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# Commissioners debate minutes on ambulance

This morning's Scurry County Commissioners Court meeting went smoothly — with the exception of the approval of the minutes from the previous meeting.

The item was approved on a three to one vote with Precinct 1 Commissioner Ralph Trevey opposing.

The confusion centered around a decision made during an Aug. 21 afternoon budget workshop to remove the purchase of a new ambulance from the 1999 budget.

Precinct 2 Commissioner Roy Idom said he believed it was the intention of the court to take the ambulance out of the 1999 budget and purchase it out of current reserves.

County Judge Ricky Fritz contended, however, the purchase of an ambulance in 1998 with reserve money was not in the motion.

"I am pretty sure the motion didn't include the purchase. It was part of the discussion, but not part of the motion.

Trevey, who made the motion, said it was a part of his motion.

"I stated what I stated. The motion was to extract the ambulance out of the 1999 budget and to purchase the ambulance out of reserves this year."

"I don't think we could do that legally," Fritz countered, adding that the purchase would have to be an action item on the agenda.

Also legally, the court would have to first go through the process of taking bids, the judge added.

In other action, the court approved, with little comment, to accept the 1999 budget and set the tax rate at its current rate of 51 cents per $100 valuation.

"The budget is a balanced budget," Fritz said.

Total estimated expenditures for 1999, including Cogdell Memorial Hospital, are $21.9 million.

In action under old business, the court opened a lone bid on long distance service from Qwest.

After hearing a presentation from company representative Kathy Rapp, commissioners voted to accept the bid.

"We've got to make a change," Fritz said.

"Yeah," Precint 4 Commissioner Jerry Gannaway said, "We can't even dial out."

"This is also a better rate, besides getting better service," Fritz said.

The court also opened and accepted a lone bid from Bubba Dennis of Quick Auto to purchase the north 80 feet of lot 6, block 6, located northeast of the Diamond M building.

The bid was $1,750.

Also opened and accepted, was a bid of $100 for an elevator chair currently installed at the Diamond M building from Jerry Don Greene.

In one other item of business, commissioners voted three to one,

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## Appraisal district to meet Tuesday

The Scurry County Appraisal District board will meet at 8:30 Tuesday morning for its regular monthly meeting.

Among the items to be discussed is the 1997 appraisal and collection operating accounts audit, collection reports for the period of January through July of this year and a budget workshop for the appraisal district for 1999.

The meeting will be held in the district's office at 2612 College Ave.

## But officer, we just wanted to stay 1 night

Two subjects seeking a place to stay Saturday night found one, compliments of the Scurry County Jail.

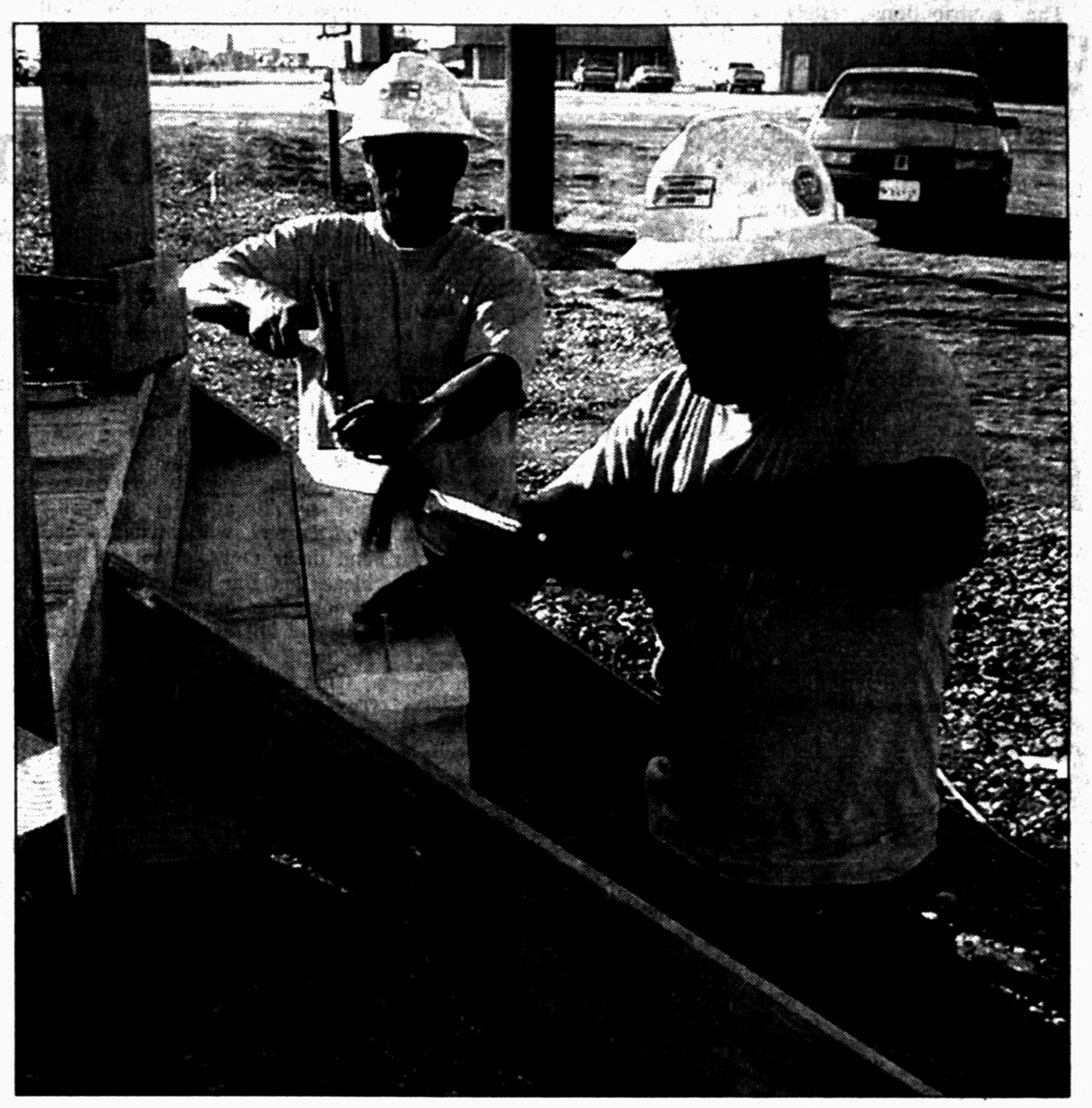
City police officer Mike Ward was stopped by two individuals around 8 o'clock Saturday evening requesting assistance from the local ministerial alliance for funds.

Ward ran a routine check on the vehicle and discovered it was stolen from Eastland County.

Thomas Anthony Bender, 18, and Randall Lee Carroll, 19, were both booked into jail for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

The two, who listed their home address as "transient," remained in jail this morning with their bond set at $5,000 each.

Officials from Eastland County are expected this evening to transport them to the jail in Eastland.



FIRST STEPS — Domingo Luera, front, and Locadio Luera, workers for Monterey Construction, were building steps this morning for office trailers on the site of Texas Department of Criminal Justice's warehouse located on U.S. 84. Preliminary dirtwork has begun on a 60,000 square feet addition to the existing warehouse. Projected completion date is April 7, 1999. (SDN Staff Photo)

# Meals on Wheels needs volunteers

Approximately 21 volunteers make it possible for home-bound citizens to have a hot, healthy meal each weekday.

The Senior Center sponsors "meals on wheels" where food cooked at the center is delivered in vans to shutins sick or elderly in Snyder.

Meals are loaded by volunteers beginning around 10:30 a.m. at the center and vans depart around 11 a.m. on four routes.

Around 148 deliveries are made daily.

Many center members drive the vans and fill the job of "hopper," one who takes the meal to the house from the van. The deliveries take about 1½ hours.

Meals on Wheels is in need of volunteers. A volunteer does not have to carry meals every day, and a schedule fitting the volunteer's needs may be set up — one day, two days or as many as the volunteer can work.

Regular drivers include Rob Robinson, Dutch Stehley, Furman Branson, John Pickering, Jo Ann Holladay, Mel Zane Gilbert, John Harper, Chuck Lear, Lewie Thomas and Frank Miller. The "hoppers" are Nell Harper, Velma Lear, Velma Pickering, Dot Stokes, Bill Pollard, Emerson Armstrong, Curtis Brown, Dean Blankenship, Alice Underwood, Kathy Fowler and Rosemary Jones.

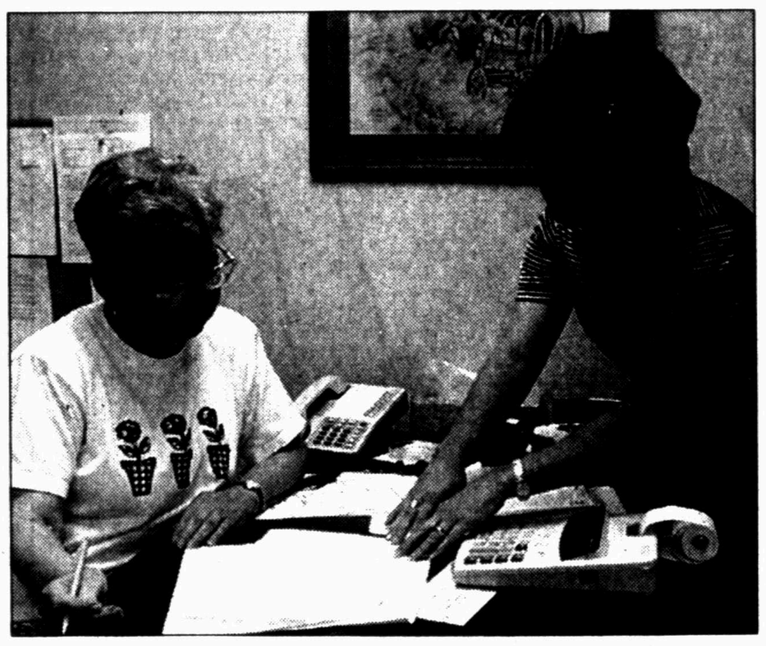
Anyone can volunteer to drive a van or take meals to the door. Persons may call the center at 573-4035 for additional information.

## Stenholm supper set for evening

The public is invited to a hamburger supper tonight with Congressman Charlie Stenholm and his wife, Cindy.

The event will be held at the Towle Park pavilion from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Rep. Stenholm, a Democrat from Stamford, is seeking re-election from the 17th District. He is opposed by Republican Rudy Izzard of Abilene, a dentist.



HOME MEALS PREPARATION — Margie Glasscock, coordinator of home delivered meals, and Valerie Drum, secretary at the Snyder Senior Center, make preparations for the day's noon meal at the center. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

# Dow falls below 8,000; stocks off in Europe, lower in Asia

NEW YORK (AP) — The Dow industrials fell below 8,000 this morning, extending a selloff on the heels of Wall Street's worst week in years and threatening to give up all of this year's gains.

The Dow Jones industrial average, which rose more than 40 points in the opening minutes of trading, was down 87.28 at 7,964.40 at midmorning. The last time the Dow closed below 8,000 was on Jan. 30.

In last week's global stock market rout, the Dow plunged 481.97 points, or by 5.6 percent, its biggest percentage drop for a calendar week since 1989.

With this morning's losses, the Dow was up less than 1 percent this year. At July's peak, when the Dow was at 9,337.97, it had been up 18.1 percent. The drop of 14.7 percent from the July record is the biggest retreat since a 21.2 percent slide triggered by the Persian Gulf crisis in the summer and fall of 1990.

In the heady bull market that began in October 1990 and saw the Dow nearly quadruple, setbacks were routinely viewed as buying opportunities. Lately, however, traders have been viewing any attempts at a recovery as a selling opportunity.

Doubts about Russia's economic and political stability kept pressure on financial markets around the world.

Shares prices were lower near the end of Europe's trading day. Major stock indexes fell sharply earlier in Hong Kong and Singapore, but Japan posted a modest gain after dropping to a 12-year low Friday.

In Europe, a key index of German stock prices was down 3 percent near the end of trading and market gauges were lower in France, Italy, Switzerland and the Netherlands.

Markets in London, the largest in Europe, were closed for a holiday.

Hong Kong's key Hang Seng Index sank 5.7 percent in the first seven minutes of trading today and ended the day with a 7.1 percent decline, falling 554.70 points to 7,275.04.

In Singapore, the benchmark index fell 28.83 points, or 3.25 percent, to a new low of 856.43 after ending below the 900-point level on Friday for the first time in 10 years.

Across Asia, Europe and the Americas, many stock markets fell by big percentages last week.

# Northwest strike enters its third day

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — With Northwest pilots on strike and the airline's daily load of 150,000 passengers scrambling for alternatives, John Puthoff had to skip his 19-year-old twins' birthday celebration.

He needed to get from Cincinnati to Minneapolis for business, and if he didn't fly Sunday he wouldn't get a seat for days. "They had their grandma and grandpa coming over today," Puthoff said, slogging through the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport on less than four hours' sleep.

The strike entered its third day today with little hope of immediate resolution. The union and the airline said they were ready to start talks again, but none had been scheduled.

"We are waiting for notice from the pilots that they are willing to get together and do some productive negotiations," Northwest spokeswoman Kathy Peach said today.

White House officials have said that if the strike reaches Labor Day, President Clinton may reconsider his decision not to intervene and order a 60-day "cooling-off" period as he did last year when a strike by American Airlines pilots was only four minutes old.

Northwest had canceled all of its 1,700 daily flights through Tuesday, and international flights from Europe also were canceled for Wednesday, company spokesman Jon Austin said.

Other airlines and train, bus and rental car companies tried to help soften the sting. Northwest controls more than 75 percent of the airline traffic into Minneapolis, Detroit and Memphis, Tenn.

American, with 17 flights daily from Minneapolis, added three flights between the Twin Cities and Chicago and three between Detroit and Chicago on Sunday and today to accommodate business travelers. Trans World Airlines plans two more daily flights starting Tuesday between the Twin Cities and St. Louis.

Northwest is the nation's sixth-largest airline in number of passengers carried annually and the fourth-largest in revenue.

## ASK US

Q—Is Six Flags Over Texas open during the week?

A—No. It began weekend-only operations last weekend. However, it will be open on Labor Day.

## FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Saturday, 95 degrees; low, 68; high Sunday, 96; low, 65; 7 a.m. Monday, 65; no precipitation; total for 1998, 6.51 inches.

Area Forecast: Monday, partly cloudy; 20% chance of storms. Highs around 95. SE winds 5-15 mph. Monday night, fair. Lows 65-70. Tuesday, mostly sunny. Highs 90-95.

Alison Cox
Mostly sunny

Sunset: 8:09 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:19 a.m.
Of 242 days in 1998, the sun has shone 240 days in Snyder.

## TODAY'S THOUGHT

There is one thing stronger than all the armies in the world, and that is an idea whose time has come.

Victor Hugo

# Hobby's campaign chest funds benefit son

FORT WORTH (AP) -- Paul Hobby, the Democratic nominee for state comptroller, has received nearly $100,000 from a political action committee that funded donations almost 10 years ago to his father, former Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby, state records show.

The contributions reflect a growing trend of retiring officeholders forming political action committees to distribute leftover campaign funds.

State ethics officials say it's legal, but critics contend it highlights their concern that powerful elected officials can continue wielding political influence long after they leave office by controlling big campaign war chests.

State law mandates that officeholders dispose of campaign funds within six years of leaving office. However, an official with the Texas Ethics Commission told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram officeholders can keep campaign war chests active for as long as they file required semiannual reports.

"That's an outrage," said Suzy Woodford of Common Cause, a government watchdog group. "That's not the intent of the law. It was designed to force officeholders to get rid of their money when they leave."

Tom "Smitty" Smith of Public Citizen said, "We believe that at the end of an officeholder's term, all contributions should be returned or donated to a political party so that officeholders don't become the kingmakers of the next generation."

Margaret Justus, a spokeswoman for Paul Hobby, said all the arrangement shows is a father supports his son's bid for office.

"Like President Bush, former Lieutenant Governor Hobby wholeheartedly supports his son's candidacy," Ms. Justus said, referring to the former president's support for Gov. George W. Bush.

However, campaign records show the former president has contributed no money to his son's campaign this year, the Star-Telegram reported Sunday.

In 1996, five years after leaving office, Bill Hobby transferred more than $800,000 from two officeholder accounts to a general political action committee called the Hobby Texas Fund.

Since then, his PAC has given $118,973 to more than two dozen politicians or charitable organizations, Texas Ethics Commission records show.

Paul Hobby, who is making his first bid for statewide office, has received $97,500 of that total, records show. Democrat John Sharp, a candidate for lieutenant governor, received the second-largest amount with $6,000 in donations.

Under state law, officeholders have six years after they leave office to dispose of campaign contributions. The 1991 law specifies six options: return it to contributors or give it to the state, to a political party, to a charity, to a college or university, or to another candidate or political committee.

But Karen Lundquist, general counsel for the Texas Ethics Commission, said the six-year clock begins ticking only after the candidate files a final semiannual report.

# Truckloads of hay donated to farmers

RUSK (AP) — When a caravan of seven semi-trucks rumbled into this East Texas town Sunday afternoon, it was a welcome sight for ranchers.

The trucks were piled high with donated hay — something ranchers in this drought-stricken area have seen little of lately.

"It was overwhelming," said Leslie Hale, a Wichita, Kan. rancher who organized the relief effort with her husband, Jack. "They just cheered when we pulled in."

The Hales rounded up the hay and drove 10 hours with help from the National Guard. They donated 99 large round bales and 550 small square bales, an estimated $11,000 worth of fodder.

For cattle rancher Mark Turney, the shipment couldn't have come soon enough. Turney and 75 other ranchers each received one round bale and seven square bales.

"Some of my pastures haven't had any rain at all since April," said Turney, who owns 24 beef and dairy cows. "Winter looks bleak, but I'm just trying to get through the summer right now. This hay will last about two weeks for me."

This year's drought damage in Texas has been declared the worst since the legendary seven-year dry stretch of the 1950s. University researchers have estimated the state's agricultural losses at more than $2.1 billion.

When the Hales heard on the radio that Texas herds were going hungry, they decided to donate 100 bales from their own lush acres. Soon donations of hay and money poured in from across Kansas.

In just three weeks, they ended up with a total of 1,377 large round bales and 2,400 small square ones. They've planned more shipments for mid-September, and the National Guard said the $25,000 transportation cost comes from federal funds because it is a training mission.

"That's a lot more than what we ever expected," Mrs. Hale said of the shipment. "Kansas people have the biggest hearts of anywhere. It's all donated hay from farmers and ranchers and city dwellers in the state of Kansas."

Farmers lined up in near-100 degree heat at a ranch in Rusk, about 40 miles south of Tyler, to pick up the bundles on a first-come first-served basis.

Sunday's supply will help temporarily, Turney said, but real relief will come only in the form of rain, and lots of it.

"I've talked to guys in their 80s who have farmed all their lives and they say they've never seen anything like this. For them to say that is really something. It's discouraging," the 41-year-old rancher said.

Gene Simmons of Jacksonville, another hay recipient, agreed the situation looks grim for ranchers.

# Likely litterers said young, single, enjoy fast food, bars

AUSTIN (AP) — It's messy and illegal, and a new survey shows more than one-third of Texans have done it in the past three years.

Tossing cigarettes out of cars on the highway, leaving beer cans at the lake, discarding crumpled lottery tickets in convenience store parking lots — they're the new, not-necessarily-Bubba breed of Texas litterers.

The extent of their dirty deeds is tallied in a survey being released Monday along with a new Texas anti-litter campaign.

It found nearly 22 percent of adult Texans had littered in the past three months. Another 16 percent — known as reformed litterers — had trashed Texas in the past three years, though not the last three months.

Factors that make it more likely people will litter, the survey found, include being 24 or younger, smoking cigarettes, eating fast food at least two nights weekly, going out for nighttime entertainment at least once a week, driving a lot and never having married.

The poll was conducted June 3-July 11 by Tuerff-Davis EnviroMedia Inc. and NuStats International of Austin for the Texas Department of Transportation. EnviroMedia this year took over the department's "Don't Mess with Texas" anti-littering campaign.

A total of 1,201 Texas residents over age 16 were included in the poll. It has a margin of error of plus or minus 2 percentage points

"Most of the research in the past had focused on attitudes about the campaign and attitudes about littering. We wanted to go one step further by looking at behaviors and asking Texans to be frank with us," EnviroMedia president Kevin Tuerff said of the survey.

"By looking at those behaviors, we're able to target our message ... and really educate people about the true litter prevention meaning of 'Don't Mess with Texas'."

That's apparently necessary.

Even though 96 percent of Texans were aware of the slogan, the survey found 21 percent didn't know it targeted litter prevention. Many thought it had something to do with Texas pride or being macho.

In the effort to obtain a true picture of Texas' littering problem, Tuerff said the survey used non-threatening questions to get respondents to reveal their actual behavior.

"If you ask somebody, 'Do you litter?' the politically correct answer would be no. If we had asked that question, we probably would have seen that 90 percent would have said no," Tuerff said.

Instead, he said, the survey included questions such as, "Rather than keep an alcohol container in the car, you or someone in a vehicle you were in threw out a can or bottle."

## Results of new littering poll

AUSTIN (AP) — Results from a new littering poll conducted by Tuerff-Davis EnviroMedia Inc. and NuStats International of Austin for the Texas Department of Transportation:

— Seven percent of Texans surveyed were gross litterers. They admitted littering in the past three months and had personally discarded such major items as cans, bottles and tire debris.
This category included 10 percent of men and 4.9 percent of women.

— Nearly 15 percent were micro litterers. They admitted littering in the past three months and had personally discarded smaller items such as cigarette butts, candy wrappers and paper.
This category included 17 percent of men and 13 percent of women.

— Sixteen percent were reformed litterers. They had littered in the last three years, but not the last three months.
In this category were 17 percent of men and 15 percent of women.

— In the under-21 category, women outpaced men as micro litterers. Of these young females, 33 percent were micro litterers, compared with 27.5 percent of men in the same age group.

— Forty-three percent of Texans incorrectly believed prisoners more than any other group are responsible for picking up roadside litter.

— Twenty-one percent of Texans didn't know the litter-prevention meaning of the "Don't Mess with Texas" slogan. About half of these simply didn't know what it meant, while another half said it had something to do with pride in Texas or being macho.

— Of Texans who smoke, more than one-half admitted to littering, especially small items such as cigarette butts.

## Oil Patch News

**Scurry County**

Anadarko Petroleum has completed the No. 18 Van Norman in the Sharon Ridge field, three miles northwest of Ira. The well was finaled to produce 24 barrels of oil and 51 barrels of water. Perforations were from 1,679-3,076 feet, and location is in Section 131, Block 97, H&TC survey.

**Mitchell County**

Pioneer Natural Resources has completed the No. 13 E.H. Brown in the Iatan East Howard field, nine miles southwest of Westbrook. The well was finaled to produce three barrels of oil and 980 barrels of water. Perforations were from 3,205-390 feet, and location is in Section 2, Block 29, T1S, T&P survey.

## Dr. Gott By Peter Gott, M.D.

### Arthritic spurs near esophagus

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Food sometimes gets stuck in my esophagus. X-rays show that two spurs on the inside of the spine are pushing on the esophagus. The doctor does not know how to treat this. Do you have any ideas?

DEAR READER: You may need to see a gastroenterologist. In rare instances, arthritic spurs on the upper spinal column can press on the esophagus, causing an obstruction. Pieces of poorly chewed food can become stuck or can be difficult to swallow in these circumstances. If, in the gastroenterologist's opinion, the spurs are the cause of the problem, you may be a candidate for surgical removal of the spurs.

Because the operation is tricky and most people prefer to avoid surgery that is not absolutely necessary, the specialist may be able to suggest alternative treatments. For example, careful chewing of your food and attempting to avoid swallowing large chunks may be all that is necessary to relieve your symptoms.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I am terribly upset. Sometimes at night I wake up with watery diarrhea. There's no warning. During the day, I have to run to the bathroom for hours. What can I do?

DEAR READER: Chronic diarrhea, with or without urgency, can have many causes. Peptic ulcer, bowel inflammation and intolerance to certain elements in your diet — such as milk sugar — are common causes.

You need an examination, with stool analyses and other tests, to determine the reason for your problem. Your family doctor is the place to start. He or she can initiate the investigation and, if an obvious cause is not discovered, can refer you to an appropriate specialist for more sophisticated testing, such as endoscopy, during which a qualified doctor can examine your upper and lower intestine with a flexible, lighted tube. Once the cause of your unpleasant and distressing diarrhea is identified, treatment should correct the problem.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Constipation and Diarrhea." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm 13, and I swallow my gum. Will this hurt me?

DEAR READER: The material in gum that makes it chewy is indigestible. Once in your stomach, it has to pass through your entire intestine and come out the other end. Occasional gum swallowing is probably harmless. Nonetheless, repeated swallowing could cause a buildup in the bowel that cannot be expelled. I suggest that you stop swallowing gum and dispose of it more thoughtfully and appropriately (especially where someone will not step on it).

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# Popular herbal antidepressant fails potency tests, report says

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Several of the nation's leading brands of St. John's wort, a popular herbal remedy for depression, are not as potent as advertised on their labels, the Los Angeles Times reported today.

In an independent test commissioned by the Times, three of 10 brands of St. John's wort had no more than about half the potency listed on the label. Four other brands had less than 90 percent of the potency listed, The Times reported.

Health experts told the newspaper that a significant number of depressed people may be pinning hopes on products too weak to help them even when taken at the recommended dosages.

"How is it possible to appropriately regulate a treatment regimen if you can't even be sure of the dosage?" said Dr. Norman Rosenthal, a research psychiatrist at the National Institute of Mental Health, who believes in St. John's wort's mood-elevating properties.

"You're using this product for important reasons and you want to know you're getting what you're supposed to be getting," he said. "It's quite important that there should be truth in advertising."

The findings raise concerns over the booming herbal market. Sales of St. John's wort and other botanical remedies, including gingseng, ginkgo biloba, echinacea and saw palmetto, may reach $4.3 billion this year, according to Nutrition Business Journal.

Sally Guthrie, a University of Michigan pharmacy professor, said one concern is that, unlike pharmaceutical drugs, herbal supplements do not undergo government scrutiny before marketing.

The Food and Drug Administration can seize dietary supplements that turn out to be harmful, fraudulent or improperly promoted.

So people taking St. John's wort can't "be assured from batch to batch and manufacturer to manufacturer that they're getting the same quality or amount," she said.

St. John's wort, a weed also known as hypericum, has a long record as a nerve tonic. The golden flower, with its extract hypericin, has long been used in folk medicine.

In the study the Times commissioned, 10 pills were sampled from each of three containers of one lot of each product. The products were identified only with a code, so the laboratory would not know the brand being tested. Five independent experts who reviewed the research procedures said the approach was sound.

One of the lowest-scoring products sampled, with about 20 percent of the labeled potency, was from Sundown Herbals, a division of Rexall, the nation's No. 1 distributor of dietary supplements.

Deborah Shur Trinker, Sundown's vice president of regulatory affairs, responded to the findings by saying they were "false" and "misleading."

In a letter to The Times, Ms. Trinker said the tests involved too few pills for the findings to be significant. She said an independent lab hired by Sundown had found the product to be 100 percent potent.

Two of the other low-scoring companies, Pure Source and Futurebiotics, declined to comment.

Officials of Trader Joe's, a Southern California market chain, said they would stop selling the St. John's wort brands that tested poorly.

## Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 08-31-98
♠ 7 6 3
♥ K 7 6 5 2
♦ A 6 5 4
♣ 10

West
♠ ---
♥ 4
♦ K Q J 9 8 7 3 2
♣ Q 9 5 3

East
♠ K Q J 10 8 4 2
♥ 3
♦ ---
♣ K J 8 4 2

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

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: South

| South | West | North | East |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 ♥ | 4 ♦ | 4 ♥ | 4 ♠ |
| 5 ♥ | Pass | Pass | Pass |

Opening lead: ♦ K

### Back to the past, part two

By Phillip Alder

Recently, I read another old bridge book, "How's Your Bridge Game?" by Florence Osborn. Published in 1948 by Whittlesey House, a division of McGraw-Hill, it contains 200 bidding questions and 50 card-play problems. I didn't pay much attention to the former, but the latter were interesting. Some analyses weren't perfect, and the bidding was often strange, Mrs. Osborn using problem-setter's license to get to her desired final destination. On the whole, though, it was a stimulating collection.

