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Home Of Kim Henderson

Cash balance at $2.7 million...

Cogdell Hospital receives favorable audit report

By Wade Warren
Managing Editor

Accountants presenting the yearly audit of Cogdell Memorial Hospital had nothing but praise for the operations at the facility over the past year.

Richard Agee and Jeff Graham with Condley & Co. of Abilene told the board that the hospital is in good financial shape, a statement many community hospitals cannot make, added the accountants.

Graham noted the increase in the hospital's cash balance which is up more than $1 million over the same period last year — $2,786,810 as compared to $1,783,918 in 1998.

"Most community hospitals are hurting in this area," said Graham. "Anytime a hospital has four months of operating capital in cash...that's good."

Graham pointed out areas where the hospital had increased revenue, including the use of the operating room.

"This area seems to be a real star for the hospital," said Graham.

Graham also pointed out the fact that Cogdell Hospital markets its services in an effective manner.

"That is very important if a community hospital is to survive," emphasized Graham.

The board unanimously approved the audit report, and the monthly financial reports as well, but not unanimously.

Dink Foree voted against the approval of the bills, despite E. D. Walton stating the three-member finance committee had examined them in advance before they were given to the commissioners court for payment — a policy agreed on last month by the board, but never voted on.

That policy is expected to be formally approved next month, said Jeff Reecer, the hospital's chief executive officer.

The board also approved the hospital's plan for setting policies, but tabled action on the scope of services report pending possible changes to the hospital's mission statement.

In Reecer's regular monthly report, he stated he will be hosting a physician Saturday who may be interested in locating in Snyder.

He also stated that he is in negotiations with an OB/GYN, and two other family physicians.

Reecer also reported on the hospital's energy saving project of updating its lighting equipment.

The project will cost $29,929, but will result in electrical savings of $13,000 annually. The labor to change out ballasts and light bulbs will be done by hospital personnel to save even more money, said Reecer.

At the conclusion of his reports, board president Jim Bob Cave told Reecer that some citizens had expressed concerns to him about the hospital's radiology department.

Reecer replied that although a permanent head had not been named, the department is adequately staffed.

"All areas in the department are covered with more than adequate personnel," said Reecer.

The board went into executive session at 9:10 a.m. for the annual performance evaluation of Reecer. The board re-convened at 10:25 p.m.

Cave said the evaluation went well, with the board commending Reecer for the work he has done in light of the favorable audit report. Cave also said Reecer and the board agreed on some goals they would like to see him accomplish before next year's evaluation.

Cave presided at the meeting and board members in attendance were Foree, Walton, Dr. Mark Weaver and J.B. Tate Jr. Stanley Martin was absent.

Donations needed for 4th fireworks

Donations are needed to offset the costs of the annual fireworks display of the Snyder Chamber of Commerce on the Fourth of July.

The display will be Sunday, July 4th in Towle Park.

The cost of the display this year is $7,500.

More vandalism reports are filed

Three additional reports concerning vandalism were made Wednesday.

At 8:45 a.m., a report was made of broken windows at Wild Times Skate & Dance, 1607 25th.

Yosef Shlezinger advised at 1:19 p.m. that his business, Snyder One Stop, 2500 25th, had profanity written on it.

Officers were advised at 1:23 a.m. today of two juveniles throwing eggs at cars in the 2700 block of Avenue W. Two male juveniles were transported to the police department and released to their parents. No charges were filed.

Senior Center closed today and Friday

Scurry County Senior Citizens Center is closed today and Friday due to the air conditioning unit not working.

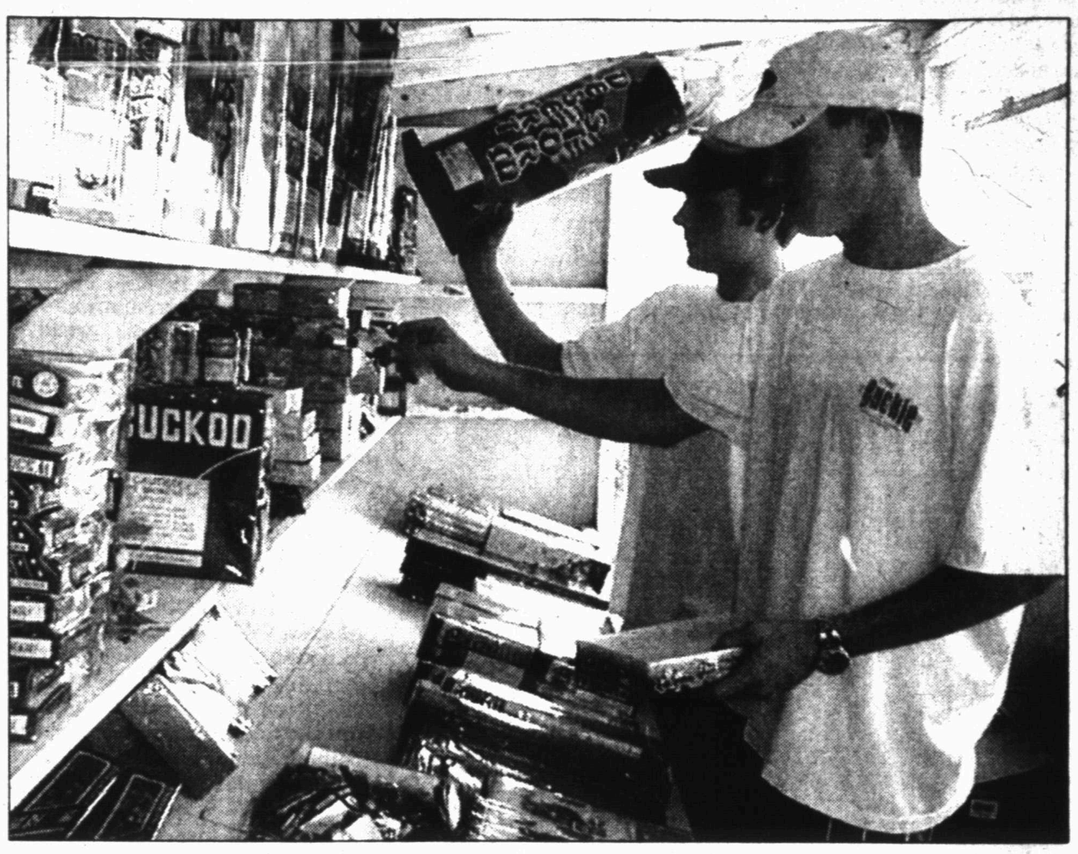
Senior Center director Carla Thompson said the unit went out Friday.

"The weather held for a few days and it's been cool enough, but now it's too steamy. It is in everybody's best interest that we shut down," Thompson said.

The center was to deliver sack lunches today with enough food for today and tomorrow's lunch.

Thompson said Bollinger Service Co. should replace the unit over the weekend and the center will reopen Monday.

The center's dance and game night, originally scheduled Tuesday night, has been postponed until June 29.



SETTING UP — Chris Ellison (front) and Nick Gaines were busy setting up their fireworks stand on 37th Street Wednesday afternoon. Sales got underway this morning at the stand and will continue through midnight on July 4th. Recent rains in the county made it possible for commissioners not to ban aerial fireworks this year. (SDN Staff Photo)

7,000 peacekeepers slated by late July

WASHINGTON (AP) — A 7,000-strong U.S. peacekeeping force will be fully deployed in Kosovo by late July, the commander of American forces patrolling the Serb province says.

As of Wednesday, there were about 4,500 American troops there, said Army Brig. Gen. John Craddock.

In addition to danger from land mines and unexploded NATO bombs, the peacekeepers are beginning to encounter "rogue elements" among both Serbs and ethnic Albanians, Craddock told reporters at the Pentagon in a telephone interview from his headquarters near Urosevac in southern Kosovo.

In a separate interview, the Army's new chief of staff, Gen. Eric K. Shinseki, said the risk of casualties in Kosovo is high. In a previous assignment, he commanded the NATO-led peacekeeping force in Bosnia.

"In places like Kosovo and Bosnia it's a requirement for us to pay attention to — because of the kinds of risks that are there — the safety of our soldiers," Shinseki said. He said the local population presents security risks because "for them the war is fairly recent, fairly fresh, fairly emotional."

Shortly before Craddock spoke, a group of U.S. Marines was fired upon from a building near a Marine checkpoint. The Marines returned fire, surrounded the building and persuaded the assailants to surrender. Craddock said it was the second time this week that U.S. troops in Kosovo had been fired upon. The first involved U.S. Army soldiers; in neither incident were any Americans injured.

Craddock initially reported that two of the people who fired at the Marines were killed by return fire, but Pentagon officials later said one had been killed and two were wounded. The assailants were dressed in civilian clothes, but a NATO spokesman in Pristina, Jan Joosten, confirmed today that the attackers were Serbs.

"We have become the targets of violent acts," Craddock said.

Craddock said this was the kind of problem that he and NATO commanders had expected to encounter.

"The next challenge is a rogue element that either does not know or refuses to acknowledge the fact that agreements have been made" on ending the violence in Kosovo and demilitarizing the Kosovo Liberation Army, Craddock said.

As the peacekeeping operation gears up, the Air Force is winding down its involvement in the Balkans. The first of 11 B-52 bombers flew back to the United States on Wednesday from Fairford, England, where they had been based as they flew missions against Yugoslavia throughout the NATO air campaign. In all, the Pentagon is sending back nearly 400 aircraft no longer needed now that the war is over.

Flag desecration amendment eyed by U.S. House

WASHINGTON (AP) — For the third consecutive Congress, the House is voting to amend the Constitution to allow legislation that would ban desecration of the flag.

The House's certain approval moves the focus to the Senate, which in the past has resisted the amendment that supporters say is needed to protect the nation's symbol but opponents argue would be an infringement of First Amendment free speech rights.

Both sides agreed that a Senate vote will be close, but that backers of the amendment are one or two votes short of the 67 needed for approval.

The House achieved the two-thirds margin with 312 votes in 1995 and 310 votes in 1997. The Senate fell four short in 1995 with a 63-36 vote.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Somebody with unused talents is no better off than someone with no talents at all."

Vacation Bible School, designed for the young and innocent, always brings some interesting stories.

Here are a few responses from the kids:

--Noah's wife was called Joan of Ark.

--The epistles are the wives of the apostles.

--The fourth commandment is "humor they father and mother."

--Lot's wife was a pillar of salt by day, and a ball of fire by night.

--Eskimos are God's frozen people.

--The tower of Babel is where Solomon kept his wives.

--When Mary heard she was to be the mother of Jesus, she went off and sang the Magna Carta.

--Holy Acrimony is another name for marriage.

--The 8th commandment is "Thou shalt not witness thy bare neighbor."

--Christians have only one wife. They call it monotony.

--Paraffin is next in order to seraphin.

--Adam and Eve had twins, Cain and Mable.

--The Pope lives in a vacuum.

--Iran is the bible of the Moslems.

--Samson's wife was Mrs. Samson.

--A republican is a sinner mentioned in the Bible.

--Creation is when God put Adam to sleep and took out a wishbone to make the lady.

--Meaning to say 'creature' one youngster observed, "Baptism makes us new animals for God."

--Mary's husband was named Virg. "You know, Virg 'n Mary."

--Lent. It's the stuff that gets stuck in the dryer thing.

One kid had a serious question. He couldn't understand why the congregation would sing a song, "Bringing in the sheets."

But it likely took an adult to figure this one out.

A Bible scholar believes he knows what kind of chariots they drove in Bible times.

--Jehovah drove Adam and Eve out of the garden in a Fury.

--David's Triumph was heard through the land.

--A Volkswagen Beetle: "We are pressed in every way, but not cramped beyond movement."

--New Testament Christians drove Hondas. They were all in one Accord.

