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Sunday morning...

Fire damages Legion hall

A fire at the American Legion Sunday morning caused a large amount of damage to the building's kitchen area and smoke damage to the rest of the building.

Interim fire chief Perry Westmoreland said a person notified sheriff's dispatchers at 8:48 a.m. that smoke was coming from the top of the building which is located at 1800 Ave. R.

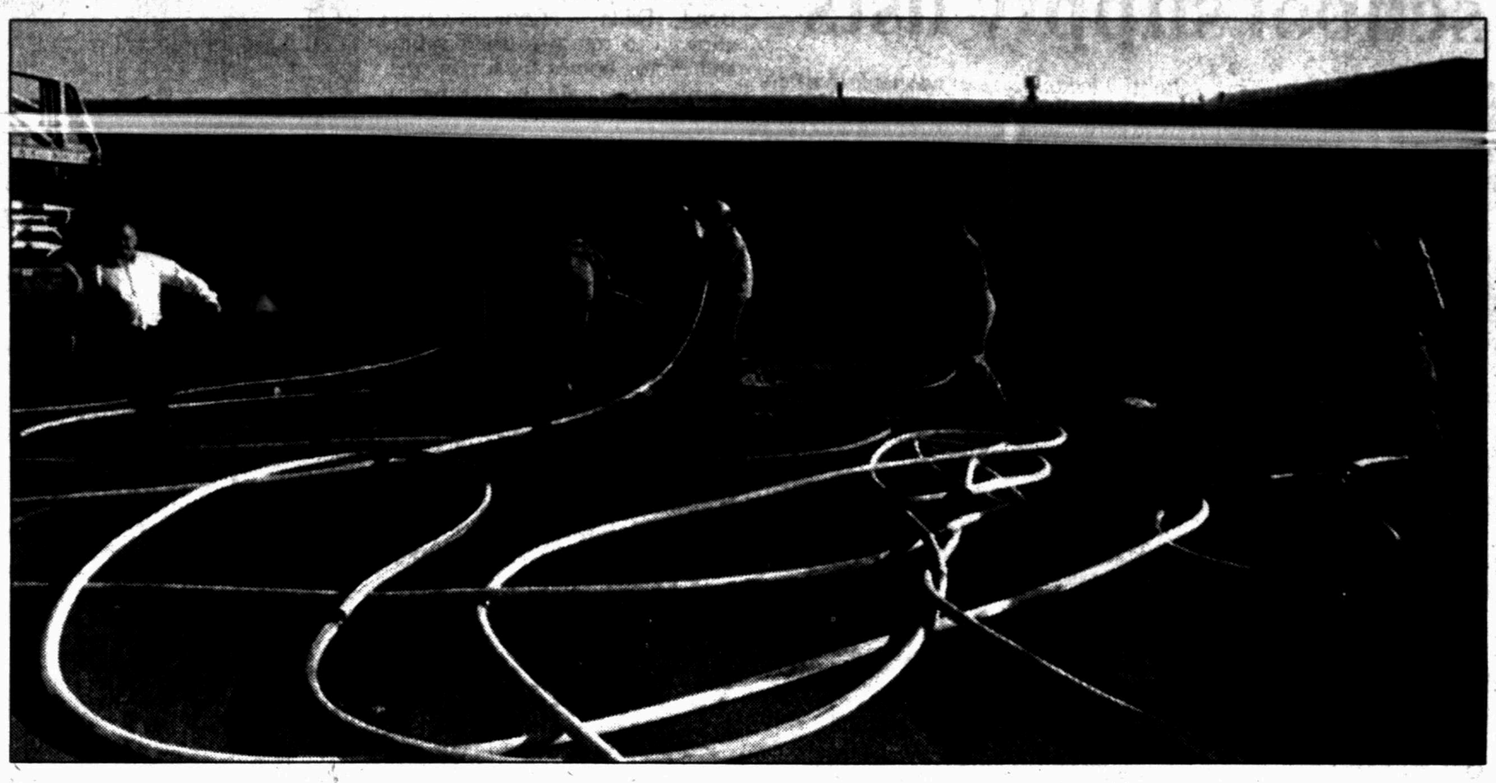
Three fire engines responded as did the department's ladder truck, and Westmoreland said the fire was out around 9:15 a.m.

The attic area of the building also suffered damage, said Westmoreland.

The department fought a grass fire Saturday afternoon that burned some 20 acres in the area of the 2800 block of the South Highway 84 access road.

The fire apparently started from sparks from a welder building a fence in that area.

In addition, a large number of railroad ties were damaged in the fire also as the fire spread south and over the railroad tracks.



SCRAMBLE — Quick response by the Snyder Fire Department Sunday morning helped keep the fire damage to the American Legion at a minimum. The fire was reported at 8:48 a.m. (SDN Staff Photo)

Ira ISD 'exemplary'...

TEA releases school ratings

From Local, Wire Reports

AUSTIN — A record number of school districts and campuses got top marks from the state this year as rating standards continued to be strengthened, Texas Education Commissioner Mike Moses said today.

"We raised the bar for Texas schools again this year. They not only met the challenge, most exceeded it," he said.

The number of school districts rated academically unacceptable increased by two from last year. But the number of low-performing campuses hit a record low.

Snyder ISD had four schools reach recognized status, while three were rated as acceptable.

Stanfield Elementary, Northeast Elementary, East Elementary and Central Elementary all received recognized status.

Snyder High School, Snyder Junior High and West Elementary were rated as acceptable.

Ira ISD received exemplary status, the only county school to do so.

Hermleigh ISD schools received an acceptable rating.

The district and campus rankings are based on student passing rates on the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills' reading, writing and math tests; dropout rates; and attendance.

The state looks not only at overall student performance but at specific student categories — black, white, Hispanic and economically disadvantaged.

"Improvement of this magnitude doesn't happen easily. This is a direct result of students, teachers and administrators working hard each and every school day to improve academic performance," Moses said.

The state's highest rating, exemplary, requires that at least 90 percent of all students and each student group pass each TAAS test subject.

Also, there must be a dropout rate of no more than 1 percent for all students and each student group, and an attendance rate of at least 94 percent.

A total of 120 school districts and 1,042 campuses were rated exemplary. That was up from 65 districts and 683 campuses last year.

The next tier, recognized, requires at least 80 percent of students and each student group pass the TAAS, up from 75 percent last year.

The dropout rate must be 3.5 percent or less, and attendance must be at least 94 percent.

A total of 328 school districts were recognized this year, compared with 321 last year. This year, 1,641 campuses were recognized, compared with last year's 1,617.

School districts rated academically unacceptable rose to six from four last year.

Another two districts were rated unacceptable due to special circumstances such as governance, management and finance. That's down from three last year.

Sixty campuses got the state's lowest rating, down from 67 last year.

For a school district or campus to be rated acceptable, at least 40 percent of all students and each student group must pass each TAAS section. That's up from 35 percent last year.

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

A total of 581 school districts and 3,310 campuses were rated acceptable this year. Last year, 650 districts and 3,679 campuses had that rating.

Besides results for the seven charter schools, the TEA said rankings would be released later for year-round campuses and alternative education schools rated under alternative procedures, and for some districts with year-round programs.

In split vote...

Hearing set on new voting box

In a split vote, Scurry County Commissioners Court voted three to one to hold a public hearing concerning setting up a new voting box in Precinct 1 when it met this morning in special session.

The hearing, set for 5 p.m. Aug. 17 at the Scurry County Health Unit, will allow the public to express its opinion on the additional box.

Precinct 2 Commissioner Roy Idom cast the lone descending vote.

Idom said he understood that there is only a mile difference between where voters currently vote and where the new box would be.

"I have questioned the advantage of this and my mind has not changed," he said.

In other action, the board unanimously approved to purchase a security system for the courthouse.

Steve Kirby from Secure Tech gave a presentation concerning the system.

The unit will consist of a central control box inside the courthouse with "panic buttons" located in strategic places throughout the building.

Kirby said the buttons are completely wireless and can be placed on chains.

The buttons, when hit, will relay a recorded message to the sheriff's office radio frequency advising of an emergency in a specific area of the courthouse.

Sheriff Darren Jackson was present at the meeting to give his support of the system, saying it is less intrusive than metal detectors or scanners.

"I believe it would be a good system for the courthouse. You never know when something can go wrong. We can look back at the shooting at the Capitol."

Precinct 4 Commissioner Jerry Gannaway also expressed his support of a security system saying, "I feel like we should have some kind of system. This looks like a good system and the sheriff approves it."

The buttons will be installed in the County and District Clerks offices, as those are places where citizens have been known to get upset.

County Judge Ricky Fritz said the clerks "have had to sneak off several times to call on upset or irrational people."

County Clerk Joan Bunch said, "I've worked in both offices and the system would be wonderful."

Cost of the entire security system will be $9,895 and the company will install it and train someone to maintain it.

It will be paid for from money in a county security fund, which currently has a balance of $12,075.

No tax dollars will be used, as that money is collected from filing fees.

In another item of new business, the court unanimously approved Dr. Gary Nussey as new county health officer.

Nussey fills the position which was left vacant upon Dr. Robert Pierce's resignation, effective Friday.

The court recessed at 10:30 and reconvened at 11 at Towle Park Pool.

Pool manager Mike Harrison requested the tour so commissioners could get a first-hand look at needed repairs.

"We made some patches the first of the swim season that had to do with plumbing, including the circulating pump and chlorinator," Fritz said. "Harrison wanted us to tour to see if we wanted to budget money for repair and replacement."

Any action would be taken later in budget sessions, Fritz said.

Commissioners also approved one line-item transfer, moving $45 in other equipment to dues to cover the increase in association dues for county and district clerks.

Fritz presided and all commissioners were present including Idom, Gannaway, Howard Limmer and Ralph Trevey.

City Council looks to set new tax rate

A number of agenda items are on tap for the Snyder City Council when it meets this evening at 6:30, including the first reading of ordinances setting the city's tax rate and making appropriations for the coming fiscal year.

The council is expected to set the rate at the effective tax rate of $.3896 which raises the same amount of money as last year's $.4021 per $100 valuation.

The council will also consider bids for a belt press for the city's waste water treatment system.

City Engineer Beverly Coots has said the city is in need of a system to eliminate the amount of accumulated sludge at the waste water facility, and a belt press system is her recommendation.

Two ordinances will be considered on first reading which will allow for zoning changes in two areas of Snyder, at 3401 Ave. T and on Avenue N and O on 20th and 21st Streets.

The council will also consider approval of the Development Corporation of Snyder's budget for 1998-99.

Four ordinances allowing for zoning changes are up for approval on their second reading tonight.

These include property behind the Shack restaurant for a proposed RV park, the 1900 block of 16th Street and a small tract of land on the south side of property on South College Avenue where a new senior housing development is to be built.

The other ordinance to be considered will prohibit parking on Beaumont Avenue between 37th and 38th Street during school days between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Public hearing set tonight at WTC on '98-99 budget

A public hearing on a proposed three-cent tax increase will be held at 7 tonight in the Western Texas College board room.

Purpose of the meeting is to give taxpayers an opportunity to express their views on the proposed 1998-1999 tax rate of $.3225, up from the current rate of $.2923.

There will be no vote on the proposed increase at the meeting, the only action will be to set and announce the date, time and place of the meeting at which the board will vote.

The meeting to vote on the rate must take place no less than three days and no more than 14 days after the public hearing.

The WTC administrative staff suggests that the vote take place at the regular business meeting scheduled next Monday, which is when the board is to adopt the budget and set the tax rate to fund it.

The higher tax rate is necessary because of decreasing values and also to fund a salary increase of two percent across the board plus $500 for all full-time employees.

At the July 13 regular business meeting, the board unanimously approved both the intent to raise the tax rate and the proposed budget, both without comment.

The budget totals $7,101,037, up from the 1997-98 budget of $6,924,417. Projected revenue is based on the .3225 tax rate.

Budget workshop...

Cogdell board meets Tuesday

Cogdell Memorial Hospital board of managers will meet Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock for a budget workshop.

The meeting will be held in the hospital's board room.

Early voting ends Tuesday

Voting was brisk this morning in the Snyder ISD bond election early voting as 89 early ballots were cast.

As of noon Monday, a total of 556 early ballots had been cast.

Early voting ends Tuesday at 5 p.m and the election is set for Saturday.

ASK US

Q—Are there any school districts in Texas starting earlier than Snyder.
A—Yes, we know of at least two. San Antonio and Plano schools started today.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Saturday, 101 degrees; low, 74; high Sunday, 101; low, 74; 7 a.m. Monday, 78; no precipitation; total for 1998, 5.75 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy; 20% chance of storms. Low, 70s. SW wind 10-20 mph. Tuesday, becoming mostly cloudy; 30% chance of storms. High, mid 90s. N wind 10-20 mph.



Linda De LaCruz
Mostly cloudy

Sunset: 8:38 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:02 a.m.
Of 214 days in 1998, the sun has shone 212 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

"My spelling is Wobbly. It's good spelling, but it Wobbles, and the letters get in the wrong places."

Winnie the Pooh

Forest fires force evacuation

BROKEN BOW, Okla. (AP) — It was fairly quiet at Bear Mountain Fire Complex early Saturday morning, with a fire that forced the evacuation of Beavers Bend Resort the day before believed to be 90 percent contained.

But, officials noted, it was quiet early Friday morning before 9-15 fires were started by one or more people. Investigators are continuing to search for those responsible for setting the fires.