This was perhaps the easiest challenge in the book. How would you play in five hearts after West leads the diamond king?

The bidding is interesting. I think most Wests would bid five diamonds, not four. That contract can be beaten by three tricks: club to the ace, club ruff, heart to the ace, club ruff, and wait for the diamond ace. The best spot for East-West is five clubs, which is laydown with this distribution. But how do they get there? Or to six clubs, a good sacrifice over five hearts? Some deals are too difficult without peeking at all the cards.

Five hearts seems to have only two spade losers. Yet from West's four-diamond overcall, declarer can "see" (without peeking) West's eight-card suit. If South carelessly calls for dummy's diamond ace, East ruffs away declarer's 11th trick. However, if he just plays low from the dummy at trick one (and low again if West persists with the diamond queen), the contract is safe. South can get in, draw the missing trumps, and cash the diamond ace when it cannot be ruffed.

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## Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

### Girlfriend Ponders Letting Go Of Man Who Won't Hold Hands

DEAR ABBY: I love my boyfriend very much, but he's not affectionate in any way. When I ask him if he loves me, he gets angry. He told me that he said he loved me once, and after that, he shouldn't have to repeat it. He says he wants an independent woman who makes no demands.

Abby, I enjoy his company. He takes me out every weekend and calls me every day. But he never holds my hand or kisses me. I need some affection and reassurance of his love, but he refuses to give it to me.

Should I stay in this relationship or move on?

MISS GLORIA IN GEORGIA

**DEAR MISS GLORIA: Metaphorically speaking, you are fire and your boyfriend is ice — a decidedly incompatible combination. Since he is unwilling to fulfill your needs, you should consider ending this relationship so you can be free to find a man who is a better match.**

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DEAR ABBY: I am a 49-year-old divorced woman. My children are adults and live 2,500 miles away. I own my own home and am self-supporting.

I have been dating a gentleman 10 years my junior for the last five years. I love him, but I do not want to get married again. He is very insistent about wanting marriage. He is controlling and jealous and does not like to be alone. (I am not thrilled with this aspect of his personality.)

Abby, I made it clear from the beginning that I have no interest in marriage. I was married to an alcoholic for 19 years, and I am very independent. Should I end the relationship so he can find someone who wants to marry him, or continue the relationship? Your input would be appreciated.

WONDERING IN OHIO

**DEAR WONDERING: Since you are adamant about not wanting to remarry, you would be doing this man a kindness to set him free. A man who is controlling, jealous and doesn't like to be alone would be a poor marriage prospect even if you decided to relent. End the relationship now!**

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DEAR ABBY: The letter from the woman whose co-worker told her she wore her pins on the wrong side brought up an ongoing dispute between my father and me. I hope you can settle it.

I am a 30-year-old, well-educated man, and I always dress nicely for work. When I put on my belt, I go around my waist clockwise, with the buckle facing left and the point of the belt to my right.

My father says I am wearing my belt wrong. He says the belt must go counterclockwise, with the point left and the buckle right. He claims all men wear their belts this way.

Abby, is my father correct, and does it really matter which way a man wears his belt?

KEEPS MY TROUSERS UP ANYWAY

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**MONDAY**

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Al-Anon, open meetings, Snyder Park Club; noon.

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

Just for Today NA, closed meeting; Snyder Park Club; for information call 573-0949. 573-4238 or 573-8018; 6 p.m.

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

Scurry County AA; closed meeting; Park Club; for more information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

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

**TUESDAY**

Ladies Golf Association; Snyder Country Club; tee time 9 a.m.

Alpha Study Club; Martha Ann Woman's Club; 3 p.m.

Weight Watchers; Trinity United Methodist Church, 5200 Trinity Blvd.; 5 p.m.

Just for Today NA, closed meeting; for information call 573-0949, 573-4238 or 573-8018; 6 p.m.

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

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

New Horizons 12 & 12, closed meeting; Park Club; 7 p.m.

New Horizons AA; closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

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

TOPS TX56, (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5 to 6 p.m.; 2501 35th. For information call Peggy Vernon at 573-3122.

**WEDNESDAY**

Just for Today NA; open meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-0949, 573-4238, 573-8018; 8 p.m.

**THURSDAY**

Snyder Garden Club; salad luncheon to be at Billie Jean Sterlings home; 11:30 a.m.

Al-Anon brown bag, open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-4203, 573-8626, 573-2101 or 573-0695; noon to 1 p.m.

"A Company of Women International" Prophetic Voice to the Nations, for mature Christian women; Union Community Center, Hwy. 180; potluck supper; 6 p.m.

Horseshoe Pitching For Fun; Horseshoe Courts located at the coliseum; everybody welcome, for further information call 573-9762; 7 p.m.

Just for Today NA; Park Club; for information call 573-0949, 573-4238 or 573-8018; 6 p.m.

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

New Horizons AA; closed meeting; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

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

**FRIDAY**

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

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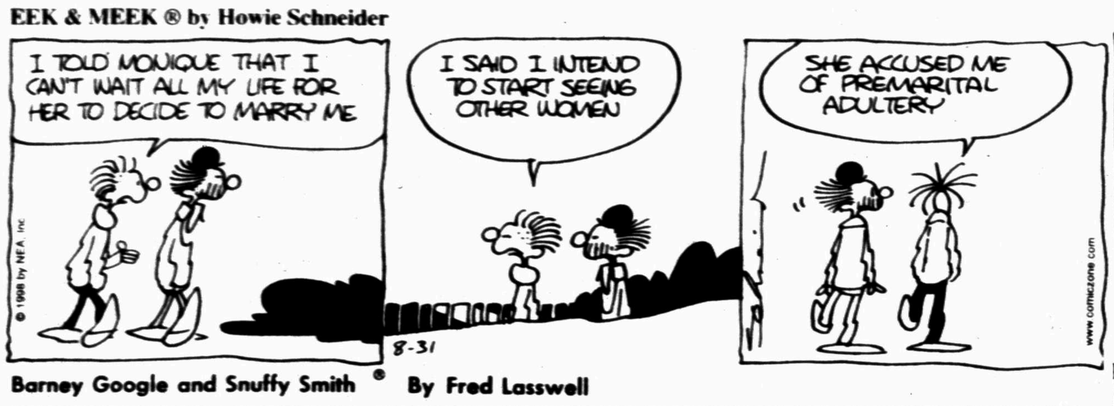


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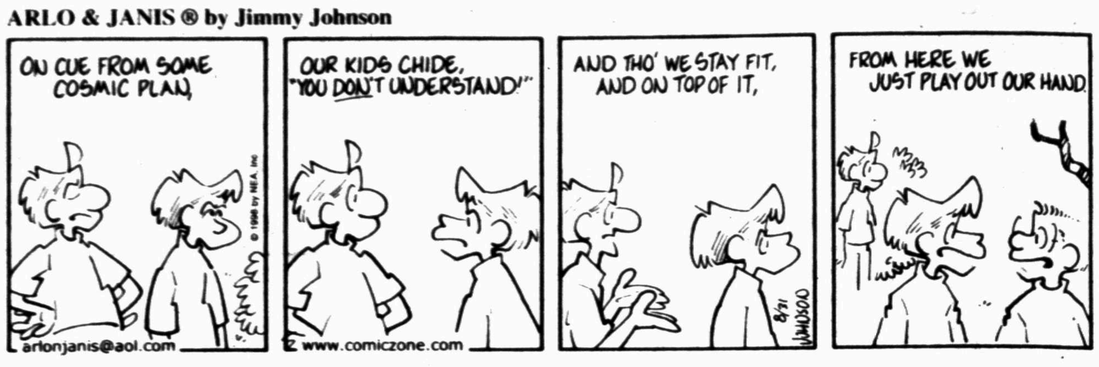


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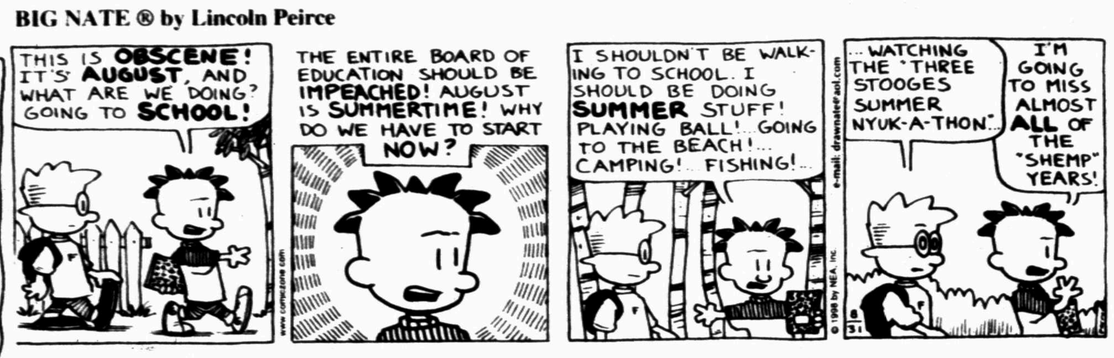


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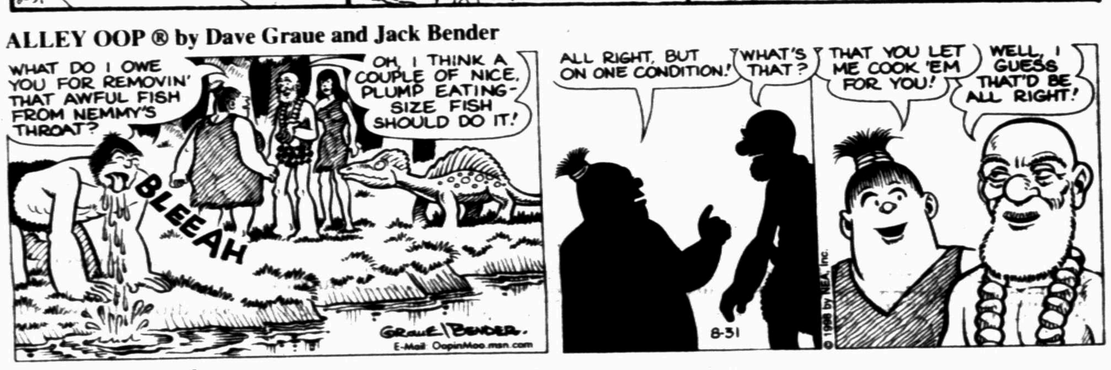


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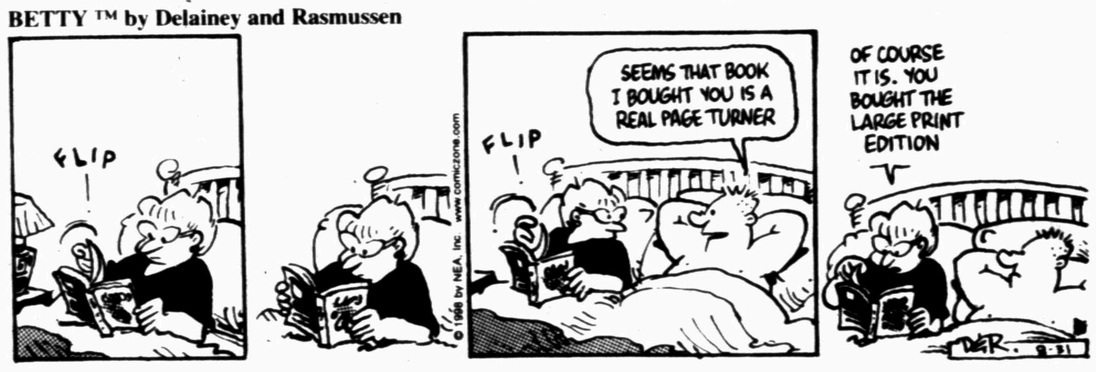


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**ACROSS**

1 Pie nut
6 Gusto
10 Begin again
12 Got a baby off the bottle
14 Overly decorative
15 Shoe part
16 Chinese sauce
17 Negative word
19 Rams' mates
20 Of tiny spaces
23 Norman Vincent —
26 Dress border
27 IRS worker, maybe
30 On horseback
32 More lemony
34 Severe experience
35 Surgical seam
36 Horror-film director Craven
37 Traveler's need
39 Connected
40 Takes umbrage at
42 Region
45 RR depot
46 Wooden pin
49 Apollo at Delphi, for one
51 Prosper
54 Follows
55 Bargain store
56 Rowers' tools
57 Pares

**DOWN**

1 Experts
2 Finnish first name
3 Rabbit
4 Timber tree
5 Openwork fabric
6 Buddhism type
7 Loom bar
8 Winter precipitation
9 T of TV
11 Hawaiian goose
12 Foolish
13 — Moines
18 Companion of aah
20 I cannot tell — —
21 Give another title to
22 Quantity
23 Ship part
24 Country of Europe
25 Puts 2 and 2 together
27 Central point
28 Inca country
29 Surface measures
31 Bar staples
33 Southwestern Indians
38 Caress
40 Happen again
41 Western defense org.
42 Actress Caldwell
43 Yes — —?
44 Space org.
46 Heap
47 Daredevil Knievel
48 Obtains
50 French plural article
52 Marchers' word
53 AAA suggestion

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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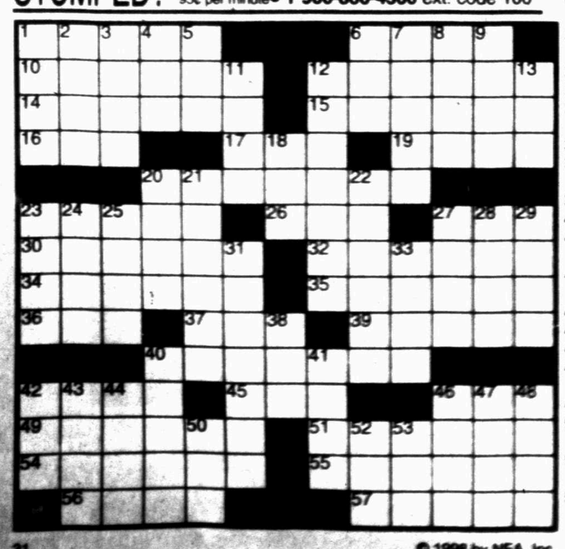

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# SPORTS

*Snyder posts 2-3 mark in Ft. Worth...*

## Tourney draw hampers Lady Tigers

FT. WORTH — Any coach will admit that success at a tournament is partly the luck of the draw.