Area sales tax rebates

City	June 99	June '98	+/-	Year'99	Year'98	+/-
Abilene	$1,691,692.13	$1,720,941.16	-1.69%	$11,938,558.76	$11,710,578.70	1.94%
Big Spring	$258,542.22	276,230.58	-6.40%	$1,778,702.71	1,855,114.36	-4.11%
Colorado City	$27,885.57	$31,304.87	-10.92%	$210,443.34	$210,278.58	0.07%
Lamesa	$56,549.96	$58,357.29	-3.09%	$430,844.49	$457,164.40	-5.75%
Lubbock	$1,818,561.31	$2,034,714.14	-10.62%	$12,904,219.81	$12,762,605.35	1.10%
Post	$14,816.09	$17,295.39	-14.33%	$101,536.16	$119,337.77	-14.91%
Roby	$1,457.23	$1,956.53	-25.51%	$12,464.20	$11,633.51	7.14%
Rotan	$7,121.89	$8,259.34	-13.77%	$62,535.96	$60,539.40	3.29%
Snyder	$101,355.70	$123,830.83	-18.14%	$708,179.88	$754,199.83	-6.10%
Sweetwater	$169,451.23	145,364.61	16.56%	$933,557.66	$968,878.77	-3.64%

TAX REBATES — June sales tax rebates were down some 18 percent for the city of Snyder as compared to June of 1998. The city received $101,355.70 this period as compared to $123,830.83 in 1998. This month's sales tax rebates include local sales taxes collected in April and reported by businesses filing monthly tax returns in May.

ASK US

Q—Why does the Little League 8 and 9-year-old division not receive trophies, or get included in closing ceremonies?

A—It is against Little League rules to award trophies for anything other than the county tourney. Also, there are no closing ceremonies, only the announcement of all-star teams.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Wednesday, 92 degrees; low, 70; 7 a.m. Thursday, 71; no precipitation; total for 1999, 13.59 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, fair. Low, upper 60s. Friday, partly cloudy. High mid to upper 90s.



Cassie Cazarez
Partly cloudy

Sunset:
8:52 p.m.
Sunrise:
6:41 a.m.
Of 174 days in 1999, the sun has shone 167 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

"Find your own 'weak spot.' Take your talents and enjoy them, share them, expand them."

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Republican dinner raises $9 million for election in 2000

WASHINGTON (AP) — Between scenes of braying donkeys, the giant screen showed the guests of this year's Republican congressional dinner their worst nightmare: a Democratic-controlled Congress and White House in 2000.

The film, meant as a cautionary tale, ended on a more comforting note for the GOP faithful by listing Republican achievements and predicting victory.

Republicans also were consoled by the night's $9 million take, a record for a non-election year. The 1997 dinner raised $7 million.

Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott thanked the 3,308 guests who had paid $1,500 a plate for a seat at the black-tie affair.

"Thanks to your support, after all these years we're going to elect a Republican president. We're going to keep our majority in the Senate and the House of Representatives," said Lott, R-Miss.

Some of the biggest donors were corporations interested in bills before Congress, and the biggest fund-raisers were lobbyists and lawmakers, who personally pushed tickets for the dinner.

BellSouth, Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corp. and American Airlines were among those bringing $100,000 each, earning invitations to mingle with congressional leaders at a private breakfast in addition to Wednesday night's dinner.

"What they're doing is giving tonight to us so that we can help build Republican majority, build it stronger for 2000. What they get from us is a good meal and good government," said Stuart Roy, a spokesman for the National Republican Senatorial Committee.

With a net change of six seats each in the House and the Senate in next year's election, Democrats could regain control of both for the first time since 1994.

But many big contributors also are giving at a time when Congress is considering legislation affecting them.

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce, which raised $50,000 for the dinner, helped lead the recent effort to pass legislation limiting lawsuits resulting from Year 2000 computer problems.

"It's important for the chamber to be visible with these kinds of events," said spokesman Frank Coleman. "It reinforces the perception that the chamber is a political player in this town."

BellSouth contributed $100,000, earning corporate co-chairman status, at the request of the dinner chairman, Sen. Paul Coverdell, R-Ga., said company spokesman Bill McCloskey. "We have lots of friends in Congress and we support our friends," he said.



CHAMBER WELCOMES BUSINESS — A ribbon cutting was held Tuesday at College Avenue Jewelry & Pawn located at 3711 College Avenue. Gold Coats welcomed owners, shown center, Bill Haley, Mike Haley, and employees Debra Roche and Ray Marquez, all of Sweetwater. Store hours are Monday through Friday, 9 to 6 and Saturday, 9-1. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Of education...

Bush urges greater local control

BETHLEHEM, Pa. (AP) — If Texas Gov. George W. Bush wins the Republican presidential nomination, he won't make abortion a litmus test for finding a running mate.

He said his first criteria would be: "Can that person be president?"

"Obviously I would want to know if the person will help the ticket," Bush said Wednesday. But he added, "I think it's a little presumptuous for somebody who doesn't even have the nomination to talk about a running mate."

GOP rival Gary Bauer seized on Bush's non-comment to criticize him for refusing to exclude as possible running mates anyone who supports a woman's right to abortion.

"If he were truly pro-life, he would rule out selecting a running mate who will not defend innocent children," Bauer said.

Bush has taken the same position when asked if abortion would be an issue in picking Supreme Court nominees, saying "there will be no litmus tests, except for whether or not the judges strictly interpret the Constitution."

The son of former President George Bush has said he opposes abortion and would support a constitutional amendment making the procedure illegal — except in cases of rape, incest and when a woman's life is jeopardy. But he also has said Americans don't support the measure and he, thus, sees no need to pursue it.

Beginning a two-day fund-raising trip around Pennsylvania, Bush espoused giving state and local governments more control over education, including curriculum, disciplining students and punishing juvenile offenders.

"Trust local people to make decisions for their schools," said Bush, who has 17-year-old twin daughters.

He spoke to about 120 business people at a $1,000-a-plate lunch. Bush hoped to raise $700,000 at the Bethlehem event and subsequent events in Philadelphia, Harrisburg and Pittsburgh.

Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Ridge introduced Bush as "my good friend" and "my friend from Texas." Bush returned the favor, calling Ridge a "good buddy" and "one of the best governors in all of America."

Ridge was accompanying accompany Bush during his Pennsylvania campaign, which includes a scheduled breakfast today in Harrisburg and a luncheon in Pittsburgh.

After leaving Bethlehem, Bush and Ridge spoke about the importance of education to 40 elementary-aged students in the library at the Visitation BVM School in Philadelphia. Just a few children raised their hands when Bush asked how many of them read more than they watched TV.

"If you can read, you can learn. And if you learn a lot, you can realize your dreams in this country," Bush said.

After a student asked him a question in Spanish, Bush rattled an answer back without taking a breath.

"She asked if I could speak Spanish. As she can tell, not very well," he said.

In Bethlehem, Bush didn't mention either President Clinton or Vice President Al Gore, the Democratic presidential front-runner, but made veiled jabs at both.

Doyle makes Dean's List

LUBBOCK — More than 3,700 Texas Tech University students qualified for academic honors lists at the end of the spring semester.

Casey Wayne Doyle of Snyder is included on the Dean's List.

Students who earned 12 or more hours with a grade point average of 3.5 to 3.9 qualified for the Dean's List.

Datebook

June 24, 1999

Today is the 175th day of 1999 and the fourth day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1509, Henry VIII was crowned king of England.

On this day in 1947, Kenneth Arnold reported that he had seen nine UFOs over Mount Rainier, Wash.

On this day in 1948, Thomas Dewey, governor of New York, was nominated to be the Republican presidential candidate at the Republican convention in Philadelphia, Pa.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Henry Ward Beecher (1813-1887), clergyman; Jack Dempsey (1895-1983), boxer; Norman Cousins (1915-1990), editor-writer; John Ciardi (1916-1986), poet-critic; Billy Casper (1931-), golf great, is 68; Mick Fleetwood (1942-), musician, is 57. Michele Lee (1942-), singer-actress, is 57; Jeff Beck (1944-), musician, is 55.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1968, Detroit's Jim Northrup hit two grand-slam home runs as Detroit defeated Cleveland 14-3.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Whoever makes home seem to the young dearer and more happy, is a public benefactor." — Henry Ward Beecher

TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (June 20) and full moon (June 28).

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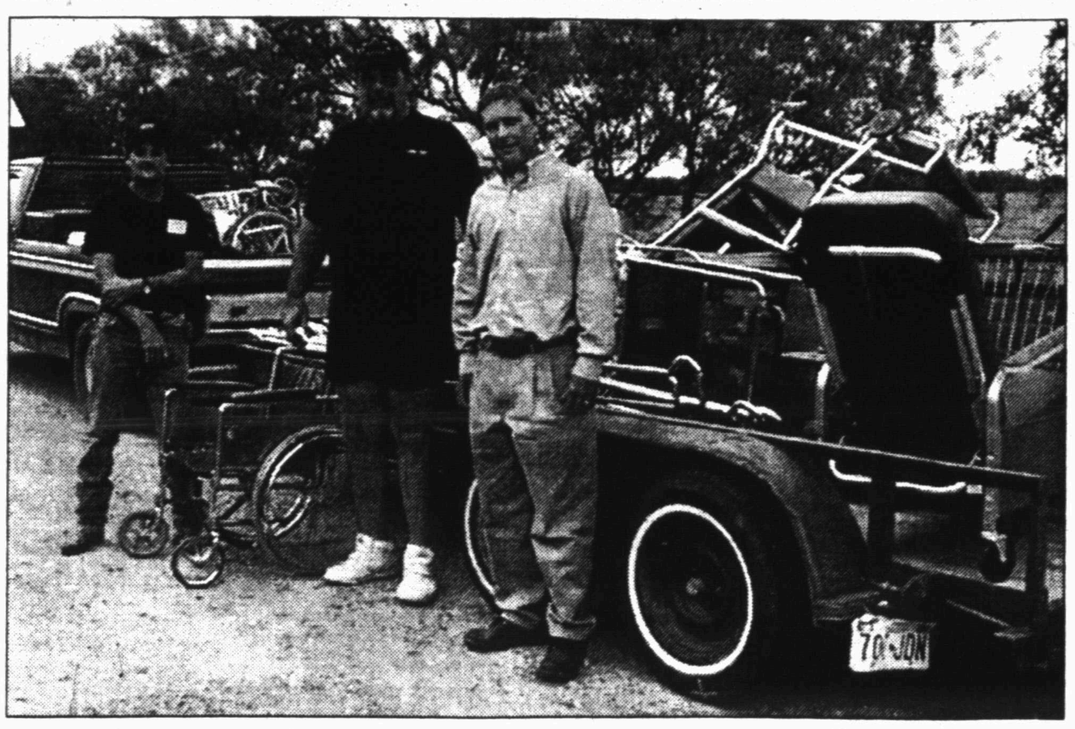
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SNYDER HEALTHCARE DONATES GOODS — Snyder Healthcare Center at 5311 Big Spring Highway gave wheelchairs, walkers, bed rails and many other items to the VFW to be used for the disabled veterans programs. Pictured from left are VFW members Robbie Nolan and John Fair, and Tim Peimann, Snyder Healthcare administrator. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)



MOST IMPROVED BUSINESS — The Snyder Garden Club chose Ezell Key Feed & Seed, located at 1615 26th Street, for the Most Improved Business Yard of the Month. Judges included Maribeth Vestal and Sandra Browning who are pictured (from left) with Linda and Jimmy McFarland. Shown in back is David Wilson. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



North 06-24-99
♠ K 9 6 3
♥ A K
♦ A K 10 5
♣ A K Q

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

East
♠ ---
♥ 9 7 5 3 2
♦ Q 7 3
♣ 10 7 6 5 3

South
♠ A 7 5 4 2
♥ Q 8 4
♦ J 9 4
♣ J 8

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: North

South	West	North	East
		2 ♣	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	5 NT	Pass
6 ♠	Dbl.	All pass	

Opening lead: ♥ J

Ten to the century

By Phillip Alder

A longtime friend of mine, Albert Benjamin, celebrated his 90th birthday a couple of months ago. He has a broad Scottish accent, writes with humor, plays an excellent game, but isn't at his best as a nonplaying captain! (It's a long story.)

In today's deal, two clubs was strong, artificial and forcing. Two spades promised at least five spades and eight points. Now North used the Grand Slam Force, asking his partner to bid seven with two of the top three spade honors.

West's double was absurd. With the opponents looking for seven, he was doubling for one down, turning 100 into 200. It's not clever when it paints a picture of the distribution for declarer.

