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For redistricting...

Texas lawmakers back in special session

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas lawmakers returned to the Capitol today, less than a month after they packed their bags and left town after a 140-day regular session.

House Speaker Tom Craddick gaveled the House to order shortly after 10 a.m., although senators waited until after a caucus meeting to get started on the special session.

Gov. Rick Perry this month called state legislators back for another 30 days to take care of the redrawing of congressional districts, a topic that remained unresolved when lawmakers adjourned June 2. The issue prompted a Democratic walkout in the House in May.

Minutes before the session began, more than two-dozen Democrats gathered to again denounce the Republican effort, calling it a GOP "power grab" by U.S. House Majority Leader Tom DeLay.

"This week is independence week, and we're going to find out this week whether the Texas Legislature is still independent from the partisans in Washington, D.C.," said Rep. Jim Dunnam of Waco, House Democratic Caucus leader.

In a letter announcing the session, Perry said elected officials, not federal judges, should be responsible for drawing district lines.

Lawmakers during the 2001 legislative session could not agree on how to draw the districts so the current map was drawn by federal judges. Democrats now have a 17-15 majority in Congress.

Republicans argue, however, that Texas should have more GOP representatives in Congress, noting that every statewide office in Texas is ruled by a Republican.

The map that was pushed during the regular session, which Democrats objected to, would have probably given Republicans as many as 20 seats. The walkout by the Democrats killed the redistricting bill.

This time, Republicans are hopeful for a better outcome.

Rep. Phil King, R-Weatherford, filed a redistricting bill during the regular session and said he plans to file another map today.

"I don't think there will be a walkout," King said.

"I would expect an awful lot of acrimony but I do expect the Legislature to pass a new plan," said Rep. Mike Krusee, R-Taylor.

Dunnam said last week that the House Democratic Caucus had not yet met to discuss its strategy. He also said he expected that enough Democratic state senators would oppose a redistricting bill to block it from debate.

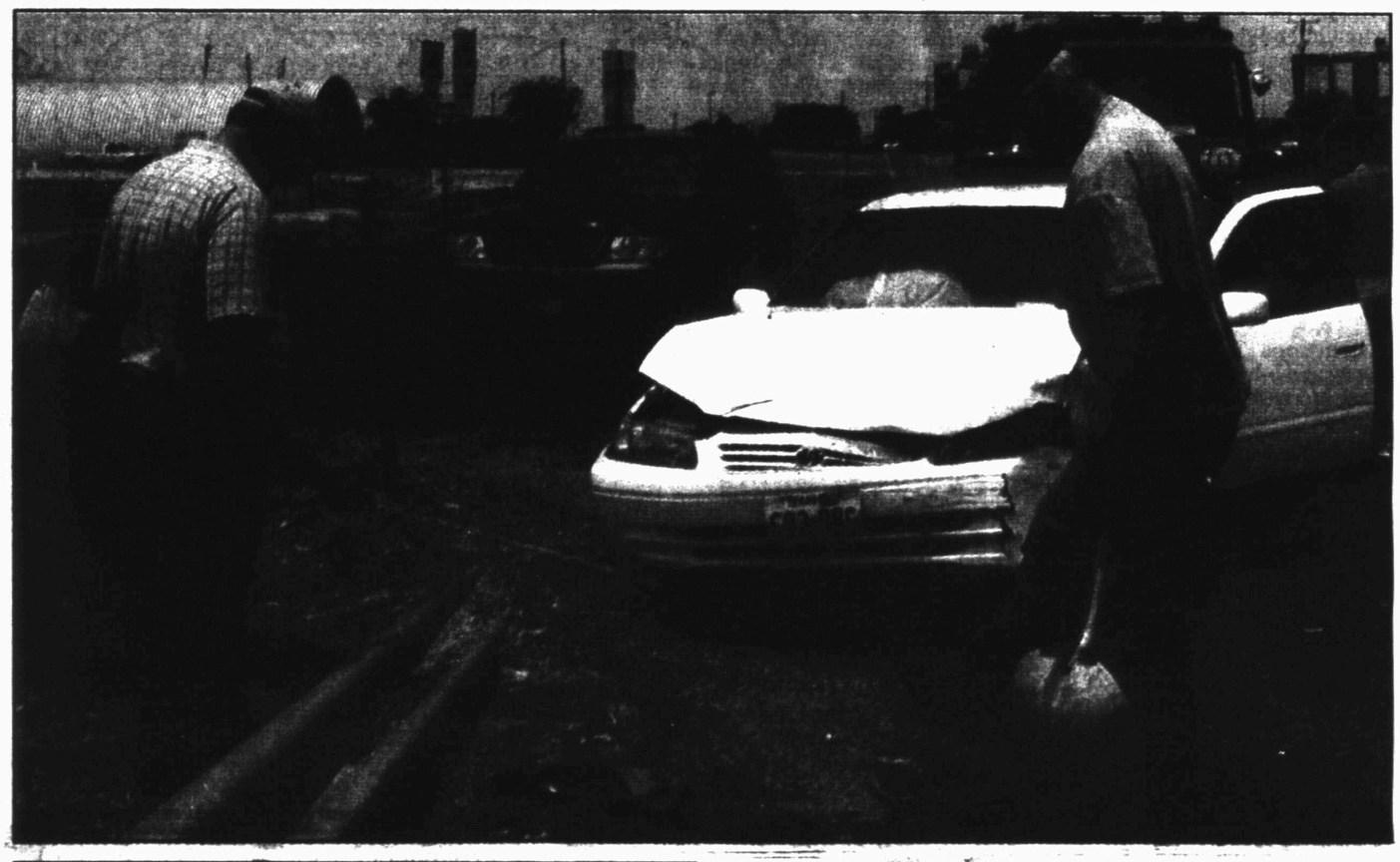
Republicans rule the Senate 19-12 but under the chamber's rules, set by the senators, two-thirds of the chamber's 31 members must agree to bring an issue to the floor for debate. That means 11 votes would be needed to kill the bill.

The Senate Democratic Caucus has not yet counted votes to see if it has enough support to block the measure, said Chairwoman Sen. Leticia Van de Putte.

"Our hope is that we won't have to deal with this," said Van de Putte of San Antonio.

Redistricting already has emotions running high.

A House subcommittee meeting on redistricting last week in Brownsville fell apart when too few members showed up to make a quorum and the crowd shouted: "Shut it down! Shut it down!"



COLLISION — Snyder emergency personnel responded to this two-vehicle accident at the U.S. 180 and U.S. 84 overpass at 1 p.m. Sunday. Snyder fireman Toby Ducheneaux, above left, sprays chemical on fluids leaking from the vehicle as volunteer fireman Sterling Williams looks on and tow truck operator Loyd Nichols cleans up. At left, Snyder officer Kyle Haley records information from one of the vehicles. Jamae Schlabs of Hereford and Gloria Barron of 2901 Ave. J in Snyder were taken to Cogdell Memorial Hospital where they were treated and released. Snyder firefighters, EMS personnel, police and sheriff's deputies responded. Both cars were towed from the scene. (SDN Staff Photo)

DCOS cancels called meeting this morning

A planned meeting this morning by the Development Corporation of Snyder board of directors was cancelled.

Board president Dayton Robertson said the board had scheduled an executive session to discuss economic development negotiations, but nothing had changed since its last meeting.

"As such, there was no need for a meeting this morning," said Robertson.

The board has met several times over the last couple of weeks concerning negotiations with Snyder Brick & Tile.

Gas plant changes hands tonight

By Brian Brisendine
SDN Staff Writer

Kinder Morgan's acquisition of the Snyder Gas Plant from Torch Energy will be complete at midnight tonight and both parties are optimistic about the move.

All 25 gas plant employees will become Kinder Morgan employees, according to plant manager Chuck Womble.

"We are very pleased that we are able to bring this bunch of people into the Kinder Morgan family," Womble said. "We don't have to worry with hiring and training new employees and we couldn't have found more knowledgeable people. These guys know this plant better than anyone else."

Kinder Morgan purchased Torch's interest in the gas plant in January 2002 and has been transitioning since, Womble said.

All accounts payable and receivable have been switched to Kinder Morgan's books and the company will officially operate the facility at midnight.

Mike Post, former Torch employee, will remain on as operations supervisor and Tommy Wright will continue as maintenance supervisor.

Post said everyone at the plant is looking forward to becoming Kinder Morgan employees.

"They have proven themselves as a solid company in Snyder over the last few years and we are optimistic," Post said. "There was a time over the last several years when production was consistently declining and we were all wondering what our futures would look like," Post added.

"Kinder Morgan has turned that downward curve back up and extended the life of Snyder's oil production a long time."

The plant currently processes about 16½ million cubic feet of gas per day, Womble said. But that amount should more than double once Kinder Morgan finishes the SACROC upgrade.

"We'll be looking for totals of at least 40 million cubic feet a day. Kinder Morgan has made a commitment to continue its investment in Snyder and this is part of that."

The Kinder Morgan philosophy, according to Womble, is to control costs by being involved in every aspect of operations.

"That's what this is," he said. "We had a hand in every part of the process except for this and now we do. We're gearing up for the long haul."

The plant was built in 1950 and has seen several revisions and upgrades through the years.

Bill heads toward coast

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Tropical Storm Bill headed for the Gulf Coast with wind and heavy rain today, and emergency officials braced for the threat of flooding across already saturated southern Louisiana.

Some floodgates were closed and residents were urged to evacuate one barrier island.

The National Hurricane Center in Miami issued a hurricane watch for the Louisiana coast. The storm had sustained wind of about 60 mph but forecasters said that wind could speed up to 74 mph, or hurricane strength, by the time Bill's eye made landfall later today.

By late morning, the heaviest rain appeared to be falling in the area of Pascagoula, Miss., where 6 to 8 inches was expected, the National Weather Service said.

RECOVERED SADDLES — Deputy Kevin Roemisch, left, and Sheriff Darren Jackson display saddles recovered late last week from Lubbock pawnshops. The saddles were stolen from various locations in Scurry and surrounding counties. (Contributed Photo)

Stolen saddles recovered; numerous cases cleared

Sheriff's Deputy Kevin Roemisch last week recovered seven stolen saddles, effectively closing several open theft cases in Scurry and surrounding counties.

The saddles were recovered from several pawnshops in Lubbock, according to Sheriff Darren Jackson.

"Two suspects have been identified and cases have been cleared from the City of Snyder, Scurry, Borden, Garza and Lubbock counties," Jackson said.

The sheriff's office is in the process of recovering stolen tools and coordinating efforts between the different law enforcement agencies involved.

The saddles were stolen from several different locations in and around the county. Deputy Bil West reported the most recent theft Thursday from his barn near Dermott. His saddles were among those recovered.

Jackson said he expects the case will be forwarded to the District Attorney in mid-July.

ASK US

Q—Will the Texas Rangers be in Arlington for the 4th of July weekend?

A—Yes. The Rangers will host the AL West-leading Seattle Mariners in a three-game series starting Friday.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

April Lollar...

...will be a senior at SHS in the fall, where she will play basketball and run cross-country and track. April and her family moved to Snyder from San Angelo five years ago. She enjoys playing basketball and working at Suntrax. April has twin brothers, Joel and Jordan, who will be sophomores at Ira next school year.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

A man is what he thinks about all day long.
—Ralph Waldo Emerson

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 this evening is "That Which Unites Us," followed by "Role of Miracles in the New Testament."

Snyder Lions Club

Snyder Lions Club will not meet Tuesday, but members will attend the July 4 prayer breakfast at 8 a.m. at the Towle Park Barn (enter west door). Maj. Bob Starr, B-1 pilot from Dyess AFB will speak. The public is invited to eat for no charge, but donations will be accepted for various Lions Club projects.

GED registration, test dates

Mandatory pre-registration for the TED test will be Wednesday at the GED testing center, Building 7B, at WTC from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. The math segment of the test will begin at 8 a.m. Thursday. For more information, call Molly Kattes, 573-2919, or Emily Hataway, 573-8511, ext.297, or 574-2112. It is recommended that candidates receive some preparation before attempting the test.

Senior swimnastics

Swimnastics for senior citizens is held from 10 to 11 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the WTC pool.

FBC services televised

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

Gateway Family Services raffle

Gateway Family Services is raffling a 2003 anniversary edition Harley Davidson Road King motorcycle. Only 2,500 tickets will be sold. The raffle will be held July 4th in Towle Park. Tickets may be purchased at D&D Auto, Purple Sage Motel, Ira Pump & Supply and by calling Gateway's administrative office at 573-4351.

Nurses aide class

A certified nurses aide class will be held from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday from this Saturday through Aug. 9. A mandatory orientation will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday at Snyder Oaks Care Center. Tuition is free and books may be purchased at WTC. For more information, call Maggie Barnes at 863-2426.

First Baptist concert

The Continental Singers will perform at 6 p.m. Sunday at the First Baptist Church, 1701 27th St. Admission is free.

WTC holiday notice

Offices at Western Texas College will be closed Monday, July 7, in observance of the July 4 holiday. However, night classes will still be held.

Class of 1993 reunion

The SHS class of 1993 is planning a 10-year reunion on July 12. Classmate addresses are needed. Contact Catalina Jones at 573-5045, or e-mail class of 93shs@yahoo.com.

