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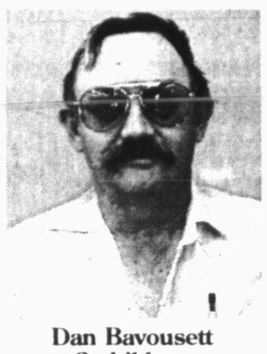

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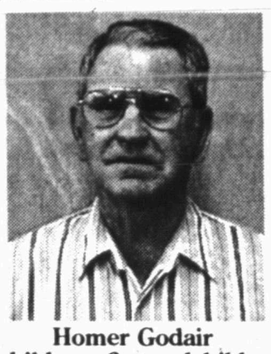

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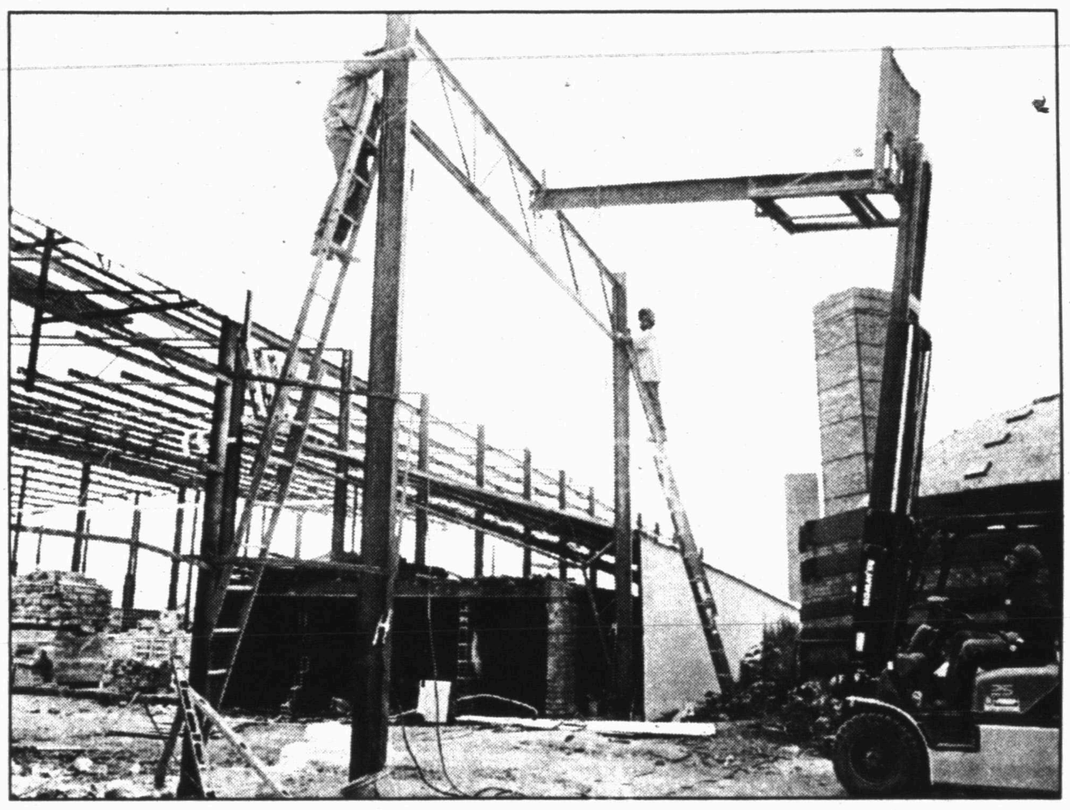

BRICK PLANT — Snyder Brick & Tile Co. workers hang trusses as revamping and new construction at the facility continues. Bruce Elder operates the forklift. Jeff Pierce is on the front ladder and Lonnie Thompson is on the back ladder. (SDN Staff Photo by Joyce May)

Plant is taking shape

Snyder Brick & Tile Co. should begin hiring the rest of its staff near the end of this month, with limited production of brick expected to get underway on July 10, according to general manager Mitchell Goodger.

Revamping and new construction continues at the plant.

"We will be finishing the roof on the machine room and clay storage shed this next week and 90 percent of the masonry work is complete," Goodger said.

The masonry work includes the kiln and three dryers.

Currently 25 employees are on the payroll.

"We will start hiring the balance of the production workers and office personnel approximately June 29," Goodger said. The plant will employ a total of 62 workers, including office and sales personnel and truck drivers.

Goodger said he expects the plant to be in full production by The plant will be in production 24 hours a day.

"All but four of the people will work basic eight-hour day shifts," he noted. "The plant is manned 24 hours a day to monitor the firing operation."

Equipment is being set in place and the air handling system, which goes into the firing and drying operation, will be installed June 27. "All of the firing components will be state-of-the-art current technology."

The new plant will be the same square footage as the original, but the layout will differ greatly. "The big building replaces five or six little buildings," Goodger said.

The plant is broken down into areas - including clay storage, the grinding system, manufacturing, drying, firing and packaging.

"There will be 3,000-square feet dedicated to the employee lunch room, restrooms, sampling room and quality control lab," Goodger added.

The anticipated annual production rate is 25.3 million bricks.

Remodeling of the sales office at 1601 Coliseum Drive has not begun. "We will do that after the brick plant is brought online."

Road construction is waiting on surveyors

Construction has yet to begin on the road that will connect Brick Plant Road and Highway 208, making it easier for trucks hauling loads from the soon-to-be finished Snyder Brick & Tile Co.

Precinct 4 Commissioner Chloanne Lindsey said the county is waiting for the land to be surveyed so it can purchase right-of-way. Work will begin as soon as possible thereafter.

The commissioner said she does not know how long construction will take. "A lot depends on the weather, you can't put a time limit on it," she said. "I hope we have perfect weather, but we could have a flood, and if we do, we'll have to work in our own precinct."

Lindsey said earlier rains had washed out several roads in Precinct 4, which includes the Hermleigh area.

Mitchell Goodger, general manager of Snyder Brick & Tile, said the plant should be in full production in early August and would need the road by then.

"We need it in place no later than August the first," Goodger said. "We can get by a little while. I don't know how. We may have to go out a weird way."

Goodger noted that the construction on 37th Street prevents the trucks from using that route.

"If we have perfect weather, we could have it by Aug. 1," Lindsey said.

The strip of land where the road will be built is where the old RS&P railroad ran and is located directly across from the brick plant.

Once completed, Lindsey said the two-lane road will be 30-feet wide and somewhere between one-quarter and one-half mile long.

"Most of the road material we will need is already there. We will knock the railroad base down and incorporate it into the base of the road," she said. "We will probably have to add some caliche, but not that much."

HEPA seeking help from state official

Group supports letter-writing campaign to ag commissioner

The group opposing a new Air Force training mission over eight counties, including Scurry, are encouraging local citizens to write letters to Texas' agriculture commissioner to join their fight.

"We are encouraging people in this area to write Susan Combs to express their opposition to the Realistic Bomber Training Initiative (RBTI)," said Buster Welch, president of the opposition group.

"We feel that letters will help us," said Welch, who heads up HEPA (Heritage Environmental Protection Association).

Welch said Combs' address in Austin is Box 12847-78711.

"We are requesting that the Texas Department of Agriculture enter the fight against the RBTI to defend Texas ranchers, farmers and other agricultural interests," Welch said.

Welch emphasizes that he and his group are for a strong Air Force, but pilots should train over government-owned land rather than private property.

Members of HEPA contend the RBTI will hurt land and business values in this area.

The Air Force plans to train pilots in this area flying B-1 and B-52 aircraft whose flights originate from Barksdale Air Force Base in Louisiana and Dyess Air Force Base in Abilene.

HEPA members argue the flights will interfere with crop dusting, brush spraying, cloud seeding and air ambulances, plus hunting and recreational use of the land.

The group has pledged to file a lawsuit against the Air Force and is presently in the process of raising funds for the legal action.

"We've considered filing a lawsuit jointly with the group in a similar situation in far West Texas," said Welch. "But we've all decided to file separately, but share information."

"The Trans-Pecos area really has a worse burden than we do," added Welch. "The airplanes there will be flying from near-ground level to 300 feet."

The Air Force has said the lowest level flights will occur in this eight-county area are at 3,000 feet.

"We will still have danger here with the planes at that altitude," said Welch.

"I want people to understand that we are 100 percent in favor of the U.S. having the best air force in the world. We just feel they can train just as well over land the government already owns than over our private property," said Welch.

"They already have low-level training grounds and they should just continue to use what they have now. You wouldn't think this kind of thing could happen in America. It's my worst nightmare come to life," said Welch.

HEPA has retained Santa Fe attorney Frank Bond to represent the group and other potential area plaintiffs.

Chamber needing vendors for July 4

Snyder Chamber of Commerce staffers are busy preparing for the annual Independence Day celebration in Towle Park.

Vendors are needed for food and arts and crafts booths in both the park area and the armory.

Booth rental fees are $55 with electricity and $45 without.

Booths open Monday, July 3, from 4 to 9 p.m. and Tuesday, July 4, from 8:30 a.m. until after the fireworks display.

For information on reserving a vendor space, call 573-3558.

Donations are needed to offset the cost of the fireworks display, which will cost $8,500. The increase is due to the cost of insurance, chamber offic[illegible] aid.

The prayer breakfas[illegible] uled for 8 a.m. follow[illegible] flag raising ceremon[illegible] of the National Guard Armory.

Parade lineup begins at 9 a.m. at Moffett Field and anyone interested in being in the parade should show up then. The parade begins at 10 a.m.

Other activities include washer and horseshoe pitching and volleyball tournaments.

Registration for washer pitching begins at 8 a.m. with a $5 entry fee. The tourney starts at noon July 4th, south of the pond.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. for horseshoe pitching. Entry fee is $5, and the tourney starts at 9 a.m. at the tennis courts.

The volleyball tournament will have an eight- person roster and will follow co-ed rules. There is an entry fee of $70 per team. For more information contact Louis Alaniz at 573-7321 or Chad Welch [illegible]-6058.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "The only people in the world who are always sure about the way to raise children are those who've never had any."

As they get older, dads become wiser. And older ones can advise the younger guys not to complain when the little ones ask for a quarter.

Hang on, some day they'll want a twenty and keys to the family car. And before long, the family car will be described as a jalopy and they'll want one of their own.

Don't fret, there will come a time when everybody can laugh about that awful wooden car you carved for junior to enter in the Pinebox Derby.

And there are other lessons learned from fatherhood:

—Shouting to make your kids obey is like using the horn to steer the car. The results are about the same.

—Enjoy the kids while they are still on your side. And don't worry, even if they change sides, they'll be back.

—One way to keep kids at home is to make it a pleasant atmosphere. Another way is to let the air out of the tires.

—Warm hearts are always preferable to hot heads.

—The joy of parenthood is when the kids are sleeping over – at a friend's house.

—A magic moment is when everybody goes home from the sleepover at your house.

—The real purpose of a child's middle name is to let 'em know when they are really in the doghouse.

—There are three ways to get something done. 1. Do it yourself. 2. Hire someone to do it. 3. Forbid the kid to do it.

—Understand your role as a parent: you bare infants and bore teenagers.

—Have a long-range goal: Get even. Live long enough to be a problem to your kids.

Most dads can relate to this story:

A kid was sent to bed by his father. Five minutes later a cry rang out, "Daad…"

"What?" asked the father.

"I'm thirsty. Can you bring me a drink of water?"

"No, you had your chance. Lights out."

Five minutes later: "Da-aaad…"

"What?"

"I'm thirsty…can I have a drink of water?"

"I told you no, and if you ask again, I'll have to spank you."

Five minutes later:

"Daaa-aaad."

"What?"

"When you come in to spank me, will you bring me a drink of water?

Happy Father's Day.

ASK US

Q—Has the chamber of commerce set the date for its banquet, and who is the speaker?

A—The banquet is Aug. 26. There's no featured speaker this year, but Fiddlin' Frenchie Burke will be the entertainment to follow the banquet's Mardi Gras theme.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Friday, 91 degrees; low, 63; 7 a.m. Saturday, 63; trace precipitation; total for 2000, 11.27 inches.

Area Forecast: Saturday night, mostly cloudy; 40% chance of storms; low, lower 60s; SE wind, 10-20 mph; Sunday, mostly cloudy; 30% chance of storms; high, mid 80s; SE wind, 10-20 mph.

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Confidence is the inner voice that says you are becoming what you are capable of being.

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Laura Bush addresses state GOP

HOUSTON (AP) — They didn't get to see him in person, but delegates to the Texas Republican convention got a glimpse of their governor and presidential candidate by videotape.

George W. Bush appeared on the big screen at the George R. Brown Convention Center just before his wife, Laura Bush, spoke in person Friday. Bush touted his campaign message of compassionate conservatism, and his wife echoed that theme in her speech.

"As governor of Texas I have set a tone that is positive, hopeful and inclusive, and I will do the same as your president," the governor told the convention, which is controlled by social conservatives.

Bush is not attending the state GOP convention because he is campaigning out of state. The presumptive Republican presidential nominee was traveling in Kentucky, Ohio and Florida this week.

"We better win Florida this year, or my little brother, Jeb, who's governor of Florida, will have some explaining to do," Bush said.

He said he supports improving public education, building the strength and morale of the U.S. military and encouraging churches and charities to help the needy. Bush urged convention delegates to help "rally the armies of compassion."

"We live in a time of unparalleled prosperity and unlimited opportunity," Bush said. "To give our prosperity a purpose, there is much yet to do."

Mrs. Bush received a warm reception from the crowd.

"With George traveling so much, I have to assume a few of his duties here in Texas. Sometimes it seems like the really important things are left to me," she said, an apparent reference to her husband's absence.

As governor of Texas, Bush has overseen rising student test scores, fewer numbers of people on welfare and more adoptions, Mrs. Bush said.

"George has funded priorities, yet cut taxes. Not once, but twice — the two largest tax cuts in our state's history," she said. She called the governor's policies "conservative and compassionate."

Mrs. Bush touted her husband's Social Security plan to allow younger workers to place some of their payroll taxes into voluntary retirement accounts.

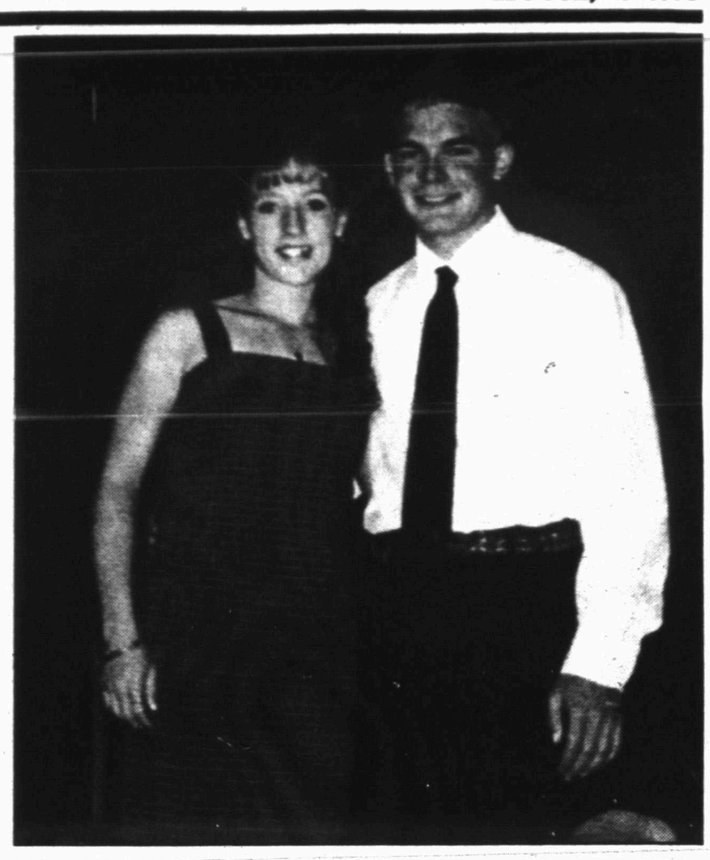
Mrs. Bush also spoke fondly of her twin daughters, who recently graduated from high school. With emotion in her voice, said she hopes one day to be a grandmother.

"One day, God willing, George will be a fabulous grandfather," she added. "In the meantime, though, he'll make a darn good president."

Other speakers Friday promoted Bush's presidential candidacy.

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander said Bush, who became governor in 1995, has been good for the Texas economy. In the 1990s, the state has seen the creation of 2.35 million new jobs as the state's economy has diversified, she said.

In other convention business, delegates approved a platform opposing abortion, homosexual marriage and human cloning and supporting school choice, federal tax reform and the death penalty. For the most part, the platform did not differ significantly from the previous one.



MR. AND MISS HHS — Randi K. Herrington, daughter of Mike and Levon Herrington, and Jared Higgins, son of David and Nancy Higgins, were named Mr. and Miss Hermleigh High School for 1999-2000. Both graduated May 26. Randi was the class valedictorian and Jared was the salutatorian. Mr. and Miss HHS are selected by a system that awards points throughout the school year for academic and extra curricular achievement. Randi will attend South Plains College in Levelland and Jared will attend the Colorado School of Mines in Golden, Colorado. (Contributed Photo)

Ex-convict receives life term in Chinese student's killing

HOUSTON (AP) — A prosecutor said a decision by a Houston jury to give an ex-convict life in prison instead of death may have been influenced by nationwide publicity over capital punishment.

Jeremiah Russell, 25, was convicted of capital murder Tuesday in the slaying of a Chinese woman who was attending college in Houston. He was sentenced to life on Friday after the panel deliberated about three hours.

Prosecutor Joe Owmby said Russell deserved to die for the Oct. 23 killing.

"I'm not shocked," he was quoted as saying in Saturday editions of the Houston Chronicle. "But I'm surprised because the killing was so cold-blooded, so unnecessary, so remorseless and so deserving of the death penalty. It may be a sign of the times and the current circumstances surrounding everything that's going on around us."

The death sentence has received increased attention recently. A study out this week by Columbia School of Law Professor James S. Liebman found that two-thirds of U.S. death penalty appeals from 1973 through 1995 were successful, meaning the cases were flawed and had to be done over. More than 4,500 appeals were examined.

Before Russell was sentenced, he addressed the family of his victim, Lu Hu.

"I ask them for forgiveness and I also ask that God's peace and blessings be on them," he said.

The words triggered sobs from Hu's parents, who traveled from China to watch the trial. They expressed dismay at the jury's decision.

All jurors declined comment.

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Brownwood woman only Texas plaintiff in lawsuit

BROWNWOOD (AP) — A Brownwood woman who is the only Texas plaintiff in a $400 million lawsuit against Hare Krishna leaders says her new faith as a Christian has helped her deal with childhood horrors in Krishna boarding schools.

Brigitte Rittenour is one of 44 former students of Hare Krishna boarding schools who have filed a federal lawsuit in Dallas against leaders of the religious community, alleging years of childhood sexual, physical and emotional torture.

The federal suit names the International Society of Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON) as lead defendant, along with 18 members or former members of the group's governing board of leaders and the estate of the movement's founder, A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada.

Anuttama, a Hare Krishna spokesman in Washington, said Krishna leaders have acknowledged aith."

Rittenour said her two years in the Krishna boarding school in Dallas are "difficult for anyone to imagine."

She said they had no hot water and slept on a concrete basement floor with inadequate heating.

She said students were subjected to daily beatings, including being kicked or held against a wall by their ears. They had no shoes or coats in the winter and no medical care when they got sick.

"Once, they locked me up in a closet, and a lamp overturned," Rittenour said. "They wouldn't let me out, and it burned my hair off.

"There was sexual abuse, a lot of degrading things. We had no bathroom tissue. They scrubbed us with steel wool. They made us drink urine. Not all of us had all of that happen to us, but most of that happened to me."

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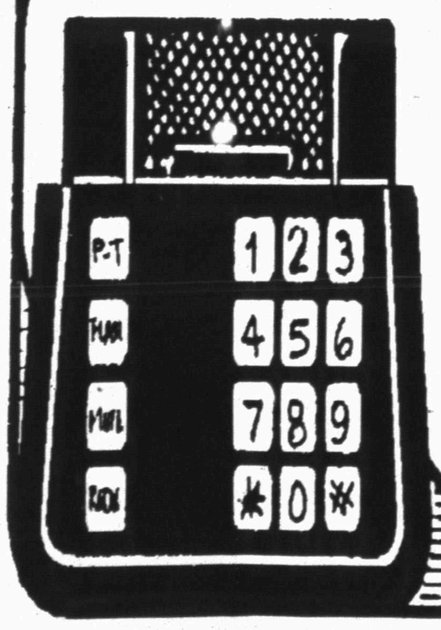

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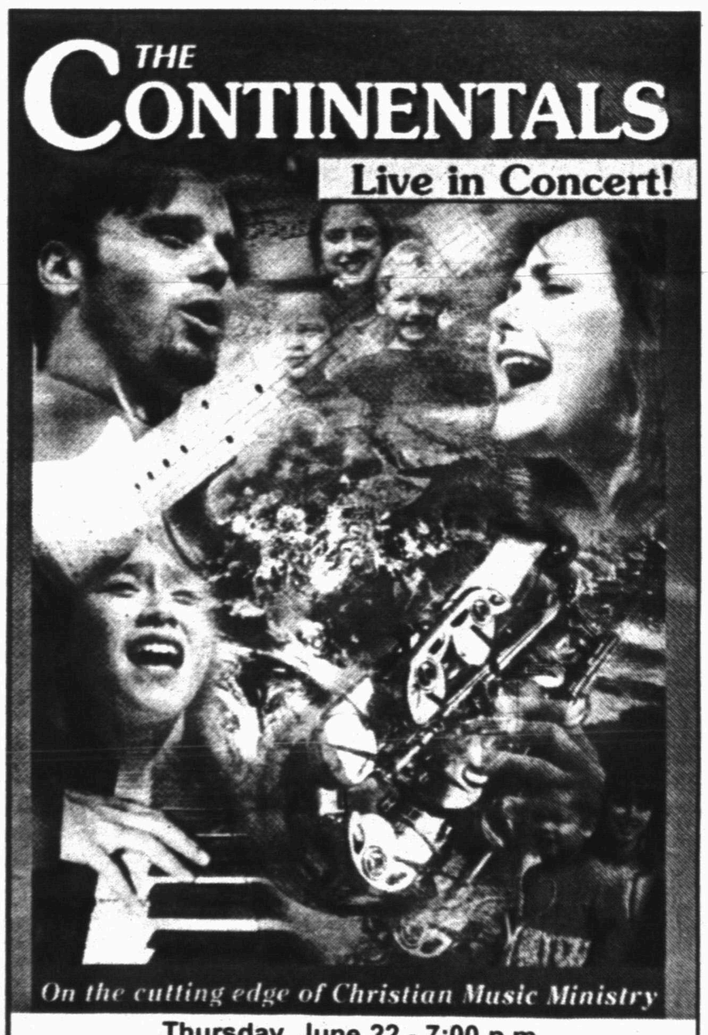

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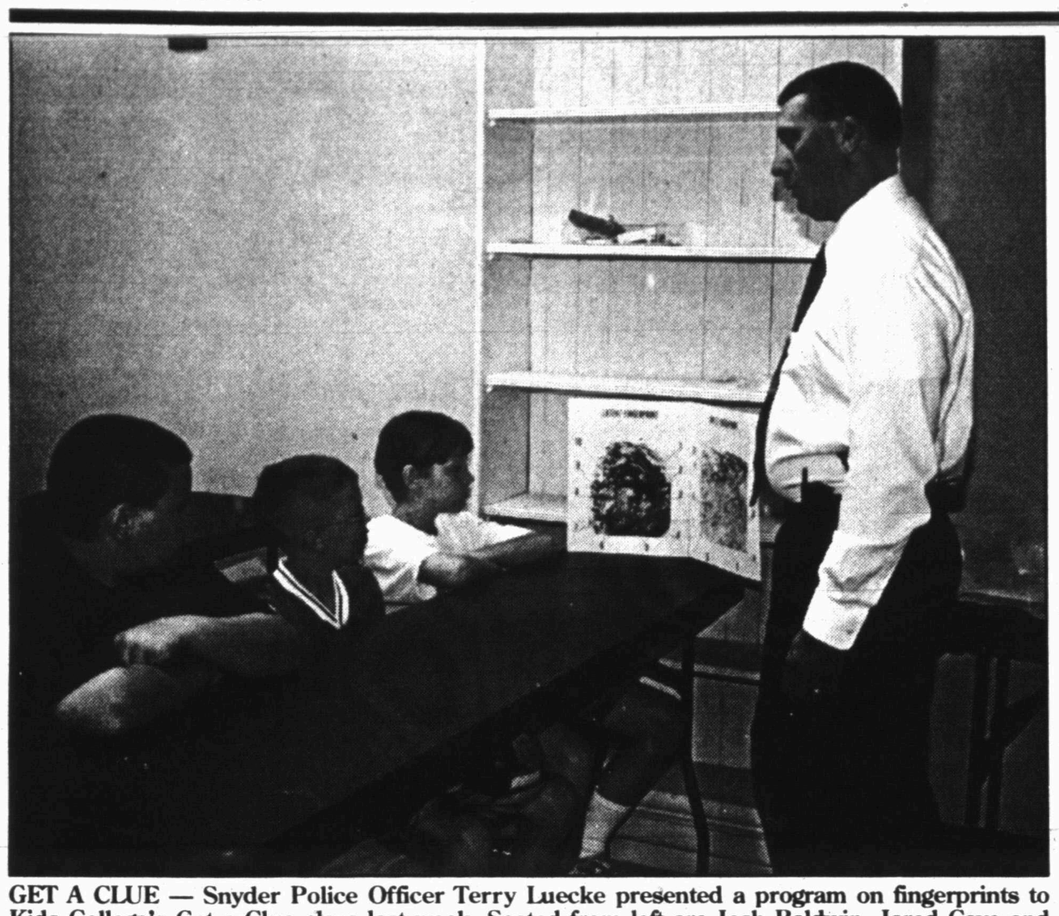

GET A CLUE — Snyder Police Officer Terry Luecke presented a program on fingerprints to Kids College's Get a Clue class last week. Seated from left are Josh Baldwin, Jared Cave and Derek Murphy. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Mississippi escapees caught; they may face more charges

LOWELL, Ind. (AP) — Two prison escapees from Mississippi nabbed after nearly three weeks on the lam could face new charges in three states for allegedly hijacking several vehicles, shooting at a police officer and committing several thefts.

But authorities say convicted killer John F. Woolard and convicted robber Roy Randall Harper must first return to finish their sentences.

"We are going to seek to extradite Woolard and Harper on back to Mississippi and let the other states file their charges after the fact," Mississippi Department of Corrections spokesman Ken Jones said Friday.

An intensive search for Woolard and Harper ended Friday after the two men, exhausted from three weeks on the run and battered by three days hiding in fields and thorny underbrush, surrendered to police.

The two men hijacked several vehicles along the way and committed thefts and other crimes in three states, police said.

They surrendered peacefully, Lake County Sheriff John Buncich said. "Evidently, they were very tired and had some injuries from being in the underbrush for so long," he said.

Indiana State Police captured Woolard, 37, Friday morning in a field near the Indiana-Illinois state line about 40 miles south of Chicago. Harper, 42, was caught earlier walking along railroad tracks in the town of St. John. Both men had loaded handguns tucked into their waistbands, authorities said.

The pair was charged with two counts each of attempted murder, attempted battery and resisting law enforcement. They were ordered held without bail until a June 23 hearing. Each man faces up to 108 years in prison if convicted on all charges. Buncich said authorities were preparing to add charges of auto theft and carjacking.

The two were accused of a series of crimes after their escape May 28 from a state prison in Parchman, Miss.

Woolard was serving a life sentence for murder, and Harper was serving 88 years without parole for robbery. Authorities said they escaped by cutting through a metal plate under a louvered window and a razor-wire fence.

Police said they bound and gagged a couple in their home in Webb, Miss., June 4, stole more than a dozen guns and made off in their car. They also are suspected of attacking a 56-year-old man on June 9 at a West Virginia motel, taking $300 and his van.

They were spotted in Indiana on Wednesday and allegedly fired at a police officer who had stopped their van for speeding. A high-speed chase ended at a nearby gas station after authorities blew out the van's tires. The men escaped into a nature preserve.

They stole another vehicle Thursday night and headed to St. John, and Woolard stole a van just after Harper surrendered, police said.

Authorities recovered weapons and jewelry reported stolen.

Man lived through 'Perfect Storm' that occurred in 1991

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Willi Bank won't have to see the upcoming film adaptation of Sebastian Junger's book "The Perfect Storm" to learn what happens.

He lived it.

Bank was an engineer on the historic schooner Ernestina when it set sail from New England to Bermuda in October 1991 and got caught in rough seas when an Atlantic hurricane met with a second storm charging south from Nova Scotia.

The collision created what mariners dubbed "The Halloween Storm," what lay people called "the storm of the century," and what Junger made famous in his novel as "The Perfect Storm."

"We were running away from Hurricane Grace," recalled Bank, 36. "When things got better there, we were told about the other storm. I said, 'What do you mean there's a more severe storm out there?'"

Junger's book describes how the fishing vessel Andrea Gail vanished while battling that second storm after setting sail from New England.

Today the Ernestina — as it was in nine years ago — is a floating classroom that allows students a chance to experience life on a turn-of-the-century vessel. It sailed into Penn's Landing on Friday, and will be open to the public over the weekend.

The 106-year-old schooner began its days as a fishing vessel, has braved 20 expeditions to the Antarctic, and at one time carried load after load of hopeful immigrants to the United States from Cape Verde, Africa.

It made it through the Halloween Storm, but not before some tense moments at sea.