Benjamin realized West had all four missing trumps for the double. So, he took dummy's two heart winners, followed by the three top clubs, discarding a diamond from hand. After the ace-king of diamonds, a diamond ruff in hand, and the heart queen, everyone was down to four cards, North, West and South having only trumps remaining.

Benjamin led a low trump from hand, forcing West to split his honors; otherwise, dummy's nine would win the trick. However, Benjamin just played low from the dummy, leaving West to lead away from the Q-J-8 into dummy's K-9-6 and his A-7-5. West couldn't win another trick, so six spades doubled made.

Albert's wife, Judy, played in six spades undoubled, going the normal one down. After teasing her for failing to find the winning line, Albert said, "I received the well-deserved punishment meted out to all erring husbands."

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Lt. Dan's a survivor

BOULDER CITY, Nev. (AP) — Lt. Dan lost his to head to some bad guys. But not to worry, he's back on the beat.

Lt. Dan is a plastic dummy that sits in a roadside patrol car in an effort to slow speeders.

He was decapitated by three guys who tried to steal him after a night of drinking, Sgt. Jim Reed said Wednesday.

The three men busted the patrol car window and put Dan into the back of their truck under a spare tire, Reed said. When they tried to drive off, the wheels of their vehicle got stuck in the dirt.

Two police officers soon arrived and noticed Dan in the truck.

"He said, 'Help me, Help me,'" Reed joked.

Amish barn raising recipe

Summertime is a busy time for the Amish people. The "Plain People" work together during spring and summer on many different chores including raising barns. When they get together to raise a barn they work hard, but they also eat good! Hard work and good food go hand in hand. Try the Amish's favorite pie at your next picnic or pot luck supper.

SHOO FLY PIE

1 unbaked 9 inch pie shell
½ Tbs. baking soda
¾ cup boiling water
½ cup dark molasses
1 egg yolk, beaten
¾ cup flour, sifted
½ tsp. cinnamon
½ tsp. nutmeg
½ cup brown sugar
2 Tbs. shortening
½ tsp. salt

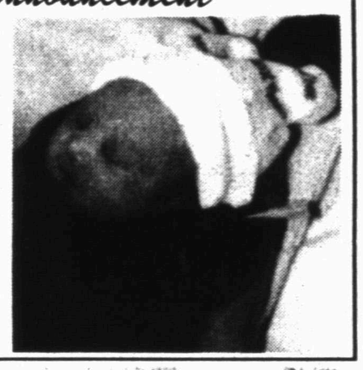
Dissolve soda in the boiling water. Add molasses. Cool. Beat in egg yolk. Pour mixture into pie shell. Top with crumb mixture of the flour, spices, sugar, shortening and salt. Bake in 400 degrees oven for 10 minutes. Reduce heat to 325 and bake another 35 minutes. Pie should be firm when done.

To receive a free booklet of Amish Barn Raising recipes send a long self-addressed stamped envelope (with 2 stamps) to: Amish Barn Raising Recipes, P.O. Box 629, Burgin, Ky 40310.

There are about 7000 babies born every year in the United States to fathers over the age of 55.

Birth Announcement

Joey and Carrie Hall of Snyder announce the birth of their baby girl, Katelyn Ann Hall. She was born Sunday, June 13th at 4:30 p.m. in Lubbock Methodist, weighing in at 3 lbs.-9 oz. Grandparents are W.T. and Belinda Cox of Ira and Ronny and Laura Hall of Midland. Great grandparents are Travis and Gwen Cox of Ira and Arlie Jo and Patsy Burleson of Ira, and Yelita Freeman of Snyder.



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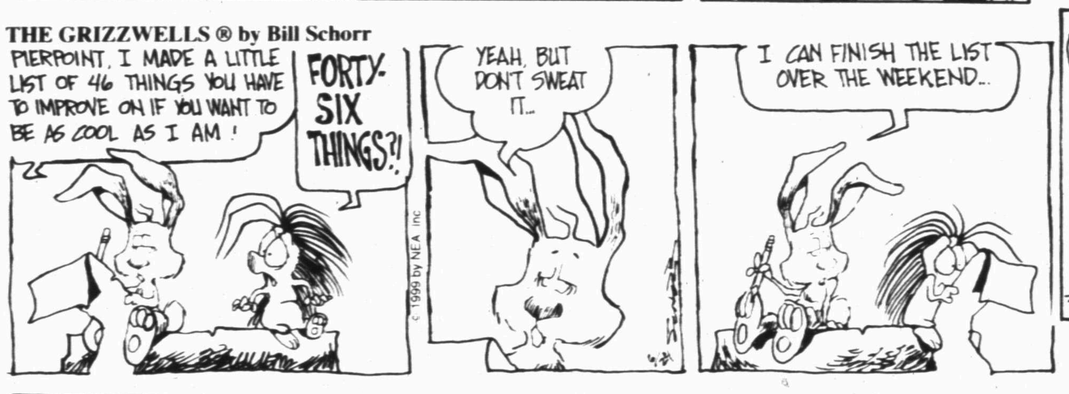
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7 One who is canvassed
13 Style of type
14 Not alfresco
15 Part of the U.S. flag
16 Prickly plant
17 First-rate (2 wds.)
18 Insect egg
20 Changes to leather
21 V.I.P.
23 Comedian Richard —
27 Long journey
32 — — cologne
33 Rings, as a bell
34 Weary
35 Come up
36 Doorways
39 Passover feast
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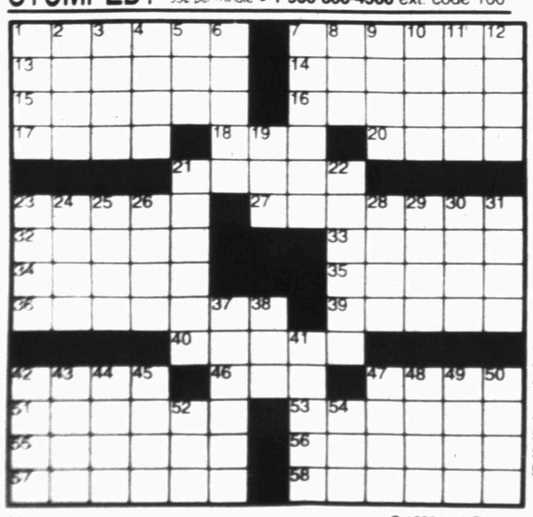
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3 Alarm
4 Author Wiesel
5 Tear
6 Play part
7 Like some cherries
8 First number
9 Future LL.Bs.' exam
10 Actress Bonet
11 First garden
12 Morays
19 Workers' grp.
21 Type of card
22 Detour around
23 Baseball's Rose
24 Precipitation
25 Circular tent
26 River in Germany
28 Arid
29 Pronounced
30 End of a threat
31 River in Belgium
37 Pencil part
38 "The — Also Rises"
41 Palatable
42 Grafting twig
43 Giant of fairy tales
44 Skeleton parts
45 Booty
47 Ms. Anderson
48 Algerian seaport
49 Paving stone
50 Card
52 Bullring cry
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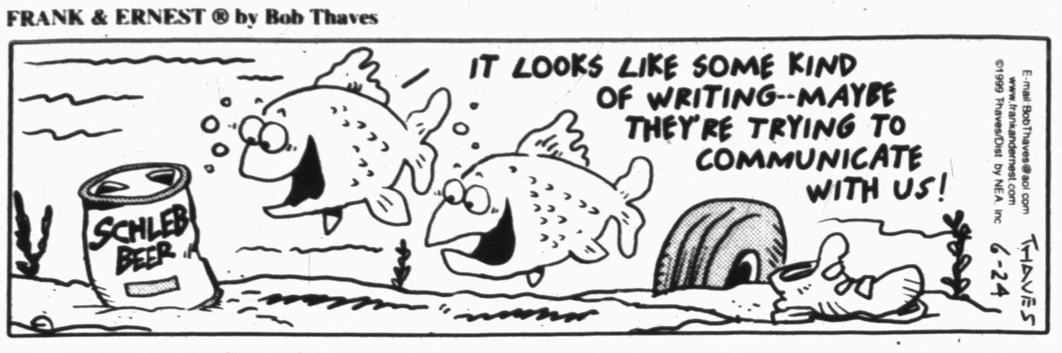
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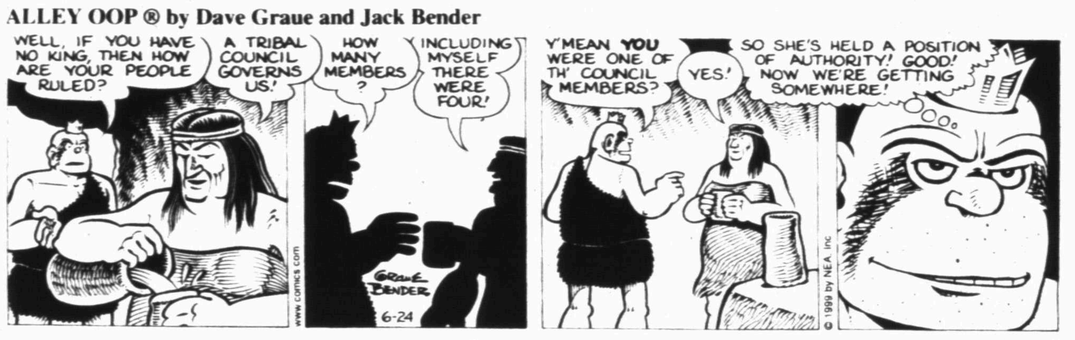
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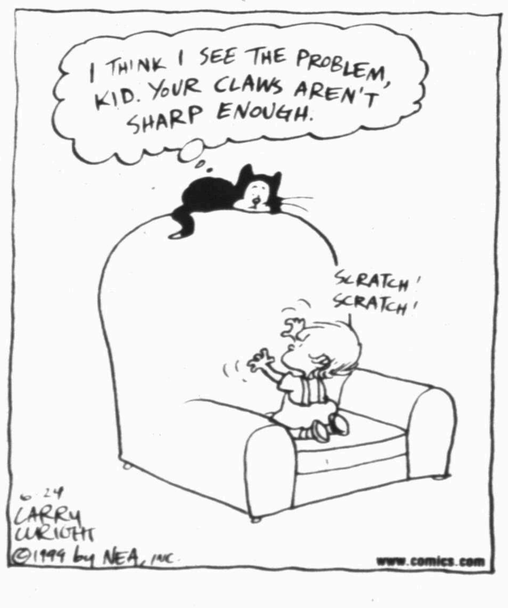


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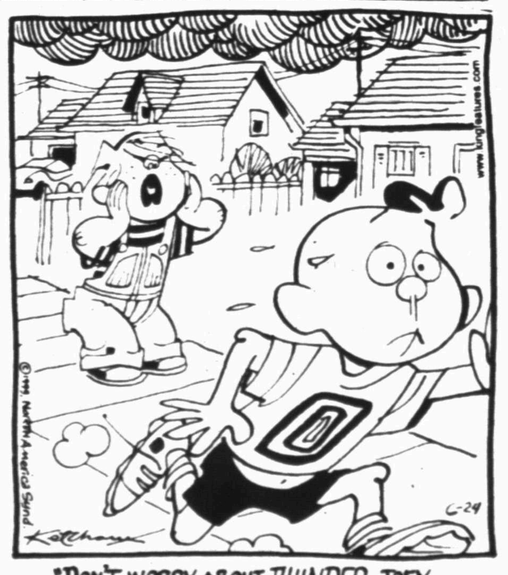


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SPORTS



MAJOR LEAGUE ALL-STARS — The major all-star squad was announced Wednesday night by Snyder Little League. Members of the team are, front row from left, Dustyn Williams, Garrett Pinson, Caleb Gutierrez, Cade Simpson, Bradley Price, Blaine Minton and Colton Long. On the back row are coaches, Grady Gafford and Terry Williams, Dustin Babcock, Alex Neal, Eric Martinez, Zack Garcia and coach Les Rinehart. Not pictured is Lico Castillo. (SDN Staff Photo)

Win moves Spurs one step closer to first NBA crown

NEW YORK (AP) — The San Antonio Spurs played like a championship team, with the emphasis on team.

