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HUTCHISON — U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison met Wednesday with Borden County residents at the courthouse in Gail. Hutchison discussed such items as the Republican tax bill and the budget surplus. She is pictured visiting with Arlan Youngblood (left) and Borden County Republican Chairman Charles Canon. Carol Lewis is pictured in the background. (SDN Staff Photo By Joyce May)

# Senator addresses area citizens about tax bills

U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison made a stop in Gail Wednesday where she spoke to about 35 people on several topics - including the Republican tax bill and the budget surplus.

The Texas Republican senator said she is taking time while Congress is on break to visit rural Texas. She also made stops Wednesday in Lubbock, Post, Crosbyton, Dickens and Jayton.

"During congressional breaks, I like to travel and talk to people in the rural areas. I don't believe you can get the full flavor of Texas unless you go to all of Texas," Hutchison said.

Hutchison said the visits allow her to see the diversity of Texas.

"It has really made a difference in my focus in Congress."

Hutchison told the Borden County group that the $792 billion tax plan is critical for Americans.

"I think it is very important for the people of our country. We have collected too much tax from the American people and we believe we need to give some back."

Hutchison said the taxpayer refund bill, which was passed by Congress and has been sent to the President, provides tools for farmers and ranchers to use to manage the extreme, year-to-year fluctuations in income for those in the agricultural business.

The bill creates Farm and Ranch Risk Management (FARRM) accounts to help stabilize farm income.

FARRM accounts will allow farmers and ranchers to contribute up to 20 percent of their income to a tax-deferred, IRA-type account for up to five years.

The bill also would allow the self-employed to deduct the full cost of their health insurance, and would phase out the death tax, making it easier to keep family-run farms, ranches and businesses in the family.

The taxpayer refund bill also contains a provision, originally introduced by Hutchison, to phase out what she calls "the unpopular and unfair" marriage tax penalty beginning in 2001.

Hutchison explained other important provisions of the taxpayer refund bill, including lowering tax brackets one percent across the board and lowering capital gain taxes.

It also would allow those over age 50 to catch-up payments to pension plans such as 401Ks and Individual Retirement Accounts.

The bill would also increase the maximum allowable contribution to IRAs from $2,000 to $5,000 and provide additional personal exemptions to those providing long-term care to elderly family members.

Hutchison said Congress is projecting a $3 trillion surplus over the next 10 years and the GOP proposes to set an entire $2 trillion aside for social security.

Hutchison said the Clinton administration agrees with that move, but where Republicans want to give two-thirds of the other trillion back to the American people and put the other third in a "rainy-day fund," Clinton wants more spending on government programs.

"People deserve more of the dollars they earn," Hutchison said.

A member of the Gail audience questioned Hutchison on Gov. George W. Bush's chances of claiming the Republican nomination.

"I think George W. will be our candidate. I wish we had more people like him in D.C," she answered.

*For 'endangered' species...*

# Water board vows fight to remove water snake from list

BIG SPRING - The Colorado River Municipal Water District board of directors has unanimously voted "to do whatever is necessary" to remove the Concho water snake from the endangered species list, and approved initial funding up to $25,000 on the project.

The board made the decision immediately after a lengthy executive session during which the issue was discussed under the pending litigation provision of the Texas open meetings law.

"It's a long-term problem for us," said district general manager John Grant. "We don't think the snake should be on the list. Every time we want to do some work on (lakes) O.H. Ivie and Spence, that snake will always come into play. We've already spent $4 million on it," Grant added.

"Every time we turn around, the Fish and Wildlife Service could require us to spend another $40,000 to $100,000 each time for special permits," said Grant. "That can be pretty costly in the long run. After 10 years of study and $4 million, what more information do they need? When does it stop?" Grant asked.

A meeting has been scheduled in Big Spring on Aug. 30 with both state and federal wildlife officials and officials of the water district.

Grant and his board do not agree with the federal government's finding that the snake should remain on the endangered species list.

The Concho water snake is non-poisonous and inhabits the Concho and Colorado rivers.

The snake became a thorn in the side of the water district when it began building the O.H. Ivie reservoir some 10 years ago.

To date, the district has spent $3.9 million in a study of the snake's habitat and population.

In June, 1998, Grant went to New Mexico and presented research compiled from the 10-year study to the regional office of the fish and wildlife agency hoping to get the snake removed from the endangered list.

Thirteen months later, the agency refused not to list the snake.

Grant said the federal agency is requesting an additional $500,000 and another two years to study the snake.

The Texas Department of Parks and Wildlife supports delisting the snake.

In other business Wednesday, the district's board adopted a fiscal year 2000 budget of $27,244,900, a 1.4 increase over the past year's budget.

A portion of the increase is blamed on the cost of electrical power. In the operations and maintenance budget, $5.7 million is the cost of pumping water.

Some $16.3 million goes to debt service, mostly bonds for the Ivie reservoir pipeline and pump station.

"We want to make sure we have taken every action we can to take care of any problem that might be associated with Y2K," said Grant. "We have run some tests and are confident the district is Y2K compliant, assuming we can get electrical power. We have set some money aside in case we need to do something in a hurry," he added.

# Season tickets remain on sale

**Season ticket holders have the opportunity to renew their seats to Snyder Tiger football games through Friday, Aug. 20.**

**Renewals are being accepted at the Snyder ISD administration building, which is open from 8 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.**

**School officials said today 142 people of approximately 368 have renewed thus far.**

**The cost of the home-game package is $20. Tickets, other than season tickets, are $5 each.**

**Season tickets that are not renewed will go on sale to the general public on Aug. 23 and ticket sales will end on Aug. 27.**

**Student tickets are $2 in advance and $5 at the gate. Student tickets will also be sold on the district's campuses and at the administration building the week of the home games.**

**Snyder opens the home season on Sept. 3 by hosting Littlefield for an 8 p.m. tilt. Other home games include Seminole on Sept. 24, Andrews on Oct. 8 and Sweetwater on Oct. 22. The Tigers conclude their regular season with a home game on Nov. 5 as they host San Angelo Lake View.**

# Snyder ISD sets budget work

Snyder ISD board of trustees will work on the district's 1999-2000 budget when it meets this evening at 6 p.m.

The board has a 45-minute budget workshop scheduled before the regular board meeting is to begin at 6:45 p.m.

Trustees are looking at a budget of $18,642,527 – up from last year's budget of $17,847,134.

Most of the increase is coming in the form of raises for teaching personnel as the state has set mandated raises for each teacher at $3,000. In addition, some $200,000 is tagged for raises for personnel not included in the state plan.

The district is also looking at increased health care for employees as the board was presented with insurance costs in July that indicated an increase of 58 percent in premiums for identical coverage as last year.

In addition to the budget workshop, the board will also consider the food service contract with Aramark and budget amendments for the 1998-99 budget.

Also, bids on two buses will be considered as will the teacher appraisal calendar.

The board will also consider approval of contracts of four coaches and an elementary teacher.

Contracts include those of Robert Dickinson as the head softball coach and history teacher at Snyder High School, Waymond Holland as a coach and physical education teacher at Snyder Junior High, Don Caldwell as a coach and science teacher at the junior high and Brit Barnes as a coach and math teacher at the high school.

The contract for Melanie Alarcon for a teaching position at Central Elementary will also be considered.

Also, the district will consider one resignation.

Laurie Grinslade has resigned as a fifth grade teacher at Northeast Elementary.

In addition, maintenance director Mike Carter will update the board on the district's maintenance program.

# Ira's budget ready for approval

Ira ISD board of trustees will meet this evening at 7:30 with approval of the district's 1999-2000 budget highlighting the agenda.

The board will consider a budget of $1.4 million- down $200,000- from last year's budget of $1.6 million.

Amendments to the 1998-99 budget will also be made, and the trustees will consider bids on property/casualty insurance and fuel vendors for the coming school year.

The board will also expected to set lunchroom prices for this school year.

Ira ISD will be the final school district to begin classes for the fall semester as they start Wednesday.

Snyder ISD began classes Wednesday and Hermleigh ISD students will be back in class on Monday.

THE $DN COLUMN
By Ray McGregor

**The feller on Deep Creek says, "If quitters never win and winners never quit, we have to wonder who came up with the concept of quitting while you're ahead."**

From time to time you hear stories about unscrupulous repair people who prey on those of us who don't know the difference between a screwdriver and a hammer.

So it did our heart good to hear about a guy who got trapped while trying to be deceitful.

It happened in Cincinnati.

Earlier this year, the 68-year-old owner of Handyman Connection since 1990 noticed something odd. When his employees would return a phone call left on the company answering machine, the prospective customer often would say that someone had already called to set up an appointment. Sometimes, the work would already be underway.

The company owner called police who ordered a phone tracer. They gradually honed in on a suspect.

But the owner was ticked and wanted swifter action. He then took matters into his own hands. He had his wife leave a message on the answering machine under her maiden name.

She explained that she needed some knobs replaced on kitchen cabinets and some doors cut down because they were dragging on the carpet.

She left her home telephone number. Sure enough, a competitor called her back, and the next day, a repairman showed up at their house. The wife led the repair guy into the study where her husband was wearing sunglasses.

The Handyman Connection owner removed his sunglasses and then showed the repairman a picture in a newspaper that accompanied a story about his company.

The lone reply was a single bad word. The owner of the pirated company offered the visiting repairman two options: "I can be your best friend or your worst enemy."

The repairman, caught red-handed, chose the first option. He signed a statement on the spot and agreed to pay $5,000 in restitution.

The repairman, now awaiting trial for intercepting an electronic communication, is defended by his father who claims the son got the number from a friend while bowling.

The owner of Handyman Connection isn't satisfied. He is now demanding the name of the mysterious tipster from the bowling alley.

The repair company owner may want to start a side business – private investigator.

## ASK US

**Q—I know its against the law for a person under 21 to purchase alcoholic beverages, but is it against the law for the same person just to attempt to purchase alcohol?**

**A—Yes. An underage person can even be charged with attempt to purchase if the minor picks up an alcoholic beverage and just looks at it in the store.**

## FORECAST - ALMANAC

**Snyder Temps:** High Wednesday, 100 degrees; low, 73; 7 a.m. Thursday, 77; no precipitation; total for 1999, 19.31 inches.

**Area Forecast:** Tonight, mostly clear. Low, lower 70s. S wind 5-15 mph. Friday, mostly sunny, continued warm. High, around 101. S wind 5-15 mph. Friday night, mostly clear. Low mid 70s.



Craig Robertson
Hot

**Sunset:**
8:30 p.m.
**Sunrise:**
7:08 a.m.
**Of 223 days in 1999, the sun has shone 216 days in Snyder.**

## TODAY'S THOUGHT

**"The future is made of the same stuff as the present."**
**—Simone Weil**

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# Former president given Medal of Freedom

WASHINGTON (AP) — Over the strains of "Hail to the Chief," Gerald Ford strode into the White House East Room shoulder-to-shoulder with President Clinton and was hailed as the steady statesman the country needed after the "long national nightmare" of Watergate.

Ford and seven other prominent Americans received the Presidential Medal of Freedom on Wednesday, 25 years to the week after Richard M. Nixon resigned as president.

"Steady, trustworthy, Gerald Ford ended a long national nightmare," Clinton said, echoing the phrase Ford used when he was sworn in.

Ford became president after Nixon left office on Aug. 9, 1974, and served out what would have been Nixon's second term.

"When he left the White House after 895 days, America was stronger, calmer and more self-confident," Clinton said. "America was, in other words, more like President Ford himself."

The medal is the nation's highest civilian honor. Clinton awarded it to former President Carter in Atlanta on Monday, making George Bush the only living former president who has not received the award.

Established by President Truman as a wartime honor, the medal was reintroduced by President Kennedy as way to honor civilian service. Clinton has awarded the medal to civil rights leaders, philanthropists, entertainers and statesmen.

"In honoring them we honor also the values and principles of our nation's founding and our nation's future," Clinton said of Wednesday's honorees. The recipients did not speak inside the White House, but Ford paused outside to reflect on the events of 25 years ago.

"I couldn't avoid those reminiscences. It was a monumental day," he said. "It was a unique situation as far as the country is concerned and I hope it never happens again."

In addition to Ford, the honorees were:

—Lloyd M. Bentsen, Clinton's first Treasury secretary who served 22 years in the Senate and six years in the House. The Texan was the Democratic Party's vice presidential nominee in 1988.

—Edgar M. Bronfman Sr., president of the World Jewish Congress. He has "worked to ensure basic rights for Jews around the world and to fight anti-Semitism and has spearheaded the effort to retrieve the assets of Holocaust victims and their families," according to a White House tribute.

—Evy Dubrow, an advocate for more than 50 years of laws to improve domestic labor conditions. "She has been influential in numerous causes, including broadening laws against discrimination and protecting American industry from unfair foreign competition," the tribute said.

