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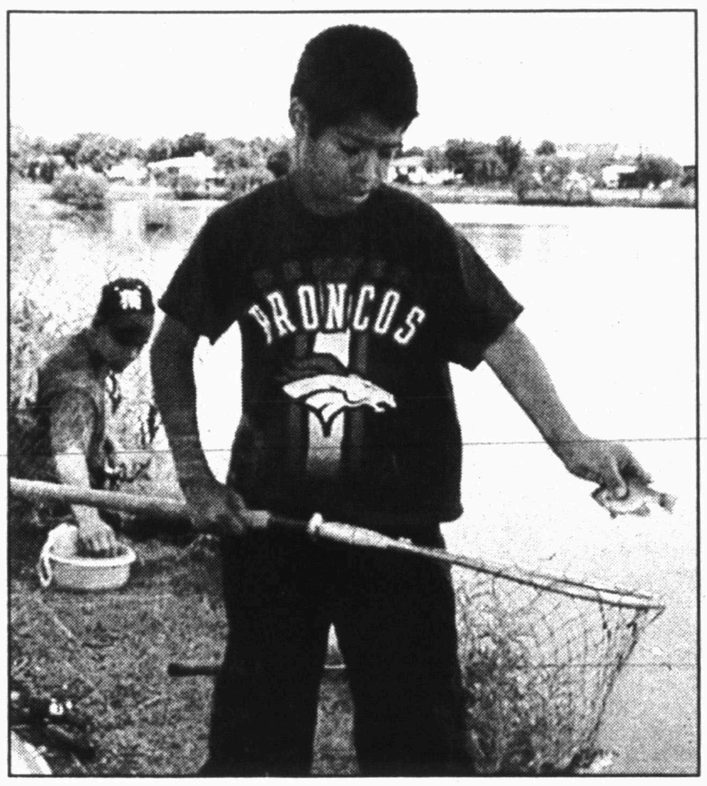
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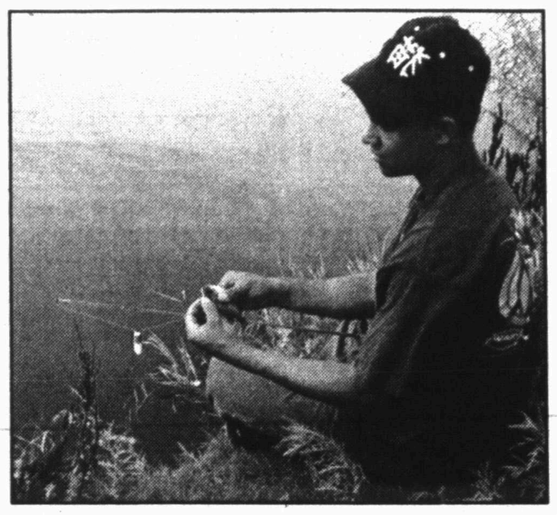
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Home Of Joe & Delene Leatherwood







WHAT A CATCH — Daniel Saenz (left photo) and brother Mario were having some luck with perch and shad at Towle Park Pond this morning. Recent rains have filled the pond. (SDN Staff Photos by Joyce May)

Labor survey on agenda of BCD meeting

Costs could be shared with Mitchell and Nolan Counties

The Board of County Development will convene Wednesday for its quarterly meeting with two items of new business on the agenda.

Reappointed members David Kattes, David Koonce and Jerry Martin will take their oaths of office before other matters are considered.

The board will then hear a request for funding in the amount of $14,500 to conduct a labor survey in a three-county area including — Scurry, Nolan and Mitchell counties.

John DeLille, executive director of the Development Corporation of Snyder, is making the request.

"Scurry County has a need for a labor survey to determine skill levels of our labor pool and to assure industrial prospects that we have an available labor force in spite of the fact that we are very near full employment," DeLille said.

The county is currently at a 4.1 percent unemployment rate.

DeLille said he has talked with representatives in Sweetwater and Colorado City and they are interested in participating in the survey and sharing the expense.

"All of us believe we are sharing the same labor pool and feel we have an untapped pool of skills currently employed in jobs other than manufacturing," DeLille said. "We feel that if we can demonstrate that point as fact, we will have a very valuable recruiting tool for this area."

BCD board members will also review the financial statements and consider the bills for payment.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "The good ole days may be making a comeback. For those who communicate by e-mail, it may be reassuring to know that there was no punctuation until the 15th Century."

U.S. Open Champion Tiger Woods....

Just wondering how the U.S. Justice Department is gonna break him up for being a monopoly?

Last week's issue of Time magazine had one of those disconcerting articles.

We'd have been better off to keep our resolve of not reading medical articles. But the one on memory loss caught our attention.

The real mistake was taking the quiz at the end. The first questions named three articles and the second gave a person's name and address.

It then asked a series of questions – such things as naming the last two movies you attended. We couldn't name the flicks, but we do recall that a small soft drink and bag of popcorn costs $6.25.

The final two questions asked you for the three articles and to repeat the person's name and address.

We fell into that score where the memory article recommended profession evaluation.

There was one ray of hope. Some people may not remember simply because they don't concentrate. Think you're observant? Here's a test.

1. On a standard traffic light, is the green on the top or bottom?
2. In which hand is the Statue of Liberty's torch?
3. What six colors are on the classic Campbell's soup label?
4. What two letters don't appear on the telephone dial?
5. When you walk, does your left arm swing with your right or left leg?
6. On a U.S. flag, is the top stripe red or white?
7. Which way does the no-smoking slash run?
8. Which way do fans rotate?
9. Whose face is on a dime?
10. Do books have even numbered pages on the right or left side?
11. How many lug nuts are on a standard car wheel?
12. How many sides are there on a standard pencil?
13. How many hot dog buns in a standard package?
14. On the back of a dollar bill, what is in the center?
15. How many curves on a standard paper clip?

The answers: (1) Bottom (2) Right (3) Blue, red, white, yellow, black and gold (4) Q and Z (5) Left (6) Red (7) Towards bottom right (8) Clockwise (9) Roosevelt (10) Left (11) Five (12) Six (13)

Dutch truck driver interrogated in death of 58 illegal immigrants

LONDON (AP) — Fifty-eight Chinese illegal immigrants found dead in the unventilated back compartment of a Dutch-registered truck were in their 20s and apparently died of "respiratory failure," police said Tuesday.

The new information came as police were interrogating the Dutch truck driver and looking for a young Dutch engineer who apparently set up the company that leased the vehicle.

The first accounts emerged from two traumatized, dehydrated survivors — the only two to escape the truck alive late Sunday. Quoting unidentified hospital sources, reports in London newspapers said the two men told an interpreter how they banged on the truck's walls and shouted, their desperation mounting as their companions began to pass out and die.

The survivors remained hospitalized in the city of Canterbury, 55 miles southeast of London, under police guard. They are key to tracing the immigrant smugglers who organized the hellish journey from Belgium across the English Channel to Dover, on England's south coast.

Police hoped the two men, also in their 20s, would be fit enough for formal questioning later Tuesday.

"To have 60 young people in the back of a truck, there would have to have been some organization to get these people over from China," Kent county police Detective Superintendent Dennis McGookin told a news conference in Dover. "In liaising with the Chinese police hopefully we will know more on this soon."

Much of the investigation has focused on the Dutch connections, including the truck driver and the Dutch company that leased the truck.

In England, Dutch police joined British officers Tuesday in questioning the driver, who was arrested under suspicion of manslaughter after customs officials in Dover found the bodies Sunday. Police released no details of the interrogation.

In Holland, authorities looked for 24-year-old Arie van der Spek. Van der Spek Transporten, which leased the 50-foot truck, appeared to be have been registered last week in Rotterdam by the young engineer, Dutch authorities said.

Van der Spek lives with his parents in an apartment in the Dutch city. He had vanished when police showed up Monday.

Police refused to comment Tuesday on speculation that the van der Spek and the arrested truck driver are one and the same man.

The disaster prompted Britain to launch a major investigation into the racket of smuggling immigrants to the West.

Jury picked in Waco lawsuit of Branch Davidian members

WACO (AP) — A six-member jury was chosen Monday to hear a wrongful death lawsuit brought by survivors and family members of those killed in the government's 1993 raid on the Branch Davidian compound.

The jury of four women and three men, which includes one alternate, will act as an advisory panel to U.S. District Judge Walter Smith, who must decide whether the federal government shares responsibility for the deaths of more than 80 Davidians.

Plaintiffs in the $675 million lawsuit contend federal agents used excessive force in the Feb. 28, 1993, raid and may have helped start the deadly fire at the compound about six weeks later. The government denies the accusations.

Smith pared down the jurors from an initial pool of 60 candidates. During questioning, the judge asked if any of them had ever lost a child or been in a dispute with the government. At least two of the jurors are from Waco.

Smith scheduled opening statements to begin Tuesday. The trial is expected to last about a month.

"We think it's a good jury for the plaintiffs," said Michael Caddell, a Houston attorney representing about 50 estates of those killed.

U.S. Attorney Michael Bradford also expressed confidence in the jury selection process. "We're satisfied that this is a good jury and a fair jury," he said.

The ordeal began on Feb. 28, 1993, when agents of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms tried to serve members of the Branch Davidians with search and arrest warrants for suspected firearms violations.

A gunfight ensued; four agents and six Davidians were killed. Twenty eight agents were wounded, along with an unknown number of Davidians, including sect leader David Koresh. The FBI took over and a standoff between the Davidians and the government agents began.

Early on April 19, the FBI launched a tear gas operation to end the siege. Fire broke out and the compound burned to the ground.

The trial will deal with four issues: Whether Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms agents used excessive force in the initial raid on the compound; whether government agents helped cause the fires; whether the government was negligent by withholding firefighting equipment; and whether using tanks to push into the compound deviated from a plan approved by Attorney General Janet Reno.

Smith last week removed what could have been the most contentious issue of the lawsuit — whether government agents shot at Davidians during the final hours of the siege.

He said the issue would not be addressed during the trial because a court-appointed expert was unable to attend due to illness.

On Tuesday, Smith is expected to rule prosecutors' objections to testimony and memoranda of FBI negotiators who were at the compound.