"We were in terrific seas, but nothing as bad as the people who perished," said Willi Bank's 65-year-old father, William, a neurologist at the University of Pennsylvania who served as the ship doctor on the 1991 voyage.

The storm set in three days after the 24 students and crew of 10 left the Ernestina's home port in New Bedford, Mass.

Instead of passing quickly, it stalled for several days, leaving the crew to work around the clock to try to save the ship.

While they initially used their 8,323 square-feet of sails to run ahead of the storm, when the winds died down, they turned to the ship's 6-cylinder engine, only to find it flooded.

Huge swells had caused water to back up in the exhaust system. Willi Bank spent 21/2 days below deck, taking the engine apart and getting it running again.

Despite the physical labor and emotional strain, the worst part of the trip was listening by radio as two other boats — including another century-old schooner, the Anna Christina — went down.

"We knew people on board. The captain had sailed as a mate on the Ernestina," said Gregg Swanzey, 47, then the Ernestina's captain. "All we could do was just listen. It was awful to hear."

The Coast Guard was able to pick up the passengers of those vessels before they sank. The Andrea Gail, meanwhile, was lost, its six crew members never heard from again.

The storm was just the latest adventure for the Ernestina, which by 1991 had survived several groundings in the Antarctic and a fire in a New York harbor.

The Cape Verde government gave the boat to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in 1982 to thank the United States for helping it gain independence from Portugal.

The schooner was named a National Historic Landmark in 1990. Today, the state of Massachusetts runs educational programs aboard and welcomes visitors at its home port or at ports around the country where it docks.

The stately vessel is 114 feet long, with a majestic 76-foot-high Douglas fir main mast and a 74-foot foremast. It takes 20 people to raise the main sail.

While the crew uses computers for forecasting and communications, the living conditions have changed little from the 19th century — no running water or air conditioning, for example.

Willi Bank is now the ship's captain, though he hasn't faced many days like he did as the engineer.

"Some days are pretty long, but the sailing is wonderful," he said. "The students, no matter what the weather, always come away with a novel experience."

"The Perfect Storm," which stars George Clooney, Mark Wahlberg and Mary Elizabeth Mastrantonio, opens June 30.

On the Net:
http://www.ernestina.org/

Locals' daughter graduates from Dallas art school

Leslie Pemberton, a 1995 Snyder High school graduate, recently graduated from the Art Institute of Dallas with honors, receiving an associate of arts degree with a specialization in interior design.

Leslie maintained a 3.5 G.P.A. for seven consecutive quarters, and was named to the Dean's List.

She is the daughter of Leon and Kathy Pemberton of Snyder.

Leslie is presently a designer with the second largest commercial design firm in Dallas, that ranks 19th in the top one hundred design firms across the United States.

Her parents believe they are very fortunate to have a daughter like Leslie who has confidence in her abilities, and believes that with hard work and determination she can accomplish the goals she has set for herself. They are very proud of her. Congratulations Leslie, you deserve it.

Leslie Pemberton

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Study shows youth most at risk for smoking in 6th grade

HOUSTON (AP) — Texas youths are more at risk of becoming smokers while in sixth grade, when looking "cool" is more important than health and other factors, according to a statewide survey.

Equating smoking with sophistication, or coolness and looking older, wanes after sixth grade as youths age, according to findings reported Saturday in the Houston Chronicle.

The Baylor College of Medicine and the University of Texas-Houston School of Public Health surveyed about 33,000 middle and high school students in Texas earlier this year to gather information about tobacco use and risks. The results were released Friday.

The Texas Department of Health commissioned the survey to help develop anti-smoking campaigns aimed at children and teen-agers. The survey identified factors that it said predict teen-age smoking.

"The conclusion is that it's important to get into our message into middle schools as early as possible," said Dr. Amelie Ramirez, an associate professor of medicine at Baylor College of Medicine.

The survey showed that by the 12th grade more than 25 percent of students were smoking cigarettes regularly, males more so than females.

Along with being cool or looking older, teen-agers cited their belief that smoking can be relaxing and that it's safe to smoke when young because there's plenty of time to quit later.

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Jean-Paul Marat, a leader of the French revolution, was stabbed to death in 1788 in his bath.

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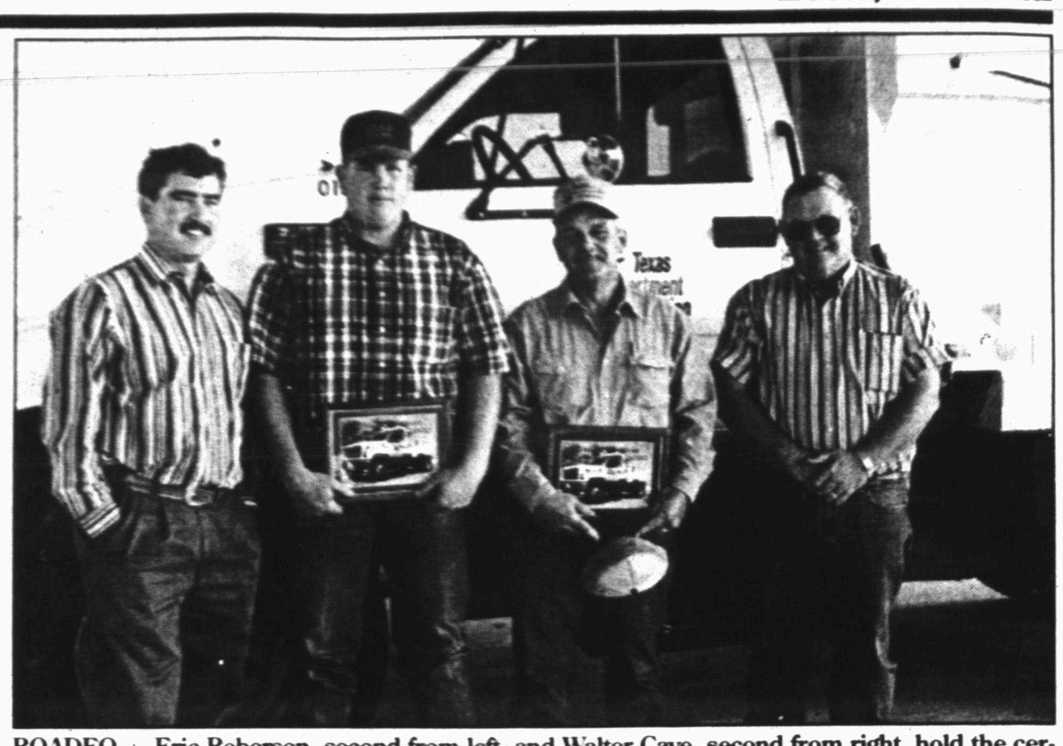

ROADEO — Eric Roberson, second from left, and Walter Cave, second from right, hold the certificates they earned as participants in the Texas Department of Transportation's 2000 Abilene District Roadeo. The event tested 37 drivers on their driving skills and their preventative maintenance knowledge. Cave and Roberson, both maintenance technicians in Scurry County's maintenance section, took first place and second place respectively at the county level to earn them the right to compete at district. With Cave and Roberson are Jack Talley, right, Scurry County maintenance section supervisor, and Bill Hale, Abilene district engineer. (TxDOT photo by Mary Beth Kilgore)

Utah companies, government using new digital signatures

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — If a Utah farmer wants a loan, he can offer his tractor up as collateral on the Internet. Likewise, a clerk at the Salt Lake district attorney's office can file a case in court without leaving the office.

The electronic signatures necessary to seal such transactions — just validated by Congress on Friday — are already a part of daily commerce in Utah, the first state to approve the use of so-called e-signatures.

"Utah's a little bit ahead of the game," said Robert Stewart, the coordinator of the state's digital signature effort. "It's just the federal government that finally got on board here."

The Senate on Friday approved legislation giving records and signatures sent through cyberspace the same legal validity as a pen-and-paper document. The House approved the measure earlier this week, and the bill awaits a signature from President Clinton, who has expressed support.

While the federal bill has been two years in the making, 46 states have passed laws recognizing electronic signatures. Utah passed its Digital Signatures Act in 1995.

In the interim, several Utah companies developed software to make digital signatures a reality.

In most cases, the technology is based on two codes consisting of a long string of random digits. A computer database assigns the codes to a user, who keeps one private and registers the second with a repository, in some cases a bank.

When a document with a digital signature is sent, the receiving party can find the sender's public signature "key" in the repository and use it to decipher the signature without learning the private code. If the document is tampered with en route, the signature mutates.

Experts say these digital signatures, which can also be used to encrypt documents to keep them secret, will make online business deals, home mortgages or car sales a reality.

"Today most people go to a Web site to fill out an application for a loan or an insurance policy ... and then have to do the rest (of the transaction) on paper," said Ben Gould, vice president of marketing for iLumin Corp., an Orem-based company that has developed digital signature software.

"Now, I can go to a site, fill out that application, sign it digitally and I'm done," he said. "I can even have the money transferred without getting out my seat."

Banks and government offices in Utah already use the technology. The Salt Lake City district attorney's office has been filing warrants and cases online as part of a program developed with iLumin.

Since February 1999, First Security Bank, working through the Salt Lake-based digital signature licenser USERTrust Inc., has accepted electronic bids from state residents who want to offer private property as collateral for small loans, like the farmer with a tractor.

This spring, Digital Signatures Trust, a subsidiary of Salt Lake City's Zions Bancorp., became the federal government's first contractor for digital signature certificates.

The company is exploring ways to allow companies to electronically file their employees' W-2 forms or have students sign up for federal loans over the Web.

Scott Lowry, Digital Signatures Trust chief executive officer, compared federal approval of e-signatures to the creation of America's highways for traditional business.

"The fact that a lot of states had passed a lot of legislation was good, but on the other hand you ended up with a patchwork quilt of legislation that wasn't viable for interstate commerce," Lowry said. "If we had to build the interstate highway system one county at a time or one state at a time, we'd probably never have an interstate highway system."

On the Net:

House Commerce Committee: http://www.house.gov/commerce/

Utah's electronic signatures program and laws: http://www.cio.state.ut.us

iLumin Corp.: http://www.ilumin.com

Digital Signatures Trust: http://www.digsigtrust.com

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Trying to mend fences, Gore meets with top labor leaders

WASHINGTON (AP) — In frantic fence mending, Al Gore met Friday with top labor leaders while aides reached out to local unions nationwide. New campaign chairman William Daley considered withdrawing from the free-trade fight at the root of Gore's labor problem.

Meanwhile, more of the unions Gore is counting on to boost voter turnout in November weighed in on his surprise appointment of Daley, a development on Thursday that the Teamsters denounced as a "slap in the face."

As commerce secretary, Daley is the top administration lobbyist for the China trade bill despised by organized labor. Gore, too, has argued for the legislation.

"We just can't seem to break through on the political importance of understanding how strongly working people feel on the trade issue," said United Steelworkers of America spokesman Gary Hubbard.

"The vice president, he does have our endorsement, but it's pretty clear that if he's not listening to us, he may not have the winning edge to succeed because it's going to be a very close race" against Republican George W. Bush, Hubbard said.

Privately, Democrats close to Gore said his team has acknowledged the big mistake of not consulting with labor leaders before word leaked on Thursday that Daley would take over the helm of Gore's presidential campaign from Tony Coelho, who resigned for health reasons.

Gore met at his vice presidential residence with AFL-CIO President John Sweeney and with Gerald McEntee, chairman of the labor federation's political committee. Daley, meanwhile, phoned other union leaders.

After an angry phone conversation with Gore on Thursday, Sweeney pronounced Friday's hourlong huddle "a really good session," according to AFL-CIO spokeswoman Deborah Dion, and the issue seemed put to rest for Sweeney and McEntee, two of Gore's most ardent supporters.

Gore aides said he also wanted to speak with Teamsters President James Hoffa, but nothing had been arranged as of late Friday.

The Teamsters board, already weighing whether to deny Gore its endorsement, meets next week with Bush and Green Party candidate Ralph Nader. Democrats close to Gore are concerned that if he can't soothe Hoffa the likelihood will grow that the Teamsters will sit out the campaign without making any endorsement.

"I think this is one of those cases where you say, 'Look, we disagree and neither one of us is going to change our views,'" said campaign communications director Mark Fabiani.

He added that Gore makes "no apologies for picking the best person for the job because winning this election is too important to the country and too important to labor."

By way of explaining the previous day's lapse in communication with this critical Democratic constituency, Gore told reporters that Sweeney was the first person he tried to call Thursday about Daley and aides said the vice president also asked for Hoffa's cell phone number. But both labor chiefs were in transit and unreachable, Gore aides said.

Daley, scheduled to start with the campaign on July 15, spent Friday morning conferring with Commerce Department lawyers to make sure that none of his actions during his final month at Commerce would violate conflict of interest laws, department spokesman Morrie Goodman said.

Because of these concerns, Daley was rethinking how involved he will be in lobbying to get the China trade bill through the Senate.

Daley had the view on Thursday that "as long as he is commerce secretary, he plans to continue working to seek quick passage of the bill in the Senate. But today, the general counsel is looking at all of that to see what he can and can't do," Goodman said.

Later Friday, Daley joined the three-hour campaign strategy session at Gore's residence and launched a media blitz.

Half a million barrels bound for gulf refinery

WASHINGTON (AP) — For the second time in two days, the Energy Department directed that 500,000 barrels of crude oil be taken from the government emergency reserve and provided to a Gulf Coast refinery that has been cut off from tanker deliveries.

The department said it would provide the oil to the Conoco Inc., refinery at West Lake, La., to replace crude oil that is prevented from reaching the refinery because of a blockage in the Calcasieu ship channel near Lake Charles.

Under the agreement, Conoco agrees to return to the Strategic Petroleum Reserve an equivalent value of crude oil once the shipping lanes are reopened. The first shipments of government oil will be made to the Conoco refinery on Sunday, the department said.

The Energy Department announced a similar arrangement on Thursday with the Citgo refinery near Lake Charles. The government reserve is not far from the two refineries.

"We are taking this action to avert a possible shortfall in gasoline and diesel fuel to American consumers at a time when supplies for these fuels are already tight," said Energy Secretary Bill Richardson in a statement.

Both the Conoco and Citgo refineries were cut off from normal tanker deliveries this week when a commercial dry dock collapsed into the shipping channel just north of the Intracoastal Waterway. Only a small amount of oil is being withdrawn from tankers and moved around the blockage by barge.

The oil from the government reserve will keep the refineries running at normal capacity until the blockage is removed, department officials said.

The la t oil exchange involving Strategic Petroleum Reserve, which contains nearly 600 million barrels of oil, was in May 1996, when 900,000 barrels was lent to Arco because of a blocked pipeline. An exchange is different from a decision to sell oil from the reserve, something the Clinton administration has declined to do, saying the oil should only be used to address severe supply disruptions.

Financial Focus

Stocks Have a Place in Retirement Accounts

If you have a Roth IRA, a traditional IRA, and employer-sponsored retirement plan or some other tax-deferred retirement vehicle, the chances are pretty good that you're funding your plan either partially or entirely with mutual funds. Mutual funds are good choices, because they offer diversification and professional management. But if your retirement account is made up solely of mutual funds, then you may be missing out on another good funding vehicle — individual stocks.

You may already be buying stocks for your everyday investment account. How do you know which of these stocks might be good candidates for your retirement plan?

In general, you may want to put those stocks that pay higher dividends in your retirement account. If you kept these stocks in your regular trading account, the dividends would incur taxes at your regular income tax rate, which could be as high as 39.6 percent. But if you put these stocks in your retirement account, the dividends will be allowed to compound on a tax-deferred basis.

Furthermore, stocks that pay higher dividends tend to be well-established companies with proven track records and solid long-term growth potential. Clearly, these are the traits you want in the investments that make up your retirement account.

Conversely, you may want to keep small-capitalization and aggressive growth stocks in your regular account. Many of these stocks pay little or no dividends, so you won't pay taxes on your shares until you sell them. Even then, you'll just be paying capital gains taxes, which are currently capped at 20 percent — only about half the top income tax rate.

There's another reason you might want to keep the small-capitalization and aggressive growth stocks out of your retirement account: volatility. These types of stocks are often susceptible to large price swings caused by market downturn. Over the long term, these periods of volatility do tend to smooth out, but when you're close to retirement, you don't want to take the chances of hitting a "down" cycle.

On the other hand, you don't want all the stocks in your retirement account to look exactly alike. Diversification is just as important in a retirement account as anywhere else, so you'll want to spread your dollars among stocks in a variety of different industries.

No matter how you choose to invest your dollars once they are in your retirement account — in stocks, mutual funds or a combination of the two — try to put away as much as you can afford, or as much as is allowed in your particular plan. Remember that your contributions are all tax-deferred, which means that your money will grow much faster than if it were placed in similar-yielding investments in a taxable account.

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Husband charged

EL PASO (AP) — Investigators found the body of a missing woman buried in the back yard of her husband, who reported her missing seven years ago.

Alejandro Ledesma Jr. was charged with murder and jailed. His bond was to be set at $100,000, a police spokeswoman said.

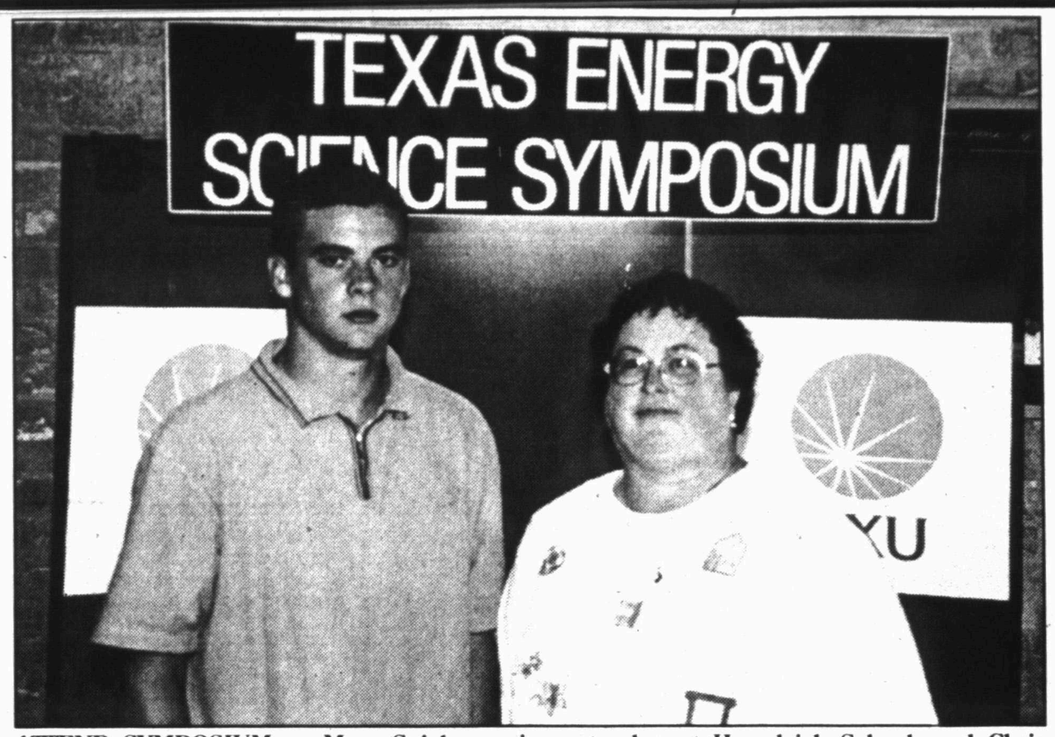
Following a tip, police and FBI agents dug Thursday night and into Friday morning before finding the body of Melina Garcia-Ledesma, the El Paso Times reported on Saturday. She was 17 when her husband reported her missing. They had only been married for 40 days.

Garcia-Ledesma, who disappeared in July 28, 1993, was last seen having an argument with her husband outside an East Side pool house. He told police she left as a passenger in a red Corvette.

The Garcia family distributed thousands of fliers in hopes of finding the graduate of Father Yermo High School.

The digging drew the attention of neighbors, including some who said it was difficult to sleep because of the noise Thursday night.

"I'm glad that they worked all night because at least the family may now know where she is — where she ended up. But this is very, very sad," said Victoria Rosales, who lives a few doors from the Ledesma home.



ATTEND SYMPOSIUM — Mary Spieker, science teacher at Hermleigh School, and Chris McClure, Hermleigh student, attended the 40th annual Texas Energy Science Symposium held at the University of Texas at Austin June 6-9. They were the guests of TXU Electric and Gas at the conference, co-sponsored by the university and the Texas Energy Education Foundation. (Contributed Photo)

Lawsuit alleges abuse

HOUSTON (AP) — A lawsuit claims a Harris County jail guard severely beat an inmate, causing him to be paralyzed for nearly a year before dying last week.

The suit alleges that beatings by jail guards are common and appear to go unpunished. Jail officials deny Brown was abused and say guards are punished if they use excessive force.

The lawyer for the family of Leroy Brown, John Tavormina, will ask a judge to enjoin guards from administering beatings and require the jail to take measures to prevent them, the Houston Chronicle reported in a story for Saturday's editions.

The lawsuit says Sheriff's Deputy Floyd M. Garner Jr. used unreasonable force when he knocked Brown to the ground and kneed him in the back of the neck several times.

Houston police arrested Brown on an assault charge after a dispute with a clerk at a convenience store on June 19 of last year.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Sunday, June 18, 2000
In the year ahead, you might be busier than you have been in the past in advancing arrangements that could mean a great deal to you financially. Play to win.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) If reviewing a contract or a joint agreement of some sort today, watch for complicated clauses that could be hidden between the lines. What you sign now could cost you money down the line. Gemini, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper. P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Decisiveness may be essential to your success today, but only after carefully evaluating your course of action. Being wishy-washy could get you lost in a jungle of unfinished matters.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Without your mind being totally focused on the job at hand today, you may create a mess in the process of attempting a do-it-yourself project. Don't start anything complicated.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Watch what you say and how you say things today to the family or good friends. A thoughtless comment could cause either an argument or hurt feelings difficult to erase.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Be careful you don't come off too dictatorial or demanding today, because it's not your nature to do so, and you won't want your reputation to be based upon this one moment of overreacting.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Details will be important today with most anything you attempt, but don't focus on them so intently that they obscure the larger picture, yet do make sure all the small pieces fall into place.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) It won't seem to matter if you gained financially in the past week if today you blow it all on nonsensical items. Be prudent instead of wasteful.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Individuals with whom you have dealings on a one-to-one basis must be handled with kid gloves today. Using forceful or overbearing tactics will backfire.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Your motives for helping others may be genuine and heartfelt, but take care how you go about doing so. Don't push yourself on anybody who doesn't want your help.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Even conducting important discussions in a convivial atmosphere may not work out as you'd hoped at this time. Wait until another day to tackle the subject.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) If things are running smoothly, don't fix anything. Leave well enough alone and all should work out to your ultimate liking. If you muddy the waters today, it could be a different story.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) What's good for someone else might not be smart for you and visa versa. Use your own counsel, be your own person, and concentrate today on what you do well.

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Monday, June 19, 2000
In the year ahead, contacts you make can be significant in helping you achieve your aims, interests or ambitions. It behooves you to get out and circulate as much as possible.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Interestingly, those things over which you have little control today could turn out luckier for you than when you are calling your own shots. Let life happen to you. Major changes are ahead for Gemini in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Without even asking, associates and friends may be exceptionally helpful and cooperative with you today. Don't hesitate to take them up on their offers.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Perform at your highest levels today, because this is a day when rewards for work well done might be given in greater measure than usual. This includes even mundane tasks.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) It's quite likely that your social or sports-oriented activities could produce peripheral benefits of some sort, perhaps pertinent to other areas of your life.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) People with whom you have strong emotional bonds could be instrumental in providing some beneficial happenings today that would upgrade you and them.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Advice or counseling offered you today may be worth following closely, but only after carefully scrutinizing what is said. There's a good chance it will prove lucky for you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Today's aspects will provide greater rewards for you for industrious or productive effort. Try to concentrate in your financial or material areas.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) What would serve as insurance in fulfilling your expectations is to first look out for the interests of people with whom you'll be involved. People do for those they like.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) What you should be striving for today are the end results of your efforts, because that is the only thing that counts and is significant. Everything else is just the prelude.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) It'll be your positive attitude that will produce profound effects upon others today. Your genuine enthusiasm will arouse them to be equally as optimistic in their dealings with you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You could be luckier today where big things are concerned rather than where the stakes are smaller. This is especially true with your financial or commercial dealings.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) The more philosophical or expansive your thinking is today, the more you can make things go your way and be in accord with your expectations.

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DA: Church youth worker may have molested hundreds

BOSTON (AP) — A church youth worker charged with molesting two youths may have sexually assaulted several hundred young boys under his care during the past five years, a prosecutor said Friday.

Authorities said they have uncovered a videotape showing Christopher Reardon, of Middleton, engaged in sexual activity with a young boy.

Investigators also seized a list in Reardon's home that contained names, dates, and "sexual references," Essex County District Attorney Kevin Burke said. The list was "relatively recently generated," he said, and indicates that "several hundred" boys ranging in age from 5 to 14 may have been assaulted by Reardon.

Earlier this week, Reardon pleaded innocent to charges he sexually assaulted two boys in his catechism class.

"The investigation has spread dramatically," Burke said.

Reardon's attorney, John Andrews, said he believes prosecutors have embellished the number of alleged victims and the strength of their evidence.

"I'm disappointed because my client has been held five days," Andrews said. "I've yet to receive one police report ... or one investigative report. It's very frustrating."

Reardon, 28, was the youth ministries coordinator at St. Agnes Church in Middleton and director of the Danvers YMCA Summer Day Camp.

He has been held at Essex County jail since his arrest June 10 on two counts of indecent assault and battery on a child under 14, and indecent exposure.

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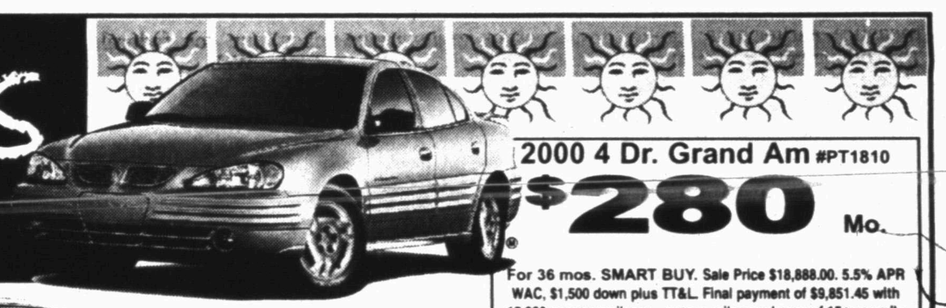
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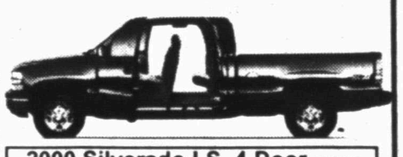
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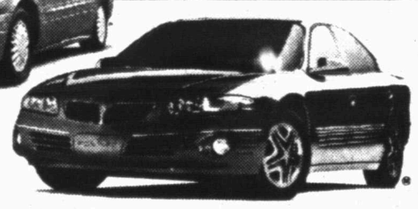
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SPORTS

SOFTBALL CHAMPS — The Intimidators won the 8-under division of the Snyder Girls' Softball League. Members of the team are, front row from left, Jessica Ibarra, Amy Fogleman, Bailey Minor, Taylor Presley and Kelly Martinez. On the middle row are Melanie Kariainen, Larissa Arellano, Evian Olvera, Andrea Perez, Heather Newton and Jessica Floyd. On the back row are coaches Teresa Kariainen, Billy Newton and Johnny Martinez. Not pictured is Coach Dixie Yandrich. (Contributed Photo)

Woods hangs on to Open lead

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif. (AP) — The fog lifted over Pebble Beach on Friday and revealed the passing of a generation — Jack Nicklaus limping home in his final U.S. Open, Tiger Woods breezing along on a brutally tough day.

Nicklaus bid an emotional and unforgettable farewell to 44 years in the toughest championship in golf, giving an adoring gallery one last thrill by lashing a 3-wood into a Pacific breeze and reaching the 545-yard 18th hole in two shots.

Nine minutes later, Woods stuck a peg in the ground and stayed on course for a chance to win his first U.S. Open.

Woods finished a long day of fog, sunshine and finally darkness by rolling in a 30-foot putt on the par-3 12th, his fifth birdie of the day on rock-hard greens, to get to 9 under for the tournament and build a three-shot lead over Miguel Angel Jimenez.

"I was just trying to get it close and get out of Dodge, and it went in," Woods said.

He refused to look too far ahead, or compare it to his record 12-stroke victory in the 1997 Masters.

"There's a long way to go. We haven't even finished the second round yet," Woods said. "This golf course is a lot more demanding than Augusta was."

Jimenez was at 6 under through seven holes when play was suspended by darkness. Fifty-six players will return at 6:30 a.m. Saturday to complete the third round.

Nicklaus will not be there. His anticipated walk up the 18th fairway came two days early, and the finish was not what he had in mind.

Nicklaus three-putted for par and signed for an 82, his worst score in 160 U.S. rounds dating to 1957.

"It's been a great run of tournaments," Nicklaus said, his blue eyes glistening as he tried to hold back the tears.

Pebble Beach made others break down Friday, but for a different reason.

The sea breeze that finally shooed away the fog also brought out the beast in Pebble Beach, its fickle winds that helped produce a hazy yellow hue on greens, turning them into crusty parcels on concrete.

"You could hear the greens yelling, 'I'm thirsty!'" said Lee Janzen, who had at 73 for a 2-over 144 total.

Greg Norman went eight straight holes with a bogey or worse for an 82, his worst U.S. Open round ever. He will miss the cut for the third straight time.