SHS football program ads

Advertisements are now being sold for the 2003 football program. Anyone interested in purchasing an ad can call Christy Smith at 573-6301.

Sonshine registration

Sonshine School at 37th St. Church of Christ is currently registering students for the fall semester. For more information, call director Wendy Barnett at 574-1960.

Cancer treatment transportation

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

Multistate lotteries woo Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — Which multistate lottery is best-suited to deliver the $101 million that Texas officials predict would be generated for the state treasury and help get the state out of its revenue shortfall?

Officials of Powerball, a consortium of 25 individual lotteries, and from the 10-state Mega Millions lottery brought presentations to the Texas state capitol today, each group hoping to entice the Texas Lottery Commission into casting their lot with them.

Going into today's hearing, neither side would discuss its proposal in advance. The commission will also hear testimony from anyone who wishes to discuss the matter, lottery commission chairman C. Thomas Clowe said.

"Texas is a real attractive state for either one of them," Clowe was quoted in the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. "That's why I intend to listen very carefully to what they'll have to say, and I'll probably have some questions that I'll want them to answer.

"I don't see anything right know that's a negative to joining a multistate game," Clowe said. "But I'm open-minded on it."

In Texas, lawmakers convened the legislative session in January under the cloud of a $9.9 billion shortfall and with instructions from Gov. Rick Perry and other top leaders that a tax increase would not be tolerated.

Despite his objection to expanded gambling, Perry did signal that he'd accept joining a multistate lottery because the state has been operating its own lottery since 1992.

The Texas Legislature voted recently to allow the lottery commission to join a multistate game, a decision made easier after Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn certified that the move would bring the treasury $101 million during the 2004-05 budget cycle.

James LeBas, chief revenue estimator for the comptroller's office, said the revenue projection takes into account any drop-off in sales for other lottery games.

LaBas said that by joining a multistate game, Texas would see a resurgence in interest by players who may have become bored with the 11-year-old Lotto game.

"I think the excitement of a new game would rejuvenate the old, tired game," LeBas said.

Multistate lottery games are designed to generate jackpots into the hundreds of millions of dollars, creating a frenzy of ticket purchases across the country. Participating states get a cut of the tickets sold within their borders.

The Mega Millions jackpot — which currently is $16 million — hit $180 million on June 21, when it was won by one ticket sold in Maryland. The Powerball jackpot is now $165 million.

The push to join a multistate lottery comes as Lotto Texas, the state's signature game, continues to suffer from depressed ticket sales. This spring, lottery officials overhauled the game by adding a so-called bonus ball into the mix, which drove the odds against winning a jackpot from one in 25 million to nearly one in 48 million.

The higher odds mean that a player is less likely to hit the jackpot, pushing up the prize amount. The higher the payoff rises, the more interest it generates — and the more tickets are sold.

If Texas joins either Powerball or Mega Millions, it would become the largest state active in the multistate lottery, surpassing Pennsylvania.

Lubbock man gets long prison term

AUSTIN (AP) — To his family, 41-year-old Timothy Dale Gould was a hardworking father of three. But federal prosecutors say that from 2000 to 2002, he committed three armed bank robberies in his hometown of Lubbock, another in Amarillo and a final one in Austin.

In Austin he was pursued by police and eventually arrested at a hotel off Interstate 35. The bank heists netted Gould more than $750,000, prosecutors said.

"This is a pretty big surprise to everyone," Gould told a federal judge Friday at his sentencing for the Austin robbery. "I'm old enough to know better. I was raised better."

U.S. District Judge Sam Sparks sentenced Gould to 11 years and nine months in prison, the maximum under federal sentencing guidelines. Gould had pleaded guilty to using a .45-caliber pistol to rob a Bank of America branch in Austin in September.

He still faces a nine-count federal indictment in the Northern District of Texas in the Lubbock and Amarillo robberies. That indictment includes four charges of using a gun during a crime of violence.

A conviction on any of the weapons charges carries a minimum 25-year prison sentence.

After his arrest in Austin, Gould confessed to the Bank of America robbery as well as others, authorities said.

Mills is named to Dean's List at SFA

NACOGDOCHES — Jessica Francis Mills, theatre major, has been named to the Dean's list at Stephen F. Austin University for the spring semester.

To be eligible, a student must be enrolled in 12 or more semester hours and maintain an excellent grade point average.

She is the daughter of Kent and Deanie Mills of Hermleigh.

Today's chuckle

Two bus shelters installed in wrong place

MESA, Ariz. (AP) — City officials in Mesa have mistakenly installed two bus shelters where no buses run.

The installation cost $32,000 at a time when the city is cutting its public transit budget to save money.

Both are on Broadway Road and were installed as part of a $7.7 million improvement project finished about a year ago.

Although there is bus service on part of the road, buses turn before reaching the shelters.

"It slipped through all of us and didn't get caught until after the fact," said Jeff Kramer, Mesa's deputy engineer for design.

Kramer told the East Valley Tribune that the shelter locations weren't reviewed in advance by the transportation department because they were a small part of a complex road project.

And although the shelters have signs posted saying no buses pass by, people still wait.

"We see people there daily waiting for a bus until they notice the sign is there and they realize it's not a working bus stop," said Rene Scharber.

Survivors of porch collapse in Chicago describe chaos

CHICAGO (AP) — For Simon Rasin and other partygoers crammed onto a third-floor porch on Chicago's North Side, there was no warning when the floor caved in, sending dozens of people hurtling down in an avalanche of wooden planks.

"I fell through both the second and the first floor decks into the basement area in just a pile of bodies," said Rasin, a University of Chicago law student whose friend, Henry Wischerath, was one of the 12 killed. At least 57 others were injured, some critically.

As authorities searched for clues into the early Sunday tragedy in an affluent Chicago neighborhood, survivors described a harrowing scene: bodies stacked upon bodies, trapped under rubble, some victims moaning for help.

"There were people covering me. It was pitch black and people were yelling, 'I'm dying.' I was assuming I was going to die," said Natalie Brougham, 22. "I guess I got lucky and only had two or three people on top of me."

By Sunday evening, workers had torn the porch down. Lumber and red plastic cups littered the alley behind the building.

A structural engineer conducted a preliminary examination and determined that the porch was sound, said City Building Commissioner Norma Reyes. She said the city was unable to find a construction permit for the porch, which was built in 1998.

Officials found permits for other repairs at the building that year, but Reyes said it was unclear whether the porch exceeded the scope of those documents.

"Thus far, there is no evidence of any criminal activity whatsoever," Police Superintendent Terry Hillard said.

As many as 50 people, most of them in their early 20s, had squeezed onto the apartment porch for a party in the Lincoln Park neighborhood when the floor fell at about 12:30 a.m. Sunday.

Seven men and five women, most of them apparently on the porches directly below, were sandwiched between the falling floors and killed, said Larry Langford, spokesman for the city's Office of Emergency Management.

"There was chaos," Chicago Fire Commissioner James Joyce said. "There were people screaming and crying in the alley."

Partygoers who had been safe inside the apartment said they tried to rescue their friends from the pile of lumber and bodies, while people poured out of a nearby tavern to help.

"They were bloodied and covered in rubble, their clothes were ripped."

Date Book

Monday, June 30, 2003

Today is the 181st day of 2003 and the 10th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1859, Jean-Francois Gravelet became the first daredevil to cross Niagara Falls on a tightrope.

On this day in 1870, Ada H. Kepley of Effingham, Ill., became the first woman to graduate from an accredited American law school. She attended Chicago's Union College of Law.

On this day in 1971, Ohio voted to approve lowering the voting age to 18, thus ratifying the 26th Amendment.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Georges Duhamel (1884-1966), writer; Susan Hayward (1918-1975), actress; Lena Horne (1917-), singer and actress, is 86; Vincent D'Onofrio (1959-), actor, is 44; Mike Tyson (1966-), boxer, is 37.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1913, the New York Giants scored 10 runs in the 10th inning to beat the Phillies 11-1.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "We do not know the true value of our moments until they have undergone the test of memory." — Georges Duhamel

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (June 29) and first quarter (July 6).

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Saturday's Lottery Numbers
Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning numbers drawn in the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night:

2-21-24-29-30
Bonus Ball: 16
Estimated jackpot: $12 million

Next Lotto Texas game: Wednesday night.

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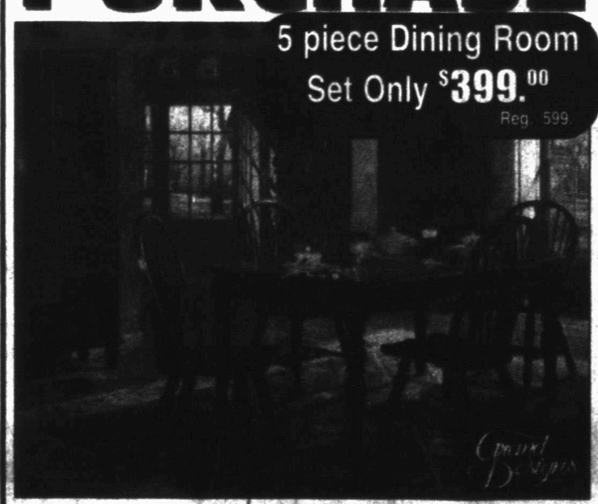
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Deciphering new Medicare drugs plans

WASHINGTON (AP) — You're 65, maybe older, and tired of paying hundreds, maybe thousands, of dollars for drugs.

So how is the government going to help?

Bills passed by the House and the Senate at week's end offer the first Medicare subsidies for drugs taken outside the hospital. They also would change Medicare to give older people more choices and hold down costs for a program forecast to go broke.

Congressional negotiators still must settle differences between the plans, with difficult compromises ahead on writing a single bill. The basic outline can be bewildering.

For starters, the prescription drug benefit is not going to begin until 2006.

In the meantime, you can buy a government-backed discount drug card for $25 or $30 that will offer some savings. The Bush administration estimates that you could save 15 percent, which means a $500 prescription drug bill would fall to $425 — not much of a gain after you pay for the card.

If you are poor, or close to it, you will get more help. Several hundred dollars will be credited toward your card and you will not have to pay the enrollment fee.

How poor is poor? If you earn less than about $12,000 per year (about $16,400 for a couple), you will get extra help in both the Senate and House bills — $600 from the Senate or $800 from the House. For those who are a little better off, earning close to $13,500, the House would kick in $500. The Senate would offer nothing more.

The real action on the prescription drugs comes in 2006, when a full drug plan is added to Medicare. But that will not be any easier to understand.

"I don't know all the fine details," says 76-year-old Lenore Cooper. She is hardly alone.

There are two ways you can get your drugs partly paid for.

One means joining a private health plan.

This could be managed care: a health maintenance organization, which limits your choice of doctors to those on a list, or a preferred provider organization, which has looser rules and allows you to see doctors outside the network for an extra charge.

The HMOs exist in Medicare now. The PPOs will be new. Lawmakers expect them to be soliciting business starting in 2006.

Some see these PPOs as the future of Medicare and they would have to offer you at least basic drug coverage. There may be other advantages to joining one — for example, preventive care such as free doctors' visits or extra services that include eyeglasses. If some Republicans get their way, you could pay a lower premium if you pick a particularly efficient plan.

Another option is staying in regular Medicare.

If you do this, you still will get help paying for medicines, through a complicated formula.

The first decision is whether to sign up for the new drug benefits.

There will be a powerful incentive to do just that right away. If you do not join the program when you first become eligible, the government will consider how sick or healthy you are and adjust premiums accordingly when you do sign up.

The reasoning is that if people can wait until they are ill and then join, the plan will be filled with sick people and will be much more expensive for everyone.

If you join, you will have to pay about $35 per month, or $420 per year. You will pay that premium every month, regardless of any drug expenses. For low-income people, some or all of the premiums would be waived.

Even after you have signed up and are paying the monthly premium, the government is not going to help with the first $250 or $275 of your drug costs each year.

Once bills exceed that amount, how much Medicare kicks in depends on whether the House or Senate plan — or some combination — becomes law.

Under the House plan, the government would pay 80 percent of all drug spending between $251 and $2,000, and you would have to pay the other 20 percent. Subsidies would suspend at that point, not resuming until you had spent $3,500 of your own money on prescriptions (at that point, your total drug bill will have reached $4,900). The government would then pay 100 percent for the rest of the year.

If you have an income of $60,000 yourself or $120,000 as a couple, then this final piece, the catastrophic coverage, would not kick in until you had spent even more of your own money. The threshold rises on a sliding scale, but the most anyone would have to spend on their own is $12,000, which would apply to those earning above $200,000.

The Senate plan uses a similar structure but the numbers are different.

The government would pay half of your costs from $276 to $4,500. There would be no additional coverage until you had spent $3,700 of your own money (for a total drug bill of about $5,800). The government would pay 90 percent for everything above that amount.

Experts estimate that by 2006, the average senior citizen's bill for prescriptions will total $3,160. Under the House plan, that person would pay $1,760 and the government would pay $1,400. Under the Senate plan, the amount owed would be a little less: $1,718.

As complicated as that is, your situation may be even more complex if you already have some drug coverage. Things will not change for those who are covered because they are poor enough to qualify for Medicaid. But retirees who get coverage from an employer could see the employer cut back.