Among the evidence the government wants to keep out of the trial is a March 7, 1993, memorandum from a negotiation strategist to an on-scene commander that warned the government would be criticized if the FBI "took some physical action against the compound" and children were killed in the process.

Celebration turns sour

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A peaceful celebration of the Los Angeles Lakers' first championship in 12 years deteriorated into mayhem as hundreds of fans torched two police cars, vandalized businesses and set dozens of small bonfires in city streets.

Hundreds of police in riot gear restored calm early Tuesday after the Lakers defeated the Indiana Pacers 116-111 in Game 6 on Monday night to become National Basketball Association champions.

At least 12 people suffered minor injuries in the violence in the downtown area near the Staples Center, where the game was held. There were at least a dozen arrests, police said.

"It's pitiful. This is worse than anything I've ever seen down here," said Stephen Auth, president of the Kaiser Brothers' car dealership. "We had one window broken out during the 1992 riots."

City begins budget talks

Snyder's city council will begin work on the city's 2000-2001 budget when it meets this evening at 5:30.

During the meeting, council members will hear budget proposals from city staff members for the fiscal year which begins Oct. 1.

The meeting will be held in the city council chambers at city hall.

ASK US

Q—What would it take to have a wet/dry election?

A—The process requires numerous steps, including collection of signatures on a petition. More information is available at the Scurry County clerk's office.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Monday, 85 degrees; low, 61; 7 a.m. Tuesday, 66; .05 of an inch precipitation; total for 2000, 11.75 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, increasing clouds, slight chance of storms; low, mid 60s; Wednesday, partly cloudy, 30% chance of storms; high, lower 90s.



Kira Bilano
Partly Cloudy

Sunset:
8:51 p.m.
Sunrise:
6:41 a.m.
Of 171 days in 2000, the sun has shone 168 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

The universe is change, life is understanding.

JUNE 2000

California court rules on insurance disability policies

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The state Supreme Court has unanimously upheld a man's claim for AIDS-related disability insurance despite his decision not to disclose testing positive for HIV in his policy application.

The court's decision Monday strongly encourages insurers to ask about medical conditions before a disability policy is issued or to ferret them out within two years.

After two years, the court ruled, consumers can make disability claims based on illnesses that were not specifically excluded from the policy.

A lawyer for Mark Galanty, the man with AIDS, said the ruling has broad implications.

"People who become disabled — regardless of the cause — need no longer worry that an insurance company will dig through their medical files in an attempt to find a previous lab result, genetic test or medical condition to use as an excuse for refusing payment," said Jon Davidson of the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, which handles civil rights case for gays, lesbians and people with AIDS or HIV.

Larry M. Golub, a lawyer for Paul Revere Life Insurance Co., which denied benefits to Galanty, said he had not read the ruling and declined comment. Lawyers for the American Council of Life Insurers, which supported the company in court, did not respond to requests for comment.

Galanty, 52, of Studio City, was working as a free-lance court transcriber when he tested positive for HIV in 1987. He was told the result was unreliable unless confirmed by a second test, but chose not to get a follow-up test.

In March 1989, Galanty bought his Paul Revere disability policy.



SAFETY AWARD — Scurry County has been awarded a 1999 Gold Star Safety Award by the Texas Association of Counties. Larry Boccaccio (left), TAC safety specialist, presents the award to Scurry County commissioners Chloanne Lindsey and Howard Limmer. (Contributed Photo)

County gets 'Gold Star'

AUSTIN — Scurry County has been awarded a 1999 Gold Star Safety Award by the Texas Association of Counties (TAC), which administers various self-insurance pools for counties and other local governments.

The award was presented to Scurry County by TAC Safety Specialist James Cain in Austin at TAC's annual County Management Institute training conference.

The Gold Star award was earned through a record of excellence in the involvement and commitment to safety in the workplace, as well as for controlling Workers' Compensation claims.

Only eight counties in Texas received the award.

This puts Scurry County's program in the top three percent of those counties participating in the self-insurance pool of more than 200 counties in which Scurry County participates.

These safety and loss control programs are evaluated by the Texas Association of Counties Safety Specialists, who work with each pool member to develop and enhance their safety management and training efforts.

Criteria considered included safety programs in place, activity and success of programs in 1999, by the governing body, loss history and improvement in the safety program since 1998.

Students on European tour only made it as far as Detroit

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — A group of middle school students left for a three-week tour of Scotland, Ireland and England, but only got as far as Detroit in three days before having to return home without their luggage.

The 21 Madison-area students paid about $4,000 each for the trip sponsored by the People to People Ambassador Program of Spokane, Wash.

Company spokesman Ralph Baard said Monday the trip was canceled due to airline problems. He said the students would be given a refund or the opportunity to take the trip again next month.

"We plan to do everything we can to make it up to them," he said.

The troubles began after the students arrived in Chicago Wednesday. United Airlines told them weather had delayed their flight to London.

On Thursday, the students were put on standby but didn't make any flights. On Friday, they flew a different airline to Detroit in hopes of getting a flight to London through New York.

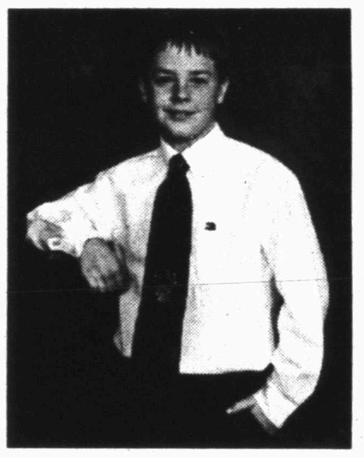
But after crew problems kept them there Friday night, the trip was canceled. They flew back to Wisconsin on Saturday.

"There were lots of tears," said chaperone Linda Bontly.

The students were victims of a bad weather week that upended flights across the country, and few seats were available on heavily booked European flights, said United spokeswoman Chris Nardella.

Chaperone Sheri Shea said the students held up well, despite little sleep, endless waiting, and having to wear the same clothes every day. "They were fabulous. They just went with the flow," Shea said.

As of Monday evening, the students still had not gotten their luggage back. It was thought to be in London.



Bradley Price

Bradley Price gets math recognition

Bradley Price, Snyder Junior High School student, has been named a United States National Award winner in mathematics. This award is presented by the United States Achievement Academy.

Price has also been named a United States National Award winner by the All-American Scholar and the All-American Scholar at Large Division. All-American Scholars must earn 3.3 or higher grade point average.

He is the son of Larry and Terri Price of Snyder and is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Price and Mary Jo Whitmire, all of Snyder, and Jerry Dennis of Colorado. He is also the great-grandson of Doyle and Mary Gilbert of Miles.

Woman jailed for violating order

MALIBU, Calif. (AP) — A woman who violated a 1997 court order to stay away from Axl Rose has been sentenced to jail.

Superior Court Judge Lawrence Mira sentenced Karen McNeil, a 39-year-old Ohio resident, to a year in jail on Monday for violating probation. Rose, the former Guns 'n Roses singer, called Los Angeles County sheriff's deputies May 16 to report a stalker was trying to enter his property.

Rose's assistant, Betta Lebeis, testified at the probation violation hearing that McNeil had been to Rose's property at least six times in the past four years.



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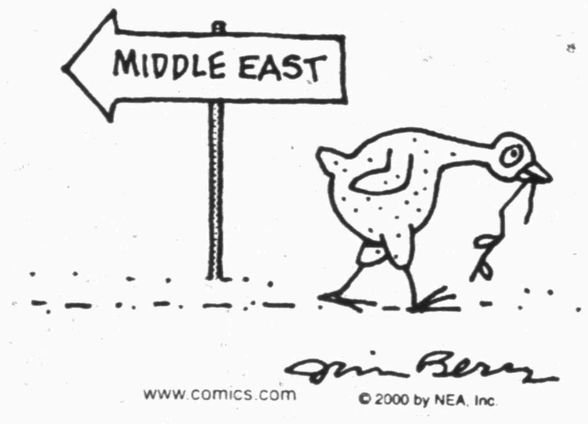
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SPRING RECITAL — A piano recital was presented by students of Joann Snider at the Martha Ann Woman's Club on May 21. A reception followed. In the top photo are (from left) Eleanor Ashley, Meghan Cooley, Ashton Smith, Chloe Reecer and Stacey Clifton. In the bottom photo are Erin Cooley, Jana Lewis, Cole McLeod, Megan McCormick and Kasey Collier. (Contributed Photo)

Bridge



By Phillip Alder

North 06-20-00
♠ A 4 3 2
♥ 10 6 3
♦ A 6 5
♣ K 10 7

West
♠ J 10 9
♥ Q J 9 2
♦ 9 4 3
♣ 8 6 2

East
♠ 8 7 6 5
♥ K 7 5
♦ K 7 2
♣ A J 4

South
♠ K Q
♥ A 8 4
♦ Q J 10 8
♣ Q 9 5 3

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: North

South	West	North	East
		Pass	Pass
1 ♦	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
1 NT	Pass	2 NT	Pass
3 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♥ 2

Is it that good for the soul?

By Phillip Alder

Someone once claimed that confession is good for the soul. Well, if it is true, after I finish this column my soul will be so wonderful that I expect Mephistopheles to be knocking on my door. I wonder what his offer will be.

How should I have declared three no-trump after West led the heart two?

This was the eighth deal in my abbreviated session with Anne Chatham in a Hobe Sound, Fla., duplicate last April.

My raise to three no-trump opposite a passed partner was bravado of the worst kind in a matchpoint duplicate, where plus scores rule the roost. (At rubber, Chicago or teams bridge, it would be automatic to raise because you bid game whenever there is the faintest aroma of one wafting in the vicinity of the table.) Still, I could have made it if I had played sensibly at the beginning and guessed well later.

With West's heart holding, it is normal to lead the queen. Yet if East had had king-doubleton and South ace-fourth, the two would have been best.

One should hold up the heart ace until the third round, then take the diamond finesse. Sadly, it loses, but as East holds the club ace (now a necessary requirement for success), one is still alive. Suppose East exits with a diamond. An endplay against East is possible, but without X-ray vision, I'm sure one would try to guess who held the club jack; and I think one would get it wrong.

