for Swanson Aucutt, 83, is set for 10:30 a.m. Thursday in the Snyder Cemetery. Mr. Jack Bryant will officiate, and arrangements are under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Mr. Aucutt, a lifetime resident of Scurry County, died Monday, July 12, in Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock following a lengthy illness.

Born April 18, 1926 in Snyder, he married Mary Wilson on Dec. 3, 1950 in Big Spring.

An U.S. veteran of World War II, Mr. Aucutt was wounded on Okinawa and was awarded the Purple Heart with three Oak Leaf Clusters.

Mr. Aucutt was a retired farmer and had also worked as a tool pusher for McCutchen Drilling Co. for many years.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Oscar and Callie "Carl" Aucutt; two brothers, Stanley and Donald Aucutt; and a sister, Faynell Crenshaw.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Aucutt of Hermleigh; a son, Max Towner Aucutt of Mineral Wells; a grandson, Marshall Cory Aucutt of Baton Rouge, La.; three nephews, F.O. Crenshaw Jr., Douglas Crenshaw and Charles Crenshaw, all of the Dallas area; numerous cousins, including Jerry Dennis, Bud Dennis, Francene Noah, Estelle Pierce, Jack Womack and Nelson Dressler, all of Snyder; and Beau Dressler of Midland.

Donald Brown

1931-1999

A memorial service for Donald Ray Brown, 67, is set for 10 a.m. Thursday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Charles Day, pastor of Ave. D. Baptist Church, will officiate.

Mr. Brown died Tuesday, July 6, in Codgell Memorial Hospital after a sudden illness. His remains were cremated.

Born Oct. 15, 1931 in Fleetwood, Okla., he married Betty Jean McKenzie on Feb. 28, 1974 in Truth or Consequences, N.M.

A resident of Dunn, Mr. Brown was an oilfield worker. Survivors include his wife, Betty Jean Brown of Dunn; four sons, Donald McVey of Snyder, Raymond Brown of California, Daniel McVey of San Angelo, and Edward Spivey of Big Spring; two daughters, Lenora Hembree of Snyder and Rhonda Harless of Kansas City, Mo.; 14 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: John Cagle, Emilie Hoepfl and Rhonda Thomas.

DISMISSALS: Jamie Goolsby and baby boy, Mozell Hall, Karlvin Helm, Cleao Smith, Zella Thompson, Carolyn Torres and baby girl, Gilbert Richter and Juan Rivera.

CENSUS: 35 (Med., Surg.11, Long-term Care-24.)

Two residents on 40th Street report burglaries of vehicles

City officers were called to the 2300 block of 40th Street early this morning as two citizens reported vehicles had been burglarized.

Gary Martin of 2316 40th reported at 3:35 a.m. that his vehicle had been broken into, while at 5:37 a.m., Mary Jimm Martin reported her vehicle at 2315 40th had been burglarized.

Offense reports for burglary of a vehicle were submitted in both instances.

Officers filed an offense report for Class B theft as Melissa Hood of 4019 Ave. E reported some money missing from her residence.

An offense report for theft of services was also filed Tuesday as Liz Blair reported a customer had not returned items to Video I.

Officers also filed one report for aggravated assault/family violence in reference to a juvenile causing problems at a residence in the 100 block of Avenue R. Officers also filed a report for Class A criminal mischief. The juvenile was taken into custody and later released to family members.

An offense report for Class B theft was submitted in reference to someone paying for dogs with a worthless check.

An offense report for Class B criminal mischief was submitted Tuesday as Shirley Fritz reported a broken window at the Snyder Day Care Center.

Two arrests were made Tuesday, including one on an outstanding warrant from Howard County for the issuance of a bad check.

Officers took a 25-year-old female into custody at 6:39 p.m. in the 1000 block of 28th Street after being called to the residence on a disturbance call.

The other arrest was of a 47-year-old male arrested at 11 a.m. in the 200 block of Wheat Street in Hermleigh on an outstanding warrant from Taylor County for theft by check.

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Tickets for the Ritz Theatre production of "Tall Tales" can be reserved at the ticket booth from 2 to 5 p.m. daily, or by calling 573-8880. Performances are 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2:30 p.m. next Sunday.

Seniors swimnastics

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

Avenue D Baptist VBS

Children who have completed kindergarten though 6th grade are invited to Vacation Bible School at Avenue D Baptist Church from 6-9 p.m. this week through Friday. Theme is "Mt. Extreme: The Ultimate Good News Challenge." Call 573-0971 for more information.

Patriotic program

Order of the Eastern Star will meet at 8 p.m. Thursday at the Masonic Lodge for a patriotic program.

1979 class reunion

The final planning meeting for the 1979 SHS class reunion will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday at the home of Susan Black. For more information call 573-0989.

Gold Coat luncheon

Snyder Gold Coaters will have a noon luncheon Friday at Golden Corral.

