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Early voting pace picks up at courthouse

Almost 12 percent of Scurry County's registered voters have already cast a ballot in the election to determine whether to lease Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

After 10 days of early voting, 1,195 ballots have been cast, according to the county clerk's office. There are 10,182 people registered to vote in the Aug. 9 election.

Through the first week, the early voting box averaged about 100 voters a day. That number increased this past week, and now there are about 120 votes being cast daily.

The early voting period continues Monday and Tuesday in the county courtroom. Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days.

After Tuesday, anyone wishing to vote will do so on election day, Saturday, Aug. 9. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at various locations in the county on that day.

Voters will find two issues on the ballot, the lease question and a proposed amendment to the state constitution. Although both are worthy of citizens' attention, it is the lease which is drawing the most interest.

Community Health Systems has proposed to pay the county $8 million to lease the hospital for a 30-year period. The for-profit firm would also spend $3 million in capital improvements over the first four years of operations, and has pledged to recruit more physicians to Snyder.

Those opposing the lease say Cogdell's stability has been proven over the past eight to nine years and say leasing would give up local control of the facility. Proponents cite lower taxes, capital improvement needs and the uncertainty of the future of health care as reasons to vote for the lease.

The proposed constitutional amendment, called Proposition 1, would increase the homestead exemption from $5,000 to $15,000. That would reduce the taxable value of residential property for calculating school taxes.

Latest version of pact released

Scurry County has released a copy of another preliminary lease agreement with Community Health Systems, one which addresses some questions such as indigent care, functions of the advisory board, benefits, and — to some extent — employee layoffs.

"We decided we wanted everybody to know what was going on, so we've gone ahead and put this out," said County Judge Ricky Fritz, who said he realizes some citizens won't be satisfied until they see the final contract. "We'd like to have an agreed-upon lease before a week before tomorrow (election day). We had hoped to have one by now."

The agreement is titled Community Health Systems, Inc. Snyder Hospital Corporation (SHC) and Scurry County Texas.

The proposed lease states that on the closing date, the county will terminate all of its employees at the hospital and SHC will make offers of employment to all individuals in their current job positions and at their current rate of compensation.

It does not however, address whether SHC or Community Health Systems will layoff employees in the future.

"What it does mean is that it will give everyone a chance to show CHS what they can do," said Fritz. The judge said the court had discussed putting in the contract a number of people who could be laid off — no more than 15 — but noted that it does not appear on the contract the county now has for review.

CHS will evaluate existing benefits "to determine whether existing programs should remain or be replaced by CHS-sponsored group policies which duplicate or improve existing coverages at a lower cost to the hospital and employees," the lease states.

Community Health Systems agrees to cover all medically necessary health care services to indigents of Scurry County at no cost to the county, except for dental care. In addition, CHS has also agreed to pay up to $75,000 for health care in respect to indigent jail inmates. Currently, Scurry County pays the hospital for those individuals.

As often noted before, CHS in the lease has agreed to make $3 million in capital expenditures or improvements over the first four years.

The advisory board will consist of seven to nine Scurry County residents, including the hospital chief of staff and administrator, and two physicians on the medical staff.

The advisory board would be the governing body of the hospital for the purpose of granting medical staff privileges to physicians, assisting in developing policies to govern the hospital and making recommendations to CHS regarding services, hiring and firing of the hospital CEO, strategic planning, budgeting.

The board would also assist in developing policies and prodecures and administer nursing ratios, intervewing physician recruits and administering training and retraining programs for nursing staff and non-physician medical staff.

One point which must be cleared up deals with percentage

See Lease, Page 16A

Complaints filed with ethics board

The chairman of Friends of Cogdell, a group opposed to the lease of Cogdell Memorial Hospital to Community Health Systems, Inc., has filed two complaints, charging failure to file an income and expense report.

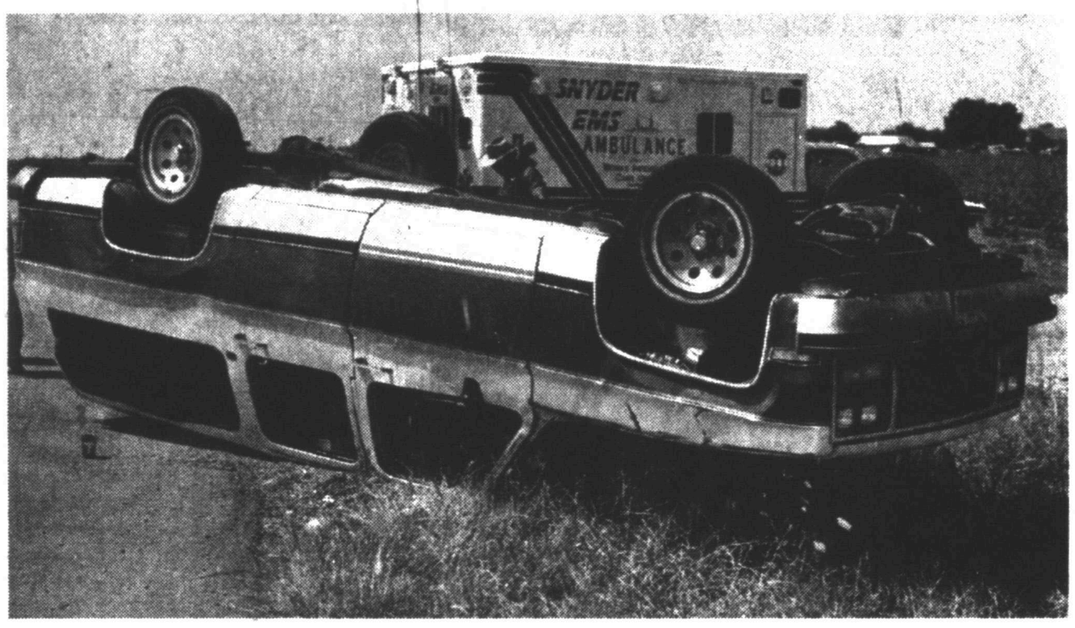
Leland McCarty said Friday he was mailing complaints to the Texas Ethics Commission, charging that neither Ruth Shaw nor Community Health Systems filed an income and expense report in compliance with specific dates.

McCarty contends that Mrs. Shaw failed to report her expenses on Jan. 15 and July 15 of this year. He contends Community Health Systems (CHS) failed to file reports by Jan. 15, July 15 and Aug. 1.

Mrs. Shaw filed an expense report in mid-week and Community Health Systems filed its report on Friday, according to the county clerk's office.

Friends of Cogdell Hospital and Concerned Citizens of Cogdell Hospital had previously filed. Also filing were Mae Cole, Sid Hardegree, Dr. Mark Weaver, Stanley Noah, Ted Crenwelge and County Judge Ricky Fritz.

Natalia Ashley, an attorney with the Texas Ethics Commission, said she could not discuss specific cases. She said that if, in fact, an individual or group did fail to file in a proper manner a complaint to the Texas Ethics Commission, it could lead to Class A misdemeanor charges being filed. She said a complaint could also be filed with a local prosecutor.



MINOR INJURIES — A 47-year-old Corpus Christi woman, Shelia Humbner, was treated and released at Cogdell Hospital Friday after her 1990 Chevrolet overturned south of Hermleigh on U.S. Highway 84 at about 3:30 p.m. A passenger in the vehicle escaped injuries. (SDN Staff Photo)

At WTC...

Tax rate spurs called meeting

Western Texas College trustees have called a special board meeting for 7 a.m. Monday to consider personnel recommendations and items related to the 1997-98 budget.

The special meeting is needed to comply with procedure for adopting a tax rate for the proposed budget. Although the college is proposing a decline from the current rate of 29.08 cents per $100 to 28.94 cents, it is still an increase above the new effective rate of 7.9 percent.

The effective rate — the rate necessary to bring in the same tax dollars as the previous year — is 26.80 cents. It is down because certified property and mineral values have gone up.

In order to raise the rate more than 3 percent, the board is required to hold a hearing. To meet that timeline, trustees will vote on the proposal to increase the tax rate on Monday, conduct a hearing on Aug. 11, and seek to adopt the tax rate on Aug. 18.

Other new business on the agenda includes a resolution regarding the issuance of revenue bonds. This is a final step in the process to issue $500,000 in bonds to help fund renovation of the auto/diesel area for a workforce training center.

Consideration of bids for computer lab equipment and reallocation of revenue from fees collected for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice in-service program are also on the agenda.

Under personnel action, the board will consider:

—appointment of Bettie McQueen as vice president;

—appointment of Dr. James Palmer as dean of instruction;

—employment of Helen Noey Cogan as drama and speech instructor;

—employment of Greg Rhodes as rodeo coach and physical education instructor;

—the resignation of Juli Rathеal, math instructor;

—and employment of Shelly Buuck as a math instructor.

One informational item on the agenda is a request to purchase a fairway mower for the golf course.

College announces orientation dates

Orientation for all new Western Texas College students will take place Aug. 19 and 21, administrators have announced.

Two Success Seminars are planned to help new students ease the transition to college life. Students will be given the opportunity to meet the faculty, interact with other incoming students, tour the campus, gain helpful information and register for fall classes.

Academic advisors will be available to help with class selection.

Lunch and entertainment are also a part of each seminar, and parents are welcome to attend.

Students who have not completed their admission paperwork or paid registration or housing fees will need to do so at the seminar.

Those who do not have ACT or SAT scores on file will need to take a placement test. Cost is $10 for the test, which takes about 90 minutes to complete. Those needing to take the test should report to the admissions office at 8 a.m.

Students who plan to receive financial aid for the 1997-98 school year should have their financial aid file complete before the seminar. Anyone having questions about a financial aid status is asked to call the Financial Aid Office before Aug. 19.

Registration for either Success Seminar is necessary. Call the Student Services Office to reserve a spot. Cost is $20 for one to three persons, $25 for four or $30 for five.

Students who do not attend a seminar will register Aug. 26. Classes begin Aug. 27.

To reach College Relations, Financial Aid or Student Services, call 573-8511. Outside of Snyder, call toll free 1-888 GO TO WTC (468-6982).

Re-appointment on county agenda

Only one item of new business will be considered when Scurry County Commissioners Court meets Monday at 10 a.m.

The court is expected to reappoint Phyllis McGinnis to serve as lay representative for the Scurry County Library on the Big Country Library System Board.

The court will also consider line-item transfers and budget amendments.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "A rumor without a leg to stand on will usually get around some other way."

We've never known anyone who needed medical care who shopped for the best price. Good health care and its associated technology is expensive — but when such services are needed— getting well, not money is the main issue.

Concerning the proposed lease of Cogdell to a for-profit hospital, the issue isn't money, but rather continued access to network of quality care.

We attended the doctor's forum where most of the speakers were "not opposed" to a lease to Community Health Systems. But even their presentations further convinced us that the unknowns are not worth the risks.

Dr. Marcia Odal, ER doc who works regularly at Cogdell, said she had previously worked for a for-profit hospital and said she came to Scurry County hoping to never encounter another. She cited examples of unethical billing practices and patients without the ability to pay being illegally turned away. She called Community the "least obnoxious company."

The forum organizer, Dr. Gary Nussey, also is not opposed to a lease. But even he confirmed that Cogdell is not in the dire financial or physical shape of other hospitals which were investigated.

Two registered nurses who had visited Community facilities expressed concern about the adequency of the nursing staff. The contract at Granbury called for the elimination of 40 employees. Big Spring now has approximately half the nursing staff of Cogdell. That's okay, unless its me or you who's not getting the needed medical attention.

Speakers also alluded to hospitals who had changed hands as many as four times in six years. A situation not good for employees or patients.

CHS officials have urged citizens to check out their facilities. We have three newspaper friends who have experienced Community Health Systems. Two are adamant that leasing would be unwise, while the third gives Community some good marks.

Concerning Granbury, Publisher Jerry Tidwell said he initially favored the lease to Community. "It was a terrible mistake. Don't do it. Level of care has declined. They immediately laid off a bunch of people and continue to do so. I am totally unimpressed."

Chuck Williams, publisher at Big Spring, is impressed with the upgrade in the physical plant and the caliber of its administrator. A couple of foreign doctors have been recruited and some nurses from Canada. He said, however, there were some early complaints about staffing levels.

Rollie Hyde, publisher of the Plainview Daily Herald, said the experience in Plainview was negative. "They were difficult to work with. We started losing doctors and essentially had to start over. During that time we had lots of letters to the editor about quality of nursing care."

If Cogdell was about to close and if Snyder was about to be without a hospital, then a lease to a corporate health provider might be worth consideration.

In absense of a crisis, we think it prudent to remain with the known — proven over 43 years of quality service to Scurry County.

Vote

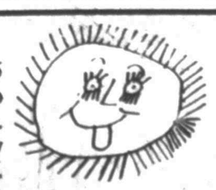
ASK US

Q—When is the asphalt going to be put down on 30th Street?
A—Within two weeks.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Friday, 95 degrees; low, 71; 7 a.m. Saturday, 71; no precipitation; total for 1997, 19.75 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, fair. Low around 70. Light SE wind. Sunday, sunny. High around 95. SE wind 5-15 mph.



Kendra Burns
Sunny

Sunset: 8:38 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:02 a.m.
Of 213 days in 1997, the sun has shone 201 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Derive happiness in oneself from a good day's work, from illuminating the fog that surrounds us.

Henri Matisse

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Former informant cleared during trial

TULSA, Okla. (AP) — A former government informant who had been sought as a witness in the Oklahoma City bombing trial that ended in Timothy McVeigh's conviction has been cleared of conspiracy and other charges.

A federal jury found Carol Howe innocent late Friday on counts of conspiracy, making a bomb threat and possessing a destructive device.

She had claimed she was playing the part of a white supremacist because she thought she was still working as an informant for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

"I'm thrilled," she said through tears. "Justice has finally been served in this case."

Her fiance and roommate, James Dodson Viefhaus Jr., was convicted July 25 of the same charges. He has not been sentenced.

"Obviously we're disappointed," prosecutor Neal Kirkpatrick said. "I felt we had a good case."

McVeigh wanted Ms. Howe as a defense witness in his trial on charges of blowing up the Oklahoma City federal building. She had said that while working as an informant, she overheard a white supremacist and a German discuss blowing up federal buildings in the months before the April 1995 attack. The judge ruled her testimony was irrelevant.

McVeigh has been sentenced to death. The issue of Ms. Howe's testimony could figure in his appeal.

In a motion filed Friday in Denver, McVeigh's lawyer repeated claims that his client was denied a fair trial because of pretrial publicity and errors including the judge's refusal to fully investigate claims of juror misconduct.

U.S. District Judge Richard Matsch has not indicated when he will rule on motions for a new trial.

Ms. Howe, 26, was accused of compiling a list of bomb ingredients, acquiring photographs of federal offices in Tulsa and using her home telephone to distribute racist information.

Ms. Howe said she was trying to protect herself from dangerous associates who might find out she was a snitch.

"I dug myself deeper in the movement and cloaked myself in it, in order to look that much more authentic," she testified.

One of Ms. Howe's tasks as an informant had been to infiltrate Elohim City, a white separatist community in eastern Oklahoma.

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Jay Butler wins again

Jay Butler has won the World Champion boar Goat Cook Off held July 19th at Colorado City.

He received a check for $1,000 and three boar goat champion belt buckles for him, his wife and sons.

Senior Center Menu

MONDAY
Pizza, Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Thousand Island Dressing, French Fries, Watermelon, Cherry Cobbler

TUESDAY
Barbecued Chicken, Potato Salad, Mixed Greens, Jellied Vegetable Salad, Chocolate Pudding

WEDNESDAY
Roast Beef w/Gravy, Potatoes Au Gratin, Green Beans, Tossed Salad, White Cake w/Strawberries & Whipped Topping

THURSDAY
Butterbeans & Ham, Boiled Okra, Harvard Beets, Green Onions, Cornbread, Chocolate Chip Cookies

FRIDAY
Fried Fish, Vegetable Medley, Macaroni & Tomatoes, Cucumber-Onion Salad, Pecan Pie

Senior Center News

The J.B. Tate, Sr. Memorial Tournament begins Monday for those who have registered.

Entertainment for the week includes the Hoss Clayton Band at 11 a.m. Tuesday, the Wednesday Trio at 11:15 a.m. Wednesday, and on Monday guests from the upcoming Ritz production, "Texas Music Revue" will perform between 11:30 a.m. and noon.

Kitchen Band members are reminded that they visit Snyder Healthcare at 10 a.m. Wednesday.

A volunteer will be available Monday through Thursday from 2-5 p.m. to take Ritz reservations. Call 573-4035.

Tri-Chem meets at 9 a.m. Thursday morning — newcomers are welcome. A Tri-Chem workshop is planned this month. Read the newsletter for further details.

A food handling workshop is planned for 1 p.m. on Aug. 14. All volunteers and substitute kitchen workers who help in the serving line, with food preparation, with silver wrapping or with the home-delivered meals to attend this meeting.

Even if anyone has had this training before, they are still encouraged to attend just as a reminder of the guidelines.

The Council of Governments in Abilene requires the center to provide the workshop. The quality of cleanliness in the food service is considered of utmost importance in maintaining the health of seniors.

Two new staffers include Valerie Drum, secretary, and Marsha Johnston, van driver.

Judge refuses to drop suit involving Disney characters

SANTA ANA, Calif. (AP) — Being mugged in the parking lot of Disneyland was bad enough, but having her grandchildren see Mickey Mouse take his head off was the last straw for one former Mousketeer.

Billie Jean Matay was returning to the car with her daughter and grandchildren in August 1995 when a gunman robbed them of $1,650, credit cards and identification. The robber was never caught.

During questioning, her grandchildren were separated from the adults and held backstage, where they saw cartoon characters removing their costumes.

Matay sued, claiming that Disneyland's security was inadequate and that workers traumatized her three grandchildren — ages five to 11 — by exposing them "to the reality that the Disney characters were, in fact, make-believe."

Friday, Superior Court Judge Richard Luesebrink rejected motions to dismiss the lawsuit and to exclude the issue of the disrobing cartoon characters. The trial is scheduled for Aug. 18.

Disney lawyer Stephen Waimey argued that "Mickey taking his head off" should not be part of the trial.

"There's no cause of action for a cartoon character taking off a cartoon character uniform," he said. "It's ridiculous."

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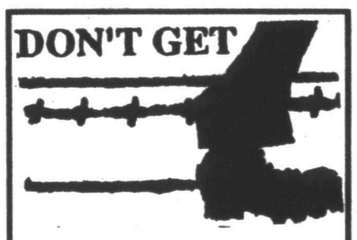
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SAFETY AWARDS — Snyder area office personnel attending the safety awards banquet and receiving Texas Department of Transportation certificates for safe driving were from left: Cathey Crowder, Cheryl Jones and Tom Rowe. (Contributed Photo)

Local TxDOT employees earn safe driving awards

ABILENE — Nine employees of the Snyder Area office and 13 from the Scurry County maintenance section were among 239 Texas Department of Transportation workers in the Abilene district earning safe driving awards for fiscal years 1995 and 1996.

Area office employees earning awards were: Billy Tarter, 25 years; Jerry Beard, 22 years; Tom Rowe, III, 12 years; Cheryl Jones, 10 years; Ben Streiff, seven years; Joe Jones, four years; Cathey Crowder, three years; Stewart Chapman, two years; and Kim Soucek, one year.

Representatives from the county maintenance section earning awards were: Santiago Suarez, 25 years; Benito Olibas, Jr., 18 years; George Larralde, 17 years; Art White and Johnny Arellano, 16 years each; Dennis Reynolds, 15 years; Joel McCright and Gerald Thompson, 10 years apiece; Jack Talley, section supervisor, eight years; Noah Bilano, three years; and, Douglas Tindol, Joel Nesmith and Billy Adams, one year each.

The highest award in the district was presented to Don Turner, Abilene district commercial repair inspector. He amassed a total of 33 years of driving without an accident.

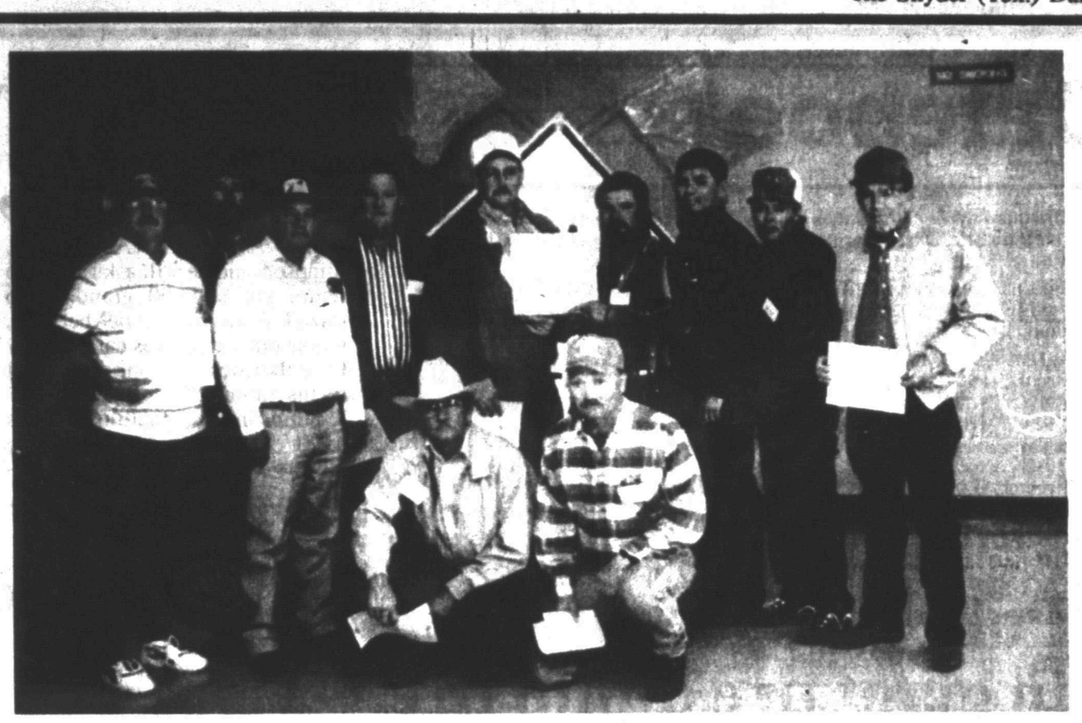
To be eligible for an award, employees must have completed one year of accident free driving.

An awards banquet to recognize the district honorees was held at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum in Big Spring. There, awardees received a Certificate of Appreciation, or a plaque if their safe driving records were at the 10, 15, 20, 25 or 30 year mark. Those reaching the 15, 20 and 25 year goal also received an additional gift.

The combined total of safe driving years for all district employees for 1995 was 2,632 years, and for 1996, 2,862 years.

Presenting the awards was Maribel P. Chavez, P.E., Abilene district engineer.

Stan Cobb, a cowboy poet from Spearman, was guest speaker.



MAINTENACE AWARDS — Scurry County maintenance section employees attending the Abilene district's 1996 safety awards banquet in Big Spring and receiving Texas Department of Transportation certificates for safe driving were: standing from the left, Dennis Reynolds, Art White, Jimmy Suarez, Jack Talley, section supervisor, Terry McCright, George Larralde, Noah Bilano, Johnny Arellano and Gerald Thompson. Kneeling from left are Bill Adams and Joel Nesmith. (Contributed Photo)

Smokeless — Indiana inmates, prison guards face tobacco ban

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — For 20 years, Sgt. Billy Snider was able to take a break from his job as a state prison guard when he had the urge for a cigarette.

Those time-outs came to an end Friday for the state's 4,000 correctional officers, nurses and counselors when a tobacco ban went into effect at Indiana's 32 correctional facilities. It also affects 16,000 inmates.

About 10 hours into the ban, Snider was hungering for a smoke as he kept watch at the Reception-Diagnostic Center in Plainfield.

"It hit me about an hour ago real hard," he said by telephone from the facility, a way station for convicts bound for other state prisons to serve their sentences.

Under the ban, prison workers are prohibited from bringing cigarettes, chewing tobacco or snuff onto prison grounds. That means they cannot even duck into their cars during lunch for a smoke.

Despite fears of violence among nicotine-starved inmates, the ban got off to a quiet start. Department of Correction officials reported no ban-related disturbances after the restriction went into effect.

But a labor official representing about 3,700 prison officers said tensions were running high behind bars, where a pack of cigarettes is akin to currency.

"We expect that it's going to be a stressful situation for quite a period of time," said Unity Team President Bill Rosebaugh.

Nothing makes us more nauseated than hearing that the hospital's outpatient department is now being called "the wellness center."

Do you recall when every home had a gadget for squeezing orange juice?

Dumped baby is buried

KILLEEN (AP) — About one dozen people turned out Friday for the funeral of a baby girl found dumped in some garbage at Fort Hood.

The newborn's body was discovered July 7 in a landfill.

Graveside services were held at the Killeen City Cemetery for the child dubbed "Baby Jane Doe." The Army covered the burial cost.

Officials have been unable to locate the mother.

The baby was wrapped in a Wal-Mart bag that contained a sales slip from Greenville, Miss.

Authorities in Mississippi are cooperating in the investigation.



The red man is "70", has a new knee and will soon be out and about
Wish Arel Favor a Happy Birthday
Hugs P.F.

3 sentenced for killing 3-year-old

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Three gang members were sentenced to more than 54½ years in prison Friday for shooting to death a 3-year-old girl whose family took a wrong turn onto their turf.

Anthony Rodriguez, 28, Manuel Rosales, 23, and Hugo Gomez, 17, could be eligible for parole in 46½ years.

The three were convicted last month of murder and attempted murder for the 1995 attack on the car carrying Stephanie Kuhen, her mother, uncle, two young brothers and a family friend.

The Road Back Ministries Prayer Line

Is there anything to hard for the Lord?
On Christ The Solid Rock I Stand, All Else Is Sinking Sand.
Matthew 7:24-27
Marcia Sanders
573-6369

WARNING

1. Judge Fritz, where is the completed contract?

2. It looks like Judge Fritz is not going to allow the public to see a completed contract. He doesn't want the public to know what is in the contract.

3. Why the secrecy? Is there something to hide? Are there deals being made under the table?

4. Why has Judge Fritz invited outsiders to speak at the commissioners court when he has refused to allow taxpayers the same privilege? He even threatened one taxpayer with contempt. Just who does he think he is?

5. Why hasn't CHS filed with the county clerk as required by STST#254?

6. Sure would like to know just where all this money is coming from?

7. If it works, don't change it. CMH is working, leave it alone.

8. CMH is being stolen. (Using the figures paid for the Granbury hospital) Granbury had 56 beds and was paid $15.7 million - that is $280,000 per bed. Cogdell has 99 beds - we should be receiving $27.7 million.

9. We are being shorted approximately $20 million.

10. Why didn't the Scurry County Commissioners Court advertise for the three highest bids? Is there a payoff or some inticement?

11. What could possibly cause the commissioners court to fall into such a trap?

Political Advertising Paid For By Friends of Cogdell Hospital, Leland McCarty, Snyder, Texas, Chairman

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As a nation we are aging. Each of us look for security and independence in our later years. We have in common an interest in achieving a comprehensive, integrated health-care system that includes a full range of health and long-term care services and that respects individual values and the desire for autonomy, dignity and choice.