At the table, I won the first heart, condemning myself immediately. Admirable! This gave us zero matchpoints as no one else reached game.

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Community Calendar

TUESDAY

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

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

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY

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

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

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

THURSDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: June 19 — Brandon Almanza and Amanda Gibson.

DISMISSALS: Mildred Streety, Brandon Almanza, Amanda Gibson, Lester Hopper and Norma Shaw.

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ACROSS

1 Slow musical movement
7 Painful muscle spasm
12 Breezily
13 Fermented liquid
14 Ammonia compounds
15 — public
16 Rear of a ship
17 "Verb" end
18 CIO's partner
21 Arizona college town
23 Rover's cry
26 Important time periods
28 Make muddy
29 "Agnus —"
30 Venture
31 Maxims
33 Helps
36 Fishing need
37 Boxing-victory abbr.
38 Rams' mates
40 Plains Indian
41 Type of curve
42 "— Kid" (TV series)
44 Goal
45 Actor Silver
46 Football div.
48 Sick
51 Drove (a vehicle)
55 Like Marilyn Monroe
56 Kind
57 Clumps of dirt
58 Pencil end

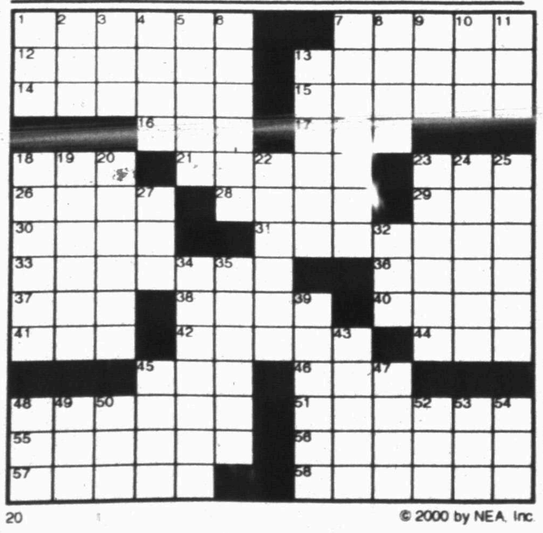
DOWN

1 Drivers' org.
2 Unlighted
3 Jackie's 2nd husband
4 Actress Lollobrigida
5 "— — my heart in San Francisco"
6 Type of cracker
7 Narrowly
8 Nerve network
9 — Khan
10 Injure
11 Be nosy
13 Defective vision
18 Make fizzy
19 Searches (a person) for a concealed weapon
20 Ropes
22 Tufted plants
23 Congenitally joined
24 Area
25 Tight- — (stingy)
27 Engage in a winter sport
32 African native
34 Additional helpings
35 Qualm
39 Denounce severely
43 "Days — — Lives"
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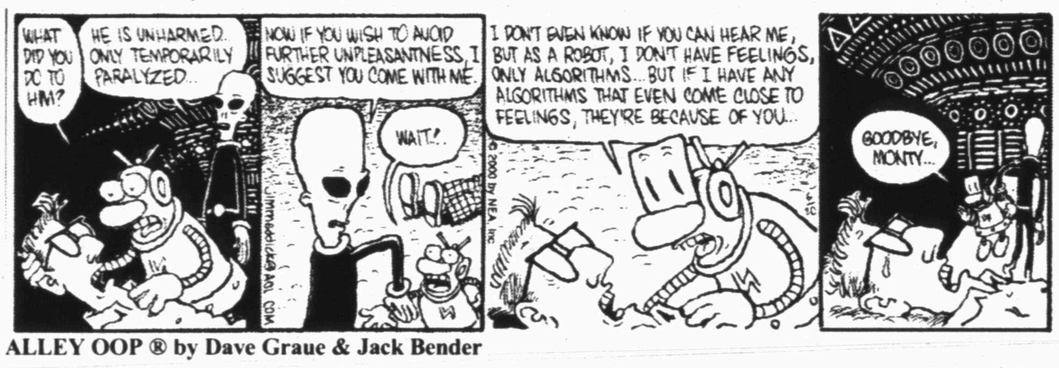
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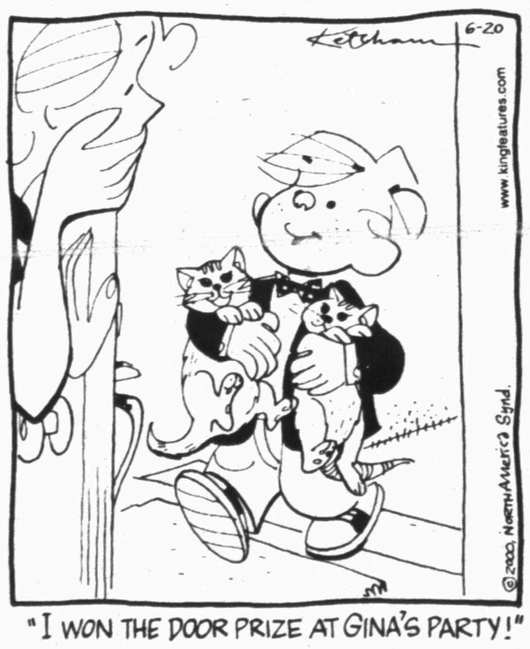
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SPORTS

Lakers capture NBA crown

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Shaquille O'Neal's mother wrapped her arms around his neck. His sister latched on to his arm. Friends, teammates and strangers reached in for a piece of this beautiful, triumphant group hug.

Tears began to bead in his eyes, but Shaq didn't flinch under the weight. He was strong enough to carry them all.

Moments later, amid the confetti and cacophony of the Los Angeles Lakers' 116-111 victory over the Indiana Pacers in Game 6 of the NBA Finals on Monday night, O'Neal raised two trophies above his head. One was for being an NBA champion and one was for being the MVP of the finals.

The game's most dominant force finally had willed his team to the only rewards he said he truly desired in his eight-year career. It was closure, it was vindication, it was a wish fulfilled.

The Lakers' big man had earned one more nickname: The Big Champion.

"This is my dream here," he said. "This is what I wanted when I came to LA. It's the only thing I play this game for."

Part of Los Angeles' seventh title — its first since 1988 — belongs to Kobe Bryant, the young shooter who might someday be as good as his best performances. Another part belongs to Phil Jackson, who won his seventh championship as a coach by blending the Lakers' disparate talents into a cohesive unit.

But the biggest part belongs to O'Neal, who averaged 38 points and 16.6 rebounds in the finals. Throughout nearly eight months of basketball, he simply carried a team like few players in the game's history have been able to do.

He became the third player to win the league MVP award, the All-Star Game MVP award and the finals MVP in the same year.

O'Neal had 41 points, 12 rebounds and an unapologetically bad 3-for-12 performance from the foul line in Game 6. He took charge in a critical fourth-quarter stretch with a series of big plays.

Grimmett makes grid commitment with TCU

Snyder senior Matthew Grimmett has decided to follow in his father's footsteps.

Grimmett, an all-district wide receiver and defensive back for the Snyder Tigers, has verbally committed to play football at Texas Christian University.

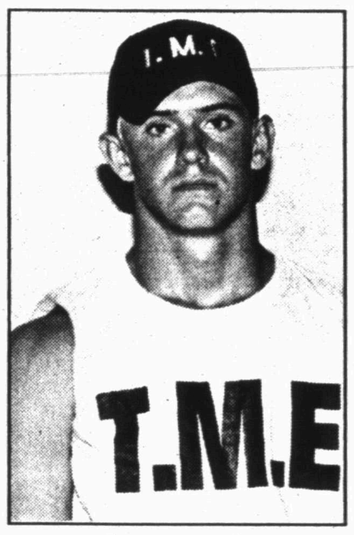
The speedy split end is the son of Frankie Grimmett, a former Horned Frog standout, and SHS volleyball coach Patty Grimmett.

"TCU is where I've always wanted to go," Grimmett said. "That's where my dad went, and I really like the campus, and the fact that the classes are small.

"Right now, they run the ball a lot because they have a Heisman Trophy candidate. But after he graduates this year, I think they'll throw a lot more."

The decision to commit to TCU came after Grimmett received word that Duke was prepared to offer him a full scholarship.

"Duke said they would offer me a full ride, so we got in touch with my recruiting coach at TCU and told him," Grimmett stated. "The TCU coaching staff had a meeting the next morning, and told us that they would give me a full scholarship, also."



Matthew Grimmett

It won't be official until he signs on the dotted line, but Grimmett said having the decision made takes some pressure off for his senior year.

"Now I don't have to worry about trying to impress certain people," Grimmett remarked. "I can just go out and play hard."

Rangers face key stretch

ARLINGTON (AP) — The Texas Rangers are in last place in the AL West, five games under .500 and even more behind the division lead. They're coming off their worst road trip in 14 years.

Next up is a three-week stretch that could make or break their season.

Fifteen of the 18 games until the All-Star break are at The Ballpark, with nine against Oakland and Seattle, the two best teams in the division. Throw in two off days, and it marks the perfect opportunity for Texas to get on track — or seriously derailed.

"We're going to make it," manager Johnny Oates said. "We go through streaks like this every year. We'll get the starting pitching straightened out and we'll get home, regroup and it will be fine."

Texas has lost 10 of its last 11 games since peaking at a season-best four games over .500. The Rangers just concluded a 1-8 road trip, their least productive since going 0-7 in 1986.

The demise has featured bad hitting, bad pitching and bad defense.

A good illustration of the woes was a 6-1 loss to Tampa Bay on Sunday, when a seventh-inning error by second baseman Luis Alicea led to four unearned runs while the lineup hit into two double plays and failed to get an extra-base hit for the second time this season.

"It seems like everything that can go wrong is going wrong for me right now," said ace Rick Helling, who lost his fifth straight decision Sunday, dropping him to 7-6 despite a 3.90 ERA. "It gets frustrating."

Hitting has always been Texas' strength. Even without Juan Gonzalez, the lineup was supposed to produce.