For a change, the Twin Towers didn't stand alone.

With plenty of help for 7-footers Tim Duncan and David Robinson, the Spurs rediscovered their road magic Wednesday night with a 96-89 victory over the New York Knicks in Game 4 of the NBA Finals. They took a 3-1 lead in the best-of-7 series, a lead no team has ever relinquished in the final round.

From the shortest man on the court — Avery Johnson — all the way to Duncan and Robinson, the Spurs played like a team that is no longer content to stand around and wait for the 7-footers to carry them.

Now the Spurs have three chances to win one more time and give San Antonio its first NBA title.

"We have an opportunity to do something special, first time in San Antonio," said Mario Elie, who scored 18 points. "Hopefully, we can finish it off."

Duncan followed his worst game of the finals with a 28-point, 18-rebound performance. Robinson had 14 points and 17 rebounds, nine of them at the offensive end for the Spurs, who refused to let their six-game playoff winning streak on the road turn into a two-game losing streak.

Instead of standing back and admiring the big guys, Elie, Johnson and Sean Elliott were there to make whatever shots, steals, rebounds or passes the Spurs needed to keep the resilient Knicks coming back and tying the series

"This is the ultimate challenge," said New York's Allan Houston, who scored 20 points, but had three of the Knicks' 11 misses as they got within two points, but no closer, in the final 5½ minutes. "Our backs can't be any further against the wall than when you're down 3-1 in the finals."

Elliott had 14 points, including two timely 3-pointers, the kind of outside threat the Spurs were missing in Game 3. Johnson, the irrepressible 5-foot-11 point guard, had 14 points and 10 assists.

"We needed to get somebody on the perimeter to play well with all the attention Tim and David are going to get," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said.

Led by Robinson, who showed he might not be as soft as some people believe, the Spurs won the rebounding race for the first time in the series, 49-34. The Spurs had 14 offensive rebounds.

Latrell Sprewell scored 26 points, and Marcus Camby had 20 points and 13 rebounds for the Knicks, who face elimination Friday night at the Garden.

NBA FINALS
(Best-of-7)
All Times EDT
Wednesday, June 16
San Antonio 89, New York 77
Friday, June 18
San Antonio 80, New York 67
Monday, June 21
New York 89, San Antonio 81
Wednesday, June 23
San Antonio 96, New York 89, San Antonio leads series 3-1
Friday, June 25
San Antonio at New York, 9 p.m.
Sunday, June 27
New York at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m., if necessary
Tuesday, June 29
New York at San Antonio, 9 p.m., if necessary

Rangers overcome A's power

ARLINGTON (AP) — After two innings, the odds weren't good that Mike Morgan would get a victory.

But after giving up three runs and two homers in the first two innings, Morgan settled down and the Texas Rangers went on to a 7-6 victory over the Oakland Athletics on Wednesday night.

"His pitches were up on both of the home runs, but he settled in and was able to get the ball down from that point," Rangers manager Johnny Oates said. "He made quality pitches when he had to."

Morgan (8-5) gave up homers to Ben Grieve and Eric Chavez, but the Rangers reclaimed the lead with a four-run third and halted a four-game losing streak.

Morgan gave up three runs and four hits in six innings.

"I got the ball up, and they hit it out," Morgan said. "I could have hit those out. But after losing four in a row, that was a big win for us."

The best news for the Rangers was a 13-hit attack, led by Ivan Rodriguez's three hits and two RBIs.

Texas, one of the most explosive offensive teams in the majors, had scored four or fewer runs in 10 straight games and 19 of 24. When the Rangers don't score big, they don't win consistently. Texas hadn't gone 10 games with four or less runs since 1988.

"The bats are always there, even when we don't hit for a few games," Rodriguez said. "We have one of the best offensive lineups."

Rafael Palmeiro, Roberto Kelly, Mark McLemore and Rodriguez all had RBI singles during a four-run fourth off Mike Oquist (6-6) that gave Texas the lead.

Rodriguez added a run-scoring double in the fifth to help the Rangers stop a losing streak that matched their longest of the season.

Ben Grieve hit two homers for Oakland, which has lost 16 of 21 road games. It was Grieve's second multihomer game, both in his home town.

John Wetteland allowed a two-run homer to Grieve in the ninth before getting his 24th save. Wetteland had his third blown save in Tuesday night's 5-3 loss to the A's.

"If we would have got one more guy on in front of Ben, it would have been a lot of fun," A's manager Art Howe said.

Grieve's seventh homer in the first gave Oakland a 1-0 lead. Juan Gonzalez's sacrifice fly in the first tied it at 1.

Oakland took a 3-1 lead in the second on a two-run homer by Chavez, his fifth.

Stevens' 13th homer in the second narrowed Oakland's advantage to 3-2, then the Rangers went in front 6-3 with their four-run third.

Astros bag Cardinals, 8-4

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Carl Everett and Bill Spiers each had two RBIs as the Houston Astros avoided a three-game sweep with an 8-4 win over the St. Louis Cardinals on Wednesday night.

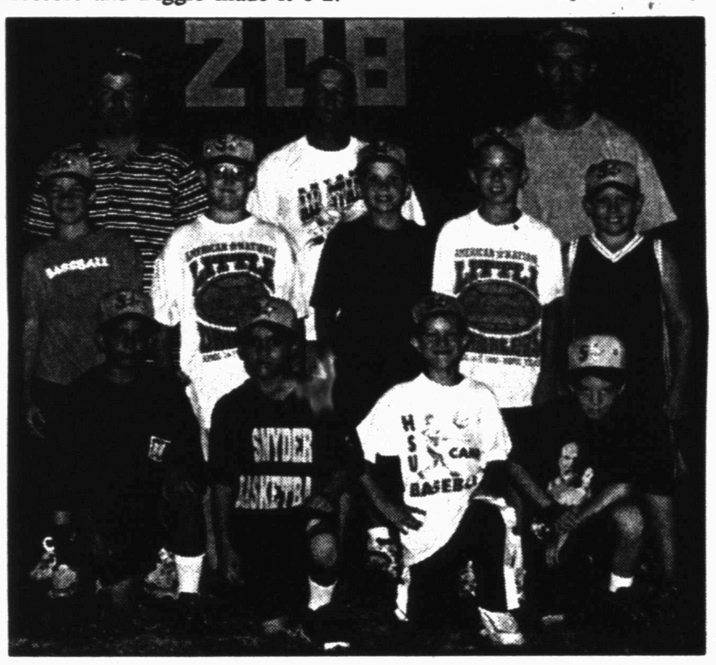
Shane Reynolds (9-6) allowed four runs on 11 hits in six innings, including homers to Edgar Renteria and Darren Bragg.

Craig Biggio and Tony Eusebio each added two hits and an RBI for the NL Central leaders, who are only 13-13 against teams from their division. The Astros haven't been swept at Busch since Sept. 2-4, 1996, when the Cardinals began pulling away to make their last postseason appearance.

Everett had a two-run double in the first off Juan Acevedo (4-3). Spiers, who was 2-for-5, had a two-run double in the eighth against Mike Mohler.

Mark McGwire had three hits and an RBI for the Cardinals, who fell one game below .500 and 7 1-2 games behind Houston. The Cardinals were 6-7 on their longest homestand of the season, and are 15-20 at home.

Jeff Bagwell and Richard Higaldo had run-scoring singles in the third for a 4-1 lead. Acevedo walked Everett and Hidalgo to start the sixth, and RBI singles by Eusebio and Biggio made it 6-2.



MINOR LEAGUE ALL-STARS — Snyder Little League named its minor all-star squad Wednesday night. Members of the team are, front row from left, Christopher Gutierrez, Pedro Villa, Jesse Conner and Mark Barnes. On the middle row are Brent Bollinger, Brooks Gafford, John Whitworth, Corbin Clements and Tyler Driggers. On the back row are coaches David Tate, Ray Conner and Randy Hogan. Not pictured are Ryan Mitchell and Matthew Schoolcraft. (SDN Staff Photo)

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

National League
All Times EDT

East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	43	28	.606	-
NewYork	40	31	.563	3
Philadelphia	36	33	.522	6
Montreal	27	40	.403	14
Florida	24	47	.338	19
Central Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct.**	**GB**
Houston	42	28	.600	-
Cincinnati	37	31	.544	4
Pittsburgh	35	34	.507	6½
Chicago	34	34	.500	7
St.Louis	35	36	.493	7½
Milwaukee	33	38	.465	9½
West Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct.**	**GB**
Arizona	41	31	.569	-
SanFrancisco	40	33	.548	1½
Colorado	34	33	.507	4½
LosAngeles	32	37	.464	7½
SanDiego	30	38	.441	9

Wednesday Games
Milwaukee 9, San Francisco 6
Pittsburgh 8, Philadelphia 6
New York 6, Florida 3
Atlanta 7, Montreal 3
Houston 8, St. Louis 4
Colorado 10, Chicago 1
Cincinnati 9, Arizona 7
San Diego 6, Los Angeles 2

Thursday's Games
Pittsburgh (Silva 2-4) at Philadelphia (Schilling 9-4), 1:05 p.m.
Montreal (Hermanson 3-7) at Atlanta (Smoltz 8-2), 1:10 p.m.
Florida (L.Hernandez 3-6) at New York (Hershiser 7-5), 1:40 p.m.
Chicago (Tapani 5-3) at Colorado (B.M.Jones 2-5), 3:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Villone 1-2) at Houston (Hampton 9-2), 8:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Oliver 4-5) at Arizona (Daal 7-4), 10:05 p.m.
San Diego (Ashby 6-4) at Los Angeles (Dreifort 6-5), 10:10 p.m.
Only games scheduled

American League
All Times EDT

East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
NewYork	41	28	.594	-
Boston	41	30	.577	1
Toronto	35	38	.479	8
Baltimore	32	38	.457	9½
TampaBay	29	42	.408	13
Central Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct.**	**GB**
Cleveland	47	22	.681	-
Chicago	34	34	.500	12½
KansasCity	29	40	.420	18
Detroit	30	42	.417	18½
Minnesota	26	44	.371	21½
West Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct.**	**GB**
Texas	40	31	.563	-
Oakland	36	35	.507	4
Seattle	36	35	.507	4
Anaheim	31	39	.443	8½

Wednesday's Games
New York 12, Tampa Bay 4
Cleveland 9, Toronto 6
Boston 5, Baltimore 0
Minnesota 12, Chicago 10
Kansas City 10, Detroit 1
Texas 7, Oakland 6
Seattle 8, Anaheim 3

Thursday's Games
Minnesota (Radke 5-6) at Chicago (Navarro 5-5), 2:05 p.m.
Detroit (N.Cruz 1-0) at Kansas City (Appier 6-6), 2:05 p.m.
New York (Pettitte 4-5) at Tampa Bay (Rekar 4-2), 7:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Burba 7-2) at Toronto (Halladay 5-3), 7:05 p.m.
Boston (Cho 1-0) at Baltimore (Mussina 9-3), 7:35 p.m.
Oakland (Hudson 2-0) at Texas (Burkett 0-3), 8:35 p.m.
Anaheim (Finley 4-7) at Seattle (Fassero 3-7), 10:05 p.m.

Sports Whirl

By Eric Drennan SDN Sports Editor

With autumn still a few months away, here's a little football news to help curb the gridiron appetite.

With standouts returning on offense, and questions still to answer on defense, Snyder Tiger football fans can have mixed emotions about the upcoming season.

But one thing is for sure. With the caliber of teams on the Tigers' schedule, all questions will be answered by the time district play rolls around.

All five of Snyder's non-district opponents are picked by *Texas Football* magazine to make the playoffs, with two of the teams holding state rankings.

The Tigers open the season on the road at Monahans, ranked fourth in the state in Class 3A and first in its district.

The battle down south will be followed by Snyder's home opener against Littlefield, another district favorite.

After dueling the Wildcats, comes a pair of road games. The first is at Frenship which is picked third in the 4-4A race. The second will be a visit to Class 3A's ninth-ranked Abilene Wylie Bulldogs.

Snyder finally returns to Tiger Stadium for its homecoming match-up with Seminole which is figured to place second in its district.