On August 9, you will decide the fate of Cogdell Memorial Hospital and your health-care. In a special referendum, you will be asked whether you want to save the hospital that's been caring for you for over 43 years. Or sell her off for a fist full of silver. The choice is yours.

The majority of the physicians and nursing staff whom you trust say **"NO."** The Cogdell Hospital Board says **"NO."** What's more, key citizens, successful business leaders, and prominent community leaders say **"NO."** They understand what's really at stake here.

Do you want to jeopardize your own health, or that of your children? Do you want to travel farther from home to a hospital you don't know? Do you want to compromise your existing medical services for some vague political promises? **Vote "NO" on August 9.**

AGAINST

Cogdell Memorial Hospital

Vote "NO" On The Resolution To Lease Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

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Datebook

Aug. 2, 1997

Today is the 214th day of 1997 and the 43rd day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1877, the famous stagecoach robber Black Bart robbed his first coach.

On this day in 1892, the first escalator was patented by Charles A. Wheeler.

On this day in 1983, the U.S. House of Representatives created a federal holiday in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: John Tyndall (1820-1893), philosopher; Myrna Loy (1905-1993), actress; Beatrice Straight (1918-), actress, is 79; James Baldwin (1924-1987), writer; Carroll O'Connor (1924-), actor, is 73; Peter O'Toole (1932-), actor, is 65.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1864, the Saratoga racetrack opened in upstate New York.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Within, I do not find wrinkles and used heart, but unspent youth." — Ralph Waldo Emerson

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1988, temperatures in Chicago reached 100 degrees for the seventh and last time for that year.

SOURCE: 1997 Weather Guide Calendar; Accord Publishing, Ltd.

TODAY'S MOON: Day before new moon.

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Aug. 3, 1997

Today is the 215th day of 1997 and the 44th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1492, Christopher Columbus set sail with three ships on his maiden voyage to America.

On this day in 1923, Calvin Coolidge became the 30th president of the United States.

On this day in 1981, Oliver North was assigned to the National Security Council.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Rupert Brooke (1887-1915), poet; Delores Del Rio (1908-1983), actress; Leon Uris (1924-), writer, is 73; Tony Bennett (1926-), singer, is 71; Martin Sheen (1940-), actor, is 57; John Landis (1950-), director, is 47; Marcel Dionne (1951-), hockey star, is 46.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1984, Mary Lou Retton won the gold medal in the women's all-around gymnastics competition at the Los Angeles Olympics.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Few people want the pleasures they are free to take." — Ovid

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1960, a house in Illinois was struck by lightning twice.

SOURCE: 1997 Weather Guide Calendar; Accord Publishing, Ltd.

TODAY'S MOON: New moon.

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Police suspect arson in giant tire dump fire

GILA RIVER INDIAN RESERVATION, Ariz. (AP) — A huge pile of junk tires that police suspect was set ablaze has been the subject of a hot debate between tribal and county authorities over who should remove it.

The shredded remnants of 3 million tires stored on reservation land caught fire Friday and was burning strongly Saturday. Forty to 50 people fled after an approaching dust storm began began blowing acrid smoke toward nearby homes.

Tribal officials had warned of the fire dangers months ago during the dispute between the Gila River Indian Community and Maricopa County.

"There's been a lot of haggling and this is turning out to be very suspicious," said Warren Youngman, Bureau of Indian Affairs criminal investigator.

He declined to elaborate on his reasons for suspecting arson. Reservation officials asked the federal authorities to investigate.

The tires once belonged to the county and were supposed to have been recycled under a county contract with Colinas Tire Co. The company signed a deal with the tribe to store the tires on the reservation until they could be recycled, but the company went bankrupt and left the tires.

The county settled with Colinas and a partner in the recycling venture for $330,000 in February, but that deal did not address what to do with the tires. Maricopa County insists it has no responsibility for them.

Winds fanned the flames, further hampering efforts by firefighters already short on water in the remote desert area 35 miles southeast of Phoenix.

Simpson wants grand piano returned, claims harassment

LOS ANGELES (AP) — O.J. Simpson said he will ask a court to return the $20,000 grand piano seized from his home because, unlike other treasures carted away by authorities, this one was a gift to his mother.

Simpson sat chatting in his living room Friday, ignoring movers who covered the black-lacquered piano in pads and rolled it away. He said he considers the seizure harassment by those who won a $33.5 million wrongful-death verdict against him.

"I haven't fought them about anything that belongs to me," Simpson said, "but this belongs to my mother."

Fred Goldman had the piano seized in his effort to collect his share of the civil judgment against Simpson for the 1994 slayings of his son Ronald and Simpson's ex-wife, Nicole. Simpson was acquitted in criminal court.

When sheriff's deputies took Simpson's other treasures earlier this year, he said his mother, Eunice, was playing "Onward Christian Soldiers" on the piano and deputies gathered around to sing along. On the day Simpson won custody of his two young children, his mother was pounding out a rendition of "When the Saints Come Marching In."

Simpson also said efforts to take a new $40,000 Ford Expedition given to him last month for his birthday will be futile because the vehicle was leased by his mother and isn't his.

A hearing scheduled for Thursday in Santa Monica Superior Court will determine whether both big-ticket items can be added to the cache of valuables being held in a warehouse for eventual auction.

Berry's World



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Local student has received scholarship

AUSTIN — In a continued effort to promote excellence in education, the Texas Restaurant Association has awarded its W. Price Jr. Memorial Scholarship to 20 students attending food service programs in colleges and universities in Texas.

Michelle Martin of Snyder has been awarded $700 for the 1997-98 school year. She plans to attend Texas Tech University and upon graduation plans to complete her studies at a culinary institute.

Each year, applicants are screened by their local chapter and recommended to the TRA Scholarship Committee. The Committee then reviews applications submitted and selects the final candidates.

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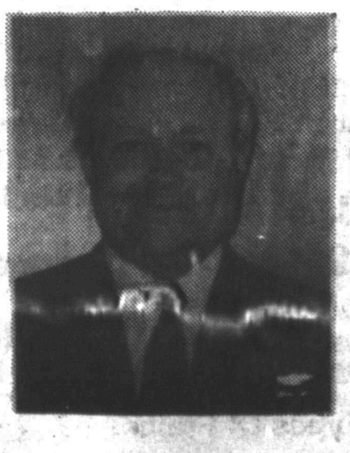
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Your Birthday

Sunday, Aug. 3, 1997

In the year ahead, endeavors that start out on a sour note should not be written off too hastily. You are in a cycle where unusual twists could be in the offing from day to day.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Because you'll be the first to show genuine concern for the interests of others today, they, in turn, will make sure your personal positions will be promoted as well. Leo, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today 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.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You will fare better in the long run today if you associate with people who possess a sober, practical outlook, rather than with flighty individuals.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Your best asset today is your ability to restructure negative situations into positive ones. It looks like you might have two chances to prove yourself.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) A delicate arrangement you share with another should go smoothly today. It won't be luck that will help adjust the variables, it'll be common sense.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Do not be afraid to take bold measures today regarding a situation that you've spent ample time developing. Decisive action is now required.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Everything comes to he who waits. The constructive changes for which you've been hoping that affect you and your loved ones are about to congeal today.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Initiate that important arrangement you and your mate have been discussing in detail. Working together enhances your probabilities for success.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Misunderstandings with coworkers can be adjusted to everyone's satisfaction today. Be the bearer of the olive branch and make the overture yourself.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Associates will not only take pleasure in your company today, they might also have substantial material things to share with you. Be receptive.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Your words will carry a great amount of weight with your admirers today. Insecure associates will be inspired when you express your confidence in them.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Your optimism is justified today pertaining to a project that is grand in scope. Methods that have been successful are still applicable.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) A material opportunity might begin to develop today that won't appear too exciting at first. Keep it in sight, however, because it is bigger than you think.

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Your Birthday

Monday, Aug. 4, 1997

A game plan you'll engineer for yourself in the year ahead might not be easy, but you'll know its real worth. Do not let the unaware dissuade you of its merits.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) It might be necessary to champion your own cause today in order to be properly compensated for services rendered. Do not leave it to another's discretion. Major changes are ahead for Leo in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today. Mail $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.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You may have to make it clear to your youngsters today that you've laid down certain rules for their own good and they will be enforced.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Nothing will be gained today by trying to even-up an old score with someone who wronged you in the past. In fact, it could present new complications.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Today you might be inclined to be unduly generous to the wrong people. Try not to ignore the deserving and cater to the manipulators.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) It is essential that you clarify your goals today, or you might waste time on objectives that will provide little satisfaction if achieved.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Associates might find you extremely difficult to please today. It could be due to your reluctance to lay all of your cards out on the table.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Play it very close to the vest today if circumstances force you to operate with limited resources. Do not go for broke trying to keep up with others.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) A partnership deal could fizzle out today if you and your cohort's aims are not in perfect harmony. You must be of one mind and purpose.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Guard against inclinations today to delegate some responsibilities to individuals who can't be relied upon. They may leave you in the lurch.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) If you put the pressure on one who is indebted to you today, he or she might totally renege on the obligation. Pull back a little bit.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) If everything isn't handled in a considerate manner today, family funds could become an abrasive issue between you and your mate.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) If you set a poor example today, coworkers will emulate your behavior and nothing will get done. Be a good motivator and a positive role model.

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New Web site for cancer researchers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Vice President Al Gore and government scientists unveiled a new Web site Friday that researchers can use to develop ways to diagnose and treat cancer more effectively.

The Web site is "an important new tool in our battle against cancer," Gore told reporters in the Old Executive Office Building.

The site, called the Cancer Genome Anatomy Project, is a free database containing information about tens of thousands of genes linked to various types of cancers, including those of the breast, lung, prostate, colon and ovaries.

It will be linked to online research libraries around the world to allow scientists to use it to seek out patterns in cancerous cells compared to normal cells.

Eds: The Web site can be accessed at www,ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/ncicgap

Trial expected to last months

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Prospective jurors can count on one thing as Florida takes on the tobacco industry — it's going to be a long trial.

Circuit Judge Harold Cohen told 300 prospective jurors on Friday the case is expected to last through "the end of the calendar year," prompting gasps and nervous laughter.

It's expected to take about a month to select six jurors and nine alternates who will decide if the industry conspired to deceive smokers and marketed a defective product. Cigarette makers deny the allegations.

If found guilty, the tobacco companies could lose billions as the state seeks to recover Medicaid payments that went to treat sick smokers.

Forty states have sued the industry over the issue and Florida is the first to go to trial. Mississippi settled its suit for $3.4 billion after the industry agreed to a $368 billion national settlement that still needs congressional approval.

Many of the prospective jurors whispered and craned their necks as Gov. Lawton Chiles and Attorney General Bob Butterworth took seats up front with state lawyers. Outside the jury room, Chiles said there was no imminent settlement between the industry and state.

Said Butterworth: "There's no doubt Florida has the strongest liability case in the country."

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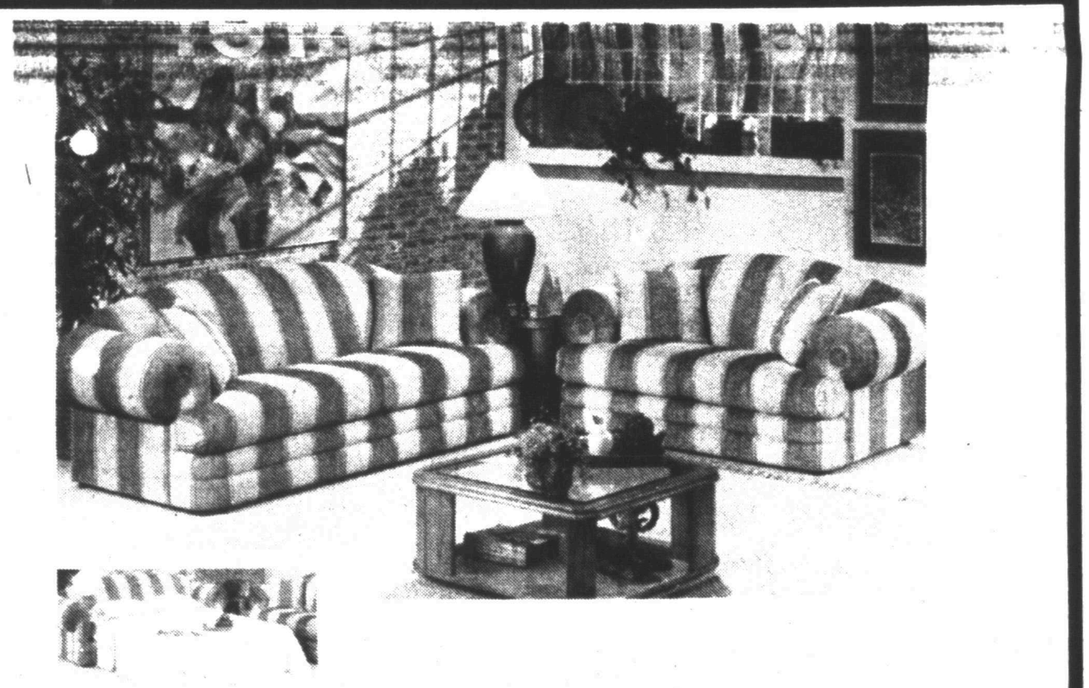
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Murder trial witness killed

DALLAS (AP) — A homeless man who was a witness in an upcoming capital murder trial was beaten to death weeks after he survived an attack apparently meant to silence him, police said.

Police said Ricky Driver, 36, was beaten and stabbed about the head sometime Friday. His body was discovered Friday morning in a Reunion Arena parking lot in downtown Dallas.

On June 19, Driver showed up at the Dallas County district attorney's offices, bleeding from neck and forearm wounds, witnesses said.

He walked to the courthouse, left a blood trail through the lobby, got through a metal detector and past security guards to take an elevator to the district attorney's 11th-floor offices.

After a brief hospital stay, Driver was released.

Driver was scheduled to testify in the trial of two homeless men accused in the March 22 stabbing death of 52-year-old Donna Duncan Vick.

DeSoto police believe that Gregory Edward Wright, 31, and John Wade Adams, 34, robbed and killed Ms. Vick after she fed them a meal in her DeSoto home.

In a written statement, Adams admitted knowing about the slaying and implicated Wright as the assailant, police said.

Wright told police they "got the wrong guy," said Sgt. J.C. Burch, a DeSoto police spokesman.

Wright is set to go on trial in late August. No trial date has been set for Adams. Both remained jailed Friday at the Lew Sterrett Justice Center, in lieu of $1 million bail each.

Although Driver was not a witness to the killing, he knew Wright and Adams and would have been called to testify as a character witness, police said. Prosecutors were unavailable for comment Friday, The Dallas Morning News reported.

In the June incident, investigators suspected that Driver was attacked by homeless people friendly with Wright and Adams, according to a police report.

After the attack, Driver told police that a group of homeless people had thrown bottles at him. Police said Driver did not appear to know why he had been attacked.

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Is obesity linked to genes?

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DEAR DR. GOTT: Please comment on the recent media attention focusing on a genetic cause for obesity.

DEAR READER: As I reported more than a year ago, obesity does seem to be genetically determined.

In the past few weeks, researchers have confirmed that some forms of extreme obesity may be linked to genes.

Leptin, a compound released by fat cells, tells us when we have had enough to eat. Apparently, obese people lack such a cue; without it, they continue to eat, irrespective of satiation. Consequently, they gain weight. This is a genetically governed pattern.

Before you overweight readers find cause for celebration, let me state the obvious: Although a genetic flaw may explain obesity, diet is still the cornerstone of therapy. In short, since obese people eat more than they need, they can lose weight by dieting — whether the cause of the overweight is genetic or not. Such patients need to tailor their caloric consumption to their metabolic needs. Thus, while it's true that most of us want to stop eating when we have had enough, some people don't respond to this cue; therefore, they have to reduce calories consciously — and stop eating EVEN WHEN THEY DO NOT FEEL SATISFIED.

Recent research suggests that leptin, when added to the diet, reduces the craving for food. However, diet remains the single most important method of losing weight. In leptin-deficient patients, this may be a daunting task; for the rest of us, it's simply a question of self-discipline and commitment.

To give you more information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Weight Control Through Calorie Control." 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 work in construction. This causes my hands to become rough and dry; eventually, the skin splits and cracks. This is very painful. I've unsuccessfully tried various over-the-counter creams and lotions. Do you have a suggestion?

DEAR READER: Actually, I have two.

Lotil, a nonprescription cream, is an excellent antidote for the dry, cracked skin so common in construction workers. Apply it at night and your hands should feel better in a few days.

Another tried-and-true remedy — although old-fashioned — is pure lanolin, which you can purchase in most pharmacies. Regular application of this product will also aid healing and prevent cracking.

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DEAR DR. GOTT: My husband is a diabetic who is adamant that he knows best. He believes that if he spends 15 minutes a day on his exercise bicycle, he will lower his blood sugar, so he does this 40 minutes after each meal. Couldn't he spend some of this energy doing the dishes or helping with work around the house?

DEAR READER: I'm sure I should back away from this one, for fear of putting myself in the middle of a domestic dispute. However, I can say this much.

Your husband is correct that regular exercise helps lower blood sugar and is appropriate activity for most diabetics. How he gets this exercise is, of course, the crux of the problem.

Washing dishes is not particularly strenuous, so it is a poor substitute for biking. However, swimming, golf, tennis, brisk walking and a host of other activities — including major-league house-cleaning — would certainly give him more variation in his schedule. Exercise after each meal is probably unnecessary. Were he to exert himself once daily for one 15-minute session or so, he would still achieve health benefits.

I think that the key word here is "diversity." Your husband will probably enjoy his exercise more if he can vary his routine. Regular exercise is beneficial — in fact, mandatory — for good health.

To give you more information on his condition, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Diabetes Mellitus." 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: Do products containing alpha-hydroxy acids actually help sun-damaged skin?

DEAR READER: Interest in making aging skin look younger has resulted in a $300 million industry, with surprisingly few medical studies proving that alpha-hydroxy acids are really effective. Although these products (such as Pond's Age-Defying Complex and others) have been used for years to treat acne and similar skin disorders, there has been no scientific research justifying the claim that alpha-hydroxy acids smooth out wrinkles or help overcome the dryness and loss of skin elasticity from simple aging, with or without sun exposure.

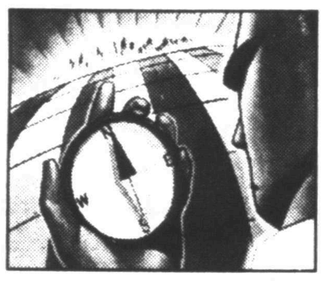
However, last autumn, scientists published a study in the medical journal Archives of Dermatology that gives hope to those who yearn for younger-looking skin.

The researchers tested 67 women, some of whom applied (twice daily) a lotion containing alpha-hydroxy acids; another group used a placebo (regular moisturizing cream). More than 70 percent of the test group showed improvement in wrinkles and pigmentation on the face by week 22, compared with only 40 percent of the control group. The differences between treated and untreated forearm skin were less noticeable.

The authors concluded that alpha-hydroxy acids are well-tolerated and do have a modest potential for reducing the effects of sun damage on skin. While far from being a "magic bullet," alpha-hydroxy acids appear to benefit some women.

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Man involved in murder escapes during furlough

DALLAS (AP) — Police and Dallas County Sheriff's officers are trying to find a young mentally retarded man who used a two-hour "furlough" to escape from an institution where he was placed for his involvement in a 1992 crime spree that ended in murder.

Eighteen-year-old Cary Houston escaped from the Mexia State School more than a week ago, The Dallas Morning News reported today.

On Dec. 10, 1992, Robert McAdam Smith, 21, an actor from New York, was shot to death during a daylong crime spree by Dallas teenagers. Another actor was shot in the face and lost an eye during the same incident.

Accomplices identified Houston, who was 14 at the time, as the gunman. Two other families robbed at gunpoint that day also identified Houston as the person who pointed a gun at them.

Although the three other men involved in the robberies and shootings are serving long prison terms, Houston was judged too severely retarded to be prosecuted. Houston's attorney and others say his IQ is at about 55.

Regulations prohibit school personnel from discussing residents individually, but Mexia superintendent Bill Lowry confirmed that a resident did not return from a furlough and is being sought by law enforcement agencies.

The missing resident is not considered dangerous by Lowry or his staff, Lowry said. He said public safety is a factor taken into consideration when staffers decide what level of independence to give the school's residents.

Abuse of furloughs is rare, he added.

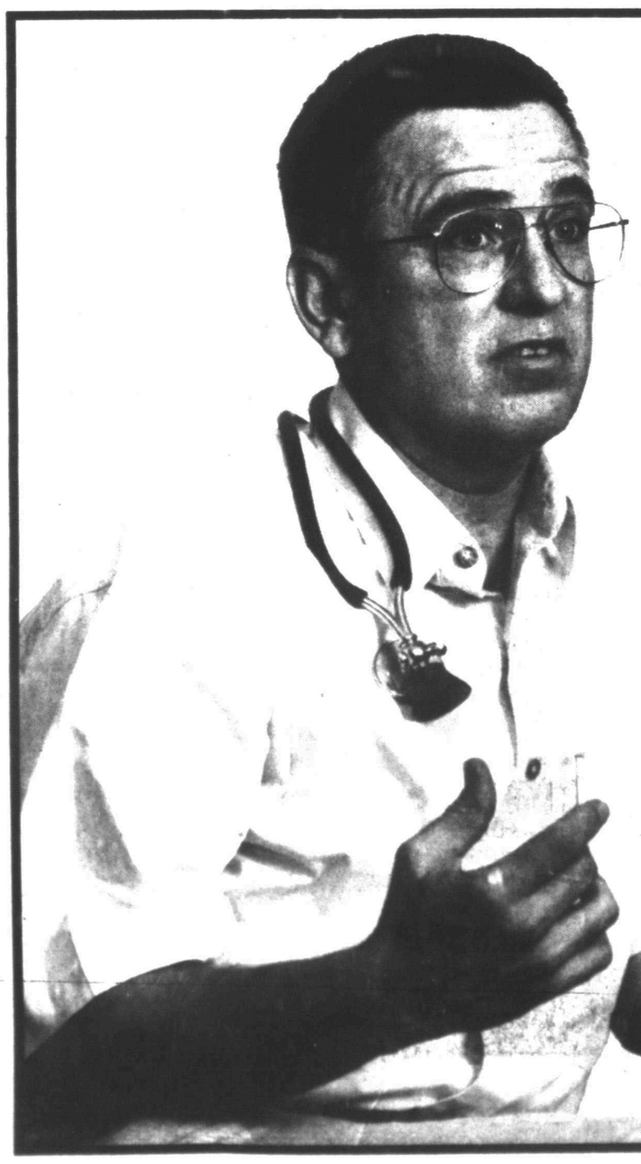
Law enforcement officials and relatives of the crime spree victims, however, believe Houston is a dangerous man.

Letting Houston out on furlough "has always made me nervous because of his violent history," said Toby Shook, chief felony prosecutor for the Dallas district attorney's office. "He's done this before, a couple of times."

Shortly after arriving at Mexia, Houston walked away from the open-campus school and returned to his old Dallas neighborhood to hang out. He was found and returned.

Shook said he understands that the furlough from which Houston did not return was July 19.

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Team's owners are separate but equal

AUSTIN (AP) — Just watching Dallas owner Jerry Jones and Oakland owner Al Davis at the Cowboys' training camp this week illuminates the differences in how the men operate.

Jones wears a white Cowboys golf shirt and white shorts. Davis wears a heavy, black warm-up suit in 100-degree heat.

Jones runs around granting interviews and signing autographs. Davis has a scowling entourage that keeps reporters and fans at bay.

Jones smiles even when he's irritated with a reporter's question or another fan's request for him to sign something. Davis shows no emotion, giving off the edginess that he has tried to make the Raiders' trademark.

But the men are kindred spirits when it comes to two things: they both live and breathe their teams and don't hesitate to buck the NFL when they feel their teams' rights are being infringed upon.

"We have achieved success in different ways, but we both believe in states' rights," Jones said. "We believe that the league and the league office works for us.

"We aren't the NFL's boy out in Dallas or the NFL's boy out in Oakland. It really is a central government, state's right issue."

Jones was sued last year by the NFL for violating the league's revenue sharing agreement by taking on endorsement deals through Texas Stadium, which he owns.

The Dallas owner countersued and the NFL blinked, eventually agreeing to drop its suit late last year.

Davis' latest legal battle with the league involves a dispute over the territorial rights to southern California.

The Raiders claim they own the rights to NFL football in the region; the NFL agrues the Raiders' rights were forfeited when Davis transferred his franchise back to Oakland in 1995.

"We have the power, and before anything is done there, they have to go through us," Davis told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

Does it bother Davis, who proudly boasts that the Raiders have the best record in professional sports over the past 34 years, that his litigious accomplishments might be as recognized as his athletic ones?

"It's part of our lives now," Davis said. "What was reality can't be reality today. Times have changed."

Back to the differences between Jones and Davis.

"Al doesn't get involved with the media and our fans," Jones said. "I feel strongly that the Cowboys have always had an open book and been very visible.

"It was that way under Tom Landry and Tex Schramm. That was good. It caused us to have a lot of interest across the country. In most places we are the second most popular team and we are often the most hated by the fans of the home team we are playing.

"Visibility is the key. When things are going good, it's great, but when things are going bad, it can sure kick you," Jones said, referring to the team's off-the-field troubles last year.

Davis says he respects what Jones has done with the Cowboys and has made the trip with his Raiders to Austin for a week of practice with Dallas five of the past six years.

Jones said the Cowboys may reciprocate by going out to Oakland for a week during camp in the near future.

But Jones, whose team meets the Raiders at Texas Stadium for a preseason game Sunday night, says he would like to see Oakland again before next summer.

"Oakland is a much-improved football team," Jones said after the Raiders beat Dallas 12-6 in a scrimmage Thursday night. "With Jeff George throwing the ball deep and the speedy receivers they have, I'm hoping we might see them in the Super Bowl this year."

The NFL brass would love that.



WATCH THAT LEFT JAB — Gabriel Vasquez spars with Odessa's Matthew Franco in preparation of the Junior Boxing World Championships. Vasquez won a gold medal at the Games of Texas and will try for the world title in Gulf Port, Mississippi. (SDN Staff Photo)

Snyder boxer has a fighting chance at title

Many youngsters dream of playing in the Super Bowl or the World Series. But not too many wish they could climb into the ring with one of the world's greatest boxers.

But that's just what Snyder's Gabriel Vasquez wants to do.

Vasquez, 18, recently won a boxing gold medal at the Games of Texas in the 125-pound class. Now he's preparing for the Junior World Championships in Gulf Port, Mississippi.

"I went to the World last year and I didn't do so good," Vasquez remembers. "But this year I've been sparring more and training harder."

So, how does a kid actually get involved in boxing?

"I started when I was 10 years-old," Vasquez said. "I like the competition and everything about it really.

"I've never been scared before a fight, just nervous."

He also said the competitors usually get along with each other outside of the ring.

"Nobody that I've fought has ever came up to me outside the ring and wanted to fight," Vasquez stated. "We all have too much respect for each other and some of us are even friends."

Through 10 years of boxing, Gabriel has accumulated some experience and has some advice for young boxers.