For all the tangled details, at least some drug aid is coming.

Pentagon identifies military casualties

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Defense Department has identified four military personnel killed last week in combat or in accidents or other noncombat reasons in Iraq.

—Spc. Richard P. Orengo, 32, of Puerto Rico, was shot and killed Thursday. Orengo, a member of the 755th Military Police Company, Arecibo, Puerto Rico, apparently was the soldier whom the U.S. Central Command said was fatally shot while investigating a car theft Thursday in Najaf, 100 miles southwest of Baghdad.

—Spc. Andrew F. Chris, 25, of California, was killed Wednesday "in combat operations in hostile enemy territory," the Pentagon said. It did not explain where the territory was. Chris was assigned to Company B, 3rd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, Fort Benning, Ga.

At least 61 U.S. troops have died in at least 23 attacks in Iraq since President Bush declared that major combat was over May 1.

These servicemen's deaths were not in combat:

—Spc. Cedric L. Lennon, 32, of West Blocton, Ala., died Tuesday in Baghdad. The Pentagon is investigating. Lennon was assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment, Fort Polk, La.

—Lance Cpl. Gregory E. MacDonald, 29, of Washington, D.C., was killed Wednesday when the light armored vehicle he was traveling in rolled over. MacDonald was assigned to Bravo Company, 4th Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, Frederick, Md., the Pentagon said.

The Pentagon also identified these deaths during the week from other areas of the region:

—Spc. Corey A. Hubbell, 20, of Urbana, Ill., died Thursday in Camden Yards, Kuwait. The Pentagon is investigating. Hubbell was assigned to Company B, 46th Engineer Battalion, Fort Rucker, Ala.

—Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Thomas E. Retzer, 30, of San Diego, died of wounds received in action Wednesday in Afghanistan. The department did not specify Retzer's unit.

Police identify suspect in slaying of funeral director

ARLINGTON (AP) — Two Arlington men were arrested Sunday in connection with the strangulation death of a prominent Fort Worth pastor and funeral director.

Alex Wilson Jr., 24, was being held at the Arlington City Jail on a capital murder charge in the death of Gregory Wayne Spencer. Bond was set at $1 million.

Kevin Dewayne Sheffield, 25, was charged with tampering with physical evidence. His bail was set at $100,000.

Sheffield was also being held on 19 other unrelated charges and warrants, including several for driving without insurance and driving without a license, according to Sunday's online edition of The Dallas Morning News.

Spencer's body was found last Wednesday in a south Arlington motel room. Authorities said he had checked the motel on Tuesday night.

Police recovered Spencer's navy blue 1999 Mercedes last Friday unoccupied beside an abandoned house in southeast Fort Worth.

Arlington Police Sgt. Mark Simpson said police were able to connect the Mercedes to Sheffield, whom they were able to connect to Wilson. Simpson said Sheffield is accused of dumping the car.

In the arrest warrant affidavit, investigators said call records from Spencer's stolen cell phone implicate Sheffield, who allegedly called home on the stolen phone, according to Sunday's online edition of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

Officials are also examining phone records and a tape from a video surveillance from the motel where Spencer's body was found hogtied and gagged with a towel. Police said Wilson was captured on video entering room 201 at the hotel with Spencer, and then leaving without him.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Woman should pass the torch for man who has burned her

DEAR ABBY: For the past two years, I've been dating "Victor," a guy I'd been carrying a torch for since high school. He's everything any woman would want in a man. We're both 30 and neither of us had been married before. Vic moved in with me, and we plan on being married next year. I had never been so happy.

Five months ago my world fell apart. I received a phone call from a 19-year-old girl who claimed she is two months pregnant with Vic's twins. I was seven months pregnant at the time. (I've since had a healthy baby boy.)

Vic was at work when the call came in, and when he got home I calmly questioned him about this girl and her "news." He admitted everything. He said he'd been seeing her for a year and a half. I was shocked. I thought I couldn't be more depressed — until Vic came home last night and asked me if it would be OK if he attended birthing classes with this girl. I angrily told him to go right ahead — then later changed my mind and flat-out refused.

Abby, I am confused and beyond hurt. Please tell me how to handle this. It's a nightmare that won't go away. Keep in mind that we're supposed to be getting married — although I'm leaning toward calling off the wedding. — **HURTING IN NEW ORLEANS**

DEAR HURTING: Unless you, your son, Vic, his girlfriend and the twins plan to be one big, happy family — call off the wedding. Not once in your letter did you indicate that your fiance was sorry about what happened.

In the meantime, there now will be three children to support. If you're smart, you'll talk to a lawyer TODAY to assure that the child you have with Vic will receive child support. Please don't wait. This man is untrustworthy and does not appear to be ready or willing to make a lifetime commitment to you.

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DEAR ABBY: When getting an annulment or divorce, what is the length of time you have to be married before you may keep the wedding gifts? — **NEEDS TO KNOW IN THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST**

DEAR NEEDS TO KNOW: Cash gifts should be returned if the marriage lasted less than a year. If you have been married long enough to open and use the wedding gifts, then you should keep them. However, if they have not been used, are still in their original boxes, and the marriage didn't last more than one year, offer to return them to the givers.

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DEAR ABBY: I am a 14-year-old girl with great friends. Sometimes I feel like I'm living the life of a college student. I have physical relationships with a lot of guys — as well as my boyfriend. How can I get into a life where I feel like I'm more my age? — **ACTING OLDER IN SYRACUSE**

DEAR ACTING OLDER: By recognizing that you're uncomfortable living in the fast lane, and writing to me, you have already taken the first step.

It's a misconception to think that all college students sleep around. They don't. If the teens in your circle of friends are doing it, then it's time you meet new people and channel your energy into new activities — sports, theater, art, dance, etc.

But first, you must confide in an adult (ideally a parent) who can schedule a doctor's appointment so you can be checked for STDs and counseled about birth control.

I admire you for wanting to change what has become a destructive pattern. That is a sign of maturity.

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By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Tuesday, July 1, 2003

Many happy circumstances for making your life better will take place in the year ahead. How fortunate they'll turn out will be determined by your reaction and willingness to engage yourself in them

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — A friend may be responsible today for getting you off your duff and out of boring routines. It'll be the best thing that happens to you, especially if there is something financial to be gained.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is the day when intelligent, rigorous action may count for a lot more than usual. The more sharp witted your actions are, the larger the influence they will have on the outcome of events.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Through the use of your ingenuity and resourcefulness, greater strides than usual can be made today. Look for bigger and better ways to handle the things that are important to you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — People in general will respond more readily today to information you want them to understand if you show them what's in it for them. Use whatever it takes to make your points.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — A situation that involves relatives or members of your immediate family could work out quite well today if you get the clan together for the common cause, be it over an issue of importance to all or a project that needs tending to.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Involvements that are congenial and require cooperative participation will have the best possibilities for successful and happy conclusions today. Pull everybody together.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Your resources will be kept intact today if you are willing to perform do-it-yourself tasks and not farm out every job so hastily. Study the projects to see if you can handle things yourself.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — A relationship can be enhanced today through direct interaction with a person of interest. You've got what it takes to make an impression on the individual you desire.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Do not ignore any hunches or intuitive perceptions you get today on ways and means to better your lot in life. Chances are you're getting an important message meant just for you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — It'll be the little things that could trip you up today, so it behooves you to discuss the details of an important project with someone you completely trust and who has the guts to be honest with you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — If you're prepared to take a vigorous ride and go along with today's fast movements, your finances could take a sharp turn for the better. Hang on tight, however, so you don't get derailed.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — This is an excellent day to experiment with something new that you've been anxious to try. However, you must be prepared to keep an open mind while forging ahead.

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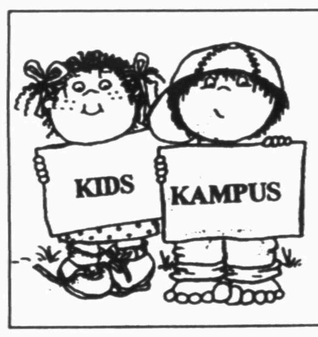

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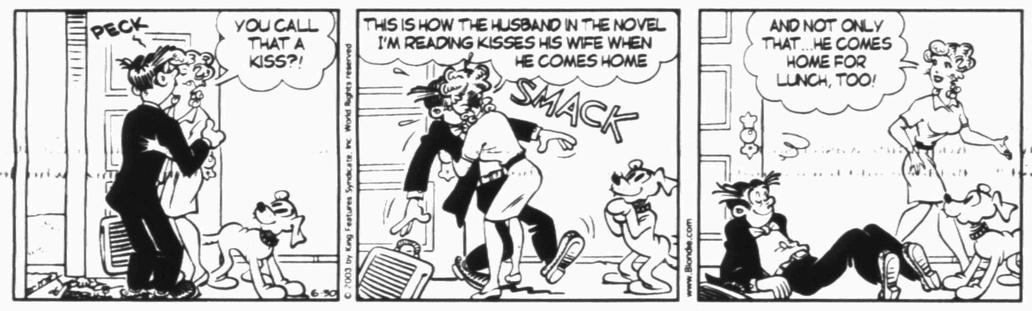

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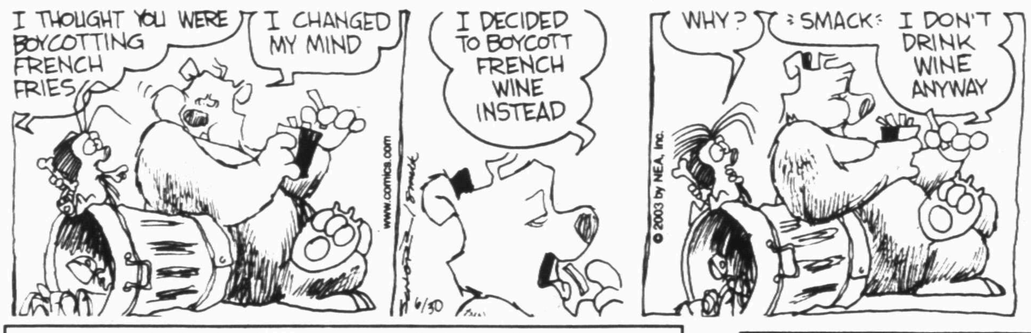

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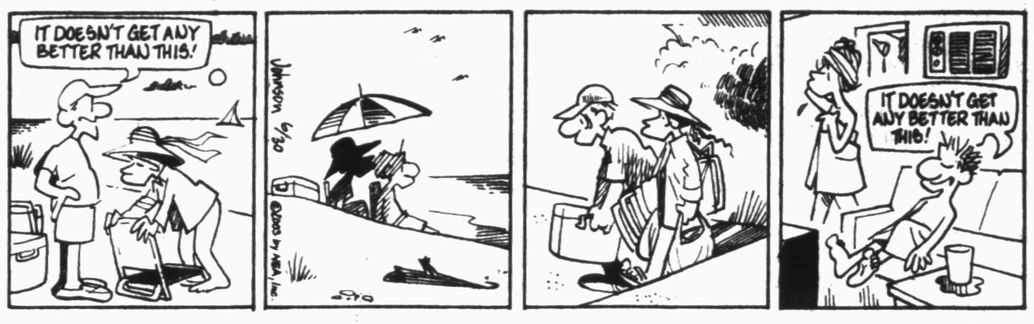

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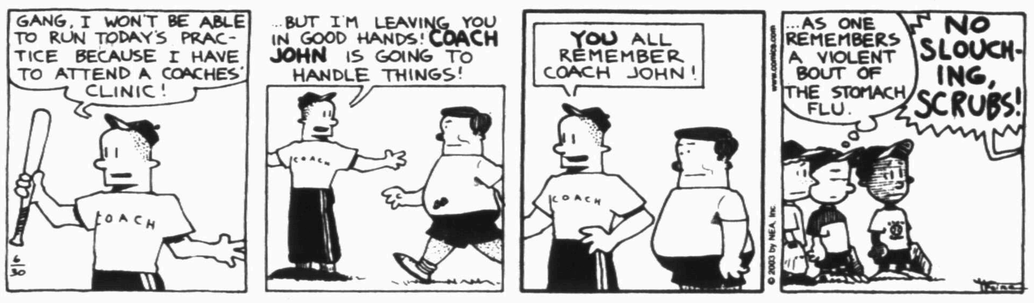

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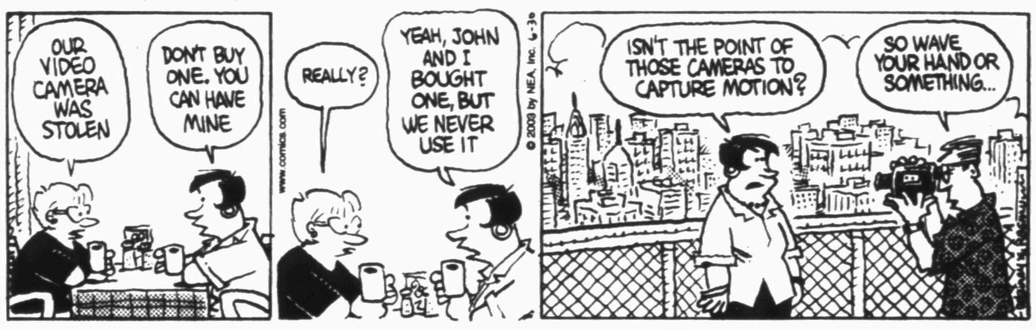

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4 Chimpanzees
8 DDE's party
11 Click-on item
13 Verne's skipper
14 — Claire, Wis.
15 Chan rejoinder (2 wds.)
16 Horse food
17 Sports org.
18 Ogled
20 Stay in the army (hyph.)
21 Itty-bitty
22 Punch
24 Trite
27 Checks for fraud
30 Follow orders
31 Performs
32 Dusting cloth
34 "Golly!"
35 Monsieur's islands
36 Delight in
37 Swapped
39 Hard roll
40 Negligent
41 Pep
42 Attention-getter
45 Persuade
49 Gloating cry
50 Round starter
53 Gem
54 Hit sharply
55 Fuel cartel (abbr.)
56 Absent
57 Elec. measure
58 Clean
59 Reno's st.