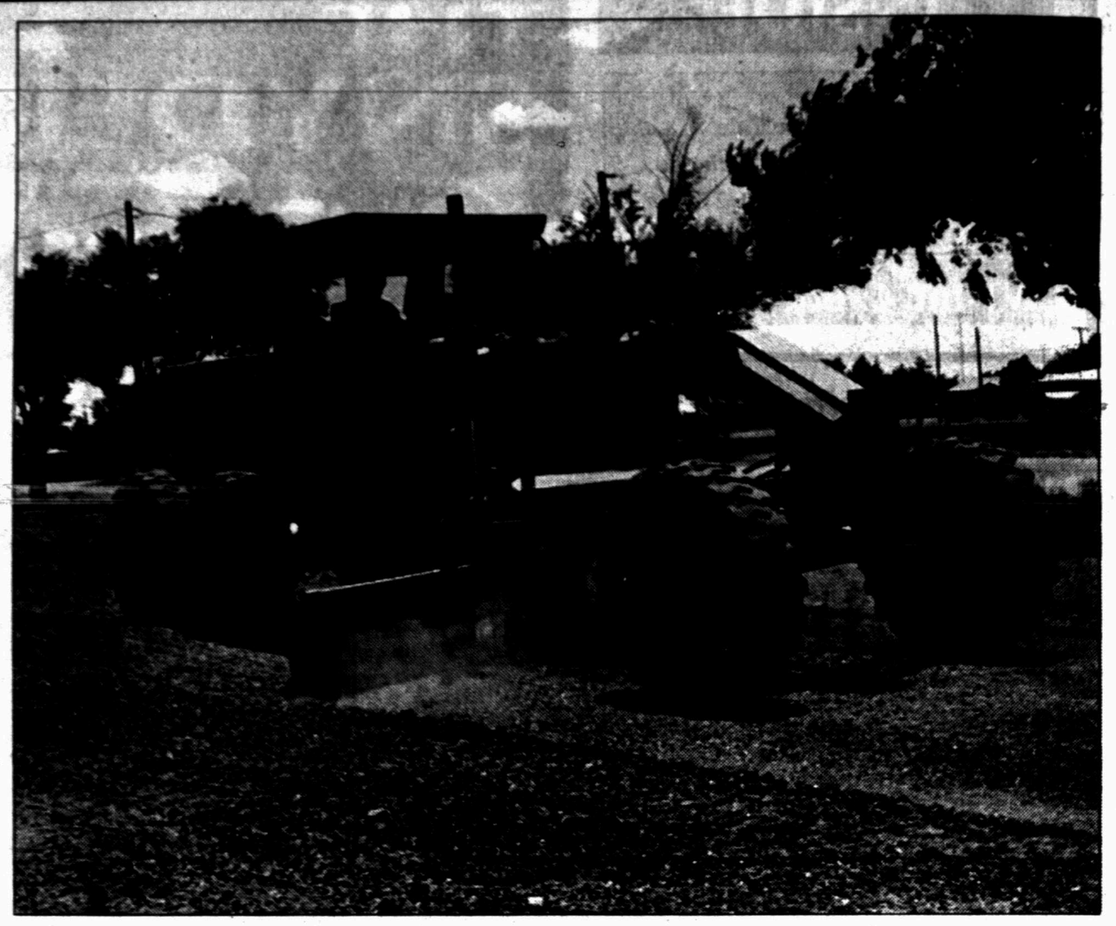
"The community is pretty outraged by this," Michelle Finch, information representative for the Oklahoma Forestry Service, said Saturday morning. "Everybody's tired and exhausted. Everybody just wants to get this thing handled."

Ms. Finch said tourists and campers evacuated from Beavers Bend Friday afternoon were allowed to return to their cabins and motor homes by 6 p.m. that evening. She said the evacuation had been precautionary and that the fire never seriously threatened the park.

Terry Walker, manager at the state park, said Friday that those evacuated were cooperative and understanding.

In addition to burning anywhere from 3,800 acres to 5,800 acres, Friday's fires destroyed a frame home in the Winship Prairie area of Eagletown. No one was injured.

Officials said Friday's fires erupted in a region where more than 8,300 acres in and around the Ouachita National Forest had burned since July 1. There were three major fires — one south of the park, one northwest of Eagletown and one north of Eagletown.



BLADING — Scurry County bladed the area in front of Hermleigh Elementary School where a bus shed will be built. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Central, Stanfield school supply lists

(Editor's Note: The school supply lists for Central and Stanfield were incorrectly listed in Sunday's SDN. What follows is the correct order.)

Central

Prekindergarten

Two boxes of basic 8 crayons
One box Crayola markers, washable
Two bottles Elmer's Glue
One box Kleenex
One box Ziploc bags, quart size
One box Ziploc bags, gallon size
One package small paper plates
Backpack
No school boxes
No scissors
Additional supplies will be requested later during the year.

First Grade

One big box crayons
one package #2 pencils
Scissors
Two large boxes Kleenex
Two big rectangular erasers
One clipboard
One plastic school box
Ruler, metric and inches
One box Ziploc bags
Two small Elmer's Glue Sticks
Two assorted pocket only folders

Kindergarten

Blunt scissors, left-handed if needed, Fiskars, metal blade
One package pencils, #2
One box Crayola brand jumbo crayons, 8 count, primary colors
One box Crayola brand regular crayons, 16 count (no neon or washable)
Two large glue sticks
One 2 oz. bottle Elmer's Glue
Package paper plates
One box Ziploc bags
Large box Kleenex
Large towel (no mats)
$5 for entire year for cooking and art supplies
Two large beginner pencils

Third Grade

No notebooks and no mechanical pencils
Two packages notebook paper, wide-ruled
Three 70-page spiral notebooks, wide-ruled
Large pink eraser
Elmer's School Glue
One box crayons, 24 count — no giant boxes
One pair Fiskars or Dura-Sharp pointed scissors
Ruler, metric and inches
Three large boxes Kleenex
One package (10-12) #2 pencils
Five folders with pockets and prongs:
1 blue, 1 yellow, 1 red, 1 green, 1 orange

Stanfield

Early Childhood

Two Elmer's Glue 8 oz.
Two Crayola crayons 8 count
One package 9-inch paper plates or one package 6-inch plates
One package of washable markers
One box Kleenex
One 25-count Ziploc bags, quart size
One beach towel
One wet wipes
One roll of 1-inch masking tape
One backpack
Please label each item

Prekindergarten

Two boxes of 16-count crayons (not jumbo)
One box Kleenex
One pair plastic safety scissors
Two bottles of Elmer's Glue (8 oz.)
One box Ziploc bags (not pleated)
Crayon Washable markers
One zippered backpack with easy opening
Boys: one package 9-inch white paper plates, 50 count
Girls: One package of 6-inch white paper plates, 50 count

Kindergarten

Crayon washable markers (primary colors, broad tip)
Crayons, regular size, 16 count
Two #2 pencils
Elmer's School Glue (4 oz.)
Two glue sticks
School box (preferably plastic)
Scissors
One package freezer Ziploc bags
One box colored map pencils, 12 count
One large box of Kleenex
Backpack or tote bag
Towel, washable (no plastic mats)

First grade

Two boxes of crayons (primary colors, 16 count)
One package #2 pencils
Scissors (sharp point)
Elmer's Glue (white, not gel)
Two glue sticks
Eraser
School box (preferably plastic)
Crayon washable markers (primary colors, broad tip)
Two spiral notebooks, wide-ruled, 70 pages
One pocket folder
One large box Kleenex
Water colors
One small package of map colors
Backpack or totebag

Second Grade

Large box of crayons, 48 count
One box markers, crayon washable, 8 count
One package #2 pencils
Two red grading pens
Elmer's Glue (white, not gel)
Two glue sticks
Two spiral notebooks, wide-ruled, 70 pages
Notebook paper, wide-ruled, 300 count
Two large plastic zipper bags pencil bag
Scissors (sharp point)
Two folders with pockets
Ruler with inches and metric
Floppy plastic 3-inch binder
Eraser (not art gum or pencil top)
Tote bag or backpack
Two large boxes Kleenex

Cutting fat wrong way can be dangerous

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — Dieters, beware! If you're trying to shed pounds simply by cutting fat, you're risking cancer, heart disease and other health problems if you don't balance your diet to include crucial nutrients found in other foods.

Women, who tend to watch their waistlines more than men, more often fall into the low-fat trap, particularly if they're cutting fat grams by munching on reduced-fat goodies rather than carrot sticks, nutrition experts say.

"They'll eat these snack foods, where they ought to be eating (fresh vegetables and fruit rich in) vitamins and minerals," says Paul A. Lachance, professor of food science and executive director of the Nutraceuticals Institute at Rutgers University.

Cutting fat and cholesterol reduces risk of heart disease and diabetes. But the catch is that nutrient-poor diets also are associated with heart disease and diabetes, along with osteoporosis, cancers of the digestive tract, colon and other organs, and birth defects.

"Simply reducing fat intake does not achieve what I would call a healthful diet," said Eileen Kennedy, deputy undersecretary for research, education and economics with the U.S. Department of Agriculture. "It's not just what you don't eat, it's what you do eat."

Despite "the national obsession with lowering fat intakes," most people do not meet government-recommended dietary guidelines, the department reported after its most recent survey on Americans' eating habits.

The guidelines center on the Food Guide Pyramid — the agency's recommendation to limit fats, oils and sweets while eating five to nine daily servings of fruits and vegetables. But survey after survey shows few people follow its suggestions.

"The National Cancer Institute says to eat five as a minimum," Lachance says. "We're not even getting 80 percent of people to do that."

The one message the public has heard is about fat — that less than 30 percent of daily calories come from fat and less than 10 percent from saturated fats. USDA surveys show the average American got 42 percent of calories from fat in 1965, dropping to about 32 percent by 1995.

The problem is in how people cut fat.

If they switch to leaner meats, skim milk and whole grains, and snack on fruits and raw vegetables instead of junk food, they should improve their overall health.

But many people load up on reduced-fat cookies, potato chips and cakes, mistakenly believing "they have a license to eat as much as they want," says registered dietitian Cindy Moore, a spokeswoman for the American Dietetic Association. They end up with too many calories and too few vitamins and minerals.

Some surveys have found 90 percent of women are missing important nutrients, says Susan Trimbo, director of nutritional sciences at Madison-based Whitehall-Robins, maker of Centrum vitamins.

The company suggests dieters take multivitamins. But some experts warn that vitamins don't provide all the benefits found in balanced diets, and excessive pill-taking can overload a person with too much of a good thing.

"We're finding literally hundreds of chemicals (in foods) that have beneficial properties, and those chemicals aren't necessarily found in a multivitamin," said Moore, director of nutrition therapy at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation.

Those substances include phytochemicals and antioxidants shown to reduce risk of cancer, and flavonoids, chemicals found in onions, citrus fruits, apples, grapes and wine, that may prevent damage to blood vessels.

Several studies have shown that although eating yellow and green vegetables — rich in beta carotene — helps ward off cancer and heart disease, taking beta carotene supplements does not.

Lachance notes, however, that data show vitamin-takers generally get more of the required nutrients than others.

Berry's World



"I'll accept the CEO position on the condition that my obscenely high pay package has no relation to the company's performance."

Austin eyes shops protest

AUSTIN (AP) — Austin officials this week will consider a protest filed against recommendations regarding retail shops at the city's new airport.

A company that won the city's backing last spring to operate gift shops and bookstores at Austin's new airport, but then lost in a reconsideration last week, says the selection process was unfair.

News & Gift Shops International-Austin Joint Venture filed a protest last week over the city's new recommendation that two other companies run the shops. A hearing is set for today, and the City Council will consider the contracts Wednesday.

If the protest is ruled valid, it could delay the facility's scheduled opening on May 1, 1999.

The city's airport advisory board last week accepted recommendations that Paradies-Austin JV and CA One Services Inc. receive contracts to operate stores at the new airport. Those contracts will bring in almost $30 million over five years, with $4 million going to the city.

But three members of the board said they weren't comfortable with the evaluation process. Jeff Sailer, president of News & Gift Shops, agreed.

Oil Patch News

Scurry County

Sharp Image Energy has completed the No. 2-A northeast Ira unit in the Tri-Rue field, two miles north of Ira. The well was finaled to produce 107 barrels of oil and no water. Perforations were from 7,007-009 feet, and location is in Section 137, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Mitchell County

Pioneer Natural Resources has completed the No. 419 Mary Foster in the Iatan East Howard field, nine miles southwest of Westbrook. The well was finaled to produce 21 barrels of oil and no water. Perforations were from 3,018-336 feet, and location is in Section 8, Block 29, T1S, T&P survey.

Pioneer Natural has completed the No. 354 Mary Foster in the Iatan East Howard field, nine miles southwest of Westbrook. The well was completed to produce 20 barrels of oil and no water. Perforations were from 2,857-3,114 feet, and location is in Section 8, Block 29, T1S, T&P survey.

Pioneer Natural has completed the No. 348 Mary Foster in the Iatan East Howard field, nine miles southwest of Westbrook. The well was completed to produce 25 barrels of oil and 30 barrels of water. Perforations were from 2,402-716 feet, and location is in Section 7, Block 29, T1S, T&P survey.

Pioneer Natural has completed the No. 375 Mary Foster in the Iatan East Howard field, nine miles southwest of Westbrook. The well was finaled to produce one barrel of oil and three barrels of water. Perforations were from 2,870-3,039 feet, and location is in Section 7, Block 29, T1s, T& survey.