But Ivan Rodriguez has been the only reliable bat. The Rangers finished Sunday's game with four starters hitting below .240.

Sports Whirl

By SDN Sports Editor Eric Drennan

Royal: a legendary presence

Darrell Royal will be on hand Friday and Saturday for the Slingin' Sammy Baugh Celebrity Golf Classic at Western Texas College.

A total of 37 celebrities will be on hand for the two-day event, which has a full field of 18 teams each day.

There are stories about people who command respect, people who take control of a room, simply by being in it. Vince Lombardi probably had it, along with Tom Landry and Knute Rockne.

I myself had never met anybody with this characteristic, until last Friday when, thanks to a generous uncle of my wife, I found myself with a chance to hear Mack Brown speak at the UT Exes luncheon in San Angelo.

Immediately upon entering the room, things seemed rather hectic. There wasn't much room between the tables, and people were sort of just milling around.

An upset waitress whispered to another, "The caterers were supposed to have the food here an hour ago, so people could already be filling their plates."

People weren't sure whether to sit at their assigned table, or stand around and visit. Everybody seemed somewhat lost.

Then you started to hear things like, "He's here. He's on his way up right now."

The elevator doors opened and in walked Mack Brown, the man assigned to bring UT football back to its glory days. He was preceded by his entourage of assistant coaches, all dressed in burnt orange.

Immediately, everyone got the feeling that everything would be all right. He made his way around the room, talking to a few people, and seemed to own the room.

Brown must have owned the room for all of about three minutes, because not long after he got there, the elevator doors opened again and in walked Darrell Royal.

Coach Royal wasn't surrounded by staff members. It was just him, larger than life.

It was Darrell K. Royal, not just a former coach of the University of Texas, but an embodiment of Texas itself.

Looking at him makes one believe when they sing, "The eyes of Texas are upon you," they're talking about his eyes.

The legendary coach quietly made his way to his table, and later got up for a few photos, but never spoke from the podium.

Brown was impressive with the microphone in hand. It was easy to see that when Mack Brown sits down in the living room with a prospective recruit and his parents, the recruit usually always signs with UT.

But as eloquent and witty as Brown was with his words, all that was heard as people made their exits was, "Wow, Darrell Royal was pretty impressive."

And he never spoke a word.

Here's a few things that Mack Brown had to say.

—(on the Longhorns' inept special teams play, last year) "I can tell by your letters and e-mail, when you people are happy and when you aren't. So I just want to let you know that Coach Royal is going to handle the special teams this year. So you can send him all the letters you want, and even call him at home, preferably before 6 a.m."

—(on the possible quarterback controversy between incumbent starter Major Applewhite and soph. Chris Simms) "Before anybody says anything about quarterbacks, let me say that we have two good ones, and we plan on playing them both. So if you ask me who's going to start, I'm going to say, 'Yes.'"

—(on the Longhorns' motto for this year, "Get it") "Not too long ago, I was talking with Coach Royal when a young coach came up and asked him if he had any tips. Coach Royal said, 'If you've got it, you'll make it. If you don't got it, you'd better work for it. And if you have to ask what it is, you'll never make it.'

"The young guy just turned and walked off, and Coach Royal said, 'Heck, he ain't got it.'

"But as for the Longhorns, we're going to have it this year."

Sports Briefs

Jr. tennis camp scheduled

The Tiger Junior Tennis Camp will begin Monday and run through June 30 at Snyder Tennis Complex behind the junior high.

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

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

Snyder volleyball camp set

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

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

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

Basketball tourney slated

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

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

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

Dates set for basketball camp

The Bubba Edwards Basketball Camp will begin next Tuesday and run through June 30 for incoming third through seventh grade boys and girls.

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

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

Ladies' Pumpjack upcoming

The Ladies' Pumpjack Golf Tournament will be next Tuesday at Snyder Country Club.

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

Volleyball event set four July 4th

A co-ed volleyball tournament will be held on July 4th. Teams will consist of eight players, and entry fee is $70 per team. For more information, call Louis Alaniz at 573-7321, or Chad Welch at 573-6058.

SCC holds weekly events

The Men's Golf Association of Snyder Country Club will hold a Tuesday evening scramble and a Thursday MGA event. Play starts at 5:30 both days.

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East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	35	29	.547	—
Boston	35	30	.538	½
Toronto	37	33	.529	1
Baltimore	30	37	.448	6½
Tampa Bay	28	40	.412	9

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Chicago	45	24	.652	—
Cleveland	35	31	.530	8½
Kansas City	33	34	.493	10½
Minnesota	30	40	.429	15½
Detroit	26	38	.406	16½

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Oakland	40	29	.580	—
Seattle	37	30	.552	2
Anaheim	35	33	.515	4½
Texas	31	36	.463	8

Monday's Games

N.Y. Yankees 22, Boston 1
Chicago White Sox 6, Cleveland 1
Tampa Bay 10, Seattle 3
Oakland 13, Baltimore 12, 10 innings
Only games scheduled

Tuesday's Games

Baltimore (Ponson 4-3) at Oakland (Hudson 7-2), 3:35 p.m.
Detroit (Weaver 3-6) at Toronto (Carpenter 6-5), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Pettitte 6-3) at Boston (P.Martinez 9-2), 7:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Brower 1-1) at Chicago White Sox (Sirotka 6-5), 8:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Redman 4-2) at Texas (Rogers 5-5), 8:35 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Trachsel 5-6) at Seattle (Abbott 3-2), 10:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Suppan 2-5) at Anaheim (Cooper 2-2), 10:05 p.m.

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N.Y. Yankees at Boston, 7:05 p.m.
Cleveland at Chicago White Sox, 8:05 p.m.
Minnesota at Texas, 8:35 p.m.
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Baltimore at Oakland, 10:05 p.m.
Kansas City at Anaheim, 10:05 p.m.

National League
All Times EDT
East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	42	27	.609	—
New York	37	29	.561	3½
Montreal	35	31	.530	5½
Florida	33	37	.471	9½
Philadelphia	27	40	.403	14

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
St. Louis	39	29	.574	—
Cincinnati	32	35	.478	6½
Chicago	29	39	.426	10
Pittsburgh	29	39	.426	10
Milwaukee	29	40	.420	10½
Houston	25	43	.368	14

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Arizona	40	29	.580	—
Colorado	37	27	.578	½
Los Angeles	36	31	.537	3
San Francisco	33	32	.508	5
San Diego	30	38	.441	9½

Monday's Games

Montreal 2, Pittsburgh 1
Milwaukee 2, Florida 0
Philadelphia 5, Atlanta 2
Arizona 3, San Diego 2
Only games scheduled

Tuesday's Games

Pittsburgh (Benson 5-5) at Montreal (Johnson 2-1), 7:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Woodard 1-5) at Florida (Dempster 7-4), 7:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Byrd 1-5) at N.Y. Mets (Hampton 6-5), 7:10 p.m.
Colorado (Astacio 6-3) at Cincinnati (Fernandez 2-0), 7:35 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Tapani 4-6) at Atlanta (Millwood 4-6), 7:40 p.m.
Los Angeles (Brown 6-2) at Houston (Holt 3-7), 8:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Ortiz 3-6) at St. Louis (Ankiel 5-3), 8:10 p.m.
San Diego (Tollberg 0-0) at Arizona (Stottlemyre 8-4), 10:05 p.m.

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San Francisco at St. Louis, 8:10 p.m.
San Diego at Arizona, 10:05 p.m.

WNBA Glance

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	6	3	.667	—
Washington	5	3	.625	½
Orlando	5	5	.500	1½
Detroit	4	5	.444	2
New York	4	5	.444	2
Indiana	3	5	.375	2½
Miami	3	6	.333	3
Charlotte	1	8	.111	5
WESTERN CONFERENCE	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Houston	9	1	.900	—
Los Angeles	6	2	.750	2
Minnesota	6	3	.667	2½
Phoenix	5	3	.625	3
Sacramento	5	4	.556	3½
Utah	6	5	.545	3½
Seattle	2	7	.222	6½
Portland	1	6	.143	6½

Monday's Games

Cleveland 81, Sacramento 70
Washington 80, Detroit 55

Tuesday's Games

Seattle at Utah, 9 p.m.
Charlotte at Portland, 10 p.m.
Houston at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

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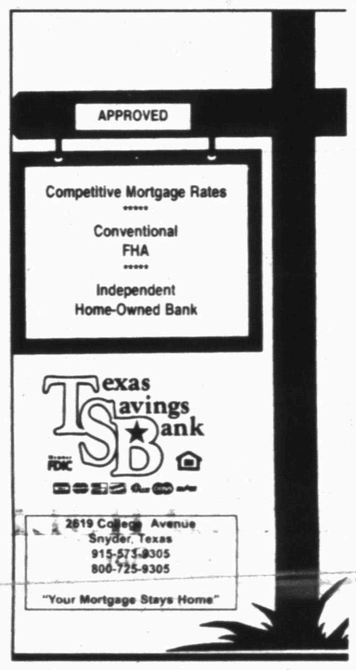
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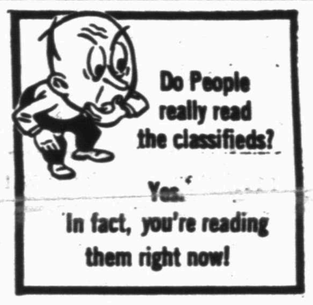
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Appeals court will take case

SEATTLE (AP) — Microsoft's legal maneuvers to keep the company intact paid off as an appeals court said it would hear arguments on the software giant's appeal — unless the antitrust battle is sent directly to the Supreme Court.

In its decision Monday, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia said it would hear arguments on whether to hold off implementing a federal judge's order that would place restraints against Microsoft's business practices as a remedy for antitrust law violations.

The court turned down a Justice Department motion to dismiss the company's requested stay of an order to break Microsoft in two. U.S. District Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson's order also placed restrictions on the company to prevent it from abusing its monopoly in the operating systems market.

"We're obviously pleased that the court (of appeals) rejected the government's invitation to delay this case any further," said Microsoft spokesman Jim Cullinan.