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2 Liniment target
3 Snout
4 Battery terminal
5 Tender pod
6 CPR pro
7 "Help!"
8 Chromosome unit
9 Kauai neighbor
10 Paper mill need
12 European nation
19 Moray
20 Slugger's stat
22 Protrudes
23 Blurbs
24 Cranberry site
25 Aid
26 Not e'en once
27 Did well
28 Math subj.
29 Behalf
31 Haley of "Roots"
33 Congeal
35 Potato st.
36 Small pet (2 wds.)
38 Computer key
39 Hopper
41 None
42 Sausage meat
43 "Jaws" actor Robert —
44 Ex-frosh
46 Well-versed (2 wds.)
47 Raspberry stem
48 Mountain pass info
50 Greet formally
51 PCB regulator
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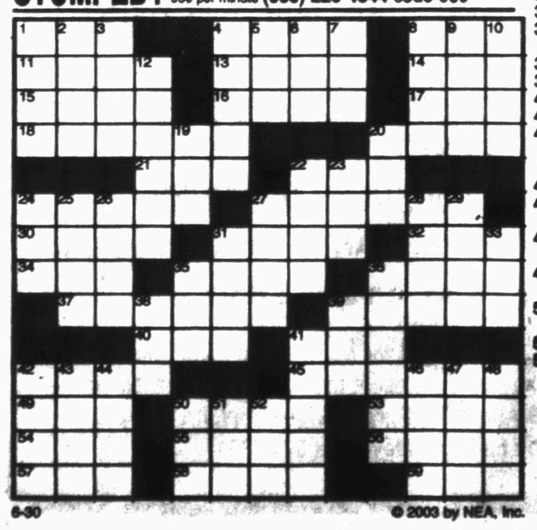

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SPORTS

Dallas defensive back shot at club

DALLAS (AP) — Cowboys defensive back Keith Davis and another man suffered multiple gunshot wounds early Sunday at a Dallas topless club, authorities said.

Davis, 24, was shot in the right hip and left hand about 2:20 a.m. outside the Dallas Gentlemen's Club on Northwest Highway. He and a club security guard, Jacquois Thompson, 29, were taken to Parkland Memorial Hospital in Dallas. Davis was treated and released at 7:33 a.m.

Davis' fiancee, Amber Davis, 31, said later in the day that he was doing "fine."

"The whole thing started out inside and spilled outside to the parking lot," Dallas police Sgt. Paul Morris said.

An altercation broke out inside the club between two women and spilled outside into the parking lot, culminating with the shooting, Morris said.

Amber Davis said she and Keith Davis drove to the club after closing time to pick up a friend. The friend was sitting at the table where the altercation occurred, but he didn't know the two women, she said.

She said she was walking to her car when a green vehicle drove up and a man reached out of the car and tried to grab her, putting a gun to her head.

Police were told that Keith Davis began to fight with four occupants inside the car. According to a police report, Thompson was pulling him from the car when four shots rang out.

"We have absolutely no reason why they tried to shoot us," Amber Davis said.

Thompson was shot in the left hip and right arm. His condition was unavailable, officials said.

The incident is being investigated by a detective, Morris said.

Davis' status for training camp is unknown. The Cowboys open camp in late July in San Antonio. Cowboys coach Bill Parcells, who is on vacation, has repeatedly told his players that he doesn't care for them hanging out at strip clubs and to stay out of trouble.

The second-year player spent most of the 2002 season on the Cowboys' practice squad. He played in five games at safety and on special teams for the Cowboys last season. He was credited with five tackles, two quarterback pressures and one pass breakup at safety and with eight tackles on special teams.

Davis was a two-time all-state and all-district wide receiver and defensive back for Italy (Texas) High School before going on to earn Southland Conference defensive player of the year honors in 2000 at Sam Houston State.

The incident involving Davis is the third for the Cowboys since the end of the 2002 season.

Cornerback Dwayne Goodrich was involved in a fatal hit-and-run accident Jan. 14. Goodrich, who was cut by the team in February, has been charged with two counts of manslaughter, one count of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and three counts of failure to stop and render aid. He is awaiting trial.

On May 11, running back Ennis Haywood, 23, died of unknown causes. Haywood became ill at his Arlington home May 10, fell into a coma and was pronounced dead when his family decided to take him off life support the following day at the Medical Center of Arlington. A preliminary autopsy report showed no obvious cause of death. Officials are still awaiting results of a toxicology test.

FBI called in as questions mount in Baylor player's disappearance

WACO (AP) — After a weekend of silence by police, questions continued mounting about the disappearance of a 6-foot-10, 230-pound Baylor basketball player feared dead — and what his teammates may know about it.

Patrick James Dennehy, 21, hasn't been heard from in more than two weeks. His sport utility vehicle, its license plates missing, was found abandoned in a mall parking lot in Virginia last week.

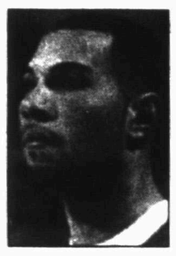
Waco police planned an afternoon news conference today. Authorities have refused to comment since late Friday, when they said Dennehy may have been killed in the Waco area and that the list of potential suspects could include his teammates.

Rene Salinas, a spokesman in the FBI's San Antonio office, said Sunday that the FBI was helping Waco police in the investigation. He declined further comment.

John Cunningham, a speech communications professor at Baylor, said Dennehy was working on an independent study project for his class this summer.

"It's been unbelievably hard," Cunningham said Sunday. "Right now, the hardest part is not knowing. We're trying to stay positive, but it's been hard as more time passes."

Cunningham said Dennehy was a "solid B student" who dreamed of playing for the NBA and then working in public relations for his favorite team, the Sacramento Kings.



Patrick Dennehy

Dennehy often sat in the front row so he could concentrate and didn't talk much to his teammates, who sat in the back, Cunningham said. But the professor said he was surprised about reports that basketball players may be suspects.

"I've taught those guys, and there's no way in my mind that any of them are capable of doing anything like that," Cunningham said.

The center, a junior speech communications major from Santa Clara, Calif., transferred last fall from New Mexico to Baylor, the oldest college in Texas and the world's largest Baptist university with more than 14,000 students.

Dennehy's stepfather, Brian Brabazon, told the Waco Tribune-Herald someone had recently stolen money from his stepson and that Dennehy had told Baylor coaches he was scared.

Waco police apparently are investigating reports that Dennehy recently argued with at least two players and may have been threatened, the newspaper reported.

Men's basketball coach Dave Bliss did not return telephone calls Sunday to the Associated Press. In a news conference Saturday, Bliss said the campus was "in tremendous disbelief" and that players have cooperated with police.

Kevin Henry, a former Baylor basketball player and now a grad student who supervised student athletes last year, said Dennehy's teammates were upset over the disappearance.

"This is a guy you practice with, lift weights with, eat meals with ... so it's got to be tough on them. That's your brother," said Henry, a former University of New Mexico player who showed him around campus during a recruiting trip when Dennehy was a high school senior.

William Richard Guinn said Sunday that his son, Baylor player R.T. Guinn, had no comment because Bliss told the team not to speak to reporters.

In a news conference Sunday in Albuquerque, N.M., Dennehy's girlfriend, 20-year-old Jessica De La Rosa, said she last spoke with him June 11. She said she couldn't discuss whether Dennehy had expressed concern for his safety or whether he was having problems with teammates or anyone else.

One of his former roommates and longtime friends said Dennehy has never been the type to disappear for days on end without calling someone, or the sort to put himself in danger with gambling, gangs or drugs.

"I just remember Pat as being always to himself. He wasn't like a person who would cause trouble for no reason," said Senque Carey, one of Dennehy's UNM teammates.

Dennehy had an impressive but controversial two-year stint at the University of New Mexico, where he averaged 10.6 points and 7.5 rebounds his sophomore year. He was cut from the team after losing his temper during practice, less than two weeks after he argued with a teammate during a game, kicked a chair and stormed out.

Dennehy wasn't eligible to play at Baylor last season but was expected to compete for playing time next year.

Rangers handle Astros, 8-5

HOUSTON (AP) — Craig Biggio fell down trying to catch Alex Rodriguez's tiebreaking two-run triple as the Texas Rangers beat the Houston Astros 8-5 Sunday.

"I don't know what happened," Biggio said. "I slipped and fell. It was a terrible play. I would have caught it if I hadn't fallen down. I feel horrible. The situation was it was a tie game so if you want to blame this one on me, I'll take the heat."

Houston led 3-2 before Rafael Palmeiro's 509th homer tied it in the seventh. The blast tied Palmeiro with Sammy Sosa for 17th on the career list.

In the eighth, Octavio Dotel (6-3) allowed a single to Michael Young and walked Hank Blalock before Rodriguez tripled over Biggio's head. Although Biggio fell down trying to chase the hit, Rodriguez wasn't sure the center fielder could have caught it.

"I don't know if he would have had it, but I don't think so," Rodriguez said. "I hit it pretty well. It landed about 12 feet from him so it would have been a great play for him to catch it."

Dotel allowed three hits, three earned runs and two walks in the inning.

The victory didn't help the Rangers win the Silver Boot, which goes to the winner of the season series. The Astros took four of six games this year.

Sanchez homers twice for Little League All-Stars

ROTAN — The Snyder 11- and 12-year-old All-Star team took the first two games of the Rotan round-robin tournament over the weekend, stopping Colorado City, 6-3, and blanking Anson, 10-0.

Rey Juarez pitched a six-inning complete game against C-City, striking out seven while only allowing one earned run.

Snyder jumped out to a 2-0 lead after one inning and never relinquished the lead.

Jake Alaniz hit the first of his three singles to lead off the game, and was driven home on a two-run homer from Seth Sanchez.

Alaniz and Alex Hernandez scored in the second. Benjamin Gutierrez also scored in the contest.

Sanchez again came through against Anson, hitting a grand slam in the third inning to help Snyder finish off the game via the mercy rule.

Rey Juarez, Riley Davis and Gage West each had a base hit and scored a run in the four-run first inning. Alaniz, who led off the first with a walk, also scored as did Rance Dunn.

The team will play at 6 tonight against host Rotan.

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American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	51	30	.630	—
Boston	47	33	.588	3½
Toronto	46	36	.561	5½
Baltimore	35	44	.443	15
Tampa Bay	26	54	.325	24½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	43	37	.538	—
Kansas City	42	36	.538	—
Chicago	39	42	.481	4½
Cleveland	32	47	.405	10½
Detroit	18	61	.228	24½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	52	28	.650	—
Oakland	46	34	.575	6
Anaheim	40	39	.506	11½
Texas	31	49	.388	21
New York	34	46	.425	17½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	43	37	.538	—
Chicago	42	38	.525	1
Houston	42	39	.519	1½
Cincinnati	38	42	.475	5
Pittsburgh	34	44	.436	8
Milwaukee	33	47	.413	10

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	48	32	.600	—
Los Angeles	45	35	.563	3
Arizona	44	36	.550	4
Colorado	42	41	.506	7½
San Diego	28	55	.337	21½

Today's Games

Cleveland (Lee 0-0) at Kansas City (Voyles 0-0), 4:05 p.m., 1st game
Cleveland (B.Anderson 4-6) at Kansas City (Snyder 1-4), 2nd game
Toronto (Lidle 10-5) at Detroit (Maroth 2-12), 6:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Pettitte 8-6) at Baltimore (Ponson 10-4), 6:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Mays 8-4) at Chicago White Sox (Garland 5-6), 7:05 p.m.
Texas (Thomson 4-9) at Anaheim (Ra.Ortiz 9-5), 9:05 p.m.
Seattle (Moyer 10-5) at Oakland (Harang 1-1), 9:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Montreal 10, Toronto 2
Arizona 5, Detroit 3, 10 innings
Cleveland 3, Cincinnati 1
Atlanta 2, Tampa Bay 0
Pittsburgh 9, Colorado 0
Philadelphia 4, Baltimore 3
Boston 11, Florida 7
Texas 8, Houston 5
Minnesota 5, Milwaukee 4, 10 innings
St. Louis 13, Kansas City 6
Chicago Cubs 5, Chicago White Sox 2
San Diego 8, Seattle 6
Anaheim 3, Los Angeles 1
Oakland 5, San Francisco 2
N.Y. Yankees 5, N.Y. Mets 3

Today's Games

Atlanta (Maddux 6-7) at Florida (Redman 5-3), 6:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Estes 6-6) at Philadelphia (Padilla 6-7), 6:05 p.m.
Montreal (Vazquez 6-5) at N.Y. Mets (Trachsel 6-5), 6:10 p.m.
San Francisco (Schmidt 7-3) at St. Louis (Haren 0-0), 7:10 p.m.
Arizona (Dessens 5-4) at Colorado (Oliver 5-5), 8:05 p.m.