So will Davis Love III (75-79), for just the third time in his career.

None of this seem to faze Woods, who rolled in an 18-foot par putt on No. 2 and followed that with a 20-foot birdie on the third hole to get to 7 under, two strokes clear of Jimenez.

He made his first bogey of the championship on the par-3 fifth, and showed a slight chink when his next drive sailed right into the rough. But Woods ripped an iron over Stillwater Cove and onto the green, setting up a two-putt from 15 feet for birdie.

He also birdied the 106-yard seventh from 10 feet, but was scooting along through the Cliffs of Dooms with minimal damage.

"I just sit back and stand in awe of the kid," said hometown hero Bobby Clampett, who started the day three strokes back and walked off the course 10 strokes back. "Any time you think he can't do something, he proves you wrong."

All corners of the globe were trying to catch him.

Jimenez, the Spaniard whom Woods beat in a playoff at Valderrama in November, made par on the first five holes and picked up his lone birdie on the par-5 sixth hole.

"If my game stays the way it is, I'm not afraid of anything," Jiménez said.

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WTC riders qualify for championship round

CASPER, Wyo. — There are five down and one to go.

After five days of competition at the College National Finals Rodeo, all that remains between the Western Texas women's squad and the national title is Saturday night's championship round.

The Lady Westerners extended their lead in Friday's final preliminary round, opening up a 225-point advantage heading into Saturday's championship go-round.

The WTC women, who lead the team standings over Hill College and defending national champion the University of Nevada-Las Vegas, will be represented by three competitors in the short round.

Barrel racer Jamie Standifer, breakaway roper Tibba Smith and goat tyer Jill Childers advanced to the finals, along with Houston Hutto and Rawley McFarland from the Western Texas men's squad.

The WTC men slipped into a tie for ninth place in the team standings. The Westerners and the University of Tennessee-Martin are deadlocked at 230 points. College of Southern Idaho leads the men's race over defending champion Southwestern Oklahoma State.

Heading into the finals, Hutto sits second in the overall standings of the calf roping, while McFarland is sixth in the saddle bronc competition.

In women's action, the Lady Westerners upped their lead thanks to some valuable points in Friday night's breakaway roping event.

Brandee Brock won the third round with a time of 2.4 seconds, with Smith notching third with a run of 2.7. Smith's time propelled her into eighth place in the overall standings.

Standifer and Childers, who is defending her goat tying title from last year, have shots at individual crowns.

Standifer is second in the average, trailing Texas A&M's Amanda Barrett by only .23 of a second.

Childers is also in the runner-up spot heading into Saturday's championship round. The sophomore trails Lee McKnight of Weber State by .10 of a second, with Jennifer Heisman of Southwestern Oklahoma State sitting a close third.

The top 12 competitors in each event after three preliminary rounds advanced to the final go-round.

Eighty points will be awarded to the winner of the final round, with another 80 going to the overall winner.

Championship Round Qualifers

Calf roping: 1. Bryan McClellan, McNeese State University; 2. Houston Hutto, Western Texas College;. 3. (tie) Rusty Slavin, Panhandle State University and Brady Brower, Idaho State University; 5. Rusty Martin, Central Wyoming College; 6. Luke Branquinho, West Hills College; 7. Nathan Baldwin, Utah State University; 8. Casey Crow, West Texas A&M University; 9. Kurt Kiehne, Tarleton State University; 10. Justin Scofield, National American University; 11. Tyler Bronkhorst, Walla Walla Community College; 12. Roy Alexander, Central Arizona College.

Saddle bronc: 1. Josh MacKenzie, College of Southern Idaho; 2. Jacob Hayworth, Western Montana College; 3. Jesse Williams, Lassen College; 4. Joel Picou, McNeese State University; 5. Jason Diedrich, West Hills College; 6. Rawley McFarland, Western Texas College; 7. Jess Jones, University of Nevada-Las Vegas; 8. Wade Wallace, Lewis-Clark State College; 9. Jesse Bail, Panhandle State University; 10. Levi Conry, Laramie County Community College; 11. Cody Wright, College of Southern Idaho; 12. Robert Barber, McNeese State University.

Barrel racing: 1. Amanda Barrett, Texas A&M University; 2. Jamie Standifer, Western Texas College; 3. Shayna Price, Odessa College; 4. Tiffani Burton, Vernon Regional Junior College; 5. Morgan Figueroa, Sam Houston State University; 6. Sarah Buttle, Pima Community College; 7. Tiffany Wagner, Western Montana College; 8. Cheyenne Wimberly, Tarleton State University; 9. Jennifer Weaver, Northwestern Oklahoma State University; 10. Margaret Jones, University of Wyoming; 11. Sarah Byars, Tarleton State University; 12. Carisa Shearer, Missouri Valley College.

Breakaway roping: 1. Lexi Matteson, Walla Walla Community College; 2. Amy Shepperson, University of Wyoming; 3. Jackie Chaney, Southwestern Oklahoma State University; 4. Tiffany Curtis, Cal Poly State University-San Luis Obispo; 5. Sunnie Fish, University of Wyoming; 6. Hillary Lusse, University of Montana; 7. Holly Hayworth, Western Montana College; 8. (tie) Tibba Smith, Western Texas College and Carisa Shearer, Missouri Valley College; 10. Brook Boyle, Montana State University; 11. Michelle Alley, Hill College; 12. Zeann Golliher, South Dakota State University.

Goat tying: 1. Lee McKnight, Weber State University; 2. Jill Childers, Western Texas College; 3. Jennifer Heisman, Southwestern Oklahoma State University; 4. Kriston Looper, Hill College; 5. Codi Smith, Montana State University; 6. Holly Hayworth, Western Montana College; 7. Lacey Jones, Tarleton State University; 8. Blue Ogilvie, University of Montana; 9. Teka Brock, Sheridan College and Brooke Enos, Central Wyoming College; 11. Katy Anderson, Lewis-Clark State College; 12. Megan Hall, Cal Poly State University-San Luis Obispo.

Men's team standings: 1. College of Southern Idaho, 390.00; 2. Southwestern Oklahoma State University, 370.00; 3. University of Nevada-Las Vegas, 360.00; 4. McNeese State University, 340.00; 5. Walla Walla Community College, 333.33; 6. Western Montana College, 275.00; 7. Central Wyoming College, 255.00; 8. Panhandle State University, 245.00; 9. (tie) Western Texas College and University of Tennessee-Martin, 230.00; 11. Tarleton State University, 210.00; 12. Dickinson State University, 200.00; 13. West Hills College, 190.00; 14. Hill College; 150.00; 15. Central Arizona College, 140.00.

Women's team standings: 1. Western Texas College, 485.00; 2. Hill College, 260.00; 3. University of Nevada-Las Vegas, 230.00; 4. University of Wyoming, 200.00; 5. Western Montana College, 175.00; 6. Weber State University, 150.00; 7. South Dakota State University, 130.00; 8. Southwestern Oklahoma State University, 125.00; 9. Sam Houston State University, 110.00; 10. Missouri Valley College, 95.00; 11. Tarleton State University, 90.00; 12. University of West Alabama, 72.50; 13. (tie) University of Montana and Cal Poly State University-San Luis Obispo, 70.00; 15. Central Arizona College, 45.00; 16. Central Wyoming College, 27.50; 17. College of Southern Idaho, 25.00.

Major League Baseball

American League
All Times EDT

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Boston	35	27	.565	—
New York	34	27	.557	½
Toronto	35	33	.515	3
Baltimore	30	34	.469	6
Tampa Bay	26	39	.400	10½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Chicago	42	24	.636	—
Cleveland	34	29	.540	6½
Kansas City	33	32	.508	8½
Minnesota	30	38	.441	13
Detroit	25	37	.403	15

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Oakland	37	29	.561	—
Seattle	35	29	.547	1
Anaheim	33	33	.500	3½
Texas	30	35	.462	6½

Friday's Games

Detroit 5, Cleveland 2
Chicago White Sox 3, N.Y. Yankees 1
Boston 7, Toronto 4
Tampa Bay 9, Texas 2
Baltimore 4, Anaheim 3
Minnesota 7, Seattle 2
Oakland 8, Kansas City 3

Saturday's Games

Cleveland (Finley 5-4) at Detroit (Nomo 2-6), 1:05 p.m.
Texas (Pensho 1-0) at Tampa Bay (Lidle 0-1), 1:15 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Eldred 7-2) at N.Y. Yankees (Westbrook 0-0), 4:35 p.m.
Toronto (Wells 10-2) at Boston (R.Martinez 5-3), 5:05 p.m.
Seattle (Moyer 4-2) at Minnesota (Milton 6-1), 7:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Belcher 0-0) at Baltimore (Johnson 0-4), 7:05 p.m.
Oakland (Appier 6-3) at Kansas City (Witasick 1-5), 8:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Chicago White Sox (Parque 6-2) at N.Y. Yankees (Hernandez 6-5), 1:05 p.m.
Toronto (Castillo (2-5) at Boston (Schourek 2-6), 1:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Navarro 0-0) at Detroit (Blair 3-1), 1:05 p.m.
Texas (Helling 7-5) at Tampa Bay (Rekar 2-4), 1:15 p.m.
Anaheim (Etherton 1-1) at Baltimore (Erickson 3-3), 1:35 p.m.
Oakland (Heredia 8-4) at Kansas City (Batista 2-6), 2:05 p.m.
Seattle (Meche 2-4) at Minnesota (Mays 3-8), 2:05 p.m.

National League
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East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	41	25	.621	—
New York	36	28	.563	4
Montreal	33	30	.524	6½
Florida	31	36	.463	10½
Philadelphia	25	39	.391	15

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
St. Louis	38	28	.576	—
Cincinnati	32	33	.492	5½
Pittsburgh	29	36	.446	8½
Chicago	28	38	.424	10
Milwaukee	27	39	.409	11
Houston	24	42	.364	14

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Arizona	39	27	.591	—
Colorado	35	27	.565	2
Los Angeles	35	30	.538	3½
San Francisco	32	31	.508	5½
San Diego	28	37	.431	10½

Friday's Games

Chicago Cubs 9, Montreal 8
Florida 8, Pittsburgh 3
Philadelphia 2, Atlanta 1
N.Y. Mets 7, Milwaukee 1
San Diego 8, Cincinnati 5
St. Louis 6, Los Angeles 3
San Francisco 7, Houston 4

Saturday's Games

Montreal (Hermanson 5-3) at Chicago Cubs (Valdes 1-1), 4:05 p.m.
St. Louis (An.Benes 6-3) at Los Angeles (Dreifort 4-4), 4:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Villone 6-3) at San Diego (Eaton 1-0), 4:05 p.m.
Houston (Lima 1-9) at San Francisco (Hernandez 4-6), 4:05 p.m.
Florida (Sanchez 4-5) at Pittsburgh (Ritchie 4-3), 7:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Mulholland 6-5) at Philadelphia (Politte 0-1), 7:40 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Rusch 4-4) at Milwaukee (Snyder 1-2), 8:05 p.m.
Arizona (Anderson 6-1) at Colorado (Bohanon 2-4), 8:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Atlanta (Burkett 4-3) at Philadelphia (Person 5-2), 1:35 p.m.
Florida (Penny 3-6) at Pittsburgh (Arroyo 0-0), 1:35 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Reed 3-1) at Milwaukee (Bere 4-5), 2:05 p.m.
Montreal (Vazquez 6-3) at Chicago Cubs (Lieber 5-4), 2:20 p.m.
Arizona (Reynoso 4-5) at Colorado (Yoshii 1-7), 3:05 p.m.
Houston (Reynolds 6-3) at San Francisco (Nathan 3-1), 4:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Bell 4-5) at San Diego (Clement 5-6), 5 p.m.
St. Louis (Kile 10-3) at Los Angeles (Park 8-4), 8:05 p.m.

Sports Briefs

Jr. tennis camp scheduled

The Tiger Junior Tennis Camp will be June 26-30 at Snyder Tennis Complex behind the junior high.

All incoming sixth through ninth graders are eligible to participate, and cost of the camp is $100. Deadline to register is Wednesday.

For more information, call Brad Wikse at 573-5420.

Snyder volleyball camp set

Snyder Volleyball Camp will be held July 17-20 at the SHS gym. All incoming fifth through ninth grade girls are eligible.

The camp will meet from 9 a.m. until noon each day, and will cover technique, drills and team volleyball skills.

Cost is $40, and includes a camp T-shirt. Regsitration deadline is July 15. To sign up call Patty Grimmett at 573-9416.

Basketball tourney slated

The Boys and Girls Club will host a 5-on-5 basketball tournament July 14-15. Incoming seventh, eighth and ninth graders are eligible to participate.

Format will be double elimination, with teams divided into boys' and girls' divisions. Entry fee is $100 per team. Registration deadline is June 27.

For more information call the boys club at 573-3344.

Dates set for basketball camp

The Bubba Edwards Basketball Camp will be June 27-30 for incoming third through seventh grade boys and girls.

The camp will meet from 9 a.m. until noon each day at the Ira High School gym. Cost is $40 and includes a camp T-shirt.

For more information, contact Coach Edwards at 573-2628 or 573-2227.

WGA holds play day, swingers

The Women's Golf Association of Snyder Country Club will hold its weekly play day at 9 a.m. Tuesday. Format will be queen of the hill, with the WGA from Big Spring also competing.

Also, swingers' play will be at 5:30 p.m. each Friday, and couples' play will be held at 1:30 p.m. the first Sunday of the month.

Ladies' Pumpjack upcoming

The Ladies' Pumpjack Golf Tournament will be June 27 at Snyder Country Club.

To register call the SCC pro shop at 573-7101, or Martha Fagin at 573-2545.

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SPORTS

Celebrity tournament continues to blossom

Almost two years ago, Snyder's Bob O'Day envisioned a small 18-hole golf tournament, featuring Sammy Baugh as the lone celebrity, that could be used to raise scholarship money for area students.

Now, in its second year of existence, the Slingin' Sammy Baugh Celebrity Classic has blossomed into a two-day event, featuring 39 sports celebrities and a waiting list a mile long.

The tournament tees off Friday at Western Texas College, with proceeds benefiting the Panhandle-Plains-Permian Basin Sul Ross Ex-Students Association Scholarship Fund.

The association handed out six scholarships at last year's event, with eight being awarded this year.

O'Day, a former golf coach at WTC, still can't believe how far the tournament has come in only two years.

"When this whole thing started, it was just going to be a one-day event, with Sammy Baugh being the only celebrity," O'Day said. "Then we got Don Maynard, because he's from Colorado City. Then Don said, 'Why don't you get so-and-so?' And then that person knew of somebody, and it kept growing from there.

"A lot of these guys don't play in these type of tournaments any more, but like coming here because they enjoys seeing Sam."

Baugh is the drawing card for many of the celebrities. The Hall of Fame quarterback plays golf as much as four or five times a week, and enjoys the company of the other famous players.

"It's a good time," Baugh said. "You get to visit with different people and talk about old times. I got to see a bunch of these guys play ball, and they were all good players."

Among the celebrities are former college and NFL stars Bobby Joe Conrad, John David Crow, Walt Garrison, Cornelle Green, E.J. Holub, Pierce Holt, Don Maynard and Jack Pardee.

Some representatives from the coaching ranks will be there as well, including Darrel Royal, Spike Dykes, Art Briles and Snyder High School graduate David McGinnis.

McGinnis, a standout at SHS and Texas Christian University, is the defensive coordinator of the Arizona Cardinals. The former Tiger will miss Friday's round, but will be on hand for Saturday's action.

O'Day added that several current NFL players were scheduled to appear, but had to back out due to other obligations.

"We had some younger guys that wanted to come, like Peyton Manning and Tye and Koy Detmer," O'Day stated. "But it's hard for those guys to make it, because playing in the NFL is a year-round job, with mini-camps and other things going on."

But the list of 39 celebrities is still enough to draw a full field, and should be an economic boost to Snyder, according to O'Day.

"This is great exposure for the town of Snyder and the college," the tournament founder said. "I know of two motels that are already full, and people will get a chance to see how good of shape the golf course is in."

Play begins Friday and Saturday with shotgun starts at 10 a.m. Each four-man team will be paired with two celebrities.

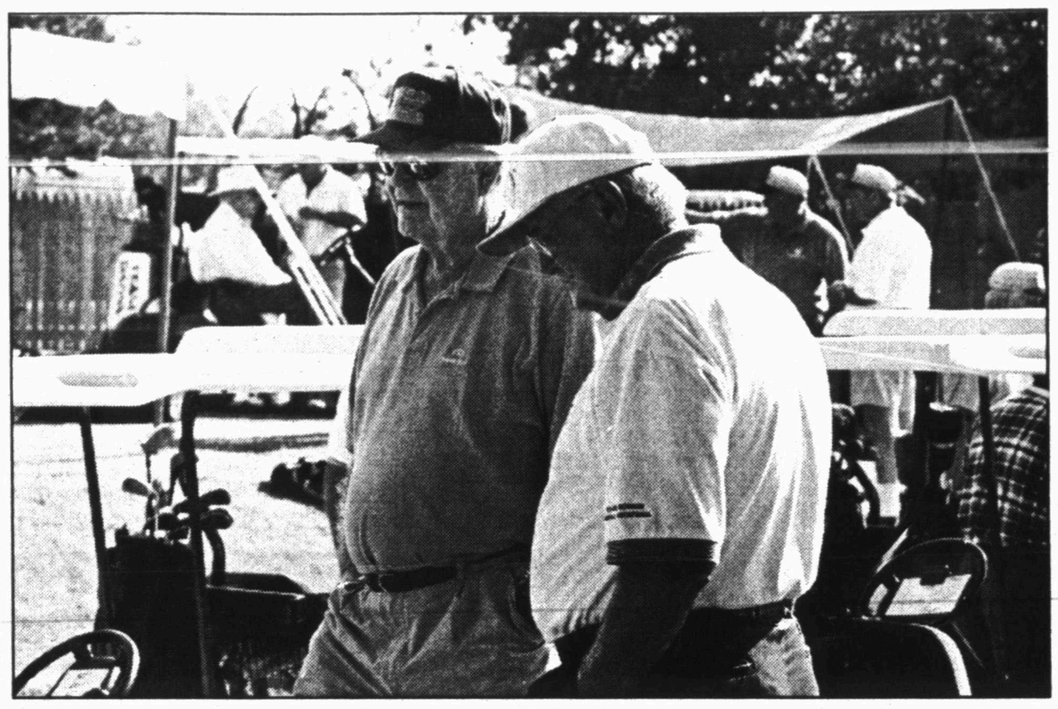
Prior to the official start of the tournament, a nine-hole scramble will be held on Thursday.

Playing on Thursday will be a team of University of Texas Exes headed up by Snyder resident Dalton Walton, a United Supermarket team led by store manager Rusty Carter, and a Southwest Airlines team.

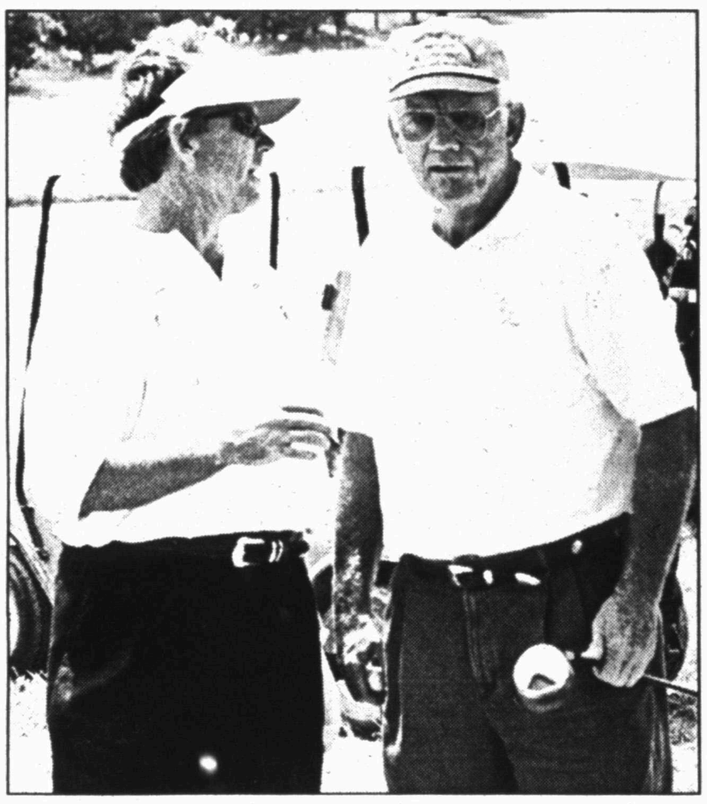
"Dalton Walton, United and Southwest Airlines have done so much for this tournament that we wanted to do something extra for them," O'Day remarked. "Southwest donated airfare so the celebrities could fly in, and United donated enough food for two barbecues.

"And Dalton Walton has been a big supporter of this event ever since we started putting it together. Anything we've ever needed, he's done for us. He's even donating a private plane for some of the celebrities to come in on."

Gallery fees will not be charged, and the public is invited to attend. A souvenir program with pictures and biographies of all the celebrities will be sold for $10.



COACHES' MEETING — Former University of Texas football coach Darrel Royal talks with Snyder's Dutch Stehley during last year's Slingin' Sammy Baugh Celebrity Classic. This year's tournament gets underway Friday, with 39 celebrities taking part in the event. (SDN Staff Photo)



HERE'S WHAT YOU SHOULD DO — Snyder High School graduate and current defensive coordinator of the Arizona Cardinals David McGinnis (left) exchanges golfing tips with former Texas A&M standout John David Crow during last year's Slingin' Sammy Baugh Celebrity Classic. Both players will be on hand for this year's event. (SDN Staff Photo)

Pacers manhandle Lakers, force Game 6

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — There was no coronation on this night. Not while the Indiana Pacers were still playing with passion — and playing for a coach who isn't ready to retire just yet.

With ferocity and veteran pride, Indiana routed the Los Angeles Lakers 120-87 in Game 5 of the NBA Finals on Friday night. Jalen Rose and Reggie Miller led the onslaught as the Pacers shot 75 percent in the first quarter, led by 20 points before halftime and never let up.

"We wanted it more than them, simple as that," Indiana's Austin Croshere said. "There was no way they were going to win."

Coach Larry Bird, who will retire when the series ends, left Indiana a winner. The final home game of the best NBA season in Pacers franchise history ended with the sellout Conseco Fieldhouse crowd chanting "Larry! Larry!"

In typical Bird fashion, he didn't acknowledge the cheers as he left the court — but there was no doubt he heard them.

"We've had such a great year here," Bird said. "The support has been there every game."

Bird said before the game that the Pacers "hadn't played a great game" during the series. After watching his team dismantle the supposed champs-in-waiting, even Bird had to admit Indiana was looking good.

"In (Game 4) we fought so hard and played so well and let it slip away," Bird said. "It's great to see the guys bounce back and play the same way. We hit shots, played unselfishly and we fought them."

The Lakers, who lead the best-of-seven series 3-2, were looking for a trophy presentation — but found serious questions about their ability to close out a series. It was Los Angeles' worst loss of the season and the most points it has allowed in a game this year.

Los Angeles lost a potential series-winning game for the sixth time this season and, more importantly, allowed the Pacers to grab the series momentum.3/8

The Lakers were at a loss to explain why they failed to show up on what could have been the season's biggest night.

"We just laid an egg out there tonight," Ron Harper said. "They came out from the beginning and hit shots and then just kept hitting shots. We didn't have a chance tonight."

Game 6 will be Monday night at Staples Center and Game 7, if necessary, will be Wednesday.

Rose, after playing poorly in Indiana's 120-118 overtime loss in Game 4, led the Pacers with 32 points on 12-of-18 shooting. Miller added 25 points as the Indiana stars hit four 3-pointers apiece.

The Pacers hit their first six 3-pointers of the game.

WNBA Glance

All Times EDT

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	5	2	.714	—
Washington	4	2	.667	½
Orlando	5	4	.556	1
Detroit	3	4	.429	2
New York	3	5	.375	2½
Indiana	2	4	.333	2½
Miami	2	5	.286	3
Charlotte	1	6	.143	4

WESTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	8	1	.889	—
Minnesota	5	2	.714	2
Phoenix	5	2	.714	2
Los Angeles	4	2	.667	2½
Sacramento	4	3	.571	3
Utah	4	5	.444	4
Seattle	2	6	.250	5½
Portland	1	5	.167	5½

Friday's Game

Detroit 93, Cleveland 81

Saturday's Games

Minnesota at Phoenix, 4 p.m.
Cleveland at Miami, 7 p.m.
Indiana at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Utah, 9 p.m.
Charlotte at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
Los Angeles at Portland, 10 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Minnesota at Houston, 4 p.m.
Indiana at Detroit, 6 p.m.
Miami at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Utah at Seattle, 9 p.m.
Charlotte at Los Angeles, 10 p.m.

High Plains Junior Rodeo

High Plains Junior Rodeo at Colorado City

8-under age group – Garrett Hale: third place, breakaway roping; seventh place, pole bending and barrel racing.

9-12 age group – Whitney Parks: fifth place, pole bending. Ciara Latta: sixth place, goat tying; eighth place, barrel racing. Clay Hirt: sixth place, calf touching. Kelbi Pitner: ninth place, pole bending.

13-15 age group – Tyler Riggan: seventh place, team roping and breakaway roping. Kali Froneberger: 10th place, barrel racing.

16-19 age group – Jake Alexander: first place, saddle/bareback riding. Darcee Purcell: second place, pole bending; eighth place, barrel racing. Stoni Riggan: second place, breakaway roping; third place, goat tying; 10th place, pole bending. Tiffany Stroud: seventh place, ribbon roping; ninth place, pole bending; 10th place, team roping.

Snyder Youth Leagues

SOFTBALL
8-UNDER
Intimidators 8, Magic 5

Intimidators: Melanie Kariainen, home run and double; Heather Newton, triple and single; Andrea Perez, double and single; Evian Olvera, two singles; Amy Fogleman and Jessica Floyd, single. **WP:** Kariainen.

Magic: Teryn Sullenger, triple and single; Kyann Williams, Taylor Tyrrell, Jaclyn Deleon and Alex Truegas, single. **LP:** Deleon.

Intimidators 12, Magic 10

Intimidators: Kariainen, triple, double and single; Newton, triple and single; Perez, double and two singles; Fogleman and Kelly Martinez, two singles; Floyd, Olvera, Larissa Arellano, Jessica Ibarra and Taylor Presley, single. **WP:** Newton.

Magic: Sullenger, home run and single; Williams, triple; Ashley Swigert, double; Tyrrell, three singles; Deleon and Truegas, two doubles; Ashley Anderson, single. **LP** Sullenger.

Intimidators 12, Sluggers 0

Intimidators: Kariainen, triple and single; Newton, triple; Perez, two doubles; Fogleman, double and single; Martinez, Floyd and Sullenger, two singles; Olvera and Ibarra, single. **WP:** Newton.

Sluggers: Madison Guzman, Megan Thompson, Autumn Castillo, Tayla Wesson, Carrie Harlan and Sami Barrera, single. **LP:** Kelsi Fulford.

11 & 12-YEAR-OLDS
Stars 11, Extreme 2

Stars: Shannon Mangis, triple; Chelsey Drummond, double and two singles; Ashly Pavlovsky, double; Terann Ragland and Kendra Birks, two singles; Christi Williams and Brianna Bernal, single. **WP:** Drummond.

Extreme: Ashley Luecke, triple. **LP:** Lindsey Morin.

BASEBALL
MINOR LEAGUE
Indians 11, Cubs 5

Indians: Marcus Williams, home run and single; Mark Keller, double; Daniel Saenz, Rudy Ybarra, Joseph Epperson and Dominic Cabrera, single. **WP:** Saenz.

Cubs: Jerome Delce, double and single; Zane Berryhill, Tyler McCormick, Tanner Butler, Luke Robertson and Craig Robertson, single. **LP:** Travis Hatfield.

Astros 9, Indians 2

Astros: Brett McClure, double; Jeremy Mills and Jacob McFatridge, three singles; Joel Rocha, Justin Martinez and Derrick Watson, two singles; Corey Jaramillo, single. **WP:** McClure.

Indians: Zach Key, double and single; Williams, two singles; Colton West, single. **LP:** West.

MAJOR LEAGUE
Braves 7, White Sox 5

Braves: Nick Martinez, two doubles and single; Danny Ortegon, two doubles; Wesley Price and Corbin Clements, double; Eric Martinez, single. **WP:** E. Martinez.

White Sox: Dustin Murdock, double. **LP:** Jay Weaver.

Braves 7, Indians 1

Braves: N. Martinez, two doubles; Price, double and single; Andrew Dupree and Jamie Arnold, single. **WP:** Clements.

Indians: Sergio Sarabia and Levi Stahl, single. **LP:** Dustyn Williams.

Braves 7, Cardinals 4

Braves: Price, two doubles; N. Martinez, two singles; John Whitworth, Ryan Claxton, E. Martinez, Ortegon and Dupree, single. **WP:** Price.

Cardinals: Cale Lancaster, triple; Chris Smith and Tyler Driggers, double. **LP:** Domingo Luera.

Yankees 17, Braves 15

Yankees: Orlando Vasquez, home run, triple and single; Garrett Pinson, two triples and single; Ryan Mitchell, double and single; Ricky Sanchez, Barrett Bowlin and Chris Lopez, single. **WP:** Sanchez.

Braves: N. Martinez and Jonathan McClure, double; Price, four singles; Ortegon, three singles; Arnold and Whitworth, single. **LP:** Clements.

