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DISCOUNT RACK — Kaycee Loveall, 12, double checks the clothes on display in her yard this morning before her family's garage sale. (SDN Photo by Bobby Allen)

100 degrees Thursday...

If you thought it was hot, you were right

From local, wire reports

The temperature reached triple digits Thursday for the first time this summer, and more hot weather is on the way.

Last summer, Snyder had already experienced 15 days of readings of 100 degrees or higher. One came in June and 14 were experienced last July.

The Dallas-Fort Worth area also hit 100 degrees on Thursday for the first time this year. The National Weather Service said chances are good for two in a row. "It's kind of like Election Day when the polls close. Whew, we are glad that's over with," said Joe Harris, a meteorologist with the weather service's Fort Worth office.

But today is the only other day this week when 100-degree temperature was likely in the metroplex.

"These next few days will likely not be 100, but it doesn't have to be 100 for the humidity index to be significant," WFAA-TV chief weather forecaster Troy Dungan said.

Temperatures are expected to remain in the upper 90s through the weekend, weather officials said.

The average date that Dallas-Fort Worth first reaches 100 degrees is June 30, officials said.

Texans woke up on Friday to temperatures of 63 at Marfa to 82 at Galveston.

But temperatures are expected to rise steadily throughout the day, resulting in temperatures from 95 to 105 across the state.

Some rain could occur in the hill country on Saturday. Temperatures in the 90s are likely for Southeast Texas and the upper Texas coast with the possibility of isolated early evening thunderstorms. Rain is also a possibility along the coastal bend and Rio Grande plains for this evening and Saturday morning.

With forecasts calling for another 100-degree day, residents should be aware of heat injuries that can creep up in severe hot weather.

There are three types of heat-related injuries with varying degrees of seriousness. The most important thing to remember in hot weather is stay hydrated with cool water. Make sure children get plenty to drink when playing outside, and have them take play breaks occasionally.

The first problem can be heat cramps. The symptoms include severe cramping of the muscles. Though painful, heat cramps are rarely serious. To treat heat cramps, drink a cool glass of water every 15 minutes and find a shaded area to rest.

More dangerous is heat exhaustion. Signs of this injury include profuse sweating with a normal body temperature, dizziness and fainting. It is recommended that persons suffering from heat exhaustion lie down in a cool place, elevate their feet, drink water and contact a physician.

Heat stroke is the most severe form of heat injury and can result in death if not treated quickly. Heat stroke should be treated like any other medical emergency, and medical attention must be given immediately.

Symptoms of heat stroke are fainting and unconsciousness, obvious and serious confusion and high temperature with no sweating. If symptoms are present, call 911 and sponge off the person with cool water or, if possible, immerse them in a tub of cool water and have them drink water.

Congress approves changes in accounting

WASHINGTON (AP) — Spurred by a meltdown in the stock market, Congress has passed with remarkable speed the biggest changes in corporate accounting practices in six decades. But now comes the big test: Will the legislation work?

Many market analysts believe the answer is yes and no.

The measure, they say, is tough enough to force companies to stop lying to investors about their true financial situations. But in the short term, these experts also say, the crackdown on fraudulent bookkeeping could drive Wall Street even further into the doldrums as the tougher rules and expanded budget given to the Securities and Exchange Commission flush out more companies with questionable numbers.

"It's going to take awhile for the market to rebound," said Robert Litan, director of economic studies at the Brookings Institution. "Investors have lost confidence in the whole system of reporting and that is not something that can be fixed just with legislation."

President Bush and members of Congress are hoping that a positive response from Wall Street will occur much more quickly, given that the November elections are fast approaching.

Investor anger at having lost trillions of dollars in stock market wealth was a chief reason propelling the legislation through Congress.

Bush has promised to quickly sign the bill, which was approved by the lopsided margins of 423-3 in the House and 99-0 in the Senate on Thursday.

And to hasten the process of restoring confidence, the administration is urging corporations to quickly file certifications that their books are up to snuff, before the Aug. 14 deadline set by the SEC.

Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill said an "avalanche" of these filings in the days ahead would go a long way to prove that the great majority of American companies have not been hiding problems from shareholders.

Bush, who was criticized for being slow to grasp the enormity of the problem when it first erupted with the collapse of the big Houston-based energy trader, Enron Corp., last December, is pledging a get-tough approach, saying his administration "will haul in and prosecute any CEO who breaks the law."

Broken bit delays mine rescue effort

SOMERSET, Pa. (AP) — A desperate attempt to pull nine trapped miners from a watery shaft 240 feet below the surface all but ground to a halt early today when rescuers' drill bit broke, authorities said.

The thick metal bit became stuck at about 2 a.m. and broke as workers tried to cut through hundreds of feet of solid rock, said Joseph Sbaffoni of the state Bureau of Deep Mine Safety. Pennsylvania Gov. Mark Schweiker told NBC's "Today" show that another bit was being flown in by helicopter.

In the meantime, drilling had stopped, hampering efforts to reach the men, who have been trapped in the cramped, flooded shaft for almost 36 hours.

Schweiker said the workers had managed to bore through only 100 feet of rock before the mishap.

"We've had a setback," he said on NBC's "Today" show. "We've got quite a ways to go."

Crews were working to get the broken drill bit out of the rescue shaft, the governor said. They also were hoping to start digging a second rescue shaft, but preparations for that would take hours, he said.

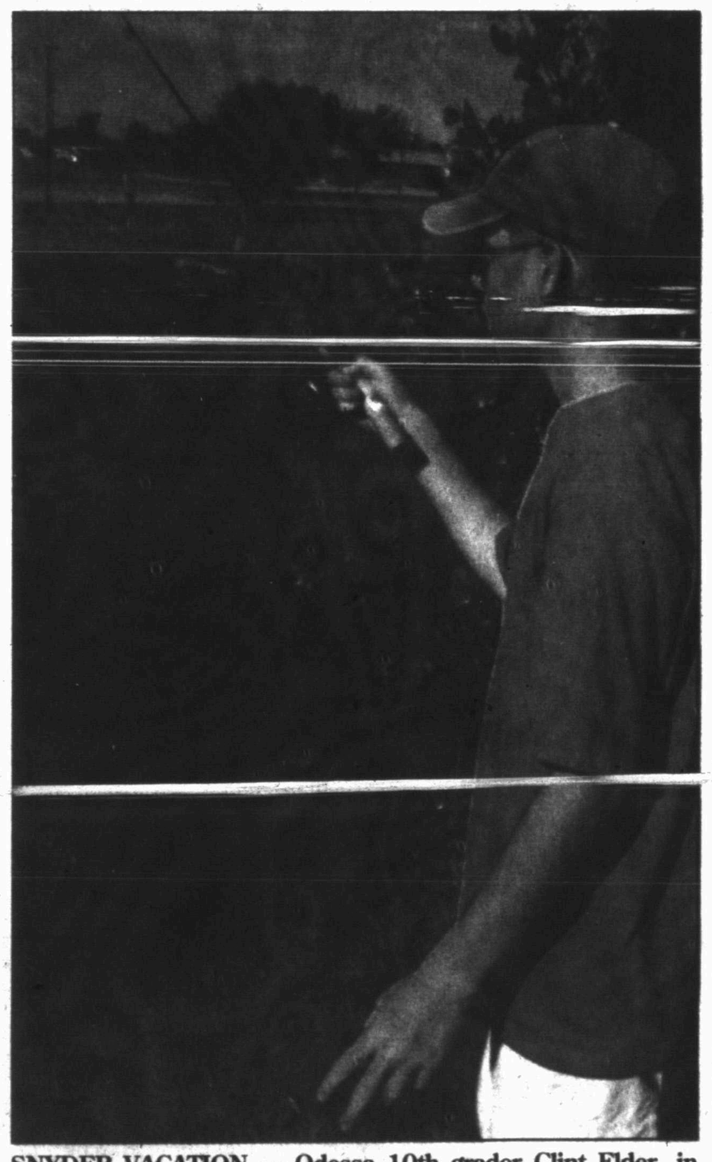
Dawn broke at the site with intermittent rain amid occasional flashes of lightning, but the drone of machinery continued as crews worked steadily above the mine.