—Sister M. Isolina Ferre, founder of community service centers, clinics and programs to empower the poor in Puerto Rico, New York and Appalachia. She gained international recognition in the late 1950s and 1960s for her mediation efforts with youth gangs in Brooklyn.

—Oliver White Hill, civil rights lawyer. He is best known for litigating one of the school desegregation cases that became the landmark Brown vs. Board of Education case.

—Max Kampelman, lawyer, diplomat and negotiator in Democratic and Republican administrations.

# New disaster areas declared

WASHINGTON (AP) — Farmers from Virginia to Massachusetts became eligible for low-interest loans as the Agriculture Department declared new disaster areas because of the lingering drought.

All of Connecticut, most of Maryland, six counties in New York, five in Virginia and one in New Mexico received disaster declarations on Wednesday.

Growers in counties next to those with disaster designations, which would include areas of Delaware, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and Rhode Island, also are eligible for the assistance.

"This has been a devastating year for farmers in Connecticut and all over the Northeast," Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman said during a tour of parched fields in Connecticut. "They've been hit by the lowest farm prices in a decade and are now experiencing this record-setting drought."

All of New Jersey and West Virginia and 34 New York counties were declared disaster areas previously.

The loans are limited to farmers who have lost at least 30 percent of their crops and can't get commercial credit.

Glickman visited a farm owned by Nelson Cecarelli, who estimates he has lost at least 50 percent of his tomatoes, sweet corn, green beans, and peppers to the hot, dry weather.

"This is a microcosm of the whole problem. I think the whole state is devastated," Cecarelli said.

Nineteen Maryland counties received the disaster designation Wednesday: Allegany, Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Calvert, Carroll, Cecil, Charles, Dorchester, Frederick, Garrett, Harford, Howard, Montgomery, Prince George's, Queen Anne's, St. Mary's, Washington, Wicomico and Worcester.

The six New York counties are Dutchess, Essex, Putnam, Sullivan, Ulster and Westchester.

The five Virginia counties are Frederick, Giles, Louisa, Montgomery and Warren.

The one New Mexico county is Sierra.

# Sales tax holiday meant more spent on Lottery

HOUSTON (AP) — Texans who took advantage of last weekend's sales tax holiday apparently invested some of their savings in lottery wagers, say Texas Lottery Commission officials.

Lottery officials said Wednesday that last week's 5.41 percent jump in total sales compared to the previous week bodes well for the struggling games, which still suffer from a two-year decrease in some prize payouts that disenchanted many players.

And they're hoping that the Legislature's decision in May to rescind the instant game prize cap will soon be reflected in higher instant-ticket sales as the games carrying improved odds become available at retailers.

The third consecutive week of increased lottery sales included two of the three days of the state's first sales tax moratorium. Last week's results gave officials more reasons to believe that the lottery slump that began in 1997 may be ending.

But three weeks of results do not constitute a trend, officials said, and last week's total sales were still 17 percent lower than those of a year ago.

"We're seeing that 'percentage down' reduced, which is what we had hoped we would see," Chairman Harriet Miers of Dallas told the Houston Chronicle.

Officials said sales of both online "lotto" games and scratch-off games showed an increase last week at a time when Texans usually don't have as much extra cash to spend.

"We did see a 5 percent increase this past week in light of the sales tax not being charged on clothes. That would typically be a slow week for us, right before school starts, so we're pleased with that," lottery marketing director Toni Smith said.

## Date book

Thursday, Aug. 12, 1999

*Today is the 224th day of 1999 and the 53rd day of summer.*

**TODAY'S HISTORY:** On this day in 1851, inventor Isaac Singer patented his sewing machine.

On this day in 1966, the Beatles began their last tour, a North American jaunt that began at the International Amphitheater in Chicago.

On this day in 1985, a JAL 747 jumbo jet crashed into Mount Ogura, Japan, killing more than 500 people.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS:** Christy Mathewson (1880-1925), baseball great; Cecil B. DeMille (1881-1959), director-producer; John Derek (1926-), actor-producer-director, is 73; Porter Wagoner (1927-), singer, is 69; Buck Owens (1929-), singer, is 70; William Goldman (1931-), screenwriter, is 68; George Hamilton (1939-), actor, is 60; Pete Sampras, (1971-), tennis star, is 28.

**TODAY'S SPORTS:** On this day in 1936, at Berlin, 13-year-old diver Marjorie Gestring became the youngest athlete to win a gold medal at the Olympics.

**TODAY'S QUOTE:** "A free press is not a privilege but an organic necessity in a great society." — Walter Lippmann

**TODAY'S MOON:** Day after new moon (Aug. 11).

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## Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



**Your Birthday**

Friday, Aug. 13, 1999

As your birthday cycle begins, concentrate on completing projects you already have in the mill, because you are much closer to the finish line than you may realize. This will free you to work on an ambitious project.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** What makes it possible today for you to achieve an important objective is, in addition to your strong motivational drive, having the support of a valuable backer. 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.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Now is the time to start looking and planning ahead a little bit. You can do so today without losing track or skipping a beat on your immediate concerns.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** Success comes through persistence today, so even if you should be denied fulfillment on your first go around, try again. Tenacity pays off.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** There's no need to pawn off difficult decisions today, because your abilities to make good ones will be better than usual. In fact, your judgments could be better than those of advisors.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** Additional factors with which you may have to contend today will not be unmanageable. Once you set your mind to it, you'll effectively handle both positive and negative developments.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** Your flexible attitude will impress your companions today as they watch you be gregarious and easy going, but quickly become serious and responsible when situations call for it.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** Situations that generate material advantages are the most promising for you today. It doesn't seem to matter whether you are going after dimes or dollars.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** If you say you'll do something today, others can consider it done. Those with whom you'll be involved will greatly appreciate the fact that you do not take your commitments lightly.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** Continue to concentrate and apply all your efforts today in areas that could yield you money. Your financial prospects remain exceptionally promising at this time.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** Two matters that are uppermost in your mind can advance today through your social skills and contacts. Whatever arrangements you make will have longevity to it.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** Listen to what others have to say today, but listen first and foremost to your own instincts. Your intuitive evaluations are likely to be quite accurate.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** Should an idea flash through your mind today as to how you can constructively rejuvenate an important project that has lost some luster, give it a go. Your chances are good, it'll work.

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Mitch: What do you call a train loaded with flutes and berries?
Derek: A tooty-fruity.

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# Ellis family holds reunion at Dunn

The Ellis reunion was held at the Dunn Community Center on July 31.

Before the evening meal, Othal Ellis led a prayer then it was announced that Kathleen (Jude) Ellis Huddleston, widow of Wright Huddleston, was the oldest in attendance. The youngest of 12 children born to Thomas Jackson Ellis and Eva Mae Allen Ellis, Jude is the only survivor of that generation. Aunt Jude gave a hug and a kiss to her nieces and nephews and their mates and recalled many reunions in her and Uncle Wright's home.

Skyann Porter, 19 months old, was the youngest in attendance.

Attending from the family of Jude's sister, Bama Clark, and her husband, Will, were Otha Lee and Mildred Clark of Baytown and Babe and Claude Lloyd from Andrews. They brought the family crest with a history of where the Ellis name was created and its lineage. Their son, Gary Don, obtained the historical information from a tour overseas for her parents. They also displayed albums and scrapbooks for family members.

Present from Annie and Dildy Smith's family was Katrina Wemken, who had her book that was released June 27 titled "Mr. Grasshopper." "Debt Paid," a poem from the book, won a trophy from Famous Poet Society this year. The poem was a tribute to her mother, Annie Ellis Smith.

Children from Susan and Earl Smith's family were J.P. and Cleo Smith, Gary, Ruby and Allen Smith, all of Snyder.

The children from Jude's brother and his wife, Jackson and Bertha (Chandler) Ellis included




Jude Huddleston

Jackson P. Ellis, Whitney, Regina and Coy Dale Rhodes; Melvis Allen (Jeff) Ellis of Southlake; Carol and Jeff Williams of Abilene, and a friend Brook Langnea; Ather and Mary Ellis; Leo D. (Buck) and Lorraine Ellis, Bronc and Colter Fleming, Terry and Cheryl Haggerton and grandbaby, Skyann Porter of Colorado City. Others were Wayne and Sandy Ellis from Tyler; Othal and Essie Pearl Ellis, Julia and Lynn Fox, and Ellis Don Fox of Dunn.

The newest nephew, Joseph Chandler Fox, was born July 23. He is the son of Allen Dan and Helen Fox and the great-great-nephew of Aunt Jude.

The newest great-great-niece of Aunt Jude is Summer Raie, born July 27 to Jeanie Wemken.

Hosts for the reunion were Whitney, Regina and Coy Dale Rhodes.

## *Reunion held*

The family of the late William Parker and Margaret Thompson held their third reunion on July 31 at the Union Community Center with 54 attending.

Red Barn catered the meal and homemade ice cream was served during the afternoon.

The late William Parker and Margaret Thompson have six children, the late Russell, Ben, Joe, Tink, Swan and Bernice. Those present from Russel's family were Jack Thompson of Snyder; from Joe's family were Jimmy and Shirley Dove of Ira, Troy and Margretta Bentley, Jennetta Bailey, Joe Jr., all of Snyder; from Tink's family were Swan Thompson and Hope Lewis of Lubbock; from Bernice Crowder's family, Mittie Foree of Snyder.

Grandsons and granddaughters of the late Joe and Lois Thompson attending were Curtis and Marilyn Thompson of Kyle; Donnie and Linda Dove of Midland; Marlon and Cheryl McWilliams of Mayhill, N.M.; Sandra and Bob Lieb of League City; Gary and Katy Bailey of Snyder; Calvin and Karen Goebel of Snyder; Richey Thompson of Spearman; and Larry, Norma and Collin Thompson of Snyder.

Great-grandchildren present were Tressa and Robert Scharfenburg of Arlington; Keith and Amanda Dove of Midland; Chad and Tamara Fouts of Big Spring; Laurie Quillen of League City; Misty and Manny Bannatyne of Houston; Adrienne Bailey of Huntsville; Deidra and Chad Goebel of Snyder; and Mindy Thompson of Snyder.

Great-great-grandchildren attending were Ryan and Malin Scharfenburg of Arlington; Kelsey Dove of Midland, Kyle and Lyles McWilliams of Mayhill, N.M.; and Kortnee and Alyssa Quillen of League City.

Great-grandchildren of the late Bernice and Will Crowder in attendance included Mark and Daphene Thompson of Snyder; Thelma Lee Ivison of San Angelo (a great-niece of the late William Parker and Margaret Thompson); a close friend of the family, Veda Minor, Scott Higby and Billy Burleson, all of Snyder.



**BRIDAL SHOWER — Mrs. Eric Martin, nee Paige Gayle, was honoree at a bridal shower July 31 in the historical Dermott School. The couple married in the Odom Chapel of First United Methodist on July 17. They will make their home in Houston. Pictured from left are Cyndee Gayle, mother of the bride; Mrs. Martin, the honoree; and Kelli Lacik of Lubbock, maid of honor in her wedding. (Contributed Photo)**

## Haggard hospitalized with pneumonia

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Merle Haggard has canceled his August tour dates after contracting pneumonia, his booking agent said.

Haggard, 62, is under doctor's orders to rest for two to three weeks, Bobby Roberts said Wednesday. Haggard was at his home in Palo Cedro, Calif., and was taking antibiotics.

"He's exhausted," Roberts said. "He's been touring nonstop and recording three albums whenever he gets a break."

Haggard's hits include "I Take a Lot of Pride in What I Am" and "Okie From Muskogee."



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY NITA BROWN**

**Another year has come and gone,**
**Our friendship still stands just as strong,**
**But no matter how you flower it up,**
**You are still the oldest!**
**Love,**
**Pug**

## Community Calendar

**THURSDAY**

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 or 573-8018; 6 p.m.

Snyder Chapter 450 Order of the Eastern Star; patriotic program, Masonic Hall; 1912 35th Street; 7:30 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 appointment, call 573-9742.

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

Hermleigh Community Center Family Night at 6:30.

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

**SATURDAY**

Defensive Driving Course; no reservations necessary, cost $30. For more information call 573-2850; 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Texas Savings Bank.

Just For Today NA open meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-0949 or 573-8018; 7 p.m.

Rolling Plains Ratite Association; The Shack; 7 p.m.

**SUNDAY**

Scurry County AA open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 10 a.m. p.m.

Just For Today closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-0949 or 573-8018; 5 p.m.

## Heartbreak Hotel new addition for tourists

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Pilgrims for the 22nd anniversary of Elvis Presley's death on Aug. 16, 1977, have a new place to visit — and yes, it's down at the end of Lonely Street.