The Lady Tigers didn't get very lucky.

Snyder managed a 2-3 mark at the Justin Northwest tournament over the weekend, after opening with the eventual champion and playing back-to-back matches.

"The girls really went out and played well in the first match," Snyder coach Patty Grimmett said. "Denton was tough and we battled them pretty good."

Denton, which toppled Hereford, 15-11, 15-6 for the tourney title, nabbed a 15-12, 15-3 victory over the Lady Tigers.

Following the match, Snyder turned right around to face Borger in its second consecutive contest.

After outlasting the Lady Bulldogs, 19-17 in Game 1, the Lady Tigers dropped the final two games, 10-15, 4-15.

"Having to play back-to-back matches and having a really long game to start off against Borger, really took a lot out of us," Grimmett said. "We had a hard time getting our passes in a position to where the setters could give us a good set."

Senior Keila Helms paced the Snyder attack with 12 service points and 10 kills.

The schedule allowed Snyder a break following the contest against Borger, though not a very long one.

After resting for one match, the Lady Tigers came back to grab their first victory of the event over Woodrow Wilson, 15-13, 15-9.

"Our passing was much better against Wilson," Grimmett stated. "Our serving was good for the whole tournament and especially against Wilson. We didn't have a single service error in the match."

The improved passing led to improved offense, as Snyder posted 14 kills in the match. Alicia Peoples led the squad with four kills, while Helms and Ashley Delce had three apiece.

The Lady Tigers then took their 1-2 tourney mark up against Brownwood.

With the Lady Lions sending back dink after dink, Snyder players were forced to scramble defensively in a 14-16, 14-16 loss.

"Brownwood just kept on dinking the ball over," said Grimmett. "We're there wanting them to hit at us, but they wouldn't."

When the Lady Tigers get to the soft hits off Brownwood, they made their opponents pay.

Snyder recorded 25 kills in the match, with Helms once again leading the way with eight.

The Lady Tigers responded to the setback with a 15-8, 15-4 victory over Graham in their final match.

"The girls really wanted to end the tournament with a win and they did just that," Grimmett remarked. "Overall, we played well the entire tournament. Every match there was somebody who really stepped up for us. I know that pretty soon everyone will do it at the same time. We haven't hit our full potential yet."

The Lady Tigers, now 4-5 on the season, will be back in action Tuesday against Midland High and Seminole at 4:30 in Midland.

**Denton def. Snyder 15-12, 15-3**
**Snyder service points:** Christina Holder, 5; Cara Best, 4; Keila Helms, Kristin Martinez and Felsha Biggers, 2. **Kills:** Alicia Peoples and Ashley Delce, 2; Biggers and Kameron Kallemeyn, 1. **Blocks:** Peoples and Delce, 2.

**Borger def. Snyder 17-19, 15-10, 15-4**
**Service points:** Helms, 12; Bradi Johnson, 10; Holder, 5; Martinez and Best, 2; Biggers and Christy Tomlinson, 1. **Kills:** Helms, 10; Peoples, 7; Delce, 6; Kallemeyn and Erica Arellano, 5; Holder, 2; Courtney Rinehart, 1. **Blocks:** Delce, 2; Helms, Holder, Kallemeyn and Peoples, 1.

**Snyder def. Woodrow Wilson 15-13, 15-9**
**Service points:** Holder, 9; Best, 7; Martinez, 6; Helms and Biggers, 3; Johnson, 2. **Kills:** Peoples, 4; Delce and Helms, 3; Rinehart, 2; Holder and Tessa Hildebrand, 1. **Blocks:** Rinehart, Helms and Peoples, 1.

**Brownwood def. Snyder 16-14, 16-14**
**Service points:** Holder and Best, 7; Helms, 6; Martinez, 4; Johnson, 2; Biggers and Amy Ricks, 1. **Kills:** Helms, 8; Kallemeyn, 6; Hildebrand, 4; Delce and Peoples, 3; Holder, 1. **Blocks:** Helms, 3; Peoples and Delce, 2; Hildebrand, 1.

**Snyder def. Graham 15-8, 15-4**
**Service points:** Johnson, 9; Holder, 8; Martinez, 6; Biggers, 5; Best, 2; Helms, 1. **Kills:** Peoples, 6; Kallemeyn, 4; Delce and Holder, 3; Helms, 2; Arellano, 1. **Blocks:** Delce, 2.

## Seminoles aiming for No. 1 against Aggies

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — In 1993, Florida State used the Kickoff Classic to get an idea of how good it could be. After a 42-0 rout of Kansas, the Seminoles and coach Bobby Bowden went on to win their first national title.

Florida State is looking for a repeat performance tonight when the second-ranked Seminoles play No. 14 Texas A&M in the Kickoff Classic.

"I'm tired of being 2, 3 or 4. I want to be No. 1," Bowden said Sunday, well aware his team has finished in the top four the past 11 years, but has just one national title to show for it. "My staff wants to be No. 1 and I want my players to think they're going to be No. 1."

Which is one of the reasons he agreed to bring his team to Giants Stadium.

"This team has more speed than we've had the last two years," Bowden said. "Now we have to check out our heart speed. We're a team of excellent potential, but Texas A&M can beat us.

"If we're not good enough, we have to find out. Then we'll have some time to fix it. We need to find out what we've got."

So do the Aggies, who finished last season on a sour note by losing to Nebraska in the Big 12 title game and to UCLA in the Cotton Bowl. However, Texas A&M won the Big 12 South and was 9-2 before dropping its last two games.

"I see this as an opportunity and a challenge to play a team that is arguably the best in college football," Aggies coach R.C. Slocum said. "I think my team would be very disappointed if I had said no (to playing the game).

"We know exactly what we're getting into. We're the underdogs. If we win, it's going to be a big thing for A&M. If we lose, it's just going to be a matter of Florida State beating someone else."

For the Seminoles, 26-year-old Chris Weinke starts at quarterback for the first time in nearly nine years. He was set to go to Florida State in 1990, but instead received a $375,000 signing bonus to play baseball in the Toronto Blue Jays.

He returned to Tallahassee last season and inherited the No. 1 spot when Dan Kendra injured his knee and was declared out for the season.

He knows what to expect.

"They will come after me. They know I have no game experience. If they bring everyone and blitz us," Weinke said, "they're going to leave someone open. And we have a lot of big-play guys."

## Hidalgo blasts homers to rescue Houston, 11-4

HOUSTON (AP) — Rookie Richard Hidalgo homered twice and the Houston Astros recorded their 40th come-from-behind victory this season Sunday, defeating the Pittsburgh Pirates 11-4 Sunday.

Houston, which trailed 3-0 in the first inning, has won three straight games and 18 of 23.

Shane Reynolds (17-8) struck out a season-high 11 in seven innings. He allowed four runs and six hits in winning for the fifth time in his last six starts.

Jeff Bagwell hit two doubles and his 28th homer, a two-run shot in the eighth for Houston. Houston had six doubles and three home runs among its 14 hits.

Turner Ward hit a three-run homer in the first for the Pirates.

Hidalgo's second homer of the game and fifth this season came off reliever Jeff McCurry (1-3) in the fifth and gave Houston a 6-4 advantage. Hidalgo's two-run shot scored Jeff Bagwell who doubled.

The Astros made it 9-4 in the sixth when Reynolds singled and scored on a double by Ricky Gutierrez. Derek Bell drove in Gutierrez with a single, and Bell scored on Moises Alou's groundout.

Trailing 3-1, Houston scored three runs to take the lead in the fourth. The Astros loaded the bases on a double by Bell and walks to Bagwell and Alou. After Hidalgo struck out, Sean Berry drove in Bell and Bagwell with a double.

An intentional walk to Tony Eusebio loaded the bases for Reynolds who hit a grounder to second baseman Tony Womack. Shortstop Kevin Polcovich mishandled Womack's toss for an attempted force at second, allowing Alou to score from third.

The Pirates tied it 4-4 in the fifth on a sacrifice fly by pinch-hitter Freddy Garcia.

Pittsburgh took a 3-0 lead in the first on Ward's sixth homer.

## Rangers fall three back of Angels

CHICAGO (AP) — Todd Stottlemyre walked the first batter he faced, and then things went downhill for the Texas Rangers in the first inning.

"That's not what you want to do," Texas manager Johnny Oates said of the inning-opening free pass.

The next batter, Mike Caruso, popped up to left fielder Rusty Greer, who dropped the ball for an error.

"That's not what you want to do," Oates repeated.

It was one of those days.

The Chicago White Sox scored three runs in the mistake-plagued first inning en route to a 5-3 victory over the Rangers on Sunday.

Jeff Abbott drove in two runs for Chicago, hitting a sacrifice fly in the third inning and an RBI double in the fifth. The White Sox have won five of their last seven games.

The loss, coupled with Anaheim's 8-6 win over Boston, dropped Texas three games behind the first-place Angels in the AL West.

"It was one of those games when we couldn't do anything right," Oates said.

Carlos Castillo (6-4) pitched 2 1-3 innings of one-hit relief for the win. Bob Howry pitched the ninth for his second save.

Stottlemyre (3-3) allowed five runs — three earned — and six hits in six innings. Acquired July 31 from St. Louis, Stottlemyre has given up 23 runs — 20 earned — in 24 2-3 innings in his last five starts. The right-hander's ERA has soared during that stretch from 3.18 to 7.30.

"It's not what we expected," Oates said of Stottlemyre. "I'm sure he's not happy with the way he's been throwing."

But Stottlemyre said he can take a lot of positives from Sunday's game.

"It was the best I've thrown in a month," he said. "I felt I could pitch all day today. They just put some balls in play that were tough to get to."

Stottlemyre threw 46 pitches in the first inning as the White Sox took a 3-0 lead.

Leadoff batter Ray Durham walked, stole second, reached third on a throwing error by catcher Ivan Rodriguez, and scored when Greer dropped Caruso's fly ball.

"I just missed it," Greer said. "I've made several of those throughout the year. It's a ball I didn't catch. Nobody feels worse than me. It's probably the difference in the ballgame."

After Frank Thomas singled and Albert Belle walked to load the bases, Caruso scored on Wil Cordero's single. One out later, Stottlemyre walked Mike Cameron to force in another run.

Abbott's sacrifice fly in the third made it 4-0.

## Kuehne nabs amateur title

ROCHESTER, N.Y. (AP) — Hank Kuehne could barely find the words to describe his joy after winning the U.S. Amateur golf championship. All he knew was that it couldn't match another milestone in his life — getting sober.

"If you think where I was 3½ years ago, it really makes no difference if I shot 85 today," the 22-year-old Texan said Sunday after beating Tom McKnight 2 and 1 in a dramatic match-play duel at Oak Hill.

"I'm glad I didn't ... but honestly, in the grand scheme of things, it doesn't make any difference," he said. "This is the second greatest victory in my life — sobriety is definitely No. 1."

McKnight, 44, who runs a chain of 17 convenience stores and gas stations in southwestern Virginia, stemmed an early runaway in the 36-hole final but his heroics around the green failed him down the stretch.

The Kuehnes, of McKinney, Texas, have been the most notable family in amateur golf of late. Kuehne's older brother and caddy, Trip, was beaten by Tiger Woods in the 1994 U.S. Amateur final; his sister, Kelli, won the U.S. Women's Amateur in 1995 and 1996 and is currently on the LPGA tour.

Hooked on alcohol in his teens, Hank Kuehne survived a car crash in Oklahoma in February 1995 when he ran a stop sign while drunk. He survived with broken ribs, entered a rehab clinic and has been sober ever since.

## U.S. wins LL World Series

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. (AP) — Rounding the bases after his first homer in weeks of tournament play, Chris Cardone got halfway between second and third and stopped. He turned around, jogged back to second and stepped on the bag again.

Next time up, the 12-year-old reserve looked like he knew what he was doing.

With the game tied at 8-8, Cardone drove the ball deep to right-center field to put his team ahead for good as Toms River, N.J., beat Kashima, Japan, 12-9 Saturday night to win the Little League World Series.

"I thought if (manager Mike Gaynor) did put me in, I'd do something good," Cardone said. "When it hit the bat, I knew it was gone."

Cardone was 1-for-10 going into the game, so he must have caught some of that swagger the Toms River team carried around all week in going 5-0.

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## Local Sports Schedule

**TODAY**
**Volleyball:** Snyder 7th and 8th at Colorado City, 5 p.m.
**TUESDAY**
**Volleyball:** Snyder JV and varsity at Midland, 4:30.
**Volleyball:** Snyder freshmen at Lubbock Cooper, 4:30.
**THURSDAY**
**Football:** Littlefield at Snyder JV, 6 p.m.
**Football:** Snyder freshmen at Littlefield, 6:30.
**Volleyball:** Big Spring at Snyder 7th and 8th, 5:30.
**FRIDAY**
**Football:** Snyder at Littlefield, 8 p.m.
**Football:** Loop at Ira, 7:30.
**Football:** Highland at Hermleigh, 7:30.
**Football:** Wilson at Borden County, 7:30.
**Volleyball:** Snyder varsity at Wayland Baptist tourney, Plainview.
**SATURDAY**
**Volleyball:** Snyder varsity at Wayland Baptist tourney, Plainview.
**Volleyball:** Snyder JV and freshmen host Snyuder tourney.

## NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

**Thursday's Games**
Jacksonville 42, Dallas 20
Indianapolis 20, Detroit 17
**Friday's Games**
Miami 21, Green Bay 7
Buffalo 27, Washington 17
Atlanta 17, Cincinnati 0
Minnesota 42, San Diego 28
New Orleans 10, Tampa Bay 6
Baltimore 14, New York Giants 6
New York Jets 24, Chicago 7
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Seattle 21, San Francisco 20
**Saturday's Games**
Tennessee 16, Denver 13
Arizona 21, Oakland 14
New England 24, Philadelphia 7
Pittsburgh 38, Carolina 24

## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

**Championship Series**
**(Best-of-3)**
**Thursday, Aug. 27**
Phoenix 54, Houston 51
**Saturday, Aug. 29**
Houston 74, Phoenix 69, OT, series tied 1-1
**Tuesday, Sept. 1**
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| Atlanta | 90 | 47 | .657 | — |
| NewYork | 75 | 62 | .547 | 15 |
| Philadelphia | 66 | 71 | .482 | 24 |
| Montreal | 53 | 85 | .384 | 37½ |
| Florida | 47 | 90 | .343 | 43 |

**Central Division**

| | W | L | Pct. | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Houston | 86 | 51 | .628 | — |
| Chicago | 75 | 62 | .547 | 11 |
| Cincinnati | 65 | 72 | .474 | 21 |
| Pittsburgh | 64 | 71 | .474 | 21 |
| St.Louis | 64 | 72 | .471 | 21½ |
| Milwaukee | 64 | 73 | .467 | 22 |

**West Division**

| | W | L | Pct. | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| SanDiego | 88 | 49 | .642 | — |
| SanFrancisco | 73 | 64 | .533 | 15 |
| LosAngeles | 68 | 69 | .496 | 20 |
| Colorado | 63 | 75 | .457 | 25½ |
| Arizona | 53 | 85 | .384 | 35½ |

**Saturday's Games**
Atlanta 4, St. Louis 3
San Francisco 10, Philadelphia 3
N.Y. Mets 4, Los Angeles 3
Cincinnati 7, Florida 5
Houston 6, Pittsburgh 3
Colorado 7, Chicago Cubs 3
Arizona 4, Milwaukee 3
Montreal 3, San Diego 1
**Sunday's Games**
Cincinnati 14, Florida 7
Houston 11, Pittsburgh 4
Chicago Cubs 4, Colorado 3
Montreal 2, San Diego 1
Philadelphia 5, San Francisco 4
St. Louis 8, Atlanta 7
Los Angeles 4, N.Y. Mets 2
Arizona 7, Milwaukee 3
**Monday's Games**
St. Louis (Oliver 1-2) at Florida (Ojala 1-3), 7:05 p.m.
Houston (Hampton 10-6) at Atlanta (Smoltz 13-2), 7:40 p.m.
Cincinnati (Tomko 11-10) at Chicago Cubs (Wood 12-6), 8:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Reed 15-8) at Los Angeles (Park 11-7), 10:05 p.m.
Montreal (Pavano 4-6) at San Diego (Hamilton 11-11), 10:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Portugal 8-4) at San Francisco (Hershiser 9-9), 10:05 p.m.
**Tuesday's Games**
St. Louis (Morris 4-4) at Florida (Hernandez 10-10), 7:05 p.m.
Arizona (Daal 6-9) at Pittsburgh (Peters 7-8), 7:05 p.m.
Houston (Bergman 11-7) at Atlanta (Neagle 13-11), 7:40 p.m.
Cincinnati (Parris 4-3) at Chicago Cubs (Morgan 0-0), 8:05 p.m.
Colorado (Wright 7-12) at Milwaukee (Pulsipher 2-1), 8:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Byrd 2-1) at Los Angeles (Valdes 9-9), 10:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Nomo 6-11) at San Diego (Spencer 1-0), 10:05 p.m.
Montreal (Batista 2-5) at San Francisco (Darwin 8-10), 10:05 p.m.

**American League**
**East Division**

| | W | L | Pct. | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| y-NewYork | 98 | 37 | .726 | - |
| Boston | 79 | 55 | .590 | 18½ |
| Toronto | 71 | 66 | .518 | 28 |
| Baltimore | 69 | 67 | .507 | 29½ |
| TampaBay | 53 | 82 | .393 | 45 |

**Central Division**

| | W | L | Pct. | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Cleveland | 74 | 61 | .548 | - |
| KansasCity | 64 | 73 | .467 | 11 |
| Chicago | 61 | 75 | .449 | 13½ |
| Minnesota | 59 | 76 | .437 | 15 |
| Detroit | 52 | 84 | .382 | 22½ |

**West Division**

| | W | L | Pct. | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Anaheim | 76 | 62 | .551 | - |
| Texas | 72 | 64 | .529 | 3 |
| Oakland | 63 | 74 | .460 | 12½ |
| Seattle | 62 | 73 | .459 | 12½ |

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**Saturday's Games**
Oakland 11, Cleveland 6
Texas 5, Chicago White Sox 3
N.Y. Yankees 11, Seattle 6
Tampa Bay 10, Detroit 6, 1st game
Detroit 8, Tampa Bay 2, 2nd game
Toronto 14, Minnesota 7
Boston 6, Anaheim 1
Kansas City 2, Baltimore 1
**Sunday's Games**
Anaheim 8, Boston 6
Tampa Bay 10, Detroit 5
Cleveland 9, Oakland 4
Toronto 6, Minnesota 0
Kansas City 3, Baltimore 2
Seattle 13, N.Y. Yankees 3
Chicago White Sox 5, Texas 3
**Monday's Games**
Seattle (Fassero 10-10) at Boston (Saberhagen 11-6), 7:05 p.m.
Texas (Loaiza 2-3) at Detroit (Florie 6-8), 7:05 p.m.
Oakland (Stein 5-7) at Cleveland (Burba 11-9), 7:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Baldwin 8-5) at Baltimore (Erickson 14-10), 7:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Saunders 4-12) at Minnesota (Tewksbury 6-9), 8:05 p.m.
**Tuesday's Games**
Seattle (Moyer 11-8) at Boston (Schourek 0-3), 7:05 p.m.
Texas (Burkett 7-13) at Detroit (Castillo 3-9), 7:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Finley 10-6) at Cleveland (Wright 11-8), 7:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Parque 4-5) at Baltimore (Erickson 14-10), 7:05 p.m.
Oakland (Candiotti 10-14) at N.Y. Yankees (Wells 16-2), 7:35 p.m.
Toronto (Carpenter 9-7) at Kansas City (Belcher 12-10), 8:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Santana 5-2) at Minnesota (Milton 7-11), 8:05 p.m.

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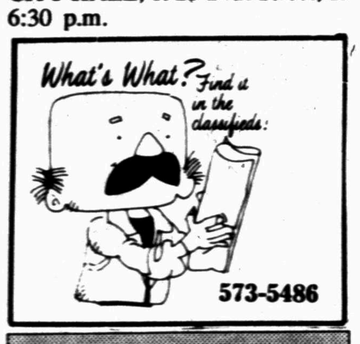


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# Returning senators face thorny issues

By DONALD M. ROTHBERG
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — After a month-long summer break, senators are returning to the Capitol to face a tangled agenda in an atmosphere clouded by President Clinton's personal problems, a looming election and international economic unrest.

In the normal course of events, Senate debates are unpredictable. Strict time limits are difficult to obtain and there is no requirement that senators stick to the subject of the pending bill.

And this session has more potential distractions than most.

The senators return to town just two weeks after the president admitted to the nation that he had a relationship with Monica Lewinsky that he said "was not appropriate. In fact, it was wrong."

Clinton's four-minute speech "raised the level of consciousness" among the public, said Senate Minority Leader, Tom

## AP analysis

Daschle, D-S.D. Other Democrats spoke more harshly about the president's behavior.

"My trust in his credibility has been badly shattered," said Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., recalling Clinton's earlier denials of any sexual relationship with Ms. Lewinsky.

"There is a great deal of anxiety among members," Daschle conceded.

As if the Lewinsky matter weren't enough, attention quickly turned to the threat of international terrorism when the United States launched missile strikes against targets in Sudan and Afghanistan.

In recent days, economic unrest in Asia and Russia has hammered U.S. financial markets.

Clinton is headed to Moscow for a long-scheduled meeting with Russian President Boris Yeltsin, who is struggling to survive his country's economic crisis.

All those factors add to the normal unpredictability of Senate debates.

Daschle predicted, for example, that during debates on foreign aid or defense spending, Democrats might bring up legislation to give people a right to appeal decisions by managed-care health providers.

Republicans have their own managed-care bill, but Democrats have refused to go along with Senate GOP Leader Trent Lott's proposal to pit one bill against the other, with no more than three amendments allowed to each.

"We have a huge health care agenda, and it begins with the patients bill of rights," Clinton said in a speech last week in which he tried to focus attention on his domestic agenda. He also urged Senate action on campaign finance.

That is another issue that could emerge at any time. The Senate killed a bipartisan effort last spring to rewrite campaign laws to ban much of the unregulated big money that now flows indirectly into campaigns as so-called soft money.

A foreign aid spending bill is among the first major items on the Senate agenda and includes $18 billion for the International Monetary Fund, which is under financial strain from the rapid deterioration of economies in Asia and Russia.

The IMF money has strong support in the Senate. Its fate is far less certain in the House which does not return to the Capitol until after Labor Day.

Through this week, Clinton will be in Russia and then Ireland. Overseas trips are traditionally positive experiences for presidents, even at times of political turmoil at home.

Americans will have days of seeing Clinton in the role of leader of the world's most powerful country, often surrounded by enthusiastic crowds at various stops.

Those images will also be clear to onlookers on Capitol Hill. But while they may cause even Clinton's strongest opponents to withhold criticism while he is overseas, the attacks on his character and agenda will certainly resume when he returns.

**EDITOR'S NOTE: Donald M. Rothberg heads the congressional staff of The Associated Press.**

# On eve of video release, 'Titanic' sets records

LOS ANGELES (AP) — "Titanic" became the first film to earn more than $600 million in North America, drawing crowds to theaters even though it will be released on video Tuesday.

The action-packed "Blade" topped the weekend box office with $11.1 million in ticket sales, but the bigger story was how "Titanic" still managed to attract audiences more than nine months after its debut, according to estimates released Sunday.

The epic of the doomed ocean liner reached the $600 million milestone on Thursday, then grossed another $385,000 in 502 theaters over the weekend, bringing its total to $600.4 million in North America and nearly $1.8 billion worldwide.

The second-highest-grossing film — in dollars not adjusted for inflation — was "Star Wars," which has reaped $461 million at the domestic box office, including reissues.

"People just can't get enough of 'Titanic,'" said movie analyst Paul Dergarabedian, president of Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc, which tracks box office data. "It'll be interesting to see how the video affects it. It could create a whole new interest in the film on the big screen."

The two-tape video set of the 3-hour, 14-minute movie becomes available at 12:01 a.m. Tuesday. Many video and retail chains are reopening at midnight to accommodate customers.

As the summer movie season neared an end, the vampire adventure "Blade" remained the top film in North America for a second week. It has grossed a total of $34.9 million, just ahead of the comedy that won't die, "There's Something About Mary."

"Mary" was expanded to another 215 screens and is showing on more than 2,400. It was the only top film to have an increase in business over last week; its $8.8 million gross was a 14 percent boost.

The film has collected a total of $116.7 million in seven weeks, one of the nine summer films to cross the $100 million mark.

Another was Steven Spielberg's "Saving Private Ryan," in third place for the weekend with $8.3 million. Its total of $155.5 million in six weeks exceeded all expectations for the brutally realistic World War II story.

Two new films opened to mediocre business. They were "54," about the infamous New York discotheque, which grossed $6.6 million for fourth place, and the music biopic "Why Do Fools Fall in Love," which made its debut at No. 5 with $4.2 million.

The Drew Barrymore Cinderella story "Ever After" was sixth with $4 million, "Snake Eyes" with Nicolas Cage was seventh with $3.7 million and "How Stella Got Her Groove Back" was eighth with $3.6 million.

Here are estimated grosses for the top movies at North American theaters for Friday through Sunday as compiled by Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc. Final figures were to be released today:

1. "Blade," $11.1 million.
2. "There's Something About Mary," $8.8 million.
3. "Saving Private Ryan," $8.3 million.
4. "54," $6.6 million.
5. "Why Do Fools Fall in Love," $4.2 million.
6. "Ever After," $4 million.
7. "Snake Eyes," $3.7 million.
8. "How Stella Got Her Groove Back," $3.6 million.
9. "Dance With Me," $3 million.
10. "Dead Man on Campus," $2.9 million.
10. "The Parent Trap," $2.9 million.

# The saga of the sinking ship will cruise into video stores

LOS ANGELES (AP) — And you thought all the "Titanic" hype had finally sunk from sight.

Think again. On Tuesday at 12:01 a.m. across the country, the video version of the Oscar-winning, $1.8 billion-grossing, Leo-mania-spawning blockbuster goes on sale across North America.

Paramount shipped 20 million video sets of the James Cameron film over the weekend. Industry analysts say it easily will become the biggest-selling live-action video of all time, beating "Jurassic Park," which has sold 17 million copies.

The only question is whether it will surpass the 30 million sales of the reigning video champ, Disney's animated "The Lion King."

Many video and retail chains, from Blockbuster to Best Buy, will be open at midnight, primed to start selling "Titanic" videos at the earliest possible moment allowed in their contracts with Paramount.

"Inarguably, 'Titanic' is the biggest video event in years," said Bruce Apar, editor-in-chief and associate publisher of the trade magazine Video Business. "This is the kind of marquee title that gets people into the stores to buy other titles as well."

For that reason, many stores aren't going to make all that much money off the early sales of the 3-hour, 14-minute double-tape set. The video will be retailing for an average of about $25, but many stores are selling it for $19.95 or less.

The on-line video store www.Reel.com, whose whimsical ads say, "We brought it in under budget," is selling the tape for $9.99, plus shipping and handling, well below wholesale cost, which is a trade secret but believed to be around $16.

"We opted to take the loss," explained Julie Wainwright, chief executive officer of the Emeryville, Calif.-based Reel.com. "We did it to introduce people to shopping at our site. We figured if they had a good experience, there's a good chance they're coming back."

At Tower Video on Sunset Boulevard, where "Titanic" star Leonardo DiCaprio occasionally shops, managers will deck out the store like a ship in anticipation of the midnight sale.

"I'm sick of all the hoopla," said clerk Tony Sinclair. "It's nonstop. They want to decorate this place like a giant ship, with portholes and sand. I said, 'There was no sand on the Titanic. We need lifeboats.'"

# Six people arrested over weekend on various charges

Six people were arrested over the weekend on various charges, including outstanding warrants, fighting and assault.