That makes five non-district games, of which all five are against probable playoff qualifiers, three are against district favorites, and two are against state-ranked teams.

Sounds tough, but maybe opening with a barrage of quality teams is just what the Tigers need. After all, District 5-4A is no cakewalk, and the Tigers are picked to finish second. The same place they finished last season when they were picked last.

Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones is signing everyone in sight. Deion's coming back. He's keeping Irvin. He restructured Aikman's contract and brought back Stepnoski.

It seems like every year the Cowboys draft players in the middle of the pack, ability wise. But they're cheap, and that leaves room under the cap to re-sign the same players that went 10-6 or 6-10 the year before.

Maybe what the Cowboys need is more players from Snyder. Hayward Clay drew a starting role for much of last season, why not add some more ex-Tigers.

After all, Snyder has no connection to the Columbian drug cartel, no "ladies of the night," and never in the history of SHS has one Tiger football player stabbed another one in the neck with a pair of scissors.

The Snyder players would know how to conduct themselves, and that alone would save the Cowboys thousands of dollars in lawyers' fees.

Snyder Tigers Football Schedule

Aug.	27	Monahans	T	7:30
Sept.	3	Littlefield	H	8:00
Sept.	10	Frenship	T	7:30
Sept.	17	Wylie	T	7:30
Sept.	24	Seminole	H	8:00
Oct.	1	Open		
Oct.	8	Andrews	H	7:30
Oct.	15	Big Spring	T	7:30
Oct.	22	Sweetwater	H	7:30
Oct.	29	Ft. Stockton	T	7:30
Nov.	5	Lake View	H	7:30

Sports Briefs

July 4th basketball tourney

The Powerade Fourth of July 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament will be held July 2-4 at Towle Park. Cost is $40 per team.

Teams will be divided by age and ability. Divisions will be Little Dribblers (3rd-6th graders), Young Guns (6th-8th graders), Top Guns (9th-12th graders), NBA (very competitive) and Old Timers (recreational).

Each division will have male and female brackets, with co-ed teams entered in the male bracket.

Other contests in conjunction with the tourney will be half-court shot, free throws, 3-point shooting, slam dunks, and speed dribbling (little dribblers only).

All entries must be received by 9 p.m. Monday. To register, contact Valery Jackson at 573-8511 ext. 286 or 573-1494.

July 4th volleyball tourney

A co-ed volleyball tournament will be held July 3, with prizes awarded to the top three teams.

Teams will be comprised of eight players, and cost is $60 per squad. For more information, contact Louis Alaniz at 573-4767.

July 4th softball tourney

The WTC Student Government will be hosting a co-ed slowpitch softball tournament July 2-3 at Towle Park. Entry fee is $100 per team, with a 10-player minimum.

Deadline for entry is Wednesday. For more information, contact Kara at 573-5419 or Alisha at 573-8511 ext. 276.

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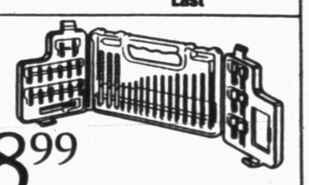


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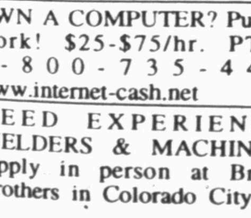
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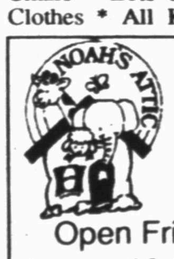
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Woman to head next shuttle mission

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — The first woman to command a space shuttle mission, Air Force Col. Eileen Collins, sees her flight next month as "a great challenge" in more ways than one.

Besides being NASA's first female space commander, she has to make sure the $1.5 billion Chandra X-ray telescope is delivered safely into orbit.

"It's good to have a challenge like that because it just motivates you and makes you want to work harder," she said during a break in countdown practice Wednesday.

This morning, the 42-year-old Collins boarded Columbia for the final portion of the simulated countdown and, in doing so, became the first woman to take the commander's left front seat of a space shuttle. She has flown twice in space before, both times in the right pilot's seat.

Columbia is tentatively scheduled to blast off with Collins, and Chandra, on July 20.

"I'm honored to be the first woman to have the opportunity to command the shuttle. I don't really think about that on a day-to-day basis because I really don't need to," she said.

"I've had just tremendous support from everybody everywhere, and that really makes a tremendous difference."

As for deploying NASA's oft-delayed Chandra, Collins said: "We have been training, working hard, studying. We want this to be the most successful mission it could possibly be."

The mission originally was scheduled for last summer, but was postponed repeatedly because of problems with the telescope. NASA has yet to formally clear Chandra for launch because of the Air Force's ongoing investigation into the April failure of an upper-stage motor on a military satellite; Chandra has a similar motor.

If Columbia takes off July 20 as planned, it will be 30 years to the day that man first landed on the moon.

"It's really kind of a neat feeling to know that we're going to be part of that history and continuing on with the space program the way we are," Collins said.

Hispanic migrants now face being mistaken for fugitive

COBDEN, Ill. (AP) — A woman in West Frankfort was sure it was Rafael Resendez-Ramirez who stole her purse. A gas station attendant more than 100 miles away said a man asking directions certainly looked like the suspected serial killer.

Although most, if not all, of the reported sightings of the fugitive have been false alarms, that hasn't made life any easier for Hispanic migrant residents and farm workers in southern Illinois.

With a killer on the loose, migrants who come here to work the fruit orchards are getting uncomfortable stares and unsettling comparisons from fearful residents.

They don't like it, but they understand.

"We all look the same," said a Mexican worker at Flamm Orchards who only gave his first name, Evaristo.

Resendez-Ramirez has been charged with a double slaying June 15 in the southern Illinois town of Gorham. He also is wanted in connection with five killings in Texas and has been tied to a 1997 slaying in Kentucky.

Investigators believe he is making his way from town to town by hopping freight trains.

Police say the tattooed ex-convict frequently changes his appearance. But his common looks — 5-foot-7, about 150 pounds, with black hair and brown eyes — fit the description of thousands of Hispanic immigrants.

In hilly, southwestern Union County, residents are familiar with Hispanics from the annual influx of about 1,000 migrant farmworkers, and there has been little panic, said Sheriff Jim Nash.

Still, even a well-tanned man walking the railroad tracks has been mistaken for Resendez-Ramirez, he said.

The apparent paranoia seems to come from areas where Hispanic residents are less common.

On Tuesday, a West Frankfort woman said a 5-foot-7 man with brown skin, black hair and a mustache who stole her purse looked like Resendez-Ramirez. Police found no evidence that he was involved.

Hours before, a gas station attendant in Cahokia, more than 100 miles to the northwest, told police she was reading a newspaper account of the search when a man resembling the suspect walked in asking for directions.

And in Sparta, about 30 miles north of Gorham, police Chief Alan Young said calls have poured in from residents expressing fear or reporting possible sightings.

"If you're a Hispanic male right now, it's probably not safe to walk the streets," Young said.

Indeed, migrant worker Guadalupe Murillo — who bears some resemblance to pictures of Resendez-Ramirez — said he fears being mistaken for the killer.

"He's afraid that if he gets in the newspaper, people will think he is Ramirez," said Mexican immigrant Fidel Bartolo, who helps run a migrant housing camp in Cobden. Murillo does not speak English.

Nutrition

By Ed Blonz, PH.D.



Olive oil: a lot to love

DEAR DR. BLONZ: From reading all of your articles I have gradually shifted to using more olive oil in my cooking. I have a question about olive oil — especially the extra-virgin olive oils that have a peppery bite when they go down my throat. I am concerned because I don't want to use an oil that has gone rancid. Please tell me why my oil tastes this way, and whether it is safe to use. — M.R.

DEAR M.R.: Aside from wonderful flavors, olive oil possesses a number of healthful properties. The one we are most familiar with has to do with the fact that the oil is predominantly monounsaturated. This is the type of fat thought to contribute least to risk of heart disease. Olive oil, however, has much more going for it. That peppery bite you tasted, for example, is not a sign that the oil has gone bad. It's actually a positive attribute, reflecting the presence of the olive's beneficial phytochemicals (plant chemicals).

I recently attended a conference in the Puglia region of Italy, put on by the Oldways Preservation and Exchange Trust, a Cambridge, Mass.-based think-tank that seeks to advance healthful food traditions from around the world. During this trip I had an opportunity to visit with a number of olive oil producers, taste a wide variety of olive oils and discuss the meaning of the oil's various flavors with a number of experts. I also visited the impressive Masserie di Sant'Eramo production facility in Bari and sampled their oils.

For those of you unfamiliar with the process, oil gets removed from olives by using specialized presses. The oil that comes out with the least amount of pressure is the "extra virgin" olive oil. This is the darkest, most delicate and flavorful oil, and it is the most expensive.

As pressure is gradually increased, the next oil that comes out is "virgin" olive oil. It has less color but still contains some of the olive's fruitiness. The remaining oil is standard olive oil. Pale in color, this oil has only a hint of olive flavor. Some companies in the U.S. make "light" olive oils that have no olive flavor whatsoever. Other companies blend the different types or oil to help achieve a more standardized olive flavor. The fatty acids in all the olive oils are approximately 14 percent saturated, 77 percent monounsaturated and 9 percent polyunsaturated.

You mention a concern about rancidity. Any oil can go rancid if stored in the wrong way. Rancidity occurs when the oil reacts with oxygen-forming substances that have a noticeably unpleasant smell and taste. Aside from its off taste, the consumption of oxidized oil can also represents a health risk. The higher the proportion of unsaturated fatty acids, the greater the tendency for an oil to oxidize. Heat and exposure to sun and air encourage this type of breakdown, so store your oil away from heat and the sun in a well-sealed bottle.

The olive is the fruit of the olive tree, and the oil is there to nurture the developing seed until it can begin to grow on its own. It would be of no use if it turned rancid and the seed would not grow. Because oil is prone to breakdown, nature usually has protective components nearby. In olives, there are vitamin E and other important antioxidant compounds known as polyphenols. It is these compounds which serve to maintain the healthfulness of the olive's oil. They are also important health assets for us as well, and research continues to tweak out the details.

The Italians speak with understandable pride about their olive oil, which has been a key culinary mainstay in their cuisine for centuries. Those I spoke with always hasten to point out that just "any" olive won't do. It is only the extra virgin olive oil that has the right stuff. The same sentiment is echoed in Greece and other countries in the Mediterranean. Once you understand that it is the extra virgin olive oil that contains the beneficial phytochemicals, you can better appreciate the logic of their message.

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DuPont	66⅛		65⅞	66⅛—11-16
EastmanChem	54⅛		53	11-16 53¾— 5-16
EstKodak	70⅛	69	13-16	69 15-16—1 5-16
EDS Corp	56¼	54	15-16	54 15-16—1 1-16
Entergy	32	7-16	32¼	32⅝— ⅛
Exxon	78¼	77	5-16	77 7-16—11-16
FstBkSAm			18⅜	18⅛ 18⅛
Flowers	20¼	20	11-16	20⅛+ 1-16
FordMotor	53	3-16	52¾	53 1-16+ 3-16
GTE Cp	70	69	1-16	69⅛— 1
GenDynam			69⅝	68⅝ 68⅝— ⅛
GenElec	105		103	9-16 103⅝—2 1-16
GenMills			80¼	79⅞ 80 1-16+ ⅛
GenMotors			62¾	61 1-16 62⅝+ ⅜
GaPacGP s	52	7-16	50¾	51 — 1⅛
GlobalMar	14	15-16	14⅝	14⅝— ⅛
Goodrich	41	15-16	41	7-16 41⅜+ 3-16
Goodyear s	56		53	3-16 55⅞— ⅜
GtAtlPac	33		32⅝	32 15-16— ⅛
Halliburta	42	17-32	41¼	41⅛—15-16
Hanson ADS	46	11-16	46¼	46⅛— ⅛
HarteHanks	27¼		26	11-16 27⅛+47-64
HomeDepot	60	15-16	59¾	59 15-16—1 1-16
IBM s	123⅜		122	122⅝— 9-16
IntlPaper	53	9-16	52⅝	53 1-16— ⅜
JohnsonJn			91⅛	90 7-16 91 + ⅛
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Kroger Co			55⅛	5555⅝— ⅜
Litton			69⅜	69 69 11-16+ ⅜
LockheedM s	35	11-16	34¾	35 — ¼
Lowes Cos	55	5-16	54	9-16 54⅝— ⅜
Lubys	16	9-16	16⅛	16⅛— ⅛
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PennEngy s	15	15-16	15	13-16 15⅛
PepBoys	20⅜		20	20 5-16+ ¼
PepsiCo	35⅜	35	7-16	35⅝— 3-16
PhelpDodge			61	9-16 61 61¼+ ¼
PhilipPet	50	13-16	49⅜	49⅝—13-16
PilgrmPrd B	23	11-16	23¼	23⅝— ¼
Polaroid	27¼	25¾	26	15-16+1 1-16
Praxair	49	15-16	49	11-16 49 13-16— ⅛
ProctGamb	86⅝	85	13-16	86⅛—11-16
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UnitedTech s			65¾	63¼ 63⅜— 1⅜
Unocal	42	5-16	41	9-16 41⅜— ⅛
Venator Grp	9	11-16	9	7-16 9 7-16— ¼
WalMart s			43⅜	42¼ 43 — 1⅜
WellsFargo	42¼		41	15-16 42¼— ⅛
WstnGasRs			15⅞	14⅝ 15 + ⅜
WinnDixie	36¼	36	1-16	36 5-16— ⅛
Xerox Cp s			58	56¼ 56 9-16— 1-16

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Parts of South, Midwest, Northeast...