Braves 14, Athletics 11

Braves: Clements, triple; Ortegon, double and single; E. Martinez, double; N. Martinez, Arnold, Claxton, Dupree and Juan Ramirez, single. **WP:** Jon Hernandez.

Athletics: Cade Simpson, home run and double; Martin Garcia, triple and two singles; John Birks, double; Ryan Gonzales, Jonathan Vasquez and William Banks, single. **LP:** Gonzales.

Braves 7, White Sox 3

Braves: N. Martinez, home run; Ortegon, double and single; Ramirez, two singles; E. Martinez, Arnold, Whitworth, Hernandez and Dupree, single. **WP:** Clements.

White Sox: Murdock, two triples; Brent Bollinger, double and single; Chance Grantham, double. **LP:** Grantham.

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Native Hawaiians protest mountain telescopes

HONOLULU (AP) — For decades, astronomers have flocked to the highest point in Hawaii to search the night skies with some of the most powerful telescopes on the planet.

Now a dispute is erupting at the 14,000-foot summit of the dormant Mauna Kea volcano over the presence of those telescopes. Native Hawaiian activists call them an unwelcome intrusion on sacred Hawaiian land.

University of Hawaii officials hope a master plan approved Friday for future telescope development will resolve that dispute.

At stake, scientists say, is a top-notch window to the universe.

"It's one of the best places on the entire earth to put a telescope," said Steven Vogt, a professor of astronomy and astrophysics at the University of California at Santa Cruz, who helped discover the first planets smaller than Jupiter ever found outside the solar system.

More major telescopes are located on Mauna Kea, or "White Mountain," than any other single peak — 12. They include the world's largest optical and infrared telescopes at the W.M. Keck Observatory.

The University of Hawaii oversees the observatory, which is used by NASA, the California Institute of Technology and institutions from Canada, France, Japan and the United Kingdom, among others. It generates about $142 million a year for the state's economy.

But the sometimes snow-capped summit — considered the "piko," or navel, that connects Hawaiians back through time — also is home to several endangered native species and archaeological sites. Natives consider it the home of the Hawaiian goddesses of snow and mist.

At a tiny mountain lake, generations of Hawaiians have offered their children's' umbilical cords to connect them to the spiritual world.

"The University of Hawaii does not have autonomy on Mauna Kea," said Abraham Kamakawiwoole, who sees astronomers' use of the mountain top as another example of stolen Hawaiian land. "The indigenous people of the Hawaiian archipelago do. Jurisdiction of Mauna Kea belongs to the Native Hawaiian."

Still, the research conducted at Mauna Kea is impressive.

Scientists there have spotted galaxies in the early stages of formation; found evidence the universe's expansion may be speeding up rather than slowing down; and identified objects beyond Neptune left over from the formation of the solar system.

"All of this work couldn't be done without the quality of observing that can be done from Mauna Kea," said Robert McLaren, interim director of the university's Institute for Astronomy. "The only alternative would be to do it in space, and that's extremely expensive."

A draft plan guiding future telescope development has been rewritten five times since 1983, costing the university more than $1 million. On Friday, the university's Board of Regents approved a plan that President Kenneth Mortimer said "respects the sacredness of the mountain."

The 20-year master plan reduces astronomy zones from 160 to 150 acres within the 11,300-acre science reserve, and allows for three new telescopes instead of five, as originally planned.

Safety-Kleen borrowing $40 million

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — Financially troubled Safety-Kleen Corp. says it has completed arraignments to borrow $40 million so the industrial waste disposal company can continue operations while it is in Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection.

Safety-Kleen, which is partly owned by Laidlaw Inc. of Canada, said Friday it had completed the plans for the borrowing approved by a federal bankruptcy court earlier this week. The court will be asked next month to consider authorizing the rest of $100 in proposed financing.

"We are pleased that the bankruptcy court granted our request for $40 million of interim funding," David Thomas, Safety-Kleen's chief executive, said in a statement. "The availability of these funds will enable us to maintain normal business operations."

The lead underwriter for the financing is Toronto Dominion (Texas), Safety-Kleen spokesman John Kyte said. He did not have details on how many institutions are participating in the package.

State environmental regulators told Safety-Kleen on Wednesday to stop accepting waste shipments at its Pinewood landfill and close the Sumter County site in 30 days. A day earlier, the state Supreme Court had refused the company's appeal to keep the landfill open.

Safety-Kleen, which is based in Columbia, filed for bankruptcy protection in Delaware, where it is incorporated, on June 9 following a series of financial problems.

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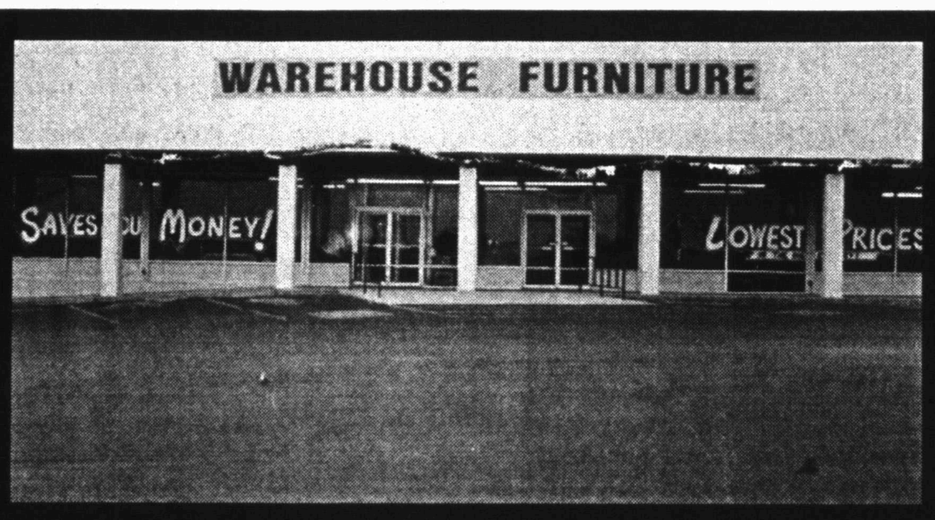

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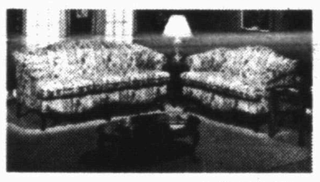
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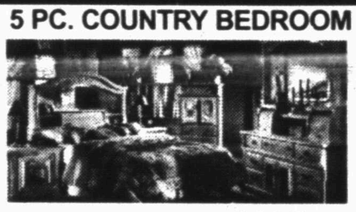
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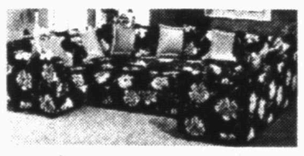
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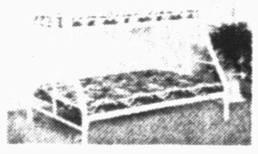
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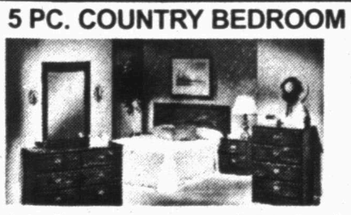
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TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1856, the first national convention of the Republican Party was held in Philadelphia, Pa. The delegates nominated John C. Fremont for president, and William L. Dayton for vice president.

On this day in 1955, Disneyland opened, in Anaheim, Calif.

On this day in 1972, five men were arrested at Washington, D.C.'s Watergate Hotel as they carried eavesdropping equipment into the offices of the Democratic Party National Committee. The investigation led to the resignation of President Nixon and the conviction of several of his top aides.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: John Wesley (1703-1791), founder of Methodism; Charles Gounod (1818-1893), composer; Igor Stravinsky (1882-1971), composer; Ralph Bellamy (1904-1991), actor; Dean Martin (1917-1995), singer; Newt Gingrich (1943-), congressman, is 57; Barry Manilow (1946-), singer-songwriter, is 54; Phylicia Rashad (1948-), actress, is 52; Joe Piscopo (1951-), comedian, is 49.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1880, Monte Ward pitched a perfect game for Providence, R.I.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Do all the good you can. By all the means you can. In all the ways you can. In all the places you can. At all the times you can. To all the people you can. As long as ever you can." — John Wesley

TODAY'S MOON: Day after full moon (June 16).

Sunday, June 18, 2000
Today is the 170th day of 2000 and the 91st day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1682, William Penn founded the city of Philadelphia. The name means "City of Brotherly Love."

On this day in 1812, the United States invaded Canada, setting off the War of 1812.

On this day in 1983, astronaut Sally Ride became the first American woman in space when she rocketed into orbit aboard the space shuttle Challenger.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: E.G. Marshall (1910-1998), actor; Richard Boone (1917-1981), actor; Tom Wicker (1926-), journalist, is 74; Lou Brock (1939-), baseball great, is 61; Roger Ebert (1942-), film critic, is 58; Paul McCartney (1942-), musician, is 58; Carol Kane (1952-), actress, is 48; Isabella Rossellini (1952-), actress, is 48.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1947, Ewell Blackwell pitched a no-hitter for Cincinnati as the Reds defeated the Boston Braves 6-0.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "What is life? It is the flash of a firefly in the night. It is the breath of a buffalo in the wintertime. It is the little shadow which runs across the grass and loses itself in the sunset." — Crowfoot

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

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Houses For Rent

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2608 40th.....3-2-2.....$675
2601 Ave V.....3-2-1.....$500
2112 28th.....2-1.....$275
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2233 Sunset 3-1-1 Call Today $28.5T
211 34th 3-1¾-1 detached . . $27T
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2608 48th St 2 Story 3-2-2 . . $84.5T
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2601 Ave W 3-2-1 . . . . . Sale or Lease
308 33rd Nice 3-2-1 . . . . . $39.5T
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3726 Avondale 3-1-1cp Lease Purchase
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3765 Highland $1500 to Buyer 3-2-1 $39.5T
2706 28th 3-2½-2 . . . . . $95.5T
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2310 Sunset 2-1-1 . . . . . $24.5T
1901 29th 3-2-1 . . . . . $27.5T
2705 35th St. 4 bd., 3 bath, formal living, den, office + enclosed sunroom $119.5T
3310 Ave. V 3-2-2 Owner Says Sell! Make us an Offer!
2112 28th 2-1-Corner Lot . . $24.5T
2812 Ave. W 2-2-1 . . . . . $30T
3734 Dalton 2-1-1 . . . . . $18.9T
312 36th 2-1-1 . . . . . $17.5T
3001 39th 3-or 4-2-Breezeway $37.5T
5310 Etgen 3-2-2 Liv. & Den w/Fp $86.5T
2210 32nd St 3-2-cp $39.9T
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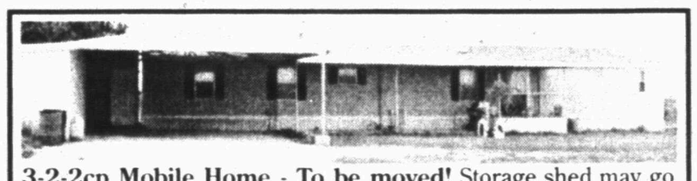

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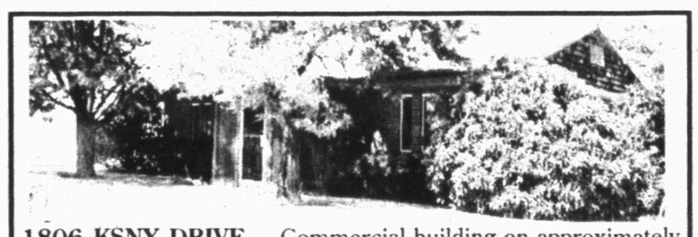

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Son plans 10,000 mile pilgrimage to honor his dad

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. (AP) — Wylie W. Sensing Jr. died of lung cancer before he could realize one of his lifelong dreams — to visit the Alaskan wilderness.

In his honor, his son, Scott Sensing, is driving 10,000 miles in a 1952 Chevy truck to the most northern point on the continent accessible by car — Prudoe Bay, Alaska.

"I'm not doing this for fame or recognition," says Sensing, who started his journey June 11. "This is something my father always dreamed of doing, and if I can somehow fulfill that dream for him, and raise money to fight the disease he died from, then it's something I have to do."

Sensing, 36, a student services officer at Tennessee Technology Center in Murfreesboro, took a one-year leave of absence from his job for the journey.

While such cross-country pilgrimages are not unusual, traveling in an old truck that averages 40 mph, has no radio and no modern air-conditioning makes the journey a test of human will.

"Being without an air-conditioner has been a hard adjustment. If your going across town that's one thing, but eight hours at 93 degrees without cool air is tough," Sensing said June 14 from his Texas hotel room.

"I've never been someone who needs music to drive. So far I've done a lot of thinking to pass the time, watching the changes in scenery roll past."

Sensing and his father renovated the truck, affectionately named Shelley, after he discovered it near his rural Middle Tennessee home the summer after his 1982 high school graduation.

"I said I was going to drive it to Alaska that summer. But of course that was silly back then, and I didn't do it," he said.

His dreams of Alaska were passed down to him by his father, who fantasized about homesteading in the Alaskan wilderness since he was a child.

A normally animated man, Sensing is quiet as he talks about his father. He stares into the distance, fighting strong emotions.

"My dad was born about a hundred years too late," said Sensing, noting his father owned every Western novel written by Louis L'Amour. "He was one of those people who would have been fine living back in the woods all alone, fending for himself."

Friend Galen French said when Sensing's father got ill with lung cancer, the father and son used to talk about a road trip to Alaska.

"I think Mr. Sensing really thought he was going to beat it," French said. "I think that was one of his motivating factors, that they would finally get to take that father-son trip. But it wasn't meant to be."

The elder Sensing died in May 1998 at age 65. It took the younger Sensing about a year before he could commit himself to making the trip for both of them.

"It was then I said, 'I'm going to do this all the way, or I'm not going to do it at all,'" he said.

It took another year for him to raise money and find sponsors. Corporate donations — including $1,000 for fuel from Kroger Fuel Centers and a laptop donated by Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Tennessee — have helped him finance about 90 percent of the trip.

"It was our way of helping out what we believe is a worthwhile cause," said Sherri Tate, a Kroger spokeswoman. "We get all kinds of donation requests, but Mr. Sensing's request is definitely one that I haven't seen before."

Sensing also raised over $30,000 for the American Cancer Society from about 40 antique car clubs nationwide.

Sensing plans to keep a travel journal that he will post on a Web site, along with pictures, so his family, friends and sponsors can monitor his progress.

He says he's taking the back roads of America for several reasons.

"I want to avoid all those huge 18-wheelers doing 80 mph on the interstate," Sensing said. "Plus, you see parts of the country you would never know were there if you stayed on the interstate. I think my dad would like that."

Sensing started his journey from Murfreesboro, following the Natchez Trace Parkway, originally an Indian trail. He wound through Mississippi to Austin, Texas, the hometown of his friend French, who will ride with him to Phoenix.

Sensing will then drive alone to Calgary, Alberta, where he'll meet his brother David for the last stretch to Alaska.

The only route to Prudhoe Bay from Fairbanks is Dalton Highway, a 489-mile road originally used only to service the Alaska Pipeline. The road recently opened to the public — 300 miles of it still gravel.

The Sensings' last connection with civilization will be Coldfoot, Alaska: "the last place you can buy anything — gasoline, Twinkies, beef jerky," Sensing said. "In Coldfoot, it's basically now or never."

The drive from Coldfoot to Prudhoe Bay is 244 miles. Sensing's truck has a 25-gallon gas tank, and he will carry an extra six-gallon jug with him.

Once he arrives, Sensing doesn't have any particular plans. He believes the journey alone is a tribute to his father.

"My father had dreamed about Alaska since the 70s," Sensing said. "By finally making it a reality, both his dreams and mine will come true."

On the Net:
Sensing's trip website: www.truck.bigstep.com.

Hirschfeld convicted on criminal solicitation charge

NEW YORK (AP) — Abe Hirschfeld, the real estate developer and frequent political candidate, was convicted Friday in his second trial on charges of trying to hire a hitman to kill his business partner.

Hirschfeld, 80, was found guilty of second-degree criminal solicitation for offering to pay $150,000 to have Stanley Stahl, his real estate partner of 40 years, killed in 1997 because of a business dispute.

The judge allowed Hirschfeld, whose first trial ended in a deadlocked jury, to remain free on $1 million bail. He faces up to seven years in prison when he is sentenced Aug. 1.

Hirschfeld, a former New York Post owner who is running for the Senate, did not comment as he left the courthouse. He still faces a second trial on state and city tax evasion charges July 31. His first trial in the tax case also ended in a deadlocked jury.

Assistant District Attorney Gilda Mariani said Hirschfeld in fall 1996 gave Joseph Veltri, one of his building contractors, $75,000 as a downpayment to a hit man.

Veltri testified that he delivered the money, but called police when a second envelope Hirschfeld gave him contained information about Stahl.

Stahl was told of the alleged plot and was not harmed, but he did start riding in a bulletproof car and wearing a bulletproof coat. He died of natural causes in 1999.

Hirschfeld just recently was released from a 90-day jail stay for contempt of court. The judge ordered him jailed because he violated a court ban on discussing the trial with the media.

He also is being sued by Paula Jones, whom Hirschfeld offered $1 million to drop her sexual harassment lawsuit against President Clinton.

Jones settled that lawsuit for $850,000 in November 1998, in part to accept Hirschfeld's offer, she said. Hirschfeld then tried to back out of the offer, alleges her lawsuit, which was filed in Dallas on Feb. 15.

The party's already over for many dot-coms

PALO ALTO, Calif. (AP) — AltaVista chief executive Rod Schrock steps into his office, his face bearing the strain of the turmoil in the Internet industry.

After rapidly expanding last year and pouring millions into advertising, AltaVista in the past few months has laid off 50 of its 800 employees, reassigned 60 and admitted defeat in an effort to dethrone Yahoo! as the world's leading Internet search engine.

A shakeout is taking place among the dot-coms. At many companies, stratospheric stock prices are falling back to Earth, and financing is drying up. Instead of dispensing stock options, many are handing out pink slips.

"Frankly, my view is the Internet industry, the craze around the Internet, ultimately caused unhealthy behavior," Schrock says, his eyes red-rimmed from a long week of strategy reviews. "That behavior was: 'Focus on acquiring an audience at all costs, regardless of costs.'"

The list of troubled businesses is long: Value America, DrKoop.com, KBKids.com, Quepasa.com, Petplace.com, Petstore.com, CarOrder.com, Salon.com, TurboLinux. Even Amazon.com — viewed as one of the most stable Web companies — is cutting the fat.

"The first phase of the Internet, characterized by little more than exuberance and an uncertainty about what the industry was going to look like, is coming to an end," says John Challenger, chief executive of Chicago-based job-placement company Challenger, Gray & Christmas.

"Now we're moving into the second phase of the digital revolution where we're going to sort out the companies that don't produce. There's no doubt you're going to see a summer littered with dot-com layoffs."

PlanetRx.com, Autoweb.com, Buy.com. CDNow, Drugstore.com, Egghead.com, Fogdog.com, Garden.com, HomeGrocer.com and Streamline.com are among those that will run out of money in the next 12 months unless they get more funding, Goldman, Sachs & Co. analyst Anthony Noto said last month.

Forrester Research went even further in the gloom-and-doom predictions category, saying the majority of dot-coms will go out of business by 2001.

Among the first were London retailer Boo.com, APBNews.com, which focused on crime and the justice system, and, just in the past week, Reel.com.

At AltaVista, Schrock chafes at being lumped in with those companies. He says chief stakeholder CMGI remains committed to seeing AltaVista through its makeover, despite stock turmoil that forced AltaVista to postpone indefinitely its initial public offering.

The company is now positioning itself as a "Web-wide knowledge resource" that allows people around the world to search for comprehensive information on a topic before going to a partner site to buy or get specific information. It is also licensing its search technology to other e-commerce sites, an arrangement that accounts for nearly 15 percent of its annual revenue.

"There are going to be several Internet companies that are going to have to consolidate or dramatically reshape their expectations," Schrock says. "Venture capitalists have closed the golden doors right now, but we're backed by a company that has $500 million in cash. They're fully prepared to help us develop in the long-term."

What are the prospects for the laid-off employees?

Challenger and other job-placement services say the high-tech industry is still scrambling for qualified employees in a tight labor market. Some executives report they comb the Internet and papers looking for dot-com failures in hopes of being the first to snap up laid-off employees.

For many laid-off employees, losing a job might represent only a delayed purchase of a new Jaguar or million-dollar home.

"It was more of an inconvenience than anything else," says 51-year-old Francine Schwartz, who was laid off by Healthshop.com, a San Francisco company that sold natural-health products before shutting down in April.

She took a position three weeks later at San Rafael-based ICPlanet.com, a site that connects recruiters and consultants.

"It was very easy to find a job. I didn't really have to look, to tell you the truth," she says. "I found myself talking to people on the phone where I truly felt I was interviewing them more than they were interviewing me. Now I have a better job, paying more money that's closer to home."

Other laid-off workers are taking a new look at traditional brick-and-mortar companies that are now expanding online.

"The skills these people have developed are in great demand, and they still can write their ticket if they're willing to be flexible," Challenger says.

On the Net:
http://www.altavista.com

Arrest total climbs to 16 in recent Central Park attacks

NEW YORK (AP) — The number of arrests climbed to 16 Friday in a string of attacks on women who were stripped and groped by gangs of young men in Central Park last weekend.

Seven of the arrests took place on Friday. Police believe up to 60 men were responsible for the harassment, molestation and in some cases robbery of 47 women, ranging in age from 14 to 40, including four tourists.

On Friday, police released 17 more photos of suspects, taken from amateur videotapes of the attacks.

Of the 16 men arrested so far, four were found after tipsters called a police hot line. Seven others surrendered after seeing their photos either in newspapers or on television.

All of the attacks occurred in daylight, most of them at the southern end of the park, near the Central Park Zoo and the Plaza Hotel.

"This appears to be something that happened relatively spontaneously, and apparently some of them did not really recognize the seriousness of the matters they were involved in," Police Commissioner Howard Safir said.

While more than 75 detectives have been assigned full-time to catching the suspects, Internal Affairs investigators are focusing on whether any officers failed to help victims, as some of the women have complained.

"Without prejudging, my sense is we'll probably find four or five police officers who acted inappropriately while the vast majority of them acted appropriately," the police commissioner said. "Those police officers who acted inappropriately will be subject to discipline."

During his weekly radio appearance, Mayor Rudolph Giuliani called the attacks a travesty but said the majority of officers did their jobs. He ended his show by saying: "Make sure you get out into the park, enjoy yourself, have a great weekend."

Gov. George Pataki said he will propose legislation making gang sexual assault a crime punishable by three to five years in prison.

Inmates riots at Istanbul prison

ISTANBUL, Turkey (AP) — Five inmates were killed and eight people, including a warden, were injured in a riot at an Istanbul prison on Friday.

Private NTV television said paramilitary police were trying to quash the uprising in Istanbul's Bayrampasa prison. It showed footage of people running in the prison courtyard, where soldiers armed with automatic rifles lined up.

Prison officials refused to comment.

NTV said the prisoners may have rioted to push for an amnesty.

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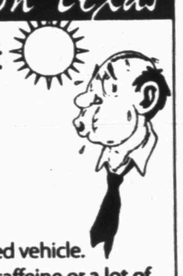
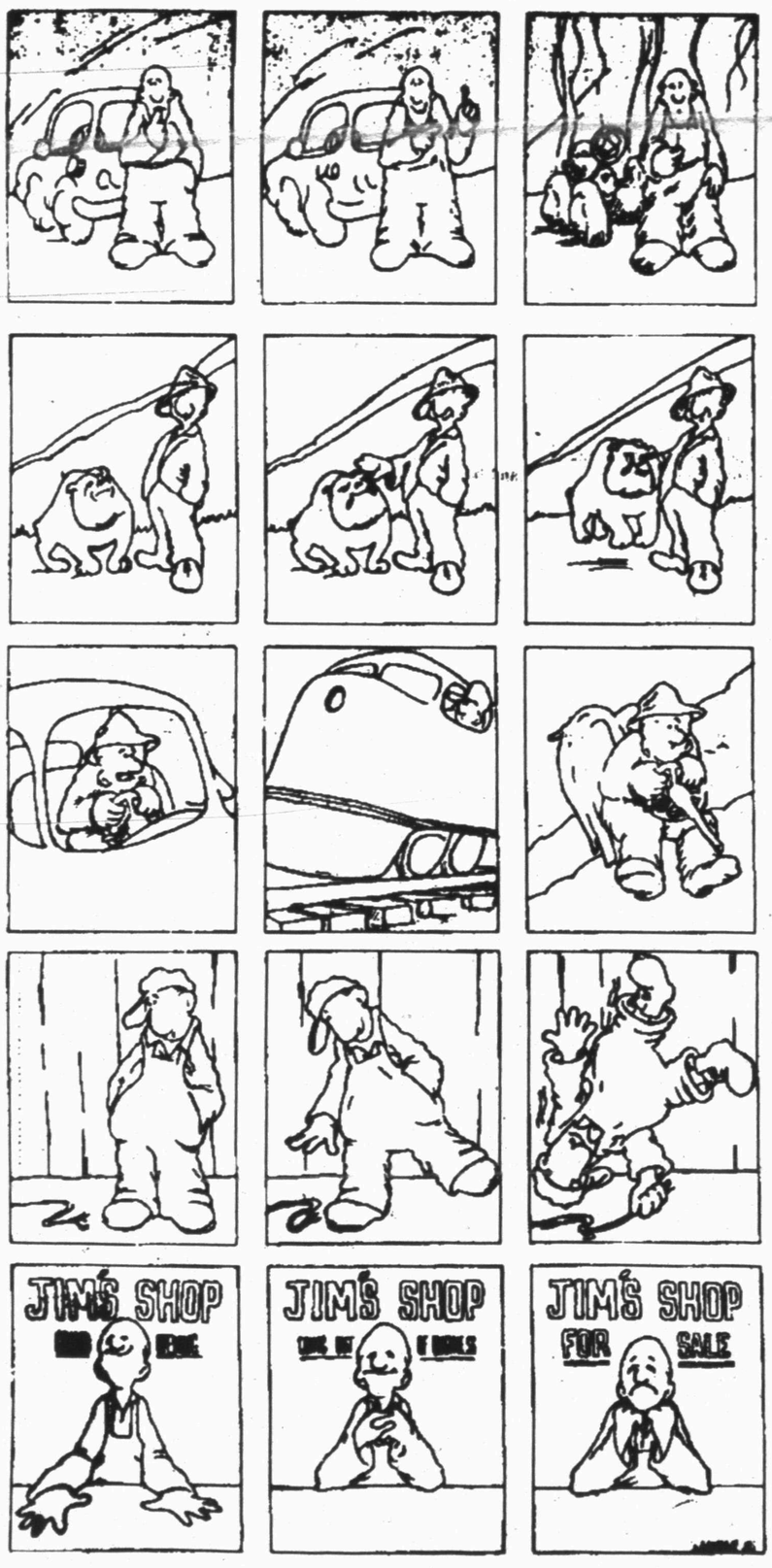


The temperature in Texas is rising, and with high temps comes heat-related illness and even death. The best defense against heat-related illness is prevention.

Heat precautions include:
- Never leave anyone, including pets, in a closed, parked vehicle.
- Drink plenty of fluids, but avoid drinks with alcohol, caffeine or a lot of sugar. Start drinking fluids before going out into the heat.
- Take frequent breaks when working outside.
- If you do not have air conditioning at home, go to a mall or other public place with air conditioning.
- Check frequently on people who are elderly, ill or shut in.
- Check with a doctor about the effects of the sun and heat exposure when taking certain prescription drugs, especially diuretics or antihistamines.
- At first signs of heat illness–dizziness, nausea, headaches, muscle cramps–move to a cooler place, rest a few minutes, then slowly drink a cool beverage. Seek medical attention immediately if conditions do not improve.

SOURCES: Carole Keeton Rylander, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts (www.window.state.tx.us) and the Texas Department of Health.



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Decision could spur renegade bonfire

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Texas A&M President Ray Bowen said he understands his decision to postpone the school's hallowed bonfire until at least 2002 could spur students to sponsor their own, unauthorized off-campus bonfire.

"If there is a group that wants to do that, we would give them advice and explain all the legal liabilities involved with that," Bowen said on Friday after announcing his decision to continue the bonfire after it collapsed last year, killing 12.

Bowen said the official event will continue only with major changes, including far greater university supervision and a professionally engineered design.

Bowen and the university were prompted to rethink how the bonfire is put on after the 2 million-pound bonfire stack collapsed during construction on Nov. 18. It killed 12 Aggies and injured 27 others, some severely.

A five-member commission appointed and funded by Texas A&M to investigate the deaths blamed flawed construction techniques and a lack of adequate supervision of students assembling the stack.

Bowen expressed concerns over a possible renegade bonfire off-campus because students have led bonfire construction with minimal university input since its inception in 1909. The proposed changes force students to relinquish some of the control they had.

But the university's president, who is an A&M graduate, stressed during his announcement that the bonfire will continue to be a student project.

However, changes are in store. The reincarnated bonfire will include an annual safety compliance review, a two-week construction period and a change in how student leaders are chosen. The logs will be purchased and delivered, as opposed to the usual student harvesting.

The bonfire would also return to an earlier design, a shorter, teepee-shaped log stack. The commission said the four-tiered, wedding-cake design that topped 55 feet in recent years was a factor in the collapse.

A task force of students, faculty and staff will be formed in September to develop a plan for a 2002 bonfire. Their plan is due in Bowen's office by April 2001.

This fall's bonfire will be replaced by a memorial service and another event in 2001. Bowen said the changes he's proposed would not be ready in time to have a bonfire this year or in 2001.