Officers arrested two people near the Law Enforcement Center at 5:31 p.m. Saturday.

Taken into custody were a 35-year-old male for driving while license suspended and a 29-year-old male for four outstanding city warrants and failure to identify.

Two people were arrested at the Latin American Center around 11 p.m. Saturday for public intoxication.

Taken into custody were a 27-year-old female and a 26-year-old male.

The female was also charged with interferring with a public official and the male was also charged with disorderly conduct/fighting.

Officers arrested a 20-year-old male at 3:49 a.m. Sunday in the 3900 block of Avenue O for Class A assault/family violence.

DPS troopers arrested a 19-year-old male at 1:54 p.m. Sunday south of Snyder on U.S. Highway 84 for outstanding DPS warrants.

In other activity over the weekend, Jimmy Nix requested an officer at Nix Auto in the 1500 block of 25th Street Saturday morning due to some damage to vehicles on their lot. An offense report for criminal mischief was submitted.

An offense report for criminal mischief was submitted at 2:10 p.m. Sunday as Don Gressett reported two tires had been punctured on a vehicle parked at the First Baptist Church.

Debbie Collier requested an officer at 10:30 a.m. Sunday in the 4600 block of El Paso as someone had taken some CDs out of a pick-up. An offense report for burglary of a vehicle was submitted.

# Velma Lunsford is SDN winner

Velma Lunsford of 2208 42nd Street is the August winner of a free year's subscritpion to the Snyder Daily News.

Each month a drawing is held from the names of those who either renewed or subscribed for six months or more.

# Markets

Midday Stocks

NEWYORK(AP)

| High | Low | Last | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| AMR Corp s | 57¾ | 55¾ | 55 | 15-16— ⅜ |
| AT&T Corp | 55 11-16 | 54 9-16 | 55 | 1-16— ⅜ |
| AirTouch | 59 9-16 | 54⅝ | 55 | 3-16— 4⅛ |
| Albertsons | 53 7-16 | 52¼ | 52 | 5-16— ⅜ |
| AlldSignal | | 36¼ | 35¾ | 36 |
| Alltel | 45 11-16 | 44¾ | 44⅝ | —15-16 |
| AmOnline s | | 99 | 86 | 89⅝— 6⅞ |
| AmStores | 30 15-16 | 30⅝ | 30⅛ | — ⅛ |
| Ameritech s | 48⅞ | 47¾ | 47 | 3-16—1 1-16 |
| Amoco s | 46 7-16 | 45¾ | 45 | 13-16— 3-16 |
| AndarkPtr s | | 29¾ | 29 | 29 + 1-16 |
| ArmcoInc | | 4 | 15-16 | 4⅞ 4⅞ |
| AtlRichfld | 60⅝ | 59⅝ | 59 | 9-16+ 1 |
| ATMOS Egy | | 28¼ | 28⅛ | 28 11-16 |
| Aviall | 13¼ | 13 | 1-16 | 13 1-16— 1-16 |
| BakerHughes | 19⅝ | 18⅝ | 18 | 13-16— 3-16 |
| BellAtl s | 45 3-16 | 43¾ | 44 | 1-16— 1⅜ |
| BellSouth | 69 7-16 | 68 | 9-16 | 68⅝+ 5-16 |
| BethSteel | 7 | 15-16 | 7 | 11-16 7⅛+ ⅜ |
| BritPet | 75 | 1-16 | 74⅛ | 74⅛— ⅜ |
| BurlNoSFe | 95 13-16 | 93⅝ | 93 | 15-16— 1⅜ |
| CBS Corp | | 29⅝ | 27¾ | 28 — 1¼ |
| Caterpillar | 45 3-16 | 44⅛ | 44 | 3-16+ 3-16 |
| CenSoWst | | 26⅞ | 26 | 9-16 26⅞+ 7-16 |
| Chevron | | 76⅞ | 76 | 76 7-16+1 3-16 |
| Chrysler | 50 11-16 | 49⅝ | 49 | 9-16— ½ |
| Coastal s | 28 1-16 | 27½ | 27 | 9-16— ⅜ |
| CocaCola | | 73¾ | 70⅝ | 70⅝— 2¼ |
| ColgatePalm | 78 5-16 | 76⅛ | 76 | 3-16— 1⅜ |
| ComclMetals | 25 5-16 | 25 | 5-16 | 25 5-16+ ¼ |
| CooperIn | 45 | 43 | 13-16 | 43⅞—15-16 |
| CyprusAmax | 9 13-16 | 9⅝ | 9 | 7-16— ⅛ |
| DallSemicn | 29 | 28 | 28 | 13-16+13-16 |
| DeltaAirl | 106 7-16 | 105 | 5-16 | 105⅝+ ⅛ |
| Dillards Inc | 32 13-16 | 32 | 1-16 | 32¼— 7-16 |
| DowChem | 82⅞ | 82 | 5-16 | 82 11-16+13-16 |
| DresserInd | 29 5-16 | 27⅞ | 27 | 9-16—1 5-16 |
| DuPont | | 59 | 1-16 | 58 58⅛+ 3-16 |
| EastmanChem | 52 15-16 | 51 | 13-16 | 52 15-16 |
| EstKodak | | 82⅝ | 81 | 7-16 82⅝+13-16 |
| EDS Corp | 36 3-16 | 35 | 7-16 | 35⅝— 1 |
| Entergy | 28 13-16 | 28 | 9-16 | 28 11-16+ ⅛ |
| Exxon | 68 11-16 | 67⅝ | 68 | 5-16+ ⅜ |
| FstBksAm | | 17⅝ | 17⅝ | 17⅝ |
| Flowers | | 18⅛ | 18⅛ | 18⅛— ⅜ |
| FordMotor s | 48 7-16 | 46 | 1-16 | 46 1-16— 1⅜ |
| GTE Cp | 51 7-16 | 50⅝ | 50 | 7-16— 1⅛ |
| GenDynam s | 46 13-16 | 46⅝ | 46½+ | 1-16 |
| GenElec | 86 7-16 | 83⅝ | 83 | 7-16—2 7-16 |
| GenMills | 66 5-16 | 65 | 3-16 | 66 5-16+ ¼ |
| GenMotors | 61¼ | 59⅝ | 59 | 9-16— 1⅛ |
| GaPacGP s | | 45⅝ | 44¼ | 44¼— ⅜ |
| GlobalMar | 11 | 10⅝ | 10 | 11-16+ 3-16 |
| Goodrich | | 30⅝ | 29⅝ | 30⅛— ⅜ |
| Goodyear s | 50⅝ | 49⅛ | 49 | 11-16— ⅛ |
| GtAtlPac | 25⅝ | 25⅛ | 25 | 3-16— ¼ |
| Halliburtn | | 30 | 28⅛ | 28⅛— 1⅛ |
| Hanson ADS | | 25⅝ | 25¼ | 25¼ |
| HarteHanks s | 23 1-16 | 22¼ | 22½— | ⅜ |
| HomeDepot | 42⅝ | 40 | 40 | 1-16— 2⅝ |
| HoustonInds | 29 7-16 | 29 | 3-16 | 29 5-16— ¼ |
| IBM | 128⅛ | 118 | 3-16 | 118 15-16— 3⅝ |
| IntlPaper | 39 7-16 | 38 | 1-16 | 38 3-16—13-16 |
| JohnsonJn | 74 5-16 | 72⅝ | 72 | 15-16— 1⅛ |
| K mart | 15 1-16 | 14¼ | 14⅛— | 5-16 |
| Kroger Co | | 50 | 48¾ | 48¾—15-16 |
| Litton | | 49¾ | 49 | 5-16 49 7-16+ ⅜ |
| LockhdMart | | 91⅛ | 90 | 1-16 90 9-16+ ⅜ |
| Lowes Cos s | | 38¾ | 36 | 9-16 36⅝— 2 |
| Lubys | | 15⅛ | 15 | 7-16 15⅛— 1-16 |
| LucentTech s | | 81⅞ | 76½ | 76⅝— 4⅜ |
| MayDeptStrs | | 62 | 60⅝ | 60⅝— ⅜ |
| MediaOne | 45 1-16 | 42 | 7-16 | 43⅛— 2⅛ |
| Medtronic | 56⅞ | 55 | 13-16 | 55 15-16—11-16 |
| Mobil | | 70⅝ | 69 | 13-16 70⅝+ 1⅛ |
| Monsanto | 61 11-16 | 57 | 15-16 | 58 —3 3-16 |
| MorganJP | | 103 | 97⅝ | 97 7-16— 5-16 |
| Motorola | | 46⅛ | 43⅝ | 44 5-16—1 13-16 |
| NCR Corp | | 27⅞ | 27 | 1-16 27 3-16—13-16 |
| NationsBk | | 63⅝ | 60 | 9-16 62 — 5-16 |
| Navistar | | 23⅝ | 23 | 5-16 23⅝+ 5-16 |
| Norwests | | 31 | 29 | 9-16 30 1-16— ¼ |
| OryxEngy | | 13 | 3-16 | 12⅝ 12⅝— ⅜ |
| Penney JC | | 54⅛ | 53 | 11-16 53 11-16+ 5-16 |
| Pennzoil | | 37 | 15-16 | 36 13-16 37⅝+ 9-16 |
| PepBoys | | 15 | 3-16 | 15 15 1-16+ 1-16 |
| PepsiCo | | 32 | 1-16 | 31 31 1-16— 5-16 |
| PhelpDodge | | 45 | 44 | 3-16 44⅛—13-16 |
| PhilipPet | | 43 | 3-16 | 42⅝ 42⅞+ ⅜ |
| PilgrmPrd B | | 19 | 11-16 | 19⅝ 19⅝— 1-16 |
| Polaroid | | 34 | 31⅛ | 31⅛—2 13-16 |
| Praxair | | 37⅝ | 36⅛ | 37 9-16+13-16 |
| ProctGamb | | 81⅛ | 79⅝ | 79⅝—2 1-16 |
| PubSNwMx | | 20⅝ | 20⅝ | 20⅝+ ⅛ |
| RoyalDut | | 45⅝ | 44 | 44⅛+1 7-16 |
| SBC Comm s | 40 3-16 | 39¼ | 39 | 11-16+ 1-16 |
| SaraLee | | 47 | 3-16 | 46 3-16 46⅝— ⅛ |
| Scripps EW | | 48 | 13-16 | 48⅛ 48⅛— ⅜ |
| SearsRoeb | 49 9-16 | 48 | 9-16 | 48 9-16— 3-16 |
| SherwinW | | 25⅛ | 24⅞ | 25⅛— 3-16 |
| SmthBc ADS s | | 58⅛ | 57⅝ | 57⅝— ⅞ |
| SouthernCo | | 28 | 3-16 | 27¾ 28 + 5-16 |
| SwstAirl s | | 19 | 15-16 | 19 9-16 19⅝+ 3-16 |
| Sprint | | 71 | 69 | 15-16 70 —1 1-16 |
| SunCo | | 35⅛ | 34⅝ | 34⅝+ ½ |
| TNP Ent | | 29 | 9-16 | 29¼ 29 9-16+ 5-16 |
| Tandy s | 57 13-16 | 56 | 3-16 | 56 3-16— 1⅛ |
| TempleInland | | 47⅞ | 47 | 47⅛— 5-16 |
| Tenneco | | 32⅝ | 31⅛ | 32⅛+ 5-16 |
| Texaco s | | 59½ | 57⅞ | 58⅛+ 1 |
| TexInd | | 36 | 13-16 | 36⅛ 36 9-16 |
| TexasInst s | | 51⅞ | 49⅝ | 49 13-16— 1⅜ |
| TexUtil | 44 1-16 | 43 | 13-16 | 43 13-16— 3-16 |
| Textron | | 67 | 7-16 | 66⅝ 66⅝— 3-16 |
| Travelers s | | 49⅝ | 47 | 5-16 48 5-16 |
| TriconGlbR n | | 38⅝ | 37⅝ | 37 13-16— ½ |
| TrinityInds | | 32 | 5-16 | 32 32 — ¼ |
| Tyler | | 7 | 5-16 | 6⅝ 6⅝— ⅜ |
| US West Inc | 52 11-16 | 52 | 1-16 | 52 7-16+ 5-16 |
| USX-Marathn | | 29⅝ | 28 | 5-16 28 13-16+ 1⅜ |
| USX-USS | 21 15-16 | 21 | 9-16 | 21 13-16+ 3-16 |
| UnCarbde | | 41 | 15-16 | 41⅝ 41⅝+ ⅜ |
| UnionPacif | | 41⅛ | 40 | 13-16 40 13-16— ⅜ |
| UnitedTech | | 78⅛ | 77¼ | 77⅛— 1⅜ |
| Unocal | | 33⅝ | 33 | 1-16 33⅝+ 3-16 |
| Venator Grp | | 9 | 11-16 | 9⅝ 9⅝ |
| WalMart | 65⅝ | 62 | 9-16 | 62 9-16—2 13-16 |
| WstnGasRs | | 8 | 7-16 | 8⅛ 8⅛ |
| WinnDixie | | 39 | 37 | 13-16 38 — ⅜ |
| Xerox Corp | 96 1-16 | 91⅝ | 91⅝ | —3 7-16 |

# Host of television get-rich scheme faces trial

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — By the tens of thousands they called, all placing their faith and dollars with William J. McCorkle, an infomercial guru who promised relief from cash woes.

From as far away as Provo, Utah, and Charleston, S.C., customers paid as much as $2,500 for packages that McCorkle hawked on late-night television, promising to make them filthy rich — like him.

"Money is not the root of all evil — not having money is!" McCorkle declared in one of his pamphlets.

Federal prosecutors said money was definitely being made, but only by McCorkle, a former exotic dancer. His customers lost millions of dollars, authorities said.

McCorkle, 31, and his wife, Chantal, 29, are scheduled to go to trial in federal court Tuesday, charged with 90 counts of fraud, money laundering and obtaining a fake social security number.

If convicted, the McCorkles face up to 19½ years in prison and a $250,000 fine. Three colleagues also will be tried.

Prosecutors have accused the McCorkles of defrauding their customers of at least $28 million — more than $7 million of which was wired to bank accounts in the Cayman Islands.

Many of McCorkle's chagrined former customers would like to get some of that back.