National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	51	28	.646	—
Philadelphia	44	34	.564	6½
Montreal	45	36	.556	7
Florida	41	42	.494	12

Williams sisters advance

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — Venus Williams avenged her French Open defeat and advanced to the Wimbledon quarterfinals for the sixth consecutive year by beating Vera Zvonareva 6-1, 6-3 today.

Williams was upset by Zvonareva four weeks ago in the fourth round at Paris, her earliest exit at a Grand Slam event in two years.

But that was on clay, and on her favorite surface — Wimbledon's grass — two-time champion Williams was a much more confident, aggressive opponent. She raced to a 5-0 lead and closed out the victory in 59 minutes.

Advancing in rapid succession along with the No. 4-seeded Williams were defending champion Serena Williams, No. 2-seeded Kim Clijsters, No. 5 Lindsay Davenport and No. 8 Jennifer Capriati. The five winners swept every set and lost a total of 23 games.

Top-seeded Serena Williams won 16 of the first 18 points and beat No. 15 Elena Dementieva 6-2, 6-2 in 50 minutes.

Clijsters worked even faster, eliminating No. 13 Ai Sugiyama 6-3, 6-2 in 49 minutes. Clijsters has lost 12 games in four matches.

Davenport, the 1999 Wimbledon champion, beat unseeded Shinobu Asagoe 6-4, 6-1. Capriati eliminated No. 10 Anastasia Myskina 6-2, 6-3.

All 16 fourth-round matches for the men and women were scheduled for today. Because the start of play was delayed by rain on the outer courts, the Williams sisters, Clijsters, Davenport and Capriati found themselves in action at the same time.

Sports Briefs

Kohl won't sell Bucks to Jordan

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Milwaukee Bucks owner Herb Kohl has decided not to sell the team to Michael Jordan.

Kohl said Sunday that he had extensive negotiations with Jordan and was pleased with Jordan's time and money commitments to a proposed sale, but that he didn't want to part with the team right now.

Lietzke edges Watson at Senior Open

TOLEDO, Ohio (AP) — Bruce Lietzke began the day with a four-shot lead and held off Tom Watson to win the U.S. Senior Open on Sunday.

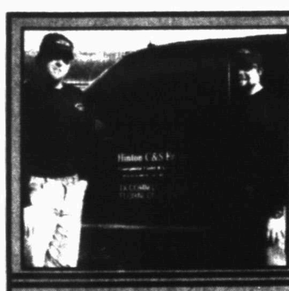
Lietzke shot a 2-over 73 and finished with a 7-under 277, two shots better than Watson, who had an even-par final round. It was Lietzke's first major championship in 53 tries.

Ladies play day

The SCGA hosts a ladies play day at 9 a.m. each Tuesday at Scurry County golf course. Format is all irons-back nine.

Fourth of July volleyball tournament

Sign-ups are underway for the annual Fourth of July volleyball tournament at Towle Park. Entry fee is $70. Call Louis Alaniz at 573-7321 for more details.



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RUNS—Pujols, St. Louis, 74; Helton, Colorado, 70; Sheffield, Atlanta, 66; Furcal, Atlanta, 62; Payton, Colorado, 55; Berkman, Houston, 54; Lowell, Florida, 54; Bonds, San Francisco, 54.
RBI—Pujols, St. Louis, 72; PWilson, Colorado, 70; Lowell, Florida, 68; Sheffield, Atlanta, 64; Helton, Colorado, 63; Jenkins, Milwaukee, 61; Edmonds, St. Louis, 58.
HITS—Pujols, St. Louis, 117; Renteria, St. Louis, 104; Pierre, Florida, 103; Helton, Colorado, 102; PWilson, Colorado, 97; LCastillo, Florida, 96; LGonzalez, Arizona, 96.
DOUBLES—Pujols, St. Louis, 29; Helton, Colorado, 28; PWilson, Colorado, 27; LGonzalez, Arizona, 27; MGiles, Atlanta, 26; Renteria, St. Louis, 26; ShGreen, Los Angeles, 26.
TRIPLES—Furcal, Atlanta, 8; CPatterson, Chicago, 7; LWalker, Colorado, 7; Wigginton, New York, 6; Podsednik, Milwaukee, 5; AGonzalez, Florida, 5; JEncarnacion, Florida, 5.
HOME RUNS—Lowell, Florida, 25; Edmonds, St. Louis, 24; Dunn, Cincinnati, 23; Pujols, St. Louis, 23; JLopez, Atlanta, 23; Sexson, Milwaukee, 22; Sheffield, Atlanta, 22; Bonds, San Francisco, 22.
STOLEN BASES—Pierre, Florida, 35; DRoberts, Los Angeles, 24; Renteria, St. Louis, 17; EYoung, Milwaukee, 17; Podsednik, Milwaukee, 16; 6 are tied with 14.
PITCHING (8 Decisions)—Willis, Florida, 8-1, .889, 2.26; WWilliams, St. Louis, 10-2, .833, 2.97; HRamirez, Atlanta, 7-2, .778, 3.97; Reitsma, Cincinnati, 7-2, .778, 4.63; Rueter, San Francisco, 7-2, .778, 3.86; KBrown, Los Angeles, 10-3, .769, 2.24; Ayala, Montreal, 6-2, .750, 3.09; Wolf, Philadelphia, 9-3, .750, 3.16.
STRIKEOUTS—Wood, Chicago, 143; Prior, Chicago, 127; JVazquez, Montreal, 122; Schmidt, San Francisco, 117; Nomo, Los Angeles, 103; KBrown, Los Angeles, 97; Wolf, Philadelphia, 93; Millwood, Philadelphia, 93.
SAVES—Gagne, Los Angeles, 29; Smoltz, Atlanta, 29; Biddle, Montreal, 22; Wagner, Houston, 22; MWilliams, Pittsburgh, 21; JJimenez, Colorado, 19; Williamson, Cincinnati, 18; Benitez, New York, 18.

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RUNS—Garciaparra, Boston, 70; CDelgado, Toronto, 68; ASoriano, New York, 67; Wells, Toronto, 66; MRamirez, Boston, 66; BBoone, Seattle, 61; ISuzuki, Seattle, 59.
RBI—CDelgado, Toronto, 89; Wells, Toronto, 75; GAnderson, Anaheim, 66; BBoone, Seattle, 66; JaGiambi, New York, 63; Matsui, New York, 61; MRamirez, Boston, 61.
HITS—ISuzuki, Seattle, 115; Garciaparra, Boston, 114; Wells, Toronto, 107; ASoriano, New York, 105; Matsui, New York, 100; GAnderson, Anaheim, 100; BBoone, Seattle, 100.
DOUBLES—Mueller, Boston, 30; Huff, Tampa Bay, 29; GAnderson, Anaheim, 28; Wells, Toronto, 27; Matsui, New York, 26; Bradley, Cleveland, 25; Catalanotto, Toronto, 25.
TRIPLES—Garciaparra, Boston, 12; CGuzman, Minnesota, 9; Baldelli, Tampa Bay, 6; Byrnes, Oakland, 6; MYoung, Texas, 5; DJimenez, Chicago, 5; DYoung, Detroit, 5.
HOME RUNS—CDelgado, Toronto, 26; JaGiambi, New York, 22; BBoone, Seattle, 22; ASoriano, New York, 21; Wells, Toronto, 20; ARodriguez, Texas, 19; RPalmeiro, Texas, 19.
STOLEN BASES—ASoriano, New York, 23; ISuzuki, Seattle, 21; Crawford, Tampa Bay, 19; Beltran, Kansas City, 19; Mondesi, New York, 15; Baldelli, Tampa Bay, 14; ASanchez, Detroit, 14; Hairston Jr., Baltimore, 14; Winn, Seattle, 14; Damon, Boston, 14.
PITCHING (8 Decisions)—Halladay, Toronto, 11-2, .846, 3.70; DWells, New York, 10-2, .833, 3.40; Loaiza, Chicago, 11-3, .786, 2.18; Meche, Seattle, 10-3, .769, 3.27; DLowe, Boston, 9-3, .750, 4.51; Ponson, Baltimore, 10-4, .714, 3.76; Mussina, New York, 10-4, .714, 2.95.
STRIKEOUTS—Clemens, New York, 119; Mussina, New York, 104; Halladay, Toronto, 100; Loaiza, Chicago, 94; Colon, Chicago, 87; PMartinez, Boston, 86; Pettitte, New York, 84; Wakefield, Boston, 84.
SAVES—Foulke, Oakland, 21; Urbina, Texas, 21; MacDougal, Kansas City, 20; Guardado, Minnesota, 20; DBaez, Cleveland, 18; Julio, Baltimore, 18; Percival, Anaheim, 16.

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Three dead, three wounded in sword attack at grocery store

IRVINE, Calif. (AP) — Police shot and killed a sword-wielding man described by relatives as schizophrenic after he slashed and killed two former co-workers and wounded three other people at a supermarket where he used to bag groceries.

About 40 to 50 shoppers ran from the store shortly after 9:30 a.m. Sunday as police went in to subdue Joseph Hunter Parker, who was armed with a samurai-style sword and wearing a beret and trenchcoat, said police Cmdr. Jeff Noble.

The 30-year-old man confronted an officer before fellow officers shot him, said Lt. Jeff Love. Parker was taken to the hospital and did not survive. One of the wounded was an Albertsons employee and two others were customers, police said. Police did not release the names of the dead or wounded.

Parker had been diagnosed as schizophrenic, his mother, Susan Davis, said in an interview Sunday from rural Ford, Va. He also was a volunteer firefighter and emergency medical technician.

"He was not in a good state at all," Davis said, adding she had not spoken to Parker in about a year. "He said voices were telling him to do bad things."

Davis said Parker, who moved to California about five years ago, collected swords and was a fan of the "Highlander" film and television series in which the hero is a swordsman.

"I'm just sorry about what happened," Davis said.

Parker's former co-workers said he quit his job bagging groceries about two weeks ago after working at Albertsons for about two years.

"I never felt threatened, but he was just a really odd man," said coworker Mark Ming, 26. "He would have full conversations with himself. He obviously had problems, but he was respectful toward customers."

Parker's sister, Heather Parker, 28, of Anaheim, said she hasn't spoken to her brother in several months.

"He was alone and he was very mistreated his whole life," she said in a telephone interview. "He was being treated for schizophrenia. He's never been in trouble. He didn't drink, didn't use drugs. He was kind."

East Texas communities are developing shuttle memorials

NACOGDOCHES (AP) — Several East Texas communities plan to create Space Shuttle Columbia memorials that will form a corridor stretching from Palestine to Sabine County.

Organizers of the Columbia Corridor Project envision parks, monuments, museums and educational centers as part of the endeavor.

Each community will develop their own memorial, telling about its role in the recovery efforts after the space shuttle disintegrated over East Texas on Feb. 1, killing all seven astronauts aboard.

"It would all work in concert," said Miles McCall, co-chairman of the Space Shuttle Columbia National Memorial effort in Nacogdoches. "During the Columbia catastrophe, East Texas demonstrated how we were all able to come together and work as a region. This corridor concept demonstrates that also."

McCall said people would have to visit each community to get an idea of how the accident affected the communities and to get a sense of the magnitude of the shuttle tragedy.

The Nacogdoches group is already working on a proposal that will include a monument and a hands-on educational center that would show aspects of the recovery efforts.

The group also wants to have state and national memorial signs that designate key locations along the recovery area.

The group estimates it will cost about $2 million to build the memorial and educational center. The money will come from fund-raising efforts at the local, national and international level, McCall said.

A site in downtown Nacogdoches is being considered for the memorial. It's near the location where a piece of the shuttle landed in a parking lot behind a bank.

On Nutrition by Ed Blonz, Ph.D.

Nutritional oils explained

DEAR DR. BLONZ: I am trying to avoid eating foods that contain partially hydrogenated oils. Lately, I've noticed a few foods containing fractionated oil in them. Examples of food products with fractionated oils are any of the Balance Bars that contain a yogurt glaze on the outside.

I've seen it a few other places as well, but this is the one that sticks out in my mind right now. Is a fractionated oil the same or similar to a partially hydrogenated oil? Is it the fats or the oils that we should be concerned about? The food label lists both as fats so it's a bit confusing. Thanks. — **S.D., Jacksonville, Fla.**

DEAR S.D.: Fractionated oils and partially hydrogenated oils start from similar materials and can have similar functions in a processed food. However, they are different in terms of how they're made and their potential health effects.