The bonfire, which in the past was constructed over several months, annually draws thousands to campus on the eve of A&M's football game against its archrival, the University of Texas at Austin.

Computer hard drives examined

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal investigators are closely examining two computer hard drives containing nuclear secrets that were found at the Los Alamos weapons laboratory, believing they are the ones missing for more than a month. They want to determine whether the information has been compromised.

Authorities hoped to know by late Saturday whether the two drives definitely are the same ones that disappeared and, after an electronic examination, learn whether the contents have been copied or otherwise tampered with, said one official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The two devices, each about the size of a deck of cards, contain highly technical information that would be used by a nuclear emergency response team to locate and dismantle not only U.S., but some Russian and other countries' nuclear devices in case of an accident or terrorist act.

"They were found in a secure area. The area is being treated as a crime scene," Energy Secretary Bill Richardson said at a news conference in Phoenix, where he was informed of the discovery Friday while holding a meeting on summer electricity reliability.

Richardson said the two devices were found within the secure "Division X" area of the New Mexico weapons lab in an area that had been searched previously. Another official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said they were discovered behind a copying machine.

The highly restricted area includes the vault where the two drives, which belong to the Nuclear Emergency Search Team had been kept. They were last reported seen April 7 and found missing a month later, although senior lab and Energy Department officials were not informed until recently.

While relieved that the drives were found within the secure area of the lab, Richardson said "this is not a victory speech" and that the FBI and the Energy Department "would continue to aggressively pursue" the criminal investigation. Even with the drives recovered those responsible could face criminal charges for security breaches.

"We are going to hold people accountable. There are going to be people disciplined," Richardson said.

Obituaries

Luther Lewallen

1914-2000

Luther L. Lewallen of Roscoe, a former longtime resident of Snyder, died Thursday, June 15, in Rolling Plains Hospital in Sweetwater.

Mr. Lewallen

Funeral service for Mr. Lewallen, 86, is set for 2 p.m. Sunday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Brad Hodges will officiate, and burial will follow in the Dunn Cemetery.

Born May 28, 1914 in Dublin, he married Jewel Krop on July 4, 1937 in Snyder. She died July 3, 1972.

A retired oilfield construction worker, Mr. Lewallen was active in the Senior Citizens Center and drove the Senior Center van. He also assisted in the Scurry County American Heart Association Walk. He was a member of the Colonial Hill Baptist Church. He also previously lived in Abilene.

Mr. Lewallen also was preceded in death by a daughter, Ann Hodges, in July, 1999; by two sisters, Eunice Powers andDealva Kizziah; and by one brother, Leroy Way.

Survivors include two daughters, Wanda Kelley of Roscoe and Linda Wilkins of Lubbock; three brothers, Herbert Lewallen, Preston Way and D.R. Way, all of Salem, Ore.; 10 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

The family will greet friends at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home from 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday.

Memorials may be made to the Scurry County Senior Center, 2501 Ave. M.

Helen Campbell

1914-2000

LUBBOCK – Helen A. Campbell, a native of Scurry County, died Thursday, June 15, in Bedford.

Graveside service for Mrs. Campbell, 85, is set for 11 a.m. Tuesday in the City of Lubbock Cemetery.

Born Dec. 11, 1914 in Hermleigh, she was married to Jack P. Campbell who died in 1961.

She was employed by Lena Stephens for 10 years and also worked in the Student Union at Texas Tech. She was a member of the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Lubbock.

Survivors include a son, Jack Campbell of Arlington; a daughter, Carol Robinson of Arlington; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Dick Rutledge

1915-2000

A memorial service for Dick Rutledge is set for 11 a.m. Tuesday in the Colonial Hill Baptist Church. The Rev. Miller Robinson, retired minister, will officiate.

Dick Rutledge

Mr. Rutledge, 84, died May 23 in Plano.

Mr. Rutledge lived in Snyder from 1954 to 1990 when he moved to Plano. In Snyder he owned and operated Brooks Oil Well Service for many years. He was a 32nd degree Mason and a member of the Scurry County Lodge.

Survivors include his daughter and son-in-law, Sharon and Eldon Tipping of Plano; a brother, C.E. "June" Rutledge of Snyder; a sister, Evelyn Polk of Rotan; a granddaughter, Teresa Tipping of Montreal, Canada; nine nieces and nephews.

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Seven taken into custody as weekend gets underway

The weekend was off to a busy start for law enforcement with seven arrests made and several offense reports filed.

One of the arrests was on a felony warrant from out of state.

Pedro Silva, 20, of 500 29th Street was taken into custody by officers at his residence at 8:17 p.m. Friday. The subject had a felony warrant from Oregon for aggravated battery. He also has misdemeanor charges against him for public intoxication and failure to identify.

At 7:09 p.m. Friday, officers arrested a 19-year-old man in the 3000 block of Avenue D for possession of drug paraphernalia.

Deputies took a 20-year-old man into custody at 7:43 p.m. Friday in the 1100 block of 20th Street on a Mitchell County warrant for theft by check.

Officers were called to the College Park Apartments in the 4500 block of College at 11:23 p.m. Friday in reference to two subjects fighting in the alley. Two juveniles were taken into custody for possession of marijuana, possession of tobacco and consumption of alcohol by minors. The subjects were transported to the police department and later released to their parents.

A 24-year-old female was arrested for driving while intoxicated at 1:31 a.m. Saturday. Officers picked her up in the 3700 block of Rose Circle.

DWI sent a 34-year-old man to jail at 2:39 a.m. Saturday. Officers arrested the subject in the 1800 block of 39th Street.

In other activity, Walt Floyd requested an officer at Roe's Furniture at 10:54 a.m. Friday to report a windshield being broken out of a vehicle. An offense report for criminal mischief was submitted.

An offense report for theft of service was filed at 12:59 p.m. Friday at Mitchell's Rent to Own, located on the north side of the square.

Jason Highfield notified officers at 11:49 p.m. that a tire on his vehicle had been slashed while it was parked behind Tiger Mart. An offense report for Class B criminal mischief was filed.

Officers took a report of criminal mischief at 6:17 a.m. Saturday. Mary Lou Saenz reported the mischief to her vehicle while it was parked in the 4000 block of Avenue U.

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ADMISSIONS: June 16 — Lakrisha Kosler, Olton Smith, James Jones of Hermleigh, Joe League and Virgie Thorp.

DISMISSALS: Denise Fuentes and daughter; Sandra Robinson, Agnes Anderson, Jessie Leyva, Margie Pinkerton, Modean Riley, Olton Smith and Susan Sturdivant.

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Births

Lakrisha Kosler of Snyder announces the birth of her daughter at 1:54 a.m. on June 17 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. She weighed five pounds, 12 ounces.

Commissioners to meet Monday

Scurry County Commissioners' Court will meet at 10 a.m. Monday with three items of business on the agenda.

The resignation of Trevlyn Pitner from the Scurry County airport board is the first item of business.

Pitner has moved to Fritch to assume the role of the city's police chief.

Commissioners will also consider two resolutions in connection with the county's grant application. One concerns choosing an engineering firm and the other a management firm.

Monday jury call has been canceled

A jury panel called for 8:30 a.m. Monday in 132nd District Court has been cancelled.

Originally, 150 jurors had been called for possible duty in a criminal trial for driving while intoxicated.

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ONGOINGS

Car wash canceled

Hermleigh High School cheerleaders have canceled their car wash next to Long John Silver's today (Saturday) due to the weather.

Revival

Church on the Rock, 2214 42nd Street, will host a revival at 7 p.m. Saturday. Sunday service is at 10 a.m. Rodrigo Salazar of Lubbock is the evangelist. For more information, call 573-3387 or 573-7765.

Weigh down workshop seminar

Registration is still open for the Exodus out of Egypt workshop set for 7 p.m. Monday at the Word Is Life Church, 312 Coliseum Drive. Call Donna Nehring at 573-7471 to sign up.

Bible study tapes

Bible study tapes air each week on Channel 2. Tapes to be shown at 7 p.m. Monday are "Three Ways Satan Tries to Destroy the Church," followed by "In Search of the Real Thing."

Head start registration

Registration for Scurry County Head Start, for children 4-years-old and also 3-years-old before Sept. 1, will be held from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday at the Snyder Day Care Center, 2800 2nd Street. Certified birth certificate, immunization records and proof of income are required. For information, call 573-7403.

Washington trip

The final meeting for students of Snyder Junior High who are going on the Washington, D.C.-New York trip will be at 8 p.m. Wednesday in the SJHS auditorium. Final details are to be discussed.

FBC worship service

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

The Continentals in concert

The Continentals, a Christian music group, will be in concert at 7 p.m. Thursday at Colonial Hill Baptist Church.

Northeast reading night

Northeast Elementary will host a parent-student reading night from 6:30 to 8 each Thursday throughout the summer. There will be refreshments and door prizes. Spanish classes also will be available. All students and families are welcome.

First Baptist VBS

"Ocean Odyssey" is the theme for vacation Bible school at First Baptist Church. VBS will be held from 9 a.m. until noon June 26-30 and is for grades K through 6th. The public is invited to family night on Wednesday.

American Legion officers

American Legion Post 181 will elect officers onMonday, June 26.

55 Alive defensive driving

A state certified 55 Alive defensive driving course will be offered at the Senior Citizens Center June 29-30 from 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Call 573-4035 to pre-register.

LVN class testing

Students wishing to enroll in the fall Licensed Vocational Nursing class at Western Texas College should contact the counseling office to arrange for the pre-entrance exam to be given through July 25. Interviews will be conducted through Aug. 7. For more information, call the counseling office at 573-8511, ext. 313.

GED exams

GED examinations will be administered June 29 in the testing center at WTC. Call Emily Hataway at 574-2112 or Molly Kattes at 573-2919 for more information.

Computer courses

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

WTC basic education classes

Adult basic education classes at Western Texas College are taught Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8 a.m. until noon during June. Classes include G.E.D., E.S.L. and refresher courses. For additional information, call 573-8511, ext. 322.

Cancer treatment transportation

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

Cash Five

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

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Pick 3

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

6-8-8

Texas Million

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Texas Million numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery:

13-55-61-62

Customer accounts viewed in AOL hack

WASHINGTON (AP) — America Online confirmed Friday that some of their employee accounts have been compromised by hackers, and that the accounts were used to gain access to and view details of some personal user accounts.

A spokesman for AOL, the largest Internet service provider, said the company has "employed extra security measures" to solve the problem.

"We are aware of these claims that a small number of employee accounts have been compromised," said spokesman Rich D'Amato, adding that the company was withholding further details of the exploit until an investigation was completed.

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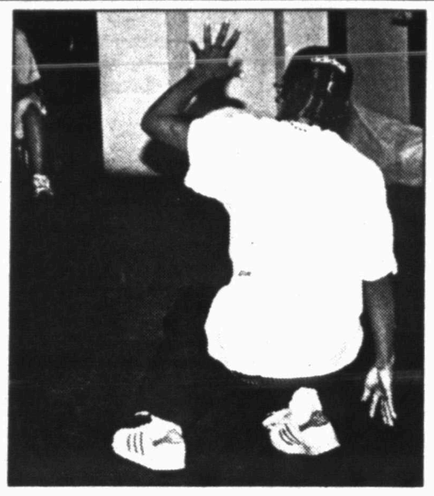
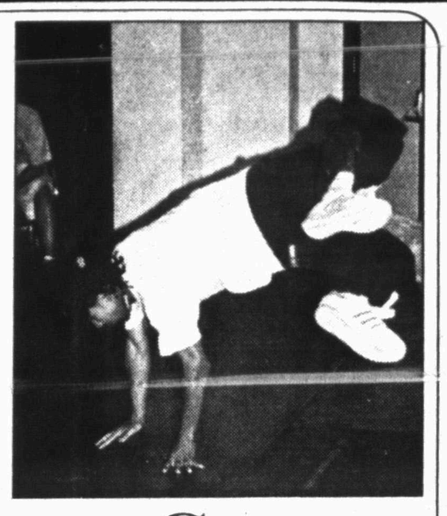

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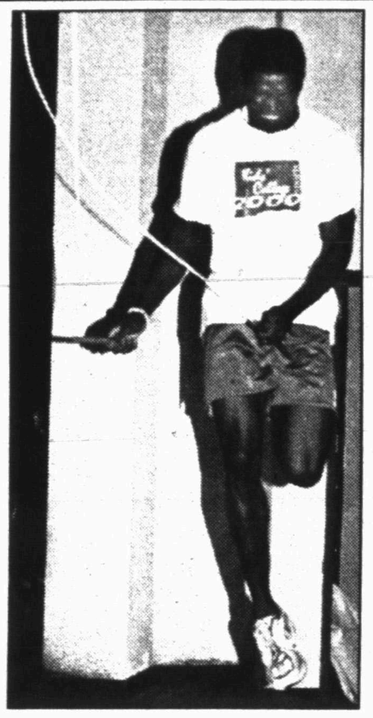
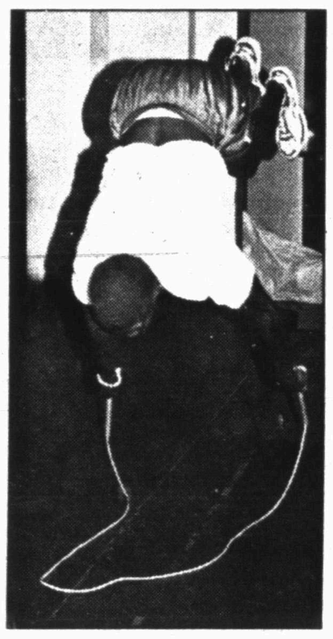
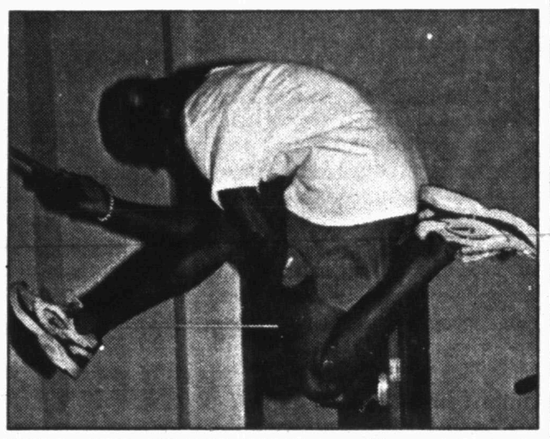

WILD AND CRAZY GAMES — The students in Liz Miller's Wild and Crazy Games class at Kids College were treated to some fine moves Thursday as a world champion jump roper and a break dancer demonstrated their skills. Willie Amos (bottom photos) jumped rope and Jonathan Jones (top photos) did the break dancing. Both are from Sweetwater. In St. Louis last October, Amos was a member of the jump rope team that won the world title. He has also signed to play football for Nebraska State. He also placed first in the state 300 intermediate hurdles event. Jones taught himself how to break dance. (Staff Photos by Shirley A.Gorman).

Clinton's radio talk focuses on fathers

NEW YORK (AP) — The one in three American children who live without their fathers should not have to suffer financially or emotionally, President Clinton said Saturday in releasing a report that offers ways to help fathers get more involved in their child's schooling.

The report by the Education and Health and Human Services departments gives teachers and those who care for youngsters information on the best ways to help fathers have a strong role in their children's education. And it highlights model programs and provides information on resources available.

Researchers report that a father's involvement during infancy and the early years not only contributes to a child's emotional security, but helps them solve math problems and develop verbal skills, Clinton said in his weekly radio address, marking Father's Day on Sunday.

"One study showed that the chances of a child getting mostly A's increased by over 40 percent in two-parent families where the father was highly involved," Clinton said. "Even in families where the father isn't living with his child, but remains actively involved, those odds of getting A's increased by a full third."

In his radio message, which he taped Friday in New York where he visited two schools, the president noted that child support collections have increased 10 percent during the past year, reaching a record of nearly $16 billion — double the $8 billion collected in 1992.

Clinton also used his address to criticize the House for passing a spending bill last week that fails to include his $255 million fatherhood initiative. It aims to help at least 10,000 low income noncustodial parents — primarily fathers – find work, meet support payments and re-establish relationships with their children.

It would allow states to simplify child support and distribution rules, give incentives to states that pass more child support payments directly to families and help noncustodial parents move into jobs.

"The fact is, many fathers can't provide financial and emotional support to their children, not because they're deadbeat, but because they're dead broke," Clinton said.

Echoing the president's concerns, Massachusetts Gov. Paul Cellucci noted in the weekly Republican radio address that children without fathers living at home are five times more likely to grow up poor and twice as likely to drop out of high school.

"The challenges confronted by fathers Saturday are greater than any time in our past, and more important than ever to future generations," Cellucci said. "I urge every father across this great land to take an active role in their children's lives."

Cellucci also put in a plug for pro-family initiatives that his fellow GOP governors, including presidential candidate George W. Bush of Texas, have instituted in their states.

Gold dollar with Washington's face could fetch $100,000

MOUNTAIN HOME, Ark. (AP) — Three weeks after he wrapped up a personal bankruptcy, Frank Wallis got some good financial news — he found a misprinted gold dollar that could be worth up to $100,000.

Wallis bought four rolls of Sacagawea $1 gold coins a couple of weeks ago. He opened one, expecting to see the American Indian guide's youthful face on the coins inside. But one bore a more familiar profile: George Washington, in a pose usually seen on quarters.

The error is believed to be the first of its kind in the 208-year history of the U.S. Mint.

Even after spotting the mistake, Wallis didn't realize how valuable the coin, minted in Philadelphia, might be.

"I decided probably at least it was a fun coin to own because of the George Washington ad campaign," he said.

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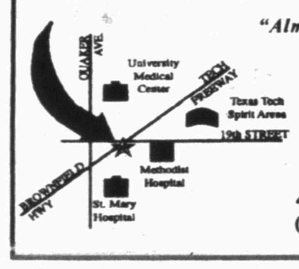

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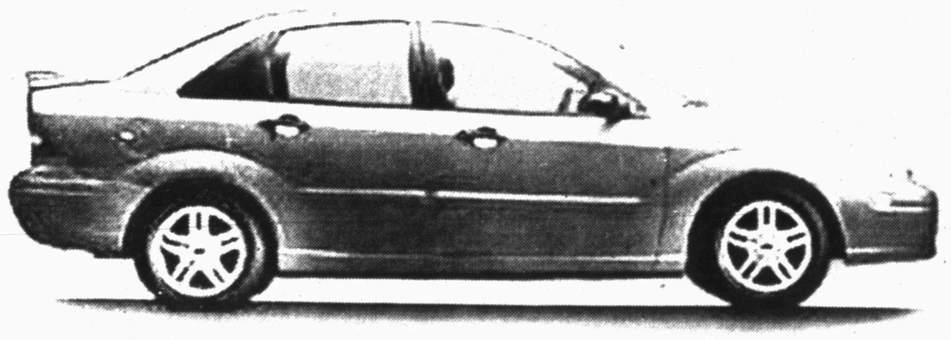

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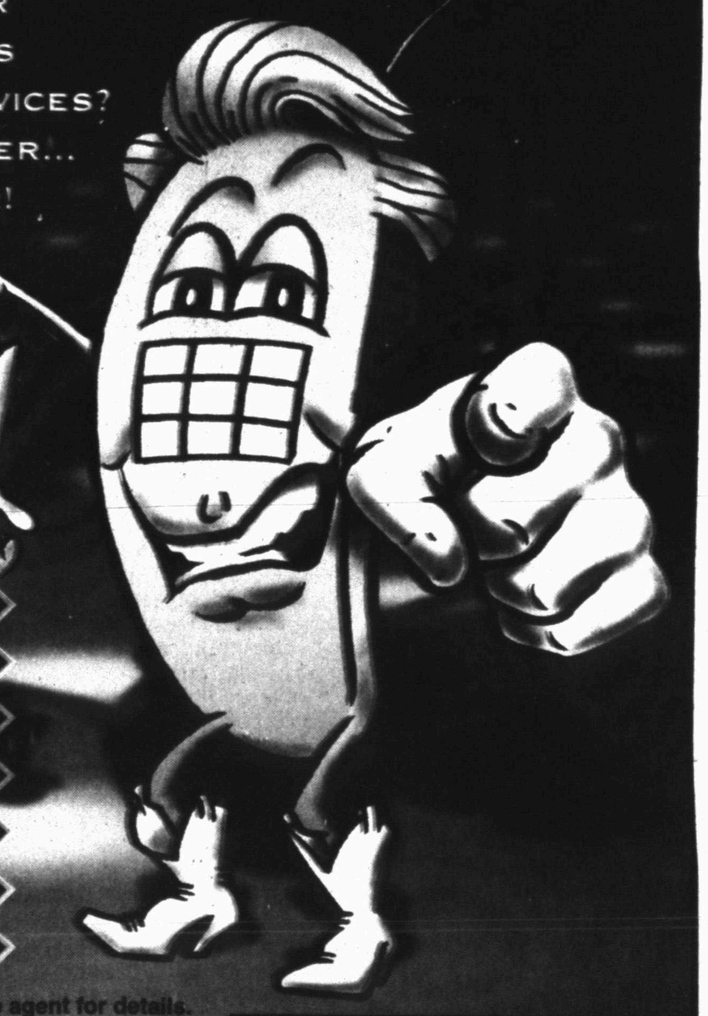

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Scurry County Folks

By Shirley A. Gorman

THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Wayne Kennedy reflects on 43 years in education

After 43 years in education, Wayne Kennedy decided it was "probably time for a break," so he retired at the end of May, his seventh year as principal at East Elementary.

With a ten-month old grandchild and another due in September, he said he also wants "to get closer to them. I'm really looking forward to that."

His wife, Peggy, is not retiring. She will teach in Levelland's Alternative Education Discipline Program this coming school year.

The Kennedys have three sons who live in the Lubbock area. Sean teaches and coaches at Lorenzo. He and his wife, Glenda, have a daughter, 10-month old Leyna. Damon, who is working on his doctorate at Texas Tech, and his wife, Susanne, are expecting a daughter in September. Brett is working in an environmental lab in Lubbock, and is considering studying environmental law.

Kennedy said they are all, "pretty busy."

To be closer to family and Peggy's new job, the Kennedys are moving to Lubbock next week. Other than that, the longtime Snyder educator does not have any firm plans, preferring "to play it by ear for now."

Kennedy's last year at East marked his 20th as a principal. Previously, he served two years at West, five at Northeast and six at Stanfield.

Before becoming a principal, Kennedy spent 22 years in the classroom including teaching fifth and sixth grades at Central Elementary and sixth grade at West Elementary.

Since entering the education field in 1957, Kennedy said he always enjoyed the kids. In a previous interview, he noted that over the years students have changed in some ways, including having more "worldliness" and being more "streetwise" today, something he attributes largely to the influence of television and the Internet.

As a teacher, Kennedy kept in close contact with his students. As a principal he said he helped them to get whatever they needed in school.

He also enjoyed working with parents. His guiding philosophy was, "If you can deal with kids and parents in the same way you would like them to deal with you, it makes things go a lot smoother."

Kennedy said he always wanted parents to understand that "here at school, we want the same things for their kids that they do. The more openly and tactfully parents are approached, the more supportive they will be. We needed that support."

Though Kennedy grew up on a ranch, he attended Post schools. He and his family moved to Post during his senior year at high school.

He earned his undergraduate degree at Hardin Simmons University, majoring in business and earning minors in economics and education. He enjoyed student teaching at Abilene High School so much that he decided to keep teaching.

Kennedy later earned both a masters degree and administration certification at Texas Tech University.

LONGTIME EDUCATOR — Wayne Kennedy has spent 43 years in education, first as a teacher and then as a principal. He retired in May, after heading East Elementary School for seven years. (SDN Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Plans were temporarily interrupted when he was drafted in November of 1955. He chose to serve in the U.S. Navy. This was the first time that the Navy had accepted draftees, Kennedy said.

He was stationed on a destroyer based in San Diego and visited Honolulu, Tokyo, Hong Kong and San Francisco.

Twenty months later, he was discharged. He applied for a job in Snyder and was hired to teach at Central. That was in October of 1957.

He said his goal always was to become a principal, but he had not been in a hurry to do so.

World Com pulls 'Smackdown' ads

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — There won't be any more body slams paid for by WorldCom Inc.

The Mississippi-based telecommunications company said Thursday it has pulled its advertising from "WWF Smackdown," a nationally televised program that features wrestlers with the World Wrestling Federation.

The company was criticized by entertainer-turned-TV-reformer Steve Allen at its annual meeting June 1 for advertising on the program. Allen is honorary chairman of the Parents Television Council.

In a letter dated June 9 to the PTC, Bernie Ebbers, WorldCom president and chief executive said he and the company agree.

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Amy Beauchamp and James Lee Few III

Amy Beauchamp, James Few planning December wedding

Rex and Bobbie Beauchamp of Roby announce the engagement of their daughter, Amy, to James Lee Few III.

She attended Roby High School and is a graduate of International Business College with a degree in legal assisting.

The prospective groom is the grandson of Opal Few and Ruby Morris, both of Lufkin. He attended Lufkin High School and is a graduate of Texas Tech University with a degree in marketing. Few is employed by Republic Beverage Corp. in Houston.

The future bride is the granddaughter of Frank and Mary Beauchamp of Snyder and Waldo and Jean Gatewood of Sylvester.

Amy and James are planning a December wedding and will make their home in The Woodlands.

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Bridge Scores

Duplicate Bridge Club games were played at the Snyder Country Club. Monte West directed Friday and Jane Hinton directed Sunday and Tuesday.

Friday, June 9

North-South

A Group

1. Ann Davis, Monte West.
2. Bette Byrd, Anne Spitler.

B Group

1. Martha Fagin, Nonnie Ward.
2. Billisue Stuard, Durelle Gorman.

East-West

A Group

1. Mary Bast, Johnye Van Dever.
2. Louise Thompson, Nona Morrison.

B Group

1. Pat Floyd, ElWanda Nall.
2. Shirley Stewart, Christine Stuard.

Sunday, June 11

1. Pat Floyd, Margaret Presswood.
2. Dot Casey, Louise Thompson.
3. Margaret Birdwell, Jane Hinton.

Tuesday, June 13

A Group

1. Dot Casey, Charles Blakey.
2. Louise Thompson, Ann Davis
3. Dora Blakey, Barbara Yorgesen.

B Group

1. Betty Courtney, Nonnie Ward
2. Dorothy Rosson, Nona Morrison.
3. Julian Jones, J.O. Morrison.

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Fire in 1750 destroyed much of the city of Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 06-17-00
♠ A K 5
♥ K J 10
♦ K Q 8 7 5
♣ Q 4

West
♠ J 10 9 7 2
♥ A Q 8 6 3
♦ ---
♣ 9 8 7

East
♠ 6 4
♥ 9 7 5 4 2
♦ 3
♣ A J 10 5 2

South
♠ Q 8 3
♥ ---
♦ A J 10 9 6 4 2
♣ K 6 3

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: East

South	West	North	East
			Pass
1 ♦	Pass	2 NT	Pass
3 ♦	Pass	4 ♦	Pass
4 ♥	Pass	4 NT	Pass
6 ♦	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♠ J

A deal for tailors: the perfect fit

By Phillip Alder

There are some slams that seem impossible to bid — like the one in this deal from the Hobe Sound, Fla., duplicate last April. Yet one pair managed it. What do you think of their auction?

At four of the five tables, including mine, South opened three diamonds. This gave North a tricky problem. One North took a stab at three no-trump, as would I. You would expect 11 tricks to be won, but he collected 12 — well played! The other three Norths jumped to five diamonds, despite the risk of three top losers. However, South had such a perfect hand that there was only one loser: the club ace.

The successful slam auction was produced by Millie and Tom Cushing. Millie opened one diamond, which looks right to my eyes. Although the hand contains only 10 high-card points, it has potential for play in three suits, and has defensive values. It is too strong for a preempt.

Tom, who had an awkward response, selected two no-trump, promising a balanced 13-15 points. (In the tournament world, North would bid two diamonds, the inverted minor-suit raise, which shows either a limit or game-forcing raise. It is an excellent idea that has yet to filter down to the social game.)

Millie's four hearts was a cue-bid showing first-round heart control.

Tom used Roman Key Card Blackwood, gambling slightly on the club suit. Millie's jump to six diamonds promised one key card (an ace or the trump king) and a void in a higher-ranking suit. The play presented no trouble, and the Cushings had a cold top.

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SC Library News & Views

Our Monday storytime for 4- and 5-year-olds will feature stories about music. Children will also make an instrument, so come and have fun!

On June 21, Sgt. David Holley of the Snyder Police Department will be presenting a program for K-6. He will be giving bicycle safety information.

NEW CHILDREN'S BOOKS

"The Great Redwall Feast," by Sheila Kelly Welch.

"Harp Seal Pups," by Downs Matthews.

"Keeping the Moon," by Sarah Dessen.

"The Shadowed Unicorn," by Sheila Kelly Welch.

"Hornet's Nest," by Kate Scarborough.

"Animal Babies," by Claire Craig.

"Mammals."

"Dangerous Animals."

"Under the Sea."

We need to remind the children to turn in their reading time for the summer reading club. This can be done at any time during library hours.

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In 1971 Soviet space mission ended in tragedy when three cosmonauts aboard Soyuz II were found dead inside their spaceship after returning to Earth.

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President James Garfield was mortally wounded in Washington, D.C., July 2, 1881, and died 80 days later.

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GAME DAY AND LUNCHEON — Martha Ann Woman's Club will have the regular fourth Wednesday game day and luncheon for those wishing to just eat and leave and those who choose may stay for an afternoon of games of choice. The cost is $7.50 and reservations are needed by Tuesday afternoon. Proceeds are used for maintaining the clubhouse. Shown are a foursome, Gwen Sealy, Peggy Hardin, Margaret Presswood and Pat Floyd, at a recent game day. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Rev. Graham's Parkinson's disease made him unsteady

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — At 81, the Rev. Billy Graham says Parkinson's disease has made him unsteady and fluid on his brain has caused him to be forgetful.