"At first, you'll want to quit," he said. "But just stick with it and train the best you can, because once you do, it can be a whole lot of fun."

Oilers begin life on Rocky Top against the boys of Bourbon St.

By The Associated Press

Everything will be new tonight when the Tennessee Oilers face the New Orleans Saints.

It will be the Oilers' first game in their temporary home — the Liberty Bowl Memorial Stadium in Memphis. And it will be the Saints' first game under coach Mike Ditka.

"It's important that we go in there and play well," Oilers coach Jeff Fisher said about performing in their new home. "It's important that we win. We have only one chance to become familiar with the field."

Tonight's exhibition is the Oilers' only game in the Liberty Bowl until their season-opener Aug. 31 against Oakland. The other two home exhibitions will be played at Vanderbilt Stadium in Nashville.

And the Oilers will only be playing in Memphis until 1999, when a 65,000-seat stadium is completed in Nashville.

Ticket sales have been slow for the exhibition, but officials blame the team's quick relocation from Houston as the cause.

Ditka, who ended his four-year retirement to take over a team that went 3-13 last year, respects Fisher and thinks the Oilers can be dangerous.

"He's got a great running back (Eddie George) and some good receivers and people that can throw the ball with (Steve) McNair. I think they have made great strides, really," Ditka said.

McNair, 4-2 as a starter during his first two years in the NFL, will play most of the first half as he preps for his first season as the Oilers' No. 1 quarterback, supplanting Chris Chandler.

Fisher said there will be no surprise what the Saints will do with Ditka on the sideline: run, run and, occasionally, pass.

"Mike had success the first time around, so why change your approach?" Fisher said.

In other games tonight, it will be Chicago at Buffalo, Washington at Tampa Bay, St. Louis at Minnesota, Philadelphia at the New York Jets, the New York Giants at Baltimore, Pittsburgh at Kansas City, Arizona at Seattle, and San Francisco at San Diego.

On Sunday, Carolina will be at Jacksonville and Oakland at Dallas, while the first big weekend of exhibition games wraps up Monday night when Denver and Miami play in Mexico City.

On Friday night, Indianapolis beat Cincinnati 20-16, and Detroit edged Atlanta 20-17.

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SHS volleyball information

Volleyball tryouts will begin Monday, Aug. 11. Grades 10-12 will workout from 4 until 6:30 p.m. and freshman from 6:30 until 9 p.m.

Tryouts will continue through Thursday, Aug. 14. The time schedule will be posted in the SHS gym. Students who are new to the district and all incoming freshman need to be sure they have received a physical.

For more information call the SHS gym at 574-6039.

Baseball tournaments

The Young Gun's Baseball Tournament, hosted by Snyder Senior Little League, began Friday and will continue through Sunday at Moffett Field.

The Old Timer's Baseball Tournament will also be held Aug. 8-10 at Moffett Field. Players must be 30 years or older and pitchers must be at least 35.

Each team must have a minimum of 12 players and a maximum of 15. Entry fee is $15 per player. For more information call Willie at 573-2817 or Ruben at 573-9807.

Benefit golf tournament

Kiwanis Club of Snyder will host the Cargile Scholarship Foundation Benefit Golf Tournament Aug. 16 at Western Texas College.

The format is a 4-person scramble and entry fee is $30 per player. Tee times are 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. The top four teams will be awarded cash prizes.

For more information call Russell Fisk at 573-3438 or the WTC pro shop at 573-9291.

Sunday couples and Tuesday play day

The Women's Golf Association of Snyder Country Club will host its monthly mixed foursome tournament Sunday at 1:30.

Also, the WGA will hold its weekly play day Tuesday morning at 9. The format will be most net pars on the front nine. A luncheon and business meeting will follow.

Men's softball tournament

A men's softball tournament, benefiting the Baile Folklorico de Guadalupe, will be held Aug. 9-10 at Winston Park. All USSSA rules will apply, with team trophies awarded to the top three teams and T-shirts to the top two.

Entry fee is $100 per team and the deadline for registration is Aug. 7. For more information call Luis at 573-6703 or Ricky at 573-0435.

Women's softball tournament

The Beat the Heat women's slow pitch softball tournament will be held Aug. 9 at Cates Field. Entry fee is $85 per team and deadline for registration is Aug. 4. For more information call Denese at 573-1480 or Tonya at 573-6383.

Mickelson leads at International

CASTLE ROCK, Colo. (AP) — Phil Mickelson was threatening to make a runaway of the International until he got in his own way.

Still, Mickelson posted a 36-hole score of 27 points — a tournament record — to forge a 4-point lead in the weather-delayed event.

Play was suspended by darkness with 45 players still on the course. They were scheduled to complete their second rounds this morning. Because the field will be cut to exactly 72 players, a playoff might also be required. The field will be cut again to 24 for Sunday's final round.

Mickelson, who scored 14 points in the first round under the modified Stableford scoring system, added 13 on Friday.

Mickelson, battling for a Ryder Cup berth, had a four-point edge over first-round co-leader Larry Mize, who had 23 points.

Nike Tour veteran Skip Kendall and Neal Lancaster had 22 points. Scott McCarron also was at 22 with two holes to play. Nick Price finished at 20.

Jay Haas, who shared the first-round lead, and Stuart Appleby each had 19 points. Tom Lehman, Brad Faxon and Kirk Triplett joined Lehman and Norman at 18.

British Open champion Justin Leonard was at plus-11, and U.S. Open champion Ernie Els was at plus-11 through 15 holes.

Tom Purtzer made the biggest move. After posting a minus-4 in the first round, he scored 21 points over 12 holes Friday. He tied the tournament single-day record of 20 — set by Greg Whisman in 1992 — and had a total of 16.

Among those in danger of missing the 36-hole cut were Steve Jones and defending champion Clarence Rose, both at plus-4. Nick Faldo had 25 straight pars and stood at minus-6 through 16 holes.

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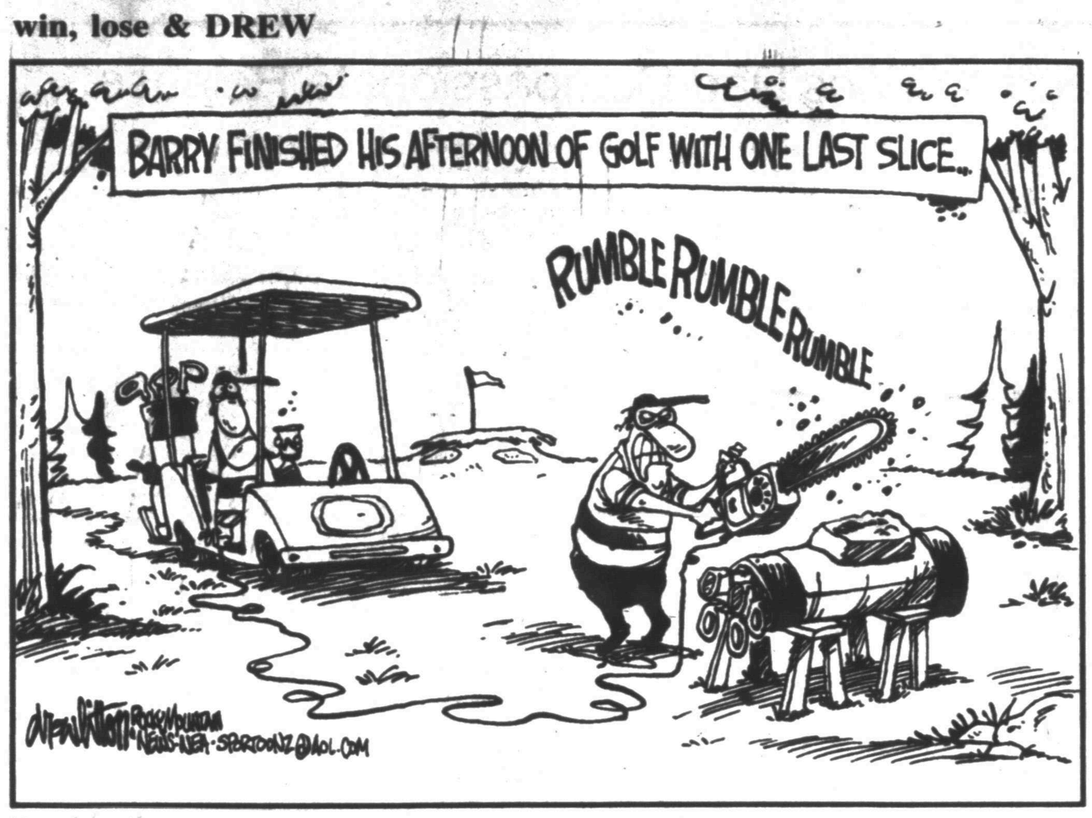
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Sports Whirl

By Eric Drennan SDN Sports Editor

On our way to the golf course, we all have images of ourselves shooting even par or breaking the course record.

But inevitably, we shank our first two shots and those dreams of grandeur are shattered.

Or, if that doesn't happen, we'll hear somebody say something, reminding us that we aren't exactly pros.

So here is a list of things, actually said on the golf course, that aren't commonly heard on the PGA Tour.

—"Hey, you just hit my ball." "It's ok. You can hit mine."
—"I'm just gonna pull it out of the trap with a rake, alright."
—"I think we're playing the wrong hole." "Oh well, we'll just play another one twice."
—"Watch this. I'm gonna run over his ball."
—"I think I'll play barefoot."
—"Do I have to count that?"
—"Throw that back to me, will you?"
—"Hey! I found three other balls in the rough!"
—"Look at those girls! Let's start on the back nine."
—"Check out this putter. Can you believe someone in my apartment complex was just going to throw this away?"
—"I've gotta quit. I'm out of golf balls."
—"I don't have a coin to mark my ball with. So, I'll just hold my putter here and I'll move it if it looks like you're going to hit it."
—"Alright! I broke 100!"
—"I bet I can hit that train from here."
—"I'm just gonna drop a ball next to yours and play from there."
—"I hope nobody saw that."
—"I'm gonna move it so I can hit from the shade."
—"I can always make that shot on Nintendo."
—"I'm going to stay in the cart. Just give me an 8 on this hole."
—"Well, if you don't count those two I hit in the water and the one that I whiffed, I had a bogey."
—"Just keep on driving. I'm gonna hit it from the cart."
—"Wait 'til he starts his backswing, then listen to this one."
—"Hey, pick me up a couple of those range balls while you're over there."
—"I don't know if I can get there from here. I'd better hit my water-ball."
—"Sorry I'm late. I couldn't remember where I'd left my clubs."

What a great sport it is when we have a sense of humor.

Smith will play out final year

FREDONIA, N.Y. (AP) — Buffalo Bills defensive end Bruce Smith says he will end his 21-day holdout this weekend and play out the final year of his contract for $2.2 million.

Smith will report for practice Monday after receiving $105,000 in fines from the Bills, $5,000 for each day. He would not say whether he would report before Buffalo's exhibition game against Chicago on Saturday.

"I'm coming in soon," Smith told The Associated Press from his home in Virginia Beach, Va. "That's all I can say. You'll be seeing me real soon."

The Bills would have much rather seen Smith for the start of training camp July 21 at Fredonia State College. Bills coach Marv Levy said Smith would be ready for a full practice on Monday.

"He said he'll be in sometime this weekend," Levy said. "He had some personal items to take care of. That's all I know."

Smith was charged with driving under the influence in Virginia Beach after allegedly falling asleep at a red light at 6:21 a.m. last Sunday and refusing to take a breath test.

Even before the arrest, Smith had been the target of fan criticism for not accepting a five-year contract worth $22 million, including a $5 million signing bonus. Fans become more angry about the drunk driving incident because it would not have happened had he been in training camp on time.

"I would expect nothing less," Smith said of the criticism.

Smith, 34, the Defensive Player of the Year last season, has been unhappy about a contract that pays him $2.2 million in each of its final two years. He turned down the Bills' latest offer, saying he would rather play this season under the old one with hopes of becoming a free agent.

"Next year, I will be a free agent," Smith said. "There are 29 other teams in desperate need of a pass rusher."

Smith said he would meet with Newport Beach, Calif.-based agent Leigh Steinberg to discuss his future. However, the nine-time Pro Bowl selection said he would not accept Buffalo's original offer because it was structured for him to receive much of his money in the last two years.

Job opening: Now hiring cornerbacks. Call Barry Switzer for more details.

AUSTIN (AP) — The good news is Kevin Smith, the high-dollar cornerback for the Dallas Cowboys, is OK.

The bad news is the two cornerbacks vying to back up Smith and Deion Sanders are not.

Second-year cornerback Wendell Davis underwent surgery Friday to repair torn cartilage in his left knee.

Team trainers had feared finding damage also to his anterior cruciate ligament, but the surgery turned up no other problems and Davis was given two to three weeks to return. Initially, trainers had feared him being out up to seven weeks.

Kenny Wheaton, a rookie corner who had impressed coaches and was challenging for the third spot with Davis, was expected to miss from four to six weeks with a separated right shoulder.

Wheaton was injured while tackling 235-pound Chad Levitt of Oakland in Thursday night's scrimmage, a 12-6 Raiders' victory.

Cowboys coach Barry Switzer said the injury occurred because Wheaton used bad technique.

"Instead of tackling with his head up and his chest, he put the point of his shoulder into a guy who outweighs him by at least 40 pounds," Switzer said. "When he came off the field, I said, 'Son, that's not the way to do it.'"

Smith also sprained his right ankle in the scrimmage but will be fine, according to team trainers. However, Smith probably won't play in Sunday night's preseason game against Oakland at Texas Stadium.

That leaves rookie Montrell Williams, Artis Houston and safety Charlie Williams to play cornerback for the Cowboys in Sunday's game and in training camp practices. Houston suffered a thigh bruise in Thursday's scrimmage.

"We are trying to find guys to bring to camp," said scouting director Larry Lacewell. "Cornerbacks are hard to find. We're calling players who are now working at banks and things like that."

In the longterm, the Cowboys should be fine, considering Smith and Sanders will be healthy for the season opener against Pittsburgh on Aug. 31.

But the injuries will cripple severely the team's ability to have effective training camp workouts.

"It hurts the defense in terms of building familiarity and experience," said Dallas defensive back coach Mike Zimmer. "The few guys we have can't go for 80 plays straight, and then if the receivers don't have quality guys to go up against, it starts to hurt the offense's ability to evaluate talent and game plans."

Everyone is expecting Oakland to load up its vertical passing game Sunday night.

"I'm sure they'll take a few shots deep," said Dallas defensive coordinator Dave Campo.

Cornerback Alundis Brice is rehabbing from offseason knee surgery and isn't expected to begin practicing in drills with the team until after next week, Zimmer said.

Rookie linebacker Pat Fitzgerald, who had his right hand X-rayed after the scrimmage, said Friday he was fine and would be ready to go Sunday night.

MILLER TIME: Dallas receiver Anthony Miller, rehabbing from offseason knee surgery, put on pads and ran offense-only drills Friday for the first time.

Miller caught about 20 passes, many of them from Troy Aikman. He then ran sprints with team trainers in which they attached an elastic band to Miller and forced him to run with resistance.

"There's a little soreness, but that's about it. No swelling," Miller said. "I am past the mental thing. I'm just trying to run the routes and get the timing with the quarterback."

Miller said he's "somewhere around 85 to 90 percent" and hoped to play his first preseason game at New England on Aug. 8.

ROOKIE MAKES AN IMPRESSION: Coaches were down about the injuries to the secondary after Thursday night's scrimmage against the Raiders, but they were high on rookie linebacker Dexter Coakley.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	69	41	.627	-
Florida	62	45	.579	5½
NewYork	61	46	.570	6½
Montreal	55	52	.514	12½
Philadelphia	34	72	.321	33

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	59	50	.541	-
Pittsburgh	53	56	.486	6
St.Louis	51	57	.472	7½
Cincinnati	45	61	.425	12½
Chicago	43	67	.391	16½

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
LosAngeles	60	49	.550	-
SanFrancisco	60	49	.550	-
SanDiego	53	56	.486	7
Colorado	52	58	.473	8½

Friday's Games

Los Angeles 13, Chicago Cubs 9
Florida 3, Atlanta 2, 12 innings
Colorado 7, Pittsburgh 6
San Francisco 8, Cincinnati 7
San Diego 8, Montreal 2
Philadelphia 4, St. Louis 1
N.Y. Mets 8, Houston 5, 10 innings

Saturday's Games

San Francisco (Gardner 11-4) at Cincinnati (Tomko 5-3), 1:05 p.m.
Colorado (Swift 4-4) at Pittsburgh (Cordova 7-6), 1:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Stottlemyre 10-7) at Philadelphia (Beech 0-6), 1:15 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Jones 12-6) at Houston (Hampton 8-7), 1:15 p.m.
Los Angeles (Candiotti 7-3) at Chicago Cubs (Tapani 1-0), 4:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Neagle 14-2) vs. at Florida (A.Leiter 8-6), 7:05 p.m.
San Diego (Smith 4-1) at Montreal (C.Perez 10-6), 7:35 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Colorado (Wright 5-7) at Pittsburgh (Lieber 6-11), 1:35 p.m.
San Diego (Ashby 6-7) at Montreal (P.Martinez 12-5), 1:35 p.m.
St. Louis (Osborne 1-3) at Philadelphia (M.Leiter 6-11), 1:35 p.m.
San Francisco (Estes 14-4) at Cincinnati (Morgan 3-9), 2:15 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Clark 7-7) at Houston (Reynolds 6-6), 2:35 p.m.
Atlanta (Millwood 2-2) at Florida (A.Fernandez 12-8), 4:35 p.m.
Los Angeles (Valdez 6-9) at Chicago Cubs (Trachsel 5-9), 8:05 p.m.

American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Baltimore	67	39	.632	-
NewYork	62	44	.585	5
Toronto	51	55	.481	16
Boston	52	57	.477	16½
Detroit	49	57	.462	18

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	55	48	.534	-
Milwaukee	54	52	.509	2½
Chicago	53	54	.495	4
Minnesota	48	59	.449	9
KansasCity	44	61	.419	12

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Anaheim	61	48	.560	-
Seattle	60	48	.556	½
Texas	50	57	.467	10
Oakland	43	68	.387	19

Friday's Games

Toronto 7, Detroit 5
N.Y. Yankees 8, Minnesota 3
Milwaukee 8, Seattle 3
Boston 10, Kansas City 3
Cleveland 8, Texas 5
Anaheim 9, Chicago White Sox 1
Oakland 2, Baltimore 1

Saturday's Games

Boston (Sele 10-7) at Kansas City (Belcher 10-9), 1:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Bowers 0-0) at N.Y. Yankees (Cone 11-4), 4:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Mussina 11-4) at Oakland (Reyes 3-2), 4:05 p.m.
Toronto (Clemens 16-4) at Detroit (Dishman 0-0), 7:05 p.m.
Seattle (Fassero 9-6) at Milwaukee (Woodard 1-0), 8:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Smiley 0-0) at Texas (Witt 10-6), 8:35 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Clemons 0-0) at Anaheim (Springer 6-4), 10:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Toronto (Williams 6-9) at Detroit (Blair 10-4), 1:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Hawkins 3-6) at N.Y. Yankees (Gooden 4-3), 1:35 p.m.
Seattle (Johnson 14-3) at Milwaukee (Mercedes 4-6), 2:05 p.m.
Boston (Wakefield 5-12) at Kansas City (Bones 1-3), 2:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Krivda 1-0) at Oakland (Wengert 5-9), 4:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Colon 2-5) at Texas (Sturtze 0-0), 8:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Baldwin 7-11) at Anaheim (Finley 10-6), 8:05 p.m.

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Saturday, Aug. 2
Chicago at Buffalo, 7 p.m.
Washington at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
St. Louis at Minnesota, 7:30 p.m.
New Orleans at Tennessee, 8 p.m.
Philadelphia at N.Y. Jets, 8 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at Baltimore, 8 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Kansas City, 8 p.m.
Arizona at Seattle, 10 p.m.
San Francisco at San Diego, 10 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 3
Carolina at Jacksonville, 3 p.m.
Oakland at Dallas, 8 p.m.

Monday, Aug. 4
Denver vs. Miami at Mexico City, 8 p.m.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

Eastern Conference

	W	L	Pct	GB
NewYork	14	4	.778	-
Houston	11	6	.647	2½
Charlotte	9	7	.563	4
Cleveland	10	8	.556	4

Western Conference

	W	L	Pct	GB
Phoenix	8	8	.500	-
LosAngeles	8	11	.421	1½
Sacramento	5	12	.294	3½
Utah	4	13	.235	4½

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Charlotte at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m.

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Man convicted in bondsman's killing said up for parole

AMARILLO (AP) — The man sentenced to life imprisonment in the 1979 murder of a Borger bail bondsman is up for parole in Oklahoma.

Michael Wayne Taylor, 36, is scheduled to appear before Oklahoma's State Pardon and Parole Board on Aug. 14 at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary in McAlester, according to a board spokeswoman.

Stokes, 73, was reported missing by his wife on Sept. 18, 1979, after he failed to return to Borger from a trip to Hardesty, Okla., where Stokes had a farm and ranchland.

The millionaire's body was found beneath a bed sheet and brush in a field on his Oklahoma property after a three-day search.

Taylor, then 18, and Rex Bryan McCubbin, who was 20, were arrested hours later.

District Attorney Don Wood, who tried the 1980 case in Guymon, Okla., said he has forwarded a recommendation to the panel that Taylor not be released.

"I don't think he's been a model prisoner by any means," Wood said. "And on the other hand, it was a very brutal murder."

Stokes had posted bail for Taylor and McCubbin after they charged with marijuana possession in Hutchinson County in the Texas Panhandle.

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Child's Perseverance Wins Dad Compassionate Release

DEAR ABBY: Not long ago, I wrote to you in desperation. I told you that my father, at 54 years of age, was sent to prison for seven years for attempting to hijack a car while drunk. No weapons were involved. He had never had so much as a traffic ticket before that. I wrote:

"My father has approximately 14 months left to serve, and he has terminal cancer.

"This is the second time the cancer has returned, and this time it has come back with a vengeance. He is suffering horrible pain, for which he is being given only aspirin, and is receiving no treatment at all for the cancer. I have talked to the warden and the medical staff at the prison, to no avail.

"I know my father broke the law. But he is now completely immobile, his weight is down to 105 pounds, and he spends his days wracked with pain. I realize there is no excuse for breaking the law, but I don't think a first-time offender should pay with his life the way my father is.

"I have spent hundreds of dollars on phone calls, faxes and letters, but haven't found anyone who will help. My father doesn't have long to live. I want him near so I can give him the love and care he deserves until his time is up and he has gone on to a better place. What can I do?"

Abby, I was shocked when you phoned me after you received my letter. You suggested I speak to Judy Greenspan, director of the Catholic Charities of the East Bay HIV/AIDS in Prison Project in Oakland, Calif. Your call was the first ray of hope I had received.

With Ms. Greenspan's painstaking effort, my father was finally released from prison. He was so ill by then that he had to be placed immediately in the hospital. I was by his side when he passed away one week later. His last moments were peaceful.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart. Because of you and Ms. Greenspan, my father didn't have to die alone. His last days were spent in relative comfort, surrounded by loving family.

C.S. IN TULARE, CALIF.

DEAR C.S.: Please accept my condolences on the loss of your father. Your letters touched my heart. When I received your first letter, I spoke to Judy Greenspan who confirmed that it is extremely difficult, if not impossible, for terminally ill prisoners to obtain early release from their sentences.

Prison officials are reluctant to support compassionate-release programs even when inmates are so ill they no longer pose a threat to society. Prisons, which are already filled to capacity, now have a large population of prisoners with serious illnesses. They generally receive little medical attention, and the cost of incarcerating them is more than three times that of housing prisoners who are not sick.

Advocates of compassionate release maintain that society gains nothing by keeping dying prisoners locked behind bars, and that releasing them is both compassionate and fiscally responsible.

In California, legislation is pending to streamline the release of terminally ill inmates who no longer pose a threat to society. It is hoped that federal leadership and legislation will follow, so that families will not have to endure this hardship.

For more information about compassionate release, contact Judy Greenspan, director, Catholic Charities of the East Bay HIV/AIDS in Prison Project, 433 Jefferson St., Oakland, Calif. 94607; or e-mail her at judyg@igc.org.

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DEAR ABBY: I had to laugh at the letter from "Happily Surprised in Minnesota," concerning her visit to a nudist club, but she didn't explain the "non-reaction" of the members. Imagine a nudist club and male and female supermodels parading around, enticing all. That was my husband's fantasy, so I let myself be talked into a visit.

My first sight, as we drove down to the club's office, was a man at least 80 years of age jogging down a trail stark naked, except for his running shoes. It was so unexpected that I burst into fits of hysterical laughter. Much to my husband's displeasure, the giggles continued while we were in the office registering. I was informed that if I felt uncomfortable, I could wear a bathing suit the first day.

So we went to sit at the pool in our bathing suits. There we discovered that a nudist club is real life, not fantasy. It's made up of appendix and gall bladder scars, stretch marks, beer bellies and everything from grossly underweight to grossly overweight. We discovered that sitting clothed while a hundred others are nude brings out the same feelings you'd have wearing jeans and a T-shirt to a formal, black-tie affair. You realize you stand out like a sore thumb and become very uncomfortable. Within a few hours, we removed our suits.

Not once during the entire weekend did I see any reaction to the nudity of others. No one seemed interested in the bodies of others at all, which is the non-reaction your reader mentioned. You begin to realize nude is just that — nude. Nothing is left to the imagination at all. And without imagination, there's no interest in even looking. I understood this, but my husband seemed terribly disappointed.

A word of caution, however. Areas of the body that have never seen sunshine must be heavily protected with sunscreen. I couldn't wear a bra for a week because of the sunburn. My macho husband was in agony for two weeks because he was too "tough" to heed my suggestion about using sun lotion on his buttocks and frontal area. He never mentioned visiting a nudist club again.

STILL LAUGHING IN FLORIDA

DEAR LAUGHING: Your letter proves that after sunscreen, the second most essential item to take to a nudist colony is a sense of humor.

My dermatologist friends tell me that "Old Sol" is the enemy of a lasting beautiful complexion, and it's unwise to venture out without a sunscreen that has less than an SPF 15 rating. My sun-worshipping readers may want to "bare" that in mind.

DEAR ABBY: I've been seeing "Fred" for five years and have been in love with him for four. Recently, I left my husband, then Fred and I moved in together.

Everything is perfect except for one flaw. Fred got a girl pregnant. He told me he didn't love her and wanted her to get an abortion, but she thought that he would marry her for the sake of the baby. He claims he told her up front that he didn't love her, but she had the baby anyway. They named him "Sammy."

We have Sammy two days a week. I don't want the child around, but I'm afraid if I tell Fred how I feel, he will leave me. He seems fond of the boy even though he didn't want him in the beginning.

Abby, it's getting harder and harder for me to be civil to this child. I wish Fred would give up his custody rights and just visit his son once in a while.

Fred and I truly love each other, but it is impossible for me to accept Sammy, and I hate it that Fred sees his son's mother when necessary.

Abby, how can I get Fred to give Sammy up?

UNHAPPY IN UTICA, N.Y.

DEAR UNHAPPY: Fred is trying to be a responsible and loving father regardless of the circumstances of his son's birth — which is commendable.