Encouraged by tapping sounds and underground movement heard Thursday, crews had hoped to reach the tiny chamber today and use the 2½-foot-wide shaft to pull survivors out.

Officials cautioned that they did not know how many men might still be alive. They have been trapped since about 9 p.m. Wednesday in the mine about 55 miles southeast of Pittsburgh.

"This is a very tricky and dangerous situation, and I don't want to raise expectations," said David Hess, Pennsylvania secretary of environmental protection.

Betsy Mallison, a spokeswoman for the Department of Environmental Protection, said "we have not given up hope on the miners. We are working very diligently to get them out."



SNYDER VACATION — Odessa 10th grader Clint Elder, in town to visit his grandparents, Billy and Bonnie Phipps, uses grasshoppers for bait while fishing at Towle Park pond. (SDN Staff Photo by Bobby Allen)

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Inside every older person is a much younger person trying to figure out what the heck has happened."

A newspaper friend, Marshall Day in Gatesville, said the source of the following is unknown, but interesting to those of us who are described as 'experienced.'

"Some things you keep. Like good teeth, warm coats, bald husbands. They're good for you, are reliable, practical and so sublime that to throw them away would make the garbage man a thief.

"So you hang on because something old is sometimes better than something new.

"These thoughts may make me sound old, tame and dull when everybody seems to be risky, racy and flashing all that's new and improved.

"New careers, new thighs, new lips, new car. The world is dizzy with trade-ins.

"I grew up in the '50s with practical parents — a mother who washed aluminum foil after she cooked in it and reused it. A father who was happier getting old shoes fixed than in buying new ones.

"They weren't poor, they were just satisfied. Their marriage was good, their dreams focused. Their best friends lived barely a wave away. It was a time for fixing things — a curtain rod, the kitchen radio, screen door, oven door, a hem in a dress.

"Things you keep. It was a way of life and sometimes it made me crazy. All the re-fixing, re-heating and renewing, I just once wanted to be wasteful. Waste meant affluence. Throwing things away meant there would always be more.

"But then my father died, and on that clear autumn night, I was struck with the pain of learning that sometimes there isn't any more. You learn that sometimes there are things all used up that go away, never to return.

"So while you have it, it's better to fix it when it's broken and heal it when it's sick. That's true of marriages, friendships, old cars, children with bad report cards and dogs with bad hips.

"Some things you keep. Things like a best friend that moved away or a classmate you grew up with. There's just some things that make life important. People you know are special...and you keep 'em."

We hope ole what's-her-name reads this, especially the part about keeping aging, bald things.

ASK US

Q—Why is the DCOS renting a tent for the Air Force open house when they could use the big hangar at the airport for the same purpose?

A—The hangar was always an option and that is what will be used.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Thursday, 100 degrees; low, 73; 7 a.m. Friday, 74; no precipitation; total for 2002, 13.71 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, clear; low lower 70s; S winds 5-10 mph. Saturday, mostly sunny; high upper 90s; S winds 10-15 mph. Saturday night, mostly clear; low lower 70s.

Emma Nunley
Hot

Sunset: 8:44 p.m.
Sunrise: 6:57 a.m.
Of 206 days in 2002, the sun has shone 199 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

When you make a mistake, admit it; learn from it and don't repeat it.
—Bear Bryant

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AOL Time Warner stock downgraded

NEW YORK (AP) — AOL Time Warner Inc., a punching bag on Wall Street in recent months, took another beating as analysts downgraded its stock after the company disclosed it was being investigated by the Securities and Exchange Commission.

At least a half-dozen investment banks issued reports Thursday with lower ratings on the stock, and most cited uncertainties surrounding the probe into the company's accounting.