Garza County

IP Petroleum Company has completed the No. 1-57A Aldredge in the Rocker A field, 10 miles southeast of Post. The well was finaled to produce 184 barrels of oil and 299 barrels of water. Perforations were from 8,002-012 feet, and location is in Section 57, Block 6, H&GN survey.

Patterson Petroleum Inc. will drill the No. 2 Brothers Horizon Unit in the Happy field, 10 miles south of Post. Planned for a depth of 5,100 feet, location is in Section 31, Block 2, T&NO survey.

Datebook

Aug. 3, 1998

Today is the 215th day of 1998 and the 44th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1492, Christopher Columbus set sail from Palos, Spain, on the voyage that would take him to the New World.

On this day in 1921, baseball commissioner Kenesaw Landis refused to reinstate the Chicago White Sox players implicated in the Chicago Black Sox Scandal.

On this day in 1984, Mary Lou Retton won a gold medal in women's gymnastics at the Los Angeles Olympics.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Rupert Brooke (1887-1915), poet; Delores Del Rio (1908-1983), actress; Leon Uris (1924-), writer, is 74; Tony Bennett (1926-), singer, is 72; Martin Sheen (1940-), actor, is 58; John Landis (1950-), director, is 48; Marcel Dionne (1951-), hockey star, is 47.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1894, Philadelphia's Billy Hamilton stole seven bases in one game.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Liberty of thought is the life of the soul." — Voltaire

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1988, lightning evidently set off the fire alarms in a Fort Collins, Colo., office building. Sixteen people who were trapped outside the building were hurt by hail.

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TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (July 31) and full moon (August 7).

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Community Calendar

MONDAY

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.

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 Dept. Auxiliary; Central Fire 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

First Presbyterian Church Women's Group; 12:30 p.m.

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

THURSDAY

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 at 6 p.m.

Deep Creek Chapter ABWA; The Shack; 7 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

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

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

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

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointments; 573-9742 or 573-2763.

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

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HELPING MOM — When Lori Williamson, Hermleigh first grade teacher, hung curtains in her classroom last week, she received a helping hand from sons, Aaron, center, and Jordan. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Alan Shepard, first American in space, honored by NASA

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — In a heartfelt memorial, the four remaining members of the Mercury program paid tribute Saturday to Alan B. Shepard Jr., who led them and all of America into space.

"Alan Shepard was many things," said Sen. John Glenn. "He was a patriot, he was a leader, he was a competitor, a fierce competitor. He was a hero. Most importantly to us, he was a close friend."

Mercury 7 astronauts Glenn, Scott Carpenter, Walter Schirra and Gordon Cooper were among more than 850 people attending the Johnson Space Center ceremony punctuated by tearful humor. It ended with a flyover salute by training jets in the "missing man" formation.

"The brotherhood we have will endure forever," Schirra said in a choked-up voice. "I'll make it, I know that."

Shepard was 74 when he died in his sleep July 21 while being treated for leukemia at a Monterey, Calif., hospital.

He was the third member of America's seven original astronauts to die; preceded by Donald K. "Deke" Slayton, who died of a brain tumor in 1993, and Virgil I. "Gus" Grissom, who died in the Apollo I fire in 1967.

It was Shepard's 15-minute flight on May 5, 1961, aboard the Freedom 7 Mercury spacecraft that established the United States' presence in space.

Ten years later, after overcoming a serious inner-ear disorder that affected his balance for six years, Shepard returned to space on the Apollo mission aimed at landing a man on the moon. He commanded the Apollo 14 on Jan. 31, 1971.

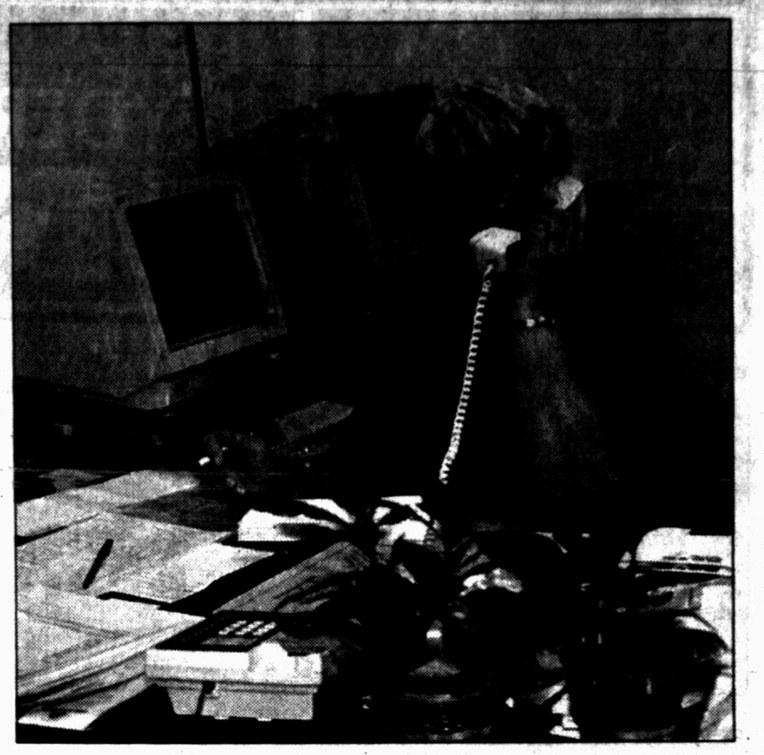
He is one of 12 people to have walked on the moon, and the only one to have driven a golf ball from the lunar surface.

His colleagues vividly remembered Shepard's no-nonsense zest for life, America, his family and devilish penchant for speed — particularly behind the wheel of his beloved Corvette.

"We raced many miles in identical Corvettes," Cooper told the crowd, then looked straight ahead, as if joking to his late friend: "I'm sorry Al, but I never told you that I changed the ratio in the differential. You really weren't any less a driver, it's just that I cheated a little."

Then Cooper became more serious.

"Now you're up there in that big hangar in the sky," Cooper said. "We miss you, Al. We'll be there before long, and we'll try some of that flying ourselves."



PREPARATIONS — Wilma Penn, a secretary at Snyder Junior High School, answers questions about the new school year which begins Aug. 12. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Disasters show holes in 'Freedom to Farm'

WASHINGTON (AP) — When drought or harsh winter weather struck in the past, a federal program stood ready to help cattle producers buy feed and keep their herds together.

Like so much of the old farm safety net, however, that program ran dry after passage in 1996 of the Republican "Freedom to Farm" law. It managed to stay on life support for the last two years, because the Agriculture Department sold 44 million bushels of grain to raise $134 million for helping ranchers weather several disasters.

Now the money is gone. Producers in Texas, Oklahoma, the Dakotas and elsewhere are beginning to liquidate herds because they lack the money to purchase feed or because pastures and hay are ruined.

"Unless Congress gives me the money, we don't have any resources to deal with this problem," Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman said during last week's tour of drought-ravaged Texas and Oklahoma.

Two years after passage of the free-market farm program reforms, this year's disasters coupled with depressed overall farm income are demonstrating why some critics have labeled the law "Freedom to Fail." There appear to be holes in the safety net.

"The farm bill is our problem," said Harold "Tooter" Pruett, who raises crops and cattle on his 1,500-acre spread near Decatur, Texas. "We're not asking for a handout. We just want to be on a level playing field."

Crop insurance is another big issue. Enacted to replace disaster assistance once regularly doled out by Congress, it doesn't work in places where calamities have happened several years in a row because policies are based on past crop yields.

If yields drop, so does the available coverage. And if a farmer takes advantage of the 1996 law's flexibility to plant something completely new, insurers wait a few years until the crop is established before they are willing to cover it.

Both dilemmas affect how much a banker is willing to lend. When another disaster hits such a farmer — little or no insurance and not enough available cash — it can mean the end.

"Crop insurance does not work very well," Glickman said. "Agriculture is not very well-protected against acts of God."

Some Democrats on Capitol Hill and many farmers want to reopen "Freedom to Farm" by returning some of the traditional government price supports and production controls. They say the consequences of this year's income reductions and natural disasters will mean fewer family farms and more land controlled by big entities.

"The 1996 farm bill is clearly not up to the task of providing a safety net for farmers," said Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa. "As each day passes, more and more farmers are facing financial disaster."

Senate Republicans were able to defeat an effort by Democrats last month to lift the caps on loan rates for corn, soybeans and grain, which would have boosted the minimum price paid to farmers.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



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♣ K Q 9 4 2	
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♦ K 9 6	♦ J 10 5 3 2
♣ A 10 7	♣ 6 3
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♠ 9 8 2	
♥ A K Q J 9 6	
♦ 8	
♣ J 8 5	

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Dealer: West

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3 ♥	Pass	3 NT	Pass
4 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

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Josephine selected the spade *four* as her opening salvo: three, 10, two. Ely switched to the club six. After winning with her ace, Josephine continued with the spade five. There was a considerable pause while Sims chose his play. Eventually, though, he got it wrong, asking for dummy's jack. Ely grabbed the trick with the queen and returned a spade to his partner's ace: one down.

The match generated much media interest. The next day, Sims said to the press, "I didn't expect Josephine to underlead the same ace twice, especially against an expert who is so well-known for his ability to make the correct guess in such situations."

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Leading and defending famously

By Phillip Alder

David Bird has put out the third book in the excellent series started with Terence Reese (who died last year), "Famous Leads and Defences" (Gollancz). It contains 60 deals, many of which you will recognize if you read all the literature (except, I'm sure, number 23). But in each case you are given a chance to find the killing play yourself, before turning the page to see the full layout.

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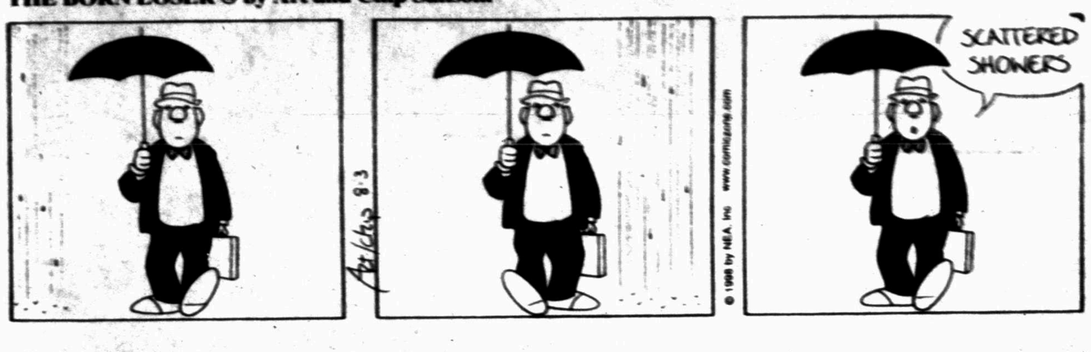
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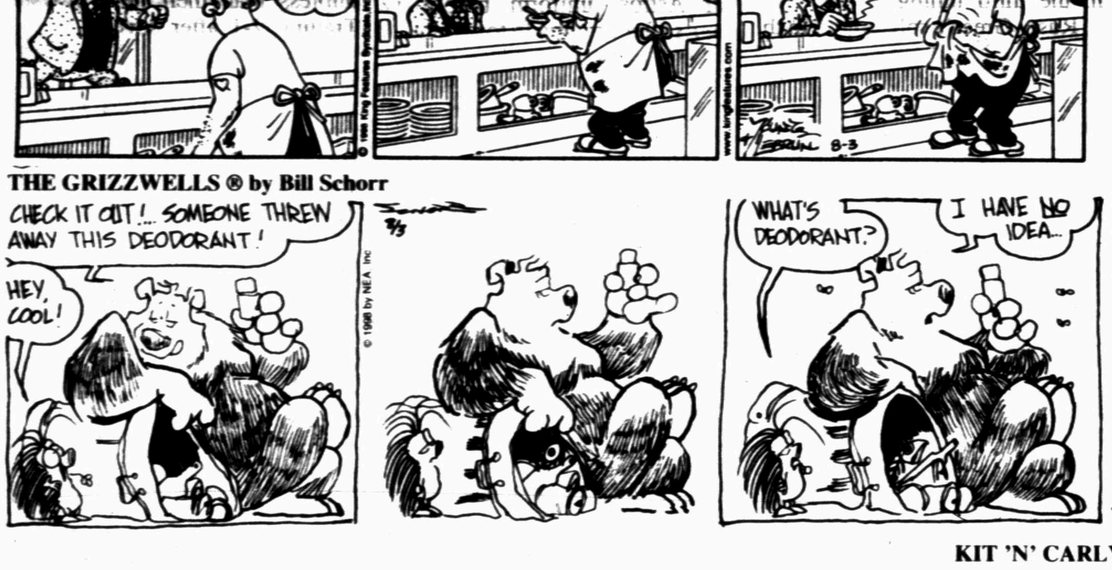
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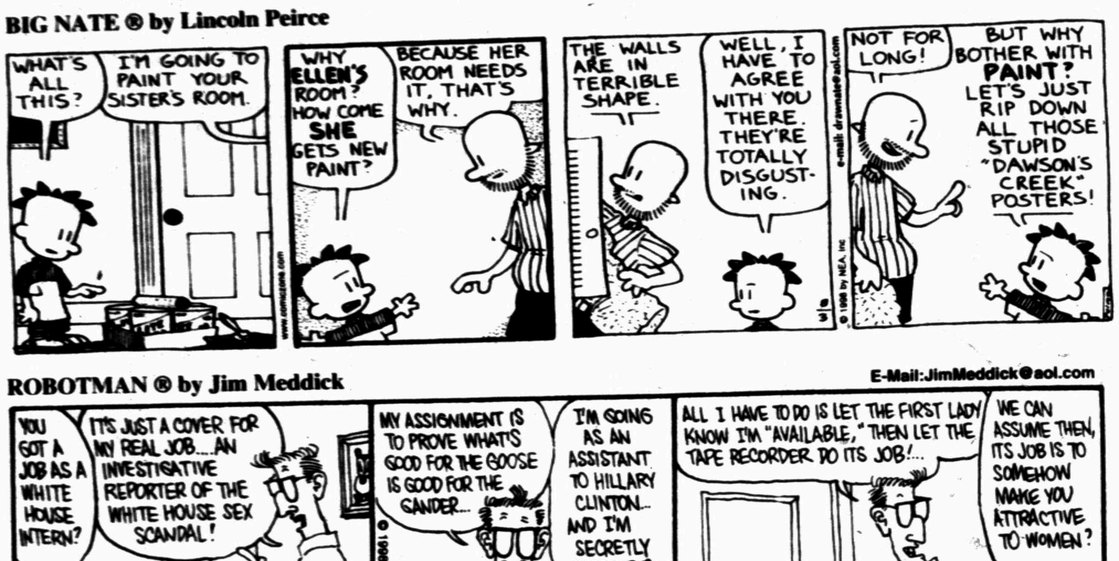
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7 Dress
13 Type of stew
14 Greasier
15 Pina — (bar order)
16 Waver
17 First number
18 On the — (punctual)
20 Psyche parts
21 Word used after group or physical
25 President Nixon
28 Fable writer
32 Covered with white flakes
33 Pounds down
34 Type of infection
35 Elms and oaks
36 Juan's father
37 Ferocious
39 Harsh rule
41 Gab
44 Picnic pest
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48 Large cat
51 Eight-armed creatures
54 Not ready to be picked
55 Chewy candy
56 Income from housing
57 A being