The Heartbreak Hotel is the newest addition to the sprawling tourist complex at Presley's former Memphis residence, Graceland. And the 128-room hotel is done up in a way the King would have loved.

# Bridge

**By Phillip Alder**

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**North** 08-12-99
♠ 7 5 4
♥ A K 4
♦ K J 7 2
♣ 8 5 2

**West**
♠ 10 8
♥ 9 6 2
♦ A 6 5
♣ K 9 7 4 3

**East**
♠ Q J 9 3
♥ 10 7 5 3
♦ Q 4 3
♣ J 6

**South**
♠ A K 6 2
♥ Q J 8
♦ 10 9 8
♣ A Q 10

**Vulnerable: Neither**
**Dealer: South**

| South | West | North | East |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 NT | Pass | 3 NT | All pass |

**Opening lead: ♣ 4**

**lead to East's jack and your queen?**

**You start with seven top tricks: two spades, three hearts and two clubs. The logical place to turn for the other two is the diamond suit. And at both tables in a match, that is what the declarers did. The first ran the diamond 10 at trick two. However, East grabbed the trick with the queen and returned his last club, establishing West's suit while West still had the diamond ace as an entry. So, South went one down.**

**At the second table, though, South realized that if West had the diamond queen, the contract was always safe. To give himself an extra chance, declarer crossed to dummy with a heart, then called for the diamond two.**

**Now, be honest — if you were East, would you put up the queen? Of course not. And neither did this East. When South played the 10, West ducked the ace to retain his entry. (If West could win with the queen, he couldn't profitably lead another club.) Yet now declarer knew who had the diamond queen. He continued with a diamond to dummy's king and another diamond, ending with an overtrick.**

## Give an opponent a nudge

**By Phillip Alder**

**Mark Twain pointed out, "Let us not be too particular; it is better to have old second-hand diamonds than none at all."**

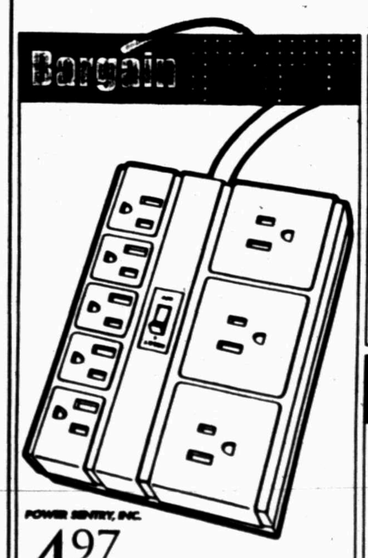
**There are certain plays that wouldn't occur to an inexperienced player, but an expert has seen them before and understands the power of the closed hand, the one the defenders cannot see.**

**This deal features the diamond suit, where it is better to have any tricks than none at all. How would you try to make three no-trump after a low-club**



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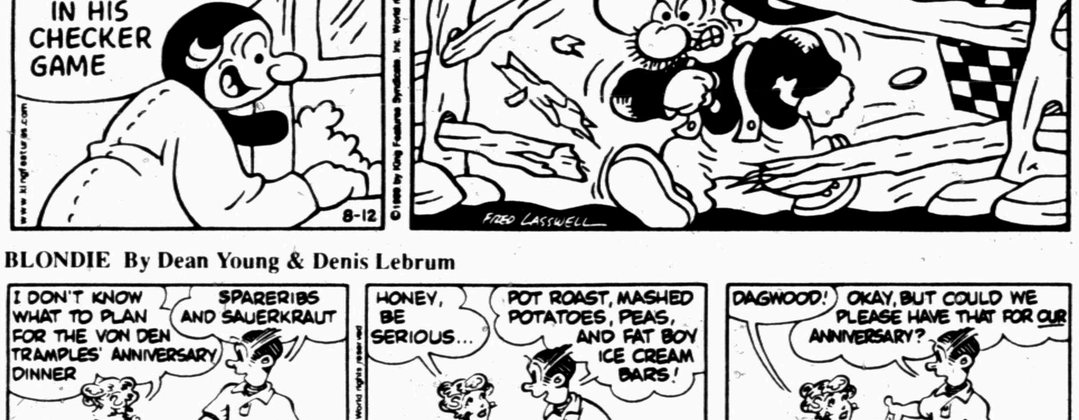
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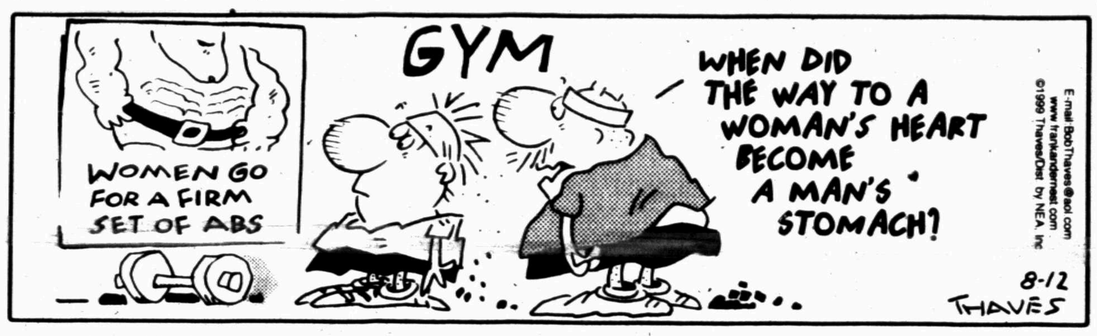

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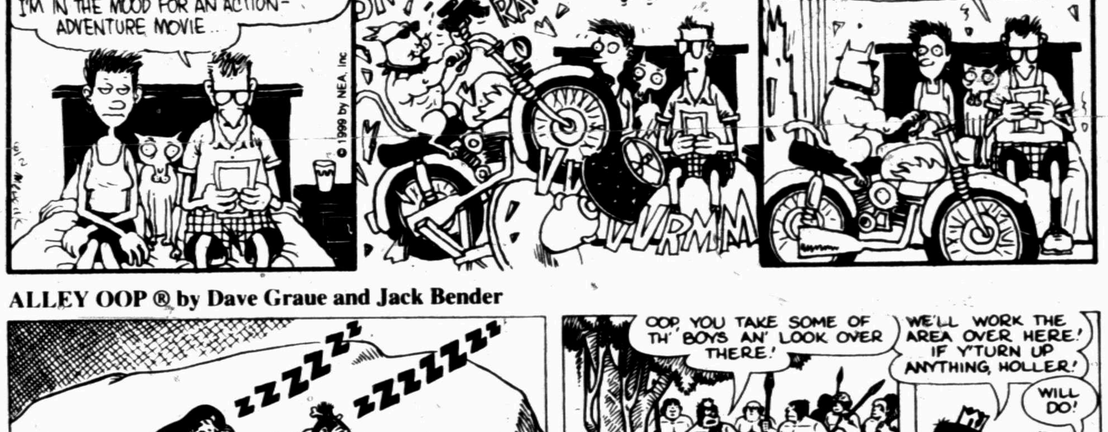



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**ACROSS**

1 Nantucket, e.g.
7 "He who hesitates — —"
13 Hair dryer
14 Like Mensa people
15 Lean and muscular
16 Lobe
17 12/31, e.g.
18 Pt. of ETA
20 Nest-egg inits.
21 Actress Carter
23 Agnus —
24 Recount
25 Baseballer Nolan —
27 Tasty
29 Fed. agcy. concerned with security
31 Capture (a con)
32 "— Got a Secret"
33 Sign at a full house (abbr.)
34 Inherent
37 It joins oxen
40 Complacent
41 WWII area
43 Kids
45 IRS employee, perhaps
46 No longer working (abbr.)
47 — Beta Kappa
48 Marathon participant
51 Piled
54 Passageway of shops
55 Ancient Jewish ascetic
56 Cheeped
57 Staggered

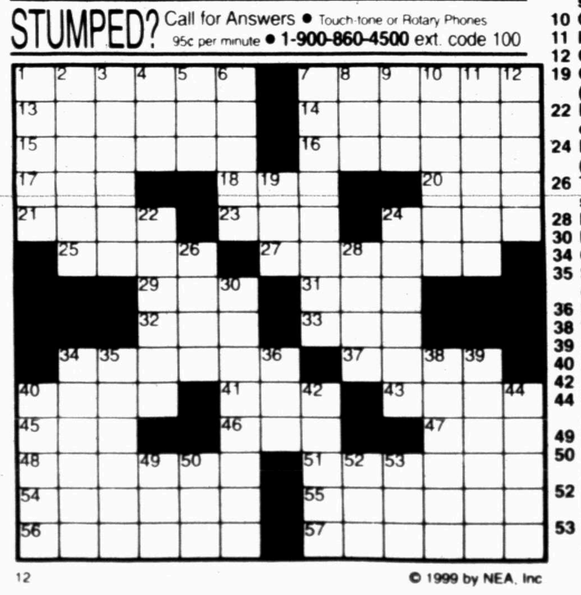
**DOWN**

1 "A Doll's House" author
2 Small narrow piece
3 Craving company
4 Solemn wonder
5 Novel
6 Wood nymph
7 Spaniards and Portuguese
8 Madrid Mrs.
9 Guardian spirit
10 Greasier
11 Irritable
12 Of a variety
19 Occupant (abbr.)
22 Putting cargo on ships
24 Besides (2 wds.)
26 TV science series
28 Differ
30 Prevented
34 Contaminated
35 Shade of difference
36 Paris season
38 TV's Ted —
39 Fruit ripener
40 Discard
42 Additional
44 — with (supported)
49 Short sleep
50 Netherlands commune
52 Language suffix
53 Chemical ending

**Answer to Previous Puzzle**

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| S | A | M | P | L | E | | S | A | M | U | E | L |
| P | L | A | T | E | N | | P | L | A | S | M | A |
| U | G | G | A | M | S | | O | B | T | A | I | N |
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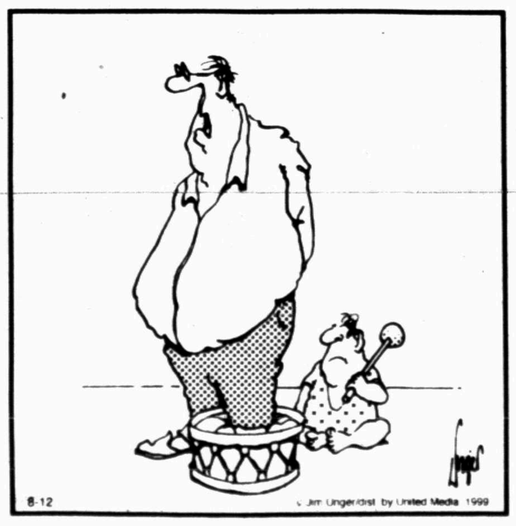
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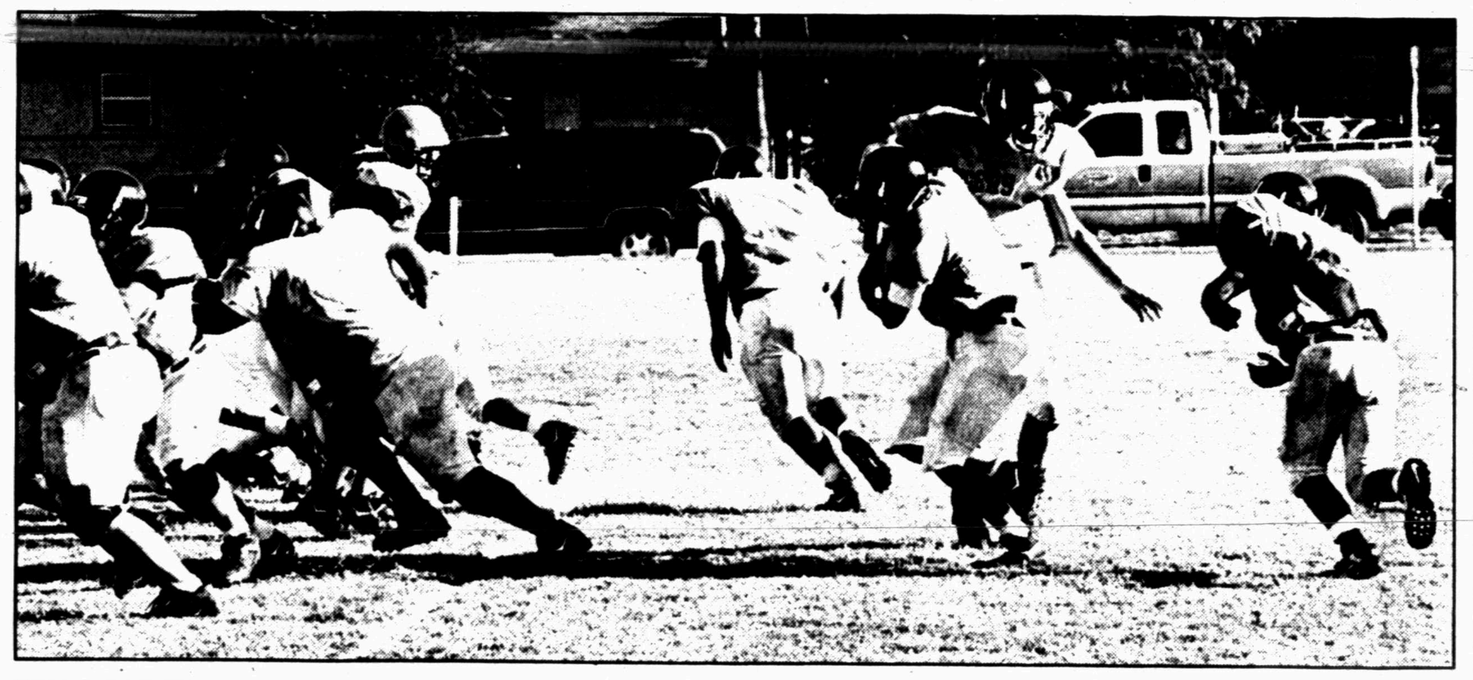