Drought plagues portions of country

PHOENIX (AP) — With grazing lands parched from the state's third-driest winter in a century, Gov. Jane Hull declared a statewide drought emergency aimed at gaining tax breaks for struggling ranchers.

Lack of snow last winter and too little rain since then has stunted grazing grass and dried up ponds and other surface water sources, meaning many ranchers have had to haul feed and water to their livestock or take the animals to market early.

It's the same dilemma facing farmers in the East, where a long spell of dry weather has officials and farmers worried about what the rest of the season will bring.

Portions of the South, Midwest and Northeast also are being slowly strangled by a spotty, but tenacious, drought that has been spreading for several months.

In New England, crops are withering in the fields or simply failing to sprout, while firefighters keep an eye out for brush and forest fires. The Southeast is suffering its second-driest spring in a century.

Mrs. Hull's declaration, issued Wednesday, is aimed at helping ranchers qualify for reduced taxes on livestock sales forced by the drought.

Heavy summer rains would be a better solution, said Jeff Menges, whose family has ranches near Clifton and Safford in southeastern Arizona.

"We need the relief right now," said Menges, whose family has already sold 15 percent of its herd. "We didn't get any growth in the spring and winter because it is just too dry. We're hoping that the summer monsoon will just bail us out."

Arizona's winter precipitation this year was the third lowest since 1995, "with an alarming pattern of below normal winter and early spring rain" for much of the state, according to the Eastern Arizona Counties Organization.

Streams have run dry or low in stretches, while lakes have dried up or are at dramatically low levels. Lyman Lake near Springerville is only at 2 percent of capacity, while the state's reservoirs overall are below 50 percent of capacity, the counties organization reported.

Back in the East, farmers from Maine to Georgia are in a similar bind. East Tennessee cattle farmers, with rainfall nearly 4 inches below normal, are selling off stock because their grass is dying.

"If this dry spell continues, pastures dry up and farmers have to feed baled hay to their cows in the summer, we could really run into a hay shortage and problems this winter," said Gary Bates, a University of Tennessee forage specialist.

The weather is a continuation of what many dubbed the "Drought of the Century," which began last summer and caused $700 million in crop damage in Georgia alone.

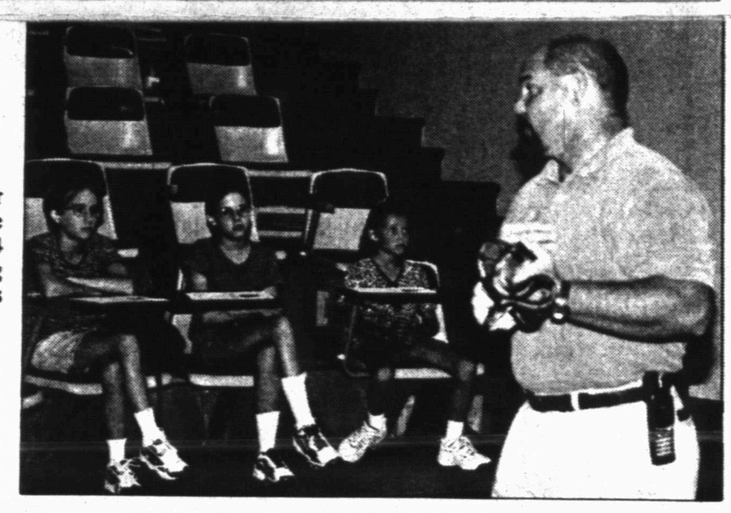
Parts of Georgia are 11 inches below average rainfall for the year and North Carolina's Piedmont region endured the driest May on record. New England states have had about a third of their usual rainfall for the month.

At Maxwell's Farm in Cape Elizabeth, Maine, manager Bill Bamford is irrigating 90 acres of fruit and vegetables with several farm ponds.

"I have stuff that I planted that hasn't come up yet and stuff that's wilting in the midday heat," he said. "I feel like I'm losing ground, because I can't keep up with the irrigation that needs to be done."

As ever, the dry weather means an increased risk of fires. In New Hampshire, firefighters already have battled more than 1,000 brush and forest fires since late March, compared to the average 495, said Paul Leary, a forest ranger with the Bureau of Fire Prevention.

In Arizona, there are an estimated 155,000 homes at risk from forest fires, the county group's report said, quoting Forest Service estimates.





FRIENDLY VISIT — Jim Fleshman, director of Abilene's Zoo, brought several friends to class last week, including this ball python. Girls in the top photo include Jana Lewis, Paige Gunset and Larisa Blackard, from left. Trevor Kubena touches the python in the bottom photo. (Staff Photos By Shirley A. Gorman)

Dear Abby



By Abigail Van Buren

Loss of Vision to Fireworks Is No Way to Celebrate the Fourth

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: In the summer of 1997, when I was 11, I was injured in an accident with an illegal firework. In celebration of the Chicago Bulls' fifth championship, my friends and I were watching an adult neighbor try to light a firework. Without warning, the firework went off, spraying gunpowder and debris in our direction. I was struck on the left side of my face and lost my left eye. Two of my friends were also burned and scarred. Before the accident, I had been diagnosed through my school's vision testing program with amblyopia of the right eye. The vision in my right eye was limited.

I have learned from personal experience that fireworks are always dangerous, even when used by an adult. I encourage everyone to celebrate every Fourth of July by going to a local park to enjoy the professional demonstrations.

On Saturday, June 26, I am proud to be a part of the second annual Light the Night for Sight Walkathon, sponsored by Prevent Blindness America. I implore all of your readers to join all of us working to increase fireworks safety awareness. Please help your local Prevent Blindness America chapter by walking or by pledging your financial support.

Prevent Blindness America also has many programs to screen for eye diseases and detect conditions such as amblyopia and to prevent workplace injuries to eyes. I am enthusiastic about helping other people avoid having to go through what I had to experience. Remember to always appreciate the gift of sight.

COLIN J. BURNS, CHICAGO

DEAR COLIN: Thank you for a terrific letter, and for the timely reminder about fireworks safety. I respect your effort to educate the public so that other children and adults will not have to experience the trauma that you did.

And while we're on the subject of fireworks, let me add that sparklers can also be very dangerous in the hands of children. Sparklers are not a benign firework; they heat up to 1,800 degrees Fahrenheit — hot enough to melt gold! — and they are the second-highest cause of fireworks eye injuries requiring trips to the emergency room. A wise parent will forgo making sparklers a part of children's celebrations.

For those interested in knowing more about fireworks safety, Prevent Blindness America's toll-free number is (800) 331-2020. The organization will be happy to provide callers with more information about fireworks, the Light the Night for Sight Walkathon, or how you can help. They are offering the booklet "Safe Summer Celebrations" at no charge, as well as fireworks injury fact sheets and a "quiz" to educate both parents and kids. But don't wait to call — vision safety is nothing to wink at.

DEAR ABBY: Parents allowing children to play with toy guns should think twice. Have they ever observed children playing and saying, "Bang, bang. You're wounded"?

A.R. GROSSMAN, SAN FRANCISCO

To receive a collection of Abby's most memorable — and most frequently requested — poems and essays, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby's "Keepers," P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

Dr. Gott



By Peter Gott, M.D.

Orlistat may help the obese

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I am a fat, middle-aged female. Despite trying to follow a low-calorie diet, I am still about 100 pounds overweight. My doctor wants to try me on Orlistat. Is the drug safe?

DEAR READER: Orlistat is a new addition to the treatment of obesity. Unlike other weight-loss medicines, it has a unique method of action: It is a gastrointestinal lipase inhibitor that prevents absorption of about 30 percent of dietary fat. The drug was recently studied in more than 880 patients; the results were reported in the Journal of the American Medical Association (January 20, 1999). When taken for a year or more, Orlistat led to a five to ten percent weight loss, which was maintained after the conclusion of the study. Side effects were minimal and the medicine was generally well-tolerated. The authors concluded that Orlistat, when combined with an appropriate diet, can help obese patients lose weight.

Because Orlistat interferes with fat absorption, it has the potential for also inhibiting the absorption of fat-soluble vitamins (A, D, E and K). Many metabolic specialists have expressed concern about this possible complication. In addition, no one knows what the long-term effects of Orlistat are.

Based on present information, however, the drug appears to be a safe and effective option for many obese people. If you decide to take the medication, be sure to follow your physician's advice about suitable follow-up and testing.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: What is anal seepage? Is it common in the elderly? Where does it come from? Is it life threatening? Can it be cured? Mine is colorless.

DEAR READER: Anal seepage refers to leakage from the rectum. It can reflect a form of incontinence, the passage of bowel moisture, the expulsion of pus or mucus, or some sort of anal irritation/infection. Certain forms of seepage are common in the elderly because of diminished anal sensation and malfunction of the anal sphincters. It is not life-threatening but it is certainly an unattractive nuisance. It can be cured, once the cause is identified.

In my opinion, you should be examined by a gastroenterologist. Once the reason for your seepage is discovered, the specialist will prescribe therapy.

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Seagal on concert list

LOS ANGELES (AP) — "Under Siege" star Steven Seagal, whose little-known music career includes performances with Leon Russell and Vince Gill, is joining the lineup for Michael Jackson's benefit concert in South Korea.

Snakes and other creatures...

Zoo director brings his friends to class

When Jim Fleshman, director of the Abilene Zoo, visited Kids College at Western Texas College last Thursday, he brought along a few friends: a ball python, a king snake, an eastern box turtle and a fat-tailed gecko.

Children enrolled in the reptiles/amazing animals class had the opportunity to see as well as touch the creatures. As Fleshman talked about the ball python and snakes in general, the python remained wrapped around his hand and arm.

Though he talked about many different types of animals, he stressed that the best pets are dogs, cats and hamsters. He said that each year the zoo receives several requests to take in someone's unwanted exotic pet, but rarely are they able to. Fleshman has been zoo director in Abilene for the past seven years. Previously, he had worked in San Antonio.

Fleshman said the Abilene zoo has a very successful breeding program, and that they trade animals with other zoos. He noted that they now have a two week old baby ocelot.

Some of the other exhibits include two elephants, two giraffes and six spider monkeys.

The zoo is designing a new exhibit — the River Canyon Exhibit — which will encompass about an acre of land and will feature climactic zones, a fossil study area, a geological survey area, caves with bats and a river otto exhibit for underwater viewing. The projected cost $3½ million and the possible opening date may be the winter of 2001.

The zoo is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursdays are safari nights and the zoo remains open until 9 p.m. The concession stand has reopened and is now under zoo management. Admission tickets are $3 for adults, $2 for children under 12 and children under six get in free. A yearly pass costs $25 and allows entry not only into the Abilene zoo but 150 other zoos in the U.S.