On opening night of a recent four-day Nashville crusade, he still had eyes sharp enough to cut through a crowded stadium and a tone so therapeutic and reassuring, it could calm a crying child.

Many of those in attendance wondered if God himself was actually speaking through Graham.

"The spirit of God is on him," said Pearl Masters, 60, a kindergarten teacher who drove 72 miles for the event. "You can feel the spirit in his preaching."

With his visit to Nashville, in the heart of the Bible Belt, Graham continues to build a legacy that has made him one of the most beloved evangelists in American history. About 45,000 people turned out for the event at Adelphia Coliseum, where the Tennessee Titans play football.

The Bill Gaither Vocal Band and Steven Curtis Chapman performed for nearly an hour before Graham entered the stage, with a cane and the help of a few staff members.

He hunched his shoulders as he walked but straightened up once he took the pulpit, and the crowd stood and cheered. He spoke for nearly an hour, and his message was simple — God will welcome to heaven everyone who lives by his word.

"Jesus is knocking at your heart's door tonight," he said with a rolling Southern drawl. "He wants to give you peace and joy you've never had before."

It's a message that has reached hundreds of millions of people worldwide. In more than 50 years, Graham has spoken in person to some 210 million people in nearly 200 countries — and counting.

He defiantly refutes recent reports that quoted him as saying his failing health could make this his last year of crusades. He was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease about six years ago.

"That's not quite true," he said at a news conference before his Nashville appearance earlier this month. "I think we'll go on as long as God gives us the strength."

His son, Franklin, is ready to inherit the family ministry. The younger Graham bears his father's sharp eyes and pointed nose, and he attends each crusade in case his father can't preach.

His second daughter, Anne Graham Lotz, also has taken to the pulpit. Her first big crusade was last month in Knoxville.

"I cannot replace my father," Franklin Graham told The Associated Press. "I'll continue the work God has given my father to do, and that is preach the Gospel."

An ordained Southern Baptist preacher who was raised Presbyterian, Graham first gained national attention at a Los Angeles revival in 1949, but he had been preaching a decade before that. As vice president of the fledgling Youth for Christ organization started in 1945, he logged hundreds of thousands of miles a year leading revivals.

Since then, Graham has been compared to the Pope and has advised presidents from Dwight Eisenhower to Bill Clinton.

He commands a massive but highly efficient army of Christians to help organize his crusades. In Middle Tennessee, 2,400 Christian leaders from 600 churches were trained to promote the crusade. That's in addition to the 5,000 religious counselors, 1,000 ushers and 4,000-member choir.

The total cost for the Nashville event was $2.47 million, paid for mostly through donations and church contributions. Graham doesn't take a salary.

Bill Merrell, an executive committee member for the Nashville-based Southern Baptist Convention, said part of Graham's appeal hinges on his integrity.

"Billy Graham's life in ministry has been an open book for more than 50 years," Merrell said. "His commitment to financial integrity and to moral uprightness are well-known not only in the Christian world but also in the culture at large."

Horse is cheaper transportation

SHELBYVILLE, Ind. (AP) — Fed up with high gas prices, Milford Girdler decided it was time to switch to a simpler, cheaper mode of transport: pure horsepower.

After driving home from work Wednesday to have lunch, Girdler left his truck parked in his driveway and saddled up his 9-year-old black mare, Lightnin'.

His six-mile return trip to downtown Shelbyville on horseback caused a stir among some city residents, but the 53-year-old Girdler is vowing to put Lightnin' to good use until gas prices come down, or the weather turns bad.

"I'd been threatening for a month or two, that if the gas prices kept going up I'd start riding my horse," said Girdler, who speaks wistfully of the days when gas cost about 24 cents a gallon.

He decided to give his truck a rest after spending $25 to top off its gas tank Tuesday. Girdler, who owns 10 horses, says it only costs $2 to $3 a day to feed Lightnin', and during the summer the mare's maintenance is even less.

Girdler, who works at the Shelby County Collision Center, stayed true to his word Thursday and traveled to work on Lightnin' again.

Philbin starts own line of fashions

NEW YORK (AP) — Regis Philbin thinks he has the final answer in fashion: He's started his own clothing line featuring the stylish duds he wears on his hit show, "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire."

Philbin appeared at Macy's flagship store on 34th Street on Monday to launch the "Regis by the Van Heusen Company" line.

The star toured the window displays featuring wall-size photos of him at different stages in his life behind mannequins with Philbin masks wearing, of course, his trademark monochrome cotton shirt and satin tie ensembles.

"It brings back memories," he quipped of the photos in one of his few utterances to the press, between big stiff smiles for the cameras.

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B.D. and Peggy Appleton
(Contributed Photo)

Appletons honored with party on 50th wedding anniversary

A come and go party honoring B.D. and Peggy Appleton of Buffalo Gap on their golden wedding anniversary was held on May 6 at the Union Community Center.

Their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren hosted the event. Peggy's sister, Anita Wilson arranged a money tree table for the honored couple.

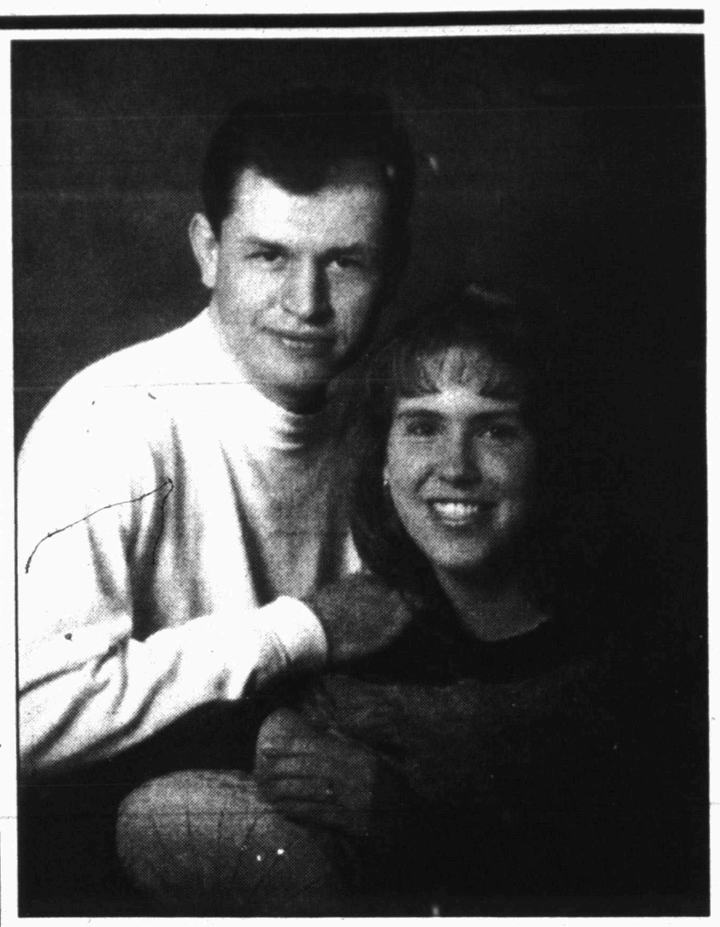
Their children and their families attending were Connie and Vick Miller, Rita, Kerry, Brandon and Travis Hagins and Brandi Wolf, all of Snyder; Benny and Kelsey Miller and Matthew Miller, both of Lubbock; Kenny, Dana and Tanner Miller of Clyde and Sam, Kim, Coby and Rody Appleton of Pottsboro.

Peggy Springfield was born on July 22, 1930 in Merkel and Appleton was born on March 4, 1930 in Taylor County. They met in Abilene in 1949 and married in Abilene on May 6, 1950.

They have lived in Abilene, Big Lake, San Angelo, Snyder, Buffalo Gap, Pauls Valley and Beaver, Okla. Appleton is retired from working in the oil field and Mrs. Appleton is a homemaker.

Members of the First Baptist Church in Buffalo Gap, they have eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

JULY NUPTIALS — Angela McLaury of Ira and Jason Withers of Stephenville are planning their marriage ceremony for July 22 in Las Vegas. The bride-elect is the dadaughter of Linda Spears of Aspermont. The future groom's parents are Travis Withers of Bridgeport, and Carolyn Withers of Stephenville. (Contributed Photo)



SEPTEMBER VOWS — Melinda Dawn Roach and Raul Terranzas Rodriguez Jr. announce their engagement and marriage plans for 2 p.m. Sept. 16 in the 37th Street Church of Christ. Melinda has lived in Snyder for a year. Her parents are Wallace and Linda Roach of Washington, Ind. The prospective groom's parents are Raul Sr. and Rosa Rodriguez. (Photo by Wadleigh Studio)

WINNER OF QUILT — Gloria Browning, right, gave a quilt she made to North College Avenue Baptist Church youth to be used to raise funds. The quilt was won by Brenda Clements of Kingsville. (Contributed Photo)

Mayor-elect doesn't kiss babies he delivers them

GRAND FORKS, N.D. (AP) — Kissing a baby has long been a photo-op for politicians on the campaign trail. Mayor-elect Michael Brown goes a step further — he delivers babies.

After winning the election Tuesday, the Grand Forks obstetrician spent his first day in office delivering two babies. "Dr. Mayor" has no intention of slowing down now that he's in office.

Happy Birthday Dad
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Community Calendar

MONDAY

Rock and Roll Quilting Club; Hermleigh Community Center; everyone is invited for free quilting lessons, and special projects are to help someone in need; call 863-2426 for more information; 8 a.m. to noon.

Weight Watchers meeting; Trinity United Methodist Church; for more information call Nathalie at 573-1868 during the evening; weigh-in is at 5 p.m.

Al-Anon Brown Bag Open Meeting, Snyder Park Club in Winston Park; noon.

Scurry County Museum's hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Manic Depression (Bipolar) support group; Family Life Community Church, 904 26th Street; 7 p.m.

Scurry County AA; closed meeting; Park Club; for more information, call 573-8268, 573-9458 or 574-1292, 8 p.m.

Nuestra Nueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; 8 p.m.

TUESDAY

ABCL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 7 p.m.

AA Beginner's Meeting-Open; Snyder Park Club, 1212 37th Street; 7 p.m.

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-8268, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

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

TOPS TX56 (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5 to 6 p.m.; 2501 35th. For more information call Phillis Leatherwood at 573-6105.

WEDNESDAY

Martha Ann Woman's Club luncheon and game day. Cost is $7.50 and serving will begin at 11:30. Games of choice will follow. Reservations needed by 5 p.m. Tuesday by calling 573-3427.

Storytime at the Scurry County Library for 4- and 5-year-olds; 10 a.m.

Spiritual Solutions for Living Problems Book Study; Snyder Park Club; 6 p.m.

Just For Today NA, open meeting; Park Club; for information, call 574-1292 or 573-8018 p.m.

THURSDAY

LLL Club; fellowship hall of First Baptist Church; 9:30 a.m.

Al-Anon brown bag; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 574-1292, 573-2101 or 573-0695; noon to 1 p.m.

Horseshoe Pitching For Fun; horseshoe courts located at the coliseum; everybody welcome, for further information call 573-9762.

Deep Creek Cloggers lesson; American Legion; 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Scurry Charter Chapter ABWA; MAWC; 7 p.m.

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; for information call 573-8268, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

Nuestra Nueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

Free blood pressure clinics; Senior Citizens Center; 9:30 to 11 a.m.

Blood pressures will be taken at Cogdell Hospital Home Health Services, 1800 Cogdell Blvd., Suite B; 1-2 p.m.

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

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointment, call 573-0538 or 573-0770.

Scurry County AA closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8268, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

Scurry County AA open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information cal' 573-8268, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 10 a.m.

Chocolate cappuccino cupcakes

CHOCOLATE CAPPUCCINO CUPCAKES

24 Reynolds bake cups
1 pkg. (about 18 oz.) chocolate cake mix
¼ cup instant coffee, divided
2 tsp. hot water
1 container (16-oz.) cream cheese frosting
½ cup semi-sweet chocolate morsels
2 tsp. vegetable oil

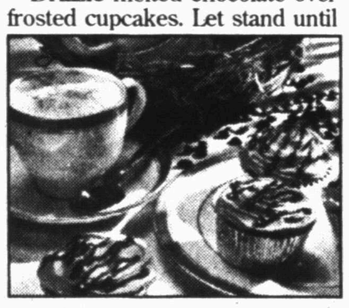
Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Place bake cups in muffin pans; set aside. Prepare cake mix following package directions for 24 cupcakes, adding 2 tablespoons instant coffee before mixing. Spoon batter into bake cups. Bake as directed. Cool.

Dissolve remaining instant coffee in hot water. Stir frosting into coffee mixture until smooth. Frost cupcakes.

Microwave chocolate morsels and oil on HIGH in a small microwave-safe dish, 1 to 1½ minutes, stirring once, until chocolate is melted.

Drizzle melted chocolate over frosted cupcakes. Let stand until chocolate sets.

Makes 24 cupcakes



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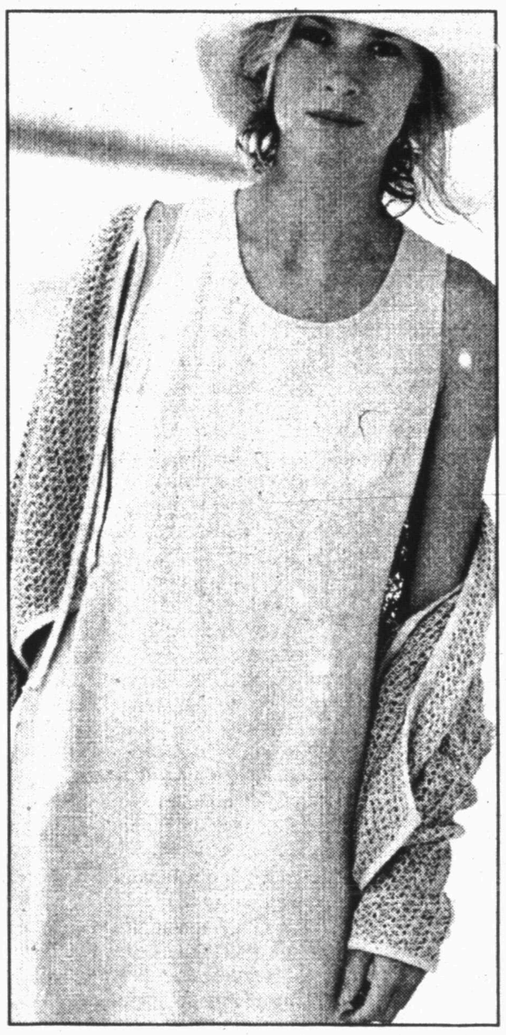

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Census Bureau stresses safety

WASHINGTON (AP) — The challenge seems inviting: Join the Census Bureau and help take the national head-count!

For some, this is dangerous business. One enumerator was killed by a pack of dogs and others census-takers have been shot while retreating from angry homeowners.

Another census-taker checking a Chicago apartment building was pushed down a flight of stairs by a resident on Wednesday, Census officials said. The worker was unhurt, while the resident was charged with impeding or assaulting a federal official, FBI agent Frank Bochte said Friday.

This week, Census officials reiterated that the safety of its employees was of "paramount importance" — even if it means not getting the job done right away.

"We've sent out as strong a signal that we possibly can that the first concern we have is the safety of our census-takers," Census Director Kenneth Prewitt said at a news conference. "We have census-takers in difficult situations, of course, especially now when we are down to the last cases."

In the current door-to-door phase of the count, enumerators still have about 900,000 of the country's 120 million households left to contact, residents who have not yet returned a Census 2000 form.

Beside the woman killed by dogs, six other U.S. Census workers have died on the job this year, five in auto accidents and one because of a stroke. Agency officials could not immediately say how many have been injured.

Authorities in Nashville, Ind., say it appeared 71-year-old Dorothy Stewart was trying to count the residents of a one-story log cabin when dogs attacked her. She died of multiple injuries. Brown County sheriff's deputies arrived Saturday to find Stewart's body about 3 feet from the home's front door, surrounded by more than 20 dogs.

The driveway leading up to the house is posted with "Beware of Dog" and "No Trespassing" signs.

Prosecutor Jim Oliver said he has not ruled out filing criminal charges against the dogs' owners, and is continuing his investigation.

Officials at the Census Bureau's national office in Suitland, Md., called Stewart's death an isolated, but tragic incident. They could not recall an incident similar to her death, but said workers are warned about risks.

"They go through training which talks about potential dangers, that if you feel uncomfortable, you leave the situation," said Jerry Stahl, spokesman for the Charlotte, N.C., regional Census office. "But there's not extensive self-defense training or something of that nature."

Since most census-taker jobs are part-time, they do not have benefits, but are covered under workers' compensation guidelines, Stahl said.

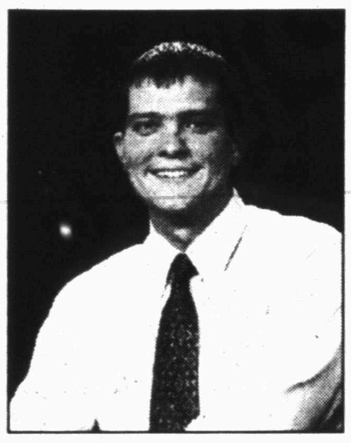
Enumerators who feel unsafe can refer cases to supervisors. It is up to local Census offices to determine whether workers should be sent out in pairs for safety's sake in some areas, and some local managers have asked police departments to monitor blocks where census-takers are working, Prewitt said.

Across the country, those in the field say safety isn't a great concern, whether they work in high-crime neighborhoods or rural areas. Some go to unusual lengths to complete the task — like census-takers in Maine who hitched rides on lobster boats to reach isolated island homes, or workers in upstate New York who used snowmobiles to traverse roads left otherwise impassible by snow.

"In general, the job is fairly safe," said Nelson Bofford of Lake Luzerne, N.Y., who worked as an enumerator in upstate New York. "But I believe the training was pretty good. They went out of their way to make sure you are properly trained before you get out."

Other enumerators say they've been pleasantly surprised by the responses they get at the door.

"One person offered me pie one time," said Michael Zdan, a census-taker from Bear Creek, Pa.



Scott Hall

Hall graduates

Scott A. Hall, a 1996 graduate of Snyder High School, graduated summa cum laude from Angelo State University with a bachelor of business administration degree.

Hall, a member of Alpha Chi, a national honor society, plans to attend graduate school at Texas Tech in the fall.

Light charge

LONDON (AP) — Madonna's filmmaker boyfriend escaped with a wrist slap after admitting he assaulted a fan outside the singer's London home.

Guy Ritchie was cautioned Thursday for common assault, a relatively minor charge, a Scotland Yard spokesman said.

Ritchie, director of the hit British film "Lock, Stock and Two Smoking Barrels," was arrested May 17 after Jonathon Sanders claimed he was assaulted.

Q & A

Second hand marijuana smoke

(In response to a growing concern among parents, educators and other members of the community, Snyder Daily News, in cooperation with Al-Anon support groups and the Snyder Area Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, are devoting this column to your questions about the increasing threat of substance abuse.)

Can a person test positive on a urinalysis test from being repeatedly exposed to second hand marijuana smoke?

The answer is no. You cannot passively inhale enough second-hand smoke to test positive on a urinalysis (UA), however this does not mean that a person cannot get high while being around second hand marijuana smoke.

To understand this you have to understand that a UA test is a yes or no test. It is a qualitative test not quantitative. For example the most active ingredient in marijuana is Delta-9-tetrahyrocannabinol (THC). A standard UA, using the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration (SAMHSA) guidelines, will check if 50 ng/ml of THC is in your urine. A nanogram (ng) is a billionth of a gram. Basically if you took a gram of THC and broke it up into a billion pieces you would have to have 50 pieces in one milliliter (ml) of urine to test positive on a standard UA. Some employee tests only require as little as 20 ng/ml. On most studies people who were exposed to passive marijuana smoke had 7-15 ng/ml. These numbers would come back as negative on a UA. According to information supplied by Norchem Drug Testing Laboratory, extensive credible studies have been done to prove these findings. After many years of study and many court cases where a UA stood to convict or acquit, their verdict stands that although negligible amounts of THC from second hand smoke may be found in a UA, it is not enough to cause a positive result on a standard drug screen. Therefore, in order for someone to test positive on a UA, one must have directly inhaled marijuana.

Please send your questions on drugs or addiction to P.O. Box 695, Snyder, Texas 79550. All questions and personal inquires may be submitted anonymously. Twenty-four-hour confidential information is available by calling (915) 573-1141 or 1-800-658-6722. Information on help groups and individual's phone numbers may be found in the SDN Community Calendar.

EARLY DETECTION OF OSTEOPOROSIS IS THE BEST HOPE FOR A POSITIVE TREATMENT

Osteoporosis is a painful, disfiguring disease of the bones that causes fractures, loss of height, back pain, and curvature of the spine. The bone density exams, a simple pain-free x-ray, will be available at Cogdell Memorial Hospital beginning June 20.

80% of women over the age of 75 suffer loss of bone density. Early diagnosis gives the patient the opportunity to make lifestyle changes or take medication that may slow down, stop, or prevent the progress of this disfiguring disease.

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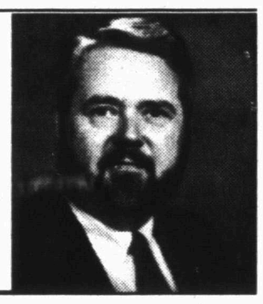
Minding Your Own Business

By Don Taylor



The Price is Right, Why Am I Broke?

Recently, a client stated, "I know my price is right because my customers are buying, but I sure seem to be going broke." When I asked how he determined his price, he explained his pricing theory. "What my suppliers charge me determines how low I can set my prices. My competitor's prices establish the ceiling. Generally, I try to be somewhere-in-between," he said.

I've watched small-business owners for nearly 30 years. In that time, I've found that this "somewhere-in-between" pricing policy is a pretty common practice. I feel that using this system ignores some of the most important elements you should consider when making pricing decisions.

In this column, I'd like to help you take an objective look at your pricing strategies. You should be able to tell if your prices are helping you grow a successful business or steering you toward the poor house.

Four Basic Factors

There are four fundamental factors you must consider as you evaluate your pricing strategy. They are:

1) **Cost.** You can't build a successful business without knowing all about your cost structure. Your price must cover both direct and indirect costs. I find that few small-business owners factor in all costs when they set prices. Most owners consider cost of goods sold and operating expenses when they establish price levels. I believe you also need to consider your income needs (opportunity costs), a return on your business investment (money costs) and future cash needs for growth and renewal (longevity costs).

2) **Value.** Regardless of costs, your customers are the ultimate judges of value. If your customers feel that your price is too high, it is. They don't care about your costs or your longevity. Their evaluation of your price is a self-interested judgement of what you're charging for your products or services compared to the quality and quantity they are getting.

If you feel the value is less than it should be in your business, you have three choices: 1) you can lower costs so you can reduce prices and still maintain current profit margins, 2) lower prices and give up profits or 3) find customers who are less sensitive to higher prices. All three of these choices can work depending on the circumstances in which you apply them.

3) **Competition.** Yes, competitors do play a role in fundamental pricing policies. However, they should not set an artificial ceiling for your business.

You should be aware of competitors' prices for obvious reasons. You may choose to compete on price or you may decide to add value for your customers and not worry about having the lowest price.

I recently consulted with a business owner who chose to "out value" his prime competitors. He studied his craft, acquired new knowledge and skills and raised his prices by 50 percent. (Yes, I said 50 percent!)

What happened? Did he lose customers? Yes, a few. Did he price himself out of the market? No, because of the newly acquired knowledge and skills, most customers feel that they are still getting good value. Through word-of-mouth promotion only, his business is increasing strongly.

4) **Overlap.** We need to realize pricing impacts many areas of business performance. The pricing overlap affects marketing decisions, sales levels, financial factors and profit. You need to consider the overlap factor when you set goals for this year. Will a price increase slow sales, or increase profits or both? If we reduce prices, will we increase market share and drive out competition or just lower margins?

Keep these four pricing fundamentals in mind as you adjust your pricing policies this year. Remember, there are two foolish positions in which you can find yourself: priced too high or priced too low. You lose something either way.

Don Taylor is the co-author of Up Against the Wal-Marts. You may write to him in care of Minding Your Own Business, PO Box 67, Amarillo, TX 79105.

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Tuesday

Oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes, cream gravy, green beans, pineapple cheese salad, coconut pudding

Wednesday

Swiss steak, cauliflower w/cheese, spinach, pineapple/carrot Jell-O, cherry cobbler

Thursday

Steak hoagies, cottage fries, tossed salad, tropical pudding

Friday

Broccoli w/cheese sauce, croutons and tomatoes, creamy slaw, chocolate cake w/cream cheese frosting

Senior Center News

Volunteers are needed for home-delivered meals. Nine volunteers are required each day. Four routes require a driver and a "hopper" and one one route that requires one person.

Volunteers should arrive at the center by 10:30 a.m. and are usually finished by noon. To help, call 573-4035.

Seniors may phone the continuing education office at Western Texas College for information and registration for computer classes. Brochures are available at the Senior Center. The WTC number is 573-8511, ext. 390.

The AARP 55-Alive Defensive Driving class will be offered from 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. June 29-30. Cost is $10 per person and a driver's license is required on the first class day. Call 573-4035 to register.

Transportation is available from 9-11 a.m. Monday through Thursday for seniors. Phone the center for a ride.

Refinishing of the Travis gym floor is complete. Seniors who enjoy walking indoors may return, and newcomers are welcome. Check in at the office in the Senior Center.

Monday

Bridge play begins at 9:30 a.m. and daily exercise at 11 a.m. The AARP will meet in the conference room at noon. After noon, members will have entertainment by Dorothy Duncan and her puppet, Dotsy.

Tuesday

Water exercise class for seniors at WTC begins at 10 a.m. on Tuesday and Thursday. Seniors must obtain a parking permit in the administration building. No registration is required, and persons may attend one or both classes. The class is always open to newcomers. "88 play begins at 10 a.m. and the Hoss Clayton Band will entertain at 11. The Golden K Kiwanis Club meets at noon. Allie Beth Beauchamp will tell about her trip to the Philippines.

Wednesday

Seniors may play bingo starting a 10 a.m. with breaks for exercise and stretching. Line dancers practice at 1 p.m. followed by Cloggers at 2 p.m.

Thursday

Swimnastics at WTC begins at 10 a.m. Sunshine Choir members perform at Snyder Oaks from 10 to 11 a.m. Don't miss the daily exercise program.

Friday

The blood pressure clinic and bridge play begins at 9:30 a.m., and "88" play starts at 10. The Sing-a-long starts at 11:30 a.m.

Shelley Fisk

Fisk recognized

Shelley Fisk of Snyder has been recognized by the United States Achievement Academy for her achievement as a National Leadership and Service Award winner.

She was also in the All-American Scholar Directory for 1999. Shelley is the daughter of Russell and Laura Fisk of Snyder. Her grandparents are Dewey and Wanda Lee and Rosa Fisk, all of Snyder, and the late Don Fisk.

3 on honor roll

SWEETWATER — Three Snyder residents have been named to the President's Honor Roll for the spring semester at Texas State Technological College.

They include Jacqueline Cunningham, Scott Edmonds and Cheri Williams.

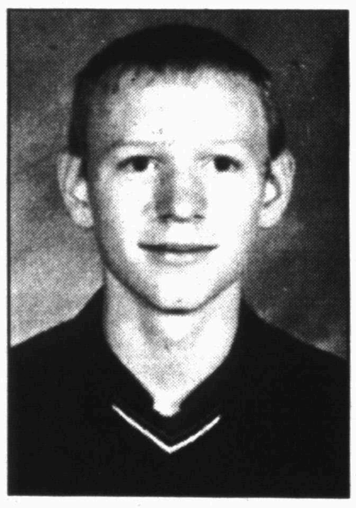
To qualify, students must earn a 4.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale.

During the Great Depression of the 1930s, unemployed men bought a box of 100 apples for $2.25. They sold them for five cents each. Selling two boxes a day, for a $5.50 profit was their goal.

Millhollon receives nat'l math award

Sterling Millhollon, Snyder Junior High School student, has been named a United States National Award winner in mathematics.

The award is presented by the United States Achievement Academy. He is the son of Jerry and Martha Millhollon of Snyder.



Sterling Millhollon

Gates still sold on technology benefits

TOKYO (AP) — Bill Gates' legal battles haven't soured him on the computer revolution.

The Microsoft founder received an honorary degree from a Japanese university Friday and told students information technology will remake the world in the next decade.

Last week, a U.S. judge ordered Microsoft to split into two companies.

Gates assured his young audience of Microsoft's commitment to continue building software, and predicted that student chores like note-taking would one day be done on computerized tablets.

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Public Records

New Vehicle Registrations

Twayne Ivey, 2000 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Vern W. and Cindy W. Howard, 2000 Pontiac from Big Country Autoland.

Altex Landscape Construction and Susan Bohnenberger, 2000 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Lee and Celia Howard, 2000 Chevrolet from Big Country Autoland.

Sam and Kathleen Stephens, 2000 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Van and Jan Moses, 2000 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Vince Hatfield, 2000 GMC pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Nathan Zalman and Toby Zalman, 2000 GMC pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Carmen Morrell and Marvin Morrell, 2000 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Ponciano and Gloria P. Guerra, 2000 Chevrolet from Big Country Autoland.