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# SPORTS



WHO'S GOT IT? — The Snyder Tiger offense works on a running play Wednesday during the team's after-school workout. The Tigers will hold their annual intrasquad scrimmage, the Watermelon Bowl, at Travis Field on Friday. The freshmen and JV will begin at 6 p.m., with the varsity to follow. Snyder's only other scrimmage will be next Thursday at Colorado City. (SDN Staff Photo)

## Rangers remain hot with 8-2 win

ARLINGTON (AP) — The bottom third of the Texas Rangers' batting order is usually overshadowed by sluggers like Rafael Palmeiro and Juan Gonzalez.

On Wednesday night, Roberto Kelly, Royce Clayton and Tom Goodwin combined to go 7-for-12 in support of Rick Helling's six-hitter as the Rangers beat the Detroit Tigers 8-2.

"About the fourth or fifth inning I said to the guys, 'Let's do it for The Dungeon,'" Clayton said. "We're contributing, getting on base, stealing a base. It's something we can take a lot of pride in."

Goodwin drove in three runs and Kelly and Clayton drove in one run each for the Rangers, 20-6 since the All-Star break.

Helling (9-7) won his third straight decision, striking out eight and walking two in his second complete game of the year. He took advantage of a 4-0 lead after two innings, getting ahead of the Tigers hitters. While he allowed two homers, both were solo shots.

"My mentality this season has been to give the team innings," said Helling, who reduced his ERA to 4.18, down from 4.41 last season. "You can't have your best stuff every night, but you've still got to try to figure out how to get through it. In this hot weather, you want to go right at the hitters, and I've been doing that."

Rangers manager Johnny Oates says Helling is a better pitcher than he was last season, when he went 20-7.

"He knows how to use a lead," Oates said. "He had a lot of fly-ball outs, which is a sign he's pitching well."

Helling's route-going performance allowed the Rangers to rest their weary bullpen, which was extended the two previous games. Texas gave up 25 hits in a loss to Toronto on Monday night, and the Rangers needed 12 innings to beat the Tigers 4-3 Tuesday night.

"We needed a complete game after the last two nights," Oates said.

Texas is 8-4 on this homestand, which ends tonight.

"You start playing like this, you have confidence and walk with an attitude," Oates said.

Palmeiro and Kelly homered for the Rangers, who have won four straight against the Tigers and are 22-5 against the AL Central.

Willie Blair (1-9), making his first start since May 26 following 19 straight relief appearances, allowed seven runs and nine hits in 5 1-3 innings.

Gonzalez, who strained his left hamstring Tuesday, missed the game.

*As play begins at the PGA Championship...*

## Golfers put Ryder Cup flack behind them

MEDINAH, Ill. (AP) — David Duval put aside the Ryder Cup controversy and got off to a quick start today as the PGA Championship opened at the rain-soaked Medinah Country Club.

Duval, whose willingness to represent his country was questioned a day earlier by Ryder Cup captain Ben Crenshaw, birdied the first hole as a steady rain fell on Medinah No. 3 and was in a group of players at 1-under in early play.

Fans huddled under colorful umbrellas and players struggled to keep themselves and their clubs dry after rain began falling just about the time Wayne DeFrancesco, a club pro from Pikesville, Md., hit the first tee shot shortly after sunrise.

The rain threatened to make the 7,401-yard course play even longer, but it also could help scoring by softening the greens that had begun to turn brown from the searing heat that hit the Chicago area prior to the tournament.

Long the stepchild of the four major championships, the PGA Championship began amid a variety of Ryder Cup subplots unfolding both on and off the famed No. 3 course.

Almost lost among them is that perhaps the strongest field of the year — from Tiger Woods to Jean Van de Velde — will play on a widely praised and traditional golf course to decide the last major title of the 1900s.

"If you win this tournament, you have beaten the best field in the world," said Davis Love III, who did just that in the PGA two years ago. "When you measure yourself against other golfers, this is the one you want to win."

Vijay Singh is the defending champion, but he has been mostly overlooked in pretournament practice dominated by remarks from the likes of Woods and Duval that the Ryder Cup players should get something more than just the reward of representing their country next month.

That led to an angry outburst by Crenshaw on the eve of the tournament directed at a couple of team members who "know who they are."

"It burns the hell out of me to listen to some of their viewpoints," Crenshaw said. "Playing for your country, I can't imagine anymore than that. It's an honor in itself. It's a duty, a duty."

Crenshaw, a four-time Ryder Cup player himself and a golf historian, invoked the names of players such as Arnold Palmer and Ben Hogan in suggesting that today's top players think more about themselves than their country and the game of golf.

"Whether some players like it or not, there are some people who came before them that mean a hell of a lot to the game," Crenshaw said.

Even before the outburst, Crenshaw was one of the most watched players in the field, even though he hasn't made a cut all year and doesn't figure to be a factor at the age of 47.

He does, however, have the last two picks for the 12-member team, and plans to carefully watch the performance of a group of golfers just outside the top 10 in Ryder Cup points to decide who he will pick for the team.

Among those on the bubble are Tom Lehman, who figures to get one of the picks, and such players as Steve Stricker, Tim Herron, Lee Janzen and Chris Perry.

Love broke through with his first major in the PGA two years ago, and Duval, Phil Mickelson, Colin Montgomerie and Lee Westwood are among those in the field who have legitimate shots at their first majors.

## Braves chop Astros, 8-5

ATLANTA (AP) — On a night Greg Maddux and Jose Lima were expected to dominate, the Atlanta Braves' offense was the big story.

Bret Boone and Chipper Jones hit consecutive homers for the second straight night, and Jose Hernandez also homered off Lima as Atlanta completed a three-game sweep of the Houston Astros with an 8-5 victory Wednesday.

Jeff Bagwell drove in three runs for Houston, which is 1-6 against the Braves this season.

Maddux (14-6), who has won four consecutive decisions and seven of his last eight, got away with an off night, allowing five runs and 11 hits in 5 1-3 innings. Since the 1991 All-Star break, he is 90-2 when backed with five runs or more.

Lima (15-7) dropped to 0-4 against Atlanta in his career.

## Sources: Pippen wants trade to LA

HOUSTON (AP) — Scottie Pippen has asked to be traded to the Los Angeles Lakers, a television station reported Wednesday.

KRIV-TV, citing sources which it did not identify other than to say they were close to the Houston Rockets forward, said that Pippen recently asked coach Rudy Tomjanovich to be traded to the Lakers.

Jimmy Sexton, Pippen's agent, declined comment, telling KRIV he would neither confirm nor deny the story. Tomjanovich did not address the issue either, citing club policy that prohibits team officials from commenting on trade speculation.

The Lakers also had nothing to say about any proposed deal that would reunite Pippen with Phil Jackson, the new Los Angeles coach who previously coached Pippen and the Chicago Bulls to six NBA championships.

"I guess you'd have to talk to Houston about that," Lakers spokesman John Black said.

Black would not comment as to whether the teams were discussing a trade involving the seven-time NBA All-Star.

Pippen joined the Rockets prior to last season when the Rockets pulled off a sign-and-trade deal with the Bulls. Pippen signed a five-year contract worth $67.2 million.

Last month, Pippen said he wanted to come back with the Rockets.

Pippen, a 12-year veteran, averaged 14.5 points, 6.5 rebounds and 5.9 assists a game this past season.

## SDN Sports Briefs

### Golf meeting

A meeting will be held tonight at 7 o'clock in the junior high auditorium for parents of all junior high and high school golfers. Sixth grade parents, whose children hope to play golf next year, are also invited to attend.

### SISD sports tickets

Season passes for all Snyder volleyball and basketball games are on sale now at the SISD business administration office. Passes are $30 for each sport, or $50 for a combined volleyball/basketball pass. The passes are good for all home games, from the varsity level through seventh grade. If purchased individually, adult tickets to home games are $2 each.

### SCC scramble and MGA

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

### Bowling league meeting

The Men's Commercial Bowling League will hold its meeting Sept. 2 at 7 p.m. at Snyder Lanes. League play begins Sept. 9.

### Watermelon Bowl

The Watermelon Bowl, the Snyder Tigers' annual intrasquad football scrimmage, will be held Friday at Travis Field. Freshmen and JV action will begin at 6 p.m., with the varsity to follow. Admission will be $2 for adults and $1 for students.

## NFL Preseason

***Saturday's Games***
*Chicago 9, Indianapolis 6*
*Oakland 18, St. Louis 17*
*Denver 20, San Diego 17*
***Monday's Game***
*Cleveland 20, Dallas 17, OT*
***Thursday, Aug. 12***
*Baltimore at Philadelphia, 8 p.m.*
*San Diego at San Francisco, 8 p.m.*
***Friday, Aug. 13***
*Detroit at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.*
*Carolina at Jacksonville, 7:30 p.m.*
*New Orleans at Miami, 7:30 p.m.*
*Washington at New England, 7:30 p.m.*
*Chicago at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m.*
*N.Y. Giants at Minnesota, 8 p.m.*
***Saturday, Aug. 14***
*N.Y. Jets at Green Bay, 8 p.m.*
*Cincinnati at Indianapolis, 8 p.m.*
*Cleveland at Tampa Bay, 8 p.m.*
*Arizona at Denver, 9 p.m.*
*Buffalo at Seattle, 9 p.m.*
***Sunday, Aug. 15***
*Dallas at Oakland, 4 p.m.*
*Tennessee at Kansas City, 8:30 p.m.*

## WNBA Glance

| EASTERN CONFERENCE | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| New York | 15 | 12 | .556 | — |
| Charlotte | 15 | 13 | .536 | ½ |
| Detroit | 12 | 15 | .444 | 3 |
| Washington | 11 | 17 | .393 | 4½ |
| Orlando | 10 | 16 | .385 | 4½ |
| Cleveland | 6 | 21 | .222 | 9 |

| WESTERN CONFERENCE | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| x-Houston | 21 | 5 | .808 | — |
| Los Angeles | 17 | 9 | .654 | 4 |
| Sacramento | 18 | 10 | .643 | 4 |
| Minnesota | 13 | 14 | .481 | 8½ |
| Phoenix | 13 | 14 | .481 | 8½ |
| Utah | 11 | 16 | .407 | 10½ |

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***Wednesday's Games***
*Washington 59, New York 56, OT*
*Minnesota 83, Utah 73*
*Phoenix 68, Detroit 57*
***Thursday's Games***
*Cleveland at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.*

## Major League Baseball

***American League***
***All Times EDT***
***East Division***

| | W | L | Pct. | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| New York | 70 | 43 | .619 | — |
| Toronto | 65 | 51 | .560 | 6½ |
| Boston | 63 | 51 | .553 | 7½ |
| Baltimore | 51 | 63 | .447 | 19½ |
| Tampa Bay | 47 | 67 | .412 | 23½ |
| ***Central Division*** | | | | |
| Cleveland | 69 | 44 | .611 | — |
| Chicago | 51 | 61 | .455 | 17½ |
| Minnesota | 47 | 64 | .423 | 21 |
| Kansas City | 46 | 67 | .407 | 23 |
| Detroit | 44 | 69 | .389 | 25 |
| ***West Division*** | | | | |
| Texas | 68 | 45 | .602 | — |
| Oakland | 61 | 53 | .535 | 7½ |
| Seattle | 56 | 58 | .491 | 12½ |
| Anaheim | 46 | 67 | .407 | 22 |