To explain the differences and answer the rest of your questions, I need to review some basic information. Fats and oils are similar in structure. Both exist primarily as triglycerides, which are groups of three fatty acids attached to 3-carbon compounds known as glycerol — thus the name triglyceride. As a general rule, a substance is referred to as a fat if it is solid at room temperature (68 degrees F, or 20 degrees C) and an oil if it is liquid at room temperature. This all becomes a bit muddled with food labels that list both under the "fats" category. (Oils are sometimes referred to as liquid fats.) Curiously, the tropical oils that include coconut and palm kernel are called "oils" even though they are solid at room temperature. Perhaps this classification was decided in the tropics, where room temperature has a whole other meaning.

The types of fatty acids on a given triglyceride determine characteristics such as melting point, stability and texture. Hydrogenation turns unsaturated fatty acids into saturated fatty acids. Complete hydrogenation would change a liquid oil into a solid block of saturated fat. Partial hydrogenation goes only part way through that process, at the same time creating an aberrant form of fat — the trans fat — that has been associated with a wide range of negative health effects.

A fractionated oil is one in which specific fatty acids are chosen and made into new triglycerides that have desired taste, texture and performance characteristics. The fractionation of oils is a way of constructing food fats without partial hydrogenation. The process does not produce trans fats and to date there is no evidence that these types of processed fats are associated with any negative health effects. Fractionated oils are definitely a better way to go than partially hydrogenated.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: I opened my practice last year and cannot believe the questions I receive about Coral Calcium promoted by Dr. Barefoot. I agree with him that calcium is very important in the diet, but for calcium to be absorbed or utilized, several factors have to be present. These factors include a suitable pH in the stomach for calcium to be released from its carrier protein, enough vitamin D to help calcium be transported into the blood stream, and enough essential fatty acids to put calcium into the tissues where it is ultimately utilized. I personally have found very few people vitamin D deficient. One patient of mine had been to chiropractors for years, which seemed to help for a couple of days. It was determined that she needed more essential fatty acids and it was supplemented into her diet. On her next visit she said she never felt so good and her back pain was gone because the muscles were no longer in spasm and giving her low back pain. We discussed how she could make a few changes in her diet so she would not have to take supplements, if she preferred. Today she is doing great and no longer needs to be treated for low back pain. — **W.M., Washington, D.C.**

DEAR DR. W.M.: It is amazing how effective a sales pitch on an infomercial can be — especially when delivered by a likeable elderly individual like Dr. Barefoot. Many people have opted for the calcium carbonate in this product. It is to the point that copycat supplement makers are coming out with their own brand of "coral calcium" to cash in on the fad. In my opinion it is overpriced and overhyped, and the other health professionals in the world are left to undo the misconceptions about the supplement's effects.

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Markets

Midday Stocks

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	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	11.90	10.65	10.91	—.41
AOL TimeWrn	16.10	15.81	15.86	+.04
AT&T Corp rs	19.83	19.58	19.65	+.28
Albertsons	19.60	19.36	19.47	+.01
Alltel	49.16	48.50	48.55	—.24
AmEl Pw	30.02	29.69	29.84	+.15
AndarkPtr	45.05	44.52	44.78	—.02
ATMOS Egy	24.75	24.45	24.72	+.13
Aviall	11.36	11.00	11.13	—.05
BP PLC	42.62	41.87	41.91	—.19
BakerHughes	34.10	33.48	33.79	+.10
Bank of Amer	79.95	79.38	79.52	—.09
BellSouth	27.30	26.80	26.80	—.28
BurlNoSFe	28.60	28.11	28.45	+.04
Caterpillar	56.17	55.20	55.36	—.47
CenterPoint	8.23	8.13	8.19	+.07
ChevronTex	72.68	71.80	71.95	—.43
Citigroup	43.35	42.85	42.91	—.10
CocaCola	46.44	45.95	45.97	—.54
ColgatePal	58.10	57.74	57.85	+.17
CmclMetals	18.13	17.91	18.01	—.17
ConocoPhill	55.91	54.65	54.76	+.05
Cooper Inds	41.56	41.33	41.47	
DaimlrChry	35.25	34.62	34.62	+.46
DeltaAirl	15.15	14.42	14.50	—.49
Dillards Inc	13.41	13.05	13.32	+.10
DowChem	30.98	30.70	30.86	—.03
DuPont	41.95	41.39	41.40	—.43
EastmanChem	31.64	31.41	31.53	—.07
EstKodak	27.78	27.26	27.36	—.16
EDS Corp	21.64	21.17	21.21	—.24
Entergy	53.10	52.80	52.86	—.06
ExxonMobil	36.61	36.13	36.16	—.21
FootLocker	13.19	12.90	13.02	—.08
GenDynam	73.01	71.39	71.58	—1.36
GenElec	28.95	28.61	28.63	+.01
GenMills	47.75	47.20	47.22	—.29
GenMotors	36.80	36.11	36.35	+.24
GePacific	19.31	18.86	18.98	+.02
Goodrich	21.14	20.70	20.82	—.08
Goodyear	5.52	5.21	5.31	—.28
GtAtlPac	9.23	8.96	8.97	—.08
Halliburtn	23.35	23.00	23.06	—.06
Hanson ADS	28.45	28.10	28.10	+.10
HarteHanks	18.85	18.69	18.84	+.22
HomeDepot	33.30	32.60	33.19	+.72
Honeywellntl	27.05	26.75	26.87	+.18
IBM	84.20	83.11	83.16	—.26
IntlPaper	36.23	35.63	35.69	—.43
JohnsonJn	52.19	51.61	51.91	+.37
KinderMorg	54.53	54.13	54.33	+.05
Kroger Co	16.97	16.68	16.70	—.11
LockheedM	48.12	47.57	47.93	+.41
Lowes Cos	43.57	43.06	43.08	—.04
Lubys	2.32	2.30	2.30	—.05
LucentTech	2.04	1.98	1.98	+.01
MarathonOil	26.47	26.19	26.20	—.03
MayDeptStr	22.61	22.30	22.36	—.03
Medtronic	48.33	47.66	47.67	—.52
Motorola	9.57	8.88	9.43	+.05
NCR Corp	25.75	24.96	25.16	—.06
Navistar	32.85	32.41	32.48	+.10
PNM Rescs	27.22	27.05	27.05	—.08
Penney JC	17.31	16.95	16.97	—.06
PepBoys	13.58	13.36	13.37	—.13
PepsiCo	44.01	43.56	43.63	—.21
PhelpDodge	38.16	37.62	37.87	—.04
PilgrmPrd B	9.42	9.13	9.40	+.25
Praxair	59.89	59.27	59.44	—.23
ProctGamb	89.60	89.10	89.30	+.13
RadioShack	26.49	25.98	26.01	—.05
RoyalDut	47.20	46.66	46.67	—.09
SBC Comm	25.82	25.49	25.52	+.08
SaraLee	18.58	18.42	18.47	+.03
Scripps EW	88.66	87.60	88.44	+.59
SearsRoeb	34.05	33.42	33.67	+.31
SherwinW	27.03	26.80	26.87	—.03
SouthernCo	31.25	31.05	31.08	—.15
SwstAirl	17.52	17.15	17.16	—.27
SprintFON	14.73	14.50	14.60	+.10
SprintPCS	5.86	5.74	5.76	—.08
Sunoco Inc	37.70	37.37	37.47	+.12
TXU Corp	22.14	21.85	21.94	—.11
TempleInland	43.08	42.59	42.69	—.30
Texind	24.05	23.38	23.38	—.57
TexasInst	17.98	17.75	17.86	—.15
Textron	39.35	38.47	39.29	+.83
TrinityInds	18.80	18.60	18.65	—.08
TylerTech	4.69	4.60	4.64	+.09
UnionPacif	58.50	57.76	57.95	
USSteel	16.63	16.27	16.27	—.16
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WinnDixie	12.45	12.17	12.40	—.03
Xerox Cp	10.72	10.54	10.58	—.07
YumBrands	29.73	29.37	29.68	+.42

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Actress Katharine Hepburn dies at age 96

OLD SAYBROOK, Conn. (AP) — Her backyard acting blossomed into a career for the ages: Four Academy Awards, 12 nominations, 60 years of stage and screen brilliance, a lifetime of feisty independence.

But Katharine Hepburn always thought she could do more.

"I could have accomplished three times what I've accomplished," she once said. "I haven't realized my full potential. It's disgusting."

That perfectionism was balanced by grace and sheer joy in being alive.

"Life's what's important," she once said. "Walking, houses, family. Birth and pain and joy — and then death. Acting's just waiting for the custard pie. That's all."

The lights on Broadway will dim at 8 p.m. on Tuesday in honor of Hepburn, who died surrounded by friends and family Sunday at her childhood waterfront home in Old Saybrook. She was 96.

Hepburn, who had been in declining health in recent years, died of old age, said Cynthia McFadden, a close friend and executor of her estate.

"Through her films generations to come will discover her humor, her grace, her keen intelligence," McFadden said in a statement from the family at a news conference near Hepburn's home. "She was and always will be an American original. She died as she lived, with dignity and grace."

Her mark of 12 Academy Award nominations stood as a record in the acting categories until Meryl Streep surpassed that total in 2003. Her Oscars were for "Morning Glory," 1933; "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner," 1967; "The Lion in Winter," 1968; and "On Golden Pond," 1981.

Katherine Hepburn

An icon of feminist strength and spirit, Hepburn brought a chiseled beauty and patrician bearing to such films as "The Philadelphia Story" and "The African Queen."

"I think every actress in the world looked up to her with a kind of reverence and a sense of 'oh boy, if only I could be like her,'" actress Elizabeth Taylor said in a statement.

Hepburn, the product of a wealthy, freethinking New England family, was forthright in her opinions and unconventional in her conduct. She dressed for comfort, usually in slacks and sweater, with her red hair caught up in a topknot.

She married only once, briefly, and her name was linked to Howard Hughes and other famous men, but the great love of her life was Spencer Tracy. They made nine films together and remained close companions until Tracy's death in 1967.

She was born in Hartford on May 12, 1907, one of six children of Dr. Thomas N. Hepburn, a noted urologist and pioneer in social hygiene, and Katharine Houghton Hepburn, who worked for birth control and getting the vote for women.

Her father built a theater in the family's back yard, where young Katharine's career took root.

"My parents were much more fascinating, as people, than I am," the actress once said. "Mother was really left of center; women's suffrage was her great cause, and I remember appearing at all the local fairs carrying huge flocks of balloons that said 'Votes for Women.' I almost went up with them."

Young Kate was educated by tutors and at private schools, entering Bryn Mawr in 1924. After graduating, she joined a stock company in Baltimore.

She made her New York debut in "These Days" in 1928, the same year she married Philadelphia socialite Ludlow Ogden Smith. She divorced him in 1934 and later remarked, "I don't believe in marriage. It's bloody impractical to love, honor and obey. If it weren't, you wouldn't have to sign a contract."

But she also lauded "Luddy" for opening doors in New York for a raw young actress. She berated herself as behaving like "a pig" toward him.

"At the beginning I had money; I wasn't a poor little thing. I don't know what I would have done if I'd had to come to New York and get a job as a waiter or something like that."

Her Broadway role in "Warrior's Husband" brought a movie offer from RKO, and she went to Hollywood at $1,500 a week to star opposite John Barrymore in the 1932 film "A Bill of Divorcement." The lean, athletic actress with the well-bred manner became an instant star. The voice Tallulah Bankhead once likened to "nickels dropping in a slot machine" became one of Hollywood's most-imitated.

Hepburn's third movie, "Morning Glory," brought her first Oscar. A string of parts followed — Jo in "Little Women," the ill-fated queen in "Mary of Scotland," the rich would-be actress in "Stage Door," the madcap socialite of "Bringing Up Baby," the shy rich girl in "Holiday."

A theater chain owner branded her and other stars "box-office poison" after a series of flops, and her film career waned.

Undaunted, Hepburn acquired the rights to a comedy about a spoiled heiress, and, after it was rewritten for her, took it to the New York stage. "The Philadelphia Story" was a hit.

She returned to Hollywood for the 1940 film version, which featured James Stewart and Cary Grant. Once again she was a top star, with a contract at MGM for "Woman of the Year," "Keeper of the Flame," "Sea of Grass," "Dragon Seed," "Without Love," "State of the Union," "Pat and Mike" and "Adam's Rib."

Her first film with Tracy was "Woman of the Year," in 1942. Legend has it that when they met she commented, "I'm afraid I'm a little big for you, Mr. Tracy." His reply: "Don't worry, I'll cut you down to size."

One critic compared them to "the high-strung thoroughbred and the steady workhorse."

Tracy never divorced his wife, who outlived him by 15 years; Hepburn, though she led a PBS tribute to Tracy in 1986, rarely mentioned their private relationship.

"I have had 20 years of perfect companionship with a man among men," she said in 1963. "He is a rock and a protection. I've never regretted it." In another interview, she discussed their special screen magic, saying they represented "the perfect American couple."

"The ideal American man is certainly Spencer — sports loving, man's man, strong-looking, big sort of head, boar neck and so forth. And I think I represent a woman. I needle him, and I irritate him, and I try to get around him, and if he put a big paw out and put it on my head, he could squash me. And I think that is the romantic ideal picture of the male and female in this country."

After leaving MGM in 1951, Hepburn divided her time between the stage — she appeared in Shaw's "The Millionairess" and Shakespeare's "As You Like It" — and film. She coolly braved a jungle for "The African Queen" and did her own balloon flying in the low-budget "Olly Olly Oxen Free."