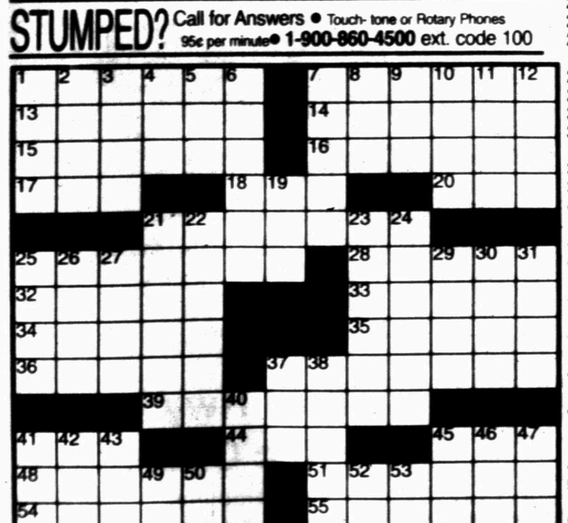
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7 Terra —
8 Fib
9 Spanish cheer
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11 Obey
12 Goofs
19 Fort —, Calif.
21 Frustrate
22 Actress Mills
23 1970 Oscar movie
24 Annually
25 Inv. inits.
26 Freshwater porpoise
27 Heavy string
29 Type of duck
30 Not shut
31 Attention-getting sound
37 Moving truck
38 Chant
40 Badgerlike mammal
41 Part of BYOB
42 Teen's problem
43 Composer Jerome —
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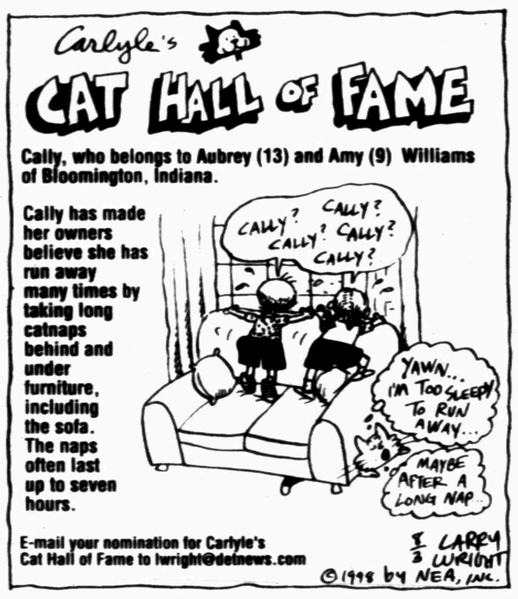
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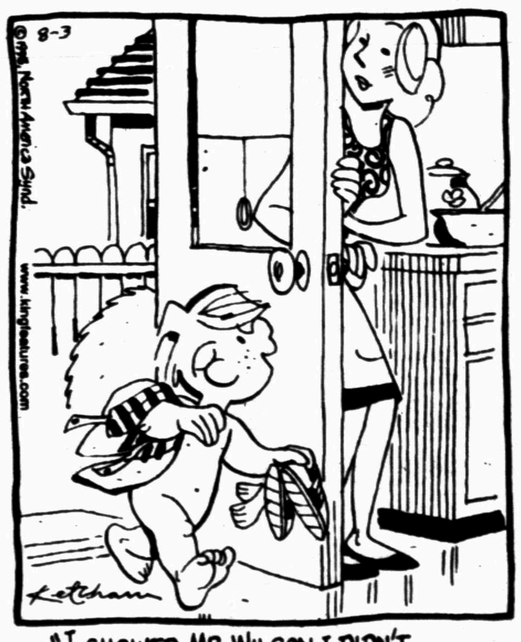


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SPORTS

Armstrong, Lowrance top Raggedy Ann field

The play of David Armstrong and Brooke Lowrance was anything but "raggedy."

Armstrong and Lowrance fired an opening-round 12-under par 60 on Saturday. Then to prove it was no fluke, the duo closed with a 61 Sunday to claim the title of the Raggedy Ann & Andy Golf Tournament at Snyder Country Club.

The Armstrong-Lowrance team won the two-day scramble event by two strokes over Randy and Daysha Weaver, who matched the champs' 61 in the final round after opening with a 62.

Brent and Lisa Beck, who were tied with the Weaver tandem after Saturday, finished with a 63 to take third place in the championship flight.

With five teams within two strokes of each other following first round action in the president's flight, Mike and Karon Martinsen broke free of the pack with a 64 on Sunday to nab the top spot.

The Martinsen's tourney total of 133 was two shots better than runners-up Able and Pam Alvarez. Toby and Lane Foster took third place in the flight with a 136.

Darrel and Joy Blassingame posted the first flight's only sub-70 round as the duo fired a 7-under par 65 on Sunday to take the top spot at 135.

Mike Owen and Jan Devaney finished six shots off the pace in second at 141, with Burns and Ginalu Hamilton nabbing third with a 143.

Thirty-six holes weren't enough to crown a winner in the second flight, as three teams finished at 150.

Neil and Mary Jane Bradshaw outlasted the field, notching the title on the third playoff hole. Dick and Anita Sheffield were runners-up, while O.L. and Dorothy Schuch took third.

In the third flight, Don Sasser and Lauren Caldwell closed the tourney with a 70, shaving nine strokes off their opening-round effort to finish atop the standings.

Ronnie and Keren Crawford notched second place at 156, with Gene and Kim Doss placing third with a 159.

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Championship flight: David Armstrong/Brooke Lowrance, 60-61--121; Randy Weaver/Daysha Weaver, 62-61--123; Brent Beck/Lisa Beck, 62-63--125; Ernie Armstrong/Amy Armstrong, 62-66--128; Ronny Aldridge/Sherry Aldridge, 64-64--128; Alton Patterson/Penny Perry, 65-63--128; Jack Birdwell/Jennifer Birdwell, 67-65--132; Ronny Houston/Lisa Houston, 67-66--133; Randy Addison/Becky Addison, 65-68--133.

President's flight: Mike Martinsen/Karon Martinsen, 69-64--133; Able Alvarez/Pam Alvarez, 70-65--135; Toby Foster/Lane Foster, 69-67--136; John Greene/Carolyn Greene, 68-70--138; Doug Harrison/Lisa Harrison, 71-69--140; Bob Palmer/Debbie Palmer, 69-72--141; John Reed/Suzy Reed, 69-74--143; Eickie Perry/Sharon Hughes, 73-70--143; Joe Jackson/Cynthia Jackson, 74-77--151.

First flight: Darrel Blassingame/Joy Blassingame, 70-65--135; Mike Owen/Jan Devaney, 71-70--141; Burns Hamilton/Ginalu Hamilton, 70-72--142; Mike McLeod/Peggy Hardin, 70-73--143; Ken Stubbs/Carolyn Stubbs, 71-72--143; Wayne Hogan/Wanda Hogan, 72-71--143; Wes Key/Minnie Ola Stewart, 71-74--145; Pete Greene/Judy Moss, 67-79--146; James Leary/Janys Leary, 73-73--146; Ron Butler/Judy Butler, 72-75--147; Jay Guelker/Esther Guelker, 72-77--149; Jim Petty/Sharon McWhorter, 73-77--150.

Second flight: Neil Bradshaw/Mary Jane Bradshaw, 75-75--150; Dick Sheffield/Anita Sheffield, 76-74--150; O.L. Schuch/Dorothy Schuch, 76-74--150; Steve Olsen/Shanna Freeman, 77-76--153; Freddie Everton/Lanita Everton, 77-77--154; John Fagin/Martha Fagin, 75-80--155; Jimmy Williams/Phyliss Williams, 77-79--156; Monty Wilkerson/Vicki Wilkerson, 78-79--157; Dutch Stehley/Donna Stehley, 78-79--157.

Third flight: Don Sasser/Lauren Caldwell, 79-70--149; Ronnie Crawford/Keren Crawford, 81-75--156; Gene Doss/Kim Doss, 79-80--159; Mike Tyrrell/Norma Thompson, 79-80--159; Keith Matthies/Temi Matthies, 79-81--160; Pres Shepard/Linda Shepard, 81-79--160; Don Sealy/Gwen Sealy, 79-82--161; Jake Dukes/Linda Dukes, 81-81--162; Rex Robinson/Marsha Robinson, 81-81--162; Jim Griswold/Jill Griswold, 83-87--170; Bill Seale/Finnie Seale, 86-85--171.

Gailey unimpressed with opener

By The Associated Press

Rating his debut as head coach of the Dallas Cowboys, Chan Gailey gave himself a minus-one.

"Not very good," he said after watching tapes of a one-point exhibition loss to the Seattle Seahawks. "We lost and that's how you are judged. I was doing the best I could to win."

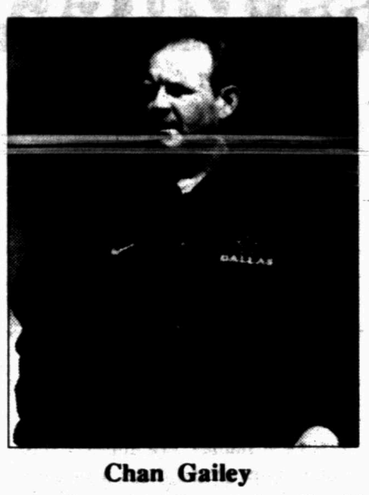
Gailey, who called games from the press box as Pittsburgh's offensive coordinator, said it was a change for him to be on the field.

"There was an adjustment I had to make," he said.

For the first time, the Cowboys' coaches used wireless microphones, and Gailey said, "I kept trying to tug on a long wire that wasn't there."

As for his players, he found them lacking a bit as well in the 20-19 loss on Friday night at Texas Stadium.

"We made too many mistakes



Chan Gailey

even for a preseason game," said Gailey, hired to replace Barry Switzer following a 6-10 season.

Dallas was flagged three times for 12 men on the field and also gave up a 33-yard pass-interference penalty in what proved to be Seattle's game-winning touchdown drive in the third quarter.

"We're going to get that straightened out," Gailey said of penalties for the extra man.

He attributed that to typical preseason confusion.

"I hope that's not going to happen anymore. It wasn't just one player. It was different people at different times."

Gailey said what confused some of his younger players was the different defenses the Cowboys were running, including "the nickel, the dime, the heavy and the goal-line."

"We also got some guys hurt and that added to the confusion," he said. "It's my fault we didn't adjust to all that."

Not that Gailey was completely unimpressed by his new team. The Cowboys played their starters only in the first period and Gailey said both units did a good job.

"Our first team defense played the run well and the secondary looked good," Gailey said. "Our first team offense did fairly well, not great."

Gailey said it was a comfort to see Chris Warren have a big game after Emmitt Smith sustained a minor elbow injury. Warren scored a touchdown and rushed for 32 yards on six carries.

"We have a great deal of confidence now that we can still keep running the ball if something happens to Emmitt," Gailey said.

In Sunday night practice, defensive tackle Antonio Anderson injured his right knee and is to undergo an MRI on Monday.

Wide receiver Jimmy Oliver, who had missed a week while recuperating from a pulled hamstring, returned to practice.

The Cowboys worked out for an estimated crowd of 12,500 at the stadium where there was free admission.

The Cowboys play their second game of the preseason next Saturday night in Texas Stadium against Oakland after a Thursday scrimmage in El Paso against the Raiders.

Zeile, Clayton prospering in Rangers' batting order

ARLINGTON (AP) — Now that Todd Zeile has better hitters following him in the lineup, he's getting better pitches to hit. And he's taking advantage of it.

Zeile homered for the second time in as many games with Texas, and Aaron Sele pitched eight strong innings as the Rangers routed the Chicago White Sox 12-3 Sunday night.