***Wednesday's Games***
*Boston 9, Kansas City 3*
*Seattle 11, Chicago 2*
*Baltimore 4, Tampa Bay 2*
*Toronto 6, Minnesota 3*
*Texas 8, Detroit 2*
*Cleveland 4, Anaheim 3*
*New York 5, Oakland 3*
***Thursday's Games***
*Toronto (Hentgen 7-8) at Minnesota (Mays 4-4), 1:15 p.m.*
*Detroit (Mlicki 6-10) at Texas (Sele 12-6), 7:05 p.m.*
*Tampa Bay (Witt 6-8) at Kansas City (Reichert 1-0), 8:05 p.m.*
*Only games scheduled*
***Friday's Games***
*Texas at Chicago, 5:05 p.m.*
*Seattle at Boston, 7:05 p.m.*
*Oakland at Toronto, 7:05 p.m.*
*Baltimore at Cleveland, 7:05 p.m.*
*Anaheim at Detroit, 7:05 p.m.*
*Minnesota at New York, 7:35 p.m.*
*Tampa Bay at Kansas City, 8:05 p.m.*

***National League***
***All Times EDT***
***East Division***

| | W | L | Pct. | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Atlanta | 70 | 46 | .603 | — |
| New York | 69 | 46 | .600 | ½ |
| Philadelphia | 62 | 52 | .544 | 7 |
| Montreal | 46 | 65 | .414 | 21½ |
| Florida | 47 | 68 | .409 | 22½ |
| ***Central Division*** | | | | |
| Houston | 69 | 47 | .595 | — |
| Cincinnati | 66 | 46 | .589 | 1 |
| St. Louis | 58 | 58 | .500 | 11 |
| Pittsburgh | 57 | 57 | .500 | 11 |
| Milwaukee | 52 | 60 | .464 | 15 |
| Chicago | 50 | 63 | .442 | 18½ |
| ***West Division*** | | | | |
| Arizona | 66 | 49 | .574 | — |
| San Francisco | 58 | 56 | .509 | 7½ |
| San Diego | 52 | 62 | .456 | 13½ |
| Los Angeles | 51 | 63 | .447 | 14½ |
| Colorado | 49 | 65 | .430 | 16½ |

***Wednesday's Games***
*Florida 6, San Francisco 5, 10 innings*
*Colorado 8, Milwaukee 5*
*Arizona 7, Chicago 5, 11 innings*
*Pittsburgh 5, Cincinnati 4*
*Atlanta 8, Houston 5*
*St. Louis 5, Philadelphia 1*
*Los Angeles 9, Montreal 7*
*New York 12, San Diego 5*
***Thursday's Games***
*San Diego (Williams 5-10) at New York (Leiter 9-7), 12:10 p.m.*
*Los Angeles (Judd 0-0) at Montreal (Hermanson 5-10), 1:05 p.m.*
*Only games scheduled*
***Friday's Games***
*Montreal at Colorado, 3:05 p.m.*
*Philadelphia at Cincinnati, 7:05 p.m.*
*Pittsburgh at Houston, 8:05 p.m.*
*Chicago at St. Louis, 8:10 p.m.*
*Milwaukee at Arizona, 10:05 p.m.*
*Florida at San Diego, 10:05 p.m.*


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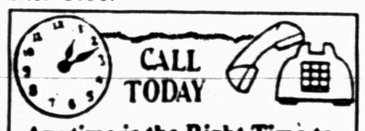
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DEAR S.S.: First I want to tell you that it is to your benefit that you are confronting this situation. Our bones are destined to turn into fragile shells if we don't give them the raw materials they need, and right on the top of the list is calcium. As you mention, the daily value for calcium is 1000 milligrams per day. The latest word from the National Institute of Health is that many people should have even more. At a recent Calcium Summit in Washington, D.C. it was estimated that three out of four adults are not meeting their dietary calcium recommendations.

Dairy products tend to take center stage when calcium is discussed. For people such as yourself, who are not interested in dairy products, finding adequate calcium is just as essential, but it takes more work. Luckily, there are plenty of non-dairy foods that contain calcium. It is found in green leafy vegetables, small fish with edible bones, broccoli, dried fruits, legumes and nuts. Other choices include calcium-fortified foods, such as cereals, soy milk and orange juice.

Another option is to take calcium in pill form. As with most minerals, calcium has to be in solution to be absorbed. Calcium carbonate, the most common and least expensive form, is found in antacids such as Tums. This form, however, is the least soluble of the calcium salts. It requires an acid environment to dissolve and should be taken with meals or with a glass of orange or tomato juice.

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1/2 cup sardines (with bones): 285 mg
1 cup collard greens (cooked): 226 mg
1 cup calcium fortified cereal: 200 mg
1 tbsp. black strap molasses: 172 mg
2 slices calcium-fortified bread: 160 mg
1 cup cooked turnip greens: 148 mg
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1 cup cooked broccoli: 72 mg
1/2 cup cooked navy beans: 64 mg
1 cup dried apricots: 59 mg
1/2 cup garbanzo beans: 40 mg
1 cup cooked turnips: 34 mg

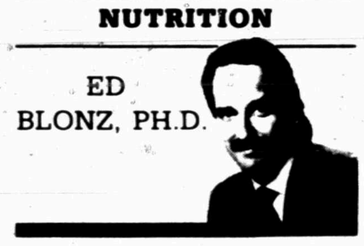
The Latest Word on daily calcium requirements from the National Institutes of Health
Women
25 to 50: 1,000 mg
50 to 65: 1,500 mg
On estrogen: 1,000 mg
65 and older (not on estrogen): 1,500

Men
25 to 65: 1,000 mg
65 and older: 1,500 mg

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# School leaders confronting ruling against prayer at athletic events

HOUSTON (AP) — The pregame prayer has long been a part of the pageantry that accompanies high school football in Texas.

But it may be going the way of drive-in theaters and passenger trains.

As Texas high schools prepare for the opening of football season, superintendents in the Houston area are trying to decide how to handle a court ruling that students can pray at graduations, but not at sporting events.

Some say they will comply with the no-prayer rule. Others say their communities still want it and will have it.

It all came to a head when an appeals court let stand U.S. District Judge Sam Kent's decision allowing nondenominational student prayer at more serious functions such as high school graduations, but not at sporting events.

The lawsuit that took prayer out of the pre-game ceremonies originated in the Santa Fe Independent School District in Galveston County when two families, one Mormon and the other Catholic, filed a lawsuit against it.

The Santa Fe district has appealed the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruling to the U.S. Supreme Court.

But the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals issued a conflicting decision last month that ruled an Alabama school district cannot prohibit student-initiated religious speech, including prayers at school-related assemblies and sporting events.

"If federal judges across the country cannot agree on this, we need clear guidelines," said Lisa Brown, attorney with the Bracewell & Patterson law firm that represents Santa Fe.

Glen Moreau, president of the school board at Pearland, sent out letters to other area boards outlining his plan.

"Because we are sworn as elected officials to uphold the Constitution, our district will comply with this court order covering the state of Texas," Moreau said.

Moreau recommended passing a resolution supporting student-led and initiated invocations and benedictions.

# Markets

## Midday Stocks

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| High | Low | Last | |
|---|---|---|---|
| AMR Corp | 61 5-16 | 59 3-16 | 61⅛+ 2¼ |
| AT&T Corp s | 4948 | 7-16 | 48⅝+ 5-16 |
| Albertsons | 4948 | 3-16 | 48⅛ |
| AlldSignal | 63¼ | 62 9-16 | 62⅝— 1-16 |
| Alltel | 70 | 5-16 | 68¼ 69 3-16+⅛ |
| AmOnline s | 95 | 92⅛ | 93⅛+ 1¼ |
| Ameritech | 71 13-16 | 71¼ | 71 7-16— 1-16 |
| AndarkPtr | 38¾ | 37 9-16 | 37⅛+¼ |
| ArmcoInc | 6¾ | 6 11-16 | 6 11-16— 1-16 |
| AtlRichfld | 92¼ | 91 9-16 | 91⅛ |
| ATMOS Egy | 24 9-16 | 24 5-16 | 24⅛— 1-16 |
| Aviall | 14 15-16 | 14⅜ | 14½—⅜ |
| BP Amoco | 117¾ | 117¼ | 117⅜—¼ |
| BakerHughes | 35 13-16 | 35⅛ | 35 13-16— 1-16 |
| Bank of Amer | 62 11-16 | 61 9-16 | 61¼+53-128 |
| BellAtl | 62 | 3-16 | 61⅝62¼+⅜ |
| BellSouth s | 48 15-16 | 48⅛ | 48 9-16—⅜ |
| BethSteel | 8 | 1-16 | 7⅞ + 1-16 |
| BurlNoSFe s | 30 | 15-16 | 30⅛30⅝+⅜ |
| CBS Corp | 45 | 44 9-16 | 44 11-16 |
| Caterpillar | 62 13-16 | 61 7-16 | 61 13-16+2 9-16 |
| CenSoWst | 21¾ | 21⅛ | 21 7-16—⅜ |
| Chevron | 95 11-16 | 94 7-16 | 95 3-16—¼ |
| Citigroup s | 44 9-16 | 43 7-16 | 43 11-16—⅛ |
| Coastal | 42 5-16 | 41 9-16 | 41⅛+ 7-16 |
| CocaCola | 60½ | 59 7-16 | 60⅝+15-16 |
| ColgatePal s | 49½ | 48⅝ | 48⅜—13-16 |
| ComclMetals | 32½ | 32 | 32 7-16+½ |
| CooperIn | 55¾ | 54 13-16 | 55⅝+¾ |
| CyprusAmax | 14¼ | 14⅛ | 14⅛+⅛ |
| DaimlrChry n | 75⅞ | 74⅞ | 75½— 1-16 |
| DallSemicn | 50⅜ | 49⅝ | 50⅛+15-16 |
| DeltaAirl s | 54¼ | 52 9-16 | 54 1-16+1 11-16 |
| Dillards Inc | 29¾ | 28 13-16 | 29 11-16+⅛ |
| DowChem | 127 | 125 1-16 | 125 9-16—1 7-16 |
| DuPont | 72¼ | 72 | 72 3-16—½ |
| EastmanChem | 52 | 51⅜ | 51⅜+ 5-16 |
| EstKodak | 71 15-16 | 70⅞ | 70⅞— 7-16 |
| EDS Corp | 58 9-16 | 56 5-16 | 58 +1 9-16 |
| Entergy | 29 15-16 | 29 11-16 | 29 11-16—⅝ |
| Exxon | 82 | 81⅛ | 81½— 7-16 |
| Flowers | 16⅝ | 16⅛ | 16 5-16+ 3-16 |
| FordMotor | 48¾ | 48 1-16 | 48 7-16+⅜ |
| GTE Cp | 73¼ | 72 7-16 | 73⅛+⅜ |
| GenDynam | 63¾ | 62 9-16 | 63 3-16—½ |
| GenlElec | 106 7-16 | 105⅜ | 105 15-16—⅛ |
| GenMills | 82 | 15-16 | 82 3-16 | 82⅞+⅛ |
| GenMotors | 62⅜ | 62 1-16 | 62 3-16+ 3-16 |
| GaPacGP s | 46 | 5-16 | 45 1-16 | 46 + 1⅛ |
| GlobalMar | 19⅛ | 18⅞ | 18 15-16— 3-16 |
| Goodrich | 40 | 5-16 | 40 1-16 | 40⅛+⅛ |
| Goodyear s | 56⅜ | 55 | 13-16 | 56⅛+⅜ |
| GtAtlPac | 35¼ | 35⅛ | 35⅛+⅛ |
| Halliburtn | 50 | 1-16 | 49 9-16 | 49⅞—⅛ |
| Hanson ADS | 42 | 13-16 | 42⅝ | 42⅜— 7-16 |
| HarteHanks | 23 | 15-16 | 23⅛ | 23 11-16+⅛ |
| HomeDepot | 60 | 13-16 | 60 | 60⅜+ 2⅜ |
| IBM s | 123 | 13-16 | 121 | 121⅛— 2 1-16 |
| IntlPaper | 54⅛ | 52⅞ | 54 3-16+2 | 139-256 |
| JohnsonJn | 93¾ | 92⅞ | 93 5-16+13-16 | |
| K mart | 14 | 9-16 | 14 1-16 | 14⅜+ 7-16 |
| Kroger Co s | 25 | 9-16 | 25 1-16 | 25 3-16+⅛ |
| Litton | 66 | 65 | 3-16 | 65⅛—⅛ |
| LockheedM s | 36⅛ | 35¼ | 35⅜—¼ |
| Lowes Cos | 48¾ | 47⅝ | 48 + 1 |
| Lubys | 14⅛ | 14 | 14 1-16+ 1-16 |
| LucentTech s | 64 | 62⅞ | 63⅛— 9-16 |
| MayDeptStr s | 40 | 9-16 | 39 13-16 | 40 7-16+ 1 |
| MediaOne | 68 | 5-16 | 67 7-16 | 68⅛+1 3-16 |
| Medtronic | 68 | 13-16 | 68 | 68⅛+1 1-16 |
| Mobil | 106⅜ | 105 | 105⅛— 1⅜ |
| Monsanto | 40⅝ | 39 | 13-16 | 40 3-16+ 7-16 |
| MorganJP | 127 | 15-16 | 125⅛ | 126⅛— 5-16 |
| Motorola | 92⅛ | 89⅛ | 90⅜— 2 |
| NCR Corp | 44⅛ | 43 | 7-16 | 44 9-16+ 1¼ |
| Navistar | 45 | 15-16 | 44⅛ | 45⅛+1 1-16 |
| Penney JC | 43 | 42⅜ | 42¼— 1-16 |
| PennzEargy s | 17 | 15-16 | 17 | 11-16 | 17⅛ |
| PepBoys | 16⅛ | 16 | 5-16 | 16 5-16+ 1-16 |
| PepsiCo | 38 | 13-16 | 38 | 5-16 | 38⅜+ 7-16 |
| PhelpDodge | 64 | 1-16 | 62 | 1-16 | 62⅝+ 7-16 |
| PhilipPet | 52 | 11-16 | 52 | 3-16 | 52 5-16—11-16 |
| PilgrmPrd B | 13 | 5-16 | 13 | 3-16 | 13 3-16—⅛ |
| Polaroid | 23 | 11-16 | 22⅞ | 23⅛+ 7-16 |
| Praxair | 50 | 49⅜ | 50 +⅛ |
| ProctGamb | 93¼ | 91 9-16 | 92 1-16—1 3-16 |
| PubSNwMx | 19 | 13-16 | 19 | 11-16 | 19⅜ |
| ReliantEngy | 26¼ | 26 7-16 | 26⅛— 3-16 |
| RoyalDut | 65 15-16 | 65 1-16 | 65 15-16+⅛ |
| SBC Comm | 55 11-16 | 55 5-16 | 55 5-16— 3-16 |
| SaraLee s | 21⅞ | 21⅛ | 21⅛—⅛ |
| Scripps EW | 49 | 5-16 | 49⅛ | 49⅛+ 3-16 |
| SearsRoeb | 40 | 13-16 | 40⅛ | 40½+⅜ |
| SherwinW | 26 15-16 | 26 9-16 | 26⅛+ 5-16 |
| SmithklBchm | 60 15-16 | 60 1-16 | 60 1-16+ 7-16 |
| SouthernCo | 26 15-16 | 26 9-16 | 26⅛ |
| SwstAirl s | 17⅛ | 16⅛ | 17 1-16+11-16 |
| SprintFON s | 49⅛ | 48 15-16 | 49 1-16+⅛ |
| SprintPCS n | 55⅛ | 55⅛ | 55 9-16+ 3-16 |
| Sunoco Inc | 31⅜ | 31 5-16 | 31⅛—⅛ |
| TNP Ent | 36 | 1-16 | 36⅜ | 36⅜ |
| Tandy s | 41⅞ | 40⅝ | 41⅛—⅜ |
| TempleInland | 69 11-16 | 68 15-16 | 69⅜+11-16 |
| Tenneco | 21 | 13-16 | 21½ | 21⅜ |
| Texaco | 64 11-16 | 63⅜ | 64½+ 1-16 |
| TexInd | 34⅜ | 34⅛ | 34¼+¼ |
| TexasInst | 147⅛ | 145 1-16 | 145½—⅜ |
| TexasInst wi | 74 3-16 | 73 1-16 | 73 1-16+⅛ |
| TexUtil | 41 | 40⅛ | 40 5-16—1 7-16 |
| Textron | 82 1-16 | 81 | 81⅞+ 7-16 |
| TriconGlbR | 39 15-16 | 39 1-16 | 39 5-16+1 5-16 |
| TrinityInds | 32¼ | 32 | 32¼— 7-16 |
| TritonEngy | 13 3-16 | 12⅝ | 12⅝+ 7-16 |
| TylerTech | 5¾ | 5⅛ | 5⅛— 3-16 |
| US West Inc | 54 3-16 | 53¼ | 53 15-16+ 3-16 |
| USX-Marathn | 32 9-16 | 32¼ | 32 5-16+ 3-16 |
| USX-USS | 27 | 5-16 | 26⅞ | 26⅞+⅛ |
| UnCarbde | 64 | 1-16 | 63 1-16 | 63½—⅛ |
| UnionPacif | 53 15-16 | 53⅛ | 53 15-16+⅛ |
| UnitedTech s | 65 | 63⅛ | 64 7-16+ 1¼ |
| Unocal | 41 | 1-16 | 40 9-16 | 40⅞—⅛ |
| Venator Grp | 9 | 3-16 | 8¼ | 9 1-16— 1-16 |
| WalMart s | 44 7-16 | 43 15-16 | 44 3-16+13-16 |
| WellsFargo | 39 | 7-16 | 38⅛ | 39 1-16+⅛ |
| WstnGasRs | 16 | 7-16 | 16 7-16 | 16 7-16 |
| WinnDixie | 39 | 38⅛ | 38 15-16+ 5-16 |
| Xerox Cp s | 46⅞ | 46⅛ | 46 9-16— 1-16 |