The Justice Department still hopes to bypass the appeals court, which in a previous case reversed Jackson's decisions regarding Microsoft, hoping that the judge will send the case directly to the Supreme Court.

Jackson could rule on that request anytime this week.

The appellate court gave the government 10 days to respond to Microsoft's request for a stay. Microsoft would then have another week to reply. The court said it would suspend its schedule if, in the meantime, Jackson decides to send the case to the Supreme Court — a move the Justice Department saw as a victory.

"We're very pleased with the court's ruling that it would stay further proceedings if the district court certifies the case for direct appeal to the Supreme Court," said Gina Talamona, a DOJ spokeswoman.

Jackson has postponed the Microsoft split pending appeals. However, the business restrictions he ordered will take effect Sept. 5.

Markets

Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP) -

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp s	29 3/8	28 3/8	29 5-16	+ 15-16
AT&T Corp	34	33 9-16	33 3/8	— 1/8
Albertsons	35 3/8	34 9-16	35 5-16	+ 1/2
Alltel	68 11-16	66 1/8	68 3/8	+ 1 3/4
AmerOnline s	57 1/4	54 1/4	57 1/8	+ 2 3/4
AndarkPtr	52	50 5/8	50 5/8	— 3/8
ATMOS Egy	20 7-16	20 3-16	20 1/4	— 5-16
Availl	5 7/8	5 13-16	5 13-16	— 1-16
BP Amoco s	56 11-16	56 3/8	56 7-16	— 1
BakerHughes	33 7-16	32 3-16	32 1/4	— 1 1/8
Bank of Amer	49 5/8	48 15-16	49 1/8	+ 7-16
BellAtl	56 3/8	55 11-16	56 1-16	—15-16
BellSouth	46 1/8	45 3/8	45 3/4	— 1
Beth Steel	3 3/4	3 11-16	3 3/4	
BurlNoSFe	22 1/2	22	22	— 1/2
Caterpillar	35 11-16	35	35 1/2	+ 3/8
Chevron	91 3/8	89 15-16	90 1/4	— 1 1/8
Citigroup	65 1/8	64 1/4	64 7/8	+ 3/4
Coastal	58 3/4	57 1/8	57 3-16	—15-16
CocaCola	53 9-16	53 1-16	53 3-16	— 1 1/4
ColgatePal	56 3/4	55 7/8	56 3/8	— 1 1/4
ComclMetals	27 5-16	27 1/8	27 3-16	
CooperIn	32 3/8	31 9-16	32 1/4	+ 7-16
DaimlrChry	54 5/8	54 1/8	54 3-16	— 1 1-16
DallSemicn s	44 13-16	44 1-16	44 7-16	+ 7-16
DeltaAirl	51 7/8	51	51 1/2	+ 13-16
Dillards Inc	13 1/2	13 1-16	13 1/4	— 3/8
DowChem s	33 3/4	32 7-16	32 3/4	— 1 1/4
DuPont	46 3/4	46	46 1-16	— 3/4
EastmanChem	46 1/4	45 1-16	45 1-16	—11-16
EstKodak	58 7/8	58 1/8	58 11-16	— 5/8
EDS Corp	41 9-16	40 13-16	41 3/8	+ 1 1/8
Entergy	29 3/4	29 3/8	29 3/4	+ 3/8
ExxonMobil	83	81 7/8	82 1/2	— 1 9-16
FstBksAm	18 3/4	18 3/4	18 3/4	+ 1/8
Flowers	18 15-16	18 3/8	18 11-16	—13-16
FordMotor	43 7/8	43 1/4	43 1/2	— 1 3/8
GTE Cp	68 3/8	67 9-16	68 1/8	— 1 3-16
GenDynam	53 13-16	52 3/4	52 13-16	—15-16
GenElec s	51 15-16	50 1/4	50 15-16	— 3/8
GenMills s	38 9-16	38 3-16	38 5-16	— 5-16
GenMotors	63 7/8	62 7/8	63 1/2	— 1 3/8
GaPacGP	27 5/8	27 1-16	27 1/2	+ 3-16
GlobalMar	27 3/4	27	27 3/8	— 1 11-16
Goodrich	35 1/4	34 1/4	34 7-16	— 3/4
Goodyear s	23 5-16	22 1/2	23 3-16	— 3-16
GtAtlPac	17 13-16	17 1/2	17 13-16	+ 5-16
Halliburtn	47 3/4	46 1/4	46 5/8	— 1 3/8
Hanson ADS	36 1-16	35 13-16	36 1-16	— 3-16
HarteHanks	25 7/8	25 5/8	25 13-16	+ 3-16
HomeDepot s	49 1/2	48 3/8	49 1/2	— 5-16
HoneywellIntl	37 3/4	36	36 7/8	— 3 3/8
IBM	120 11-16	119 1/8	120 3-16	+ 1-16
IntlPaper	32	31 1-16	31 9-16	— 7-16
JohnsonJn	90 7-16	88 5-16	88 5-16	— 1 7/8
K mart	7 9-16	7 1/4	7 5-16	— 3-16
Kroger Co	20 3-16	19 1/2	20 1/8	+ 1 7-16
Litton	44 1/8	43 13-16	43 7/8	— 1/4
LockheedM	24 11-16	24	24	—11-16
Lowes Cos	42 1/2	41 1/8	41 3-16	— 3/4
Lubys	9 1/8	9	9	— 3-16
LucentTech	60 1/2	59 1-16	59 13-16	— 3/4
MayDeptStr	26 7/8	26 9-16	26 3/4	+ 1/8
Medtronic s	51	50 1/4	50 11-16	— 1-32
MorganJP	122	119 1/8	119 7-16	— 1 1/8
Motorola s	34 11-16	33 5/8	34 1/4	+ 3/4
NCR Corp	41 1/2	41 3-16	41 1/4	— 3-16
Navistar	32 7/8	32	32 7-16	+ 3/8
Penney JC	18 1-32	17 13-16	17 7/8	— 1/8
PepBoys	6 15-16	6 3/4	6 3/4	— 3-16
PepsiCo	43 1/8	42	42 5-16	— 1 3/8
Pharmacia	56 15-16	56 5-16	56 5/8	+ 1/8
PhelpDodge	42 7-16	41 1/8	42 1/8	+ 1 1/4
PhilipPet	54 15-16	54 3-16	54 3/8	— 3/8
PilgrmPrd B	7 5/8	7 5/8	7 5/8	— 1/8
Polaroid	18 3/4	18 1/2	18 9-16	— 3/8
Praxair	38	37 1/4	37 11-16	+ 1/8
ProctGamb	56	55 1-16	55 3-16	—13-16
PubS NwMx	16 9-16	16 1/4	16 5-16	— 1/4
RadioShack	45 3/8	44 5-16	44 7/8	+ 7-16
ReliantEngy	29 1/4	28 11-16	29 3-16	— 5-16
RoyalDut	61 11-16	61 1/4	61 5-16	— 3/8
SBC Comm	47 15-16	47 1/8	47 11-16	— 3-16
SaraLee	18 7-16	18 1/4	18 3/8	+ 1/8
Scripps EW	49 1/2	49	49 1/4	— 7-16
SearsRoeb	32 5-16	31 7/8	32	— 3/8
SherwinW	23 1-16	22 11-16	22 3/4	— 5-16
SmithkBchm	63 5/8	63	63 1/8	— 1 1-16
SouthernCo	24 11-16	24 3/8	24 9-16	— 3-16
SwstAirl s	20	19 11-16	19 7/8	+ 5-16
SprintFON	60 5-16	59 1-16	60 1-16	+ 1-16
SprintPCS s	64 3/8	63 1/2	63 13-16	— 5/8
Sunoco Inc	31 1/4	30 1/2	30 5/8	— 1/2
TXU Corp	32 3/4	32 5/8	32 11-16	— 1-16
TempleInland	43 11-16	43 1/8	43 1/2	— 1/8
Texaco	56 7/8	55 3/8	55 3/4	— 1/2
TexInd	28 3/8	28	28 3-16	— 5-16
TexasInst s	90	86 3/4	89 9-16	+ 2 1-16
Textron	55 9-16	54	54 1/8	—15-16
TnconGlbR	28 7-16	27 1/4	27 7-16	— 3/4
TrinityInds	18 11-16	18 9-16	18 9-16	— 1/8
TritonEngy	37 1/2	36 7/8	37 3-16	— 3/8
TylerTech	3 5/8	3 1/2	3 9-16	
US West Inc	85 3/4	84 7/8	85 1/4	— 7-16
USX-Marathn	27 7-16	26 13-16	26 15-16	— 1/4
USX-USS	20 5/8	20 5-16	20 3/8	— 3-16
UnCarbde	52 3/4	50 5/8	50 7/8	— 1 7/8
UnionPacif	39 9-16	39 5-16	39 7-16	+ 3-16
UnitedTech	57 1/8	55 1/4	56	— 1 3/8
Unocal	34 13-16	34	34 1-16	— 3/4
Venator Grp	11	10 5/8	10 3/4	— 1/8
WalMart	54 3/8	53 5-16	53 3/8	— 1
WellsFargo	40 9-16	39 3/4	40 1-16	— 1-16
WstnGasRs	22	21 7/8	21 15-16	— 1-16
WinnDixie	14 9-16	14 1/4	14 1/2	+ 1/4
Xerox Cp	21 1/4	20 13-16	21	+ 1/4

Local Interest
STOCKS

Patterson	22 1/2	-1 1/16
Dell	48 15/16	-5/8
Wal Mart	53 5/8	-3/4
Compac	28 1/16	+5/8
Dol. Gen.	16 5/8	+1/8
GTE	68 1/4	-1 1/16
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BJ Services	67 1/16	-7/8
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LUBBOCK (AP) — Bloodstains streaked down the side of the Lubbock County Courthouse and glass shards covered the ground after a 26-year-old man jumped head first from a third-story bathroom window Monday.

The incident occurred after Judge Jim Bob Darnell told the man he was going to jail.

Kelsey Ruth was in critical condition Monday evening at Lubbock's University Medical Center after landing on his back 32 feet beneath the window after locking himself in a courthouse bathroom.

Ruth had been indicted for drug possession with the intent to deliver and had missed a court appearance on Friday.