Zeile, acquired from Florida on Friday, connected during a four-run fourth and went 2-for-2 with three walks. In two games with the Rangers, he is 5-6 with three walks, two homers and four RBIs.

"I've got dangerous hitters in front and in back of me," said Zeile, who batted between Will Clark and Lee Stevens. "In Florida they pitched me differently. I have more confidence because of the protection I have here."

The Rangers have been energized by the addition of their newcomers — Zeile and shortstop Royce Clayton.

Clayton went went 2-for-5 with a double, an RBI and a run scored. He is 3-for-9 with two RBIs in the two games with his new team.

Coupled with Anaheim's 8-7 loss to Boston, Texas took a one-game lead in the AL West.

Sele (13-8) allowed six of the first nine batters he faced to reach base, but retired nine of 10 during one stretch from the second inning to the fourth. He allowed three runs and 10 hits, struck out two and walked two.

Stevens and Ivan Rodriguez drove in three runs apiece for Texas. Stevens hit a two-run homer, his 15th, to break a 2-2 tie in the third inning.

Rusty Greer's solo homer in the eighth extended Texas' lead to 10-3 as the Rangers hit four homers. Stevens added an RBI single later in the inning.

Magglio Ordonez had four hits for the White Sox, matching his career-high.

Weary Johnson posts 12 K's in Astro debut

PITTSBURGH (AP) — He left Seattle only hours before, and now he was sleepless in Pittsburgh. He had jet lag, some nervousness and no knowledge of the hitters he was about to face or the team whose uniform he now wore.

Maybe it was because the Houston Astros gave up so much to get him that Randy Johnson was so anxious to be one of them. To be part of a pennant race that his presence alters.

Johnson pulled on his unfamiliar Astros' uniform barely 12 hours after arriving in town, shook hands with his new catcher, took a crash course on the Pirates' hitters, then went out and gave his new team everything it wanted.

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Traded by Seattle only 36 hours earlier in a blockbuster deal that might shift the balance of power in the NL, Johnson struck out 12 in seven innings Sunday to beat the Pirates 6-2 in a memorable, if exhausting, Astros debut.

"It's nice to get the win," said Johnson, who immediately becomes the dominating starter the Astros have lacked since Nolan Ryan left. "It puts the team at ease a little bit."

For a while, it looked like the Astros were more anxious to impress than their new pitcher. Trailing 2-1 after seven innings against journeyman Todd Van Poppel, they were threatening to ruin Johnson's otherwise memorable debut.

But what the Astros couldn't do against Van Poppel, they quickly did against reliever Jason Christiansen (1-2), scoring four times in an eighth inning keyed by Ricky Gutierrez's two-run double to make Johnson a winner in his first NL start in nearly 10 years.

"I felt our hitters were a little overanxious until then," Astros manager Larry Dierker said. "Everybody was trying so darn hard to get him a bunch of runs and to get him a win to get him started."

Johnson's first pitching line for Houston: 7 innings, 6 hits, including rookie Aramis Ramirez's solo homer, 2 runs, 1 walk, 12 strikeouts.

Sports Briefs

SCC scramble and MGA

A members' scramble is held each Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at Snyder Country Club. At 5:30 p.m. each Thursday, the Men's Golf Association has a 9-hole event. The Thursday format varies.

Hunting permits

Applications for hunting permits on the O.H. Ivie Reservoir WMA are being accepted through Aug. 15. For more information, contact the Colorado River Municipal Water District at (915) 267-6341.

Kiwanis tournament

The Kiwanis Golf Tournament, benefitting the Hubert and Mary Cargile Scholarship Fund, will be Saturday at Western Texas College.

Format will be a four-person scramble with cash prizes awarded to the top four teams. Entry fee is $30 per person and the field is limited to 24 teams.

There will be closest to the hole and longest drive contests, as well as a $10,000 prize for a hole-in-one.

For more information, contact Russell Fisk at 573-3438 or 573-3267, or call Melanie or Linda at 573-4041.

WGA play day

The Women's Golf Association of Snyder Country Club will hold its Tuesday play day beginning at 9 a.m. Format will be most net pars on front nine. Couples play will be held Friday at 5:30 p.m.

Blowout Partnership

The 10th annual Blowout Partnership will be held Aug. 15-16 at Snyder Country Club. Format is a two-man lowball. Field is limited to the first 64 teams and entry fee is $300 per team.

Cash prizes in each flight will be $800 for first, $600 for second and $500 for third place. There will be shotgun starts at 8 a.m. and 1 p.m.

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American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
NewYork	77	28	.733	-
Boston	65	44	.596	14
Baltimore	56	55	.505	24
Toronto	56	56	.500	24½
TampaBay	43	65	.398	35½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	62	48	.564	-
Minnesota	51	58	.468	10½
KansasCity	49	61	.445	13
Chicago	47	62	.431	14½
Detroit	46	63	.422	15½

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Texas	59	51	.536	-
Anaheim	58	52	.527	1
Oakland	50	60	.455	9
Seattle	49	61	.445	10

Saturday's Games

N.Y. Yankees 5, Seattle 2
Boston 11, Anaheim 3
Oakland 6, Cleveland 5, 10 innings
Detroit 8, Tampa Bay 0
Kansas City 9, Baltimore 5
Toronto 10, Minnesota 9
Texas 8, Chicago White Sox 1

Sunday's Games

Detroit 3, Tampa Bay 2
Baltimore 9, Kansas City 2
Toronto 6, Minnesota 4
Oakland 7, Cleveland 5
Texas 12, Chicago White Sox 3
Seattle 6, N.Y. Yankees 3
Boston 8, Anaheim 7

Monday's Games

Chicago White Sox (Baldwin 6-4) at Tampa Bay (Arrojo 11-7), 7:05 p.m.
Boston (Wasdin 5-3) at Seattle (Cloude 5-7), 10:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Hernandez 5-3) at Oakland (Oquist 6-8), 10:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Wright 9-6) at Anaheim (Sparks 4-2), 10:05 p.m.

National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	74	38	.661	-
NewYork	58	50	.537	14
Philadelphia	55	54	.505	17½
Montreal	43	68	.387	30½
Florida	39	73	.348	35

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	67	44	.604	-
Chicago	63	49	.563	4½
Milwaukee	56	55	.505	11
St.Louis	51	59	.464	15½
Pittsburgh	50	61	.450	17
Cincinnati	50	62	.446	17½

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
SanDiego	72	39	.649	-
SanFrancisco	60	51	.541	12
LosAngeles	57	54	.514	15
Colorado	49	62	.441	23
Arizona	41	70	.369	31

Saturday's Games

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

Sunday's Games

Atlanta 4, St. Louis 3
San Diego 4, Montreal 1
Houston 6, Pittsburgh 2
San Francisco 15, Philadelphia 3
N.Y. Mets 9, Los Angeles 3
Milwaukee 7, Arizona 2
Colorado 6, Chicago Cubs 3
Cincinnati 5, Florida 1

Monday's Games

San Francisco (Darwin 6-9) at Philadelphia (Loewer 5-3), 1:05 p.m.
San Diego (Hamilton 9-9) at Montreal (Hermanson 8-9), 1:35 p.m.
Houston (Bergman 10-5) at Florida (Larkin 2-6), 7:05 p.m.
Colorado (Jones 4-4) at Pittsburgh (Lieber 8-11), 7:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Mlicki 5-5) at N.Y. Mets (Nomo 5-8), 7:40 p.m.
Arizona (Telemaco 3-5) at Chicago Cubs (Wengert 1-0), 8:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Oliver 0-0) at Milwaukee (Woodard 8-5), 8:05 p.m.

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Saturday's Games

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Sunday's Game

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Thursday's Game

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Friday, August 7

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Tennessee at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, August 8

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Chicago at Baltimore, 7:30 p.m.
Jacksonville at Carolina, 7:30 p.m.
Miami at Washington, 7:30 p.m.
Kansas City vs. Tampa Bay at Norman, Okla., 8 p.m.
Cincinnati at New York Giants, 8 p.m.
Denver at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
New Orleans at Green Bay, 8 p.m.
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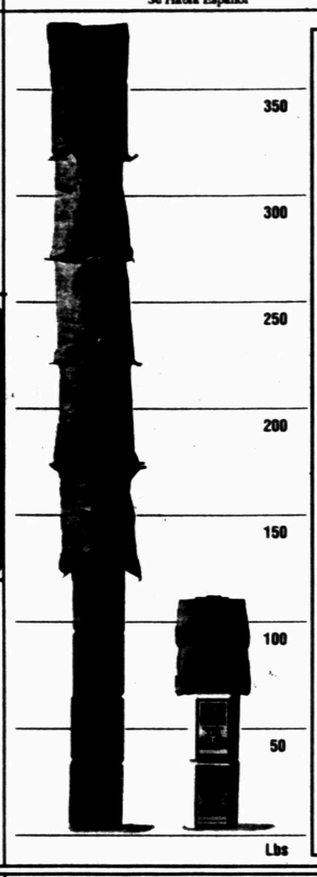
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U.S. inmate population over 1.2 million

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's inmates are serving more time behind bars, particularly for violent crimes, a fact that helped push the U.S. prison population above 1.2 million in 1997, Justice Department officials say.

The longer sentences, coupled with a fairly constant stream of admissions, produced the slow but steady 5.2 percent growth over the decade to 1,244,554 prison inmates last year, the department's Bureau of Justice Statistics reported Sunday. More than a half-million others were serving shorter sentences or awaiting trial in jails.

With stable admissions, "the prison population growth in the 1990s has been primarily driven by the increasing lengths of stay — fewer inmates leaving," bureau statistician Allen J. Beck, the report's coauthor, said in an interview.

"Increased time served, particularly for violent crimes, is a product of tougher parole boards and such measures as longer minimum sentences and truth-in-sentencing laws that require that more of each sentence be served behind bars," he said. Such laws have proliferated at the state and federal levels during the 1990s.

The year's net gain of 61,186 inmates was very close to the annual average of 63,900 since 1990, when the total population was just under 774,000.

If the decade's average growth rate continues, the combined prison and jail population will top 2 million by the year 2000, even though crime has been dropping since 1994, according to an estimate by The Sentencing Project, a group that advocates alternatives to prison.

The United States trails only Russia in the share of its citizens behind bars. The total U.S. incarceration rate of 645 people per 100,000 is six to 10 times higher than most industrial nations, The Sentencing Project said.

In 1985, the average inmate had served 20 months upon release, but by 1996 that figure had risen to 25 months, Beck said. The estimated time to be served by inmates now entering prison also is rising.

"And contrary to popular belief, the greatest source of growth in state prisons is in violent offenders, not drug violators," Beck said.

Violent offenders in state prisons, which together are 10 times larger than the federal system, grew by 179,500, or 50 percent of growth between 1990 and 1996. Drug violators rose by 87,900, accounting for 25 percent of the growth.

A rise in revoked probation and parole has been a major factor in keeping admissions stable even though violent crime has declined during the 1990s, Beck said. By 1996, 30 percent of all prison entrants were put there for parole violations. Another survey found that 20 percent of inmates whose parole or probation was revoked had not been charged with new crimes, Beck said, but rather had violated conditions of parole.

Between 1990 and 1996, adult arrests for murder and rape both dropped 19 percent, robbery arrests fell by 17 percent and burglary, larceny and auto theft arrest also dropped. But drug-abuse arrests rose by 28 percent, and arrests for aggravated assault were up 8 percent over the six years. Overall major crime has been dropping since 1994.

In other findings, the Justice Department reported:

—There were 567,079 men and women in local jails as of June 30, 1997, the most recent total available. The jail population, which includes those serving short sentences or awaiting trial, combined with the prison population on that date accounted for more than 1.7 million adults behind bars in the United States.

—The number of female prisoners grew by 6.2 percent during 1997 to a yearend total of 79,624 in state and federal prison.

—At yearend, state prisons held 1,131,581 inmates and federal prisons held 112,973. California with 157,547 inmates and Texas with 140,729 together accounted for more than one-quarter of all state prison inmates.

—Among the states, Texas had the highest incarceration rate, 717 inmates per 100,000 residents, followed by Louisiana at 672 and Oklahoma at 617. The lowest incarceration rates were in North Dakota at 112 and Minnesota at 113.

—At yearend, state prisons were 15 to 24 percent over capacity, while the federal system held 19 percent more inmates that it was built to house. Thirty-two states reported overcrowding; the worst was California at double its capacity. The least crowded was New Mexico at 82 percent of capacity.

More than 2,000 inmates locked down

ATTICA, N.Y. (AP) — More than 2,000 inmates of the state's Attica prison were confined to their cells for a third straight day today as authorities searched for handmade weapons and other evidence from a series of attacks on guards.

Officials searched all weekend for information about the attackers, and found nine weapons, state Department of Corrections spokesman Jim Flateau said Sunday.

None of the guards were seriously injured and no prisoners were hurt, he said.

The attacks began Friday when a group of inmates assaulted two guards. Five other guards in that cellblock were assaulted that day and two more were attacked Saturday morning in a different area, said Richard Harcrow, president of the local police officers' union.

'Saving Private Ryan' keeps No. 1 position; 'Parent Trap' No. 2

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Pushing aside a Disney comedy, an action-adventure flick and a modern take on Cinderella, "Saving Private Ryan" kept its hold atop the box office for the second week.

The graphic World War II epic earned an estimated $23.3 million over the weekend, grossing $73 million overall, according to industry estimates released Sunday.