It is unfair to both of them for you to attempt to break up this father/son relationship because of your insecurity. And should you succeed, Fred is sure to resent it.

As I see it, you have two choices: Accept the boy and secure Fred's love, or nourish your resentment and risk losing him. If you choose the first option, I urge you to see a counselor and learn to subdue your jealousy and accept little Sammy. Good luck.

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When questioned about the budget, hospital administrator Jeff Reecer said,

"A capital budget is just that - nothing will be done until you have the money."

Cogdell Hospital Administrator, Jeff Reecer, Hospital Board Meeting, August 1, 1997

"Sometimes you end up doing something different than what you budgeted."

Cogdell Hospital Administrator, Jeff Reecer, Hospital Board Meeting, August 1, 1997

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McVeigh's lawyers say jury swayed by pretrial publicity

DENVER (AP) — The jury that convicted Timothy McVeigh in the Oklahoma City bombing was swayed by "suffocating" pretrial publicity, including his alleged confession, his attorneys said Friday in arguing for a new trial.

"Mr. McVeigh did not expect a perfect trial, but he expected a fair one," said defense attorney Robert Nigh.

Prosecutors, in objecting to a new trial, claim the jury that convicted and condemned McVeigh based their decision on evidence, not emotion.

McVeigh was convicted in June of murder, conspiracy and weapons-related counts and sentenced to die in the April 19, 1995, bombing of the Oklahoma City federal building. The blast killed 168 people and injured more than 500.

The pretrial publicity centered on reports about McVeigh's alleged confession, which were published by The Dallas Morning News and Playboy magazine shortly before the trial began March 31.

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Clinton weighing whether to use red pencil

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton has his first big chance to run a red pencil through objectionable items in legislation from Congress. He may not want to use it just yet.

Seventy-nine items in the giant tax-cut bill that Clinton will sign Tuesday are open to the line-item veto, provisions that offer special breaks to everyone from selected gas-station owners to New England makers of apple cider. He also could strike out spending items in the companion bill to balance the budget by 2002.

The tax-and-budget package was the product of arduous negotiations between Clinton and Republicans in Congress, and he might not want to create a bad aftertaste by axing selected items after the fact.

There's a good chance that Clinton's veto would be the subject of a constitutional challenge, so the administration wants to choose its first target carefully.

House Speaker Newt Gingrich said he didn't expect Clinton to use his veto authority on the two bills.

"Since it didn't come up, and we weren't warned about it, I think it would violate the (agreement's) spirit," Gingrich said.

White House spokesman Mike McCurry said Clinton would abide by his agreements with Congress, but that he wouldn't hesitate to use his veto power if warranted.

Administration officials showed an inclination toward accommodation.

"This is not 'let's look for something to veto.' This is 'let's look for how to make it work,'" said communications director Ann Lewis.

Presidents have been seeking the line-item veto since the days of Ulysses S. Grant.

Clinton became the first to get it when Congress passed legislation that took effect Jan. 1 allowing him to strike specific spending items or tax breaks that affect 100 or fewer taxpayers. His only other opportunity to use it was on a disaster-relief bill that Congress approved in June.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR OIL AND GAS WASTE DISPOSAL WELL PERMIT

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The applicant proposes to dispose of oil and gas waste into the San Andres formation, Reinecke Unit Lease, Well No.1-4 SWD. The proposed injection well site is located 14 miles Southeast of Gail, Texas in the Reinecke Field in Borden County. The waste water will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 2700' to 4100' feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Underground Injection Control Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, Drawer 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711-2967 (Telephone 512-463-6790).

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D.M. Cogdell Memorial Hospital will be accepting proposals for its Self-Funded Group Health Care Program until noon on Friday, August 15, 1997. For information contact Jerry Vestal, Controller, D.M. Cogdell Memorial Hospital, 1700 Cogdell Boulevard, Snyder, Texas 79549. Cogdell Memorial Hospital reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any formalities in bidding except time of filing.

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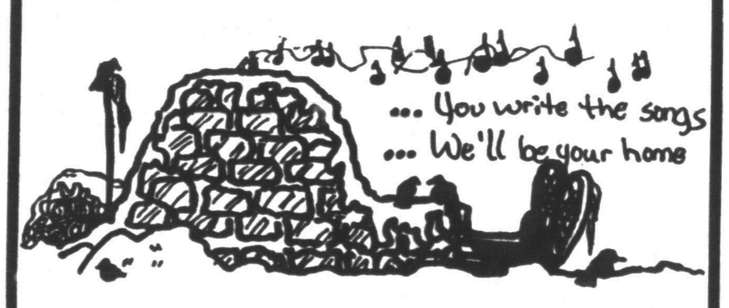
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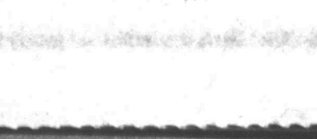
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Museum honoring U.S. airmen opened

DUXFORD, England (AP) — While thousands of American war veterans looked on Friday, Queen Elizabeth II opened a $17 million air museum honoring the sacrifice and courage of U.S. airmen in World War II.

"This museum is a wonderful tribute," said Joseph McCarthy, 76, of Caldwell, Idaho, a mechanic on P47 Thunderbolts at Duxford during the war. "Coming back was a thrill."

The queen called the futuristic concrete-and-glass dome, which resembles a partially buried jet-fighter wing, "a new symbol of Anglo-American friendship."

"I have personal memories and current experience of how the close relationship between our two countries over the years has been enhanced by the presence of the United States Air Force in the United Kingdom," the queen said.

As Princess Elizabeth, she served in the Auxiliary Territorial Service, driving cars and helping to repair heavy vehicles during World War II.

More than 4,000 American veterans crossed the Atlantic for Friday's ceremony at Duxford, the former air base 50 miles north of London that is now the aviation branch of the state-run Imperial War Museum in London.

Also attending were the queen's husband, Prince Philip, second son Prince Andrew and a cousin, the Duke of Kent, who is the museum's patron. Also on the VIP dais were former Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and Charlton Heston, the museum's American co-chairman.

The 73-year-old actor paid tribute to his predecessor as co-chairman, fellow actor James Stewart who died last month, and joked that he felt "seriously outranked" by the generals on the dais.

Laughter surged through the audience when he confessed, "I was only a sergeant" in the 77th Bomb Squadron.

The museum, Europe's largest precast concrete structure, was designed by British architect Sir Norman Foster, himself a pilot.

Behind a curving, 300-foot-wide glass front, it houses 21 American aircraft that flew missions in both world wars, Korea, Vietnam and the Persian Gulf. Many are suspended, giving the impression of flight.

The building's curved shape was dictated by the biggest warplane, a B-52D Stratofortress with swept-back wings spanning 185 feet and a tail fin 52-feet tall. The bomber flew more than 200 missions from Guam in the Vietnam War.

U.S. Air Force Secretary Sheila Widnall said the display "magnificently captures the spirit of man and machine dedicated to peace through strength."

After the speeches, there was a flying display by veteran aircraft, including one of the famous B17 Flying Fortress bombers, a P51 Mustang and a P47 Thunderbolt, all of which are represented in the museum.

"It was really thrilling to watch the B17 fly past today — I wish I could be up there with them," said James Hower, 75, from St. Joseph, Mo., a B17 pilot who was sent to Duxford in 1944.

"We were just men of 21 or 22 and of course it was thrilling to be flying, but in combat you were just scared for your life," Hower said. "I lost a lot of friends during the war."

A glass sculpture outside the museum commemorates the 30,000 American airmen and 7,031 aircraft lost in World War II from British bases.

Since fund-raising began in 1989, tens of thousands of American veterans and other U.S. donors have contributed one-third of the museum's cost. Britain's national lottery, which supports a variety of charities, contributed $10.8 million.

Clinton nominates Powell's son to FCC

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton has nominated the son of retired Army Gen. Colin Powell to sit on the five-member Federal Communications Commission.

Michael Powell, chief of staff of the Justice Department's Antitrust Division, would succeed FCC Commissioner Rachelle Chong. Her term expired June 30, but she is expected to serve until Powell is confirmed. Both Chong and Powell are Republicans.

Senate Commerce Committee Chairman John McCain, R-Ariz., pushed for Powell to get the post, which is subject to Senate confirmation.

On Friday, the committee, which oversees FCC nominations, received the paperwork, which was dated July 31, the committee's spokeswoman said.

Last week, government sources said FCC General Counsel Bill Kennard, a Democrat, was the likely choice to replace Chairman Reed Hundt, who has said he intends to step down as soon as a successor is confirmed.

Asked whether there was a reason why Kennard's designation hasn't been made, White House spokesman Michael McCurry would only say: "It was not ready to go."

Kennard would be the first black to head the FCC. He has the support of industry and public-interest groups and some minority organizations. Still, his confirmation proceeding could be rocky.

Sen. Ernest Hollings, D-S.C., and the Congressional Black Caucus are pushing their own candidate, Ralph Everett, who also is black. And, Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., could try to block Kennard's nomination because of an FCC action that forced an Asheville, N.C., broadcaster off the air.

Of the FCC's five seats, three now are designated to be held by Democrats. One of the two Republican seats is vacant. Except for FCC Commissioner Susan Ness, all the other commissioners will be new once all the nominees are confirmed.

The "new" FCC will continue the difficult job of trying to deregulate the telecommunications industries so that competition evolves, rates go down and consumer choices go up. The FCC's decisions will shape communications policy into the 21st century.

Searchers can't find body of 11-year-old

LAKEWOOD CLUB, Mich. (AP) — Murder suspect Dean Metcalfe made a deal with prosecutors: He'd lead them to the body of a missing 11-year-old girl in exchange for at least a chance of parole someday.

Investigators have found no sign of her.

And prosecutors say the deal is off.

"When he made the confession, I thought, finally, the family could get some rest," said Shawn Chester, a volunteer who missed work as a carpet installer to help search for the little girl, Andre Bosse. "Well, what a blow."

Andre was abducted the morning of June 17 from her home in Lakewood Club, a western Michigan village of 700 people about 60 miles northwest of Grand Rapids. The girl — an only child and a tomboy who loved the Chicago Bulls — was alone; her parents were working at a leather tannery nearby.

Witnesses said they saw Metcalfe, a 44-year-old utility worker, leaving his home about the same time Andre disappeared. Metcalfe lived a few miles away from the Bosses, and his daughter was Andre's best friend.

Metcalfe was arrested two days later 160 miles away in eastern Michigan on unrelated sexual-assault charges.

On July 7, he signed a confession saying he sexually assaulted Andre and shot her in the head. He agreed to take police to the body and plead guilty to second-degree murder, which would carry a very slim chance of parole. First-degree murder carries an automatic life sentence with no parole.

Metcalfe was flown back across the state to Lapeer County's Metamora Township, where police concentrated on 20 heavily wooded acres near a Boy Scout camp. They used dogs, helicopters and boats, but found no trace of the girl.

Metcalfe also recalled that immediately after shooting Andre, he drove past a slate-colored house with gables, garages and a circular driveway. Police found no sign of such a place.

By July 11, Metcalfe said he couldn't remember exactly where he put Andre's body.

Prosecutors believe they will find the body closer to the Bosses' home back in western Michigan, where Metcalfe is in jail, awaiting trial on charges of assaulting three girls in two other cases.

Prosecutor Tony Tague said the plea bargain is off. And with the confession in hand, he will try to build a first-degree murder case against Metcalfe.

"There are no more deals," Tague said. "He shows no remorse. I believe he has enjoyed the media attention and the focus on his horrendous crimes."

Metcalfe "has lived his life manipulating young girls and he may be manipulating law enforcement," Tague said. Metcalfe was accused of sexually assaulting girls in 1984 and 1993, but the cases were dismissed because of weak evidence.

Metcalfe's attorney, Terry Nolan, has refused to comment on prosecutors' latest decision. Nolan previously said Metcalfe "snapped" when he shot Andre in the head.

"He had no intention of killing the girl when he left with her," Nolan told The Muskegon Chronicle. "His intention was to run away with her."

Volunteers continue to search the vast Manistee National Forest in western Michigan for any sign of her. Lakewood Club is at the southern tip of the forest.

"We don't know where she's at. We just ask God to carry this load for us," said Andre's mother, Linda Bosse, 32.

Last week, up to 90 people went out on one search, coping with mosquitoes and rough terrain.

"There are hearts breaking every day this goes on," volunteer Sue Kantola said as she trampled ferns and briars this week, a water bottle in one hand and a ski pole for balance in the other.

"The volunteers are angry at this guy," said Jon Hughes, a radio newsman by day and search commander at night. "He had the audacity to soil home, a safe haven that's no longer safe. It opens your eyes when it happens in your back yard."

Joy ride lands two teens in county jail

Taking a drive on newly-sodded grass was a costly experience for a couple of teen-agers Friday afternoon.

Officers received a call shortly after 5 p.m. from a person who had witnessed a small, white car being driven on newly-sodded grass at Snyder High School. The caller provided a license plate number and the vehicle was later located at 40th Street and College Avenue.

Officers arrested an 18-year-old male for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated and minor in possession. A 19-year-old male passenger was jailed for minor in possession and public intoxication.

School officials were notified of the damages. Additional charges are expected to be filed.

Following a disturbance report at 1:48 p.m. from the 500 block of 19th Street, officers arrested a 32-year-old male for public intoxication.

Two people were taken into custody early Saturday. Officers were called to the Allsup's parking lot at 1:15 a.m., where they arrested a 23-year-old male for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated and a 21-year-old male for public intoxication.

Bobby Blair requested to speak to an officer at 11:04 a.m. Friday in reference to his pickup being damaged. An offense report for Class A criminal mischief was submitted.

Robert Allen requested to speak to a deputy at 11:22 a.m. Friday from a location on CR 3114 in reference to someone stealing four goats. An offense report for theft was submitted.

Mrs. Nelson Brice requested to speak to deputies at 11:31 a.m. Friday in reference to a forgery. An offense report for forgery was submitted.

In other activity Friday, officers were notified at 7:06 a.m. that a person had located a bicycle at the prairie dog town at Towle Park. An offense report for a found bicycle was submitted.

At 2:25 a.m. Saturday, officers were called to Allsup's in reference to someone not paying for $13 worth of gas.

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Bomb-test fallout could mean thyroid cancer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Government researchers hope new studies, including some from the Chernobyl nuclear accident, will yield clues on how many Americans might get thyroid cancer because of radioactive fallout from tests in Nevada 40 years ago.

In a summary of a voluminous report on bomb test fallout, the National Cancer Institute said Friday that as many as 10,000 to 75,000 people, exposed to the 1950s fallout as children, may develop thyroid cancer. Nearly a third of those people may already have been diagnosed with the cancer, the study said.

But the researchers emphasized the estimates are based on "very rough calculations" and incomplete knowledge about the relationship between exposure to radioactive iodine-131 — the study's focus — and thyroid cancer. They called the figures a worst-case scenario.

"We do not feel that we have the data to support the idea that there was a large risk," NCI Director Dr. Richard Klausner told reporters. "On the other hand, we cannot rule it out."

The cancer estimates were based on findings that thousands of children in the 1950s were exposed to high levels of iodine-131 from 90 atmospheric nuclear tests. The fallout contamination affected virtually every state, with particularly high levels in central and northwestern states.

One problem, said Klausner, is that there still is no proof that iodine-131 causes thyroid cancer. While many health experts believe there is a link, they hope the studies involving children exposed to fallout from the 1986 Chernobyl nuclear reactor accident may provide some new evidence. Those studies are expected to be completed within five years.

Already, the Chernobyl studies have found increased cases of thyroid cancer among children. But exposure in that accident was up to 10 times the levels from the U.S. bomb tests.

U.S. experts, urging caution in interpreting the studies, said thyroid cancer grows very slowly and is highly curable.

"What we don't want to have happen is mass hysteria about this," said Dr. Stanley Feld, past president of the American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists.

The government asked the prestigious Institute of Medicine to examine the 100,000-page study on U.S. bomb test fallout exposure and address the health risks raised by the findings within six months.

The NCI advised anyone worried about fallout exposure during childhood to get a thyroid exam. Exposure is measured in rads — the amount of radiation energy absorbed by body tissues.

The study said everyone living in the 48 contiguous states between 1951 and 1958 received some fallout from the Nevada tests. The estimated national average exposure was 2 rads — about five times the level of a modern mammogram.

But 24 counties in Montana, Utah, Idaho, Colorado and South Dakota were exposed to an average of nine to 16 rads, enough to be called hot spots. Dozens of other counties throughout the Farm Belt and Northwest received above-average fallout as well.

Children were at greater risk because they generally drink more milk than adults and have smaller thyroids, so more iodine-131 would concentrate in a small amount of tissue. The study showed children in some instances received doses of up to seven times the average for a county, or as much as 105 rads.

The fallout's effect is still unclear. External radiation, from such sources as strong X-rays, is known to cause thyroid cancer.

To check fallout county by county, Internet users can log onto the NCI's Web site at http://rex.nci.nih.gov

Remains belong to at least two people

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Police are searching for more human remains in a back yard in a middle-class neighborhood in southeast San Antonio after determining that bones found there earlier this summer belong to a least two people.

The bones were discovered at the home of Leonard Rizzo, 45, whose 44-year-old wife, Monika, has been missing since May. Police previously have said DNA tests showed the remains were not those of Monika Rizzo.

Investigators believe the bones found in the back yard last month were those of two and possibly three people and a dog, Deputy Police Chief Albert Ortiz said at a news conference Friday.

The bones were in small pieces as though they had been chopped up, Ortiz said.

"The remains that we have found have been cut down or chopped down or sawed down to such small pieces that we would certainly feel that foul pay is involved," Ortiz said.

Police obtained a search warrant Friday for another search of the Rizzo home and brought in bright lights, cadaver-detecting dogs and archaeology students from the University of Texas at San Antonio to aid in the investigation.

"They've isolated a few areas that will be searched later on," said Sgt. Ernest Celaya, a police spokesman.

The yard is behind a single-story brick house on a cul-de-sac where the Rizzos had lived for eight years. Early Saturday, the house and surrounding yards remained cordoned off with police tape.

The search activity around the house drew curious neighbors Friday, some standing, some seated in lawn chairs.

Leonard Rizzo has been questioned by police but not been charged with any crime, Celaya said.

"Mr. Rizzo is not under arrest ... so he is free to come and go as he pleases," Celaya said.

David Matlock, a private investigator hired by Rizzo's attorney, told the San Antonio Express-News that Rizzo is cooperating with police. "He does not know what happened to his wife and he's very upset about her disappearance," he said.

The Rizzos have lived at the house for eight years and received the home as a gift from Leonard Rizzo's father, according to deed records examined by the Express-News.

Police said Rizzo did not report his wife as missing until investigators went to the house June 5 to inquire about her and found him in a comatose state. He was taken to a hospital for treatment, but no diagnosis was released.

Neighbors reported smelling a foul odor some weeks ago that seemed to be coming from a dead animal, Ortiz said. The neighbors said the stench stopped after a recent rain and they stopped thinking about it.

San Antonio television station KSAT reported that the police have been searching another location in south Bexar County and have collected evidence in the case that indicated bodies may have been burned there. That evidence will be turned over to DNA specialists Monday.

Also, KSAT reported, police have been to at least three businesses and searched through files to determine whether Leonard Rizzo had access to a wood chipping machine.

Mystery deepens with report that Cunanan was not HIV positive

MIAMI (AP) — The report that Andrew Cunanan did not have the AIDS virus has only deepened the mystery into his motives for allegedly killing five men in a cross-country crime spree.

Rumors that Cunanan was HIV positive spurred the theory that the slayings were motivated by "AIDS rage" — a compulsion to lash out and seek revenge because he thought he had been infected.

Tests performed during an autopsy showed the 27-year-old Cunanan did not have the virus, The Miami Herald reported Friday, citing three unidentified law enforcement sources.

The rationale behind Cunanan's actions may never be known. The man suspected of killing designer Gianni Versace and four other men did not leave a suicide note when he shot himself July 23 aboard a Miami Beach houseboat.

"Many of the questions are unanswerable," said Coleen Rowley, an FBI spokeswoman in Minneapolis, where two of the victims were killed.

Rowley, who closely followed the manhunt for three months, declined comment on the Herald's report, saying whether Cunanan had HIV was not part of her agency's focus.

Cunanan's HIV test results are not being disclosed by the medical examiner's office because Florida law prohibits disclosure in most cases unless a court order is obtained.

Weeks of talk show speculation by everyone from serial killer profilers to psychics have shed no light on what prompted the killings.

"That must be what he intended," said Vernon Geberth, a former New York City homicide commander who wrote the authoritative investigators' guidebook: "Practical Homicide Investigation."

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Obituaries

Mary Meador

1923-1997

SAN ANGELO — Funeral service for Mary Ellen Reed Meador was held at 10 a.m. Saturday in the First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Carl Rohlfs officiating. Burial was to be at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at Hillside Memorial Gardens in Snyder.

Mrs. Meador, 73, died at 4:45 p.m. July 31 at Columbia Medical Center in San Angelo.

She was born Oct. 15, 1923 in Breckenridge. She graduated from Breckenridge High School and attended John Tarlton Agricultural College in Stephenville. She married Roy Verner Meador Jr. in Breckenridge on Feb. 6, 1947.

Mrs. Meador was secretary to the district attorney in Snyder for 12 years and worked at various accounting firms over the years. More recently, she was secretary at St. Mark's Presbyterian Church in San Angelo.

She was a long-time member of the American Business Women's Association, where she served as president and was honored as Woman of the Year in the Snyder chapter. She was active in the United Methodist Women, taking part in Emmaus Walks and Gatherings, the Bayith Sunday School class and the XYZ Club.

Her husband, who preceded her in death, had been a sports announcer for KSNY Radio in Snyder for many years.

Survivors include two daughters, Nancy Hewitt of Friendswood and Valli Ann Kerr of Cedar Hill; a brother, Gilbert Balley of Graford; and two grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the music program or the building fund of the First United Methodist Church of San Angelo.

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Jack Warren

1927-1997

Graveside service for San Angelo resident Jack Waner Warren, 70, of San Angelo will be held at 2 p.m. Monday in the Snyder Cemetery with the Rev. Paul Terry officiating.

The family will receive friends from 6:30-8 Sunday evening at Johnson's Funeral Home in San Angelo.

Mr. Warren died Saturday at his residence. He was born June 29, 1927 in Keren, Texas. He married Johnnye Cole on Aug. 1, 1961 in Snyder.

He served in the Marines in World War II and received the Purple Heart and other battle stars and medals.

He worked for Tucker Drilling Co. of San Angelo and Iraq Petroleum. In 1963 he began an 18-year-career in farming in Scurry, Kent and Garza counties. He returned to San Angelo in 1981 and worked as an independent oil and gas consultant until he retired in 1987.

He is survived by his wife, Johnnye Warren; his father, "Mack" Warren of Hermleigh; two daughters, Mary Johna Warren of San Angelo and Tomibeth Brooks of Weatherford; seven sisters; Martha McCoy of Pennsylvania; Marilyn Williams of Post; Billie Ruth Shingleton of Fredricksburg; Gloria Lee Glass of Odessa; Joyce Ann Lionberger of Hermleigh; Connie Reed of Sweetwater; Tracey Lee Dickerhoff of Snyder; two brothers, Robert Warren of Midland and Stanley Warren of Okinawa, Japan; and two granddaughters.

Elmer Etgen

1910-1997

LUBBOCK — Funeral service for Elmer Henry Etgen, 87, will be held at 7:30 p.m. Sunday at the Overlook in Post, with Father Tom officiating.

Mr. Etgen died July 30 at his home. He was born on April 4, 1910 in McCartyville, Ohio. He was a sergeant major in the U.S. Army and worked for the Inland Prop Division with General Motors, designing aircraft during World War II. He was also a design engineer for Mattel Toys. He designed many prototypes including the first irrigation sprinkler systems on wheels.

Mr. Etgen moved to Snyder in 1953 and was the consulting engineer in the building of Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

He moved to Lubbock in 1962, where he was a master pattern maker and a machinist. He was a Catholic.

Survivors include a daughter, Martha Millhollon of Snyder; a son, Elmer Etgen of Lubbock; a sister, Stella Mead of Lancaster, Calif.; eight grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Jamison Funeral Home of Lubbock is in charge of arrangements.

Ed Roach

1912-1997

ODESSA — Funeral service for Joseph Edwin Roach, 84, will be held at 2 p.m. Monday at Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home Chapel with Charles Jones officiating.

Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Mr. Roach died July 31 at Medical Center Hospital. He was born Nov. 30, 1912 in Queen City and married Polly Bell on Sept. 23, 1956 in Lordsburg, N.M.

He moved to Odessa in April 1967 from Albuquerque, N.M. He was a civilian pilot instructor for the Air Force at Mirana Air Force Base in Tuscon, Ariz.

Mr. Roach was the step grandfather of Michael Arbuckle of Snyder.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Roach; a brother, L.D. Roach; a sister, Jane Schneider; a son, Joseph Edwin Roach Jr.;. and a daughter, Paula Jo Roach.

Other survivors include his wife, Polly Roach of Odessa; a son, Michael Stephen Roach of Odessa; two daughters, Cheryl Miller of Tuscon and Pamela Bechtold of Denver. Colo.; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to Parkview Church of Christ.

Lease

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of interest from funds placed in the Scurry County, Texas Health Care Fund. The current document states that "Of the interest and other earnings on the Health Care Fund, (blank) percent shall be deposited to the credit of the Health Care Fund and the balance shall be deposited to the Scurry County general fund to be used for any lawful purpose."

Said Fritz, "We voted as a court to use 100 percent of the interest to reduce taxes, and in my mind that's what we are going to do. I think we are bound by that."

The lease states the tenant (CHS) will have the right to assign the agreement to an affiliate; however, it also allows Scurry County to terminate the lease at a price. That price ranges from $7 million prior to the first anniversary to $250,000 prior to the 15th anniversary, with increments in between.

Finally, the agreement states that CHS will commit to continue services now being offered as long as the advisory board considers those services essential. The lease also states that CHS will seek to develop new services that will enhance the growth of the hospital and contribute to quality patient care.

What's Up?

Primera Iglesia youth

A garage sale to benefit Primera Iglesia Bautista youth will be held from 8-4 p.m. Saturday at 319 30th St. All kinds of items will be available.

Summer band practice

Sophomores, juniors and seniors will begin summer band practice Monday in the high school band hall. All students interested in being in the band should attend.

Ave. D Baptist revival

Evangelist Jim Mosley will lead a four-day revival starting Sunday at the Avenue D Baptist Church, 324 30th. Sunday schedule is Sunday school at 9:45 a.m., worship at 10:45 and evening service at 6 p.m. Monday through Wednesday services are at 7 p.m. Leo Day Jr. will direct the music and Charles Day is the pastor.

Hermleigh ex-students

The Hermleigh Ex-Student Association will meet at 7 p.m. Monday in the school cafeteria. Anyone having addresses of former students is asked to bring them. For more information call 863-2241 or 573-2187.

Vacation Bible School

First Presbyterian Church

Monday, 9 a.m. to noon for children age three through the sixth grade.

Grand jury

Some dozen cases will be considered Monday by the Scurry County grand jury when it convenes at 9 a.m. in 132nd District Court.