About 2 p.m. Monday, a bail bondsman showed up in Darnell's courtroom to surrender Ruth. Darnell asked that Ruth remain in the jury box while the paperwork was processed. Darnell said Ruth sat there about 20 minutes.

"He was in there and got vocal with the judge," Sheriff's Chief Deputy Paul Scarborough said. "As the bailiff took him into the jury room to calm him down, he ran into the bathroom."

After locking the bathroom door, the judge said Ruth requested to talk to him so he could explain why he wasn't in court on Friday.

"I told him I would talk with him as soon as he opened the door," Darnell said. "He was of the opinion that I was not going to talk to him and that he was going to jail and that's when he decided to find another avenue of relief."

Courthouse maintenance workers opened the door about five minutes later to find Ruth had already opened a portion of the window in the one-stall bathroom that has a large window directly next to the toilet overlooking downtown Lubbock.

About that time, Ruth dove head first through the two panes of glass that remained.

Bailiffs, who were with maintenance workers, quickly grabbed at Ruth. One grabbed hold of his pant leg and the other had him by his shirt, Scarborough said.

But Ruth started to bite the bailiffs and one lost his grip as Ruth's shirt ripped and he slipped out of his pants, falling to the ground and landing on a steel and concrete grate beside the courthouse. Scarborough said Ruth narrowly missed a black metal fence that surrounds the courthouse basement.

"Some of the women who work in my office were on the phone," said Terry Morgan, an investigator with the district attorney's office. "They started screaming, 'Oh my God, somebody fell,' and that's when I saw him take off running."

Morgan said he immediately did the same and followed Ruth to a bus station near the courthouse. Witnesses there told Morgan and sheriff's deputies who had joined him that they had seen Ruth run down an alley about a block and a half away.

"I just started searching Dumpsters because that's generally where they hide," Morgan said. "When I found him he had a tennis shoe, one sock and a shirt on. He was just curled up in the Dumpster trying to hid. I just left him in there because he was bleeding pretty bad."

Town may rethink school prayer after ruling

SANTA FE (AP) — In a state where football and religion are all-consuming, Santa Fe's school district can no longer allow the two to mix under a landmark ruling from the U.S. Supreme Court.

Both sides of the debate will be watching this fall to see what, if anything, the Santa Fe Independent School District does to replace the school-prayer policy struck down Monday by the nation's highest court.

"My initial reaction would be, at this point, to eliminate an invocation or message as crafted," Superintendent Richard Ownby said, adding that the school board will consult attorneys before considering a response to the ruling.

The 6-3 majority opinion bars students from leading stadium crowds in meditation but could go much further to restrict prayer in public schools, casting doubt on prayer at graduation ceremonies or even moments of silence.

"This is a complete and total victory for the freedom of religion in this country," said William Harrell, executive director of the Texas chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union. "While some will see it as religion being prohibited in schools, students can voluntarily pray any time they want."

School-prayer advocates say they're alarmed.

"We're clearly disappointed," said Kelly Shackleford, an attorney for the school district and chief counsel for the Texas-based Liberty Legal Institute. "This is the first case in the history of the country that the courts will censor or gag religious expression of a private citizen."

The court ruled that a school that gives students the public forum for prayer is effectively sponsoring the message.

"Nothing in the Constitution ... prohibits any public school student from voluntarily praying at any time before, during or after the school day. But the religious liberty protected by the Constitution is abridged when the state affirmatively sponsors the particular religious practice of prayer," Justice John Paul Stevens wrote for the court.

The ruling affirmed the 1962 ban on organized prayer in public schools. Some school board members say the court will chill First Amendment rights.

"This district would like to afford free-speech rights to all students, and we feel like students' free-speech rights are being stepped on," school board president Denise Cowart said.

The Catholic and Mormon mothers who initially sued the school district in this predominantly Baptist town of 10,000 have remained in the background, their identities sealed by the court. A friend said the women, who still have children in Santa Fe schools, were elated.

"(The board) has made religion almost like back when race was an issue for the schools," Debbie Mason said. "We all should just thank whomever we believe in. They came out with a strong ruling, so all schools across America would understand that you cannot do this."

Despite the opinion's broad wording, school district attorney Jay Sekulow said some student-led prayer remains possible.

"We still think issues of valedictorian prayer (and others) are open," he said.

The issue born in a football stadium about 40 miles south of Houston made its way to Washington not only through the courts, but also through presidential politics.

"I support the constitutionally guaranteed right of all students to express their faith freely and participate in voluntary student-led prayer," said Texas Gov. George W. Bush, the presumptive GOP candidate.

In Texas' Republican primary election last March, 94 percent of voters approved a nonbinding resolution backing student-initiated prayer at school sporting events.

Vice President Al Gore, Bush's presumptive Democratic opponent, said through an aide that he supported the ruling.

"He feels ... in this case that the prayer was found to be government-sponsored and participation was not truly voluntary," Gore spokesman Douglas Hattaway said. "He does support private prayer in school and at school-related events as long as participation is truly voluntary and ... is suitable within the school environment."

The 1995 Santa Fe lawsuit initially focused on both football games and graduations. While the Supreme Court did not address prayer at commencement ceremonies, Stevens frequently cited the court's 1992 ban on clergy-led prayers at such events.

After the lawsuit was filed, the policy was changed to let student-elected representatives — no longer called chaplains — give a "message or invocation."

Marian Ward, a minister's daughter chosen to deliver the invocation at her class's May 26 graduation, said the Supreme Court's interpretation of the Constitution is too strict.

"It has gone from the word 'establishment' to the word 'allow,'" said Ward, who won an injunction against the district last year to allow pregame prayers before football home games.

School board members are unsure how much freedom they can give to students appointed to speak in public.

"They've blurred (the line between) government speech and a student's free-speech rights," board member John Couch II said.

On the Net:

The decision in Santa Fe Independent School District v. Doe: http://supct.law.cornell.edu/supct/html/99-62.ZS.html

Date Book

Tuesday, June 20, 2000

Today is the 172nd day of 2000 and the first day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1782, Congress adopted the great seal of the United States.

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Lillian Hellman (1905-1984), writer; Errol Flynn (1909-1959), actor; Danny Aiello (1933-), actor, is 67; Brian Wilson (1942-), singer-songwriter, is 58; Anne Murray (1945-), singer, is 55; Andre Watts (1946-), pianist, is 54; Lionel Richie (1949-), singer-songwriter, is 51; John Goodman (1952-), actor, is 48.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1960, Floyd Patterson defeated Ingemar Johansson to win the heavyweight boxing championship.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "I cannot and will not cut my conscience to fit this year's fashions." — Lillian Hellman

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

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



No real cure for viralmyocarditis

DEAR DR. GOTT: Last April, at 7 a.m., I walked into my son's room to see why he wasn't prepared for school. I wasn't prepared for what I discovered. He was blue, not breathing and cold. I tried CPR to no avail. An autopsy revealed viral myocarditis as a cause of death. I am heartsick. He was an athletic, straight-A, popular student, who had had a brief period of chest pain about two weeks before. Could I have done more?

DEAR READER: Your brief synopsis reaffirms the tragedy of unpredictable sudden death in adolescents. Viral myocarditis, an infection of the heart muscle, is unusual but has been reported as a cause of sudden death in otherwise healthy teen-agers. I am deeply sorry for your loss. However, I doubt that you could have done much to prevent your son's death. Brief chest pain in healthy young athletes is not ordinarily justification for extensive testing. As I hope the doctor explained, there is no consistently effective cure for viral myocarditis. In fact, experts believe that some degree of cardiac muscle inflammation is common to any viral infection, even the common cold. This is one reason that I forbid my adolescent patients with trivial respiratory infections from engaging in competitive or strenuous sports until their symptoms have abated.

I advise you to accept the fact that you were helpless in the situation; nothing you could have done would have prevented this terrible loss.

DEAR DR. GOTT: This really bugs me. What is your opinion of mothers who take their little children into public restrooms and put them on toilets? I said something to one and she told me to mind my own business — what could she do? The kid had to go! Do I worry too much?

DEAR READER: Yes, you worry too much about issues over which you have no control. From a flagrantly obvious position, other people's children are not your responsibility. Secondly, the risk of using public toilets is probably over-rated. When used properly, such devices are genuinely safe. While I would advise mothers to exercise caution and wipe the toilet seats clean before use, children do occasionally have to use such facilities. And I don't regard avoidance as a logical alternative. Youngsters have to relieve themselves, not always in the most appropriate circumstances. I am not aware of any studies that prove public facilities are a health hazard. I suggest that you relax and let moms make their own decisions.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Please explain why I laugh at what my husband says. He has had a stroke and I'm very worried about his health, yet I continue to laugh in front of doctors or at home. I'm so embarrassed. He says things that just aren't him and shouldn't be funny.

DEAR READER: From your brief comments. I conclude that your laughing is not a reaction to humor but to stress. If you weren't laughing, you'd be crying — and the difference is inconsequential. In actual fact, you are obviously deeply concerned about your husband's health. In such circumstances, given his utterances that "aren't him," your psychological defense mechanisms cause you to laugh as an outlet for the deep emotional upheaval you are experiencing. Of course, the very act of laughing adds insult to injury: It could well be misinterpreted as insensitivity by someone who is not aware of the tremendous burden you are carrying.

Some of the world's greatest authors and playwrights have addressed this issue by cleverly documenting the very thin line between tragedy and comedy: People often cry when they are happy and laugh when they are sad. My advice to you is to accept your responses as normal. However, if you are truly concerned about the appropriateness of your actions, seek counseling from a mental health professional. To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Strokes." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

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No clear answers yet to soaring gas prices

WASHINGTON (AP) — With gasoline prices soaring, there's been no shortage of blame — rising oil prices, pipeline problems, short supplies, cleaner gasoline requirements and even an esoteric patent dispute, to name a few.

But an examination of these explanations provides no clear picture of why gasoline in a matter of a few weeks jumped as much as 50 cents a gallon in some areas of the Midwest — nearly five times as much as increases nationwide.