Chief executive Richard Parsons disclosed the probe Wednesday, saying the SEC was conducting a preliminary inquiry into the accounting of several transactions that boosted revenues at the AOL division.

The transactions were reported last week in a series of articles in The Washington Post, which described them as "unconventional" ways of accounting for revenues. They included selling ads to a British entertainment company in lieu of taking a cash settlement in a legal dispute, and booking sales from ads that were sold on behalf of eBay.

Parsons said the company stood by its accounting and that its auditors, Ernst & Young, had signed off on the transactions.

While analysts didn't accuse the company of cooking its books, they said concerns about the inquiry would cloud the outlook for the stock.

Salomon Smith Barney analyst Jill Krutick told investors the probe added a new level of uncertainty about the stock, especially given "the current environment where rules can shift and political pressures run high."

AOL Time Warner stock tumbled $1.76, or 15 percent, to $9.64 at the close of trading Thursday on very heavy trading of 149 million shares on the New York Stock Exchange, six times the average daily volume. The stock is down about 70 percent since the beginning of the year.

Questionable accounting practices have caused the AOL side of the company to run afoul of regulatory authorities in the past. In May 2000 the company agreed to pay a $3.5 million fine to settle SEC charges that it improperly accounted for costs to mail computer discs to potential customers.

Making matters worse at the troubled company, the flailing AOL division still has no leader. Chief operating officer Robert Pittman, a former AOL chief dispatched in April to repair America Online, announced his resignation last week as part of a management shake-up.

One of the most serious issues confronting AOL is the maturing of its dial-up Internet service business and the slow conversion of its users to more profitable high-speed connections. AOL has yet to sign deals with major cable companies to carry its service, and other companies offering high-speed services are growing rapidly.

Boston Archdiocese, alleged abuse victims cannot agree

BOSTON (AP) — No settlement is in sight between the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Boston and alleged victims of clergy sex abuse, an attorney for the plaintiffs said.

Both sides had agreed to a cooling-off period of more than 30 days to discuss a settlement of 240 pending cases. It ended without resolution, said attorney Roderick MacLeish, who represents the alleged victims.

"We no longer feel as though we have a basis to settle these 240 cases and are going to proceed with litigation," he said.

The Rev. Christopher Coyne, an archdiocese spokesman, said it was willing to keep negotiating.

"We have not broken off discussion and the archdiocese is still prepared to meet and work toward a resolution, to bring about a settlement," Coyne said. "We're available, and we would be very disappointed if negotiations broke off."

Also Thursday, the Boston Archdiocese suspended the Rev. Victor LaVoie, pastor of St. Eulalia in Winchester, after church officials determined that an allegation of sexual misconduct more than 20 years ago warranted investigation.

A message left for LaVoie at St. Eulalia's was not returned Thursday evening.

Also Thursday:

—Supporters of a defrocked priest who pleaded guilty last year to molesting four altar boys urged the Kansas Parole Board to release him from prison.

Robert Larson, 72, is seeking to be released from the state prison at Lansing in late September, 18 months into his sentence of three to 10 years. Several of Larson's victims and their families pleaded that he remain jailed.

—Eight more men sued the Archdiocese of Seattle and the Rev. James McGreal, alleging that the priest molested them at parishes in Olympia and Seattle in the 1960s and 1970s. In all, 15 men have accused McGreal in three lawsuits filed against the archdiocese.

Bill Gallant, spokesman for the archdiocese, declined to comment.

—Three sisters said in a lawsuit against the Miami Roman Catholic church and the Archdiocese of Miami that an elderly employee assaulted them on church grounds and church leaders refused to help them.

The women, who were not named, said they were molested in 1989 when they were 8, 9, and 10 years old by a carpenter at the Church of Saint Agatha.

Actor accepts award

LOS ANGELES (AP) — "Yeah, baby!"

Comedian Mike Myers of the "Austin Powers" films now has a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

Wearing a black suit and shirt, the Canadian-born actor displayed his trademark self-deprecating humor Wednesday as he accepted the award in front of an adult gift shop.