Hepburn is survived by a sister, Margaret Hepburn Perry; a brother, Dr. Robert Hepburn; and 13 nieces and nephews.

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AmeriCorps' cut backs hurt communities

WASHINGTON (AP) — As his friends at college fretted about landing a job after graduation, Noah Branman took comfort in knowing he already had one.

Right after Christmas, Branman learned he had been selected for a 10-month assignment with the Boston-based City Year group, which is part of the AmeriCorps national service program.

Branman knew he would not make a lot of money mentoring children and that was fine with him. "My goal in life has never been about money, but to help people in need and make some sort of positive change," he said.

But his excitement turned to frustration this month when cuts were announced that could eliminate the position the 22-year-old Brandeis University graduate had hoped to fill in San Jose, Calif., in August.

Branman is one of thousands of would-be AmeriCorps volunteers who might end up jobless in the next few months, according to several nonprofit groups involved with the program. The groups say hundreds of activities may have to shut down unless the government provides emergency funds to AmeriCorps.

The problem-plagued federal agency that oversees the program recently cut payments to many of the more than 2,000 groups it supports.

California will see its 6,000 AmeriCorps positions reduced to just over 2,000 for this year, said Chuck Supple, executive director of the governor's office on service and volunteerism.

"Throughout the state, teachers, parents and children will notice 4,000 missing AmeriCorps members from their schools, after-school programs and family resource centers," he said. "It will have huge implications."

Across the country, one of the first AmeriCorps programs in New Hampshire is reeling, too.

"We may not exist next year," said Meg Kennedy Dugan, program director for the AmeriCorps Victim Assistance Program, based in Concord.

Her volunteers work with victims and survivors of domestic and sexual violence. Dugan said abuse victims tell her that without the support of AmeriCorps, they would still be struggling to break free from violent relationships.

The impact of the cuts is also being felt in Eaton Rapids, Mich., where Richard Wilford will be left with no AmeriCorps volunteers at the VFW National Home for Children, and his Mentor-More Project will have to close its doors.

The home provides short- and long-term residency to children and grandchildren of veterans of foreign wars. Some of the children have been orphaned, while others have parents who are incarcerated or simply cannot care for them.

AmeriCorps volunteers work with more than 80 youngsters at the home, tutoring them and teaching character-building skills. Wilford said there has been a payoff, with significant improvement in the children's report cards, by two letter grades in some cases.

"There's no way to put a dollar value on what we can do," he said.

The Corporation for National and Community Service, which oversees AmeriCorps, has been beset by accounting problems and accusations of mismanagement. It also approved about 20,000 more volunteer positions than it had money for last year, cutting sharply into jobs available for this year.

Congress moved quickly this month to resolve the accounting questions by passing legislation that spells out how much money the corporation must place in its trust, which pays the $4,725 education award that each volunteer receives. President Bush has indicated he will sign the bill.

While that will ease some of the cutbacks, the corporation expects to fill only about 30,000 new positions this year, far short of the 50,000 volunteers placed in the field last year.

The groups that depend on AmeriCorps have appealed to Bush and Congress to approve an additional $200 million to help the program support 50,000 new hires this year.

In addition to the education awards, volunteers receive stipends of $9,300 a year.

Bush has expressed support for AmeriCorps and has proposed an expansion of the program to 75,000 volunteers. But he has not said whether he will request any extra money this year.

Noah Branman remains optimistic, though, that there will be a job for him in San Jose. "I'm still very hopeful that something will be done and that I'll still have a program to work for," he said.

On the Net:
AmeriCorps: www.americorps.gov
Save AmeriCorps: www.saveamericorps.org

Americans still registering for national do not call program

WASHINGTON (AP) — Americans continued to register for the federal government's do-not-call list Saturday — apparently without difficulty — as they rushed to block unwanted telemarketing calls beginning Oct. 1.

"Consumer registrations continue to be high as we expected," Federal Trade Commission spokeswoman Cathy McFarlane said late Saturday.

"We have no reports of any significant problems. There are some reports of online sluggishness, but telephone line registrations were experiencing no problems."

Some consumers reported having to log onto the designed Internet site two or three times before getting through, while others got through on the first try. Once connected, the process takes just a few seconds.

In any case, there was no particular hurry. Consumers have a little over two months to register their numbers to be on the initial don't-call list.

The Web site is www.donotcall.gov.

The toll-free number is 1-888-382-1222, but for now is available only in states west of the Mississippi River, including Minnesota and Louisiana. To ensure the system can handle the volume of calls, the number will not operate nationwide until July 7.

Consumers calling the toll-free number must call from the telephone number they want registered.

The FTC launched the registry shortly after midnight Friday and the initial public response was strong, with the Web site initially logging about 1,000 hits each second.

By 5 p.m. EDT Friday, 735,000 phone numbers had been registered.

McFarlane said the FTC was not keeping a running tally over the weekend, but would issue updated figures today.

She emphasized that consumers who register their numbers by Aug. 31 will be on the list that telemarketers have to start using Oct. 1. But people can register their phone numbers any time afterward.

After then, telemarketers who illegally call consumers on the list could be fined up to $11,000. They have to check the government's do-not-call list every three months to update their own lists.

The commission expects up to 60 million phone numbers to be registered in the first year.

Registrations will have to be renewed every five years.

On the Net:
Do Not Call site: http://www.donotcall.gov or http://donotcall.gov
Federal Trade Commission: http://www.ftc.gov/donotcall/
Direct Marketing Association: http://www.the-dma.org

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Lightheadedness should be investigated

DEAR DR. GOTT: Three weeks ago, I began experiencing spells of visual distortion and lightheadedness lasting two or three minutes. My doctor diagnosed allergic rhinitis. Is he on the right track?

DEAR READER: Allergic rhinitis, a runny nose from allergies, does not ordinarily cause the symptoms you describe. Therefore, I believe that your doctor should return to square one and reassess your peculiar sensations.

Your symptoms are consistent with mini-strokes, migraine, minor seizures and other conditions, including reaction to any medication you might be taking for allergies. In my opinion, you need a brain wave test (EEG) to check for seizures, a carotid ultrasound (to search for diminished arterial circulation to your brain), blood tests for anemia and diabetes, an MRI of your brain (to discover evidence of central nervous system disease), and a possible consultation with a neurologist.

I am certain that if your physician takes a more aggressive approach, the cause of your symptoms will become clear.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I had a C-section two years ago. Despite daily sit-ups and abdominal exercises, my stomach still protrudes incredibly far. Nothing seems to have improved my look of a six-month's-pregnant woman.

DEAR READER: Although a Caesarian section can occasionally weaken the abdominal muscles, pregnancy itself will often stretch these muscles so greatly that they fail to spring back to their normal tension after delivery, leading to a sagging abdominal wall. Therefore, I don't believe that the C-section you had is necessarily playing an important role.

Nonetheless, you should ask your obstetrician about this. Perhaps your exercise program needs to be modified — or, as in some cases, surgery to remove the stretched tissue may be necessary.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have a hiatal hernia with reflux. Could my symptoms be cured by biofeedback?

DEAR READER: No. Biofeedback is a technique by which people can be taught to control certain symptoms by focusing their attention through mental concentration.

While biofeedback is especially useful in helping patients give up certain unhealthful habits (such as smoking), it will not reduce the symptoms of reflux: gas, distension and heartburn. Your problem is a physical one (a weakness of the muscle-band that joins the stomach to the esophagus). Because of this weakness, irritating gastric juices can backwash up into the esophagus, causing pain and flatulence.

In my experience, antacids (to neutralize the acid in gastric juices) or medication (such as Nexium, Prilosec and others) that curtail the production of acid are very effective. Ask your doctor about this.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Hiatal Hernia." Other readers who would like a copy should send a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope and $2 to Newsletter, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092. Be sure to mention the title.

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 06-30-03
♠ 5 3
♥ A 6
♦ K J 10 7
♣ Q 9 6 3 2

West
♠ 10 9
♥ Q J 10 8 4 5 4 3 2
♦ 5 4
♣ —

East
♠ 8 6 2
♥ —
♦ 9 8 6 3 2
♣ K J 10 7 4

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

Dealer: North
Vulnerable: Neither

South	West	North	East
		Pass	Pass
2 ♣	5 ♥	6 ♥	Pass
7 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ??

Monday, June 30, 2003

What trick difference did that make?

By Phillip Alder

On most deals, finding the best opening lead will normally make the difference of only one trick, sometimes two. But occasionally a deal appears on which several tricks are at stake.

Look only at the West hand. With neither side vulnerable, after two passes, your right-hand opponent opens two clubs, strong, artificial and forcing. What would you bid?

Suppose that you opt for a slightly wimpish five hearts. North control-bids (cue-bids) six hearts, saying that she likes her hand and has a first-round heart control, and South jumps majestically to seven spades. What would you lead?

Now assume that you leap full-bloodedly to six hearts. It goes back to the opener, who bids six spades. What would you lead this time?

The deal occurred during the match between Canada and the United States at the 1968 Women's World Team Olympiad in Deauville, France.

There is no "right" bid with that West hand. You go as high as your blood pressure will permit.

When Dorothy Hayden (now Truscott) was South, the Canadian West bid only five hearts. Over Emma Jean Hawes' six hearts, Hayden thought about seven no-trump, but was worried her partner had a heart void. Against seven spades, West led the diamond five, so Hayden took all of the tricks for plus 1,510.

Hermione Baron jumped to six hearts. And against six spades, she led a suit-preference heart two. After ruffing, Rhoda Walsh (East) returned a club. The declarer rose with her ace, but West ruffed and played a heart. East trumped, cashed the club king, and gave her partner another ruff. That meant four down and plus 200.

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Johnny Depp attends premiere of movie

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Johnny Depp joined about 1,500 guests at Disneyland for the premiere of his new action adventure film "Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl."

"This is surreal," Depp said as he arrived on a 900-foot-long red carpet Saturday to the screams of fans. He was joined by producer Jerry Bruckheimer and co-stars Orlando Bloom, Geoffrey Rush and Keira Knightly.

The movie is named after Disneyland's Pirates of the Caribbean water ride and the premiere was the first ever held at the theme park.

"This is where the idea of the movie originated, this is where the inspiration came from and this was the right place for the premiere," said Richard Cook, chairman of Walt Disney Studios.

The film was shown on a giant screen on Tom Sawyer Island.

Oil Patch News

Scurry County

Kinder Morgan has completed the No. 77-9 SACROC unit in the Kelly-Snyder field, five miles northwest of Snyder. The venture was finaled to produce four barrels of oil and 1,117 barrels of water. Perforations were from 6,580-7,050 feet, and location is in Section 18, Block 1, J.P. Smith survey.

Kent County

Occidental Permian will drill the No. 1060 Cogdell Canyon Reef field unit, 22 miles northeast of Snyder. Planned for a depth of 7,200 feet, drill site is in Section 715, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Howard County

L.C.S. Production Co. has completed the No. 114 Guitar in the Would Have field, six miles northwest of Big Spring. The well was completed to produce 89 barrels of oil and no water. Perforations were from 5,690-702 feet, and location is in Section 18, Block 1, J.P. Smith survey.

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Checkpoints dismantled, Gaza reopens

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — Israeli and Palestinian commanders shook hands today, bulldozers dismantled checkpoints and Palestinian traffic flowed freely in the Gaza Strip — the most significant sign of disengagement after 33 months of bloody fighting.

But a Palestinian shooting killed a Romanian truck driver in the West Bank, and gunmen opened fire on workers near the border with Israel, suggesting some armed bands had not been brought into line with the day-old cease-fire called by militant groups.

Under a U.S.-backed peace plan, Israel pulled troops out of northern Gaza late Sunday, and agreed to withdraw from the West Bank town of Bethlehem on Wednesday.

In another reflection of the bid to end 33 months of fighting, prime ministers Ariel Sharon of Israel and Mahmoud Abbas of the Palestinian Authority were to meet in Jerusalem on Tuesday, Palestinian sources said.

Several Palestinian militant groups announced a suspension of attacks against Israelis on Sunday. The Al Aqsa Martyrs Brigade, linked to Yasser Arafat's Fatah movement, claimed responsibility for today's shooting. Fatah had earlier said Al Aqsa would halt attacks, but the militia consists of bands of gunmen who do not recognize a central authority — unlike the armed wings of Hamas and Islamic Jihad, the other signatories to the three-month truce.

Three hours later, Palestinians opened fire on workers building a security fence near the West Bank town of Qalqiliya, the military said. No one was hurt, and soldiers returned the fire.

Both sides have been skeptical the cease-fire will hold, having been disappointed so many times before. A dispute loomed over Israel's demand that the Palestinian Authority dismantle the militant groups altogether.

But there was no immediate Israeli outcry over the shootings, a sign it would not derail the movement forward.

There was a first glimmer of optimism as Israeli troops pulled out of Beit Hanoun, which had seen most of its farmland razed by Israeli bulldozers.

"You were late," Mohammed Shabat, 65, pointing to the destruction, told Palestinian policemen who took over the Israeli positions. "But, God willing, we will bring this town back to the old days."

"This is a very important and serious step by the Israeli side toward the implementation of the road map," said Palestinian Information Minister Nabil Amr.