The Kids Kollege reptiles/amazing animals class began June 14 and will conclude today. The instructor is Liffin Molter.

Children participating in the class include Loren Toombs, Trevor Kubena, Shae Rinehart, Jaclyn Deleon, Paige Gunset, John Liccardi, Aeric Batchelor, Larissa Blackard, Jana Lewis, Weston von Roeder, Matthew Arquello, Codee Aplin, DaNorris Smith, Chase Price, Troy Henry, Sarah Cearley, Nathan Rose.

Bronx Zoo opens habitat to save African rain forests

NEW YORK (AP) — Planting themselves atop rocks and staring at the two-legged interlopers, it may have been hard to tell exactly who the visitors were at the Bronx Zoo's unveiling of its much-awaited Congo Gorilla Forest.

"This is an exhibit of human beings — for the gorillas," joked William Conway, president of the Wildlife Conservation Society that operates the zoo.

Hundreds of contributors to the $43 million, 6.5-acre wildlife habitat got a sneak peek of the exhibit Wednesday night. The gorilla forest opens to the public today.

Home to 75 species of animals, it replicates the tropics of Uganda, Congo and Rwanda, complete with waterfalls, mist, jungle sounds and nests in trees. With 300 animals, it sets a new world standard for conservation, organizers said.

"You're seeing wildlife better than you would see it in a real rain forest," said Amy Vedder, director of the wildlife society's Africa projects.

A decade in the planning, the habitat is filled with 15,000 trees and plants. It's so real one can even spot elephant dung, water buffalo skulls and termite mounds amid the black-and-white colobus monkeys swinging gracefully from limb to limb under open sky.

Visitors get spectacular views of the simulated African rain forest as they walk through a glass tunnel, making them feel more like "privileged interlopers," rather than zoo patrons, said exhibit designer Lee Ehmke.

"Designing this was like choreography, like writing a play," he said. "We were trying to evoke emotions: Awe, a sense of wonder, curiosity and care for animals and places. And a sense of alarm for the rain forest in danger."

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

NATO commander:

Horrors uncovered justify air strikes

PRISTINA, Yugoslavia (AP) — NATO commander Gen. Wesley Clark, greeted by a cheering crowd of ethnic Albanians in Kosovo's capital, said today he believes the horrors being uncovered in Kosovo provide clear justification for the alliance's punishing bombing campaign.

"What you see here is the magnitude of the horror that required NATO action," said Clark, who was accompanied by NATO Secretary-General Javier Solana on their first visit to Kosovo.

He was referring to mounting evidence of mass graves and atrocities being uncovered by NATO peacekeepers and Western forensic specialists in the province.

Solana and Clark, accompanied by NATO's commander in Kosovo, British Lt. Gen. Mike Jackson, walked through a bombed-out area of central Pristina, surveying buildings that had collapsed under NATO bombs.

Several hundred ethnic Albanians surrounded them, clapping and chanting "NATO! NATO!"

One elderly man in a traditional conical white hat gave Solana a kiss on the cheek and a big hug as tears streamed down his face.

"I never knew how I would see this. But I'm very moved, very moved," Solana said.

"We are very proud of you," Burim Jakupi, 27, told Clark in English. Clark smiled and responded, "We're proud of you."

Solana and Clark, accompanied by NATO's commander in Kosovo, British Lt. Gen. Mike Jackson, later met with both Serb and ethnic Albanian representatives in Pristina, including Hashim Thaci, political leader of the rebel Kosovo Liberation Army.

"He assured me of his commitment to demilitarize," Solana said, referring to an agreement signed by the KLA and the peacekeeping force this week. "Of course we will remain vigilant that this undertaking is respected."

They arrived a day after attackers armed with AK-47s fired at U.S. Marines in the southeastern Kosovo town of Zegra. The Marines, who called in attack helicopters, killed one of the assailants and wounded two others. A NATO spokesman in Pristina, Jan Joosten, confirmed today that the attackers were Serbs.

No Marines were injured, but the shooting underscored the risks facing NATO troops trying to restore security after 17 months of ethnic war.

The U.S. peacekeeping contingent in Kosovo will be fully in place by late July.

About wrong target...

Analyst's warnings ignored?

WASHINGTON (AP) — A mid-level U.S. intelligence official raised warnings internally that a target that turned out to be the Chinese embassy might not be the Yugoslav weapons agency that NATO planners intended to bomb, a senior U.S. official said today.

The mid-level official, who was temporarily assigned to the CIA, had some familiarity with Yugoslav Federal Directorate for Supply and Procurement in Belgrade and questioned whether intelligence officials developing target lists had the correct address.

"He had raised concerns and raised questions," the U.S. official said today. "He raised his doubts with a few working-level counterparts."

The senior intelligence official who spoke on condition of anonymity said that at no time did this official or anyone else involved in target planning suspect that the address selected for bombing might be an embassy. The official added that the doubts aired by the mid-level official "were never raised to senior levels before the strike took place,."

Word of the mid-level official's concerns was contained in a classified report by the CIA inspector general presented to CIA director George Tenet and to members of congressional intelligence oversight committees.

The report contains no recommendation for discipline against any official but does propose that a review be conducted of the actions of intelligence officers involved in developing what turned out to be an erroneous target.

Obituaries



Charlie Garner

Charlie Garner

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Charlie T. Garner, former minister of the 37th Street Church of Christ in Snyder, died Wednesday, June 23, following a long battle with cancer.

Services for Mr. Garner will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday in the Lake Forest Church of Christ, with his son, Charlie T. Garner, III, and son-in-law, Brian Giselbach, officiating. Burial will follow in Evergreen Cemetery, under the direction of Corey-Kerlin Funeral Home.

Mr. Garner moved to Snyder in 1980 from Port Lavaca and served as minister in Snyder before moving to Winter Garden, Fla. in 1984.

He was a minister for the Church of Christ for the past 49 years, having served 11 different congregations throughout the U.S.

He had also been a missionary in the Philippines and his last ministry was his home congregation of Lake Forest Church of Christ where his father had been an elder.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Jeanette Garner Parks and Barbara Garner Gumtow.

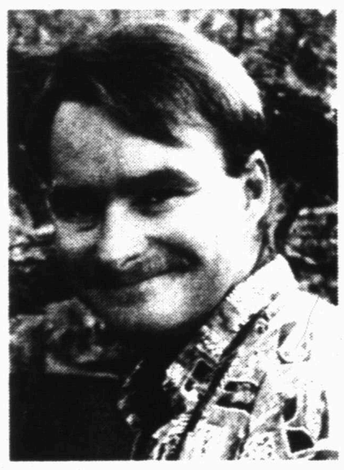
Survivors include his wife of 47 years, Jenet S. Garner of Jacksonville; four children, Charlie Theo Garner, III of Atlanta, Ga., Carl Thomas (Patty) Garner of Victoria; Jamie Garner (Don) Walker of Valdosta, Ga. and Mildred Garner (Brian) Giselbach of Cincinnati, Ohio; two brothers, Ronald Adams (Charlotte) Garner of Green Cove Springs, Fla; and Donald Culver (Angie) Garner of Monroe, N.C.; one brother-in-law, Jim Gumtow; one aunt, Emmie Culver (Fred) Findley; 12 grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends.

Memorials may be made to the Preacher Scholarship Fund and the Sunrise School of Preaching in Butuan City, Philippines; Community Hospice of Northeast Florida in Jacksonville; the Central Florida Bible Camp in Eustis, Florida or to the Children's Home and Bible School in Mt. Dora, Fla., all in care of the Elders of Lake Forest Church of Christ, 950 West Edgewood Avenue, Jacksonville 32208.

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Vance Williams

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A memorial service for Vance Franklin Williams is set for 3 p.m. Saturday in the First Baptist Church Chapel. Dr. Marty Akins, pastor, will officiate.

His body was cremated.

Mr. Williams, 34, died Friday, June 18, while on a fishing trip in Key West, Fla.

Born Aug. 27, 1964 in Abilene, he was a 1982 graduate of Snyder High School and attended Texas Tech University.

He married Sue Cummings in September, 1995 in Albany, N.Y. He was a truck driver, working out of New York.

Survivors include his wife, Sue Williams of Albany, N.Y.; his parents, Lanelle and Alex Cross of Snyder and Buddy and Carol Williams of Atlanta, Ga.; a sister, Nicole Kerr of Lubbock; and a nephew, Tyler Kerr of Lubbock.

Visitation of friends and family will be held following the service at the home of Alex and Lanelle Cross.

Clinton returning to political battles

WASHINGTON (AP) — Returning to political battles after the conflict in Kosovo, President Clinton will use a speech Friday to try to revive his domestic agenda, from Medicare and Social Security proposals to an increase in the minimum wage.

"The president is very much looking forward to returning the spotlight on some domestic issues and his domestic agenda," spokesman Joe Lockhart said today.

Clinton will push his agenda in a speech at Georgetown University, his first public appearance since returning from a weeklong trip to Europe. In Colonge, Germany, the president and allies celebrated the formal end to the Kosovo battle with the departure of the last Serb troops from Kosovo. Even before that, Clinton had declared victory.

The president has been distracted from domestic priorities for about 18 months, beginning with the Monica Lewinsky scandal and then the impeachment battle, followed quickly by the showdown with Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic and NATO's 78-day bombing campaign.

Lockhart, in a brief preview of the address, said Clinton "will talk about the importance of getting things done this year and not falling prey to the idea that because of the political environment, we can't get important things done."

Burglary of snow cone stand reported Wednesday night

Officers investigated the burglary of the Sno-Ball Factory Wednesday night.

Kathy Peoples reported at 10:25 p.m. that someone had broken into the business, located in the Varsity Square Shopping Center, and taken flavors as well as what change was in the cash register. An offense report for theft was submitted.

Representatives with Lawrence IGA reported the theft of an undetermined amount of currency at 8:26 a.m. Wednesday. Officers filed an offense report for Class A theft.

Barbara Gomez contacted officers at 11:29 a.m. in reference to a stolen bicycle. An offense report for Class B theft was submitted.

Three subjects were also arrested Wednesday.

Following a report of a family disturbance, officers arrested 25-year-old Chris Silva of 509 29th Street at 3:09 p.m. for parole violation, public intoxication, and disorderly conduct and vulgar language. An offense report for family violence was also filed.

Deputies took a 34-year-old male into custody at 10:57 a.m. on outstanding warrants on two counts of issuance of a bad check.

A 21-year-old male was taken into custody at 4:24 p.m. in the 300 block of Old Lubbock Hwy. on a Taylor County warrant for theft by check and a Scurry County warrant for issuance of a bad check.

In other activity, an offense report for family violence was filed at 5:48 p.m.

An offense report for assault was submitted at 10:18 p.m.

Officers also worked a two-vehicle accident at 12:01 p.m. in the 1400 block of Avenue E. Involved were a 1985 Chevrolet C-2500 pickup driven by Gary Neal Witte, 53, of 2503 Huffman and a 1982 Chevrolet C-3500 pickup driven by Timothy Chris Compton, 43, of 1306 Avenue E.

A passenger in the 1982 Chevrolet, 37-year-old Darrell Hunt of Sweetwater, was transported by private vehicle to Cogdell Memorial Hospital where he was treated and released.

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First Baptist VBS

All who have completed kindergarten through 6th grade are invited to Vacation Bible School from 9 a.m. until noon this week through Friday at First Baptist Church. Theme is "Mount Extreme, The Ultimate Good News Challenge." Call 573-2631 for more information.

Ira First Baptist VBS

Vacation Bible School at Ira First Baptist Church is being held from 6 to 9 p.m. daily through Friday for kindergarten through the sixth grade. For more information call 573-8419.

Vacation Bible School

Primera Iglesia Bautista is holding Vacation Bible School from 5:30 to 8 p.m. through Friday for grades first through sixth.

Colonial Hill VBS

Vacation Bible School at Colonial Hill Baptist Church is being held from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. daily through Friday. Theme will be Mt. Extreme with a camping atmosphere. VBS is for children four years of age through the sixth grade. At an open house at 6:30 Friday followed by The Young Continentals at 7 p.m.