Civil defense testing

Weather permitting, the city's civil defense sirens will be tested at noon Monday.

Pick 3

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

4-4-4

(four, four, four)

Cash Five

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

8-22-26-30-39

(eight, twenty-two, twenty-six, thirty, thirty-nine)

Area schools earn recognized ratings

From local, wire reports

Crediting community involvement and students' hard work, Texas Education Commissioner Mike Moses said Friday a record number of school districts and campuses got top marks from the state this year.

Schools in Scurry County named as recognized were Hermleigh, Ira and Northeast Elementary in Snyder.

"We're real plaeased with the rankings," said Hermleigh Superintendent Jerry Church. "It shows that our kids and teachers are working real hard."

Church said the Hermleigh schools have been ranked as recognized three of the four years TEA has released the rankings.

"It will be hard for us to move up — although we're all trying real hard. Any time you have a district as small as ours, one student messing up can change the proportions in a hurry."

Ira Superintendent Rick Howard and Northeast Elementary Principal Lee Presswood could not be reached for comment Saturday morning.

Hermleigh, Ira and Borden County school districts all also received recognized ratings. Other districts in the area receiving the rating included Post, Roby and Rotan. Jayton received an exemplary rating.

A record 64 school districts and 680 campuses received the state's highest rating, exemplary. Last year, 37 districts and 394 campuses rated exemplary.

The acceptable ranking requires at least 35 percent of all students at a district or campus and those in each student group (black, Hispanic, white and economically disadvantaged) to pass each subject tested on the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills. That's up from 30 percent last year.

The dropout rate also must be 6 percent or less, and attendance must be at least 94 percent.

The accountability system's highest rating, exemplary, requires a passing rate of at least 90 percent on the TAAS, a dropout rate of no more than 1 percent and 94 percent attendance.

The next tier is recognized. It requires at least a 75 percent passing rate on the TAAS, a dropout rate of 3.5 percent or less and 94 percent attendance.

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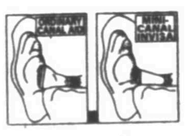
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I would like to register my displeasure at certain individuals in the community, on both sides of the issue who have blown it way out of proportion until it is no longer a civic or political issue, but a very unfunny joke.

When August 9th comes and goes, these individuals will walk away smug in the idea they have done their civic duty. However, it will be up to the employees at the hospital, who struggle every day to make Cogdell as good as possible, to restore public confidence and trust and to repair the tarnished image of our hospital. It will not be an easy task. To all our "Civic Minded Helpers" all I have to say is **THANKS A LOT.**

David Hoops R.T.

Paid For By David Hoops, Snyder, Texas

Jenise Judah enjoys Bluebonnet Girls State

Jenise Judah, daughter of Jim and Deborah Judah, spent 10 days in June absorbing all the intricate details of the governmental process.

Arriving at Texas Lutheran University in Seguin for the June 17-27 Bluebonnet Girls State, Jenise and more than 500 other girls throughout Texas concentrated on all levels of government — city, county and state.

Jenise was assigned to live in City "I" in Pecan County. She also belonged to the Federal Party and served in the House.

Early in the session, inhabitants of each city had to draw up a charter and decide which type of local government they preferred, a strong mayor or a weak mayor.

Each city also approved a flurry of ordinances, designed to solve the challenges or problems which each had been assigned.

Since City I had a polluted spring in a nearby state park, one of the ordinances most enforced addressed that problem. If any one walked in the spring or threw trash in it, she had to wear a "demeaning sign for a day" spelling out the offense.

On Day Three, city elections were held. On Day Four, participants signed up to run for a district, county or state position. Those elections were held that Saturday. Jenise unsuccessfully sought the office of state agricultural commissioner. However, she did win her party's nomination for that position.

Jenise still had the opportunity to serve. After the governor was elected, she then made several appointments based on which of the defeated candidates had impressed her the most with their speeches.

Jenise was appointed to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission. Since that appointment came later in the session, Jenise said they only had three days to decide what problems the commission should concentrate on.

One included establishing a trash observation day. To emphasize the point, Jenise said they created a skit reminding everyone to be aware of trash and to pick it up.

Another, observed for a day, encouraged participants to walk on sidewalks rather than the grass.

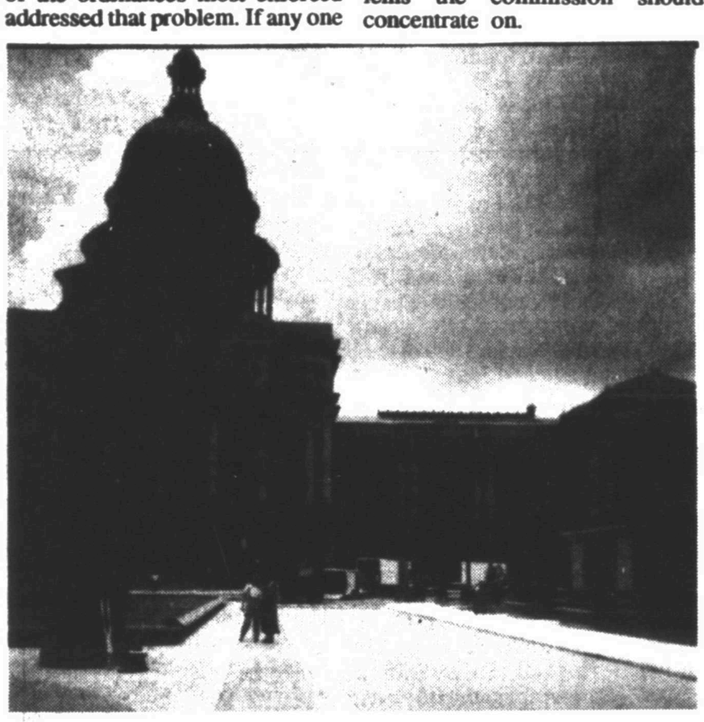
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Scurry County Folks

by Shirley A. Gorman



ATTENDS GIRLS STATE — Jenise Judah attended Bluebonnet Girls State in June. She is shown with the t-shirt, certificates and pictures she collected. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)



STATE CAPITOL — Jenise Judah visited the capitol during Bluebonnet Girls State. (Contributed Photo)

Jenise received a certificate for serving on the commission which operated under the oversight of the land commission.

Throughout Girls State, all of the participants held daily, two-hour House or Senate sessions during which they learned how to conduct business such as introducing bills according to proper parliamentary procedures.

The Speaker of the House and President of the Senate, both non-students, were very strict, but by the end of the session, Jenise said all of the participants had learned the correct way to conduct business.

The speaker and president had picked committee heads based on applications all of the girls filled out at the beginning of the session. Jenise was named chairperson of the higher education committee.

Bills introduced at the House were discussed in various committees. Jenise chaired the discussion of her committee and when the House came back into session she presented the bill.

Late in the session, Jenise and the other House members also visited the Capitol where they conducted one of their sessions. Several state representatives visited the gallery while the girls were there.

One of the bills passed by the House allowed students who maintained a 93 grade point average to have more days off during the school year. Presently, students are allowed five days per semester.

During the Girls State session, both the Federal and National Parties established platforms which were quite similar, Jenise said.

Choosing the platform was a lengthy process. At first, everyone met in the county precincts and appointed chairpersons.

Ideas were introduced for discussion. Later, the committee chairs held a meeting from which the platform was formalized.

A few of the provisions concerned the prison system, such as no parole for hardened criminals or at least none be granted until they had served at least half of their sentence.

Members also considered having prisoners do more work and granting raises to teachers.

Jenise enjoyed Bluebonnet Girls State very much. Not only did she meet new friends, but she also learned how the election process works, especially at the state level. She gained poise and confidence from speaking in front of more than 300 House members.

Jenise enjoyed the debates and the debaters, which drew a lot of interest..

In addition to a great learning experience, the girls also had fun when they staged a state fair as the session was ending. City I put on a beauty pageant, talent show and stuffed animal pet show.

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Covey and Walton were married on June 14

An elegant garden setting provided the background for the private celebration and wedding vows of Cara Cerise Covey and Dalton Cade Walton, on June 14, 1997. The Reverend Tom Erlbeck of Denton, Texas, officiated the double ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Lanny and Patsy Covey of Snyder, and the granddaughter of Edna Davis and the late Bert Davis of Snyder. Her paternal grandparents were the late Clyde and Leota Covey of Rule, Texas.

The groom is the son of Ms. Sally Walton, and Mr. and Mrs. Dalton Walton. He is the grandson of E.D. and Wanda Walton, and the late Nathan and Una Wade, all of Snyder.

Guests were seated to soft music provided by Ms. Heather Bennett on keyboard, and Ms. Ann Patterson on flute and soprano sax. Selections included "Can You See the Love Tonight," "The Wedding Song," "Ester," and "Evergreen." "Pachebel's Canon in D" marked the entrance of the wedding party, and the "Bridal Chorus" by Wagner announced the arrival of the bride.

The lush greenery and abundance of mixed flora adorning the backyard of E.D. and Wanda Walton's home was enhanced with generous blooms of red and deep pink azaleas and kimberly ferns. The couple pledged their vows beneath a white latticed heart archway embellished with white tulle, silk ivy, white silk wisteria blooms, and silk fuchsia stargazer lilies. A colorful mix of fresh spring flowers, including enchantment lilies, gerbera daisies, roses, snapdragons, and baby's breath added to the elegant setting. A latticed screen, placed behind the couple, was adorned with white tulle, grapevine, white silk wisteria, and stargazer lilies, and abundant pots of fresh springeri fern complemented the garden theater. The family candles and unity candle were held in a brass candle stick and placed on a white Grecian column along a stone walkway.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore an elegant gown designed by herself and sewn by Mrs. Lucille Massingill. The dress, accomplished in white bridal satin and embellished with silk embroidery, sequins, and pearls, featured a sleeveless, raglan bodice and wedding band collar. The front bodice of the gown was fashioned with a heart cut-away which was encircled with seed pearls and defined with pearl droplets in the top arches of the heart. The heart motif was seen again on the bodice back with pearl strands draping the length of the heart and seed pearls again encircling the cut-away. Tiny button closures held a fitted waist and secured a double folded bustle and generous sash which gently framed a deep back slit. The slim Victorian length skirt was enhanced with four layers of pearl droplets cascading beyond the hem of the gown. The bride's satin bridal shoes had been covered in pearls and sequins by her mother, and her hair was secured in soft curls down the back of her neck with silk beads and baby's breath.

The bride wore diamond and pearl earrings, a gift from Dalton and Linda Walton. She carried a "sixpence in her shoe," given by Jo Longbotham, and she wore a garter especially designed for her by Nancy Harris. Her traditional cascading bouquet was resplendent with colorful spring flowers consisting of dendrobium orchids, belladonna delphenium, gerbera daisies, yellow and candia roses, hot pink mini carnations, alstromeria lilies, purple and white lizzianthus, and baby's breath snuggled deep within lush English ivy and springeri fern.

Matron of Honor Shanna Burton, of Abilene, and sister of the bride, wore a tea length black crepe dress featuring a white lace over-bodice edged with heavy crocheted lace. A single strand of pearls encircled her neck, and her ensemble was complete with black patent heels. Her bouquet was a traditional nosegay with color accents similar to the bride's bouquet and filled with smaller flowers of the same variety as the bride's.

The groom selected a black shawl-collared waistcoat and a white wing-collared shirt. A black bow tie, black cummerbund, and coordinating black pleated trousers completed his traditional wedding attire. Best man Roe Patterson, of Midland, was dressed identical to the groom. The groom's boutonniere held small mixed spring flowers consisting of pink mini carnations, purple statice, gold button mums, and baby's breath. The best man's boutonniere was as the groom's.

Flowergirl Natalie Ann Kendrick, and niece of the groom, was festive in her white organza, high-waisted dress with puffed sleeves and ruffled neckline. Her three tiered, party skirt was enhanced with a sash and bow at the back waist. A white bow adorned her hair, and white shoes and anklets complemented her ensemble. She carried a white basket and dropped an array of flower petals. Natalie is the daughter of Scott and Kristin Kendrick of Cedar Park, Texas.

Carson Covey Burton, nephew of the bride, served as ring bearer for the ceremony. Carson was handsome in a single button, single breasted black tuxedo jacket complete with satin striping, coordinating with black pleated trousers, a white pleated tuxedo shirt, black cummerbund, black bow tie, and black dress patent shoes. He carried a white pillow bearing the couple's wedding rings. Carson is the son of Jonathan and Shanna Burton of Abilene, Texas.



Mr. and Mrs. Dalton Cade Walton

Following the exchange of wedding vows, the bride presented her groom with her taped solo performance of "My Valentine."

The afternoon ceremony was finalized with an exquisite acappella performance of "The Lord's Prayer," sung by Ms. Melanie Smith of Houston, Texas. As the groom kissed his bride, chords of Mendelssohn's "Wedding March" marked the conclusion of their marriage ceremony. The bride and groom exchanged champagne toasts from silver locked-heart goblets, and the wedding party received their guests in a private reception at the residence.

The bride's table was covered with a crisp, white linen cloth and was lavishly adorned with garden designed topiary trees of bright mixed spring flowers consisting of pink roses, dendrobium lilies, hot pink mini carnations, purple and white lizzianthus, white stephanotis, and baby's breath. Her cake featured three independent white, heart-shaped cakes, each hosting an assortment of fresh flowers including stargazer lilies, purple statice, yellow statice, white stephanotis, mini carnations, and baby's breath, all supporting a cascade of baby's breath and greenery along the cake pedestal. Champagne punch was served from a hand-painted punch bowl, and white heart mints and nuts were offered as well. Serving at the bride's table were Sandy Pollard, Kim Knipe, Rhonda Sutter, and Esme' Olvera.

The groom's table was covered in a quilt designed especially for the groom as a young child, by Mrs. Coy Kingsbury of Tuttle, Oklahoma. The navy and rust colors of the box-quilt design captured the essence of a young cowboy, and his name and date of birth were stitched into the heirloom. The centerpiece, an original arrangement designed by his mother, incorporated the groom's boots from childhood, spurs, and hat. This generous arrangement of antherium, blue belladonna delphenium, lemon leaf greenery, springeri fern, and bear grass were all placed handsomely on a Jon Barboglio iron tray. German Chocolate cake was served by Ms. Charlotte Culwell of Marble Falls, Texas, and champagne was served by Ms. Mary Brice of Kerrville and Ms. Laura Schulz of Houston, Texas. Finger sandwiches, nuts, and chocolate-dipped strawberries were offered as well.

The bride and groom were ushered to a waiting BMW convertible amidst a shower of bubbles and enjoyed an afternoon drive before returning for a large evening reception hosted at the Snyder Country Club by Dalton and Linda Walton.

Guests were greeted with a ceiling full of pearl white and diamond clear balloons dressed with iridescent white ribbon leading them to a tunnel of string-of-pearl arches which formed an entrance to the ballroom. The ballroom dance floor was framed by large columns of pearl and diamond clear balloons holding a canopy of string-of-pearl arches. Tables throughout the club were dressed in white cloth with pearl and crystal beaded tulle surrounding crystal ivy bowls with pearl and diamond clear balloon clusters reaching to the ceiling.

A seven-layer wedding cake, featuring basket weaving and fresh floral arrangements between each layer was served to the many guests. Both bride's cakes were prepared by Mrs. Tori Lyons of Snyder.

Chef Carly, of Greentree Country Club, in Midland, Texas, designed two four foot ice sculptures, one of a love swan and the other a "W". Champagne, fresh shrimp cocktails, and cheese bites with crackers were served. Music was provided by the "Daddy-O's" of Austin, Texas.

In the last moments of the evening, the bride sang a live performance of "My Valentine" for her groom, and the couple thanked their guests and families for making their wedding day one to remember for always. A stretch limousine carried the couple away for their honeymoon cruise to the Bahamas.

The bride graduated from Snyder High School in 1994 and attended Western Texas College. She presently attends Texas Tech University as a junior pre-pharmacy major and is employed as a pharmacy tech at Eckerd Drug in Lubbock. The groom, a 1992 graduated of Snyder High School, graduated from Texas Tech University in December, 1996, with a degree in business agriculture. He is affiliated with First National Bank in Lubbock and is studying for a second degree in accounting at Tech. The couple reside in Lubbock.

Paid Notice

Always read label before using 'weed killer'

By JAMES E. WALTERS

PHOENIX (AP) — Be sure to read the label carefully before applying a "weed killer." A friend of mine lost four maturing shade trees that kept his home's air conditioning costs within reason and provided a gorgeous setting for his desert home.

Remember that sterilants do what they promise: sterilize the soil and make it unfit for plant growth, whether it's desirable or undesirable. Most will last for at least one season. Others can persist up to 10 years.

Some years ago the University of Arizona, quoting research of James R. Feucht, reported that seven commonly used herbicides had caused confirmed damage to trees. Most involved applications made over the root zones or situations in which tree roots grew into treated areas. In only a handful of cases could damage be attributed to lateral movement.

Sometimes the cause is obvious from the pattern of damage. Trees along fences and driveways show symptoms while those farther away do not.

The University of Arizona said tree roots seldom are killed initially. It is more common to first find interference with or inhibition of the photosynthetic process, resulting in yellowing (chlorosis) of leaves and finally death of tissues. It is not uncommon to find residue amounts higher in foliage than in soil.

This was my friend's experience. It took about a year to complete the process. Experts cautioned against trying to flood the chemical beyond the root zones, saying this was only likely to spread it and that the best hope was to keep it above most of the roots until it dissipated in the ground. Heavy spring rains refused to cooperate.

Activated charcoal also was suggested, but it would not work on the type of herbicide used. However, the idea did result in a good suggestion for anyone with such a major problem: contact the company that made the product to see if it can help.

My friend had just wanted to erase some weeds that could have been hand-pulled or sprayed with a formulation with no long-lasting effects.

The product he bought — enough for 20,000 square feet — did say in large print on the label that it eliminates the weeds he was targeting. But it also said in equally large print: read the entire label and use strictly in accordance with precautionary statements and directions.

And, under "IMPORTANT," the label warned not to use the product for controlling weeds around shrubs or trees or in flower or vegetable beds.

My friend said he'd never noticed the precautionary statements.

Such reports recently led DowElanco, which didn't make the herbicide he used, to announce efforts to improve readability of pesticide labels.

David Byron, product development manager for DowElanco of Indianapolis, said the company hopes to enlist the entire industry in the effort. Product development experts and copywriters experienced in writing product labels for the retail market are reworking labels.

"All wording will be made as simple as possible," he added. "Sentences will be scrutinized for clarity and changed so the message is presented in the fewest words possible."

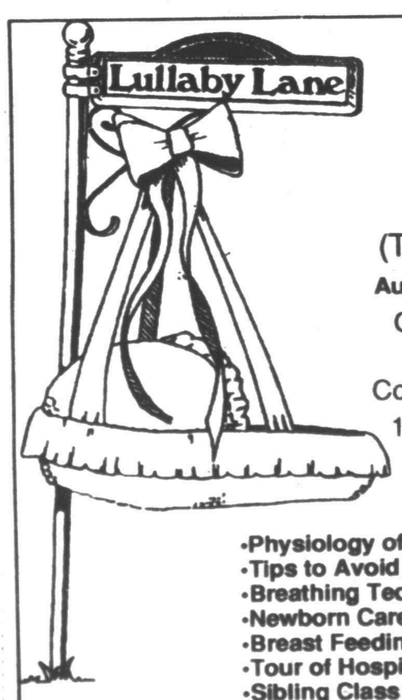
DowElanco plans to present the revised labels to the Environmental Protection Agency, retailers, consumer groups and horticultural extension agents for further suggestions and have them on store products soon, Byron said.

EDITOR'S NOTE: James Walters worked for the AP as a reporter and editor from 1947 until he retired in 1984.

Woman drove herself to jail

BUTTE, Mont. (AP) — Kellie Parini knew where the officer was taking her, so she took things into her own handcuffed hands. She commandeered a police cruiser and drove herself to jail.

Officer William Burt said that when he pulled Ms. Parini over for driving erratically Thursday, she said, "You know I'm drunk. Just take me to jail."



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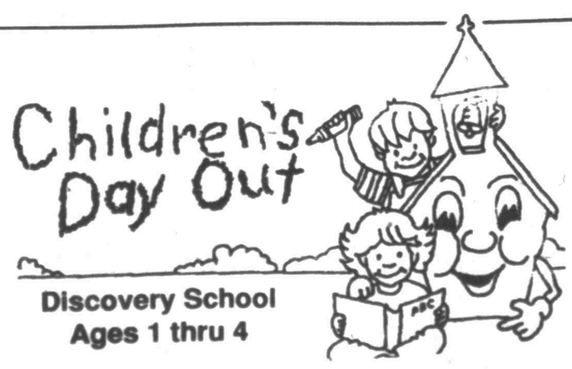
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Amy Eicke and Ellis exchange wedding vows

Amy Heather Eicke of Snyder and William Scott Ellis of Sherman were united in marriage at 10:30 a.m. on June 28 at the Gazebo on the square.

The location was originally planned for the Cornelius Dodson House. Officiating was Major Boglin, a marriage and family counselor and instructor at Abilene Christian University.

The bride is the daughter of Arlie and Barbara Eicke of Snyder, and the granddaughter of Lavelle Eicke of Snyder. The maternal grandparents are Roy and Wenona Martin of Warner, Okla.

Mr. Ellis is the son of Mary and Charley Ellis Jr. of Sherman. His paternal grandparents are Jerri and Charley Ellis Sr. of Plains and maternal grandparents are Leo and Marge Kirkley of Claremore, Okla.

Guests were greeted by Spencer Goad, cousin of the bride from Edmond, Okla. He gave each a program after they registered at a brass music stand, on pages engraved with ivy and held in place with silk roses and ivy. The pen used to sign was handmade of ironwood by Don Fair of Dallas, the maternal grandfather of the bride. A tin and brass bucket holding white German statis, Queen Anne's Lace, Baby's Breath and white carnations was placed at the base of the music stand.

Guests entered on the southeast corner of the square and the bridal pathway was marked by two large Boston ferns atop large iron stands. Beside the chairs for the mothers of the bride and groom were European flower buckets holding tree fern and Queen Anne's lace.

The Gazebo posts and railings were entwined with ivy, the symbol of fidelity. Centered on the front of the Gazebo were three overlapping grapevine wreaths also entwined with ivy to signify the unity of Scott, Amy and God.

The area was accented with white square planters of pink and white periwinkles, pink, purple and white petunias and pink geraniums. The floral arrangements and decorating of the Gazebo area, as well as the bouquets carried by the bridesmaids and boutonniers for the groomsmen, were fashioned by Teka and Todd Wade of Dallas, aunt and uncle of the bride.

Parents and grandparents were seated to a recording of the bride singing "Heirlooms," which included original verses written by the bride and groom. Additional musical selections were presented by a male a cappella quartet of Terry Bowden, Gary Martin, Rick Martin and Ken Spoor, all of Snyder. Selections included "God Give Us Christian Homes," "The Rose," "Friends," and "The Bond of Love."

The bride, in the absence of her father, elected to walk in unescorted. She wore on her finger his wedding ring to signify her family ties. As she entered, a recording of a letter to the bride and groom from her father was played. It was followed by his singing, "I Love You with the Love of the Lord." Later in the ceremony, Amy removed the ring from her dad and put on her wedding ring, signifying the new relationship with her husband.

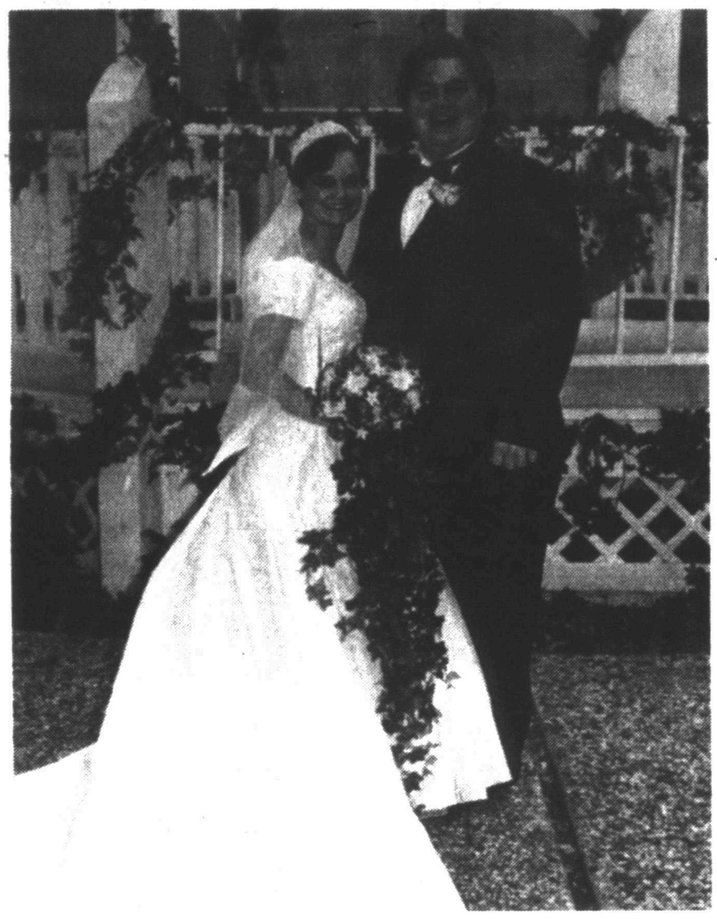
She was radiant in a gown of pure Italian silk featuring a scoop neckline topped with sheer illusion, highlighted with hand-embroidered silk motiffs and pearls. The fitted bodice had a basque waistline that allowed the full skirt to float gracefully to the toe and sweep into a full cathedral-length train.

A large puff bow accented the back, just below the waist. Silk motiffs and pearls graced the gown's bodice, short-fitted, off-the-shoulder sleeves, skirt, bow and train. She wore a diamond necklace made especially for the occasion, given to her by her parents. She also wore diamond earrings borrowed from a long-time family friend, Bettie McQueen. Her ensemble was complete with the bridal tiara of pearls and Austrian crystals with double tiers of hemmed diamond white sheer tulle in fingertip length.

The bride carried the traditional "something old" in her bridal bouquet, a baby bonnet that she wore as an infant that, with the clip of three stitches, became a wedding handerchief. Her gown and necklace were "something new." The earrings from Mrs. McQueen were "something borrowed." Her wedding garter, made by Gramma Martin, was "something blue." She also wore a penny with a cross cut out of it in her shoe.

The bride carried a bouquet of stephanotis, white with purple tipped lisianthus and blue agapanthus florets, surrounded by carnival roses. English ivy cascaded the full length of the bride's gown from the nosegay. Envisioned by the bride, it was created by Marsha of Colorado City Floral, as were the carnival rose corsages for the mothers and grandmothers.

Standing as bridesmaids were Traci Eicke, sister of the bride of Snyder, and Sandy Stewart of Abilene, both wearing royal purple, Shelly Englert of Snyder and Holly Sanders of San Angelo, both wearing emerald green, Jennifer Early of Dallas and Jennifer Edgar of Abilene, both wearing bright royal blue. All dresses were fashioned of crepe back satin in jewel tone colors, featuring floor-length fitted, sleeveless, A-line dresses flowing full at the knee, with rounded neckline and straps crossing over the back, accented with a bow. The dresses were made by the mother of the groom, Mary Ellis. Each attendant carried arm bouquets of light pink and hot pink roses, pink and yellow mini tiger lilies, purple astor and Dutch iris, all held with three-inch brocade ribbon bows.