"It's a long way from playing street hockey in Toronto to having a star in front of the International Love Boutique," he quipped.

Myers, 39, was accompanied by his wife, Robin Ruzan.

Use of cocaine led to John Entwistle's fatal heart attack

LAS VEGAS (AP) — A heart attack caused by cocaine use was responsible for the death of John Entwistle, the bassist for the rock band The Who, a coroner said.

Clark County Coroner Ron Flud said Thursday that the 57-year-old's death was accidental and was not an overdose.

Entwistle's body was found in his bed at the Hard Rock Hotel on June 27, one day before the band was scheduled to kick off a three-month nationwide tour at the hotel's concert hall.

"The heart attack we believe was brought on by the significant amount of cocaine" that was in Entwistle's system at the time of death, he said.

Exactly how much of the drug Entwistle had used remains unknown.

"Cocaine is a different animal," Flud said. "It's not like alcohol. There's no way we can put a number on it. You've got a lethal drug on board at the time you have a bad heart. That's a bad combination."

Hotel officials declined comment Thursday, as did a spokeswoman with the band's record label, MCA/Universal Music Enterprises.

Entwistle was one of the band's founders. Another original member, drummer Keith Moon, died in 1978 of a drug overdose at the age of 32. Authorities said he took too many pills prescribed to control his alcoholism.

Entwistle died after cocaine caused the contraction of coronary arteries that were already damaged by heart disease, Flud said.

After the death, a musician in Entwistle's own band said the bassist had been on medication for a heart condition.

The Who, founded in London in the early 1960s, was part of the British rock invasion that brought bands like the Rolling Stones and the Beatles to America. Their hits included "I Can See For Miles," "I Can't Explain," "Substitute," "Pinball Wizard," "Won't Get Fooled Again" and "Who Are You."

The group, which includes original members Pete Townshend and Roger Daltrey, is scheduled to play a show today in Mansfield, Mass.

events

TEXAS LOTTO

RESULTS

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Thursday by the Texas Lottery:

26-36-32-1-16

Pick 3

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

5-1-3

Date Book

Friday, July 26, 2002

Today is the 207th day of 2002 and the 36th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1866, Congress enacted a law giving control of waterways to the states, subject to "local customs, laws and decisions of the court."

On this day in 1912, Lt. John Rodgers transmitted the first radio message from a flying aircraft to a U.S. Navy vessel, the USS Stringham.

On this day in 1948, President Harry Truman ordered the desegregation of the armed forces of the United States.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: George Bernard Shaw (1856-1950), playwright and critic; Carl Jung (1875-1961), psychiatrist; Aldous Huxley (1894-1963), writer; Gracie Allen (1906-1964), comedian and actress; Jason Robards (1922-), actor, is 80; Stanley Kubrick (1928-1999), director; Mick Jagger (1943-), singer, is 59; Dorothy Hamill (1956-), figure skater, is 46.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1980, Daley Thompson won the decathlon at the Olympic Games in Moscow.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "I am of the opinion that my life belongs to the whole community and as long as I live, it is my privilege to do for it whatever I can. I want to be thoroughly used up when I die, for the harder I work the more I live." — George Bernard Shaw

TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (July 24) and last quarter (Aug. 1).