Foreign Minister Nabil Shaath said Israel should withdraw from all West Bank towns within six weeks. "Things are promising and we must seize this moment," he said.

The two largest Israeli dailies, Yediot Ahronot and Maariv, framed their front-pages in blue, normally reserved for editions on Jewish holidays. "Cease-fire," read a banner headline in the Maariv daily, above a photo of two soldiers hugging in Gaza. Yediot had soldiers posing on a tank with an Israeli flag.

Mideast cease-fires welcomed by Bush

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Palestinian people should "invest their future" in the leadership of Prime Minister Mahmoud Abbas and shun terrorist groups, Secretary of State Colin Powell said today.

"We want the terrorists disarmed, and Prime Minister Abbas recognizes that he cannot be the prime minister of a Palestinian state based on democratic principles" if terrorist groups continue to thwart the peace process, he said.

Appearing on CBS's "The Early Show," Powell noted that he and national security adviser Condoleeza Rice have visited the region in the past two weeks and said the Bush administration will work closely with the Israelis and Palestinians to see through implementation of the "road map" to peace.

Asked if the administration officials might have representatives there frequently, Powell said, "Yes, if that's what's required."

Appearing on NBC's "Today" program, Powell was asked if he could foresee a scenario in which the United States would send troops to the region in a peace-keeping role.

"I don't anticipate the United States armed forces actually going in as some sort of peace-keeping force," he said. "But they're not necessarily military personnel. But we can help both sides. We can be facilitators, monitors, evaluators of what's going, but I don't see a role for United States' armed forces."

In the Middle East, bulldozers dismantled Israeli checkpoints and Palestinian traffic flowed freely in the Gaza Strip today — a significant sign of disengagement. But one man was killed in a Palestinian shooting.

U.S. officials had no immediate response to the shooting incident.

In line with a U.S.-backed peace plan, Israel pulled troops out of northern Gaza late Sunday, and agreed to withdraw from the West Bank town of Bethlehem on Wednesday.

Abbas would be the first Palestinian leader in three years at the White House. President Bush has hosted Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon there several times.

In his CBS appearance, Powell said the time has come for the Palestinian people to turn toward Abbas.

"They will see that Prime Minister Abbas and his new leadership will achieve this (peace) goal for them and hopefully they will invest their future with him and look away from Hamas," the secretary said.

Powell, asked on ABC's "Good Morning America," if recent developments were encouraging, replied, "I think we should be optimistic. We've seen positive developments over the weekend with the security agreement between Israel and (the) Palestinian Authority to turn over responsibility for the Gaza Strip from Israel to the Palestinian Authority."

Two-vehicle accident investigated

Accident

Emergency personnel responded to a two-vehicle accident at the U.S. 180 and U.S. 84 at 1 p.m. Sunday.

Involved was a 1994 Saturn driven by Jamae Schlabs, 20, of Hereford and a 1997 Toyota Camry driven by Gloria Barron, 23, of 2901 Ave. J.

Snyder EMS transported Barron to Cogdell Hospital and Schlabs was taken by private vehicle. Both women were treated and released.

Arrest

Snyder officers arrested a male subject, age unknown, at 4:24 a.m. Sunday in the 200 block of 32nd Street for Class B consumption of alcohol by a minor.

Theft

Monica Pruitt reported money stolen from her unit at the Park Village Apartments. Officers advised a report for Class B theft would be filed and two juveniles were taken into custody and then released to their parents.

Disturbance

A woman called 9-1-1 from her cell phone at 7:20 p.m. Sunday to report that her husband was creating a disturbance.

She advised he put her in a closet and refused to let her out, then disconnected the telephone so she could not dial out. She was calling from her vehicle, but she advised her three children were still in the house.

Officers filed an offense report for family violence.

Criminal mischief

A woman in the 700 block of E. 37th Street reported Saturday that two of her vehicle's tires were slashed.

A woman reported damage done to a vacant residence on E. Hwy. 180 Saturday. Deputies responded and advised an offense report for burglary of a building would be submitted.

Music complaints

Numerous loud music reports were received over the weekend and officers advised several subjects to lower the volume or be cited for disturbing the peace.

Fights

A fight was reported at the VFW at 12:50 a.m. Sunday, but officers didn't locate a disturbance. They checked inside the building and found everything in order.

At 1:10 a.m. Sunday, a subject reported several individuals fighting behind the former Minute Market on Coliseum Drive. Officers advised there were no subjects in the area.

Prowler

A man in the 1900 block of Scott reported a male subject prowling around his residence Saturday morning.

Fireworks

Snyder police officers responded to 16 reports of fireworks in the city over the weekend.

Several individuals reported that subjects at Winston Park were shooting fireworks at other people Saturday night and officers responded and closed the park until Sunday morning.

Gas drive off

A clerk at Rip Griffin's reported a gas drive off at 3 p.m. Saturday worth $16.50.

At 3:30 p.m., a drive off in the amount of $27 was reported from Town and Country East. A $6 drive off was reported at 3:20 p.m. Sunday from the same location.

Obituaries

Mildred Rogers

1919-2003

Mildred Dee Rogers, 83, died Sunday, June 29, at her home in Snyder after a sudden illness.

Interment for Mrs. Rogers, a longtime Snyder resident, was held today in Hillside Memorial Gardens. A memorial service is set for 10 a.m. Thursday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Charles Day, pastor of the Ave. D Baptist Church, will officiate.

Born Oct. 14, 1919 in Union County, Ark., she married Roy Rogers on Aug. 7, 1937 in Union County. He died Sept. 8, 1983.

Mrs. Rogers was a homemaker and a member of the Ave. D Baptist Church.

She also was preceded in death by two brothers, James and Robert Eastridge.

Survivors include two daughters, Kim Rogers of Lubbock and Sharon Mason of Abilene; a son, Kenneth Rogers of Midland; a brother, Glenn Ray Eastridge of Colorado Springs, Colo. six grandchildren, Matthew Mason and Jessica Mason, both of Abilene, Craig Mason and Regina Mason, both of Memphis, Tenn., Kalah Stockman and Helee Rogers, both of Lubbock; and three great-grandchildren, Melissa Mason of Abilene and Kevin and Kara Mason of Memphis.

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Ramon Miers

1934-2003

ABILENE — Ramon D. Miers, the father of Bobby Lord of Snyder, died Friday, June 27, in an Abilene hospital.

Graveside service for Mr. Miers, 69, was set for 11 a.m. today in the Elliott-Hamil Gardens of Memories. Allen Rogers, chaplain of the Abilene Fire Department, was to officiate.

Born May 31, 1934 in Brady, he married Carolyn Sue Lord on Dec. 8, 1984 in Andrews.

A U.S. Air Force veteran, Mr. Lord had lived in Abilene the past 35 years and retired after 28 years as a lieutenant with the Abilene Fire Department.

Survivors include his wife, Sue Miers of Abilene; a daughter, Tonya Connell of Austin; three other sons, Billy Todd Lord, Kenneth Wayne Lord and Rodney Ray Lord, all of Eunice, N.M.; and six grandchildren.

Cloda Wilson

1917-2003

COMANCHE — Cloda Wilson, former U.S. Department of Agriculture employee in Borden County, died Saturday, June 28, in Comanche Community Hospital.

Graveside service for Mrs. Wilson, 85, is set for 10 a.m. Thursday in the Gardens of Memory in Comanche County under the direction of Comanche Funeral Home.

Born Nov. 25, 1917 in Gustine, she was a 1936 graduate of John Tarleton Jr. College.

She married James E. Wilson on Oct. 25, 1940 in Eden. He preceded her in death.

Mrs. Wilson began her service with the USDA in Comanche County in 1938 and transferred to Tom Green County in 1945 as chief clerk. She retired in Borden County in 1974.

She also was preceded in death by her parents, Hubert A. and Winnie Wyche; a sister, Jo Davidson; and a brother, Jack Wyche.

Survivors include a nephew, Tommy Joe Davidson of Fort Worth; a caring friend, Rita McNew of Comanche; and numerous nieces and cousins.

Iona Cheney

1922-2003

SWEETWATER — Iona Cheney, the sister of Opal Wigington of Snyder, died Sunday, June 29, in Rolling Plains Hospital.

Graveside service for Mrs. Cheney, 80, is set for 10 a.m. Tuesday in the Sweetwater Cemetery with Dr. Mark Alexander officiating.

Born Oct. 28, 1922 in Hall, she married James N. Cheney on Dec. 9, 1940 in Lamesa. He died June 19, 1998.

A homemaker, she had been a resident of Sweetwater since 1950.

Survivors include a son, Tom Cheney of Sweetwater; two granddaughters, Britney and Bridget Cheney of Sweetwater; and several nieces and nephews.

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Tue 7/1	Wed 7/2	Thu 7/3
95/67	94/68	95/68
A few clouds from time to time. High around 95F. Winds SE at 5 to 10 mph.	Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the upper 60s.	Sunny. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the upper 60s.
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Saturday high, 90; low, 67
Sunday high, 90; low, 68
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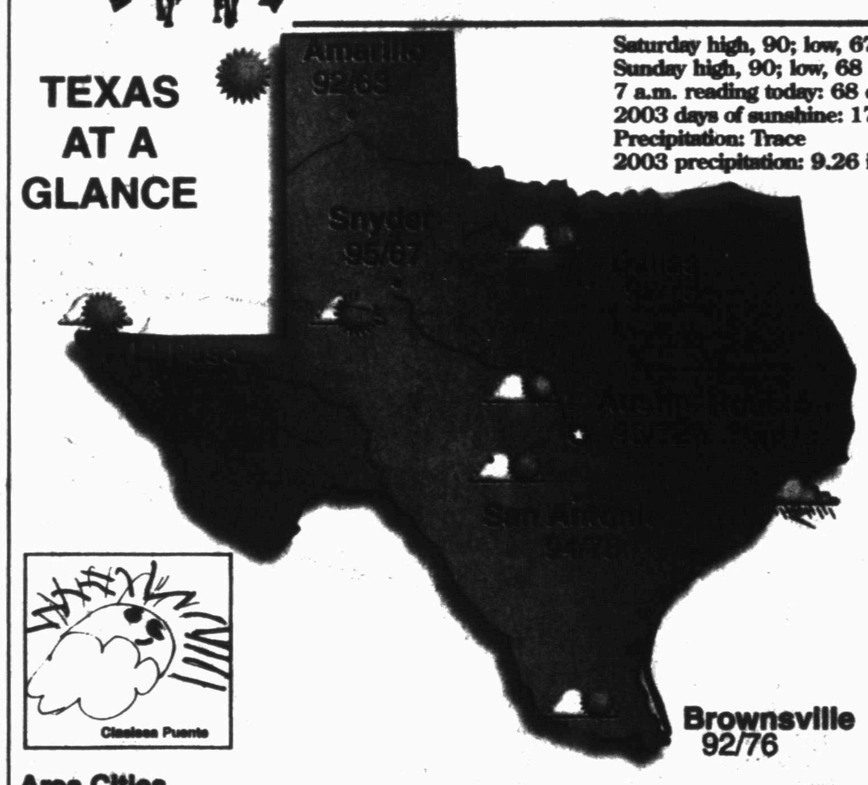
2003 days of sunshine: 177 of 180
Precipitation: Trace
2003 precipitation: 9.26 inches



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Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	92	70	sunny	El Paso	97	72	mst sunny	Midland	95	71	sunny
Amarillo	92	63	sunny	Fort Stockton	95	71	sunny	Raymondville	94	74	pt sunny
Austin	93	72	pt sunny	Gainesville	91	69	pt sunny	Rosenberg	90	74	t-storm
Beaumont	92	74	t-storm	Greenville	90	70	pt sunny	San Antonio	94	75	pt sunny
Brownsville	92	76	pt sunny	Houston	90	74	t-storm	San Marcos	94	73	pt sunny
Brownwood	95	70	mst sunny	Kingsville	94	73	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	90	69	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	92	75	pt sunny	Livingston	89	71	t-storm	Sweetwater	92	68	mst sunny
Corsicana	91	71	pt sunny	Longview	88	71	pt sunny	Tyler	90	73	pt sunny
Dallas	92	75	pt sunny	Lubbock	95	67	sunny	Weatherford	92	69	pt sunny
Del Rio	98	77	pt sunny	Lufkin	93	72	t-storm	Wichita Falls	95	69	mst sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	77	66	t-storm	Houston	90	74	t-storm	Phoenix	111	85	sunny
Boston	81	65	sunny	Los Angeles	76	61	pt sunny	San Francisco	70	52	windy
Chicago	85	65	mst sunny	Miami	89	77	pt sunny	Seattle	67	49	pt sunny
Dallas	92	75	pt sunny	Minneapolis	87	69	mst sunny	St. Louis	84	70	pt sunny
Denver	88	61	mst sunny	New York	83	66	mst sunny	Washington, DC	85	70	pt sunny

Moon Phases

New	First	Full	Last
Jun 29	Jul 7	Jul 13	Jul 21

UV Index

Tue 7/1	Wed 7/2	Thu 7/3
Extreme	Extreme	Extreme

The UV Index is measured on a 0 - 11 number scale, with a higher UV index showing the need for greater skin protection. 0 — 11

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