Mr. and Mrs. William Scott Ellis

Groomsmen were Justin Ellis, brother of the groom of Sherman, James Henderson, Jason Kumalo, Matt Melching, Robert Powell and Spencer Stewart, all friends of the groom from Abilene. They wore Christian Dior classic black tuxedos with diamond vests and bow ties to match the dress of the bridesmaid escorted. The groom's tuxedo was a black pin stripe with black diamond vest and tie.

Attendants stood in couples surrounding the bride and groom, all facing the audience.

Five flower girls preceded Amy, carrying silver baskets holding purple potpourri. They stood in two rows on octagon shaped, ivy painted, stepping stones. As Amy passed between them, they tossed petals at her feet. After she passed by, they were seated in the audience. Flower girls were Ashton Blomstedt, cousin of the groom from Sherman, Brittany Fair, cousin of the bride from Amarillo, Kelci Goad, cousin of the bride from Edmond and Kailea and Kelsey Shaw, friends of the bride from Snyder. They wore dresses of their choosing in various summer colors.

The mothers came forward with lighted candles, for the lighting of the unity candle. The candles were of different colors, signifying the difference in familes. After the couple lit the unity candle, they blew out the candles given by each mother, showing the beginning of a new family and the separation from their fathers and mothers. The quartet sang "The Bond of Love" during the ceremony. This was followed by a prayer by the groom's father. In addition to writing their own vows, the couple asked the audience to participate by pledging to be an encouragement to the couple to keep the vows they made.

The recessional was a recording of "Be My Valentine" sung by Joe Phillips and written and played by Mike Shuler. Traffic was stopped at the corner of the square so the bridal party, family and friends could exit to the Garden Room of the First Baptist Church. Just outside, guests could view a table with pictures of the bride and groom, showing their growing up years.

After being greeted in the receiving line, guests were welcomed to a buffet table draped in deep green with appointments of silver and crystal, with an array of finger sandwiches, hor d'oeuvres, Swedish meatballs and fruit. A garden tea cart held a silver coffee service, graced with the bridal bouquet. Iced tea was available from a table covered with a star pattern quilt, given to the bride and groom by the bride's paternal grandmother, Lavelle Eicke. It was accented with a small white pitcher and bowl filled with Dutch iris, and German statis.

The bride's table was draped with white eyelet gathered from the table edge to the floor with eyelet cloth overlay. The table held a 5-tier, English butter cake with butter cream frosting. The layers were decorated with Australian lace and shell border. They were arranged on separate white Janke pillars in graduated heights in a semi-circle. Each layer held separate figurines from the "Pretty as a Picture" series to depict the stages of the couple's courthship. They included "Dreaming of Things Yet to Come" and There Isn't a Continent Large Enough to Hold My Love for You" on the first tier, "Will You Be My One and Only?" on the second tier, "Pekaboo, I Love You" on the third, "Just You and Me Always" on the fourth, and the fifth tier held the bride and groom figurine titled, "You and Me Forever."

At the base of the pillars, the bridesmaids displayed their arm bouquets while they served guests. A crystal punch bowl, resting on a crystal platter, held purple berry punch.

Centered on the table in a pitcher of carnival glass was an arrangement of light pink roses, Dutch iris and white German statis with baby's breath. Mints of purple and white with the initial "E" were available on crystal platters as were mixed nuts in a large crystal bowl. Beverage napkins, with the name of the bride and groom and their wedding date, in the various colors, completed the table.

The round groom's table was draped with a floor-length floral cloth of the bride's colors, overlaid with a hand-crocheted cloth belonging to Meloney Early, longtime family friend. The Bible-shaped cake of German chocolate was a gift from one of the bridesmaids and was inscribed with the words, "Love is patient, love is kind ..love never fails" from I Cor. 13. A long, wide, white bowl held light and hot pink roses and greenery. The table also offered yellow lemonade and pecans, each in a crystal bowl.

Wedding guests were seated at glass-topped tables with a single antique cup and saucer filled with small flowers of the wedding colors atop a handmade doiley. Other tables were draped in cloths of the bride's colors and overlaid with lace cloths, with terra cotta pots holding purple pansies and pink geraniums.

Members of the wedding houseparty included Bettie McQueen, Meloney Early, Loretta Lee, D'Ann Preston, Dianna Riggan, JoAnn Ham and Martha Gist.

The bride and groom left the reception in their wedding attire, to go visit the bride's father. They departed to a shower of bird seed and best wishes.

The groom's family hosted a rehearsal dinner on Friday evening at the Golden Corral. A bridal luncheon was held Friday in the home of Bettie McQueen.

After a wedding trip to Playa Del Carmen, Mexico, the couple is at home at 849 E. North 16th in Abilene. Both will continue their education as juniors at Abilene Christian University. Amy is an interior design major and Scott is pursuing a double major in marketing and business.

On May 18, Andover, Mass., holds a sheep shearing festival that features sheep shearing contests, sheepdog demonstrations, and live music.

New 'Brainy' Barbie has her own computer

EL SEGUNDO, Calif. (AP) — Barbie is about to show she's more than just a pretty face.

Mattel Inc. in November will release a talking Barbie with a little computer — on a pink desk, of course — and real computer software that can be used to customize what she has to say.

A demonstration Thursday of the $90 Talk With Me Barbie Doll started with Barbie quivering her little chin to say: "I'm ready to sit at my computer."

"It's the first time any doll has personalized to this degree," executive producer Cynthia Woll said.

Talking has gotten Barbie in trouble before. In 1992, Teen Talk Barbie was denounced by women's groups for uttering canned lines such as, "Math class is tough."

Talk With Me Barbie comes with a minicomputer on a desk, cables to connect to a home computer and a CD-ROM.

Barbie owners put the CD-ROM on their home computer, and use it to choose conversation topics ranging from careers and dating to make-believe and playing house. They can also program in their name, birthday, hair and eye color and information about four of their friends, too.

Then the computer sends the information to Barbie's little PC. It, in turn, transmits the information by infrared beam to her gold necklace in much the same way a TV remote control works.

During the demonstration, Barbie talked about going on a date with Ken: "Help me pick out earrings. ... I like sparkly earrings when I'm dancing."

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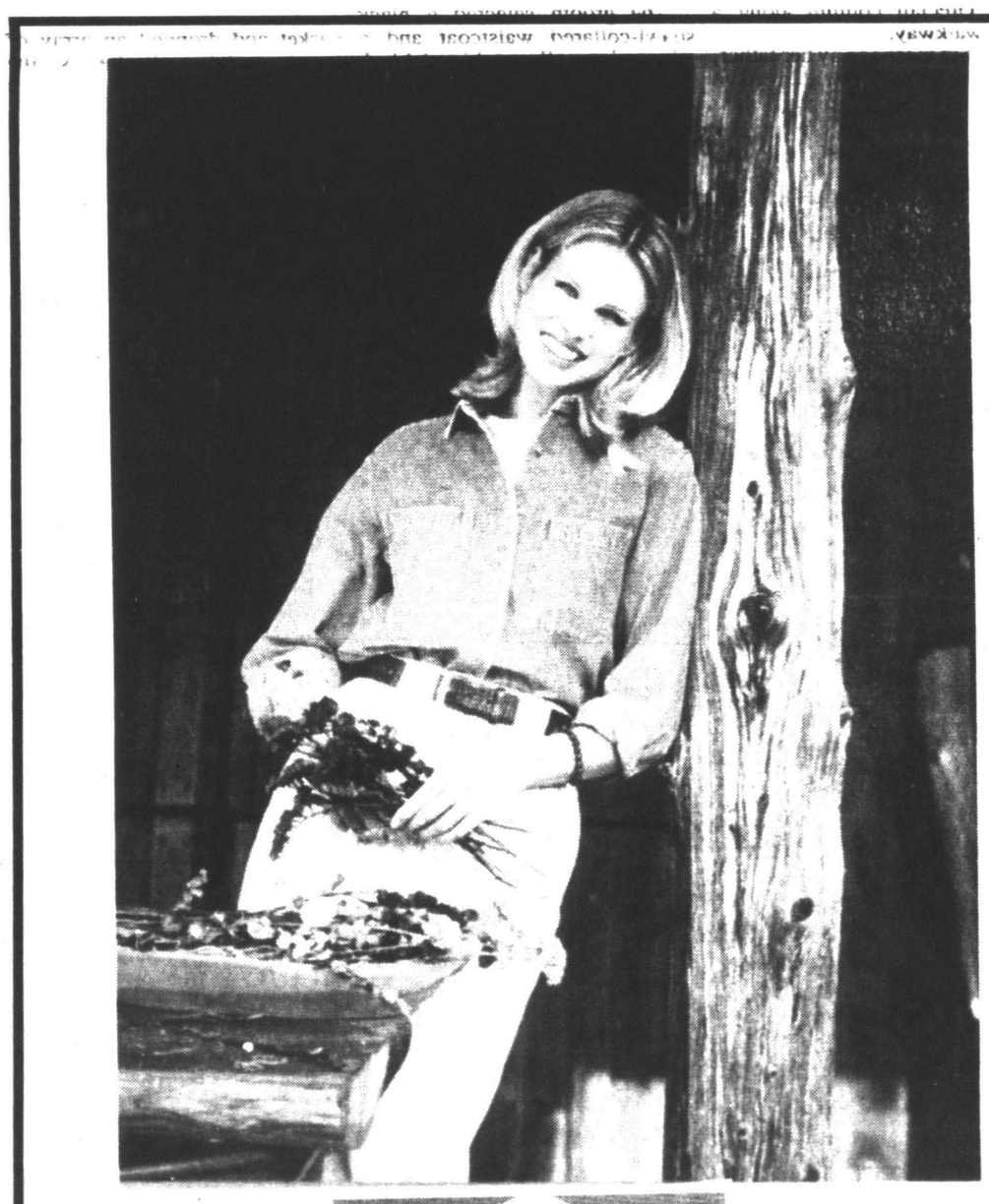
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RAZZMATAZZ CAMP — Bethel Studio of Music's Razzmatazz Camp was held July 14-19 at 3300 48th Street. Counselors were Faith Feaster of Roscoe and David Melton of Spur. Campers included from left, bottom row, Feaster; Jerica Tyler of Post; Bailey Stoker; Jami Nell Thackerson of Colorado City; Jessica Odom; back row, Cole McLeod; Melton; Craig Bowen and Zach Greenlee of Rotan. (Contributed Photo)

Montgomery Ward trying to reorganize

CHICAGO (AP) — Montgomery Ward & Co. took the first step in its reorganization by seeking bankruptcy-court approval to close 44 appliance and electronics stores it does not deem crucial to its future.

The Lechmere, Homc Image by Lechmere and Electric Avenue & More stores employ 3,900 people in 15 states. The company said it would try to find jobs for those workers at its 356 Montgomery Ward stores in 39 states.

The stores do not fit in Ward's main business of selling clothing, shoes, jewelry, and furniture, the company said Thursday.

The court is expected to rule on the closings by mid-August. Ward's chief financial officer, John Workman, said the retailer has not decided if it will close any other stores.

Also Thursday, U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Peter Walsh in Wilmington, Del., gave preliminary approval to $1 billion loan that will allow Ward to keep its shelves stocked.

Walsh said he will sanction the loan once he reviews it. He gave his OK after GE Capital Corp. dropped a stipulation that tied its loan to being able to continue running Ward's profitable credit card business.

Duplicate Bridge Scoreboard

Tables of bridge were conducted Friday, Sunday and Tuesday by Dot Casey at Snyder Country Club.

Friday

Five Tables: 1. Alta Cates and Louise Thompson; 2. Tizzy Hall and Rube McKinley; 3. Nita Talbott and Sue Reed.

Sunday

Four Tables: 1. Nona Morrison and Billiesue Stuard; 2. Alta Cates and Louise Thompson; 3. Dot Casey and Margaret Birdwell.

Tuesday

Four Tables: 1. Dot Casey and Margaret Birdwell; 2. Martha Fagin and Barbara Yorgesen; 3. Charles Blakey and Shirley Stewart.



ENGAGEMENT — Together with their parents, Janet Lea Roberson and James Maurice Hodges have announced their engagement. The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H.L. Roberson of Lake Jackson and the late Mrs. Patricia Roberson. The groom-elect is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Hodges of Midland. An early September wedding is planned. (Family Photo)

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



North 08-02-97
♠ 10 6 5
♥ Q 7 3
♦ Q 10 4 2
♣ Q 8 4

West
♠ Q 7 3 2
♥ 10 2
♦ A J 9 5 3
♣ 3 2

East
♠ K J 9 8 4
♥ J 8 6 5
♦ K
♣ K 9 6

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

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: East

South	West	North	East
			Pass
1 ♣	Pass	1 ♦	1 ♠
2 ♥	3 ♠	4 ♣	Pass
4 ♦	Pass	5 ♣	All pass

Opening lead: ♠ 2

won with the ace and exited with the diamond jack to dummy's queen, East discarding a spade each time. Now came a heart from dummy, East playing the eight.

It seemed to me that declarer had a full count. West had to have four spades for his vulnerable pre-emptive jump to three spades (and his spade-two lead), and he had shown up with five diamonds and two clubs. So he had to have begun with two hearts. But after quite some time, South went up with his king.

The next day, the declarer told me that he hadn't looked at East's card on the second round of diamonds. At least he was honest — and don't you overlook the moral of the tale!

George Farquhar's blind people fall not into bridge errors but into matrimony.

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At least he was honest

Irish dramatist George Farquhar wrote, "When the blind leads the blind, no wonder they both fall into..." — what?

Along with the good play during the Zone 4 Championships in Cape Town, there were some blunders. This was the most surprising I witnessed. But, as you will learn, all was revealed later.

North's four clubs was aggressive with only three queens and 4-3-3-3 distribution. Still, he and his partner had reached a makable game.

West led a fourth-highest spade two: five, eight, ace. Declarer played a heart to dummy's queen and called for the club queen: king, ace, two. South drew trumps (West throwing the spade three) and played a diamond to dummy's 10. On winning with the king, East exited with the spade king. Declarer ruffed and carefully cashed the heart ace, dropping West's 10, before leading a second diamond. West

Twain's books are back home

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — Hundreds of Mark Twain's books — including the Bible he used at his 1870 wedding — are back home.

Curators of the Mark Twain House spent $200,000 at a California auction to acquire 271 books from the author's family library.

The books were being sorted and catalogued this week in a bedroom of the Gothic-style house, where Samuel Clemens wrote "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer" and "Adventures of Huckleberry Finn."

One of the most valuable volumes is the Bible used by Twain and his wife, Olivia, during their 1870 wedding in Elmira, N.Y.

Community Calendar

MONDAY

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

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

Bilingual AA meeting; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; 8 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous; Winston Park Club; for information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 6 p.m.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for more information call 573-9458, 573-8626 or 573-8929; 8 p.m.

TUESDAY

Ladies' Golf Association; Snyder Country Club; 9 a.m.

Snyder Shrine Club; call 863-2702 for meeting place; 6 p.m.

The gun club meeting normally held this date has been rescheduled for the third Tuesday.

Narcotics Anonymous; Winston Park Club; for more information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 6 p.m.

Snyder Fire Dept. Auxiliary; Central Fire Station; 7 p.m.

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

New Horizon Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-1141 or 573-2101; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for information call 573-3956, 573-2101,573-1141 or 573-8626; 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

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

Al-Anon meeting (smoke free), noon to 1 p.m., brown bag. Park Club in Winston Park. For information call 573-4203 or 573-5525.

"A Company of Women International" Prophetic Voice to the Nations, for mature Christian women, Union Community Center; pot luck supper; 6 p.m.

Deep Creek Chapter of ABWA; The Shack; 6:30 p.m.

TOPS TX56, (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.; 2501 35th. For information call Peggy Eubank at 573-6509.

Bilingual AA meeting; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; 8 p.m.

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

New Horizons Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club Addition in Winston Park; for information call 863-2349 or 573-8626; 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 appointments; 573-9742 or 573-2763.

NA Anonymous; Snyder Park Club; for information call 573-3667, 573-1579 or 573-0949; 6 p.m.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 573-8929; 8 p.m., open meeting (last Friday of the month is the birthday meeting, pot luck at 7 p.m.).

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for information call 573-3956 or 573-2101; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

Defensive Driving Course; community room of Snyder Savings & Loan; no reservations necessary but for information call 573-2850; 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Horseshoe Pitching For Fun; Horseshoe Courts located at the coliseum; everybody welcome; 3 p.m.

People Without Partners; Inadale Community Center; games of 42 and dominos; 6:30 p.m.

Rolling Plains Ratite Association; The Shack; 7 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for more information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 863-2349; 10 a.m.

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

Narcotics Anonymous Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 5 p.m.

Beginners Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club at Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; 7 p.m.

Shalala eyes plan to protect privacy in health records

WASHINGTON (AP) — The privacy of patients' health records would have new protection under a proposal outlined Thursday by Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala. Information would still be available to researchers and fraud investigators.

"The fundamental question before us is: Will our health records be used to heal us or to reveal us? The American people want to know," Shalala said in a talk at the National Press Club.

The issues are sticky. New genetic tests may help prevent disease, but consumers worry that insurance companies will charge them more if they discover a proneness to illness.

Privacy protections vary from state to state, and many people are enrolled in employer-sponsored health plans exempt from state regulation. "We have to act now with national legislation," Shalala said.

A health reform law approved last year required Shalala to make privacy recommendations to Congress by the end of August.

Laying out the case for protections, Shalala told a few horror stories: A clinic employee taps into computer records to read notes from therapy sessions; a medical student copies health records at night and sells them to malpractice attorneys.

"Every day, our private health information is being shared," she said.

She said she will recommend that Congress:

—Prohibit use of personal information for anything but health care and punish those who misuse it.

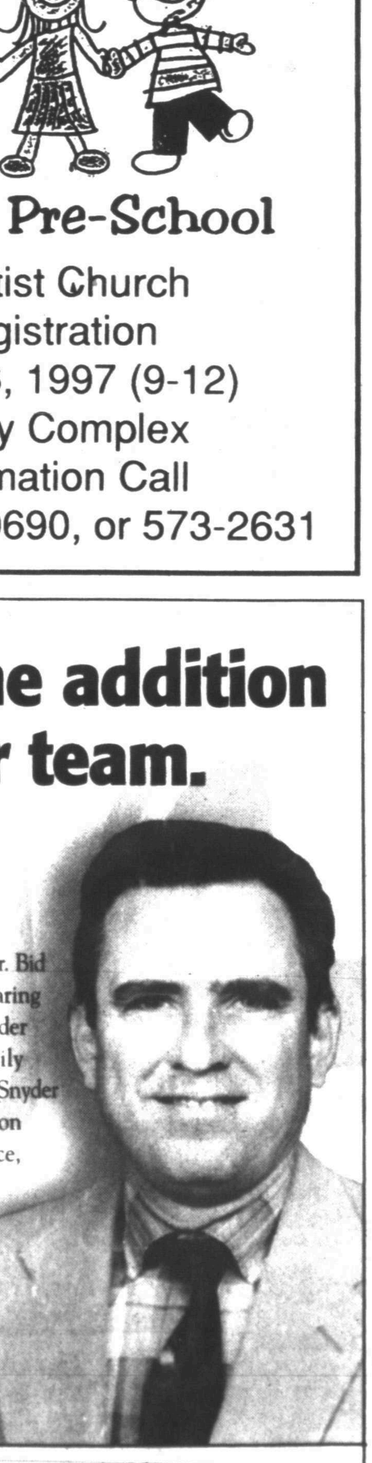
—Require data keepers to secure the information.

—Allow consumers to see what's in their health records and set up a system to change incorrect data.



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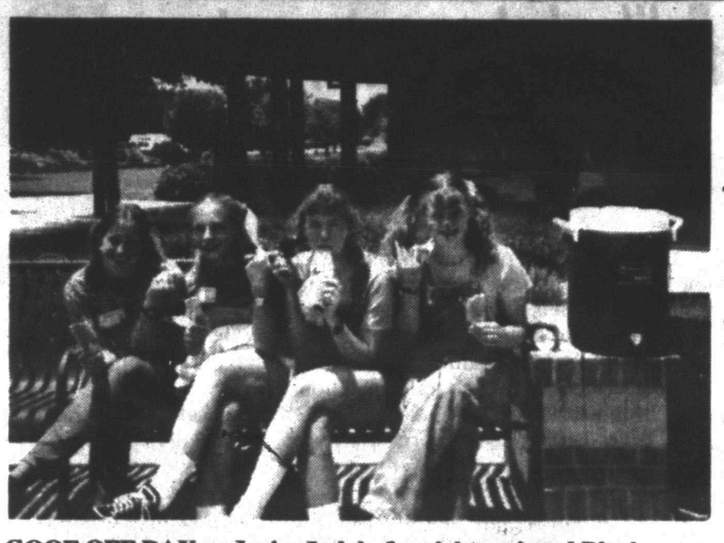
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GOOF OFF DAY — Jenise Judah, far right, enjoyed Bluebonnet Girls State. For "goof-off" day, she and the other girls who lived in City "I" wore their hair in pig tails. (Contributed Photo)

Girls State recalled

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One of the city's ordinances, approved earlier, said the girls in that city had to wear their hair in pigtails for that day — a goof off day — only, or else be the last to take showers.

Jenise is a senior at Snyder High School. After graduation, she would like to attend Lubbock Christian University. However, since the school does not offer architecture she hopes to be able to attend some classes at Texas Tech as well.

At SHS, Jenise was in choir one year, played basketball for two years, and will be starting her third year of FFA this month. She was the reporter for 1996-1997 and will serve as vice president during the new school term. She is a member of the National Honor Society, the Spanish Club and Student Council.

In addition, Jenise is active in 4-H, serving two years as vice president and two years as secretary.

Jenise's trip to Girls State was sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary Unit #118 and the Kiwanis Club.

The first two sessions of Bluebonnet Girls State were held at Baylor University in Waco in 1941 and 1942. Texas abandoned the program during World War II due to transportation problems.

However, the sessions resumed in Austin in 1947. Since that time, and until 1970 all sessions were conducted in Austin.

The program in Texas has constantly improved and grown from 94 to 586 this summer.

The purpose of Bluebonnet Girls State is to educate young women in the duties, privileges, rights and responsibilities of American citizenship.

Public Records

New Vehicle Registrations

Patricia A. Scott, 1997 Pontiac from Big Country Autoland.

Richard A. Hawkins, 1997 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Don D. and Janell J. Johnson, 1997 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Donald Unruh, 1997 Chevrolet Blazer from Big Country Autoland.

Jerry and Nancy Moore, 1997 Ford Mustang from Wilson Motors.

Carl Martin and Donna Parish, 1996 Ford from Wilson Motors.

Cousins Leasing Trust, 1997 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Stephanie Matlock, 1997 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

E.D. Walton Construction Co., two 1997 Ford pickups from Wilson Motors.

Billy Gleastine, 1997 Chrysler from Snyder Chrysler.

Edwin and Jeanie Bodine, 1997 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Cousins Leasing Trust, 1997 Mercury from Wilson Motors.

David and Lee Ann Zajicek, 1997 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

VT Inc. as Trustee World Omi Ltd., 1997 Chevrolet Tahoe from Big Country Autoland.

Dotty Hart, 1997 Buick from Big Country Autoland.

Sierra Well Services, 1997 GMC pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Metal Specialities Inc., 1997 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

GELCO Corporation, 1997 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Michael B. and Kassie Upton, 1997 Plymouth from Snyder Chrysler.

Mary C. and Darrell R. Bonner, 1997 Pontiac from Big Country Autoland.

AMOCO Pipeline Co., 1997 Chevrolet from Big Country Autoland.

Marriage License

William Thomas Breitweiser and Genieva Belia Gaona, both of Hermleigh.

Action in District Court

In the marriage of Johnny Don Hall and Kathryn Lynn Hall, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Kimberly Denise Palacious and Christopher Lee Palacios, divorce granted.

Lindsay (Daniell) Canada vs. Southern Farm Bureau Casualty Insurance Co., order of disbursement of funds and order of dismissal.

Deed Records

Rose Mary Jones, independent administratrix of the estate of Jack Nolan Willis, to Rose Mary Jones, Lots 7 and 8 in Block 9 of the Bootheland Addition.

Rose Mary Jones, independent administratrix of the estate of Jack Nolan Willis, to Rose Mary Jones, Lots 2, 3 and 4 in Block 77 of the Scarborough Addition.

First Commercial Mortgage Company to Jack Nail, Lot 3 in Block F of the Highland Park Addition.

Billye L. Robinson and Jim Robinson to Jaycie Ann Wright, all of Lot 2 in Block G of the Replat of the Highland Park Addition.

Earl and Jewel W. Alldaffer to Charles and Donna Broadwater, Lot 2 in Block 10 of the Park Place Addition.

Ann M. Lovelady to James A. and Billye L. Robinson, tract one being five acres out of the northwest 116.5 acres of the east one-half of Section 71, Block 3, H&GN survey; tract two being a 0.576-acre tract out of the northwest 116.5 acres of the east one-half of Section 71, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Stephen F. and Lesa A. Hertel to Ann Lovelady, a 0.258-acre tract out of Tract 46, Section 13, J.P. Smith survey.

Prudential Residential Services to John Douglas and Mindy Rachelle Ward, Lot 2 in Bock 2 of the Wall Addition.

Frances Scott to Vera Evans, an undivided one-half interest in the south 95 feet of the west 50 feet of Lot 2 in Block 47 of the Blankenship Addition.

Veterans Land Board of Texas to Houston Lee Ballard, 15 acres in the southeast one-quarter of Section 170, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Jess Everett to Danny Ray and Lynda Cain McCormick, 7.635 acres in the northwest one-quarter of Section 181, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Denise Ellen Crawford to Hunter Grant Crawford, five acres out of the east one-half of the northeast one-quarter of Block 3, H&GN survey.

Orosco fund is established

A fund has been established at West Texas State Bank to help defray expenses for Felix Orosco Sr, a resident of Snyder since 1950.

Orosco, an employee for Patterson Drilling and other drilling companies for about 20 years, has cancer. He has had two major surgeries and is currently undergoing treatment in Abilene.

Bachelor is trying to adopt child of convicted murderer

MEADVILLE, Pa. (AP) — Some call him a sucker. Others, a saint. The name he likes best, though, is "Dadda."

Roy Vickers recently took the 9-month-old son of a killer into his trailer home and hopes to adopt the boy. He dismisses criticism from friends and relatives who think the boy's mother, a woman he never sees, is taking advantage of his good nature.

His longtime pen pal, Rosemary Heather Miller, is serving a life sentence for killing a Saudi Arabian in Oklahoma in 1992.

Miller conceived the child after breaking out of a Texas prison in 1996. The father is believed to be a trucker whom Miller met at the Green Shingle Truck Stop near Erie after Vickers refused to harbor her at his northwestern Pennsylvania trailer.

Miller wants to give Vickers legal custody of her baby, but her attorney hasn't finished the paperwork. Vickers picked up blue-eyed Chace Joseph Paul Miller five months ago at the Oklahoma City home of a friend of Miller's who could no longer afford to keep him.