Robert T. Miller, 2000 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Dicky and Carmen Stanley, 2000 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Jerry Brown, 2000 Lincoln from Wilson Motors.

National Energy Group, two 2000 Ford pickups from Wilson Motors.

First Baptist Church, 2000 Ford van from Wilson Motors.

Alfred Vardeman, 2000 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Crissi and Phillip McCormick, 2000 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

James and Carla Jones, 2000 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Marriage Licenses

Gregory W. Howard and Alice M. Barrera, both of Hermleigh.

Joe Dan Collier and Buffie Lynn Wilson, both of Snyder.

Filed in District Court

Charles E. Galloway vs. Nelda R. Word, suit for damages, motor vehicle.

Action in District Court

Florina Facio Garcia, individually and as next friend for Iboon Garcia, vs. Joe Dale Cantrell and the Snyder Independent School District, judgment for plaintiff.

Michael Molina vs. Bryce Allen Wilkins, agreed order of dismissal.

Nancy Alexander vs. Jimmy Pittman, order of dismissal with prejudice.

Scurry County vs. Mark L. Duke, individually and dba Duke Tool Company, order granting non-suit.

Scurry County vs. Southern Petroleum Exploration Inc., now known as The Wiser Oil Co., order granting non-suit.

Southern Electric Inc. vs. Senior Living Properties, dba Snyder Healthcare Center, order of dismissal.

In the marriage of Terri Lynn Wheeler and Gary Edwin Wheeler, divorce granted.

Deed Records

L.E. McBeth to Dee A. and Georgina Carr, 1.388 acres in the southwest one-quarter of Section 56, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Ethel Harrington to Kenneth Ray Lynch, the west 50 feet of Lot 1 and the west 50 feet of the north 100 feet of Lo4, both in Block 8 of the Grayum and Nelson Addition.

Margaret J. Clevenger to Margaret J. Clevenger, Trustee for the Margaret J. Clevenger Living Trust, Lot 11 and the south 4 feet of Lot 12 in Block 4 of the Park Place Addition.

Mary Ward and Forest Hess to Aubrey Joe May and Thomas Joe May, dba M&M Fuels, 2.355 acres in the southeast corner of Section 242, Block 3, H&TC survey.

Eva Leiva to Anicasio M. Jimenez and Eva Leyva, Lot 4 in Block 7 of the Wilmeth Addition.

Helen E. Sorrels, independent executrix of the estate of William J. Mapes, to Helen E. Sorrells, Mary Lou Trochta and Dora A. Bass, Lots 2 and 3 in Block 32 of the Grayum and Nelson Heights Addition.

Humberto and Valentina Molina to Jessie and Juanita Carrisalez, the west one-half of Block 3 of the Cloyes Subdivision of Block 17 of the Cody Addition.

Scurry County to Mary Dovie Brownfield and Patsy Ann Williams, 3.17 acres in the northwest corner of Section 20, Block 3, H&TC survey.

Estate of Mildred Mathis to Martha Gene Blair, an undivided one-fourth interest in south 200 acres of the west one-half of Section 537, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Estate of Burl J. Belew to the Burl J. Belew Estate Trust, Joe Thell Belew, Trustee, tract one being 480 acres in Block 97, H&TC survey; tract two being Section 585, Block 97, H&TC survey; tract three being the southwest one-quarter of Section 483, Block 97, H&TC survey; tract four being the northeast one-quarter of Section 463, Block 97, H&TC survey; tract five being Section 532, Block 97, H&TC survey; tract six being Lots 1-14 in Block 89 of the Town of Fluvanna; tract seven being part of Block 101 north of the Highway in the Town of Fluvanna.

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Ratings for CBS' 'Survivor' series continue to build

NEW YORK (AP) — "Survivor" is proving such a hit that a sequel is in the works.

The network has begun accepting applications for "Survivor 2," which will be filmed in October and November for broadcast starting January. CBS expects considerably more than the 6,100 applicants it received for the first series.

This time, the location will be the Australian outback — not nearly as wet as the tropical island where the series is now set. The sun-baked, desolate territory has its share of kangaroos, crocodiles, huge spiders and lizards, however. The filming will take place late in the Australian springtime.

An estimated 23.2 million people watched the third instal ment of the 13-week series Wednesday night, a 28 percent increase over the previous week, Nielsen Media Research said Thursday. It was CBS's biggest audience with regular programming for that time slot since at least 1987.

It was the first time "Survivor" did not go head-to-head against ABC's "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire." But it did compete against the NBA Finals in about one-fifth of the country, including Los Angeles and Indianapolis.

The soggy stowaways voted out a third person, 27-year-old San Francisco lawyer Stacey Stillman, sending her away in a torrential downpour.

CBS knew after the first week's ratings that "Survivor" would return, but wanted to make sure the interest built, said CBS President Leslie Moonves. Casting for the second edition will be just as important as the location, he said.

"The relatability of these people is one of the chords that is striking people," he said. "Everyone imagines what they would do because they are seeing people like themselves."

Stillman, appearing Thursday on CBS's "The Early Show," said she expected she would be voted out because she was the weakest physically in her group and her personality clashed with some of her fellow islanders.

"I did get cranky," she said. "We hadn't eaten in nine days."

Like "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire" last August, "Survivor" is enlivening the normally dull summer rerun season. And it's been a bonanza for CBS's often futile effort to reach a younger audience.

"Survivor" alone drew a bigger audience than ABC, NBC, Fox, UPN and the WB combined Wednesday night among viewers age 18-34, Nielsen said. Normally, CBS's typical viewer tops age 50.

That is already affecting the rest of the network, Moonves said. The Wednesday movie that follows "Survivor" has reached a younger audience over the past three weeks than it has all year.

"There are a lot of shows on our schedule that do have a younger appeal but people don't know to go there," he said.

The little-watched CBS "Early Show," where each "Survivor" contestant voted out the previous night appears for a Thursday morning interview, has even benefited. Last week its Thursday ratings were higher than they'd been since February.

The "Survivor" audience is likely to get even bigger, since next week there won't be an NBA playoff game or "Millionaire" edition to compete with.

"I think it still has some room to grow," Moonves said.

Chicago police are investigating incident...

3 suspended in inmate's death

CHICAGO (AP) — Two sheriff's deputies were accused of beating an inmate to death because he made an obscene remark to a female sergeant who turned down his request to go to the bathroom.

The deputies and the sergeant have been suspended, and could be fired pending a hearing, Cook County Sheriff Michael Sheahan said Thursday.

The deputies are accused of punching and kicking Louis Schmude inside the lockup at the county courthouse in suburban Bridgeview on May 5. Schmude, 40, died two days later of blunt trauma and a ruptured spleen. His death was ruled a homicide and Chicago police are investigating.

On Thursday, Sheahan suspended without pay William Spatz, 24, and Lawrence Koscianski, 27, and Sgt. Patricia Pultz, 31. Authorities allege that the obscenity was directed at Pultz and she then summoned the two deputies, who beat Schmude. All face hearings before the sheriff's department merit board, which will decide whether to fire them.

Sheahan's inspector general's office uncovered evidence that excessive force was used by the deputies. Sheahan refused to provide further details of the investigation.

Schmude, a self-employed painter, was taken to the courthouse after his arrest for allegedly throwing a brick through the window of his wife's suburban home.

After an alleged series of beatings by the deputies, Schmude was taken to Cook County Jail. He was transferred seven hours later to a hospital and died May 7.

Sheahan denied brutality is a problem within his force. He said he will order that video cameras be installed at lockups inside courthouses to deter misconduct by county personnel. Such cameras also would protect deputies from false charges, he said.

A phone call seeking comment from Teamsters Local 714, the union that represents the deputies, was not immediately returned Friday.

Scurry County Service Men & Women

(Editor's Note: Citizens are invited to write their servicemen and servicewomen stationed stateside and overseas. Anyone having additions, changes or corrections to the list should submit them in writing to the Snyder Daily News, P.O. Box 949, Snyder, TX, 79550, or bring them by the office at 3600 College Ave. Sorry, no addresses will be accepted over the telephone.

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Letters to the editor

Parole issues

Dear Editor:

I am incarcerated in the TDCJ. I am just writing this to express my feelings about the parole issue.

I am a first-time, non-violent offender and I think that the first time, non-violent offenders should not do a lot of time when it is their first time down and they do not get into any trouble while they are locked up.

The system is overcrowded with offenders like me. They do not have enough room for violent offenders that have been in trouble a lot. They are overcrowding the jails with the violent offenders and parole violators. Non-violent offenders should be released on parole the first time they come up. They should also make violent offenders do more time so we can make Texas a better place to live in, and also so we first-time offenders have more faith that the system works so we will stay out of trouble so we can make parole on the first time so we can get out and better our lives. These are just my opinions. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Jason Loper
Plainview

Dependent on Trucking Industry

Dear Editor:

The average citizen may not realize it, but nearly three-quarters of the communities in Texas rely solely on the trucking industry for freight shipments.

For these communities and their residents, trucks and truck drivers represent a literal lifeline. From food to the grocery stores, gas to the convenience stores to furniture and clothing at the local Wal-Mart, trucking literally carries our everyday needs into, around and through West Texas. Nearly 70 percent of all products moved in Texas are carried by truck and it is in all our best interest to make sure that trucking operates safely and efficiently not just here but all over the state and nation.

Now imagine new federal rules that would require 20 percent more trucks and truck drivers to move exactly the same amount of goods. Or new rules that would force truck drivers to shut down regardless of their location and regardless of whether or not they are tired. Or rules that would be so complicated and difficult to enforce that the national group involved in truck safety enforcement has expressed serious concern about its members' ability to carry out the rules.

You don't have to imagine. The federal government has proposed new hours of service rules for the trucking industry that will negatively impact each and every citizen of our state. The trucking industry already has a shortage of approximately 80,000 drivers. It is expected those new rules would require an additional 100,000 drivers and reduce, by 20 percent, the effectiveness of all current and future truck drivers.

You might ask how this could be. You probably would say this is not logical. I must remind you this is the federal government and they very seldom let logic get in the way of making rules we have to live by. Local businesses will likely face serious delays in shipment because of these new rules. These lost efficiencies and increased costs will, of course, be passed on to consumers. Now don't get me wrong. The freight will get delivered. The question is the cost.

I am all for any attempt to make our highways safer. These rules are supposedly an attempt to decrease fatigue among truck drivers. But in reality, these rules tell a truck driver when they have to rest instead of allowing them to break when they need to rest. We need rules that make common sense and don't wind up costing much more than the benefit they provide.

The Texas Motor Transportation Association is offering some common sense solutions to the U.S. Department of Transportation. But this is not just a trucker issue. I urge all business owners and consumers to let the government know these rules are bad government and need to be revised. We all depend on trucking and we can't afford to have this kind of senseless government get in the way of our daily lives.

Truss Farquhar
E.L. Farmer & Company
Odessa

Thanks to friendly people

Dear Editor:

Just wanted to say thank you to the friendly people in Snyder, Texas.

My family's car broke down outside of Snyder on May 22. We had so many people stop to see if they could help.

I wish I had gotten the gentleman's name that came back to see if my husband got the car (Jeep) fixed. He was unable to fix it, so the gentleman called for a wrecker to come and get us.

THANKS!

We went to Nix's Auto & Tire Service and the people there were great and very friendly. Jimmy offered his truck while we were stranded there for three days (unfortunately our Jeep needed a part that was in San Angelo). Jimmy let us use his truck to go and pick up the part.

In the world as we live it. It is so nice to see someone who still trusts in people.

Our thanks again, to all the people who took the time to stop, and to Nix Auto & Tire Service for the kind gesture of trust and the great friendly service.

Stanley and Donna Gray
Kernersville, N.C.

Great coverage

Dear Editor:

On behalf of the community of Fluvanna, I would like to say thank you for the tremendous coverage you gave our community and school in preparation for our Fluvanna Homecoming 2000.

Publication of the historical photos and "Faces from the Past," as well as articles you wrote were factors in the wonderful attendance we had for the June 9-10 event.

How fortunate we are to have a newspaper with such a courteous and helpful staff!

Thank you again,
Fluvanna Homecoming 2000
Sue Herring

Sincere thanks

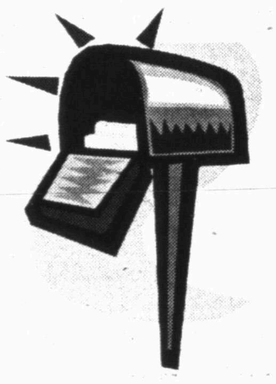
Dear Editor:

The parents and family of Robert Lemmon, Jr., wish to express their most sincere thanks and appreciation for the concern shown during our recent family crisis.

The hard work and the determination of the Roby sheriff's office are without equal. Sheriff Gene Pack and his officers continued the relentless search and with the outstanding work of the Thunderstorm Rescue/Search Team were able to locate Robert.

Our special thanks to Deputy Eliot Mize and the Dell Ray Helms' family for their diligence in the search and to the Fisher County Hospital physicians and staff and emergency personnel for their care.

Sincerely,
Sally Brehm and family



Clinton deserves disbarment

By Joseph Perkins

The gravamen of respondent's conduct is obstruction of the due administration of justice, a most serious offense, but one that is rendered even more grievous by the fact that in this instance the perpetrator is an attorney and was, at the time of the conduct in question, the holder of the highest public office of this country and in a position of public trust.

Hardly anyone disagreed with this finding by a New York appellate court back in 1976, when it disbarred former president Richard Nixon.

Well, the same finding, in verbatim, can be applied to Bill Clinton in the matter of his false testimony, under oath, in the Paula Jones sexual harassment case. And the current occupant of the Oval Office deserves to be disbarred just as surely as did his predecessor, Nixon.

Indeed, that was precisely the conclusion this week of a disciplinary committee of the Arkansas Supreme Court. The panel of six attorneys and one lay person (a retired teacher) sent along to a state circuit court in Little Rock its recommendation that Clinton be stripped of his license to practice law.

The panel was persuaded, beyond a reasonable doubt, that Clinton violated two Arkansas rules regulating professional conduct of attorneys at law.

Indeed, as a former law professor at the University of Arkansas, the president was no doubt aware of the prospective punishments for lawyers in the Razorback state who engage in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation and who engage in conduct that is prejudicial to the administration of justice.

Yet, despite being held in contempt of court last year by U.S. District Court Judge Susan Webber Wright for giving false, misleading and evasive answers in the Paula Jones case to obstruct justice, despite his tacit concession of guilt by his agreement to pay a $90,000 fine, Clinton insists that the disciplinary panel was unfair to recommend his disbarment.

He protests that he is being singled out for harsh punishment merely because he happens to be the president of the United States.

My lawyers looked at all the precedents, Clinton complained, and they said there is no way in the world, if they just treat you like everybody else has been treated, that this is even close to that kind of case.

In other words, if Clinton was some ordinary pettifogger, rather than the man sworn to preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of these United States and to uphold the laws of the land, he would not in danger of disbarment.

He thinks it unjust that he is held to a higher standard than the average lawyer. He wants to be judged by the lowest standard.

But the U.S. Supreme Court does not see it that way. In a 1998 disciplinary case, in which the court withheld a law license from an aspiring barrister, the justices declared:

There is simply no place in the law for a man or woman who cannot or will not tell the truth, even when his or her interests are involved. In the legal profession there must be a reverence for the truth.

And if this standard applies to run-of-the-mill lawyers or wannabe lawyers, such as the plaintiff in the aforementioned Supreme Court case, then it must doubly, or triply, apply to lawyers in high places.

Indeed, in its decision to disbar former president Nixon, the New York appellate court held that his misconduct was even more grievous because, at the time it occurred, he occupied the highest office in the land, a position of public trust.

And it bears mention that it mattered not at all to the state appellate court that Nixon was not actually practicing law at the time of his misconduct, a defense made on Clinton's behalf by such loyalists as Harvard law professor Alan Dershowitz and O.J. Simpson lawyer F. Lee Bailey.

What mattered to the appellate court passing judgment on Nixon, and what ought to matter to the circuit court judge who renders the disbarment ruling on Clinton, was preservation of the rule of law in this country.

It is bad enough when any lawyer commits professional misconduct and thereby undermines public confidence in the legal system. When that lawyer also happens to be a high-ranking public official — a congressman, a judge, a president — the damage to the legal system is multiplied exponentially.

Richard Nixon recognized this, apparently; he did not contest his disbarment. But Bill Clinton has absolutely no shame, no remorse. And that is why he vows to fight his much-deserved disbarment.

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

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Waco Tribune-Herald

Drug war and race

Considering that blacks are far more likely to go to prison for drugs, one would assume that blacks are far more likely to do drugs. Not even close.

Federal statistics find that five times as many whites have used cocaine as blacks. Yet black men are sent to prison at 13 times the rate of white men.

What are the reasons? For one, blacks living in high-crime areas might be more likely to be arrested or singled out when in low-crime areas. It's called profiling. For another, laws treat crack cocaine, commonly associated with blacks, far more harshly than powder cocaine. For another, the age-old assumption seems to hold: People of privilege will be treated differently than people of humble means.

All of which should be good reason to reconsider the nation's drug laws, just as courts were forced to re-examine the death penalty for the unevenness in its application among races.

Consider the 100-fold difference in sentencing between crack cocaine and powder under federal law.

One can receive a five-year federal prison term for having five grams or more of crack, while it takes 500 grams of powder to get the same sentence.

The difference in potency between crack and powder may justify some difference in sentencing, but not to this degree.

Unfortunately, when asked by the Clinton administration to pare down the disparity, the Senate made the wrong response. It voted to make powder cocaine penalties dramatically stiffer a mandatory five years for 50 grams rather than 500. Blessedly, that measure did not advance further.

The Victoria Advocate

Discontent in Canada

Canada is in a sour mood. There is the sense that things are going wrong, and Canadians are not quite sure why. Their currency is sinking against the U.S. dollar, disposable income is dropping and many of their brightest kids are leaving.

A beer commercial, in which a guy named Joe loudly defends all things Canadian, has become a cultural phenomenon. The ad is largely based on voicing annoyance with Americans — those big, rich, dumb, loud neighbors.

It is the perceived wisdom in America that taxes no longer matter, that there are other issues that concern voters far more than what they give the government. Try selling that line in Canada.

To support their entitlement state, Canadians are taxed at steep rates. The top 12 percent of taxpayers account for 57 percent of revenue, and the top capital gains rate of 38 percent is almost double that in the United States. As a result, disposable income is at about two-thirds of the U.S. level here, and may drop to half in the next 10 years.

The consequences have discouraged investment in Canada and encouraged a growing emigration to the U.S. by young, highly skilled professionals.

San Angelo Standard-Times

Call for end of independent counsel

The Supreme Court's 8-1 decision in the Webster Hubbell case recently underscores the wisdom of letting the independent counsel law lapse.

A friend and former law partner of first lady Hillary Clinton, Hubbell had been installed as the No. 3 official at the Justice Department when he ran afoul of the fast-expanding Whitewater investigation in 1994. Since then, he has fallen far and fallen hard and deservedly so. He served 18 months in prison for defrauding his former law firm and clients.

But, without the normal constraints on prosecutors, the independent counsel's continued attempt to convict him for new crimes, greatly encroaching on the Fifth Amendment to do so, amounted to prosecutorial piling on.

As was widely reported, and never really contradicted, the independent counsel's office was furious that Hubbell, once convicted and given limited immunity, did not come through with testimony they thought he had promised. It might have led to the Clintons personally.

Under that immunity grant, in what a federal judge later called "a fishing expedition," Starr in 1996 subpoenaed virtually all — 13,120 pages — of the Hubbells' personal financial records and, after plowing through them, charged Hubbell with 10 counts of tax evasion for concealing income. The income was from consulting fees Hubbell received from well-placed friends of the Clintons during the period he was under investigation.

Hubbell is hardly a sympathetic figure. The prosecutors clearly thought — and may have been right — that the consulting fees were hush money, and, in plea bargaining, Hubbell may have misled the prosecutors about his expected testimony.

But the prosecutors' oversight in their first go at Hubbell hardly justified the scorched-earth response and certainly did not justify ignoring his rights against self-incrimination. Hubbell was compelled, by the grant of immunity, to turn over his records; as Justice John Paul Stevens wrote, "The documents did not magically appear in the prosecutor's office like 'manna from heaven.'"

Odessa American

Federal agencies' abuses of power

Two recent studies by Washington think tanks offer different, but complementary takes on the federal governments continuing and troublesome tendency to get bigger and more meddlesome.

The first, "Ten Thousand Commandments," is the Competitive Enterprise Institutes annual compilation of new rules and regulations issued by the federal government.

Federal agencies handed out 4,684 final rules and regulations in 1999, including 137 "economically significant rules that will have at least $100 million in economic impact."

The total cost of regulation by federal agencies is $700 billion annually, according to CEI. That comes out to $7,400 per family each year adding a significant cost to the nearly $2 trillion that the federal government spends in a more direct manner.

As for the Republican Revolution: CEI notes that 23,000 final rules have been passed since the GOP took control of Congress. And the Federal Registers 71,000-plus pages are at the "highest level since Jimmy Carters presidency and a 4 percent jump over 1998."

The second report, "The National Directory of Environmental and Regulatory Victims," puts a human face on the cold numbers detailed in the CEI report. Compiled by the National Center for Public Policy Research, the directory provides short case studies of citizens who have been victimized by government rules, regulations and abuses.

Civil Rights panel decides NY police use racial profiling

WASHINGTON (AP) — The New York Police Department improperly uses racial profiling to stop and question people, the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights concluded Friday.

This police tactic is a factor in the racial tensions that can lead to "tragic and unnecessary" incidents like the shooting of Amadou Diallo, according to a report approved 6-2 by the advisory panel.

The report also calls into question department training and recruitment of black and Hispanic officers. It recommends creation of an independent office to investigate accusations that police wrongly used deadly force.

Mayor Rudolph Giuliani's office did not immediately respond to a request for comment Friday. In an earlier rebuttal to a draft report, city officials contended the commission's work was "shoddy" and relied too heavily on police critics such as the Rev. Al Sharpton.

Reviewing the department's "stop and frisk" tactics, the report found that blacks and Hispanics were stopped far out of proportion to their representation in a given community. For example, 51 percent of people stopped and searched in Staten Island in 1998 were black, while the borough's population is 9 percent black.

The commission chairwoman, Mary Frances Berry, said evidence indicated that such rates of minority searches belied police contentions that blacks and Hispanics were stopped more frequently because they matched the descriptions of crime victims.

"They simply stop who they think they should stop," Berry said, reading from the report. "The NYPD needs to be careful not to engage in racial profiling of this sort. ... It not only violates the law but undermines respect for the police and can cause deadly altercations, as in the tragic and unnecessary police shooting of Amadou Diallo."

Diallo was shot and killed outside his Bronx home on Feb. 4, 1999, in a hail of police gunfire that struck him 41 times. The four officers involved in the shooting were acquitted earlier this year.

Commission members Carl Anderson and Russell Redenbaugh voted against the report.

Like Giuliani and top city police officials, Redenbaugh said he did not think the conclusions of racial profiling were supported by the facts. He also gave officials credit for New York's sharp drop in murder and other serious crimes.

"The notion that the racial mix of who you stop ought to resemble the racial mix of the people in the neighborhood is a specious use of statistics," Redenbaugh said. "I don't know if there is racial profiling or not."

The commission's report also found that unlike other major cities, New York's police department has not fully adopted community policing practices that minimize racial tensions and that its training program "reinforces stereotypes instead of undermining them."

On the Net:
Civil rights commission: http://www.usccr.gov
New York Police Department: http://www.ci.nyc.ny.us/html/nypd/home.html

Ventura trying to help steel workers

BURBANK, Calif. (AP) — Jesse Ventura has managed to get himself jobs as a wrestler, actor and governor. Now he's trying to help soon-to-be-unemployed steel workers in his home state.

"I'm going to take this opportunity now, and you're going to help me," Minnesota's chief executive told host Jay Leno in an appearance Thursday on "The Tonight Show."

He explained that a taconite mine in Hoyt Lakes, Minn., is being shut down "and it's really tragic."

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Unconventional treatment for piles

DEAR DR. GOTT: One of the members of our Lions club frequently suffers pain from hemorrhoids. He swears that he is helped by applying hot tomato juice to the affected area. We guffawed at this cure, but, because "Gott tells it like it is," we thought we'd better check it out before ribbing our friend any further. What's the deal?

DEAR READER: As those of you who watch late-night television know, Jay Leno has occasionally used my column as a source of amusement. The last example of this was a mention of using stool softener to liquefy ear wax, a trick of the trade submitted to me by a retired physician.

Based on this information, are you proposing that I endorse hot tomato juice as a cure for hemorrhoids? Jay Leno will kill me on national television. He'll have volunteers applying Bloody Marys to their bottoms. He will try to entice tomato-juice manufacturers to advertise on his program. He will wear a funny mask and use a V8 suppository in front of a live audience.

OK, OK. I've calmed down. Let's do the science. Warmth often relieves the pain of swollen hemorrhoids because it is soothing. This is why centuries of doctors have recommended sitz baths for hemorrhoid-sufferers. (Actually, the term "sitz" refers to the developer of this technique, not the fact that patients sit for 15 or 20 minutes in about six inches of hot water.)

I am not aware that the tomato juice in your friend's concoction plays any role whatsoever. However, the warm fluid could certainly be beneficial.

I cannot close this answer without mentioning two addenda, one of which may pique Jay Leno's interest.

First, there is a variety of over-the-counter preparations to relieve hemorrhoidal pain. These include Preparation H and Anusol suppositories. There are also prescription products, such as Anusol HC suppositories, that are effective.

Second, recent studies have demonstrated that the application of nitroglycerine cream, which is commonly used for angina in heart patients, may be extremely beneficial in relieving the pain of swollen hemorrhoids. So, Leno take notice: If the Bloody Marys don't help your piles, heart medicine may. Ain't medical science grand?

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm very concerned about breast cancer, although I'm only 31 years old. My mother, aunt and sister have required mastectomies because of cancer. My sister's doctor has recommended prophylactic mastectomy. What is this — and why?

DEAR READER: Certain forms of breast cancer run in families, due to a genetic tendency. Your family history is striking and, I suspect, places you at high risk for developing a malignancy.

While breast removal is an earth-shaking decision for most women, many — who are in your same position — choose it as a fail-safe method of avoiding breast cancer. Needless to say, some women at high risk don't choose this option, and I respect their decisions.

To date, there are no conclusive studies showing that prophylactic (preventive) mastectomy is clearly a winner — although, for obvious reasons, I believe that women with a strong genetic basis for cancer would most likely be protected by mastectomy. Perhaps your next, logical step would be to discuss this situation with your sister's physician or an oncologist of your choosing. Let me know what decision you make.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have recently been diagnosed with restless legs syndrome. What is this? Is there any treatment?

DEAR READER: Restless legs (Ekbom's) syndrome is a common yet strangely under-diagnosed neurological affliction that affects millions of people. It is marked by an irresistible urge to move the legs, usually at night, that can disrupt sleep, affect quality of life, provide unwanted stress, lead to extreme fatigue and frustration, interfere with one's job and social activities, and — in some tragic cases — be the cause of suicide.

RLS may be inherited; it occurs in children and young adults as well as in the elderly, in pregnant women, and in patients with kidney failure or diabetes. It may be induced by certain drugs, such as caffeine, antidepressants and lithium.

Although RLS usually affects only the lower extremities, the disorder can also cause symptoms in the arms. Regardless of site, the key factor in diagnosis is a repetitive and compelling urge to move the extremities, leading to pacing, stretching, rubbing of the affected area, and an uncontrollable feeling of unrest.

There are, as yet, no tests to diagnose RLS. However, many sufferers appear to have an iron deficiency, without anemia. That is, the body's iron stores are depleted but the bone marrow has yet to be affected. (Because this is not a constant feature, patients with RLS should consult their physicians before taking any over-the-counter iron supplements. Unnecessary supplemental iron could lead to liver damage.)

RLS may be related to other neurological diseases, including periodic limb movements, end-stage renal disease, neuropathy, dystonia and — perhaps — Parkinson's disease. Presently, several studies of RLS are being undertaken, under the auspices of the National Institutes of Health.

One of the most disheartening features of RLS is that it is so uniformly misdiagnosed as "growing pains" (in children), leg cramps (which it is not) and anxiety (more commonly a consequence, not a cause). Most physicians are not familiar with the syndrome, which is a shame because it can be readily diagnosed, basically on the history alone, without expensive and painful testing, such as nerve-conduction studies.

Treatment is complicated. Drugs called dopaminergic agents are effective. However, recent reports have indicted one such drug, Sinemet, as a cause of permanent neurological damage. Other medicines — such as Pergolide, Pramipexole or Ropinrole — appear to be safe; however, tolerance to these drugs can (and does) develop. Note should be made that none of these agents has been federally approved for RLS therapy. Other therapeutic possibilities include narcotics, tranquilizers, iron and anticonvulsants (which are also used to treat chronic-pain syndromes).

In summary, restless legs syndrome is a real disease, a serious disorder and an affliction that affects millions of patients of all ages. It is under-diagnosed, and for their part, practicing physicians need to learn more about it.

Fortunately, there are resources. The best is the Restless Legs Syndrome Foundation; its Web site is www.rls.org, and the toll-free phone number is (877) RLS-INFO. If you choose to contact the RLS Foundation for free patient (or physician) information, please mention that I directed you to the organization.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Several times a day, I experience chronic "stretching" pain in my shoulders and neck, which spreads up the back of my scalp. These attacks are worse when I lie down or have a bowel movement. Any suggestions?

DEAR READER: I thought that you were suffering from common muscle-contraction pain, until I read the part about bowel movements. Now I'm not so sure.