Disney's remake of "The Parent Trap" opened in second place with $11.5 million in weekend ticket sales, while two other new films, "The Negotiator" and "Ever After," placed fourth and fifth, respectively.

"There's Something About Mary," a raunchy comedy that opened three weeks ago as a surprise hit, moved up a notch to third place with $11 million to beat out the "The Negotiator." That police drama, starring Samuel L. Jackson and Kevin Spacey, debuted with $10.4 million, according to Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc.

"There's Something About Mary" saw its ticket sales fall a relatively paltry 12 percent from the previous week.

"This is a farcical comedy that works," said Art Rockwell, analyst for Drake and Co. "It's got incredible legs. It's just not dropping off."

"Ever After," starring Drew Barrymore and Anjelica Huston in a new twist on the Cinderella story, opened with $8.5 million to tie for fifth place with "The Mask of Zorro."

The "The Parent Trap" benefited from an audience that still remembers the 1961 original, Buena Vista Pictures said. It opened strong on Wednesday, giving it a cumulative total of $16.6 million.

"There are a terrific number of women who saw the first one who are going in groups — some with their children, some without," said Phil Bartlow, Buena Vista's president of distribution. "We're also getting some of the teen-age girls."

Lindsay Lohan stars in the dual role of twin girls — played by Hayley Mills in the original — who try to reunite their divorced mother and father, played by Dennis Quaid and Natasha Richardson.

"Lethal Weapon 4" placed seventh with $7.7 million, breaking the $100 million mark in its fourth week.

"Armageddon" was next with $7.5 million while "Doctor Dolittle" and "Mafia" rounded out the top 10 with $4.4 million and $3.6 million, respectively.

"BASEketball," a sports satire from "Naked Gun's" David Zucker that stars TV's "South Park" creators Matt Stone and Trey Parker, opened in eleventh place with $3 million.

Here are estimated grosses for the top movies at North American theaters for Friday through Sunday as compiled by Exhibitor Relations, Inc. Final figures were expected Monday:

1. "Saving Private Ryan," $23.3 million.
2. "The Parent Trap," $11.5 million.
3. "There's Something About Mary," $11 million.
4. "The Negotiator," $10.4 million.
5. (tie) "Ever After," $8.5 million.
5. "The Mask of Zorro," $8.5 million.
7. "Lethal Weapon 4," $7.7 million.
8. "Armageddon," $7.5 million.
9. "Doctor Dolittle," $4.4 million.
10. "Mafia," $3.6 million.

Markets

Midday Stocks

NEWYORK(AP)

	High	Low	Last
AMR Corp s	71 7-16	69	70 —1 7-16
AT&T Corp	60 9-16	59¾	59⅝— ⅛
AirTouch	58⅝	58 3-16	58 7-16— ⅜
Albertsons	46 13-16	44½	45⅝— 2⅜
AlldSignal s	43 11-16	42 5-16	43⅜— ⅜
Alltel	41¾	41¾	41⅝— 1-16
AmOnline s	119¾	117⅞	118¾+ 1
AmStores	27¼	26 1-16	26 15-16+ 3⅛
Ameritech s	49¼	48	48⅜— 5-16
Amoco s	41 11-16	41⅛	41 3-16— 9-16
AndarkPtr s	34 9-16	33⅛	34 9-16+ ¼
Armcolnc	5 9-16	5⅜	5 9-16
AtlRichfld	68¾	66¾	67¾— ⅜
ATMOS Egy	29¾	29¼	29¾+ ⅛
Aviall	13 15-16	13¾	13 13-16— ⅛
BakerHughes	24⅜	24⅛	24½— ⅛
BellAtl s	45 15-16	45¼	45¾+17-32
BellSouth	69¾	67 11-16	69¾+ 1
BethSteel	10 15-16	10 13-16	10 15-16+ 3-16
BritPet	79 5-16	78⅛	78⅜— 1⅛
BurlNoSFe	102 11-16	100¾	100¾—2 3-16
CBS Corp	34 13-16	34⅛	34⅜+ 7-16
Caterpillar	49¾	48¾	49 1-16+ 9-16
CenSoWst	25 11-16	25 7-16	25⅜+ 3-16
Chevron	82⅞	81¼	81 15-16—11-16
Chrysler	58 5-16	57⅜	58 1-16— 1⅜
Coastal s	32¼	32¼	32¼— ⅜
CocaCola	81 11-16	80¾	81 11-16+1 3-16
ColgatePalm	92¼	91	91 13-16— 7-16
ComclMetals		28	27⅞ 27⅞
CooperIn	53 1-16	52	53 + 9-16
CyprusAmax	12⅜	12¼	12⅜— ⅛
DallSemicn	32¾	31⅛	31½— ⅜
DeltaAird	122 13-16	120⅜	121 15-16— 9-16
Dillards Inc	34 7-16	33 15-16	34¼— ⅛
DowChem	91⅛	90 11-16	90 13-16+ 1-16
DresserInd	36¼	35 13-16	36¼+15-16
DuPont	62¼		61¼ 62
EastmanChem	57	56 7-16	56⅞
EstKodak	83⅛	81 11-16	81 13-16—2 1-16
EDS Corp	35 3-16	34¼	34 9-16— ⅜
Entergy	27 7-16	27 3-16	27⅛— ⅛
Exxon	69⅜	68¾	69 5-16—15-16
FstBksAm	20 11-16	20 11-16	20 11-16— 3-16
Flowers	18 15-16	18⅛	18 15-16+ 7-16
FordMotor s	56 7-16	55⅝	56 1-16—15-16
GTE Cp	54⅜	53¾	54¼— ⅛
GenDynam s	47 1-16	45¾	46⅜—15-16
GenElec	90¾	88¾	90 1-16+ ⅝
GenMills	62 5-16	61⅛	61 15-16
GenMotors	72¾	71 1-16	72 5-16
GaPacGP s	52⅛	51 11-16	52⅜+ 1
GlobalMar	13 15-16	13⅛	13⅜— 1-16
Goodrich	40 9-16	39¾	40⅛— 7-16
Goodyear s	61⅛	61 1-16	61 5-16+ ⅝
GtAtlPac	30⅜	29 9-16	29 15-16— ⅛
Halliburtn	37	36⅜	36 11-16+ 7-16
Hanson ADS	26¼	25 7-16	26⅛+ ⅛
HarteHanks s	24¾	24	24⅜+ ⅛
HomeDepot	42 5-16	40 15-16	42 + ⅛
HoustonInds	28	27¾	27⅞— 1-16
IBM	134¼	133 9-16	133⅜+ 1¼
IntlPaper	45 7-16	44⅜	45 5-16+11-16
JohnsonJn	77⅞	76¼	76 11-16— 9-16
K mart	16 9-16	15 15-16	16⅛+ 3-16
Kroger Co	49⅛	48¼	48 15-16+ 1⅜
Litton	57 3-16	56¾	56 15-16— ⅜
LockhdMart	100	99 1-16	99¼— 7-16
Lowes Cos s	38¼	37 7-16	37⅜— ⅜
Lubys	16 3-16	16¼	16 3-16— ⅛
LucentTech s	92¼	90¾	91 13-16— 9-16
MayDeptStrs	63¼	63 3-16	63¼—15-16
MediaOne	48¾	47 7-16	47 11-16— ⅜
Medtronic s	62¼	61 7-16	61¾— 1-16
Mobil	69¾	68 3-16	68 11-16—1 1-16
Monsanto	56¼	55 3-16	55⅝— ⅛
MorganJP	125⅝	123¾	125 5-16—13-16
Motorola	52 15-16	52	52 15-16+11-16
NCR Corp	33¾	33⅛	33⅜— ⅛
NationsBk	80 7-16	79¼	79 15-16+ 3-16
Navistar	26 13-16	25¾	25⅞—13-16
Norwests	36	35⅞	35 11-16— 7-16
OryxEngy	18 15-16	18⅛	18⅜+ 5-16
Penney JC	58 11-16	57⅛	57 15-16— ⅛
Pennzoil	45 1-16	44¾	44⅝— ⅛
PepBoys	17⅝	17	5-16 17⅜+ ⅛
PepsiCo	38 15-16	38¼	38⅜— 3-16
PhelpDodge	55 13-16	55	3-16 55⅜— 3-16
PhilipPet	44 7-16	43	9-16 44 — ⅛
PilgrmPrd B	18 15-16	18	13-16 18⅛+ 1-16
Polaroid	33 5-16	33	33 1-16+ 1-16
Praxair	49 1-16	48¾	48¾— ⅛
ProctGamb s	79¾	76⅞	78 7-16—15-16
PubSNwMx	21⅛	21¼	21⅛— ⅛
RoyalDut	50 11-16	50	1-16 50 7-16— 9-16
SBC Comm s	40	15-16	40 5-16 40 15-16
SaraLee	51¼	50⅝	51 11-16+1 9-16
Scripps EW	52¼	52⅛	52⅜— ⅛
Sears Roeb	51¼	50¼	50⅝
SherwinW	31 15-16	31	11-16 31⅛— ⅛
SmthBc ADS s	57	1-16	56 3-16 56⅛— 1
SouthernCo	25⅝	25¼	25 7-16— 1-16
SprintAirl s	32¾	32⅜	32⅝— 5-16
Sprint	71½	70¾	71 1-16+1 1-16
SunCo	37⅜	37	5-16 37⅜+ 1-16
TNP Ent	32⅛	32	7-16 32⅛+ ⅛
Tandy s	57¾	56	57⅜+15-16
TempleInland	52 15-16	52	1-16 52⅜+13-16
Tenneco	36	11-16	36¼ 36⅜+ ⅛
Texaco s	60	9-16	59¾ 59 9-16— ⅜
TexInd	37⅛	37	37 5-16+ 1-16
TexasInst s	59 13-16	58	13-16 59 11-16+ 5-16
TexUtil	40	5-16	39 9-16 39⅝— 3-16
Textron	73¾	72 15-16	73 5-16— 9-16
Travelers s	67¼	65¾	66 11-16— 9-16
TriconGlbR n	35¾	34¾	35¾+ ⅛
TrinityInds	40	39¾	39⅝— 5-16
TritonEngy	17	9-16	17¾ 17 5-16— 5-16
Tyler	9	9-16	9 9-16 9 9-16
US West Inc	53¾	53¼	53 9-16+ 3-16
USX-Marathn	34¾	33 9-16	33 13-16— 5-16
USX-USS	27¾	26¾	27⅛+ ⅛
UnCarbde	47 15-16	47¾	47 13-16— 3-16
UnionPacif	41 15-16	41¼	41 9-16— 7-16
UnitedTech	97¾	95¾	97⅛+ 2
Unocal	32 15-16	32¼	32 13-16+ 1-16
Venator Grp	14⅜	14	14 1-16— ⅛
WalMart	62¾	61¼	62⅛— ⅛
WstnGasRs	11 9-16	11	7-16 11 7-16— ⅛
WinnDixie	41¾	39¾	40 15-16— 7-16
Xerox Corp	105 7-16	103¾	104⅝—15-16

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ADMISSIONS: Aug. 1: Marilla Flores; Aug. 2: None.

DISMISSALS: Aug. 1 Marilla Flores, Zachery Gafford, Elbert Hill, Marissa Potter; Aug. 2: Phaung Chea, Kenneth Kellner, Tavy Villa, Stephen Vasquez.

CENSUS: 30 (Med., Surg.-5, Long-term Care-25).

Dr. Gott by Peter Gott, M.D.

Watch out for these herbs

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: What herbs are considered unfit for human consumption?

DEAR READER: As luck would have it, the journal Internal Medicine just published such a list (May 1998). For your interest, here is a synopsis of the most common herbs to avoid.

— Borage. Supposed to act as a diuretic and anti-diarrheal remedy, but can be toxic.

— Calamus. Touted to aid digestion, but can cause cancer and toxicity.

— Chaparral. Sometimes used to treat cancer, but is not effective and can damage the liver.

— Coltsfoot. Marketed as "cough suppressant," but is carcinogenic.

— Comfrey. Claimed to enhance wound healing, but can be highly toxic.

— Ephedra. Supposed to assist in weight loss and to treat asthma; however, is dangerous, especially for people with hypertension, diabetes or thyroid disorders.

— Germander. Used to reduce weight, but can damage the liver.

— Licorice. Marketed as an expectorant, but can cause serious hypertension.

— Life root. Claimed to induce menstrual flow, but is not effective and can be toxic.

— Pokeroot. Used for rheumatism and cancer, but has caused fatalities.

— Sassafras. Touted as a stimulant, but is carcinogenic.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Earlier this year, I was hospitalized for a blood clot in my right thigh. I am now on Coumadin. How long should I take the drug and what restrictions should I follow with respect to daily activity?

DEAR READER: These are questions best asked of your doctor, because thrombophlebitis (the condition that you had) is sometimes tricky to treat.

As a general rule, doctors recommend anti-coagulant therapy for about a year, with vein-checks using ultrasound at periodic intervals thereafter. I do not believe that you need to take special precautions, except for the following broad recommendations: Avoid prolonged standing; do not wear constrictive clothing around your thighs; remain physically active (walking and so forth); and use elastic support stockings if your physician believes that you are at high risk for a repeat attack. You can obtain more specific advice from your primary-care physician.