Vickers and the boy pass time watching angelfish in their new aquarium and riding nearby bike trails, with Chace in a buggy pulled behind Vickers' mountain bike.

"My friends call me Mr. Mom," Vickers said Wednesday. "Some people think I'm crazy. Some people think it's really great what I'm doing. ... Like a friend of mine said, 'It doesn't matter what other people think. It matters what you think. It's got to come from the heart.'"

Vickers, 37, denied that he may be the child's father and scoffed at a suggestion that he take a blood test to prove it.

The small, muscular greeting card salesman said he used to chase women in bars — until March 1995, when a friend gave him Miller's address at the Mabel Bassett Correctional Center in Oklahoma City.

Miller, 22, had answered an ad Vickers' friend placed in a lonely-hearts magazine, "Cupid's Destiny." The friend passed her letter along, thinking Vickers might be interested.

Vickers visited her in jail after receiving 60 letters from Miller in just three months. After six visits, he knew he wanted to marry her. Vickers sent her underwear and an occasional $25 but said she never asked him for money.

Miller has said the man she shot had raped her. She was also sentenced to 25 years for shooting a witness in the head — a crime she blamed on a friend.

"I believe Heather's telling the truth, but I can't be totally sure," Vickers said.

As he spoke, Chace played at his feet on the freshly cleaned carpet in the trailer, which is the color of a candy bar and sits in the shade behind a white picket fence 85 miles north of Pittsburgh.

Miller broke out of a Texas prison in January 1996, and authorities caught her in Minnesota three months later and returned her to the prison in Oklahoma City.

He believes she slept with the trucker out of desperation and forgave her after she wrote him to say that affair was over. In November, she named her new baby Chace because she was "chased" by police.

"I felt like I needed to take care of this child because he didn't have anyone to take care of him," Vickers said, pausing to change the toddler's diapers. "But going through some hard times and some good times is bringing us closer together, like a father and son."

Miller's jailers won't let them communicate anymore.

"He always said he hadn't had any contacts with her during her escape, and further investigations showed he had been disingenuous," said John Cloar, the warden's assistant at the prison in Oklahoma City.

Neuroscientist finds cooing to babies may help them to talk

WASHINGTON (AP) — That singsong baby talk adults use with infants may sound silly, but scientists say it appears to be a universal method of helping babies' brains absorb the key building blocks of language.

Babies are so good at analyzing this high-pitched, drawn-out speech that 5-month-olds begin to enunciate the three vowel sounds common to all human languages — the very sounds that mothers univer ally stress.

That is the finding by University of Washington neuroscientist Patricia Kuhl, who says this so-called parentese "is more than a melody. It's a real tutorial on language, and they didn't even know they were doing it."

In a study published Friday in the journal Science, Kuhl and colleagues from Sweden and Russia tested mothers' speech. They concluded that mothers universally stress the three vowel sounds — "ee," "ah" and "oo" — that every infant, no matter what language he or she will ultimately speak, needs to master the phonetics of speech.

Take the word "bead." People can say it so quickly that it might be mistaken for "bed" or "bid." But hear mothers speak to their babies: "Look at mommy's pretty beeeeds," Kuhl's tape-recordings show mothers saying in a singsong that stresses and stretches the vowels.

"There has to be some period of time early in life when you're figuring out what ... vowel sounds go together," said Richard Aslin, a University of Rochester expert on infant speech development. If parents are "providing you with exaggerated versions of those vowel categories, that should make the task easier for the infant."

But the study does not explain how the infant processes that information, Aslin cautioned. "They don't know whether, for example, if you had a mother who didn't exaggerate the vowels, would that have a negative effect on that mother's particular infant," he said.

Another proposal set on Red River border

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — When you're standing on the bank of the Red River, what state are you in? Oklahoma has some new ideas on where its border begins and Texas' ends.

It all has to do with vegetation, water and geology.

The Oklahoma Border Commission proposed Thursday to use various things to define its southern border with Texas. The two states agree that Oklahoma's land stretches to the south bank of the river.

But what constitutes the south bank of the ever-changing river is open for discussion.

East of the Denison Dam at Lake Texoma, commissioners want to use a vegetation line. That would be the area where the riverbed ends and trees, shrubs and grasses start to grow.

The easy part is at Lake Texoma, where they suggest using a point in the lake that was determined when the Denison Dam was built. Commissioners say the line is seen easily at the lake.

But west of there, the definition becomes more complicated because of the sandy soil and a shifting vegetation line. The commissioners proposed using the "geologic cut bank" to determine the boundary.

The river carved the bank, which is defined in previous court rulings.

The Oklahoma proposal will be sent to the Texas Border Commission for consideration.

"It's been 200 years and we haven't reached an accord yet. Whatever we do, we're getting closer," said state Sen. Bob Kerr, D-Altus, chairman of Oklahoma's border panel.

Kerr said he cannot tell yet which state would gain or lose territory. Some of the land is owned by Indian tribes, the Department of Interior or other federal agencies.

"If you look at the official maps, Oklahoma will gain land. If you look at the court opinions, Oklahoma will lose land," Kerr said.

Both states want the issue clear as to where one state's jurisdiction ends and another's starts for law enforcement.

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We must dream our own dreams



Deanie Francis Mills

Some months ago, I began to research a novel which would examine the theme: What does it mean to be truly alive? And, What does it mean to confront your own mortality?

As a writer, I've lived a life of quiet reflection since my teens. It has not been without tragedy, and I thought I had worked out the answer, more or less, as to what it meant to be truly alive; that was, to live each and every day as though it were going to be our last, never to let a day go by without telling our loved ones that they are loved, and basically to squeeze every drop out of every moment — to take nothing, ever, for granted.

And then I found myself, quite unexpectedly, spending two weeks at an alternative healing retreat in the Hill Country with an old high school girlfriend of mine who has been told by top cancer specialists all over the country that she will not live to see another Christmas with her kids.

That's when I learned what it really means to face your own mortality — to be fully alive to the time you've got left on this earth — to look into the abyss, and see yourself staring back.

My friend Dolores and I have always been able to talk, for hours, about most anything. But from the beginning, this visit was different. Whatever little social masks we each wear as we go about our public lives gets stripped right off by the spector of death. There is not time to waste on pretentions. No time to waste, period.

And so Dolores talked at length to me about what it means when you've been told you will be dead before your 47th brithday. Sometimes we cried. Sometimes — much more often — we laughed. Sometimes I put my arm around her bony shoulders or stroked her thin hair. Mostly, we just talked.

We talked of many things. From the time the deer came up to feed at dawn, until sleep tugged us to bed, we talked. And what Dolores gave to me in those two weeks, I found, was more precious a gift than could have ever been bought with any amount of money: she gave me truth.

Here is what I learned:

*When you are dying, money is irrelevant. Whether you have a great deal or none at all, it does not matter one whit when your life comes to an end. All that matters is love — the love of family and friends, the love of life. My friend Dolores inherited her riches, but her message was clear: If we sacrifice a single precious loved one in the pursuit of what she called "the godalmighty dollar," we will find in the end that it is all for nothing.

*When we are dying, there is only one thing that nobody can ever take away from us: our dreams. This was a valuable lesson for my friend to pass on to me, because I had often fretted that my family was paying too dear a price for me to pursue my dream to be a novelist — that if I'd been, say, teaching school all those years when I was collecting rejections, I'd have been bringing in a steady income, and things would have been easier.

But Dolores had sacrificed all her own dreams to take over the family business, even though she had no interest in it whatsoever, for the sake of family peace. Then she learned that her time may be up already, and she had never once known the agony and ecstacy of living out her own dream. That is one of the quintessential truths of our lives — we must dream our own dreams, and live our own lives, for in the end, what else is there?

*To be fully alive, then, is to be true to oneself. A few months ago, Dolores sold her million-dollar home in an exclusive Dallas neighborhood, gave up her country club membership, and told her family she was through with the family business. She bought a modest older house in a small town in East Texas and lovingly restored it to life. She enrolled her stressed-out suburban son in that small town school. She started to think about what she might like to do with the rest of her life, however much of it she's got left. Sometimes she's sad that it may be too late for her, but mostly she's a little scared, and very excited.

*And that's the one fine truth about being fully alive: we must always be just a wee bit afraid. There is no such thing as absolute security and safety. We must dare to take risks from time to time, pursue a dream that might look wacky to everybody else, say no to the family when they try to impose their truths on our lives. We must follow our own path — however cruelly shortened it may be.

The human mind is an amazing and powerful thing. I never saw anybody more determined to live than my friend Dolores. In spite of what the doctors gloomily reported, I'm seeing an improvement in her condition every day. Whether she beats the monster altogether remains to be seen, but I feel certain that she's bought herself some more time, and I know that she will use what time she's got left, not to die, but to be fully, vitally, joyfully ... alive.

Taking time out for a bite or two



Bill McClellan

Do you know there are only 471.9 people for every restaurant, food shop and club in Texas?

Wait. Does that make sense?

What I mean to say is that there are 471.9 people — oh, let's fudge a little and say 472 — people for every burger joint, cafe, hot dog stand and pizza parlor in the state. That doesn't sound like a lot to me, frankly.

A geographic study in 1994 indicated that there were, at that time, 37,292 eating and drinking establishments in Texas. Bear in mind, that takes in hotels and motels, country clubs, caterers, ice cream shops, bakeries, bars and lounges and a whole lot of places you wouldn't consider an actual "restaurant."

The survey shows some interesting tastes. But first, we'll toss out the "unknown restaurants" which make up 15.5 percent of the total. I can understand the surveyor's problem. I too have been in restaurants where I was not sure what type of food I was eating.

So "unknowns" aside, then, cafes and diners lead the list, making up almost 13 percent. It's hard to beat a good chicken fried steak.

Would it surprise you that Mexican food restaurants make up 10.17 percent of all of these so-called eateries? Probably not.

Just edging jalepeno and frijole fare are hamburger joints. They make up 10.35 percent.

Those types of eating places far outrun the others. Concession stands rate next, making up 7.3 percent. Pizza places, a for-sure favorite with the college crowd — make up 6.3 percent, and sandwich shops and delis fall back at 4.6 percent.

Believe it or not — and perhaps proof that the study is flawed — is that there are more oriental restaurants than barbecue places in Texas. I demand that the legislature look into this serious problem.

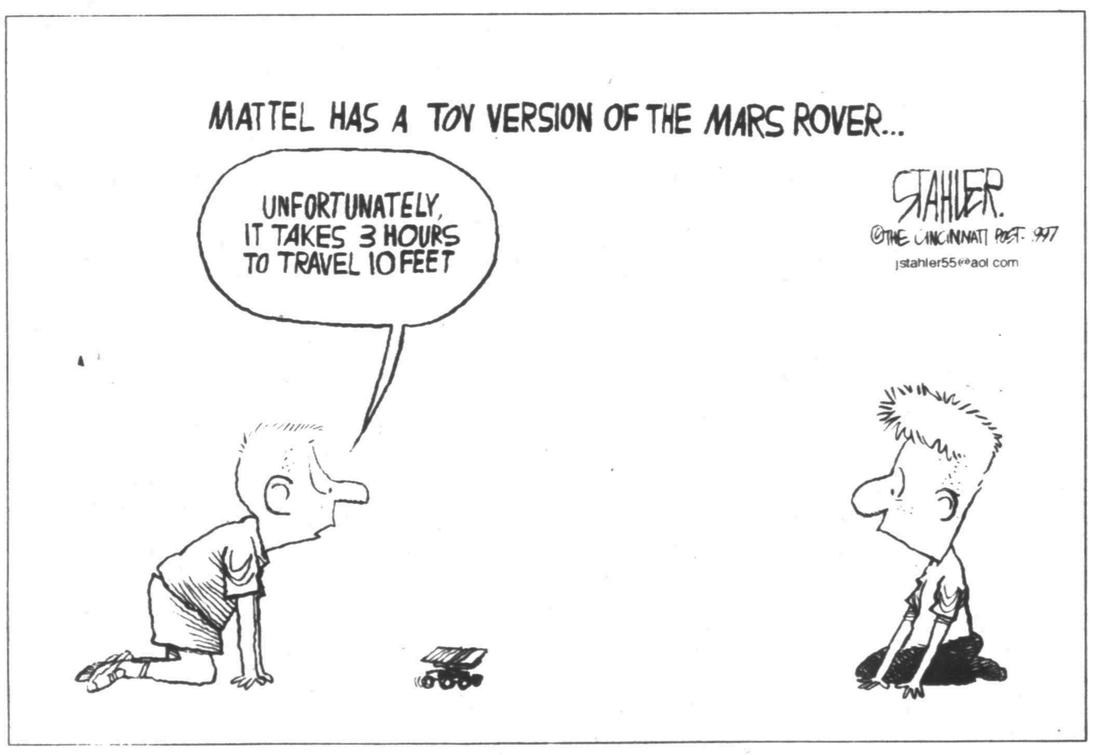
According to the survey, there are 1,586 oriental restaurants in Texas, or were in 1994, and just 1,367 barbecue joints.

Church's, Kentucky Fried and other chicken places would probably also dispute the survey's finding that there are only 1,353 such establishments in the state. There may be more than that in Houston alone.

One other interesting part of the survey is new businesses in the industry — what's growing and what's not.

The hot one? Italian restaurants. Eighteen percent of the new businesses among restaurants were Italian restaurants. Sandwich shops, specialty food shops and donut shops each rolled in at 13 percent. Maybe that explains why a Blimpies and a Subway have opened here.

We're waiting on Dunkin' Donuts and Olive Garden.



It's soooooooooooooooooo hot...

RICHARD MIZE

Wichita Falls Times Record News

The Eskimos, they say, have lots of words for "snow."

Makes sense. They deal with it every day. The special nuances of, say, wind-swept snow, or light snow, morning snow or evening snow probably deserve their own words.

In the Southwest, snow is snow.

Heat, however, is another matter.

Just look at the names of the bike races around here: Hotter'N Hell Hundred, in Wichita Falls. Holliday Heat Stroke, in Holliday, Texas. The Dehydrator, in Duncan, Okla. See the theme?

The theme has been playing out lately in North Texas and southwestern Oklahoma.

It's hot.

It's sweltering.

It's also baking, blistering, boiling, broiling, burning, fiery, heated, red-hot, scalding, scorching, sizzling, sultry, sweltry, torrid, white-hot, febrile, fevered, feverish, feverous, summery, tropic and tropical — although some of those have to do with things other than simple temperature.

It's hot as hell.

It's hot as an oven.

It's hot as a firecracker.

In Texas, especially, there are more colorful ways to say the obvious.

Here are a few, from "When the Catfish Had Ticks — Texas Drought Humor," by Rana Williamson. She compiled them from people all over the Lone Star State. Maybe they'll help us through these dog days.

— "It's so hot, we're feeding the hens chipped ice so they won't lay hard-boiled eggs."— James V. White, Fort Worth.

— "It's hotter'n Satan in long handles." — J. Frank Dobie.

— "It's so hot the corn popped in the fields and the cows thought it was snow and froze to death." — Glenna Cavanaugh, Garland.

— "A Northerner was persuaded to invest in Texas land when he grew tired of snow and ice. Around the first of November, he asked a ... ranch hand, 'Have you ever seen it snow here?' 'No ...' the hand answered, 'but I have seen rain — twice.' "— Elmer Kelton.

It's so hot and dry that:

— "The jackrabbits are carrying canteens." — Pete McDonald, Plainview.

— "I saw two trees fighting over a dog." — David Hunt, Dallas.

— "The cows are giving evaporated milk, and the chickens just plucked themselves to escape the heat." — Don Worcester, Weatherford.

— "I saw an armadillo hitchhiking to Arizona." — Ken Francis, Abilene.

— "If a truck went by with a dog in the back, all the trees would lean towards the road and hope."— Sam Kelly Jr., Harrold.

Of course, it could all change tomorrow. As they say, "If you don't like the weather in Texas, wait a minute."

Williamson's book has this jewel, from John Edward Weems' "If You Don't Like the Weather ..." It is purported to come from an April 9, 1952, report from The Associated Press on two days' worth of Texas weather:

"Tuesday it was 98 at Childress, the hottest in the nation. Wednesday morning it was below freezing in Dalhart and snowing. At mid-morning the Dallas U.S. Weather Bureau warned Texans to watch out for tornadoes. A half hour later several parts of the state were rocked by earth tremors."

So, it could be worse.

"When the Catfish Had Ticks — Texas Drought Humor," is available from Eakin Press, P.O. Box 90159, Austin, Texas 78709 and at the Snyder Daily News.

Editorial comment

Texans driving drunk

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram

There are plenty of things about the Lone Star State that justify the bragging rights we Texans claim. But one area in which Texas leads the nation is nothing to brag about.

According to a study released last week by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Texas tops the nation in the number of alcohol-related traffic fatalities.

Getting and keeping drunken drivers off the road is a frustrating, never-ending battle. In this year's legislative session, lawmakers added one new weapon to the storehouse but missed out on an equally important one.

A zero-tolerance law that makes it illegal for underage drivers to have even a trace of alcohol in the bloodstream will go into effect Sept. 1. That's the good news. Much of the 12 percent increase in last year's alcohol-related traffic fatalities involved younger drivers.

But the proposed measure to lower the legal threshold for intoxication from .10 blood alcohol content to .08 died in a parliamentary maneuver by a South Texas senator — for ridiculous reasons.

Sen. Eddie Lucio, D-Brownsville, killed the bill because constituents in his district like to go to a lot of social gatherings. Apparently Lucio isn't concerned about them getting home alive.

Many experts agree that most people become intoxicated at the .08 level, but some escape punishment for drunken driving because of the .10 intoxication rule. Texas should adopt the lower level.

Career politicians

The Kerrville Daily Times

In the 5th Century B.C., general Cincinnatus twice set aside his plow and led Roman soldiers to victory against invaders and then, refusing office or reward, laid down his sword and returned to his farm.

In 1797, appalled that Congress had suggested he become emperor, George Washington refused a third term and returned to his farm at Mount Vernon.

These two disparate personages came to mind when Governor Bush, speaking at the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association convention here, cited as one of the noteworthy accomplishments of the past legislature. "After 140 days, we sent them home to live under the laws they had just enacted."

All too often, it seems to us, people we send to Congress in Washington return to their home districts or states infrequently, not to say rarely. They seem to become permanently rooted in Washington, blossoming into year-round, professional politicians. They spend upwards of 300 days a year there and less than 20 percent back home among the people, coping with the laws, the budgets, the strictures they have just enacted.

We think that explains why so often Congress seems to be out of touch with the rest of the country, unresponsive to what the American people are thinking and saying, the realities they face, the red tape and frustrations they cope with.

It explains why, for example, Republicans, during tax cut debates recently, seemed to think "middle class" Americans have incomes of $100,000 a year or more, while Democrats thought it was more like $70,000. ...

Maybe George Bush was right in considering an abbreviated legislative session a boon. Maybe we ought to say to Congress: start January 1, get the work done and be home by June 1 and then live like the rest of us.

Or we'll get people who can.

And open those doors so the home folks can come in and tell you about that dry cow.

Scratchman's demise

The Palestine Herald-Press

Look, six feet under! Is it a worm? Is it a prairie dog? No, it's scratchman.

Scratchman, the mysterious stranger plugging the Texas Lottery scratch-off games, has been given his walking papers. The sinister supervillain involved was the Texas Lottery Commission, which decided that the lottery was spending too much on advertising and Scratchman was encouraging children to gamble.

Horrors! Can it be true? Scratchman, corrupter of the innocent?

Comparisons were made to Joe Camel, the stylish tobacco-addicted pitchanimal who was recognized by more children than Mickey Mouse. Apparently, if one cartoon spokesman appeals to children, they all must, the commission reasoned.

Where will this stop? Will Vince and Larry, the Crash Test Dummies, get pushed out because they might convince children that getting in car wrecks is fun? If the old '50s Alka-Seltzer mascot, Speedy, was around today, would he face charges of encouraging an unhealthy diet?

The commission seems to have failed to prove a link between Scratchman's introduction and a rise in gambling among children. Where's the proof that children remember Scratchman more than adults? Does evidence exist that children are imitating his behavior? Is there some spike in sales of red tights that we're unaware of?

Beneath all the goofiness behind Scratchman's demise, there lies an unsettling fact. The evil of Joe Camel was that he was encouraging children to take up a habit which is clearly destructive to any age. But Scratchman was killed with the explanation that gambling for adults is OK, but not for children.

Adults are allowed to gamble because they are more likely to exercise restraint. Yet, we have the state sponsoring this dangerous activity and ad campaigns to get people to ease their restraint. The state policy is gambling and wrong for kids, but adults should really be doing more of it.

The real moral for children from Scratchman's demise: 1. hypocrisy is OK, and 2. adults engage in some very confusing behavior.

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Letters to be published in the weekend edition must be submitted no later than noon Friday.

Shoppers want amounts of caffeine labeled

CHEVY CHASE, Md. (AP) — When Maria Guzman drinks a cup of coffee, "it's like drinking energy," the caffeine lover says.

But consumers do not always know that other foods — from ice cream to orange soda pop — can sometimes pack just as much of a caffeine punch, consumer groups worry.

They want the government to force food makers to put precise amounts on the labels of everything sold in stores that contains caffeine. That way, pregnant women and others advised to avoid caffeine would have enough information to do so, the groups say.

Even though she is wary of government intrusion, Brenda Spillane likes that idea.

"I know we are over-regulated, but I find it really makes me jumpy," said the 46-year-old mother of two from Burtonsville, Md., shopping for groceries in this Washington suburb. "I think it's a good idea."

"We need as much information as we can get," added 78-year-old Leon Rothenberg of Chevy Chase.

But Guzman, the 42-year-old caffeine lover from Chevy Chase, is indifferent to the idea. Caffeine is not a worry, she says.

The Food and Drug Administration said Thursday it will consider the petition from the Center for Science in the Public Interest, the Consumer Federation of America and other activist groups. The American Medical Association also is preparing to ask the FDA to list caffeine amounts in foods.

"People have a right to consume caffeine. But they also have the right to know how much caffeine they're consuming," said Patricia Lieberman of CSPI.

Right now, the government warns only pregnant women about caffeine consumption and says that even for them there's no proof of risk. Still, just to be sure, the FDA advises pregnant women to avoid caffeine or use it sparingly.

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- Our community must have more physicians to meet our medical needs. A growing group of both primary care and specialist physicians is vital for the well-being of our hospital and the growth of Scurry County. CHS has an excellent track record for successfully recruiting quality physicians, and they have the resources to bring physicians to our community in a timely fashion.

- Cuts in Medicare and Medicaid payments to hospitals are inevitable. Managed care contracts will place more pressure on our hospitals to accept lower payments. The main question is: "how deep will these cuts be?" As we see it, Cogdell's financial future is not secure. We find that CHS is willing to assume this risk.

- In the future, more money from County taxpayers will be required to run Cogdell Memorial Hospital in the quality manner to which we have become accustomed. The offer from CHS solves this problem.

- As yet, no concrete plan to raise $3-5 million to cover renovations, expansion of services, unexpected repairs, and possible future operating losses has been advanced by the hospital board or the Commissioner's Court. Yet, renovation of antiquated and inadequately sized operating room, emergency department, physical therapy, medical records, X-ray, and laboratory areas are long overdue. We are confident that, given sufficient funds and resources, St. Mary Hospital could provide ongoing excellent management of our hospital and these necessary renovations. Otherwise, the CHS offer of $3-4 million in capital inprovements will be a large step in rectifying these problems.

- From our perspective, CHS provides quality service, a good working environment, and well-maintained hospitals. For the most part, CHS employees are pleased and many fine physicians have been recruited to the rural areas which CHS serves. We have found the communities CHS serves also satisfied with the improvements made to facilities, equipment, and services.

- CHS has a reputation (which we have substantiated) for listening to local citizens, community leaders, hospital employees, and physicians as decisions are made, allowing significant local control of the hospital. They have proven that they appreciate the local needs of communities, and they understand they must provide excellent patient care in order to make happy "customers."

- Hospital staffing levels are a significant concern to us. Reduction in staffing may be necessary in the future whether our hospital is not-for-profit or for-profit. Certainly, nurses in our hospital have felt that staffing has been less than adequate at times in the past. The solution? Increase hospital census and expand services, while giving the local administration the ability to develop innovative patient care strategies. This is the approach of CHS; we have visited hospitals where more employees are <u>now</u> on the payroll for CHS than prior to CHS management.

- The for-profit vs. not-for profit does not appear relevant:

  CHS hospitals:

  provide service for their indigent populations; make service decisions based on local needs; plow significant dollars back into operations of the hospital; value the efforts and contributions of auxiliaries and volunteers; pay competitive wages; offer good, solid employee benefits; and generally run their hospitals responsibly and with the same commitment as other corporate citizens.

Therefore, we are NOT OPPOSED to the lease of Cogdell Memorial Hospital to Community Health Systems. Unless new funds are made available, through more tax revenue or indebtedness, we think such a lease makes a lot of sense.

Gary A. Nussey, M.D. — Marcia Odal, M.D.

Kathleen Weaver, M.D.

Based on the information provided by these physicians, we, too, are NOT OPPOSED to the lease of Cogdell Memorial Hospital to CHS.