## Local Interest STOCKS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Patterson | 12 5/16 | -1/8 |
| Dell | 40 7/8 | -1 3/8 |
| Wal Mart | 44 1/16 | +11/16 |
| Compac | 23 3/8 | +7/16 |
| Dol. Gen. | 26 7/8 | +1/4 |
| GTE | 73 1/8 | +5/8 |
| SBC Comm. | 55 3/8 | -1/8 |
| Tx Instr. | 145 7/16 | -13/16 |
| LU | 63 | -11/16 |
| Cisco Sys. | 62 11/16 | -1/4 |

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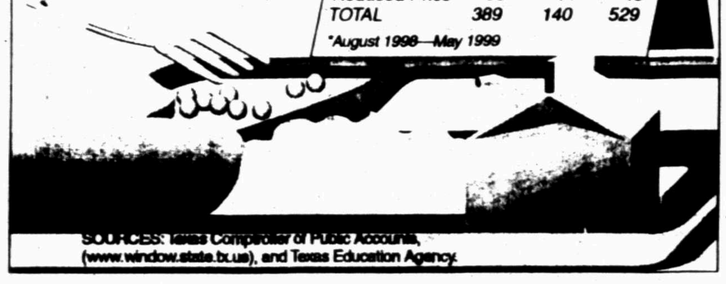
In a single school year, more than half a billion cafeteria meals are served: 389 million lunches and 140 million breakfasts. Each day, on average, 2.2 million students, or 57.8 percent, ate lunch in 6,377 school cafeterias statewide, and 6,241 school cafeterias served breakfast to about 800,000 students, or 16.1 percent.

**School Menu**

Number of Meals Served*

| (in millions) | Lunch | Breakfast | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| Free | 222 | 109 | 331 |
| Paid | 132 | 20 | 152 |
| Reduced Price | 35 | 11 | 46 |
| TOTAL | 389 | 140 | 529 |

*August 1998—May 1999



SOURCES: Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, (www.window.state.tx.us), and Texas Education Agency.

# Wholesome TV shows sought

NEW YORK (AP) — Eleven major advertisers who say there aren't enough wholesome television programs are putting their money behind a small effort to change things.

The advertisers, including Procter & Gamble Co., General Motors, IBM and Sears, said Wednesday they will pay to have writers develop family-friendly scripts for consideration by the WB network.

Heading into a season where broadcasters plan to push the envelope with bawdy language and sex references in an attempt to lure young viewers, the advertisers say there are fewer primetime programs where they feel comfortable selling products.

"We want to encourage responsible entertainment, and the programming that is available between the hours of 8 and 10 p.m. is not as family-friendly as we would like it to be," said Kaki Hinton, director of advertising services at the drug and consumer products maker Warner-Lambert Co.

The advertisers won't say how much money they are committing. But it generally costs between $60,000 and $90,000 to come up with a script, and they've agreed to bankroll at least eight. The WB will supervise the development and decide which scripts, if any, will go into production.

The advertisers approached all of the broadcast networks with their concerns, but the WB came up with the most specific idea, said Andrea Alstrup, vice president of advertising at Johnson & Johnson.

The group says it wants a better balance of programming. "We're not saying the other stuff should go away," said Gretchen Briscoe, a spokeswoman for Procter & Gamble, "we're just saying we need more options."

Many of Hollywood's creative people recoil from the idea of family-friendly shows, conceded Jordan Levin, executive vice president of programming for the WB. Such firm support from a group of advertisers will make more writers interested, he said.

The WB's highest-rated show is "7th Heaven," about a minister raising a family. But the network's stock in trade is teen-oriented, sex-obsessed dramas like "Dawson's Creek," whose success has encouraged other networks to go after young viewers.

While "7th Heaven" draws many teen viewers, most television executives say family-oriented shows usually appeal to older viewers that the bulk of advertisers don't desire.

"I'm confused as a viewer as to what the advertisers really want," said Dorothy Swanson, founder of Viewers for Quality Television.

Although networks frequently take their cues from major advertisers about what programs are acceptable, Swanson said she was concerned that the WB may be giving away too much of its authority as programmers.

Alstrup said the advertisers "don't plan to become production arms for the networks."

Ameritech, AT&T, Nationwide Insurance, Pfizer and Wendy's International are also contributing to the scripts.

For the WB, the deal gives financial help to what is often the least cost-effective functions of a network. Networks routinely pay millions of dollars to write and produce prospective shows that never get on the air or are quickly canceled.

Levin said he expected one or two of the scripts will make it on the air, although not until next fall.

The advertisers are coming up with other ways to advance their agenda, including sponsoring a page in TV Guide each week to steer viewers to family programming.

### Conviction affirmed

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — The New Jersey Supreme Court on Wednesday affirmed the conviction and death sentence for the man accused of raping and killing 7-year-old Megan Kanka, whose death prompted a national movement to keep track of sex offenders.

The court in a 4-3 ruling rejected arguments by defense attorneys that Jesse Timmendequas' 1997 trial was tainted by publicity because it was only a few miles from the murder scene.

Timmendequas, 38, was convicted of luring the girl into his home, raping and strangling her and dumping her body in a park. He had been convicted twice of serious sex crimes, but the Kanka family, who lived across the street from him in quiet Hamilton Township, had no idea of his past.

# New drug for brain tumors is approved

WASHINGTON (AP) — Patients who have run out of options to fight a particularly deadly brain tumor are about to get a new therapy that could prolong their lives a little with apparently few side effects.

The Food and Drug Administration on Wednesday approved the first new chemotherapy for brain tumors in 20 years, a drug called Temodar designed for adults whose anaplastic astrocytomas have failed treatment.

"Temodar is not a wonder drug, ... not the cure drug that we're looking for," cautioned Dr. Alred Yung, oncology chairman at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, who tested the drug.

"But it's better than what we have had," because patients can take Temodar at home with fewer side effects than many alternatives, he said.

Temodar, known chemically as temozolomide, is an oral form of chemotherapy. Patients would take pills at home for five days a month — every month until their tumors seem to stop responding.

About 18,000 brain tumors are diagnosed in the United States each year. Anaplastic astrocytomas are one of the worst kinds, accounting for 2,000 to 3,000 new cases a year. These rapidly growing, hard-to-treat tumors typically kill within two to three years of diagnosis.

Temodar is one of a new class of cancer drugs. Schering-Plough Corp. tested it against anaplastic astrocytomas in patients who relapsed despite surgery, radiation and other chemotherapy.

Twelve of 54 patients — a fairly impressive 22 percent — had their tumors significantly shrink or temporarily disappear, the FDA said.

The study was tiny and did not compare Temodar to older chemotherapies, so it's hard to say if Temodar will prove better than other cancer drugs that doctors now try as last-ditch efforts. But Yung said he believed that was a better response than doctors get other alternatives — plus it's easier to take.

Not only can patients take the pills at home, but side effects proved milder than for many chemotherapies. The most common reactions were mild nausea and vomiting, headaches and mild immune suppression. Schering-Plough Corp. said side effects were severe in less than 10 percent of patients, and the FDA said most patients had their immune systems recover without having to delay treatment.

Even for those people Temodar helped, it's not a cure, Yung stressed.

But the median duration of Temodar's effect was 121/2 months — meaning half of patients began relapsing sooner but half lasted longer.

One of Yung's patients, 59-year-old Larry Sager of Beaumont, Texas, has seen his tumor stop growing for a full 11/2 years — after surgery, radiation and a type of surgically implanted chemotherapy patch all failed.