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

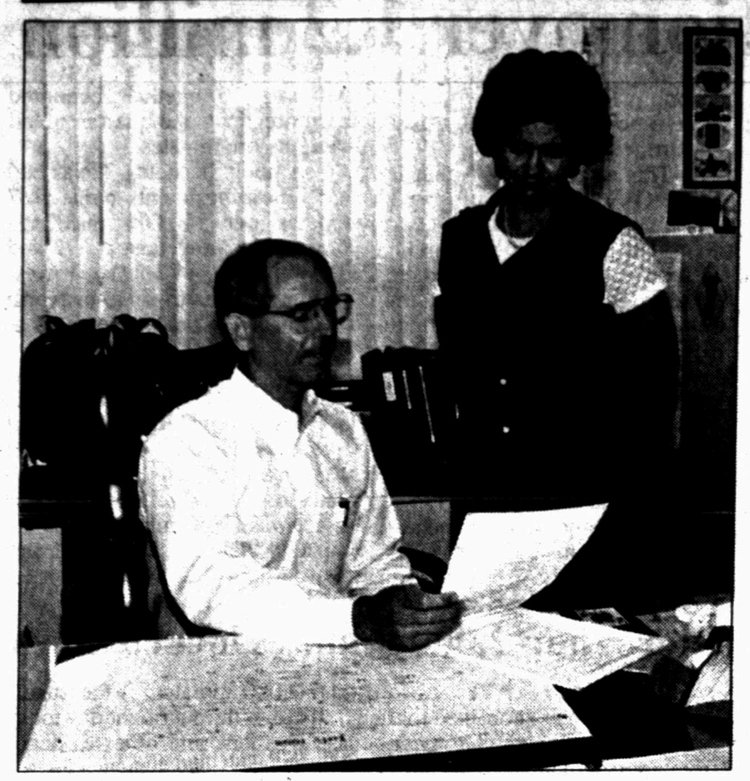
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PAPER WORK — Wendell Sollis, assistant superintendent, and Jennifer Pate are getting ready for the new school year which begins Aug. 12. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Pilot dies in West Texas crash

SEMINOLE (AP) — A West Texas rancher died Friday when his single-engine airplane crashed in a field, authorities said.

The 1946 Piper piloted by John Clanton, 48, was found early Saturday on a ranch about eight miles southwest of the city limits.

Clanton had taken off Friday afternoon to inspect his pasture, his wife told authorities. She reported him missing early Saturday and a seven-hour search resulted in the discovery of the crash.

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GM cars rolling off assembly line

DETROIT (AP) — Intent on making up ground lost to strikes that cost General Motors Corp. an estimated $2.6 billion, the automaker is restarting production at assembly plants as fast as possible.

GM "is running as much overtime as we can" to recover from the walkouts that lasted nearly two months, but customers will still have to wait a bit longer than usual for custom orders, company spokesman Alan Adler said Saturday.

The automaker's priority: Reopen plants that make the most popular models — sport-utility vehicles, pickups and the Chevrolet Malibu sedan — sooner than plants that produce slower-selling cars.

GM seeks to have the bulk of the major assembly plants running by Wednesday, exactly a week after workers at two GM plants in Flint ratified a deal ending the strikes that virtually halted the company's North American production.

"For the most part, we should have everything in good shape by midweek, at least running," Adler said. "I think we have a very clear plan and know exactly what we're doing. The only constraint is how quickly we can get the materials."

On Friday, GM showed signs of getting back to business:

—In Lansing, Oldsmobile Aleros and Pontiac Grand Ams rolled off assembly lines as workers accelerated production.

—In Moraine, Ohio, production of Oldsmobile Bravadas, GMC Jimmies and Chevrolet Blazers resumed.

—In Janesville, Wis., workers went back to making Chevrolet and GMC full-size sport utility vehicles.

—And at GM's Detroit-Hamtramck plant, workers resumed assembling Cadillacs.

So goes the company's slow recovery from the walkouts — one begun June 5 at Flint Metal Center, the other coming six days later at Delphi Flint East — that shuttered 27 North American assembly plants. More than 100 GM parts plants also were affected.

Analysts at CSM Forecasting have said they expect assembly plants to open Monday in the following cities: Flint; Orion Township; Pontiac; Fort Wayne, Ind.; Arlington, Texas; Oshawa, Ontario; Linden, N.J.; Doraville, Ga.; Ramos Arizpe, Mexico; Lordstown, Ohio; and Oklahoma City.

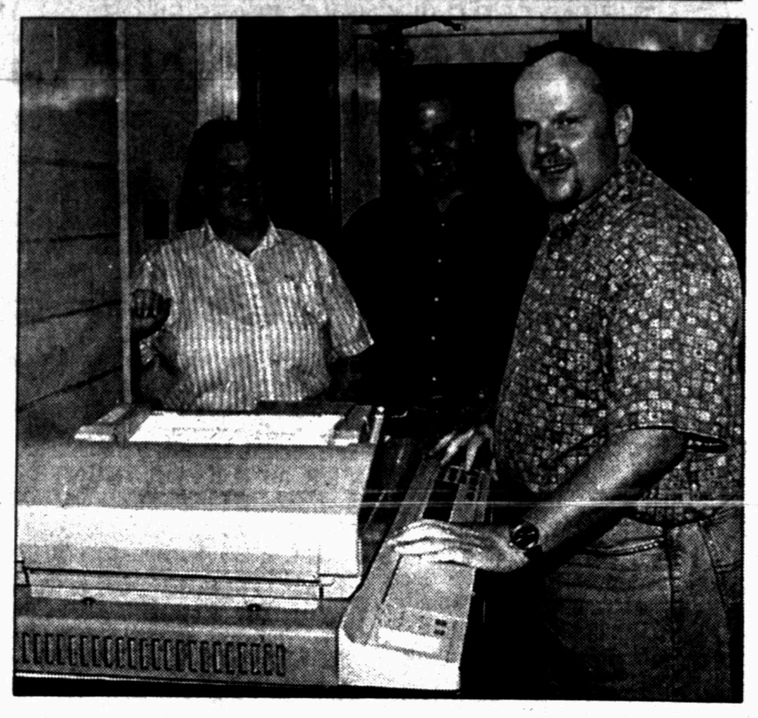
In Kansas City, Kan., company and union officials say 3,500 hourly workers are to return to a two-shift, overtime schedule in building the Pontiac Grand Prix and Oldsmobile Intrigue.

There, "it'll probably take a couple of weeks before we get to full production," said Danny Mallett, bargaining chairman of the United Auto Workers Local 31.

By Tuesday, analysts have said, plants should reopen in Moraine, Ohio; Shreveport, La.; and St. Therese, Quebec. Plants in Wentzville, Mo., and Wilmington, Del., are expected to resume operations Wednesday, followed by Baltimore on Thursday.

In a memo Wednesday, GM Chairman Jack Smith urged workers to look past the walkouts and ahead to enhancing the company's production and profits.

"The job in front of all of us, now, is to recover our pre-strike momentum," Smith wrote.



ORGANIZING SCHOOL MEALS — Aramark of Colorado City is busy gearing up for the 1998-1999 school year. Shown organizing menus are from left, Norma Sims, district representative; John Loper, director; Thomas Wherry, assistant director. Beth Evans, clerk, is not pictured. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Romance That Began at Work Begins to Waver Outside Office

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: I am a female in my mid-40s, involved with a 50-year-old man. We were co-workers for 10 years, but we no longer work together. Our relationship began before I left the job.

Now that we're seeing more of each other, I'm getting glimpses of a side of him I didn't know existed. His attitude toward women disturbs me. For example, he recently remarked, "I can take getting into an argument with a man better than I can take an argument with a woman." When I asked him why, he retorted, "Because a man is my equal. But to have to listen to a lot of 'guff' from someone who's a second-class citizen and can never be my equal is ridiculous."

Abby, I was shocked. I found his remark offensive to say the least. Now I'm wondering whether this relationship stands a chance. What do you think?

L.B. IN BALTIMORE

DEAR L.B.: An intelligent woman such as you can do far better than a man who thinks you and all other women are second-class citizens. You can't teach an old dog new tricks, and this one will be hard to housebreak.

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DEAR ABBY: You gave "Wondering What I'm Missing" — the woman who married young and never had the chance to live life as a single — good advice, as far as it went.

I was married fresh out of high school and had six children by the time I was 30. I was active in the community, but that didn't stop me from feeling that everything was happening to us as a couple and not to me alone. I discussed my feelings with my husband, and he suggested that I go to college and then enter the workforce. I began evening classes almost immediately.

After college, I joined my husband in business and we also purchased some real estate as an investment. I am now 60 years old, and unfortunately a widow, but I have a real estate portfolio, enough income to retire and travel, and time to spend with our 14 grandchildren.

We go around only once, so "Wondering" should do something to make herself feel important, and stop regretting that she's not single. She can be her own person if she wants to, in spite of being part of a couple, and a mother.

ELAINE SCHORSCH, FEDERAL WAY, WASH.

DEAR ELAINE: That's sage advice. I hope that "Wondering" will take a page out of your book.

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DEAR ABBY: I celebrated my 14th birthday last week. I was very happy with all the gifts I received. However, one thing is bothering me. My grandma, whom I love very much, gave me some movie guest passes. Later, I noticed they had all expired.

I have not told Grandma, and I don't know if I should. If I tell her, how do I do it without sounding rude? I've put off saying anything for fear of doing it wrong. Please help!

NOT SURE WHAT TO DO

DEAR NOT SURE: I'm not sure either, because I don't know your grandma. Some grandmas would want to know, so they could replace the passes with valid ones you could use. Others might be upset and would prefer not to be told. Ask your parents. They will know what's best in your case.

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For Abby's favorite family recipes, send a long, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Cookbooklet No. 1, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Tuesday, Aug. 4, 1998

In the year ahead, you're likely to introduce changes into your business, social interests and hobbies. This can be a busy, happy year if you use all your assets.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Your chances for success are good today, but a second effort may be required. Don't give up if you get off to a false start. 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.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Be prepared to make adjustments today if initial assessments require another look. There's an excellent chance you'll come up with something better.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) If you put together an agreement today, don't be afraid to bargain to improve your position.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Your initial inclination may be to work alone today. However, you could increase your productivity by enlisting the aid of someone industrious.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Take time to enjoy yourself today, but not at the expense of your responsibilities. Keep pace with what is expected of you, and you'll come out a hero.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Try not to become so immersed in routine affairs you lose your zest for life today. Continue to inject brightness into your endeavors.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) It's imperative to stay on top of important developments until they are concluded to your satisfaction today. You'll be successful if you finish what you start.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Don't let a negative thinker convince you you're not capable of an excellent performance. Positive thinking will put this individual in his/her place.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Be alert for material opportunities today. You may be able to profit from something you thought was merely in the talking stage.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Take more direct control over developments affecting your interests today. Work for yourself instead of delegating your work to surrogates.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Be practical when dealing with others today, but at the same time, strive to be compassionate and understanding. Tolerance is the oil that blends together the ingredients of success.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Objectives will be more easily achieved today if you think in terms of doing the greatest good for the largest number. When you give, you'll get, and so will all involved.

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Is Japan ready for 'millennium bug' woes?

TOKYO (AP) — While much of the industrialized world frets over the "millennium bug" and warns of computers going berserk come the year 2000, Japan is an island of tranquility.

Government officials and business executives insist programs for handling the software glitch are quietly under way.

Too quietly, critics say.

"There is no sense of crisis," said Takafumi Hamaguchi, chief researcher at Tokio Marine Risk Consulting Co. "I am pessimistic. I think people will just begin to realize it's too late when the day comes."

The bug is nothing to shrug at: To economize, early software engineers expressed years with just the final two digits. So when 1999 draws to a close, unfixed computers and embedded circuits in machines won't know if it's 2000 or 1900, and they could garble date-sensitive data or even shut down.

A vulnerable Japan could become a major global headache. One of the world's most computerized countries, Japan also is home to the second-largest economy, so a computer crisis here could have painful repercussions elsewhere.

Still, the millennium bug doesn't seem to have set off any alarms in Japan.

A key industry with important links to the rest of the world — banking — is confident that everything is on track, with repair work on computers due to be completed by year's end and ready for test runs by the Bank of Japan starting in December.

"Preparations have been going well and on schedule," said Katsumi Tsuiji, spokesman for the Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi. He and others said millions of dollars have been spent to get ready for the switch.

Kazuyoshi Takahashi, a company spokesman, said the computer change pales next to the problems posed by natural disasters, which strike without warning.

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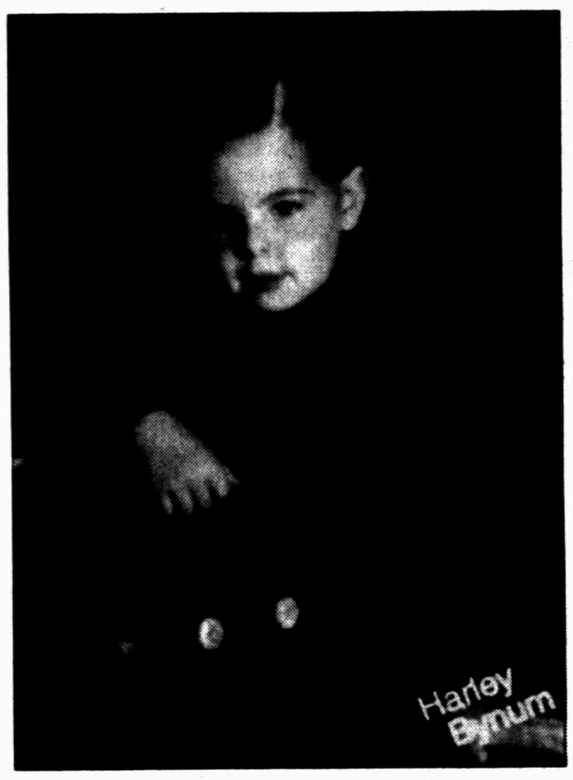
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White house to appeal Lindsey decision

WASHINGTON (AP) — With pressure growing for President Clinton to explain his relationship with Monica Lewinsky, the White House today decided to go to the Supreme Court seeking to block testimony by presidential confidant Bruce Lindsey.