I advise you to check with a doctor to investigate the cause of your discomfort. Your neck and shoulder pain could be due to something as ubiquitous as hypertension; straining during defecation can worsen the pains of high blood pressure when head and neck aches are the result of this treatable condition. To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Hypertension." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

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Nutrition

By Ed Blonz, Ph.D.

Is ostivone worth a try?

DEAR DR. BLONZ: Do you know anything about a supplement named "ostivone"? I read that it is recommended for osteoporosis but could not find anything about it except what I learned from the companies that sell it. Could you look into this and tell me what you think? — S.Q., San Diego, Calif.

Dear S.Q.: Ostivone is a brand name for a compound called ipriflavone (ip-rih-FLAV-ohn), which is a variant of one of the phytochemicals found in soybeans called the isoflavone. This compound may have some value as a new weapon in the battle against osteoporosis.

Research, albeit preliminary, indicates that ipriflavone might have the ability to stimulate the osteoblasts, which are the cells that build new bone. Contrast this with the osteoclasts, which are the cells that break bones down.

The bony truth

Up to the third decade of life, the osteoblasts tend to dominate, and our skeleton gains calcium, assuming we have an adequate dietary intake. From the middle of the third decade on, we tend to lose more bone than we build, but again, the rate of loss will depend on lifestyle and calcium intake.

The upshot of this is that it's in our best interest to have a nutritious diet that is rich in calcium during the first 30 to 40 years of life, as this is the time when our skeleton is primed to grow. From midlife on, calcium is equally important, but an adequate intake serves as a holding action to limit the rate of loss.

The word on soy

Research with soybeans found that folks that have more soy protein in their diets tend to have a lower risk of osteoporosis (as well as a lower risk of heart disease). It is thought that this might be due to the fact that soy protein has lower amounts of certain sulfur-containing amino acids relative to meat protein. Another line of thought is that soy foods contain more potassium. Both of these could lead to less calcium being lost from the body.

Enter research on ipriflavone

Findings seem to indicate that the isoflavones in soy (and ipriflavone) are having a separate effect on the actual cells that build bones. This effect even appears to be different from the effect of estrogen. If this is the case, ipriflavone would be an important bone-building supplement for peri- and post-menopausal women.

Some supplement manufacturers have seen the writing on the scientific wall and have gone ahead and started putting ipriflavone in their products. As you have noticed, some manufacturers have renamed ipriflavone "ostivone."

One caution: There is research reporting a potential interaction between ipriflavone and theophlline, a drug used to treat asthma and other disorders. It has also been found that ipriflavone can inhibit one of the enzymes (cytochrome p450) that the body uses to break down certain medications. If you are taking any medications, you should speak with your physician before you begin.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: Anything positive about the new "diet pill" made from apple vinegar? — **D.C., Atlanta, Ga.**

Dear D.C.: The only thing positive is that I'm positive I have seen it before in one of its many earlier incarnations. Over the years apple cider has been touted as an adjunct for weight loss, and as often happens with oft-repeated stories, it has taken on a life of its own.

In one of my favorites, a fad diet that involved the taking of kelp, lecithin, cider vinegar and vitamin B-6, the inclusion of the cider vinegar was rationalized because "oil and vinegar don't really mix. Maybe vinegar and my fat wouldn't either, and the vinegar might just win out." This quote was taken from an ad promoting the diet that appeared in Family Circle (January 1974).

There is nothing wrong with apple cider vinegar, but there's also nothing magical about it.

Sometimes I think there is a closet where they store old fad diets. After a set period of time, they break out the diet, give it a facelift, and make another run for the money.

Send questions to: "On Nutrition," Ed Blonz, c/o Newspaper Enterprise Association, 200 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10016. For e-mail, address inquiries to: ed@blonz.com. Due to the volume of mail, personal replies cannot be provided.

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Honor turns ugly

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — What started as an attempt to honor Joe DiMaggio is turning into an ugly infield brawl.

San Francisco leaders tried to honor the native son by naming a playground for him. DiMaggio's estate sued in May, saying the spot — where the Yankee Clipper played sandlot baseball as a child — wasn't fit for the honor.

Now the dismayed city has asked a federal judge to dismiss the suit.

"Plaintiff offers no precedent or authority for the startling proposition that a city cannot name a landmark after a favorite son," city attorneys said in court papers.

Morris Engelberg, a trustee and attorney for Dimaggio's estate, based in Hollywood, Fla., has said naming North Beach Playground after DiMaggio "is both morally and legally wrong ... You can't name something without permission."

The park was christened Joe DiMaggio North Beach Playground in February 1980, but because of bureaucratic delays, the name didn't become official until May.

To bolster its case, the city submitted to the court a declaration from DiMaggio's brother Dom about the importance of the playground to the DiMaggio brothers and the pickup games they played there.

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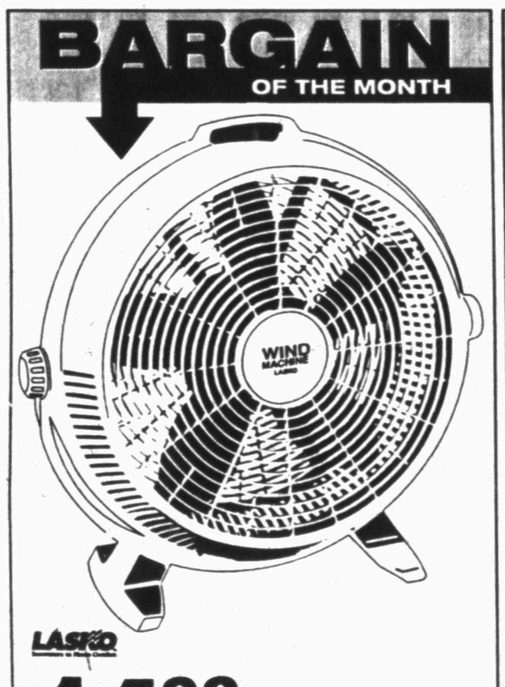

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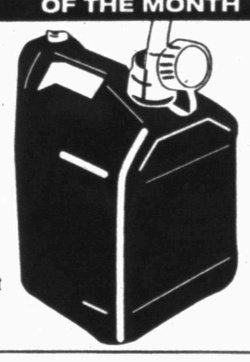

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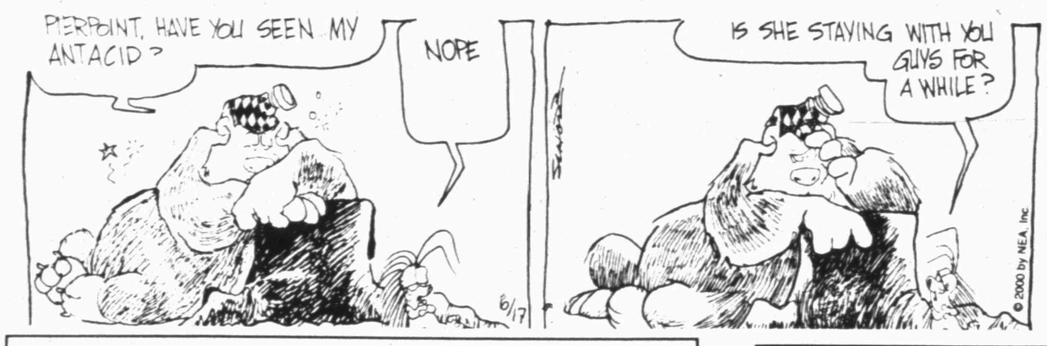

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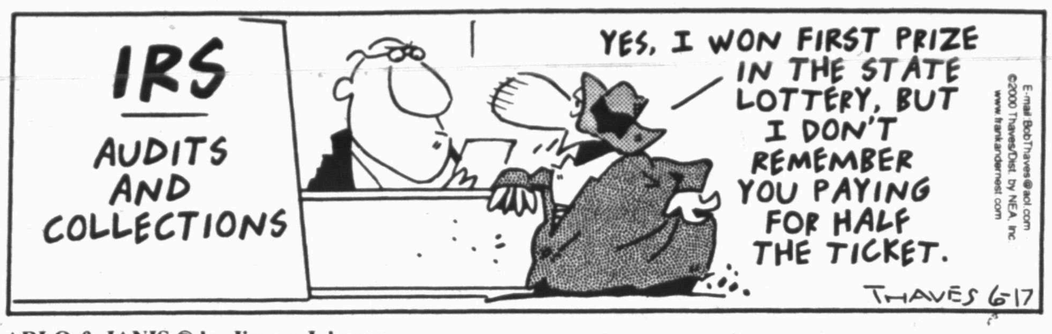

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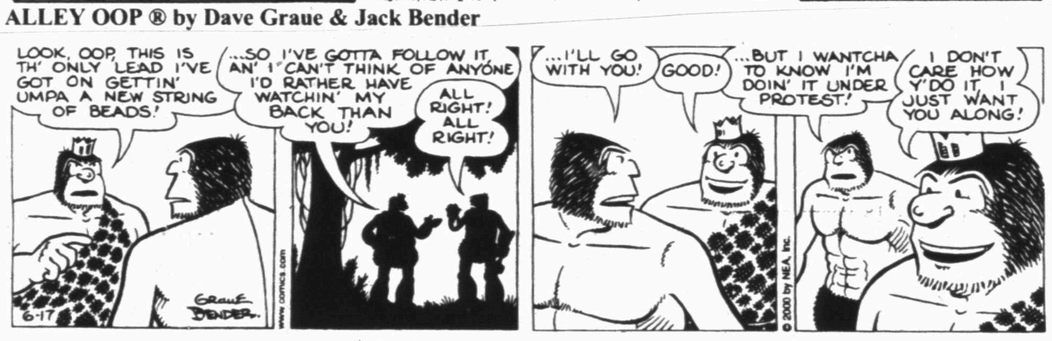

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ACROSS

1 Confused (2 wds.)
6 Catcher's glove
10 That is to say
12 Silly person
14 Metal decoration
15 Destroy
16 Malt beverage
17 Naval abbr.
19 "A" — — "apple"
20 Tendency to goof
23 Make amends
26 Neighbor of Fr.
27 Kentucky blue grass
30 Piece of pasta
32 Summarizes
34 Sunflower State
35 Hebrew God
36 Oklahoma town
37 Mao — -tung
39 Actress Jessica —
40 Longed
42 Alpine wind
45 Positive vote
46 Agcy. that oversees fed. spending
49 Army order (2 wds.)
51 Football player Joe —
54 Hot and humid
55 — Brothers Band
56 Carpentry tool
57 Elton John's instrument

DOWN

1 Visitor to Siam
2 Follow
3 Duck
4 Lamprey
5 Everything
6 Hr. part
7 To whom — — concern
8 "— the night before Christmas"
9 Famous raft, Kon —
11 Thy
12 Convent
13 Decimal base
18 Droop
20 Tackles' teammates
21 Tell
22 Invent
23 Singer Paul —
24 Amphibian
25 Eugene O'Neill's daughter
27 Hock
28 — - — page
29 Pallid
31 Attempted
33 Actor Lowe
38 Before, to a poet
40 Calendar periods
41 Zola heroine
42 Baseball club
43 Believe — — not
44 Antitoxins
46 Explorer Vasco da —
47 — — angle
48 Two words of dismay
50 Drink slowly
52 High mountain
53 Roman 1,051

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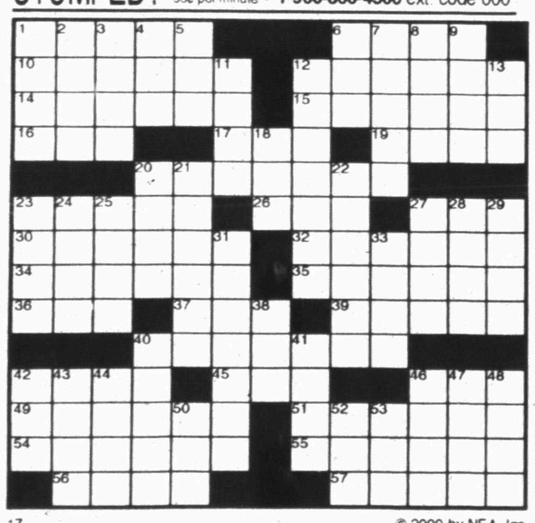

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

College student living at home can't escape smothering mom

DEAR ABBY: I am a 19-year-old college freshman living at home. I can't afford to move out, but my mother is driving me crazy!

If I didn't resist, she would take my hand and lead me through the rest of my life. She still tries to pick all of my friends and make every single decision for me. Worst of all, she comes looking for me to see if I'm where I'm supposed to be, and who I am talking to.

Don't get me wrong, I love my mom. I don't know how I would have made it this far without her. But how can I get through to her that I want to be my own person, and it's time to "let me go"? — **HAD IT WITH MOM**

DEAR HAD IT: Your mother loves you, but she is carrying it too far. Show her one of my favorite poems from "The Prophet" by Khalil Gibran. It has helped more than a few overly protective parents "let go."

ON CHILDREN

"Your children are not your children. They are the sons and daughters of life's longing for itself. They come through you but not from you, and though they are with you, yet they belong not to you. You may give them your love, but not your thoughts. For they have their own thoughts. You may house their bodies but not their souls, for their souls dwell in the house of tomorrow, which you cannot visit, not even in your dreams.

"You may strive to be like them, but seek not to make them like you. For life goes not backward nor tarries with yesterday. You are the bows from which your children as living arrows are sent forth. The archer sees the mark upon the path of the infinite and he bends you to his might that his arrows may go swift and far. Let your bending in the archer's hand be for gladness; for even as he loves the arrow that flies, so he loves also the bow that is stable."

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DEAR ABBY: I recently discovered something strange about my fiance. "Tim" is 18 years old and lives with his parents. Yesterday, in order to show his mother something he had purchased, he walked in on her while she was taking a bath. I was shocked!

I don't understand why he couldn't have waited for her to finish her bath and get dressed. He says it is "no big deal," and it's "not a problem" for his mother. Apparently this is acceptable in their home.

In my family, once we reached a certain age, private things became private, and taking a bath was one of them!

Tim has a 16-year-old sister. It makes me wonder what he does in front of her — and she in front of him.

I feel very strange knowing that they can walk in on each other in the bathroom. I am certainly not jealous of his mother, but isn't this unusual?

Does everyone just do whatever they want in front of their family members — even private things? — **MORE MODEST IN MISSOURI**

DEAR MORE MODEST: Apparently in Tim's home nobody locks the bathroom door. In some cultures, families bathe together — parents and children — in the same "tub."

Before you marry, make it clear to Tim how you feel about family modesty — or purchase a bolt for your bathroom door.

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DEAR ABBY: After my dad died several years ago, I wrote a tribute to him. My friends, some of them former Marines like me, said it expressed what they felt and remembered about their fathers.

I seldom see published tributes by sons to their fathers. Perhaps it's not macho to write such poems. If you feel this amateurish effort should be shared with others, I'd be honored to see it in your column on Father's Day. — **WILLIAM W. BARTSCH JR., KINGS PARK, N.Y.**

DEAR WILLIAM: You have written a beautiful tribute, and I'm pleased to share it with my readers on this holiday. Read on:

REMEMBERING DAD

A soft scratch of whiskers pressed on my face,
Bear-hugging squeezes
A rough gentle grace.
Running and racing, letting me win,
Falling asleep
My cheek on his chin.
The strong smell of work, of tools and of sweat,
Of dust and of rust
I'll never forget.
After-shave lotion, paint cans and pails,
Tie clips and cufflinks,
Galvanized nails.
Basements and attics, out-of-date ties,
Oceans and rivers
Fished at sunrise.
Whiskers grew grayer, yet scratched just the same,
And wrinkles were etched
On a more fragile frame.
Oh, how I long for that rough-whiskered kiss,
That sweet scratch of love
So dearly I miss.

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DEAR ABBY: Raising children takes patience and a lot of humor. I'm passing this tongue-in-cheek tribute to fathers along to you hoping that you will print it for Father's Day. — **A FRIEND IN IRVINE, CALIF.**

DEAR FRIEND: It is both humorous and touching, and oh, so true. I'm pleased to share it:

A TRIBUTE TO FATHERS

My father when I was age ...

4: My daddy can do anything.

5: My daddy knows a whole lot.

6: My dad is smarter than your dad.

8: My dad doesn't exactly know everything.

10: In the olden days when my dad grew up, things were sure different.

12: Oh, well naturally, Father doesn't know anything about that. He is too old to remember his childhood.

14: Don't pay attention to my father. He is so old-fashioned!

21: Him? My Lord, he's hopelessly out-of-date.

25: Dad knows a little bit about it, but then he should because he has been around so long.

30: Maybe we should ask Dad what he thinks. After all, he's had a lot of experience.

35: I'm not doing a single thing until I talk to Dad.

40: I wonder how Dad would have handled it. He was so wise and had a world of experience.

50: I'd give anything if Dad were here now so I could talk this over with him. Too bad I didn't appreciate how smart he was. I could have learned a lot from him.

— ANONYMOUS

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Bluesman estate is settled

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — Bluesman Robert Johnson's royalties will go to a retired gravel truck driver whose mother had a fling with the musician in 1931, the Mississippi Supreme Court has ruled.

Claud Johnson's paternity case was bolstered by a witness to one of his mother's sexual encounters with Robert Johnson, who wrote such blues standards as "Me and the Devil Blues," "Crossroads Blues" and "Rambling on My Mind."

As the sole heir, the Crystal Springs man is entitled to about $1 million from royalties from record sales.

"Mr. Claud is happy that he's finally been vindicated about what he has known all his life, that he is the son of Robert Johnson," said his lawyer, Jeffrey Ellis.

Robert Johnson died a pauper at age 27 in 1938 in Greenwood and left no will. He produced 41 records.

Claud Johnson's mother, the late Virgie Jane Smith Cain, had identified the singer as his father in a 1992 deposition. Her childhood friend, Eula Mae Williams, testified in a 1998 non-jury trial that she watched the couple have sex in 1931.

Bush choice for vice president not known

CANTON, Ohio (AP) — And now, George W. Bush with the news.

The Republican presidential contender was being badgered Friday with running-mate questions from reporters just before boarding his campaign plane from Boston to Ohio.

Yes, he had talked the night before with his veep-search coordinator, Dick Cheney.

No, he hadn't made a choice — or settled on a timetable.

As the questions persisted, Bush said he and Cheney were "moving smartly in a fluid way on a regular basis." Asked about responses to the questionnaires Cheney had sent to possible nominees, the Texas governor added: "I'm not telling anybody about the process. I'm talking to Dick Cheney on a regular basis."

Then he offered to "help craft the story" for the reporters.

In a mock newscaster's voice, Bush intoned: "Today, future President George W. Bush was very straightforward with the press corps when he announced he was making progress toward picking a selection.

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Clinton frustrated with high gas prices in Chicago area

NEW YORK (AP) — President Clinton expressed frustration Friday that drivers in Chicago and Milwaukee are paying nearly 40 cents more per gallon than the rest of the nation and said, "What we don't know is whether there was any price gouging."

"It's been very frustrating to me," the president said in an interview on NBC's "Today" show. "I'm quite concerned about it."

In Washington, Environmental Protection Agency chief Carol Browner said that a preliminary investigation has turned up "no reasonable answer" that any market force is to blame. She said there is no evidence of a supply shortage in the region. And the cleaner-burning gasoline that companies were required to start producing as of June 1 would not explain the large spike, either.

Clinton said the Federal Trade Commission, the EPA and the Energy Department are looking into the problem. "I'm very worried about it," Clinton said. "But I'm hoping we can break the logjam on it soon."

"The oil companies ... owe us an answer," Browner said after meeting in the Capitol office of House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., with lawmakers from Illinois, Wisconsin and Indiana.

Browner is handing information gathered in recent days by field investigators in the two cities over to the Federal Trade Commission. That agency, which Browner noted may have more success since it has subpoena powers, already had announced it would examine whether price-fixing or collusion in the oil industry was driving up prices.

Browner said that the average price for regular gas in Chicago and Milwaukee on June 12 was $2.04 per gallon; the average nationwide was $1.62. In cities where cleaner-burning fuel is required it was only $1.63.

The administration and a bipartisan group of lawmakers intend to meet with representatives from the oil refiners again next week, Browner said. The EPA and Energy Department met with officials from eight major oil refineries on Monday.

Also Thursday, the White House ordered the Transportation Department to look into whether supply problems are contributing to the problem, White House spokesman Jake Siewert said.

Lawmakers left the meeting with Browner clearly frustrated. Some blamed the EPA's stricter clean-air regulations and some blamed the oil industry, but none knew of a way to provide immediate relief.

"I don't think anybody knows whether it's the oil industry, the ethanol industry or the pipeline industry," said Rep. James Sensenbrenner, R-Wis.

The oil industry say factors include a patent dispute over the process to make the new reformulated gas, a major pipeline break three months ago, the start of the high-demand summer driving season, and higher costs for crude oil.

Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., and a few others said the industry is gouging the public.

"It's an increase directly attributable to profit-taking by the oil companies," Durbin said.

Hastert said he hasn't yet reached that conclusion but expects to learn more next week.

The reformulated gasoline program requires fuel sold in the nation's most-polluted cities to be blended with an oxygenate that makes it burn cleaner. Tighter pollution-reduction goals this year require ethanol, which is used in Chicago and Milwaukee, to be mixed with a more expensive gasoline, and some are blaming that for the soaring prices.

Buchanan blasts Bush for removing Civil War plaques

NEW YORK (AP) — Reform Party presidential hopeful Patrick Buchanan lashed out Thursday at Gov. George W. Bush for removing Civil War commemorative plaques from the Texas high court.

"Mr. Bush is kowtowing to the NAACP, quite frankly," he said at a news conference.

"Removal of plaques that respected and honored Southern heritage is an act of political vandalism which tells us that 'compassionate conservatism' is but a synonym for squishy Republicanism."

He went on to accuse Bush of "sacrificing the honored heritage of the South to the unappeasable gods of political correctness."

Two plaques bearing Confederate symbols were removed from the lobby of the Texas Supreme Court building this month and replaced with ones that say equal justice is available to all Texans.

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Inmate's life hangs on single eyewitness

LIVINGSTON (AP) — Three weeks after issuing his first-ever reprieve to a condemned man, Gov. George W. Bush is confronted with another case that foes of the death penalty see as a disturbing illustration of what's wrong with capital punishment.

Gary Graham, 36, faces lethal injection June 22 based on the testimony of a single eyewitness — a woman who says she saw him shoot a man to death in a holdup outside a Houston supermarket 19 years ago.

Graham, who has spent more than half his life on death row, insists he didn't do it.

The case poses political considerations for the Republican presidential candidate, and comes amid growing doubts around the country about the death penalty. Earlier this year, Illinois Gov. George Ryan placed a moratorium on executions after several inmates on death row were cleared.

Graham's supporters argue that his lawyer did a poor job at the trial, that his fate was sealed by a witness who got only a fleeting look at the killer, that no physical evidence tied him to the crime and that witnesses he wants heard have been blocked by procedural hurdles.

"Responsible citizens, including death penalty advocates, should shudder at the thought of an execution based solely on a two-second view of a stranger's face in the dark," said Graham's attorney on appeal, Richard Burr.

Among other things, Graham's supporters have enlisted the backing of the Northwestern University law school's Center on Wrongful Convictions, which brought to Houston 10 men and one woman who were wrongfully convicted of serious crimes because of bad eyewitness identifications.

The courts, including the U.S. Supreme Court last month, have so far refused to stop the execution.

And Texas Attorney General John Cornyn sharply defended the prosecution Wednesday.

"The people of Texas can be assured that Gary Graham is guilty of capital murder and that he has received the due process our American system guarantees," he said in a statement. "The incredible brutality and raw violence of Gary Graham forever will haunt the memories of Texans."

Bush had allowed 131 executions during his 51/2 years in office before granting a 30-day reprieve to a convicted killer June 1 to pursue DNA tests.

Because Graham already got a similar reprieve from Bush's predecessor in 1993, the govenor cannot act to spare his life unless the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles, whose members are appointed by the governor, recommends a pardon, a reprieve or commutation of his sentence.

Only once have Bush and the board agreed to spare a death row inmate because of doubts about his guilt.

"We need the same type of leadership in this case," Graham said from prison.

Gerald Garrett, chairman of the parole board, said the agency will pursue a "fair and complete review of the application." As for the governor, spokesman Mike Jones said: "Gov. Bush reviews each case involving a convicted killer carefully and thoroughly using the same procedures. This case will be treated the same."

Graham, who is black and prefers to be known as Shaka Sankofa to reflect his African heritage, likens his plight to that of the assassinated Malcolm X and the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

He has threatened to "fight like hell" if he is taken to the death chamber and has warned of "consequences" if he is executed, calling on supporters to "take up arms to defend our rights by any means necessary."

Texas prison officials are stepping up security.

Graham was condemned for the slaying of 53-year-old Bobby Grant Lambert, who in 1981 stopped at a Safeway around 9 p.m. to pick up some groceries and was shot by a young blacki man in the parking lot as he left.

A teacher, Bernadine Skillern, waiting in her car while her daughter ran inside the store, watched from about 30 feet away. She identified Graham as the shooter.

Her account, plus testimony from victims of a weeklong crime spree committed by the 17-year-old Graham, helped convince the jury he should be put to death. Police accused Graham of 22 robberies, rapes, assaults and thefts during that bloody week in 1981.

Skillern was cross-examined in an exchange that takes up 36 pages of the transcript, and was asked about her angle of her sight and how she saw the shooter for only seconds. She said the lighting in the parking lot was adequate.

"I couldn't even get her to flicker," recalled Ron Mock, Graham's lawyer at the trial.

Skillern has not wavered over the years. On Thursday, she called a news conference to say: "That has not changed. It's not going to change. I saw him shoot and kill him."

The evidence Graham wants heard comes from people who claim he was elsewhere or was not the gunman. But courts have held that the witnesses who have surfaced on Graham's behalf since his trial were not credible or their information was vague or inconsistent.Mock's performance as Graham's lawyer also has been criticized, but the appeals courts have rejected arguments that he was ineffective.

Among other things, Mock — who has repeatedly been reprimanded or put on probation or suspension by the bar — rested his case during the guilt-or-innocence phase of the trial without calling any witnesses.

Bishops mull growing priest shortage

MILWAUKEE (AP) — The most pressing practical problem facing the Roman Catholic Church is a growing shortage of priests that could lead to fewer Masses, more priestless parishes and deacons leading worship services, the nation's Catholic bishops say.

A two-year study on the burgeoning problem was presented Thursday to the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, which is meeting in Milwaukee through Saturday.

In 1965, there were 58,132 priests serving 46.6 million parishioners in the United States. Today there are 20 percent fewer priests and nearly a third more parishioners, the study said.

Indications are the things will get worse over the coming decade.

Archbishop Theodore McCarrick of Newark, N.J., said his diocese projects the number of priests to drop from 540 to 192 in 20 years. And Auxiliary Bishop Thomas Curry reported that due to immigration, some parishes in the Los Angeles archdiocese have 18,000 Catholic households.

Bishops provided a range of explanations for the shortfall: fewer parents encouraging church vocations, church negativism, secularism and materialism in society, and a reluctance to make permanent commitments.

Whatever the reasons, the situation is bound to worsen due to the rising average age of priests — currently 57 for those working in dioceses — retirements and deaths.

As for future recruits, 3,474 candidates are studying in graduate-level seminaries, a 57 percent drop from 1965. A quarter of the seminarians are foreign born. Additionally, major archdioceses are ordaining fewer than 10 new priests this year.

The only functions limited to priests are celebration of Mass and granting absolution from sins. But in practice, Catholics expect priests to preside at baptisms, marriages and funerals and to participate in other parish functions.

Bishop Stephen Blaire of Stockton, Calif., summarized the findings of 18 focus groups with priests around the country.

"Many say they feel inadequate, stressed and exhausted," he said. He quoted one priest as saying, "There are just too many expectations, too much paperwork and not enough ministry."

Priests also expressed concern about "increased isolation" and less mentoring from fellow priests.

Two liberal groups, Call to Action of Chicago and the Cleveland-based FutureChurch, issued a statement repeating their call for married priests and women priests. Pope John Paul has ruled out consideration of those changes.

"We're delighted that the U.S. bishops are finally beginning to talk about the critical shortage of priests, but the solutions they are proposing won't solve the problem," said the Rev. Lou Trivison, co-founder of FutureChurch.

Also Thursday, bishops discussed a pending policy statement that strongly criticizes the nation's criminal justice system and indicated they are ready to endorse the measure to be voted on in November.

The 37-page statement declares the criminal justice system "is not really working: victims are often ignored, offenders are often not rehabilitated, and many communities have lost their sense of security." It also repeats the U.S. church hierarchy's position that capital punishment must be abolished.

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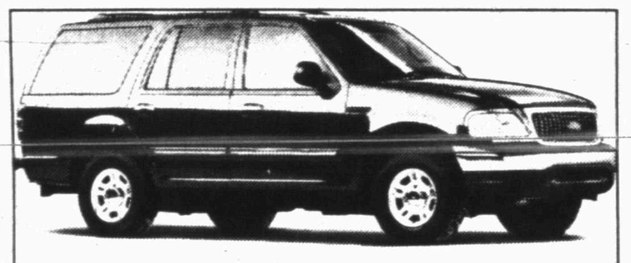

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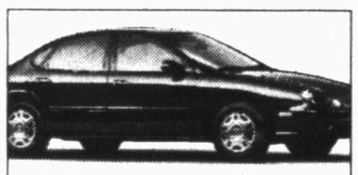

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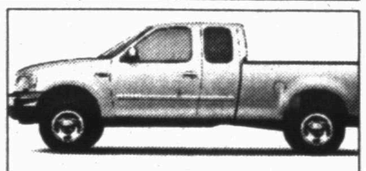

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