The summer price surge has politicians worried in this election year. The Clinton administration has asked the Federal Trade Commission to investigate possible illegal price gouging in the Midwest, and Vice President Al Gore said Monday that a broader probe was needed since oil companies have been making huge profits this year.

George W. Bush's GOP presidential campaign, meanwhile, blamed Gore and President Clinton.

"It sounds like Al Gore is now trying to divert attention away from the Clinton-Gore administration's failed leadership when it comes to addressing high gas prices and developing a national energy policy," Bush campaign spokesman Scott McClellan said.

Elsewhere, a number of economic and regulatory explanations are being offered for the run-up in gasoline prices. Here are a few.

RISING OIL PRICES

After hitting a peak of $34 a barrel, oil prices declined in April after the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries agreed on production increases. But, in a surprise to some analysts, oil prices rebounded and were back up to about $30 a barrel by mid-May and June. That prompted gasoline prices to edge up nationally, but only by about 4 cents a gallon in the last two weeks of May. The crude oil price increases, however, do not explain the much steeper increases in parts of the Midwest, especially in the weeks after Memorial Day.

LOW GASOLINE STOCKS

During most of May and into June, stocks of gasoline have been nearly 10 percent lower than during the same period a year ago and on the low edge of a range considered adequate. It is a precarious situation with the start of the heavy summer driving season. But low stocks have meant profits for refineries. Refinery margins in May were on average 20 cents a gallon, three times what they were a year ago when stocks were high, according to government figures.

Officials have said some refiners were slow in revving up production this spring, waiting for lower oil prices — which never came — to build up inventories, meaning more of a profit margin. In early May, federal officials raised concern that refineries were not producing fast enough.

PIPELINE PROBLEMS

In March, the 1,400-mile Explorer pipeline, which carries gasoline into St. Louis and the Chicago area, sprang a leak and was shut down for five days. Oil companies have cited the break repeatedly as a reason for supply problems and price increases in the upper Midwest. It's a claim disputed by the pipeline company.

"The market should have adjusted to that months ago," insists Rod Sands, vice president of operations at Explorer Pipeline Co. He said while five days of shipments were lost, the line has been sending at full capacity since March. The pipeline is only one of a number serving the upper Midwest.

Two weeks ago a pipeline in Michigan had a break and was out of commission for nine days. Gasoline prices in the Detroit area soared to $2 a gallon afterward. Industry critics say the "just-on-time inventory" practices, a policy adopted by the oil industry years ago to save storage costs, has eliminated traditional supply cushions that in the past eased the price impacts from temporary transportation problems.

REFORMULATED GASOLINE

The oil industry blames much of the price spikes this summer on a requirement for a cleaner-burning blend of reformulated gasoline in areas with severe summer smog. They say the costs of making the gasoline — about a third of all gasoline sold — is higher than anticipated because of blending problems, especially where corn-based ethanol is used as an additive. While it allows fuel to burn cleaner, ethanol releases more evaporative emissions, requiring other components of the gasoline to compensate to meet the new requirements. This makes gas blending more difficult and expensive, although how much is a matter of great dispute.

And some refineries have not retooled to make the new blend, adding to the supply problems, industry officials say. This has left Environmental Protection Agency officials and some state regulators frustrated because, they maintain, oil companies have been planning for the new gasoline for more than a year but made no mention of problems that would cause prices to skyrocket or lead to a supply crunch.

"There is no reason that this should be a surprise," said William Becker, executive director of a group representing state air pollution control officials.

The cleaner burning gasoline is costing consumers 5 cents a gallon more on average than conventional gasoline, although the gap is four times that much in the Midwest, mostly Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Louis, where prices have jumped 30 cents to 50 cents a gallon.

But according to the AAA, many other cities that require the cleaner blend gasoline (though not ethanol) showed only modest price increases over the past month. For example: Houston, the average price of a gallon of regular unleaded was $1.54, compared with $1.48 a month ago; Boston, $1.64 versus $1.53 a month ago; New York City $1.72 and $1.54; and Philadelphia, $1.58 versus $1.47 a month ago.

PATENT DISPUTE

Although not generally known, motorists also are paying a premium because of a little-known patent dispute involving the blending of the cleaner gasoline. In March, a federal judge upheld the validity of a patent for a particular blending process held by Unocal Corp. Six California refineries are under orders to pay Unocal a nickel for every gallon of gasoline made by Unocal's process. Refiners across the country are worried the same could apply to them, so they are either using more expensive alternatives, or — some industry critics surmise — may be passing some cost on to customers in anticipation of having to settle with Unocal in the future.

On the Net:
AAA nationwide gasoline price charts:
http://208.13.208.31

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Best gift for teachers is appreciation of students

DEAR ABBY: Get out the wet noodle for your answer to "A Parent in Oregon." As a public school teacher, I'd be insulted if I received a package of construction paper or pencils as an end-of-the-year gift.

The No. 1 thing teachers would like is respect. This can be demonstrated with a kind note (and a copy to the principal). A gift certificate to a bookstore or restaurant is also a wonderful way to show that a teacher is appreciated. The appropriateness of the gift, of course, will depend on the situation of the family, the school and the teacher — but a gift from the heart of a child is always special. — **MARILYN FUNDERBURK, ARLINGTON, TEXAS**

DEAR MARILYN: I was unprepared for the flood of mail I received from teachers, informing me that my suggestions were off base. A male teacher recently wrote to say he would welcome stock certificates and T-bills. In years past I have received letters from teachers who requested the items I mentioned. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: Having spent 32 years in the classroom, 30 of them in inner-city schools, what would be wonderful would be gift certificates to a moderately priced take-out restaurant for the times I'm too swamped to prepare meals (or to celebrate making it to the end of another year!). Also, movie tickets to use during the summer — or even a gift certificate to a "dollar store" for those incidentals that a teacher can never afford for his or her classroom or home. But please, no school supplies at the end of the year. That's like giving a nurse a thermometer or tongue depressors. — **RETIRED IN SOUTH CAROLINA**

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DEAR ABBY: Give the lasting gift of books. For teachers who don't have their own classroom (i.e. P.E. teachers), a book can be donated to the entire school and placed in the school library. Our budgets never allow us to buy all the books our students need. — **THIRD-GRADE TEACHER IN DENVER**

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DEAR ABBY: Teachers have enough cups, mugs, candles and candies. Our class is contributing to a group gift to send our wonderful teachers for a spa treatment. When everyone chips in, it's affordable. We know it's something they would never do for themselves. We can't wait to present it. — **LOTS OF IDEAS IN SEATTLE**

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DEAR ABBY: I recommend giving the teacher cash. I know of no good teacher who is overpaid. Cash for the underpaid is much better than spa visits, gift certificates, supplies or the usual gifts that teachers receive. None of my son's teachers has ever refused the cash or returned my gifts. — **PARENT IN SAN FRANCISCO**

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DEAR ABBY: We live in a small community. In its wisdom, our school board ruled: "In fairness to all families, NO child shall give gifts to any of his or her teachers." This was a blessed relief to those of us who couldn't keep up with the Joneses. — **AVID READER, WINTER HAVEN, FLA.**

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DEAR ABBY: I retired last year after 35 years of teaching. The one thing my students gave me that meant more than anything else: a note expressing appreciation for whatever I had done to help them during that year. Those cards and letters are more precious to me as time goes by. Rereading them, I recall sweet faces, special things about those kids, and the wonderful times we had together. They are priceless. — **KAY FRIEDRICH, ATHENS, GA.**

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Ray Charles will fund scholarships

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It is the largest single gift in the history of the private, historically black university.

Charles' gift was made through the Ray Charles Robinson Foundation for Hearing Disorders.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Wednesday, June 21, 2000

By keeping your nose to the matters at hand as each pops up, the year ahead can be a good one for you. Don't waste your efforts on frivolous activities nor leave things up to luck.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) What will prove to be the most satisfying for you today is engaging in activities that are the least expensive, or even free. Unfortunately, you may do just the opposite. Cancer, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/0 this newspaper. P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Timing and luck would be needed today to attain an objective you've been hoping to achieve. However, both may be denied you, because these factors could work against you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) An exaggeration of one promoting something might elevate your expectations to false heights today. If you believe everything you hear, you could be setting yourself up for a big disappointment.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Bucking the odds are apt to work against you today, especially in financial areas where you hope to score some kind of unrealistic gain. You could lose a lot if you're not careful.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Profit from past mistakes — don't compound them. If you make an unwise decision very similar to one you made in the past, it'll be your own fault when you get in trouble again.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) It may not be wise today to attempt to imitate someone else's way of thinking. A philosophy that fits him or her to a "T" might not be tailored to your requirements and cause you trouble.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) It's so unlike you, but you might display some bad manners or do something in poor taste. Unfortunately, the timing is such that this may not be readily forgiven or forgotten.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Something you do today could harm another who is not involved in your decision making. As a result this person may never trust you again. Don't let this happen. Try to consider him or her.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Although it might be all too easy to stretch the truth a bit today in order to get what you want, guard against any exaggerations. Your ploy could make you look bad.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) There are indications that you could be an extremely poor manager of your funds today. If you're wasteful with your resources now, don't be surprised if you don't have what you need later.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Putting your needs or desires above everybody else's today is a quick way to get others to turn against you. Be considerate about how you go about accomplishing your aims.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) It's fun and satisfying to look through rose colored glasses, but it'll do more harm than good today to kid yourself. Face life as it really is.

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

OPEC mulls increase in oil production

LONDON (AP) — Under pressure from the United States and other oil importers, OPEC ministers are expected to agree this week to boost petroleum output by at least 500,000 barrels a day, or by 2 percent.

Analysts warned Monday that such an increase wouldn't lead to cheaper prices at the pump for American motorists any time soon.

"No matter what OPEC decides, it's going to be a tough gasoline season in the U.S.," said Peter Gignoux, head of the petroleum desk at Salomon Smith Barney in London.

Oil ministers from the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries meet Wednesday in Vienna, Austria, to decide whether to increase supplies to consumer nations that are paying more than $30 for a barrel of crude. OPEC pumps about 35 percent of the world's oil.