The White House will appeal the dispute to the Supreme Court and ask for a stay of an earlier appeals court ruling ordering Lindsey to testify, White House counsel Charles Ruff said in a statement.

At issue is a decision last month by a three-judge appeals court panel that ordered Lindsey to testify before the grand jury investigating the Lewinsky matter. The judges rejected arguments that Lindsey's testimony was protected by attorney-client privilege.

Ruff said the White House would bypass a chance to ask the full U.S. Court of Appeals to consider the case. White House lawyers will ask the Supreme Court to expedite its hearing of the issue when the justices return from vacation in the fall, he said.

White House lawyers also will ask the appeals court for a stay preventing prosecutors from questioning Lindsey until the Supreme Court considers taking the case, an administration official said.

"The attorney-client privilege is a bedrock principle of our legal system," Ruff said.

Lindsey, a deputy White House counsel and Clinton's closest adviser, has declined to answer several of prosecutors' questions in the Lewinsky case. He argued that disclosing his conversations with the president would violate Clinton's right to confidential legal advice.

Both the judge overseeing the grand jury and a three-judge appeals court panel ruled that a government lawyer could not use the attorney-client privilege to keep from testifying in a federal criminal investigation of alleged government misconduct.

The White House played down speculation by Congress members that Clinton might reverse himself and publicly admit a sexual relationship with Ms. Lewinsky. Asked about that today, deputy press secretary Barry Toiv said, "There are no plans that I'm aware of."

Clinton has denied any affair with Ms. Lewinsky, both publicly and under oath in a lawsuit.

"The president has told the truth about this and he will continue to do so," Toiv said. "I have no reason to think that that has changed in any way."

Clinton escaped the pressure-cooker atmosphere in Washington over the weekend by raising $2 million for the Democratic Party in the fashionable Hamptons area of Long Island, N.Y.

Federal patients...

Pressuring Congress, Clinton says he'll extend protections

AMAGANSETT, N.Y. (AP) — Dismissing as "an empty promise" GOP-backed legislation to create a patients' bill of rights, President Clinton on Saturday pressed Congress to pass a measure that would allow patients to sue their health insurers.

"They should reject proposals that are more loophole than law," Clinton said Saturday in his weekly radio address, delivered live during his weekend getaway in the Hamptons.

Speaking before a group of doctors, nurses, breast cancer patients, Clinton said more than 8 million military members, their families and Defense Department employees will be given the right to sue their health managers under an executive order he plans to issue.

"These men and women stand ready every day to keep our nation safe," he said. "They should not have to worry about the health care they or their families receive."

Clinton approved the same legal protection, along with other health care insurance guarantees, earlier this year for 85 million Americans in federal health care plans and 3 million veterans.

On July 24, the House approved Republican legislation over a competing Democratic bill. The GOP measure didn't offer any provision to allow patients to sue their health maintenance organizations over denied care. Clinton's advisers have said they may recommend a veto if changes are not made before GOP legislation reaches the president's desk.

In the Senate, Democratic and Republican leaders have been unable to reach agreement to get their rival patient protection bills to the floor for votes before recessing for their traditional August break.

"Any bill that doesn't guarantee these (legal) protections is a patient's bill of rights in name only," Clinton said. "It simply will not protect the American people or ensure the quality health care they deserve."

About 160 million Americans are covered by HMOs today, he said.

In the GOP radio response, Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine, said Republicans reject Democratic plans because the GOP wants to thwart costly new lawsuits that could result. Legal attacks on speech about the Supreme Court, Starr indicated to reporters he would show deference to the presidency.

"One of the things that I want to make clear is that it is very important we respect our institutions of government and seek to discharge the duties that we have, that we're charged with carrying on, in a way that is very respectful of the institutions of our government," Starr commented.

When the controversy broke six months ago, the president promised to explain his relationship with the young woman "sooner rather than later." But he has stayed mum since then.

On Friday, he indicated his public silence has been for his legal protection, even as he said he was "looking forward" to testifying Aug. 17, live on closed-circuit television, to a grand jury in the case.

"I will do so completely and truthfully. I am anxious to do it. But I hope you can understand why, in the interim, I can and should have no further comment on these matters," he said.

If Starr finds potential evidence of impeachable offenses, he would submit a report to the House. The House Judiciary Committee would then decide whether to initiate impeachment proceedings.

Obituaries

Jim Simpson

1923-1998

James "Jim" Simpson, a longtime resident of Snyder, died Sunday, Aug. 2, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital following a lengthy illness.

Services for Mr. Simpson, 75, are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born Jan. 14, 1923, he married Sue Strickland on Nov. 29, 1990, in Las Vegas.

Mr. Simpson was a retired salesman for Hughes Tool Co. and was a member of the First United Methodist Church.

Mr. Simpson was a 32nd Degree Mason, a Shriner and a member of the Scottish Rite and York Rite.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Derwood Simpson.

Survivors include his wife, Sue Simpson of Snyder; a stepdaughter and stepson-in-law, Fay and Jamie Bell of Lubbock; four sisters, Betty Grubbs of Fort Belknap, Wanda Primerose and Carolyn Collins, both of Graham, and Glenda Wooldridge of Newcastle; and four grandchildren, Michelle Cullwell, Brett Culwell, Chalie Bell and Destri Bell, all of Lubbock.

Bobby Edmiaston

1920-1998

Bobby Bates Edmiaston, a longtime resident of Snyder, died Saturday, Aug. 1, at his home in Snyder.

Mass for Mr. Edmiaston, 68, was set for 2 p.m. today in St. Elizabeth Catholic Church. Fr. Jerry Leatham was to officiate, and burial was to follow in the Snyder Cemetery under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born Oct. 29, 1929 in Bronte, he married Jean Anne Carrell on April 27, 1957 in Snyder. He was a longtime employee of Welex.

Survivors include his wife, Jean Anne Edmiaston of Snyder; a daughter, Teresa Swecker of San Antonio; two sons, C.B. Edmiaston of Midland and Gary Don Edmiaston of Sugar Land; and three grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to a favorite charity.

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Agatha Lockaby

1908-1998

BRECKENRIDGE — Agatha Lockaby, a former resident of Snyder, died Friday, July 31, in DFW Medical Center in Dallas.

Funeral service for Mrs. Lockaby, 89, is set for 10 a.m. Tuesday in the Morehart Mortuary with the Rev. Joe Stewart, pastor of Bethany Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will follow in the Breckenridge Cemetery.

Born Aug. 22, 1908 in Oklahoma, she was a graduate of Breckenridge High School and was the widow of George A. Lockaby. She had worked as a waitress at the Burch Hotel in Breckenridge.

Mrs. Lockaby moved from Snyder to Breckenridge in the 1950s and to Grand Prairie in 1995. She was a Baptist.

Survivors include four sisters, LaJean Posey, Janie Parkhurst and Louise Donmeyer, all of Grand Prairie, and Pat Balliew of Lubbock; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Switched babies tales takes twist

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. (AP) — The mystery of two baby girls switched at birth in 1995 has taken a twist with the discovery that the couple raising one of the girls were killed in a car crash before they could learn that she wasn't their biological daughter.

Kevin Chittum and Tamara Whitney Rogers died July 4 — one day after the woman raising the other little girl found out about the mistake.

Last week, the University of Virginia Medical Center, where the girls were born, contacted the Chittum and Rogers families, did DNA tests on the child they were raising as Rebecca and found she wasn't related to them, USA Today reported.

Since the crash, which also killed five others, relatives of Chittum and Rogers have been caring for Rebecca in the small mountain town of Buena Vista.

The first chapter in the story of the switch was Paula Johnson's discovery in early July, from DNA tests done during a child support dispute, that she wasn't related to the girl she was raising as Callie Marie.

On Sunday, relatives of Chittum and Rogers were shown photos of Callie Marie, who lives in nearby Ruckersville with Ms. Johnson, USA Today reported today.

"My God! It's Kevin's child!," Mary Watts, Chittum's aunt, told the newspaper. "She's the spitting image of our family."

"And if this lady could see Rebecca ... She looks just like her," said Linda Camden, Chittum's cousin.

Ms. Watts said today that she thinks the little girls should be swapped.

"It would be hard, but I'm sure," she said in a telephone interview from Buena Vista. "I hope everyone gets their own child."

Weekend sees six arrests

Area peace officers made six arrests over the weekend.

At 9:48 p.m. Saturday, officers arrested a 21-year-old male in the 2600 block of Avenue F for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

A 52-year-old male was taken into custody by officers at 11:56 p.m. Saturday in the 1700 block of Avenue T for public intoxication.

Department of Public Safety troopers took two subjects into custody at 1:15 a.m. Sunday, two miles south of Dunn on Hwy. 208. Arrested were two 19-year-old males, one for public intoxication and one for driving under the influence of alcohol by a minor.

At 9:32 a.m. Sunday, a 20-year-old female was arrested by officers for Class A family violence.

Officers took a 38-year-old female into custody at 10:51 p.m. Sunday for Class C assault/family violence.

In other activity, at 3:35 a.m. Sunday an offense report for criminal mischief was filed in the 1000 block of 28th Street following a report of a possible break-in.

At 10:13 p.m. Sunday, Mario Molinar requested to speak to an officer in reference to someone breaking into his residence. An offense report was filed.

Snyder man dies of gunshot wound

A 68-year-old Snyder man was pronounced dead at his home Saturday following an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound.

Bobby Bates Edmiaston was pronounced dead shortly after noon Saturday by Justice of the Peace Charlie Reynolds.

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Quarterback Club meeting

Snyder Tigers' Quarterback Club will meet at 7:30 this evening in the high school student center. All high school football parents and patrons are urged to attend.

Bible study tapes airing

Bible study video tapes air weekly on cable TV Channel 2. The tapes to be shown at 7 tonight are "Principles from Revelation," followed by "The Quest for Wholeness."

Elementary school supplies

Pre-ordered school supplies for East and Central Elementaries may be picked up at the school offices. Extra supply packages are available for sale.

Through the Bible study

A Bible study with Les Feldick and hosted by Harlan and Darlene Amox is held each Tuesday from 7:30 until 9 p.m. Call 573-2699 for additional information.

Garage sale, fajita cookoff

Lighthouse Assembly of God will have a Moonlight Madness event beginning at 6 p.m. Tuesday at the site of the new church at 1900 Trinity Blvd., across from Trinity Methodist. Chicken and beef fajita will be sold along with cold drinks. There will also be a garage sale.

Oil appreciation planning

A committee meeting to plan October's Oil Appreciation Day event is set for noon Wednesday at the chamber office.

Retirement reception

A retirement reception for East Elementary music teacher Donna Smith will be held from 4-5:30 p.m. Thursday in the First Baptist Church Garden Room. The public is invited.

Ag secretary to visit

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman will accompany U.S. Rep. Charles Stenholm to Snyder on Tuesday, Aug. 11, to meet with cotton producers at Lorber Industries. The meeting starts at 9:30 a.m. and will be followed by a lunch provided by Lorber Industries. Producers should call 573-1544 by 5 p.m. next Monday to RSVP.

Avenue D Baptist Church revival

Ave D. Baptist Church revival will be Aug. 9-14 with evangelist Herman Cramer and music director Robert Haynie leading services. Sunday through Friday services will be at 7 p.m. with a get-acquainted fellowship following each service. A covered dish luncheon and Bible study will be held Monday through Friday at noon.

Snyder Junior High tour

Snyder Junior High School students are invited to tour the building and locate homerooms between 7 and 8 p.m. next Monday.

Joy School registration

Registration for Joy School at East Side Church of Christ will be held from 10 a.m. until noon on Tuesday, Aug. 18. For more information call 573-5927 or 573-3554.

FBC kids programs

First Baptist Church has two programs: King's Kids Preschool on Mondays and Wednesdays and Mother's Day Out on Fridays. Extended care is available. Register now for the 1998-99 school year. For more information, call 573-7401.

Road to Recovery program

Volunteers are needed to take patients to Abilene or Lubbock one day a week for cancer treatment. Following approval by the American Cancer Society, drivers will be provided liability insurance and can be reimbursed for fuel expenses incurred for the trip. For more information, contact ACS Road to Recovery volunteer coordinator Martha Schiebel at 573-8626 and leave a message, or Sammie Jarrell at 573-5993.

Oil photographs needed

Old photographs of oil scenes or other events in Snyder or Scurry County are wanted by the Scurry County Museum in conjunction with an Oil Appreciation Day observance on Oct. 17. The photographs will be copied and returned.

Support group ministry

Support groups for divorce recovery, cancer/grief and caring for aging parents are available to adults and meets at 6:30 p.m. the second Thursday each month at First Baptist Church. L.I.F.E. (learning to improve the family experience) is for teenagers and parents. Child care is provided.

Canyon Community reunion

The Canyon Community reunion will be held Sept. 26 at the Ira Community Center. Registrations starts at 8:30 a.m., followed by visitation. A business meeting will be held at 11 a.m. and lunch is on your own. To make a donation toward expenses, mail to Lawton Taylor at 2701 36th St.

Pick 3

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

0-4-1

Lotto Texas

By The Associated Press

No ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The jackpot was worth an estimated $7 million.

The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 50 were: 3, 4, 14, 28, 31 and 35.