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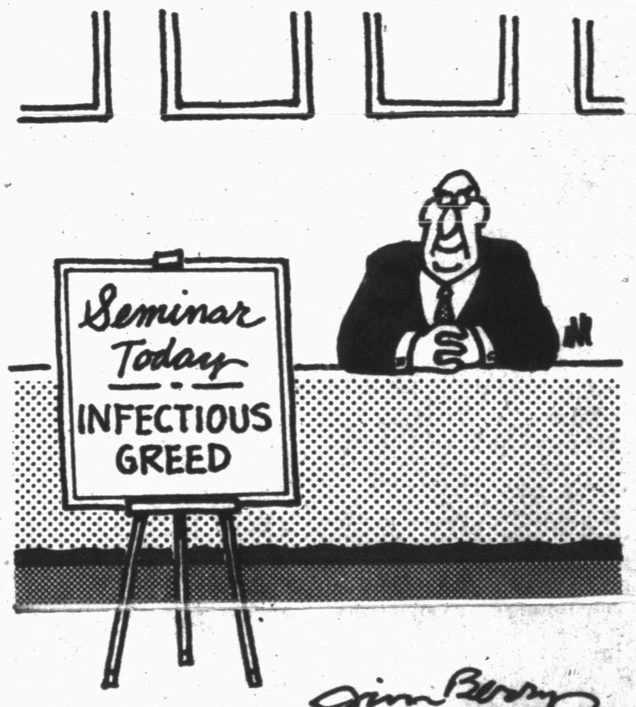

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Plano school worker accused of sexual assault on a child

PLANO (AP) — A 20-year-old athletic utility assistant at Plano East High School has been arrested on charges he sexually assaulted a student.

Clinton Monrow Jones, 20, was placed on administrative leave on Thursday as a result of his arrest Tuesday night, officials said. He was released from Collin County Jail on Wednesday after posting $25,000 bail, jail officials said.

It was unclear how Jones came into contact with the child named in the complaint or whether the child is a student at Plano East, The Dallas Morning News reported in today's editions.

Jones has no criminal history in Collin County, records show.

Jones graduated last year from Plano East and was hired last August by the school district. His duties, which school officials said could have put him in "indirect contact" with students, included general custodian duties such as sweeping, mopping and dusting, laundering of athletic uniforms and maintaining an inventory of supplies, officials said.

Aggravated sexual assault of a child is a first-degree felony that could carry a sentence of up to life in prison.

Moussaoui withdraws his guilty plea

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP) — Zacarias Moussaoui's sudden decision to withdraw his guilty plea was just another in a string of courtroom surprises from the only man charged as a conspirator in the Sept. 11 attacks.

But as the government's case against the self-proclaimed follower of Osama bin Laden moves toward a September trial, his court-appointed lawyers say there is a constant among all the twists and turns.

"I think he underscored today that he denies 9-11," public defender Frank Dunham Jr. said Thursday after Moussaoui initially tried to plead guilty but reversed course when told his plea would be interpreted as an admission that he had a role in the attacks.

"I did not know about Sept. 11," Moussaoui declared.

Another standby counsel, Edward MacMahon, said that statement "is consistent with the way he's behaved in court every time."

Moussaoui is representing himself and has refused to talk to the standby lawyers U.S. District Judge Leonie Brinkema appointed to help him. He did meet before Thursday's hearing with Sadiq Reza, a New York law professor and attorney with the American-Muslim Council, in a session apparently arranged by Brinkema.

Last month, Moussaoui denied any role in the attacks. Then, last week, he said he wanted to plead guilty and proclaimed himself a follower of bin Laden. After Brinkema told him to think about it for a week, Moussaoui initially tried Thursday to plead guilty to four of the six charges against him, including conspiring with the hijackers to commit acts of terrorism and conspiracy to commit aircraft piracy. The four charges all carry a possible death sentence.

But when Brinkema explained that a guilty plea would be an admission of a role in the Sept. 11 attacks, Moussaoui balked. He asked for a recess, and when the hearing resumed he withdrew his plea.

"You want to link me to certain facts that will guarantee my death," Moussaoui told Brinkema. "Dictated by my obligation to my creator Allah to save my life and to defend my life, I withdraw my plea."

Throughout the hearing, Moussaoui insisted he wanted to tell an American jury why he came to the United States and what he planned to do and let them decide whether he deserves a death sentence.

"That's why I want to talk to these 12 people, these 12 American, who are my enemy, but sometime you can find honest enemy," Moussaoui said.

After withdrawing his plea, Moussaoui said he intends to use his standby lawyers to help him track down witnesses, including a British agent whom he said had "taken a very important part in this conspiracy."