Midnight madness

Each Friday, the Boys and Girls Club will be open from 8 p.m. until midnight. Activities for teens Friday night include game room tournaments of pool, ping pong, air hockey and fooz ball. The gym also will be open.

Foster parent training

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

Car wash

The WTC Student Association will hold a car wash from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Saturday at Wal-Mart. Donations will be accepted.

1989 class reunion

There is still time to RSVP for the 1989 SHS class reunion to be held July 24. The public is invited and the charge is $7. For more information, call Christy Smith at 573-8392.

Bible study tapes

Bible study video tapes air weekly on cable TV channel 2. The tapes to be shown at 7 p.m. Monday are "A Father's Responsibility to His Children," followed by "Hope for Single-Parent Families."

Diabetes support group

The Snyder Diabetes Support Group will have a cookout at 6 p.m. Tuesday at Towle Park Pavilion. Cost is $2 per plate. RSVP to Stephanie Highfield at 573-2950 by Monday.

Sonshine school registration

Enrollment is being accepted for the new Sonshine School for ages 2-5 to begin Aug. 26 at 37th Street Church of Christ. Call Lora Lord at 573-1700 or the church office at 573-0154 for more information or to register.

Donations wanted

Hermleigh Community Center is in need of ceiling fans. Donations in any amount would be appreciated to help with this project. Call Charlene Merritt at 863-2461 or Katherine Wemken at 863-2220.

Garage sale items needed

Lighthouse Assembly of God, 1900 Trinity Blvd., is accepting items for their garage sale to benefit the church building fund. Furniture, clothes, appliances and other items are appreciated. Call 573-5124 or 573-2947 for pickup.

GED testing date

The GED Testing Center on the WTC campus will administer exams at 8:30 a.m. July 24. Any person not enrolled in high school, who has not graduated, who is at least 16 years of age and meets other requirements may be tested for a high school equivalency diploma. The battery of five GED tests costs $60 and takes 7 1/2 hours to complete. Tests need not be taken in one sitting. For pre-registration and additional testing dates, call 573-2973 or 573-8511, ext. 246.

LVN registration at WTC

Students wishing to enroll in the September class for Licensed Vocational Nursing at Western Texas College need to contact the counseling office to arrange to take the pre-entrance exam. Tests will be given through July 27, and interviews will be scheduled through Aug. 9. For more information call 573-8511, ext. 313.

Adult education classes

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

Road to Recovery program

Volunteers are needed to take patients to Abilene or Lubbock one day a week for cancer treatment. Following approval by the American Cancer Society, drivers will be provided liability insurance and can be reimbursed for fuel expenses incurred for the trip. For more information, contact ASC Road to Recovery volunteer coordinator Martha Schiebel at 573-8626 and leave a message, or Sammie Jarrell at 573-5993.

Support groups

Three different support groups meet at 6:30 the second Thursday of each month at the First Baptist Church. The groups include divorce recovery, cancer support group, and grief support group. Child care is provided.

Pick 3

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

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

4-7-26-29-35

Big oil firms line up against small producers

WASHINGTON (AP) — The country's biggest oil companies spoke out Tuesday against a coalition of small domestic producers who are asking the government to impose price tariffs on certain oil imports.

The American Petroleum Institute, which represents the major U.S. oil producers, said oil prices are set by world markets and there's no evidence that any of the foreign producing countries are illegally dumping oil on the U.S. market.

The government can impose a tariff if an imported commodity is being sold at less than normal value or below what it costs to produce it. This practice is called illegal dumping.

Two weeks ago, an Oklahoma-based coalition of independent oil producers calling itself Save Domestic Oil filed a petition with the Commerce Department charging Iraq, Mexico, Saudi Arabia and Venezuela with illegally dumping oil on the U.S. market.

The move was unprecedented and caught major U.S. oil companies, which generally have large overseas production as well, by surprise.

On Tuesday, the big oil companies said they were "sympathetic" to the economic problems of the small U.S. producers but nonetheless vowed to challenge the illegal dumping charge every step of the way.

"This anti-dumping petition will only make matters worse because it will have the unintended consequence of making the oil supply system less efficient," API president Red Cavaney told reporters. He said that "reliable historic information shows that prices are established by world oil markets" and not illegal dumping strategies by certain producing countries.

As a first step, the API planned to challenge the idea that the Oklahoma-based group has legal standing to file an anti-dumping petition. By law, anyone filing a petition must demonstrate at least 25 percent of domestic production.

The API will argue before the U.S. International Trade Commission and the Commerce Department, which together deal with anti-dumping complaints, that U.S. production data shows that the Oklahoma group does not meet the 25 percent production requirement.

In its petition, the Oklahoma group excluded the West Coast oil markets, including Alaska, where more than a quarter of U.S. oil is produced, mostly by major companies.

But API lawyers will argue that domestic production in those areas should be included in considering the dumping issue, making it more difficult to meet the 25 percent production rule. "U.S. production is U.S. production," said Cavaney.

Harold Hamm of Enid, Okla., chairman of Save Domestic Oil, did not immediately return a telephone call Tuesday seeking response to the API action.