Prices of the main U.S. crude blend shot above $33 a barrel last week but began easing off ahead of the meeting as traders anticipated an increase in OPEC output.

July contracts for West Texas Intermediate, the U.S. benchmark crude, fell 96 cents Monday but were up 71 cents Tuesday morning at $32.40 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Contracts for August delivery of North Sea Brent crude, which slipped 42 cents on Monday, were up 28 cents Tuesday afternoon at $28.26 per barrel on the International Petroleum Exchange in London.

A Nigerian delegate speaking Monday in Vienna said that OPEC members have accepted the need to boost output starting July 1. Indonesian officials said last week that OPEC would raise production by 500,000 or more barrels a day.

"There is absolutely, definitely going to be an increase," said Richard Savage, an analyst at SG Securities in London.

Before OPEC decides on any increase, it must reconcile conflicting data about whether the world actually needs more oil.

On one hand, some OPEC members have argued that the supply and demand for crude are in balance and that an increase in output isn't justified.

Administration to fight for tobacco suit

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House vowed to "very aggressively" battle congressional efforts to block funds for the huge federal lawsuit against the tobacco industry after the House voted to bar the Justice Department from asking another agency to help pick up the tab.

The House voted 207-197 Monday to affirm language in a spending bill that would block the Department of Veterans Affairs from contributing $4 million toward the cost of prosecuting the suit.

Attorney General Janet Reno had said hours earlier that without financial help from other agencies, the Justice Department could not afford next year's projected $26.2 million cost of the legal action. That would leave her "no choice but to seek to dismiss this litigation," she said.

Seeking to heap election-year pressure on lawmakers, President Clinton said in a written statement that "Congress will be capitulating to the tobacco industry once again at the expense of taxpayers and their children."

And Linda Ricci, spokeswoman for the White House budget office, said after the vote that there was a long way to go in the battle. She noted that the administration has threatened to veto the bill containing the lawsuit language, and that similar provisions exist in other House and Senate bills.

"There are a lot of fights to come, and we are going to wage them very aggressively," she said.

Such words did not deter most lawmakers, who heeded warnings from proponents of blocking the funds transfer. The $4 million was to come from $20.3 billion in the spending bill covering the Veterans Affairs Department's medical care account, which includes money for some of the agency's legal costs.

"If you support this amendment, you're going to take millions of dollars out of veterans' health care," said Rep. James Walsh, R-N.Y., author of the bill containing the provision.

In a letter distributed at Reno's news conference before the vote, four veterans groups urged lawmakers to "resist efforts to attempt to restrict funding" for the Justice Department suit. The groups were AMVETS, Disabled American Veterans, Paralyzed Veterans of America and Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.

July 7 target date for next test of missile defense plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Pentagon has set a July 7 target date for a decisive test of a national missile defense system. A missile interceptor will try to collide in space with a mock warhead over the central Pacific Ocean, officials said Tuesday.

The last such intercept attempt failed in January, although the first try, last October, succeeded.

An announcement of the date for the twice-delayed flight test was to be made Tuesday by Jacques Gansler, the Pentagon's technology chief, and Air Force Lt. Gen. Ronald Kadish, director of the Ballistic Missile Defense Organization, which is running the missile defense project. Other officials disclosed the date and said Kadish and Gansler would provide details on test preparations.

Although July 7 is the target date, the Pentagon might wait until the early hours of July 8 if weather conditions require. The test originally was planned for May, then was pushed back to late June to correct problems related to the failure of the January attempted intercept. A wiring problem caused the latest delay.

The Pentagon has come under fire recently by critics who believe the concept of intercepting long-range missiles outside the Earth's atmosphere is flawed because an attacking nation could fool the U.S. interceptor with decoys. The Pentagon acknowledges that decoys are a long-term challenge but says the interceptors will be able to overcome the kind of crude decoys likely to be encountered in the short run.

A panel of independent experts raised a variety of concerns about the program in a report to the Pentagon this month. The panel, headed by retired Air Force Gen. Larry Welch, said it believed the Pentagon might have to slow down the project but that the system eventually could be made to work as envisioned.

The idea is to use a combination of powerful radars, ground-launched missile interceptors based in Alaska, and high-speed computers to protect all 50 U.S. states against an attack by 30 or fewer long-range missiles.

The outcome of the July test will be closely watched on both sides of the intensifying debate over national missile defense. It likely will determine whether Defense Secretary William Cohen recommends to President Clinton that he give the go-ahead this fall to begin constructing the main radar in the Aleutian Islands.

Other factors to be weighed by Clinton are the project's cost, the impact on arms control and an assessment of the threat facing the United States of potential missile attacks by North Korea and other hostile nations.

If the start of construction is delayed beyond 2001, the Defense Department likely will not meet its goal of having the missil defense network ready for use by the end of 2005.

Obituaries

Jeff Barnes

1979-2000

MERKEL — Jeffrey David "Jeff" Barnes of Merkel, grandson of Norma Thompson of Snyder, died at 6:49 a.m. Monday, June 19, in a San Angelo hospital.

Mr. Barnes, 20, died from injuries suffered in a fall from the rear of a pickup on the south access road near Interstate 20 exit ramp, west of Merkel.

Funeral service is set for 10 a.m. Wednesday in the Merkel First Baptist Church with Jimmy Griffith and Johnny Sheffield officiating. Burial will follow in Rose Hill Cemetery in Merkel with Starbuck Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Born Nov. 14, 1979 in Abilene, Mr. Barnes had lived in Merkel most of his life, graduating from Merkel High School in 1999. He was active in F.F.A. for four years. He worked for Shadetree Construction and was a member of the Merkel First Baptist Church.

Other survivors include his father, Jerry Barnes of Abilene; his mother and stepfather, Jeannine and Edmon Merrifield of Possum Kingdom Lake; two sisters, Julie Barnes of Mineral Wells and Jeannifer Whitaker of Anson; his paternal grandmother, Irene Barnes of Merkel; a niece, Hadley Sue Whitaker; an uncle, David Thompson of Snyder; and two cousins, Trevor Thompson and Tate Thompson, both of Snyder.

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Senate to take new vote on hate-crimes

WASHINGTON (AP) — With fresh prodding from President Clinton, the Senate is having another go at expanding the list of hate crimes and giving federal prosecutors more leeway in bringing hate crime charges.

But while an almost identical bill was passed overwhelmingly by the Senate last year, this time it has touched off heated debate over whether the measure infringes on state and local powers of law enforcement.

Supporters cited the 1998 death in Jasper, Texas, of James Byrd, a 49-year-old black man, who was dragged behind a pickup truck; and the death, also in 1998, of Matthew Shepard, a 21-year-old homosexual University of Wyoming student, who died after being beaten into a coma and tied to a fence.

Neither state had a hate-crimes statute.

"Hate crimes are modern day lynchings," said Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., the principal sponsor. "They tear at the heart and soul of our country."

Kennedy's legislation was headed for a vote Tuesday as an amendment to an unrelated defense bill.

Clinton met with Byrd's family Monday in Houston and renewed his appeal for Senate passage. He also put in a few calls to wavering senators.

Byrd was dragged to death on a country road by a trio of white men.

"Crimes motivated by hate are really fundamentally different and I think should be treated differently under the law," Clinton said. "I ask all of you to stand up with this fine family. We have to pass this legislation."

The president cited FBI statistics that showed almost 8,000 hate crimes were reported in 1998, the latest year available.

The legislation would add offenses motivated by sexual orientation, sex or disability to the list of hate crimes already covered under a 1968 federal law.

It also would give federal prosecutors the option of pursuing a hate-crime case if local authorities refused to press charges.

Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, the Judiciary Committee chairman, was pressing a rival approach that would set up a $5 million-a-year fund at the Justice Department to help state and local authorities investigate and prosecute hate crimes.

His proposal also would authorize a federal study to see whether hate crimes were not being prosecuted by state and local authorities.

Forgery report filed Monday

Officers were called to Snyder National Bank shortly after 10 a.m. Monday to investigate a forgery.

Jose Vera reported another person cashed a check on her account without her permission. She declined to file charges at that time, but notified officers at 4:49 p.m. that she wished to file a report. An offense report for forgery was submitted.

Three subjects were arrested on Monday.

At 10:03 a.m., officers took a 40-year-old man into custody in the 400 block of Coliseum Drive for driving while license suspended.

A second subject was taken into custody at 1:23 p.m. for driving while license suspended. Officers arrested the 19-year-old man in the 3000 block of Avenue Y.

Public intoxication resulted in the arrest of a 70-year-old male at 4:49 p.m. Deputies took the man into custody 8.5 miles east of Snyder on Hwy. 180.

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Head start registration

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

Washington trip

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

Tennis boosters

Snyder High School Tennis Booster Club will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Texas Savings Bank meeting room. Parents of all high school and junior high tennis students are urged to attend.

FBC worship service

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

The Continentals in concert

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

Northeast reading night

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

Ira class reunion

Ira's classes of 1954 through 1957 will have a reunion Friday and Saturday. The exes will meet Friday evening at the Lota' Burger and at the Ira school at noon on Saturday. For more information, call Carolyn Cox at 573-7577 or Franklin Bryant at 573-2008. All exes and friends are invited to attend.

First Baptist VBS

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

American Legion officers

American Legion Post 181 will elect officers on Monday.

Volunteer training

Gateway Family Services will be offering a volunteer training class from 6-9 p.m. Monday at Gateway Family Service (formerly Noah Project). Please RSVP at 573-1822.

Bible study tapes

Bible study tapes air each week on Channel 2. Tapes to be shown at 7 p.m. Monday are "Bearing One Another's Burdens," followed by "Jews and Gentiles are One in Christ."

MAWC game day

Martha Ann Woman's Club luncheon and game day will be held June 28. Serving will begin at 11:30 a.m. and games of choice will follow. Reservations are needed by June 27. Call 573-3427.

55 Alive defensive driving

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

Rotary installation

Snyder Rotary Club's officer installation and awards banquet will be held at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, June 29, at the Wagon Wheel Ranch.

LVN class testing

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

GED exams

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

Computer courses

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

WTC basic education classes

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

Cancer treatment transportation

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

Pick 3

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

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