"I wouldn't be here if it wasn't for" Temodar, Sager said Wednesday. "When I asked him (the doctor) my options, he said not to do anything, and then I'd have two months. That wasn't for me."

Other than slight constipation the five days a month that he takes Temodar, "I had no side effects whatsoever," Sager said.

Temodar, "as a lower toxicity drug, is of paramount importance to these patients," said Naomi Berkowitz, executive director of the American Brain Tumor Association.

Temodar will be available next month, Schering said.

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



# The increasing human lifespan

**By Peter H. Gott, M.D.**

**DEAR DR. GOTT: Years ago, three score and 10 years was considered a normal life span. Is it true that because of medical advances, people can now expect to live into their 90s?**

**DEAR READER: Yes, if people take care of themselves. Antibiotics, vaccines, hi-tech surgery and a greater appreciation of a healthy lifestyle have increased our longevity. And, I have no doubt, future medical advances (such as gene-splicing) will probably enable the elderly to live even longer.**

**While this observation may seem, at first glance, to be very positive, there is another, darker side of the coin: Society hasn't yet caught up with this cultural phenomenon. We really don't know what to do with the burgeoning legions of retired elderly, many of whom suffer from progressive mental impairment. Actually, medical science is making painfully slow headway in understanding and preventing the diseases of old age. Senility, strokes, Alzheimer's disease and a host of degenerative afflictions are a major cause of disability in the elderly and are an increasing public health concern. For example, what purpose is served by living to be 100 if you require nursing home care for the last 25 years of your life, cannot eat or expel waste without help, exhaust your assets and become a burden to a loving family?**

**In this century, living longer is rarely associated with living better, so I am not surprised when older patients tell me they don't WANT to live to 100. Therefore, future medical efforts to increase longevity have to take into account the very real problems of age-related disability and dependency.**

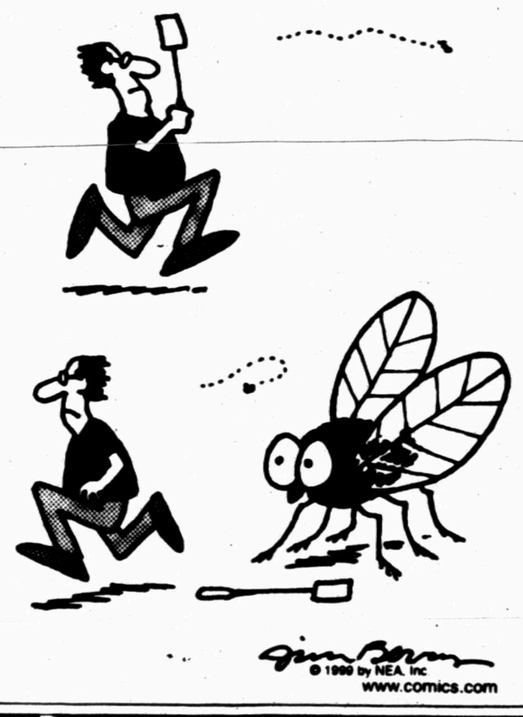
**DEAR DR. GOTT: I have a heart murmur. Could this cause a rapid pulse?**

**DEAR READER: Rapid heart beats, called tachycardia, are common in persons who have developed murmurs (extra sounds in the heart) due to improperly opening or closing cardiac valves. In particular, so called mitral valve prolapse, which is common in healthy young women, is often the cause of periodic tachycardia. If your murmur was discovered recently, your doctor will be eager to establish the exact cause of it. You may need to take medication — or even have surgery — for it, especially if you experience frequent bouts of tachycardia. At the very least, you should probably take antibiotics at the time of dental work or cleaning. Bacteria commonly enter the blood stream at these times, and the germs can stick to abnormal heart valves, leading to a dangerous type of cardiac infection.**

**In my opinion, you should have a heart ultrasound examination to determine which valve is malfunctioning. Then your doctor — or a cardiologist — can advise you about what treatment you should consider. To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my new and revised Health Report "Understanding Heart Disease." 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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## Berry's World



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Jana: Why did the conductor put a cow into a freight car filled with ducks?
Judy: He wanted some milk to go with his quackers.



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# Tornado hits Salt Lake City

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Tornadoes aren't supposed to touch down in Utah.

There was Bill Alder, the chief meteorologist for the National Weather Service in Utah, watching his radar screen with growing concern just after lunch Wednesday.

"It looked like severe weather, and severe weather can generate funnel clouds which can turn into a tornado," he said. "But that doesn't happen here."

Just before 1 p.m., a twister ripped through the heart of the city that will be the host of the 2002 Winter Olympics, destroying 34 homes and damaging 87 others. It overturned trucks, blew the windows out of downtown hotels and sent the city into a tailspin.

One person was killed and scores were injured.

It was the first tornado fatality ever recorded in Utah, where tornado sightings typically happen only about once or twice a year. Some of the first to spot the twister didn't believe what they were seeing.

"We said, 'Is that a fire?'" said Cole Lundquist, who was standing by a window on the 24th floor of the headquarters of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, the city's tallest building. "Then we saw all the debris, then flames and sparks shooting above it."

Mayor Deedee Corradini said this morning that 79 people were injured severely enough to go to a hospital. Many others suffered lesser injuries.

"It's been a tragedy for us, but we've been very, very lucky — it could have been much worse," she said.

Corradini said crews had worked through the night clearing debris and, "We are open for business in downtown Salt Lake City this morning."

Gov. Mike Leavitt, speaking on ABC's "Good Morning America," said, "There was virtually no way in which to warn people."

"It's been a hurtful experience for many and we're grateful that the sun's going to come up this morning and we can now finish the cleanup."

# Obituaries

## 'Hack' Fargason

**1918-1999**

Funeral service for Hugh "Hack" Fargason, a longtime resident of the Dunn community, is set for 2 p.m. Saturday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel.

The Rev. Jesse Dea will officiate and burial will follow in the Hermleigh Cemetery.

Mr. Fargason, 81, died Wednesday, Aug. 11, in the Mitchell County Hospital following a lengthy illness.

Born Feb. 17, 1918 in Hermleigh, Mr. Fargason served in the U.S. Army during World War II, from 1940-45. He served with Company G of the 42nd Infantry Regiment, 36h Infantry Division in North Africa, Italy, France and Germany. He was one of Matney's Raiders. Mr. Fargason continued his military service in the Texas National Guard, serving a total of 23 years and retiring in 1967.

Mr. Fargason married Verle Provine on Oct. 10, 1945 in Kansas. A Baptist, Mr. Fargason had owned and operated a service station in Dunn for many years.

He was preceded in death by five brothers and three sisters.

Survivors include his wife, Verle Fargason of Dunn; a daughter, Janice Harty of Dunn; three sons, Marvin Fargason of Kempner, Kenneth Fargason of Leander and Clifford Fargason of Ft. McCoy, Wis.; a brother, Blakley Fargason of Dunn; 12 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.



Ora Bloodworth

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**1896-1999**

COLORADO CITY – Ora Neal Bloodworth, 102, died Wednesday, Aug. 11, in Midland.

Funeral service for Mrs. Bloodworth is set for 10 a.m. Saturday in the Kiker-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Charles Day., pastor of Ave. D Baptist Church, will officiate, assisted by Joe Allen of Granbury. Burial will follow in the Colorado City Cemetery.

Born Nov. 4, 1896 in Maney, La., she moved to Mitchell County with her family in a covered wagon in 1907, and was a longtime resident of Colorado City.

She married George Arthur Bloodworth in 1912 in Colorado City, and he died in 1941. A homemaker, Mrs. Bloodworth was a former resident of Snyder and a member of the Ave. D Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Arthur Bloodworth; a daughter, Bernice McKiney; five brothers; five sisters; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law, Joe and Alice Bloodworth of Pipe Creek and Doug and Edith Bloodworth of Palmetto, Fla.; four daughters, Ruth Bloodworth of Granbury, Billie Harris and her husband, Grover, of Granbury; Nell Toombs and her husband, Zane, of Odessa, and Geneva Lewis and her husband, Paul, of Burleson; a sister, Ada McArthur; eight grandchildren, Kay Elliott of Crowley, Gayle Kubena of Hermleigh, Cindy Donaldson of Odessa, Jerry Lewis of Florida, Ann Richey of California, Gret Conover of Illinois, Neal Bloodworth of Florida and Leslie Kanawah of California; 23 great-grandchildren; 14 great-great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the Arthritis Foundation, Northwest Texas Chapter, 3001 West 5th Street in Fort Worth, 76107; or to a favorite charity.

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## Dee Rambo

**1918-1999**

COTTWOOD, Ariz. — Memorial service for Dee Rambo of Cottonwood, daughter of Blanche Murry of Snyder, is set for 11 a.m. Saturday in the Westcott Funeral Home.

Mrs. Rambo, 80, died Sunday, Aug. 8, in Cottonwood after a lengthy illness.

She and her husband taught dance in Snyder at Western Texas College and the Senior Center. He preceded her in death.

Other survivors include two children, Randy and Susan; two brothers, Jay and Bud Murry of California; and two grandchildren.

## Bobbie Gardner

**1915-1999**

COLEMAN – Bobbie Lee Pope Gardner, the mother of Gail Anderson of Snyder, died Tuesday, Aug. 10, in Coleman County Medical Center.

Funeral service for Mrs. Gardner, 83, is set for 2 p.m. Friday in the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Bill Merritt officiating, assisted by the Rev. Gary Boyd.

Burial will follow in the Coleman Cemetery under the direction of Stevens Funeral Home.

Born Aug. 17, 1915 in Coleman County, she grew up in the Echo community where she attended school. She married Robert H. Pope on Dec. 9, 1933. She married Roy Gardner on Nov. 25,1971.

A member of the First Baptist Church, she was the former owner and operator of Bobbie Lee's Beauty Shop in Coleman.

She was preceded in death by a son, lst Lt. Robert Dale Pope in 1968; and by a daughter, Gloria June Gordon, in 1991.

Survivors include her husband, Roy Gardner of Coleman; a son, Kenneth Glen Pope of Gouldbusk; two other daughters, Donna Lee Franke of New Braunfels and Helen Overturff of Odessa; four stepchildren, John Gardner of Oracle, Ariz., Joan Kerbow of Grand Prairie, Beth Sparkman of New Braunfels and Glen Gardner of Coleman; 13 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; 11 step-grandchildren; and 14 step great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the Coleman Senior Center, 316 S. Pecos in Coleman, 76834.

## Bonnie Geisler

**1929-1999**

DENVER CITY – Bonnie Jo Geisler, 70, died Wednesday, Aug. 11, in Lubbock's Covenant Hospital.

Funeral service for Mrs. Geisler is set for 10 a.m. Friday in the Denver City Church of Christ with Skip Rodgers officiating.

Graveside service is set for 4 p.m. Friday in the Dreamland Cemetery near Turkey. Delos Johnson, Church of Christ minister, will officiate. Arrangements are under the direction of Ratliff Funeral Home.

Born Feb. 25, 1929 in Turkey, she married W.F. "Cowboy" Geisler on May 30, 1945 in Wellington. They moved to Denver City in 1954 and she worked for the telephone company for a number of years. She retired from North Main Grocery in 1989.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Cecil McKay; and a brother, Gary Lynn McKay.

Survivors include her husband, W.F Geisler of Denver City; a daughter, Myra Thurmond of Denver City and formerly of Snyder; two sons, Lonnie Geisler of Sundown and Berry Geisler of Albany; her father, Lon McKay of Quitaque; three brothers, Leroy McKay and Dwight McKay, both of Amarillo, and Trent McKay of Quitaque; nine sisters, Juanita Lane of Turkey, Margie Burcell and Sharlotte Kemp, both of Albuquerque, Doris Davis of Amarillo, Theresa Gregory of Lorenzo, Gaye Sperry of Idalou, Devorah Justus and Renee Dudley, both of Quitaque, and Gwen Martin of Lubbock; and nine

# South Carolina man arrested on Mississippi felony warrant

Department of Public Safety troopers arrested a 45-year-old South Carolina man Wednesday on a felony warrant out of Mississippi.

David Vernon Simmons of Williamson, S.C. was taken into custody at 11:19 a.m. at Rip Griffin's truck stop on the outstanding warrant from Lauderdale, Miss., for felony possession of amphetamine with intent to sell.

Four other subjects were arrested Wednesday.

Deputies took a 24-year-old female into custody at 1:24 p.m. in the 1500 block of 27th Street on a warrant for misdemeanor assault.

At 5:45 p.m., deputies arrested a 20-year-old male on a Taylor County warrant for theft by check.

An outstanding warrant for theft by check sent a 33-year-old man to jail at 6:04 p.m. Deputies arrested him in the 500 block of 34th Street.