"I'm really hurting financially, anything they can squeeze out for me would really help," said Juan Marquez, 34, a Charleston, S.C., car insurance salesman who paid $950 for McCorkle's videotapes and pamphlets.

On his nationally televised infomercials, McCorkle promised to put up his own money for customers who located pre-foreclosed or depressed property on sale at half its equity.

He promised to split any profit when the property was sold, vowed that customer support would be available by telephone 24 hours a day and offered a no-questions-asked refund policy.

None of it was true, prosecutors said. McCorkle's businesses, authorities said, raked in as much as $5 million to $6 million a month selling the videotapes and pamphlets.

"Part of our contention is he is not in the business of real estate but he's in the business of selling videos," said Jacqueline Dowd, an assistant Florida attorney general.

F. Lee Bailey, McCorkle's attorney, declined comment. In court papers, he has described the McCorkles as victims of an over-zealous prosecution.

One of Mrs. McCorkle's attorneys, David Fussell, wouldn't comment on the specifics of the case but said he plans to present several customers who got refunds. He said the McCorkles weren't interested in being interviewed.

In his infomercials, McCorkle would tell how he had transformed himself from a $4-an-hour busboy into a multimillionaire. In one spot, Robin Leach, host of the television show "Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous," introduced McCorkle as "one of the most remarkable real life success stories ... He's accomplished more at age 30 than most people have in a lifetime."

McCorkle got into real estate in 1990, building up several businesses that promised to show people how to make money. His Orlando-based companies employed as many as 400 people.

Prosecutors have amassed 250 boxes of evidence including computer files, videotapes and telemarketing scripts — much of it seized during raids on McCorkle's home and office.

Prosecutors say the scripts show how McCorkle defrauded his customers. In one, a telemarketer is supposed to tell a customer that packages are being sold to only 12 people in their state and that only two more slots are available — creating an urgency to buy. However, there was no way of determining how many packages were sold in each state, prosecutors say.

Marquez, the insurance salesman, ordered a $49.99 package after seeing McCorkle on late-night television. When he got it, a crucial contract was missing that would allow him to put deals together.

Marquez was told he would have to buy another package to get the contract. The cost was $900.

# Country singer charged with murder

SABINAL (AP) — Country singer Johnny Rodriguez was arrested and charged with murder in the shooting early Saturday of a man who entered his home uninvited, Rodriguez' lawyer said.

He was held Saturday night in the Uvalde County Jail in lieu of $250.000 bond.

Rodriguez, 47, is charged in the shooting of Israel Borrego, 26, an unemployed laborer he met a few months ago. Borrego died early Saturday at Uvalde Memorial Hospital, officials said. He was shot once in the abdomen.

Alan Brown, Rodriguez's attorney, said the shooting was "very defensible."

Police would not discuss a possible motive, but Brown said the shooting happened when Rodriguez mistook Borrego for a burglar.

"Johnny was across the street at his brother's house," Brown told the San Antonio Express-News. "He heard noise, they had had problems with burglars."

Rodriguez entered through the front door and drew a gun from a shelf, Brown said.

"It was dark," Brown said. "An intruder came toward him. He surprised Johnny."

Brown said Rodriguez realized whom the intruder was only after the single shot was fired.

"(Borrego) had been coming uninvited. He had been told not to be in the house," Brown said.

Carson Wells, an investigator with the Uvalde County district attorney's office, said police were not clear how familiar the two were with each other. Rodriguez called to report the shooting at 4:15 a.m., Wells said.

"As far as we know at this time, there were no other witnesses," Wells said, adding only that the weapon recovered was a .357-caliber Magnum handgun.

Borrego's brother, Meliton, said he can't imagine what led to the shooting.

"He sang with us there, played the guitar, and all of a sudden this happens. My brother used to stay there two or three days and party with him," Meliton Borrego said.

Joaquin Jackson, the retired Texas Ranger who discovered Rodriguez in the 1960s and introduced him to his first manager, said the news came as a surprise.

"I never knew Johnny to be a violent person. He's easy going. I can't imagine him shooting anyone unless he had a good reason," Jackson said.

It was a sad irony to Jackson that Wells had to be the man to investigate Rodriguez. Wells was himself a guitar picker and a big fan of Rodriguez's work, Jackson said.

Shortly after they met, Rodriguez was in the Uvalde County Jail on a goat-theft charge. Jackson paid the boy's fine and took him to Alamo Village in Brackettville. Rodriguez entertained tourists until a break took him to Nashville and a lucrative recording contract.

Rodriguez had his first Top Ten hit in 1972 with "Pass Me By (If You're Only Passing Through)." He shot to the top of Billboard's Country Hit List with "You Always Come Back (to Hurting Me)" and again when he wrote and recorded "Ridin' My Thumb to Mexico."

More than a dozen of the singer's albums and singles landed in the Top 10.

But his career suffered when he began to abuse drugs and alcohol, Rodriguez has said.

He appeared to have settled down when he married Lana Nelson, the daughter of country legend Willie Nelson, but that marriage quickly ended in divorce.

# Authorities search for wells for clues

BEAUMONT (AP) — Sheriff's deputies are investigating allegations that a baby was thrown into a Southeast Texas well and left to die more than 22 years ago.

Authorities excavated two wells in Hemphill, 90 miles north of Beaumont, and have sent about 600 small bones to two forensic anthropologists. They hope to determine whether there really was a baby — or a murder.

"We haven't discovered anything, but we're not giving up," Sabine County Sheriff Tom Philips told the Beaumont Enterprise.

Only small animal bones have turned up, Philips said. Deputies opened the investigation after a woman went to the neighboring San Augustine Sheriff's Office to report that her father killed her sister's baby 22 years ago.

"The story was that her dad, who'd been molesting (her sister) since she was a child, was the only one attending (the delivery)," Philips said. "He ended up throwing the baby in the well, according to what he told her."

The sister said the woman was 17 during the birth. She also said the father abused all eight of his children, Philips said.

Deputies have interviewed both the woman and her mother and they corroborated the sister's report to San Augustine authorities, the sheriff said. The father, now estranged from his family, denied the allegations, Philips said.

His wife says she and her children all have suffered psychological problems because of the abuse and that's why it took them so long to come forward, Philips said.

"The elder woman, the mother of the lady who had the baby, said she reported it to authorities years ago, but what she reported was the molestation of another daughter," the sheriff said. The woman said authorities told her abuse was a family matter, he said.

No record has turned up of anyone reporting a possible murder of a newborn in 1976, Philips said. His office began investigating as soon as San Augustine authorities took information from the sister of the reported birth mother.

"If you could prove that the baby was born alive and thrown into that well, even if it was 22 years ago, it's still capital murder," Philips said. "The district attorney was interested in it and that's why we excavated the wells."

The two wells, each about 18 to 20 feet deep, are on the property where the family used to live, the sheriff said. Both had been filled.

## Four killed in wreck as suspect flees

KENNER, La. (AP) — A teen-ager fleeing from police crashed his stolen car into a car filled with children, killing four people and critically injuring four others, all within sight of the small brick church where the family was going to worship.

Wilmareen James was driving toward the gravel parking lot outside New Macedonia Baptist Church on Sunday when the stolen car rammed into the side of her Honda Accord at more than 40 mph, killing her daughter and three of her six grandchildren.

Ms. James, 57, a retired teacher, was in critical condition Sunday night. Dion James, 32, was killed, along with Bobby Jones, 8; Brittany Jones, 5; and Edwin James, 4.

Three other grandchildren were critically injured.

The unlicensed 15-year-old driver who was fleeing police was little more than dazed after the crash. Witnesses said the boy leaped from the car and sprinted away.

"The guy didn't even have a sorry look on his face," said Guy Bryant, who was working in his back yard about 100 yards from the crash and chased the boy before police caught up with him.

# Datebook

Aug. 31, 1998

*Today is the 243rd day of 1998 and the 72nd day of summer.*

**TODAY'S HISTORY:** On this day in 1940, Sir Lawrence Olivier married actress Vivien Leigh.

On this day in 1963, Walter Cronkite began anchoring the evening news for CBS.

On this day in 1992, the Oakland A's traded Jose Canseco to the Texas Rangers.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS:** Caligula (12-41), Roman emperor; Arthur Godfrey (1903-1983), broadcaster; William Saroyan (1908-1981), writer; Buddy Hackett (1924-), comedian, is 74; James Coburn (1928-), actor, is 70; Frank Robinson (1935-), baseball great, is 63; Van Morrison (1945-), singer, is 53; Itzhak Perlman (1945-), violinist, is 53; Richard Gere (1949-), actor, is 49; Edwin Moses (1955-), track-and-field great, is 43.

**TODAY'S SPORTS:** On this day in 1950, Dodger Gil Hodges hit four home runs, helping Brooklyn beat the Boston Braves 19-3.

**TODAY'S QUOTE:** "The greatest happiness you can have is knowing that you do not necessarily require happiness." — William Saroyan

**TODAY'S WEATHER:** On this day in 1988, a forestry tower at Picayune, Mo., lit up like a Christmas tree when it was struck by lightning. Two people in a shed nearby suffered minor burns as the bolt passed through the soda cans they held.

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**TODAY'S MOON:** Day after first quarter (Aug. 30).

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# Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

**Your Birthday**

Tuesday, Sept. 1, 1998

This can be a fortunate year for you in regard to endeavors you originate and manage. If you think you have something worthy to offer the market, give it go.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Toss aside your schedule and fly by the seat of your pants today. Spontaneous activities will be the most productive and rewarding. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** A critical matter you want to tie down can be concluded to your satisfaction today. Stick with it until you get the results you desire.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** This is a good day to get together with friends you haven't seen too much of lately. They'll be eager to hear from you and will welcome any arrangements you might make.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** Opportunities continue to hover about you today where your finances and career are concerned. Be doubly alert, so you don't miss anything that develops.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** You have a marvelous faculty for saying and doing things that will have an inspirational effect on others today. Spread your sunshine to everyone you encounter.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** Close friends might attempt to do things for you today that you can't accomplish unaided. This will be done without making you feel indebted.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** Project yourself into social situations giving you an opportunity to establish new contacts today. people you meet could become more important to you than you initially realize.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** You have the wherewithal to do what needs doing today. You could be especially effective when confronted by challenges that pique your imagination and resourcefulness.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** This is a good day for you to spend time with friends who know how to enjoy life. Their presence and companionship will inspire you.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** Do not be dismayed today by unexpected changes or shifting conditions. What transpires can be turned around to your benefit.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** Not only are you a quick thinker and the possessor of excellent judgment today, you are also a person who knows how to utilize his/her bright ideas.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Your greatest strength today lies in situations where you can do meaningful things financially. While you're on this positive run, temporarily set your other interests aside.

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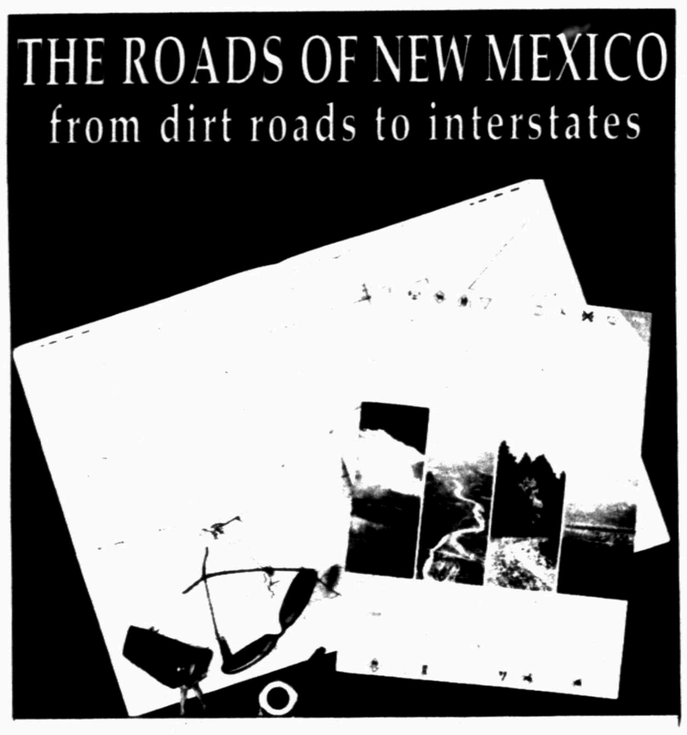

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# Fish declining worldwide, scientists report

BOSTON (AP) — A century ago the great fishermen of New England made their living pulling thousand-pound halibut from the sea.

But in the late 1800s, the halibut all but disappeared from the Atlantic, so fishermen moved on to haddock. Then the haddock became scarce and the less-valuable cod became the fish of choice.

Today, with cod fishing banned or restricted in much of New England, many fishermen are reduced to landing spiny dogfish.

The problem isn't limited to New England. According to researchers who met this week at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, fisheries across the world are on the verge of collapse.

Scientists say they have the information and know-how to help preserve and restore fish populations. But they say lawmakers with the power to change the ways of the fishing industry lack the political will to take action.

Ransom S. Myers, a professor of ocean studies at Dalhousie University in Nova Scotia, has studied the populations of more than 700 species of fish worldwide. He said fish populations are becoming extinct around the world.

Myers and another fisheries scientist, Daniel Pauly of the University of British Columbia, told the symposium that regulations that limit fishing species-by-species create a domino effect where one species is devastated and fishermen move on to the next.

He said the only real way to allow the most decimated fish to recover is to create refuges in the ocean — similar to land-based wildlife refuges — where no fishing is allowed.

Scientists said because fishing is only a small fraction of the economy in the United States, management falls into the hands of the few lawmakers whose districts include fishing.