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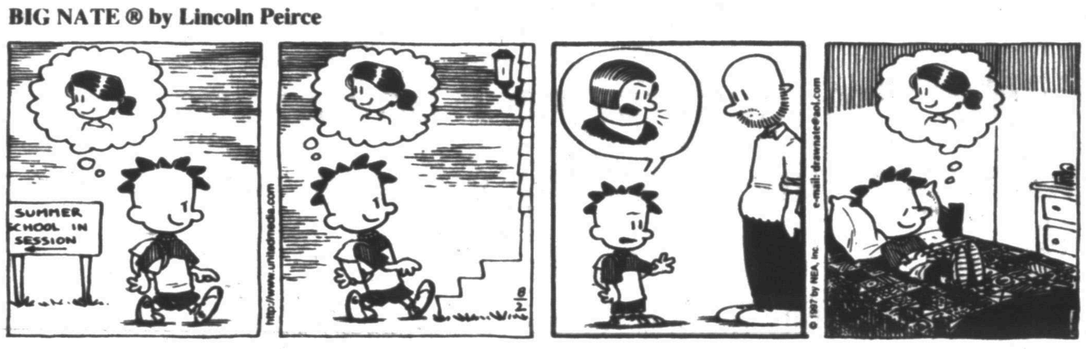
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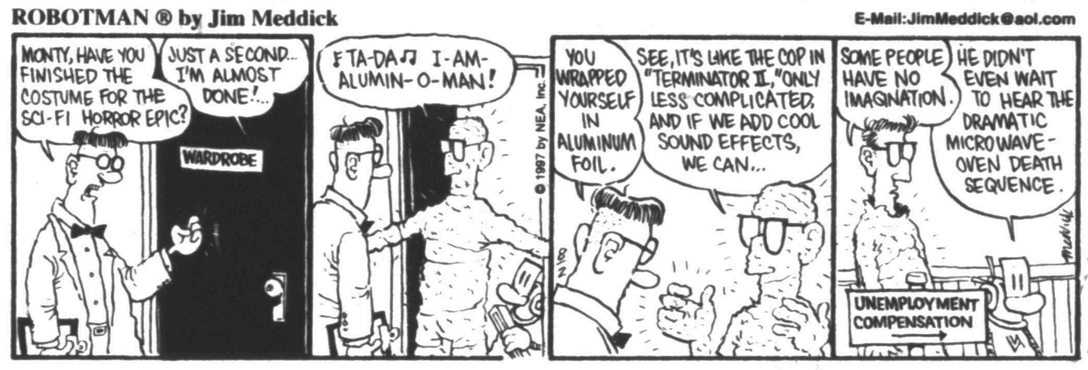
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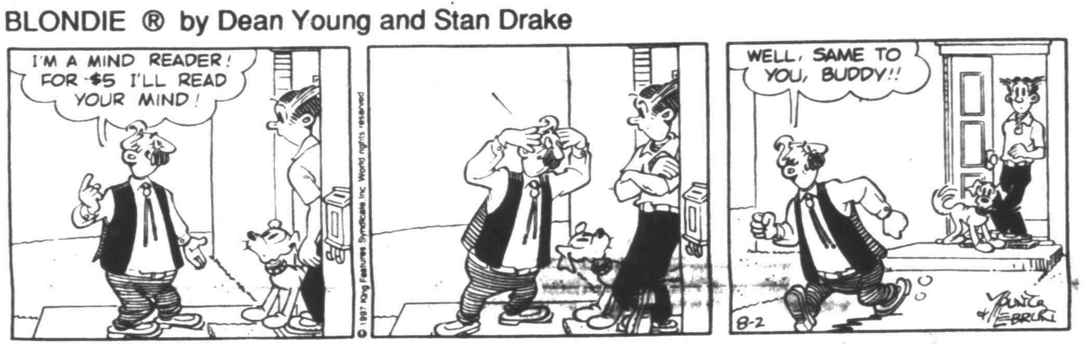
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30 Turn the page (abbr.)
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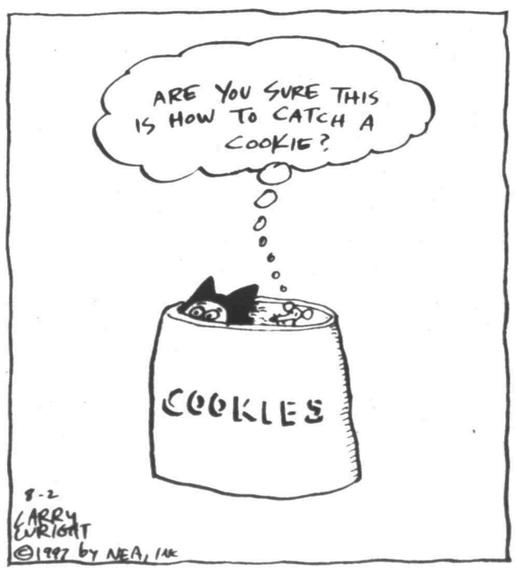
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Plan could prove hardship for immigrants

EDINBURG — On a recent evening, Felipe Esparza, 39, recalled working his way from a landscaping company in Colorado to a bakery in Edinburg, never failing to send a portion of his paycheck to his wife and three daughters in Zacatecas, Mexico.

Finally, in 1988, the distance became too much to bear and he "brought them across the river." It was the same way he had entered the United States six years before.

"I wanted to try for a better life for my children," he said.

Almost 10 years later, the family's odyssey toward legal residence is nearing an end.

"They said we are almost finished, that they will call us very soon," he said. He was referring to his wife and children's petition interview, the final hurdle before receiving alien residency cards.

The Esparza family's interviews will take place in Harlingen. But if some lawmakers in Washington have their way, thousands of undocumented Mexican families in the Rio Grande Valley will have to travel 800 miles, to Ciudad Juarez, for the same process that now can be completed in Harlingen.

Under an immigration law scheduled to expire Sept. 30, illegal immigrants living in the United States may pay a $1,000 fee to complete their applications for legal status without leaving the country.

"What's wrong with someone returning to their native country to apply to become a legal resident?" said Allen Kay, spokesman for Rep. Lamar Smith (R-San Antonio). "They broke the law and they are trying to jump ahead of millions of other people who are trying to get into this country legally."

Esparza, who was granted legal status under 1986 amnesty provisions, ponders what might have happened if he had left his family in Mexico to apply for residency.

"The truth is, I don't know which way would have been better," he said, shaking his head slowly. "But I didn't want to be away from them any longer."

Undocumented aliens who apply for legal residency under Section 245(i) of the Immigration and Nationality Act are most often the spouses or children of a legal resident; they become eligible for an interview after a wait of at least five years, Immigration and Naturalization Service officials said.

From October 1994, when Section 245(i) took effect, through February, the Harlingen INS district processed 15,749 applications, officials there said. The Harlingen district covers the seven southernmost counties in Texas.

If Congress decides not to extend the provision, future applicants must travel to an American consulate in their native country. For Mexican nationals living in the Valley, that would mean a trip to Juarez, just across the border from El Paso.

Further, the law would require applicants to live in their home country for at least 90 days before their petition interview date. And, their interview could come days or even weeks after the scheduled date, immigrant rights advocates said.

"If (the immigration law) is not extended, particularly for families of legal permanent residents, it's going to be devastating," said Lisa Brodyaga, a Harlingen lawyer who represents immigrants.

Judith Golub, director of advocacy for the American Association of Immigration Lawyers in Washington, said 245(i) lends flexibility to an otherwise rigid system.

"People become illegal for a number of reasons, many of which aren't their fault," Golub said.

She cited misinterpretation of the rules, changes in immigration laws and inaccurate legal advice.

"There's not a problem here that needs to be fixed," she said.

INS officials in Washington who have supported the provision's extension call the law "humane," saying it keeps families together, children in school and parents at work supporting their families. In addition, they say, it benefits only those aliens who are almost certain to qualify for a green card, or legal permanent residency.

"I would say less than 1 percent of these (245i) applications are denied," said Art Moreno, spokesman for the INS Harlingen office.

The 245(i) provision has proven to be a financial windfall for INS. The $650 per-applicant fee required by the provision added up to $147.5 million in fiscal year 1996, said INS spokesman Bill Strassberger. Since the 1996 immigration reform law amended the fee to $1,000, the government stands to reap even more money this year, he said.

Section 245(i) faces an uncertain future largely because of the efforts of conservative congressmen like San Antonio's Smith, chairman of the House subcommittee on immigration.

"It is simply bad policy for the nation's immigration law enforcement agency to raise funds through a scheme that encourages illegal aliens to remain in the United States," Smith wrote in a July 17 letter obtained by The Monitor.

Smith sent the letter to colleagues, urging them to vote against any amendment to extend the immigration law.

"The INS's task is to end illegal immigration, not to exploit it," he said.

Smith also wrote that those who have applied for legal status in the United States have "jumped the line" ahead of those waiting at American consulates abroad.

"Section 245(i) thus rewards illegal behavior and provides an incentive for aliens to illegally enter and remain in the United States," he said.

INS officials deny those applying for a green card in the United States receive preferential treatment.

The Clinton administration has been urging Congress to extend 245(i).

"It's a program that should be continued indefinitely," said Carole Florman, spokeswoman for the U.S. Department of Justice. "It doesn't benefit the country to force these people to go home."

Local INS officials said they expect a slight increase in green card applications as the Sept. 30 deadline nears.

If 245(i) is discontinued, undocumented aliens living in the United States would be faced with a second important deadline.

Dr. Kevorkian...

No new assisted-suicide trial

IONIA, Mich. (AP) — A prosecutor says he is dropping an assisted suicide case against Dr. Jack Kevorkian rather than put up with the courtroom antics of Kevorkian's lawyer.

A mistrial was declared in the case June 12 after defense attorney Geoffrey Fieger gave an inflammatory opening statement that accused Ionia County Prosecutor Ray Voet of harassing the dead woman's family and altering the death certificate.

"What would stop Geoffrey Fieger from again pulling another stunt of some sort to derail a fair trial?" Voet said Friday.

"I cannot foresee any way of preventing Mr. Fieger from just re-enacting his egregious misconduct in a second trial once he felt things were not going his way," he said. "To attempt a retrial with little chance of success would simply serve the purposes of Fieger and Kevorkian in providing them with a national forum for their crusade for death on demand."

Kevorkian, 69, was charged with helping inject a heart-stopping drug into 54-year-old Loretta Peabody, a multiple sclerosis patient, in the bedroom of her Ionia home in 1996.

At first, the death was thought to be from natural causes, and the body was cremated without an autopsy. A week later, police raided a motel room and found a video of her telling Kevorkian the disease had sapped her will to live.

Fieger said the prosecutor's decision is "best for the Peabodys."

The case was the first brought against Kevorkian outside the Detroit area, where he has been acquitted of five deaths in three trials. This latest case was the only one outstanding against him.

Kevorkian has admitted taking part in at least 45 suicides since 1990.

Humphrey Bogart stamp arrives

LOS ANGELES (AP) — For Bogie's fans, this could be the beginning of a beautiful friendship.

The Humphrey Bogart 32-cent postal stamp has arrived. A hard-eyed, tight-lipped image of the movie star who immortalized suave toughness was unveiled Thursday to celebrate the stamp's release.

Confetti was flying when the 25-foot replica of the stamp was uncovered as a band played "As Time Goes By" from his classic film "Casablanca."

Bogart's widow, actress Lauren Bacall, presided over the ceremony, which was attended by their two children. About 3,000 people lined Hollywood Boulevard to see the latest Legends of Hollywood stamp issued by the Postal Service.

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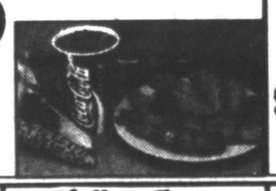
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Industry touts new research; cholesterol doubts remain

WASHINGTON (AP) — A national ad campaign this summer seems to claim the last word on eggs and cholesterol: "More studies say eggs are OK," it declares, over a picture of a pepper-and-mushroom omelette.

The advertisement continues: "The conclusion: If you're healthy, go right ahead and enjoy your eggs. Your cholesterol will probably stay about the same."

Nutritionists caution, however, that people with cholesterol problems — and certainly people with heart disease — should still be careful about how many eggs they eat.

Sweeping generalizations are unwise, because cholesterol in the diet affects people of all ages and health statuses differently, cautions Wahida Karmally, director of nutrition at Columbia University's Irving Center for Clinical Research.

"Some people's blood cholesterol will go up, and some people's won't go up," Karmally said. "It is definitely less potent in raising blood cholesterol than saturated fat. But we cannot just bypass cholesterol altogether, because it does have an impact on some people."

Adds Bonnie Liebman of the consumer group Center for Science in the Public Interest, who's critical of the industry ads: "Less impact does not mean trivial impact."

Since the mid-1960s, when studies first detailed the damage that cholesterol can do to arteries, the egg has been the most familiar symbol of the substance.

It has suffered accordingly.

The average person ate 320 eggs a year in 1967; today that's down to roughly 237 a year. The American Heart Association recommends that people limit consumption to four egg yolks a week, and says some people at risk of heart disease shouldn't eat them at all.

Take Leon Rothenberg, a 78-year-old retiree who lives in Chevy Chase, Md. He's heard of the new research but said he's sticking to his doctor's recommendation that he eat no more than two eggs a week.

The ad campaign, which has run widely on television and in print, is based on a University of Arizona analysis of 224 studies conducted since 1966 involving more than 8,000 people.

The analysis found that for most people, high-cholesterol foods such as eggs have less impact on dangerous cholesterol in the bloodstream than foods high in saturated fats.

Other studies have reported similar results, but none involved so many people over so long a time.

"It dispels long-held myths about what foods will and won't increase their risk for coronary heart disease," said Wanda Howell, the University of Arizona nutrition professor who published the study this year.

In scientific terms, the study concluded that one egg with 215 milligrams of cholesterol will increase cholesterol in the blood by about 4.5 milligrams per deciliter of blood.

Because the average American, each day, eats about 205 milligrams of cholesterol per deciliter of blood, eating an egg would increase that level by about 2 percent.

"It is basically unmeasurable," said Donald McNamara, executive director of the industry's Egg Nutrition Center.

Some critics allege that McNamara has a conflict of interest in promoting the study because he helped put it together.

McNamara, a colleague of Howell's at the University of Arizona, is listed as co-author. He left to take the Egg Nutrition Center job in April 1995, after the study was completed but not yet published.

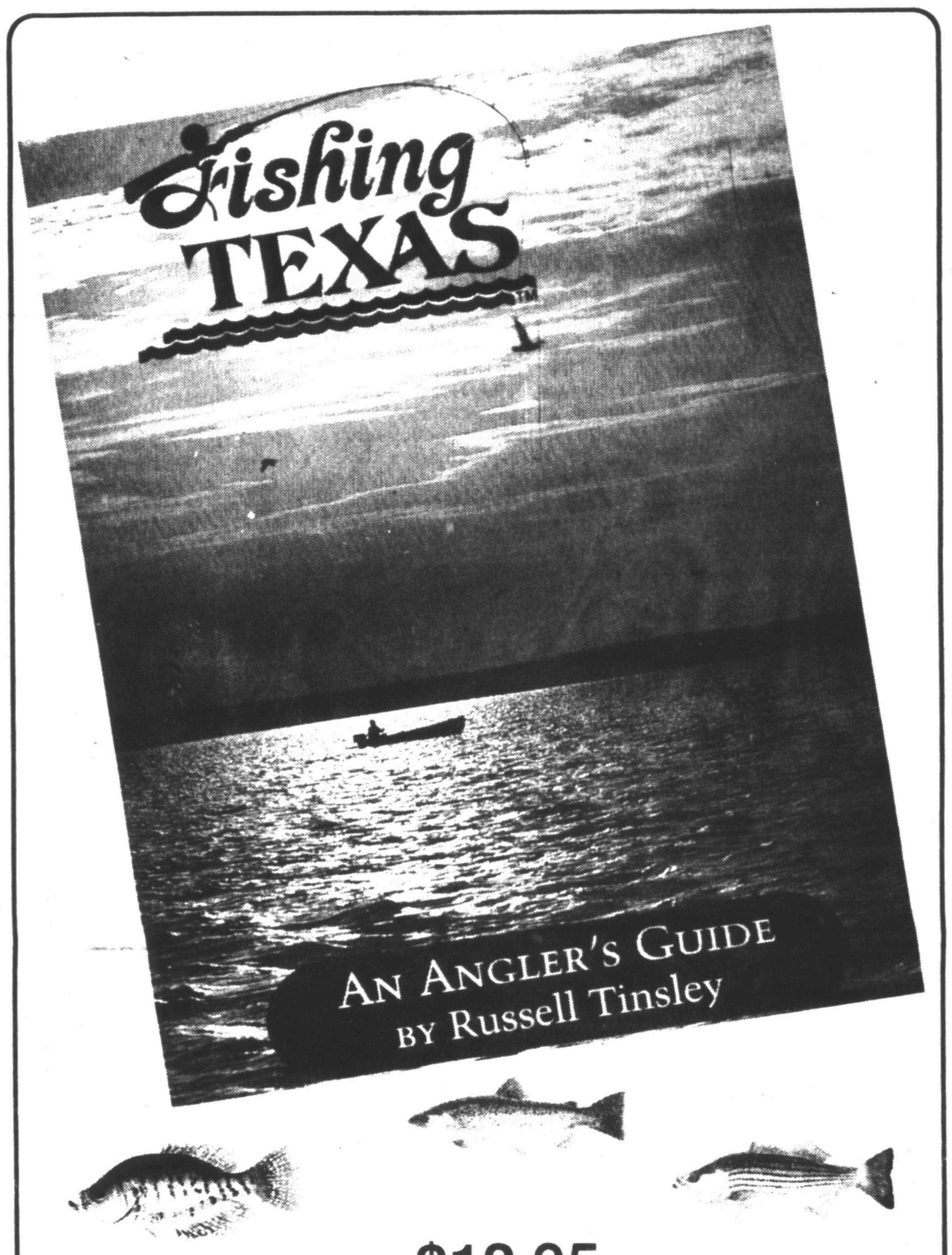
The Egg Board provided $36,000 for the study, about 40 percent of its total money.

In answer to such criticisms, McNamara noted the findings are consistent with other studies and that most of the work examined by the analysis was not financed by the egg industry.

"We went through a rigorous review," he said.

The ad campaign still makes some claims that trouble other nutrition experts, as do letters McNamara has circulated to hundreds of doctors contending the study "raises important questions regarding the appropriateness of an across-the-board ceiling on cholesterol for the entire population."

The ad campaign was approved by the Agriculture Department, which also publishes guidelines recommending that people try to control cholesterol in the diet.



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Cotton growers are worried about EPA's pesticides' ban

LUBBOCK (AP) — Texas officials are concerned that new federal restrictions on a powerful aphid-killing pesticide could put a dent in cotton production.

"The Texas Department of Agriculture certainly understands and shares concern about pesticide safety, especially when our children are involved," said Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry. "However, EPA's decision in this matter virtually assures more pesticide use in Texas cotton fields, not less."

The Environmental Protection Agency decided in July to bar cotton growers in Texas and five other states from using liquid carbofuran, sold under the brand name Furadan 4F. The EPA had given emergency exemptions since 1993 so cotton growers could use the poison against pests.

Aphids tend to attack toward the end of cotton season, which wraps up between summertime and early winter, depending on the region. The tiny bugs cause cotton fiber to become sticky, creating problems for mills.

Perry said growers may have to resort to aphid-control measures that will be costlier and more environmentally hazardous than Furadan.

Texas led the nation last year in cotton production with 4.35 million bales.

The EPA also denied requests from Arkansas, California, Louisiana, Mississippi and Oklahoma for a pesticide exemption from the new Food Quality Protection Act. Signed into law last year, the act was designed to prevent accumulations on agricultural products of potent chemicals such as Furadan, which also is used on wheat and potatoes in many areas.

Because cotton byproducts are used for animal feed and seed oil, EPA spokesman Al Heier said, the agency determined the dietary risk to children was too great to allow use of Furadan on cotton.

"You can only have so much exposure," Heier said from his Washington office. "If we allowed this in addition to existing uses, it would just be too much acute exposure."

The EPA has severely limited Furadan's use this decade. The chemical, particularly its granular versions, has been blamed for killing small animals and birds.

In 1993, farm workers in four Mississippi counties reported nausea, vomiting, abdominal pains and diarrhea after handling a type of Furadan. Two years ago, an Ohio farmer was fined for accidentally killing assorted birds with Furadan, which he was using to kill rodents. The chemical was suspected in a spate of pet deaths in rural Arkansas last year.

But cotton growers have come to rely on Furadan, a proven performer against aphids, said Shawn Wade, spokesman for Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Growers. While many growers attack the bugs first with less-toxic chemicals, he said they consider Furadan their "ace in the hole."

"It's nice to know it's there if you get into that serious situation where control ceased to come around with some other products," Wade said.

Isuzu sues Consumer Union over report on rollover risk

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Consumers Union drove the Isuzu Trooper sport utility vehicle recklessly during road tests, causing it to tip during sharp turns, Isuzu Motors Ltd. alleged in a lawsuit against the watchdog group.

Based on its tests, Consumers Union declared last summer that the Trooper was prone to tipping over during sudden turns and asked for an investigation by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

"The Trooper is a safe vehicle," Terry Maloney, senior vice president and general manager of American Isuzu Motors Inc., declared.

Isuzu's lawsuit, filed Thursday, seeks unspecified compensatory and punitive damages.

The August 1996 issue of Consumer Reports magazine branded the 1995-96 Isuzu Troopers and 1996 Acura SLXs, nearly identical sport utility vehicles, with its rare "not acceptable" rating.

Consumers Union responded to the lawsuit, saying it stood behind its findings.

Maloney declined to say how much money the Japanese automaker has lost on Trooper sales, which plunged to their lowest level in years in the months that followed the magazine's report.

Isuzu's sales figures showed that during the first half of 1997, Trooper sales dropped 53 percent to 4,313 vehicles.

At a news conference, Richard A. Bowman, a lawyer specializing in product liability defenses, said Consumers Union drivers turned the Trooper's steering wheel faster and farther than drivers normally would even in an emergency situation.

A videotape, which he said was taken from inside a Trooper during a Consumers Union test run, showed the driver quickly whipping the wheel as much as two full revolutions to produce sharp turns.

"Consumers Union drivers drove the Trooper recklessly and deliberately to force the Trooper up on two wheels," Bowman said.

Consumers Union, based in Yonkers, N.Y., denied that its drivers tried to tip the vehicle.

"We welcome an opportunity to place our data and reports before any court or jury and are confident that our tests and impartiality will be upheld in that form," it said.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration last week denied a Consumers Union request to launch a formal investigation of the Trooper's safety.

The highway safety agency made its decision after putting the Trooper through its own tests. The agency's report found that in key Consumers Union tests, the steering wheel was turned more sharply than "a driver is willing or able to make in response to an unexpected event."

Although the highway safety agency also was able to tip the vehicle onto two wheels, it concluded "dramatic differences in outcome can be generated by the test driver."

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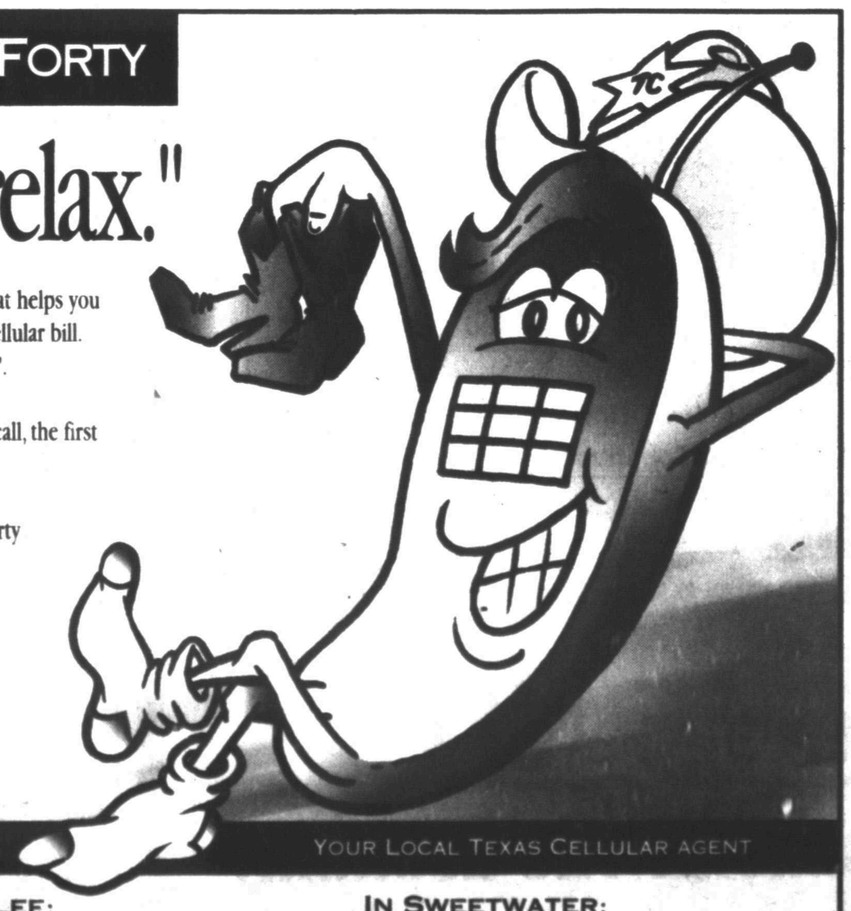
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Treasury reluctantly OKs new quarters

WASHINGTON (AP) — Call it quartermania.

Rep. Michael Castle's proposal to mint quarters commemorating the 50 states is picking up steam. It won the crucial, if reluctant, support of Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin on Friday.

Congress still must pass legislation, but already there's talk in Illinois of putting Chicago Bull Michael Jordan on the back of the two-bits, opposite George Washington. The Chicago Tribune speculated on its front page about immortalizing the basketball hero in coin.

Tradition-minded West Virginia legislators prefer their state seal on their quarter.

"I can't think of anything else you would look at immediately and think of West Virginia," said Bob Kiss, speaker of the state House. "I'm sure we'll spend weeks debating it."

New York Assemblyman Jack McEneny, a historian, said state seals would make quarters look too much like state coinage. He favors the Statue of Liberty or Niagara Falls for New York.

"You'd have to use something symbolic," he said.

Whatever Wisconsin chooses, it won't be a cow, said state Rep. Marlin Schneider.

"I think we've milked that for all its worth," he said.

In a letter to Castle, R-Del., Rubin said he wants a design process that "will ensure that no frivolous or inappropriate designs are adopted." Two existing federal panels — the Citizens Commemorative Coin Advisory Committee and the Fine Arts Commission — would review designs submitted by state officials. The Treasury secretary would have the final say.

Castle, chairman of the House Banking monetary policy subcommittee, is promising to speed legislation to President Clinton's desk as soon as Congress returns from its summer recess in September.

He proposes that the U.S. Mint issue five new quarters a year, starting in 1999. Designs commemorating states would replace the American eagle on the reverse. Washington would remain on the front. The quarters would be the same size and weight and would work in vending machines. They'd be educational, Castle said.

"When you get change at toll gates, kids will scramble to look at the coins. For $12.50 they can collect them all. You're going to teach kids something about history," he said.

He's already secured the backing of top GOP leaders, including House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., and House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas.

The Senate Banking Committee chairman, Sen. Alfonse D'Amato, R-N.Y., called the idea brilliant.

"It will improve our economy and strengthen our country by raising as much as $5 billion toward deficit reduction while at the same time promoting state pride," D'Amato said.

A study commissioned by the Treasury Department found that the government would earn between $2.6 billion and $5.1 billion because many people would save the quarters, which cost the government only a few cents to make.

Rubin already is authorized by legislation enacted last October to mint the quarters. In a letter to Castle, he asked lawmakers to decide after sorting out the pros and cons.

"If Congress directs us to proceed with the 50 state commemorative quarter program, the Department of the Treasury stands ready to implement it," he said.

Citing a study commissioned by his department, Rubin conceded that minting new quarters "has clear economic advantages," that "there are no logistical or manufacturing capacity problems" and that public opinion polls show "a substantial degree of interest."

He said he was "concerned that this program could affect the public's perception of our coinage."

"The dignified design of our coinage and currency is an important consideration, and every citizen should be able to be proud that our money includes elements symbolic of the basic principles of our nation," he said.

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Loans and leases, net of unearned income	28,832	
LESS: Allowance for loan and lease losses	181	
LESS: Allocated transfer risk reserve	0	
Loans and leases, net of unearned income, allowance, and reserve		28,651
Trading assets		0
Premises and fixed assets (including capitalized leases)		675
Other real estate owned		12
Investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries and associated companies		0
Customers' liability to this bank on acceptances outstanding		0
Intangible assets		35
Other assets		1,365
Total assets		93,542

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Deposits:		
In domestic offices		81,123
Noninterest-bearing	11,656	
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Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase		0
Demand notes issued to the U.S. Treasury		0
Trading liabilities		0
Other borrowed money (includes mortgage indebtedness and obligations under capitalized leases):		//////////
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Subordinated notes and debentures		0
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Total liabilities		82,819

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Perpetual preferred stock and related surplus	0
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Surplus	1,500
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