Officers took a 37-year-old male into custody at 9:14 p.m. in the 2800 block of Avenue I for violation of the magistrate's order.

Two offense reports were filed Wednesday.

Officers submitted an offense report at 1:28 p.m. at Town & Country on East Coliseum Drive for Class C theft in reference to a gas drive-off.

At 11:29 p.m., an offense report for assault/family violence was filed.

Officers handled two minor accidents Wednesday.

A two-vehicle mishap occurred at 7:55 a.m. in the 1800 block of 37th Street. Involved were a 1996 Dodge Intrepid driven by Versain Benitez, 36, of 2201 Avenue E and a 1991 Chrysler New Yorker driven by Floyda Collins, 49, of 413 32nd Street.

An officer was called to a minor accident in the Snyder Daily News parking lot at 1:23 p.m. Involved were a 1988 Chevrolet Blazer driven by Larry Bryant Williams, 40, of 2704 34th Street and a legally parked 1993 Geo Metro owned by Frank Alvarado of 604 32nd Street.

## Probation is given for family violence

A 36-year-old Snyder man was assessed a 10-year probated prison sentence Tuesday in 132nd District Court.

Hector Herrera Soberon of 2805 Ave. I pleaded guilty to assault, family violence. The defendant had been indicted for striking a family member in the face on April 18.

District Judge Ernie Armstrong also fined Soberon $750, ordered him to spend 180 days in the Scurry County Jail and participate in a court-approved treatment program.

# Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Aug. 11-Russell Carroll, Jordan Ruiz, William Stevens, Ray Cooley, Carolyn Cox, Margie Ellis, Latrice Hammit, Melba Huddleston and Doris Pethel.

DISMISSALS: Weldon Buchanan, Asencion Castillo, Michelle Gonzales, Marcela Rios and Robert Scott.

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# WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

## No immunization clinic

There will not be an immunization clinic at the Scurry County Health Center today. The next clinic will be Tuesday.

## Choir boosters

SHS Choir Boosters will meet at 6:30 this evening in the choir room to discuss plans for the fund-raising supper to be held before the football game Sept. 3.

## Support groups

Four different support groups meet at 6:30 tonight at the First Baptist Church. The groups include divorce recovery, cancer support group, grief support and adult children caring for aging parents. Child care is provided.

## Gramm staffer here Friday

Sondra Ziegler, a representative of U.S. Senator Phil Gramm's staff, will be in Snyder from 1-1:45 p.m. Friday in the county courtroom to meet with any local citizen.

## Prophetic teaching

Jean Krisle of Tyler will speak this weekend at the Word is Life Deliverance Church, 602 30th Street. Services are at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday and at 10:30 a.m. Sunday.

## Girl Scouts registration

Scurry County Girl Scouts will register from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday by the pond at Towle Park. All levels of scouts will register, including adults. Refreshments will be served.

## Polar reunion

The annual Polar reunion will be Sunday at the Polar community center beginning at 8 a.m. and continuing until 3 p.m. Those attending are asked to bring a covered dish.

## Historical mark unveiling

A historical marker in remembrance of the Santa Fe Railroad will be dedicated by the Scurry County Historical Commission at 10 a.m. Monday on the south side of the courthouse. The public is invited and refreshments will be served.

## Patient rights program

Brenda Elkins, Texas regional ombudsman, will present information on patient rights and responsibilities at 2:30 p.m. Monday on the 4th floor activity room of Cogdell Hospital. Cogdell Hospital long-term family members are encouraged to attend.

## Faith Baptist revival slated

Faith Baptist Church, 208 37th St., will have a revival Monday through Wednesday featuring Evangelist Monty Martin. Sunday services are 10:50 a.m. and 7 p.m. and weeknight services are set for 7:30 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 Invitation of Jesus," followed by "The Cross: What's So Bad About Sin?"

## Parkinson's support group

The Parkinson's Support Group will meet at 10 a.m. Tuesday in the board room at Cogdell Hospital. A program on home health services will be presented by Sherma Barham, nurse manager of Cogdell Home Health. A video, "Community Involvement for Parkinson's, will be shown.

## Lone Wolf Cemetery Association

The Lone Wolf Cemetery Association will hold a meeting at 9 a.m. next Thursday at the cemetery.

## School supplies needed

Snyder ISD and the Scurry County welfare board are seeking donations for school supplies for needy children. Boxes are set up at Wal-Mart, United and Lawrence IGA. For more information, call Mary Ann Juarez at 574-6012.

## Joy School

Joy School at East Side Church of Christ is now state licensed and will be open five days a week. The school is for ages 18 months to pre-kindergarten. Parents may choose days wanted. Call 573-3554 for 575-1138 for more information.

## Sonshine School

Registration for Sonshine School at 37th Street Church of Christ is being held for pre-school through age five. Classes begin Aug. 23. For more information call the church office at 573-0154 or Lora Lord at 573-1700.

## King's Kids registration

First Baptist Church is registering for King's Kids, ages 1-5, and for Mothers' Day Out, six months to five years old. Call 573-2631 for more information.

## Children's Day Out

Children's Day Out, a Tuesday-Thursday child care program at First United Methodist Church, has begun, but spaces are available for two and three year olds. Call 573-4770.

## Rock and Roll quilting club

The quilting club meets every Monday from 8 a.m. until noon at Hermleigh Community Center for free quilting lessons. Everyone is invited. Call 863-2426 for more information.

## Fair booths available

Food and vendor booths are available for the Scurry County Fair to be held Sept. 16-18 in the Scurry County Coliseum. Costs vary, depending on size and type. For more information, call Sandra Barboza at the chamber, 573-/3558.

## Pick 3

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

3-1-8

three, one, eight)

## Lotto Texas

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

A winning ticket would have been worth an estimated $4 million.

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

# Steven Spielberg is honored for WWII film

WASHINGTON (AP) — Filmmaker Steven Spielberg is adding a few more awards to his growing collection: the military's highest civilian honor for his World War II epic, "Saving Private Ryan," and a humanitarian award from the Smithsonian Institute.

"I'm in the Army now," Spielberg joked as Defense Secretary William Cohen helped pin the Medal for Distinguished Public Service on his chest at a special Pentagon ceremony on Wednesday.

Spielberg told an audience that included top military leaders that his goal in making the movie was to "remember unsparingly the sacrifices of my father's generation" while trying to help his children's generation understand the importance of World War II.

Spielberg's father was a crew member in B-25 bombers in the war.

"I think that today's youth have a tendency to live in the present and work for the future but to be totally ignorant of the past," said Spielberg, who is 52.

Cohen called Spielberg's blockbuster, a graphic re-enactment of the Allies' invasion of Europe on D-Day, June 6, 1944, an "emotional catharsis" for all who saw it, particularly World War II veterans.

"'Ryan,' I must be quick to point out, is not a recruitment promotional for the Pentagon," Cohen said. "It speaks to us, however, about the importance of values, discipline, determination and sacrifice."

Cohen joked that Spielberg had won "nearly as many awards as we have forces deployed."

"Private Ryan" won five 1999 Academy Awards: for directing and four other categories.

Said Spielberg: "I feel that in my experience as a filmmaker, lightning has only struck twice in a way that has filled me up with such pride. One of those times was 'Schindler's List' and the other time was 'Saving Private Ryan.'" Spielberg won an Academy Award for his Holocaust film, "Schindler's List," in 1993.

The award honored Spielberg for making "a historic contribution to the national consciousness."

Other recent recipients of the award include former German Chancellor Helmut Kohl, Sen. Strom Thurmond, R-S.C., and former Sens. Bob Dole, R-Kan., and John Glenn, D-Ohio.

Spielberg is a big Democratic contributor. He gave $381,023 to the Democratic National Committee in 1995-96, $1,000 to President Clinton's re-election campaign in 1995 and $1,000 to Vice President Al Gore this year.

Later, Spielberg received the James Smithson Anniversary Medal in honor of both his film making and of his charitable work at a ceremony at the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of Natural History.

He was honored for creating two foundations for strengthening Jewish life and preserving memories of the Holocaust, and another to help children with chronic illnesses.

## Divorce rate for children of divorced parents down

CHICAGO (AP) — Adult children of divorced parents are less likely to dissolve their own marriages than they were two decades ago, researchers say.

While divorce has become more accepted in American society, the gap in the divorce rates of adults who were raised in broken homes and those from intact families has also narrowed, according to a study presented during the American Sociological Association's annual meeting in Chicago this week.

The research was based on a National Opinion Research Council survey of 21,963 adults that spanned more than 20 years.

In 1973, children of divorce were nearly three times more likely than their counterparts from intact families to divorce, the study said. By 1996, that number was down to 50 percent more likely.

Nicholas Wolfinger, a sociologist at the University of Utah who authored the study, said the trend will probably continue into the next century as the children of recent divorces grow into adulthood.

"Thirty or 50 years ago divorce was so rare, so unacceptable, that only the worst marriages broke up," Wolfinger said Wednesday. "Of course, the children of those marriages carried the experiences of growing up in terrible family circumstances with them into their own marital relationships."

Now, couples generally opt for divorce before their children have to witness the devastation and therefore have the opportunity to have healthier relationships, he said.

Another factor in the decline is that fewer adult children of divorced parents are getting married at all, the study found. That is a turnaround from the mid-70s, when the same group was 36 percent more likely to get married than children of intact families.

Wolfinger said divorce still has an effect on the next generation's relationships.

"I don't think that the divorce rates for people from divorced families and intact families will ever be the same," he said.

## Navajo Nation sues tobacco industry

PHOENIX (AP) — Mirroring successful claims made by numerous states, the nation's largest Indian tribe has sued the tobacco industry to recover the cost of caring for sick smokers.

A 135-page complaint filed Wednesday in Navajo court alleges tobacco companies deceived Navajo Nation consumers, illegally targeted minors and burdened their healthcare system.

## Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



### Dad's Story of Divorce Plays to Big Audience

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DEAR ABBY: On a recent trip back East, my father reunited with his childhood sweetheart and is now seeking a divorce after 32 years of marriage to my mother. Apparently my father has never gotten over this woman and had pined away for her since the day he married my mother.

The trouble is, he feels the need to tell everyone (including friends, family, strangers and my new boyfriend) about his dilemma in complete detail. He goes on and on about how terrible my mother is, why he needs to leave her and be with this other woman, etc.

How can I approach my father on the subject of appropriateness? I would like to tell him to put a lid on it, but then he pouts because he feels I'm not "supporting" him. Have you any suggestions, Abby? He doesn't need to be airing our family laundry in such detail with each and every person he encounters.

THROWN FOR A LOOP IN L.A.

**DEAR THROWN FOR A LOOP: Tell him exactly what you have told me and don't mince any words, because you are absolutely right. Also, don't count on muzzling the old dog. He's trying to justify throwing away his marriage and abandoning the wife he "tolerated" for 32 years. And frankly, he's only making himself look bad.**

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DEAR ABBY: I have a beautiful, brilliant daughter who has graduated with three degrees and high honors, but she seems to have no common sense.

She was engaged to her high school boyfriend, whom we all loved, then ditched him to date his friend. She gave up several excellent jobs, always landing on her feet, dated several men we all disapproved of, almost married a physical abuser (who, thankfully, dumped her just before the wedding), traveled all over the U.S.A. and Europe, and returned to another wonderful job.

She now lives with a slob, 15 years younger than herself, with no future and no money. He looks like an unmade bed with long dirty hair. I am mystified about how she can possibly introduce this person to her co-workers or others, ignoring the embarrassment to all of us. What is going on here? We had a huge blowup, and she now refuses to speak to me.

HER LOVING MOTHER

**DEAR LOVING MOTHER: Your daughter appears to be experienced, accomplished and successful at almost everything she has attempted. Apparently she is happy with this man, so he must be doing something right.**

**If you are truly a loving mother, be less critical of what you perceive to be his shortcomings and concentrate on the fact that he makes your daughter happy. Although you are well-intentioned, this is a choice that only she should make — and she has made it.**

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DEAR ABBY: The letter from the woman who was uncomfortable about using her father-in-law as her OB/GYN prompts this letter. "Uncomfortable" posed a question I often receive at the South Carolina Board of Medical Examiners from practicing physicians.

It would be unprofessional and unethical for the father-in-law of "Uncomfortable" to serve as her physician, according to the American Medical Association Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs.

If her father-in-law treats her, his license could well be subject to disciplinary action by his state medical board, and if he does so against her will, it *should* be. The father-in-law has only one ethical alternative: Decline to treat "Uncomfortable."

AARON J. KOZLOSKI, J.D., M.P.A., BOARD ADMINISTRATOR

**DEAR AARON: If my prior column on the subject did not settle the question, I'm certain that your letter will put the matter to rest. Thank you for your expert opinion.**