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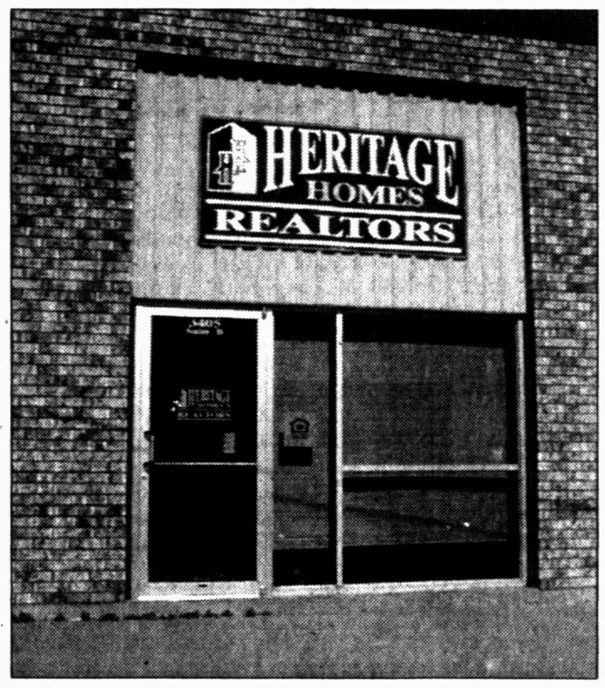


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*To keep it on right path...*

# Clinton says West must stay with Russia

HERNDON, Va. (AP) — President Clinton today pledged continued U.S. support for Russia so long as its leaders "stay on the path of reform" and do not revert to the communist ways of its past.

Speaking just hours before his scheduled flight to Moscow for two days of talks with embattled President Boris Yeltsin, Clinton made no direct mention of Yeltsin, who was dealt a further blow earlier today with lawmakers' defeat of his choice for a prime minister.

"The Russian people are to be commended for embracing democracy and getting rid of the old communist system, but they're having some troubles today making the transition from communism to a free-market economy," Clinton said at the outset of a roundtable discussion about education issues at Herndon Elementary School.

Clinton emphasized he saw an important purpose in the Moscow summit, which some foreign policy experts have said should be postponed at least until Yeltsin created a governing coalition. The Duma, or lower chamber of parliament, today voted overwhelmingly to reject the appointment of Viktor Chernomyrdin as prime minister.

"What I want to do is to go there and tell them that the easy thing to do is not the right thing to do — the easy thing to do would be to go back to the way they did it before, and that's not possible.

"But that if they will stay on the path of reform to stabilize their society and strengthen their economy and get growth back, then I believe America and the rest of the Western nations should help them and indeed have an obligation to help them," Clinton said.

Clinton made no mention of specific agreements he expected to reach during the Moscow summit, but he said there were many foreign policy issues that needed airing. Among them are the civil strife in the Balkans, nuclear proliferation and terrorism.

On Sunday, Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M., said stockpiles of plutonium that the United States and Russia maintain for producing nuclear weapons would be reduced under an agreement likely to be reached at the summit.

"We are going to strike some agreements or tentative agreements" to reduce each country's plutonium stockpile by 50 tons, Domenici said on ABC's "This Week." "This is a rather big announcement with reference to our relationship regarding nuclear weapons."

Domenici is part of Clinton's delegation to Moscow.

It was uncertain, however, whether the plutonium agreement would be enforceable in light of Russia's financial problems and other factors, and a White House official cautioned that details have yet to be worked out.

Domenici said Congress may be inclined to go along with such an agreement, even though some GOP leaders have been critical of the visit itself. "I believe we will be able to carry forth our part of it, and carry forth some portions of the assistance we have to give to Russia," he said.

# Obituaries

## Annie Cornelius

**1900-1998**

Annie Cornelius, 97, died this morning in Snyder Healthcare Center following a lengthy illness.

Services are pending with Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

She was born Dec. 20, 1900 in Brazos County and was a Methodist.

## Alpha Pylant

**1910-1998**

Alpha Jean Pylant, a life-long resident of Scurry County, died Saturday, Aug. 29, in Lubbock's St. Mary Hospital.

Funeral service for Mrs. Pylant, 88, is set for 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Fluvanna First Baptist Church.

The Rev. Cecil Foster, pastor of the Fluvanna Baptist Church, and Dr. Charles Day, pastor of the Ave. D Baptist Church in Snyder, will officiate. Burial will follow in the Fluvanna Cemetery under the direction of Wright Colonial Funeral Home.

Born Jan. 14, 1910 in Fluvanna, she married Willie Pylant in January, 1935 in Snyder. He died in 1946.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Fluvanna Baptist Church.

Survivors include two sons and a daughter-in-law, Hoyt Pylant of Fluvanna and William and Bobbye Pylant of Anton; a sister and brother-in-law, Mamie and Joe Murry of Comanche; a grandson and his wife, Clark and Traci Pylant of Amarillo; a great-grandson, Gunnar Pylant of Amarillo; and several nieces and nephews.

The family suggests memorials to the Borden County EMS or to a favorite charity.

## Elyssia Hernandez

**Infant**

Graveside service for Elyssia Marie Herandez, infant daughter of Esther Cabrera and Brian Hernandez of Snyder, was set for 2 p.m. today in the Roscoe Cemetery. The Rev. Michael Goode of Sweetwater was to officiate, and arrangements were under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Miss Hernandez was stillborn Saturday, Aug. 29, in Sweetwater's Rolling Plains Hospital.

Survivors, in addition to her parents, include three brothers, Brian Hernandez Jr., Dominic Cabrera and Adam Cabrera, all of Snyder; her paternal grandparents, Benito and Connie Hernandez of Roscoe; her materal grandmother and step grandfather, Juanita and Manual Cuellar of Roscoe; and her maternal grandfather, Martin Castaneda of Sweetwater.

## Daniel Ward

**1924-1998**

Funeral service for Daniel Ward is set for 10 a.m. Tuesday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel.

The Rev. Tom Atwell, pastor of Morningside Baptist Church, will officiate. Burial will follow in the Snyder Cemetery under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Mr. Ward, 73, died Sunday, Aug. 30, in the Veterans Administration Hospital in Big Spring.

Born Oct. 30, 1924 in Stamps, Ark., he married Wanda Jane Arnett on July 20, 1946 in Emmett, Ark.

Mr. Ward was retired from Pride Oil Co., and he was a member of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Daniel and Nancy Ward; a daughter; three brothers; a grandson; and a son-in-law.

Survivors include his wife, Wanda Ward of Snyder; three sons and daughters-in-law, Danny and Carol Ward of Hurst, Johnny and Linda Ward of Crosby and Sam and Cynthia Ward of Colorado City; two daughters, Helen Cole and Kathy Ward, both of Odessa; a sister, Agnes Smith of El Centro, Calif.; two grandchildren; eight step grandchildren; and 14 great-step grandchildren.

## Flora Pherigo

**1898-1998**

Graveside service for Flora Orene Pherigo, 99, is set for 10 a.m. Wednesday in Hillside Memorial Gardens. The Rev. Rex Reynolds, pastor of Hermleigh's First Baptist Church, will officiate. Arrangements are under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Mrs. Pherigo died Saturday, Aug. 29, at her home in Snyder.

Born Sept. 14, 1898 in Delia, Tex., she married Thomas Melvin Pherigo on July 27, 1917 in Caddo, Okla. He died in 1977.

Mrs. Pherigo was a homemaker and a member of the Northside Baptist Church in Snyder.

She was also preceded in death by a sister; one granddaughter; three brothers; and seven great-grandchildren.

Survivors include four daughters, Mary McCarter of Snyder, Celeta Ainsworth of Lynnwood, Wash., Gaynell Greenfield of Slaton and Dola Fae Wood of Arlington; three sons, Tommy Pherigo of Snyder, Truman Pherigo of Coahoma and Wayne Pherigo of Big Spring; 24 grandchildren; 49 great-grandchildren; 19 great-great-grandchildren; and several step grand and great-grandchildren.

## Philip Dunham

**1920-1998**

FORT WORTH — Philip R. Dunham, father of Linda Choate of Snyder, died Sunday, Aug. 30, in Fort Worth.

Service for Mr. Dunham, 78, is set for 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Handley Baptist Church. Burial will follow in Shannon Rose Hill Memorial Park.

Born on Aug. 11, 1920 in Powderly, Tex., Mr. Dunham was a retired building inspector for the City of Fort Worth. He was a deacon and treasurer for Handley Baptist Church. Mr. Dunham was a member of the Fort Worth Model "A" Club.

Other survivors include his wife of 56 years, Ethel Dunham of Fort Worth; a grandson, Clay Choate of Lubbock; a granddaughter, Amy Choate of Lubbock; a brother, Grandville Sprayberry of Auburn, Wash.; two nephews and a niece.

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# North Korea fires missile into seas between Russia & Japan

TOKYO (AP) — North Korean fired a ballistic missile over northeastern Japan today that landed in the Pacific Ocean, news reports said, quoting Japan's Defense Agency.

The first stage of the missile landed in waters between Russia and Japan, but the second stage flew over Japanese territory and fell into the Pacific Ocean, Kyodo News said, citing agency sources.

A spokesman at Japan's Defense Agency, Terao Toshihiko, said the government was still trying to confirm the exact location of the landing.

The launch just after noon (midnight Sunday EDT) was confirmed by Japanese, South Korean and United States defense officials. It was North Korea's first test-firing of a missile in five years and its fourth since 1984.

In response, Japan today refused to back a long-planned agreement to help fund two nuclear reactors for North Korea.

Japan's Defense Agency, quoting unidentified U.S. military officials, said the missile was probably aimed at waters between Russia and Japan and landed 190 miles southeast of Vladivostok, Russia.

The missile was a new 'Daepodong I' with a range of 1,240 miles, the South Korean Defense Ministry said in a statement.

That range is twice as long as that of the North's previous staple "Rodong" series missiles.

Japanese Coast Guard patrol boats and airplanes were immediately dispatched to the area where the missile hit. But it was unclear whether they could actually go to the site — which was believed to be close to or possibly inside Russian waters.

"We see this as a very dangerous act," said chief government spokesman Hiromu Nonaka. He said Japan would express its concern to the North through diplomatic channels.

U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, visiting Sarajevo, said she was also alarmed by the test launch. "This is something that we will be raising with North Koreans in the talks that are currently going on," she said.

Those talks, in New York, are over a proposal for the North to suspend missile development in exchange for nuclear energy know-how. Some Korea watchers said they suspect the launch was timed to up the stakes.

"Kim is good at brinksmanship," said Hajime Izumi, a professor at Shizuoka University, referring to North Korea's leader Kim Jong Il.

"This shows that North Korea can make effective missiles," he added. "What remains to be seen is if they can mass produce them, or deploy them."

Masahiro Akiyama, deputy director of Japan's Defense Agency, said the launch was not totally a surprise. He said security experts had been increasing their surveillance of the North since earlier this month.

# Court

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with an abstention from Precinct 3 Howard Limmer, to close out documents on a 1996 Texas Community Development Program contract regarding improvements on the water supply and distribution at Hermleigh Water Works.

The project has been completed, however, Gannaway said the only problem he had is with the chlorinator. He added he believed the company would work that out.

"I trust them to satisfy me on the cholorinator and other than that, I have no problem accepting the resolution."

Limmer said, "I just question signing off before completion."

Two line-item transfers and one budget amendment were also approved.

For Scurry County Airport, the court agreed to transfer a total of $17,200 from part-time, repairs, state sales tax and travel into general payroll, retirement, operating supplies and office supplies.

Commissioners also approved transfer of $250 from Scurry County Health Unit's equipment budget into contract labor.

In the one budget amendment, $1,200 was added to supplies for the Scurry County Airport.

Fritz presided at the meeting and all commissioners were present.

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## Hermleigh booster club

The Hermleigh booster club will meet at 7 this evening in the Hermleigh ISD cafeteria.

## Bible study tapes airing

Bible study video tapes air weekly on cable TV Channel 2. The tapes to be shown at 7 tonight are "Can We Know God's Plan?" followed by "Faith and Surrender."

## Fair board meeting

The Scurry County Fair board of directors will meet at noon Tuesday at the chamber office.

## Canyon Reef 4-H Club

The Canyon Reef 4-H Club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the East Elementary cafeteria.

## Adult education classes

Adult basic education classes will begin Tuesday in Room 209 in the library at Western Texas College. Classes are held Tuesday and Thursday from 8-11 a.m. and from 6-8:30 p.m. There are no Wednesday classes. For more information call 573-8511, Ext. 322.

## Masonic Lodge meeting

Scurry Masonic Lodge 706 will have a stated meeting at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday. All Master Masons are urged to attend.

## Computer club meeting

The Mitchell-Scurry computer club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Dunn Community Center. Everyone is invited.

## Snyder girls hoops club

The Snyder girls hoops club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the high school student center. Anyone who has a daughter participating in basketball is urged to attend.

## Oil Appreciation planning meet

A meeting of the steering committee planning Oil Appreciation Day in October will meet at noon Wednesday in the chamber board room.

## White Buffalo Festival meeting

The White Buffalo Festival planning committee will meet at noon Thursday in the chamber board room.

## SHS volleyball beanie baby

Tickets for a "Glory Bear" beanie baby are being sold by the SHS volleyball team for $1 each. Proceeds will benefit the volleyball program. The beanie baby was donated by Timber and Threads. Call 573-9416 for more information.

## Enchilada dinner

A enchilada dinner to raise funds for Queen candidate Crystal Rascon will be held from noon until 7 p.m. Friday at the Latin American Center. Tickets, $5 each, are available by calling 573-6943. No tickets will be sold at the door. Proceeds will go to Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church.

## Chicken spaghetti supper

The Snyder High School and junior high tennis boosters will host a chicken spaghetti supper starting at 5 p.m. Sept. 11 in the SHS cafeteria prior to the Frenship football game. Tickets are being sold by tennis players for $5 each or by calling 573-2400 or 573-2801. Takeouts will be available.

## Fajitas and football

First Christian Church will host a fajita supper prior to the football game with Wylie on Sept. 18. Tickets are $5 for adults and $3 for ages 12 and under. Order tickets by calling 573-6115 and leaving a message. Eat and walk to the homecoming game.

## Historic Scurry County

Historic Scurry County is selling $1 donation tickets for an oil painting by Jess Everett. The painting, "Caprock Country," will be given away Sept. 19 at the county fair. Proceeds will go to maintaining the Dodson House and Dermott School. Call 573-0538 or 573-0770 for tickets.

## Pick 3

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

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## Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 2-24-32-34-38-50.
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Number matching six of six: 0.
Matching five of six: 101. Prize: $1,728.
Matching four of six: 5,486. Prize: $114.
Matching three of six: 106,155. Prize: $3.
Next Lotto Texas game: Wednesday night.
Estimated jackpot: $14 million.