The Oklahoma petition argued that regional domestic oil producers were economically harmed by these "unfairly traded imports" and threaten to cause additional harm if the U.S. government does not intervene.

The Independent Petroleum Association of America, the principle organization of small and medium gas and oil companies, estimates the domestic oil industry has lost 52,000 jobs and shut down 136,000 oil wells since November, 1997.

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$270,000 is spent to remodel kitchen of Air Force general

WASHINGTON (AP) — Nearly $270,000 in kitchen renovations at the home of the superintendent of the U.S. Air Force Academy were made using money normally earmarked for day-to-day military operations and maintenance.

The expenditure was not submitted for congressional approval, and critics in Congress have complained to the Air Force that the arrangement appeared to be an end run around congressional scrutiny.

"I don't like it. It looks like kind of a creative accounting setup," Rep. Joel Hefley, R-Colo., chairman of the House Military Construction subcommittee, said Tuesday.

The Air Force inspector general's office is looking into the kitchen project, Hefley said.

The Air Force arrangement is similar to one the Navy used to divert $5.5 million from its operating budget to renovate the official homes of three admirals, including the head of the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md.

In both the Navy and Air Force cases, military officials defended the repairs as necessary to maintain historic homes that are also used heavily for public functions.

The 64-year-old Mediterranean-style home at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo., got new kitchen cabinets, appliances and other improvements last year at a cost of $268,010.

"You just go, 'Wow! That's a lot of money"' for a kitchen, said Pentagon spokesman Rear Adm. Craig Quigley. But the houses are old, and in many cases work has been put off for years, Quigley said. "And if they're on the National Register of Historic Places," he said, "it is our duty to maintain them."

The Navy reversed course last month and said it will pay for the work out of ordinary housing accounts, where the projects are subject to congressional approval.

"The Navy came forward and said, 'This is what happened. We don't think it's right, and we're going to change it,"' Navy spokeswoman Lt. Cmdr. Lydia Robertson said at the time.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Thursday, July 15, 1999

Should the financial times be rather testy for others within your work world, you could be one of the lucky individuals who weathers storms better than most.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) A friend or a loved one may play a role today in the development of something fortuitous that will elevate your immediate future hopes and expectations. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. 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) This could be a good day to talk to the boss about a possible raise you've been hoping to get. If your performance warrants it, chances are your boss will be in complete agreement.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Lead on where you will today, because you're at the head of the parade. Others will be attracted to issues and interests you find appealing and will follow your example.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Appearances sometimes have a tendency to be deceiving. Although you might think Lady Luck isn't around today, she'll snap into action when you really need her.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Whether it is commercial or social, you have the ability to make an effective contribution to any group in which you choose to be involved. Be a joiner today.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Aim high and fire accurately today, because you could be exceptionally lucky in achieving objectives that are very meaningful to you. Don't waste your time on petty issues.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) If you desire to participate in activities today that you find relaxing and truly enjoyable, you won't be wasting time. In fact, some pleasant surprise could develop through these venues.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Keep in mind that good things can be made even better and today might be the day to do so. You're in a propitious cycle now where you can improve upon that which you have going for you.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Partnership arrangements are particularly good at this time. Lucky opportunities could open up for you through not one, but two different alliances.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Opportunities that could contribute to your material well being may come about today in some surprising way, so be on your toes in order to pick up the signals when they appear.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Others are inclined to do favors for you today, especially with what you cannot do on your own. Considerate friends will be on hand to gladly assist you when needed.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You are exceptionally lucky today, as well as a strong finisher. It's important that you keep this in mind, because it's the end results that count in the long run.

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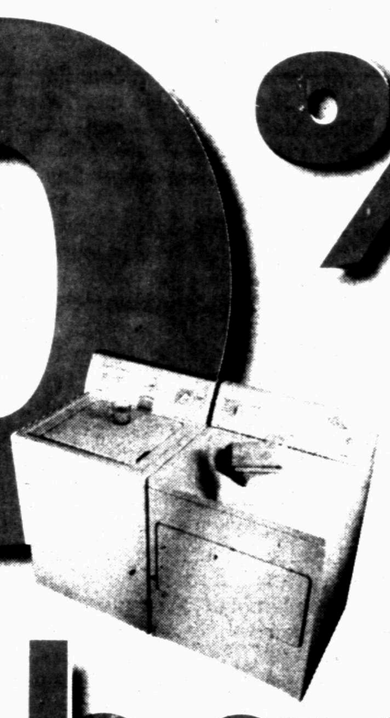
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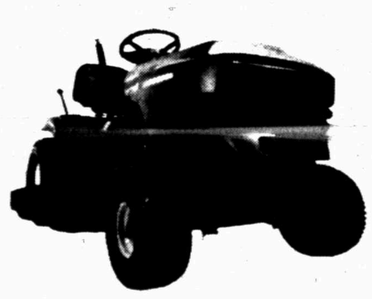
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