Seniors swimnastics

Swimnastics for senior citizens is held from 10 to 11 a.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays at Western Texas College.

Healing clinic

A healing clinic, sponsored by the Road Back Ministry, will be held at 7 p.m. Friday in the Union Community Center.

Kids' safety fingerprinting

Snyder Police Department will be at Wal-Mart Pharmacy from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday to fingerprint children. The project is a partnership between Wal-Mart and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

Scurry Masonic Lodge

Scurry Masonic Lodge #706 will have its installation of officers at 7 p.m. Saturday. All Master Masons and their families are invited.

Novelist to sign books

National bestselling novelist, Jodi Thomas, will be in Snyder Thursday, July 1, to autograph her newest book at Walmart from 3-5 p.m.

Bible study tapes

Bible study video tapes air weekly on cable TV channel 2. The tapes to be shown at 7 p.m. Monday are "The Day Jerusaleum Was Distroyed," followed by "The Family Life Blood: Encouragement."

Lions to attend prayer breakfast

Lions Club will not meet Tuesday, but instead will attend the 7 a.m. prayer breakfast at the Towle Park Pavillion July 3.

God, Country service

"With Liberty and Justice for All," will be presented by the choir of Colonial Hill Baptist Church at 7 p.m. July 4th. Veterans will be recognized and the public is invited.

LVN registration at WTC

Students wishing to enroll in the September class for Licensed Vocational Nursing at Western Texas College need to contact the counseling office to arrange to take the pre-entrance exam. Tests will be given through July 27, and interviews will be scheduled through Aug. 9. For more information call 573-8511, ext. 313 or toll-free at 1-888-GO TO WTC (468-6982)

GED testing dates announced

The GED Testing Center on the WTC campus will administer exams at 8:30 a.m. Saturday. Any person who is not enrolled in high school, has not graduated from high school, is at least 16 years old, and meets other requirements may be tested for a high school equivalency diploma. The battery of five GED tests costs $60 and takes 7½ hours to complete. Examinees need not take all tests in one sitting. For pre-registration and more details call 573-2973 or 573-8511, ext. 246.

July 4th celebration

Anyone interested in providing entertainment for the July 4th celebration should contact the chamber of commerce at 573-3558. Also food, activity and arts and crafts booths are still available.

Class of '69 reunion

The SHS Class of 1969 will hold its 30th reunion July 9-10 at Snyder Country Club. All teachers, former classmates and those from other classes are invited. For more information, call 573-8877 or 573-6454.

Pick 3

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

2-8-1

(two, eight, one)

Lotto Texas

By The Associated Press

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

The tickets would have been worth an estimated $4 million.

The numbers drawn Wednesdday night from a field of 50 were: 4, 10, 34, 41, 42 and 49.

Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $7 million.

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HMOs: Senate at standstill

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate Democrats brought business to a standstill, refusing to let a major spending bill move ahead until controversial HMO legislation makes its way to the floor.

Lawmakers adjourned Wednesday without reaching an agreement, promising to return today for more talks on what Democrats believe is a political winner.

After more than a year of discussion, the Senate has been unable to reach agreement on rules for debating the HMO issue — much less the issue itself.

But Democrats decided to force the GOP hand this week, refusing to act on anything else until they strike a deal.

A GOP bill, passed out of committee on a party line vote, would give modest protections to Americans concerned that health maintenance organizations and other managed care plans might skimp on care in order to save money.

Democrats are insisting that the Senate consider as many as 20 amendments, but Republicans want to limit the number of potentially difficult votes.

In the House, Democrats also think they have a winning issue. They are collecting signatures on a petition that would force the issue, now stalled in committee, to the floor.

"Obviously we'll try to blame them if it doesn't go," said Rep. Pete Stark, D-Calif.

In the Senate, work came to a standstill as Democrats refuse to allow an agriculture spending bill — or anything else — to move ahead until the two parties reach an agreement on patients' rights.

Democrats framed the debate in the most personal and sympathetic of terms.

"Every child with cancer deserves access to a pediatric oncologist," said Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass.

Sen. Barbara Milkulski, D-Md., described her gall bladder surgery, lamenting that while she could stay in the hospital overnight, some women who have mastectomies cannot.

It is not easy to argue against these stories, GOP leaders acknowledge. So Republicans are trying to avoid taking votes "that can be misconstrued for political purposes," said Sen. Don Nickles, R-Okla., the No. 2 Republican in the Senate.

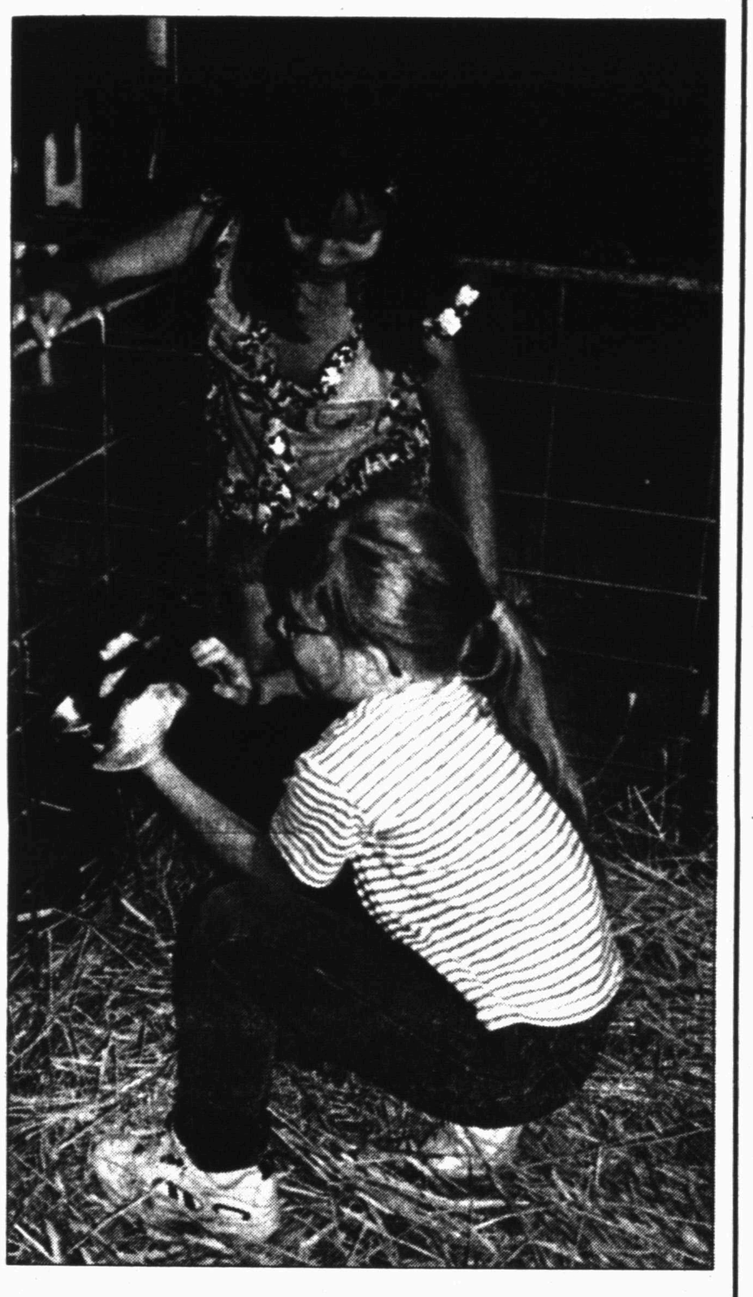
Nickles repeatedly cited a Congressional Budget Office estimate that the Democratic bill would increase the cost of health insurance by 4.8 percent.

Polls show overwhelming majorities want new laws, but support drops when people are told it will cost money and force employers to drop coverage.

The Republican strategy has been to offer modest legislation to address consumer fears that health maintenance organizations and other managed care plans skimp on care to save money. Their proposals do not allow new lawsuits, for instance, and they let insurance companies keep ultimate authority to decide what care is necessary.

Neither side seems interested in finding common ground, said Drew Altman, president of the Kaiser Family Foundation, an independent health research group that has done extensive polling on the issue.

"There's no question they could reach a compromise here on a package of things that would ... greatly satisfy the American people," Altman said. "There's every prospect Congress will blow the opportunity."



TWO GIRLS AND A GOAT — Stanfield second graders, Yolanda Munoz and Lindsey Cox, had fun with the baby goat during Snyder FFA's annual animal day. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Friday, June 25, 1999

Dare to be a dreamer in the year ahead, because success lies in positive thinking. Dreams stimulate wishes, wishes fire up ambitions and ambitions can create realities.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Your charismatic personality today can be an enormous asset to you for either encouraging friendships or putting together a business deal. Use your stuff in a constructive, dramatic fashion. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that'll govern you in the year ahead. Send the required refund form and for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Patience is the secret to success today, especially if you're waiting for a matter to develop that could spell personal gain. That for which you're hoping will be forthcoming.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) If projects or enterprises in which you're involved are to be successful today, solid foundations must be laid in the earliest of stages. Only then can they be initiated.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Keep your sights set high today and don't settle for lesser goals. Your probabilities for achieving worthy, material objectives look especially favorable at this time.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) By trying to take the philosophical approach and viewing things as part of the whole, not in a limited or narrow scope, is what will make you very effective today.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) An unusual chain of events could set in motion the possibility for you to embark on a successful joint venture with persons whose ideas harmonize with your own.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) It can be vital today to maintain compatible relations with individuals who are pertinent to your present plans, even if that requires some modification of your position.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Opportunities might be veiled or disguised today, but you should be able to stay on your toes and be perceptive enough to pick up on them. Conditions favor you where your work is concerned.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Pal around today with those who are imaginative and progressive, because they could get your creative juices flowing. What you conceive now might have great potential.

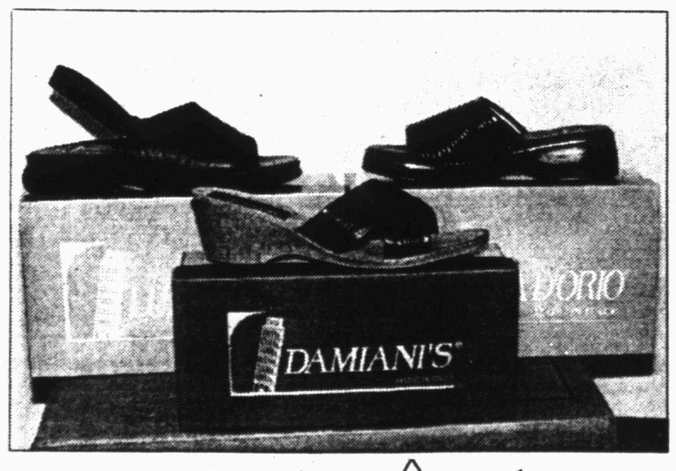
ARIES (March 21-April 19) When it comes to matters of importance today, take ample time to study them carefully. The greater your awareness on the subject becomes, the greater your chances for success.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Because of your zest for life today, companions will find you a most delightful person to be around. You know how to emphasize the lighter side of issues they deem worrisome.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) When you think about making money today, think positively, because any profit you can visualize in your mind's eye can become a reality. Be open to new ideas.

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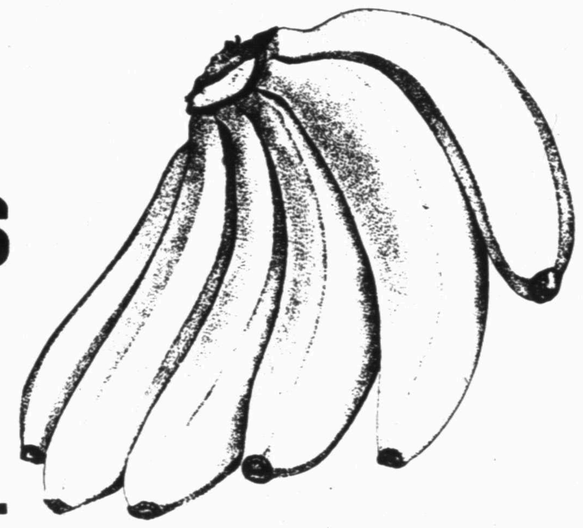
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