Moussaoui claims U.S. authorities know he is innocent of the hijackings because they had him and the 19 hijackers under surveillance for months and allowed the attacks to occur so the United States could attack the Taliban-ruled Afghanistan.

Moussaoui on Thursday agreed to meet again with Reza, and said he intends to identify another Sept. 11 conspirator "in the custody of the United States government."

Brinkema had initially said she was willing to accept a guilty plea from Moussaoui, but she too changed her mind as it became clear that Moussaoui disputed the heart of the government's allegations — that he conspired to kill large numbers of Americans in the Sept. 11 suicide hijackings of four U.S. airliners.

"At this point I do not believe you are prepared to make a guilty plea because you are not prepared to admit the essence of the conspiracy," Brinkema said.

Moussaoui said some of the government's allegations against him were true, while others were not.

"They allege I provided a guest house, I accept," he said. "If they allege I provide training, it is possible for me to accept," he said. "But it doesn't still put me on the plane."

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Man says he's committed but won't buy woman a ring

DEAR ABBY: I have been divorced for five years and have been dating the same sweet man for a year and a half. We have lived together for a year and are very much in love.

My problem is he doesn't want to get married, and I can't make him understand that I need a commitment and stability in my life. He says he IS committed, but he won't buy me a ring.

Am I being selfish or foolish for wanting to marry him? — **LET DOWN IN UTAH**

DEAR LET DOWN: I see nothing foolish or selfish about wanting a secure future and the benefits that go along with being a wife instead of a live-in.

If you're willing to settle for the current arrangement, continue as you are in the hope that one day you'll wear him down. However, if marriage is really what you're after, tell him that it is becoming clear your goals are different. You want marriage, but the only thing he seems "committed" to is more of the same. Then move out. If he loves you, he will be willing to make a serious commitment. If he doesn't, it's better you know sooner rather than later.

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DEAR ABBY: Three days a week I sit with Elsie, a 93-year-old lady who is partially sighted. Elsie always looks forward to hearing me read your column. The day the letter from "Robert in Orlando" appeared, we both thought you dropped the ball in your reply. He asked which is more hygienic – leaving dishes to air-dry on the counter or drying them with a towel. Abby, you didn't answer his question! — **RICHARD KRUSE AND ELSIE HUNTER IN LOS ANGELES**

DEAR RICHARD AND ELSIE: I'm embarrassed to admit that you're right. Among the many readers who pointed it out was a Texas gentleman who said, "You should run for public office immediately, Abby! Only a politician can get away with giving someone an answer without addressing the question." Ouch. **Read on:**

DEAR ABBY: Your answer about the proper method of drying dishes was right on the money. I've been in the restaurant business for 21 years — from dishwasher to owner.

It is against the state health department code in every state in the United States to dry dishes (whether by hand or machine) any other way than to air-dry. A towel or cloth — once wet — becomes a breeding ground for micro-organisms that can cause illness. Just thought you'd like to know. — **"COOKIE" IN SIOUX CITY, IOWA**

DEAR "COOKIE": Thank you for your professional input. Many other restaurateurs corroborated it. **Read on:**

DEAR ABBY: Give me a break! "Robert in Orlando," the dishwasher in the family, believes it's sanitary to let the dishes air-dry, while his wife insists they should be wiped dry with a towel. You advised that air-drying is perfectly safe — but you missed a more important point.

Robert's controlling wife needs to understand that since HE is the dishwasher, HE gets to decide how to wash and dry the dishes. If his wife thinks his method is unsanitary or unsightly, SHE should do them herself! — **LINDA IN ST. PAUL, MINN.**

DEAR LINDA: That's true. And she could use a paper towel. End of problem.

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Burger King's new owners must find way to boost profits

MIAMI (AP) — Burger King's sale to a consortium of U.S. investors is being looked at as a positive thing, but the fast-food company's new owners may have difficulties boosting profits.

Christopher E. Clouser, executive vice president of Burger King, said in an interview Thursday that his company has made numerous changes over the last year to reverse shrinking profits.

Clouser said Burger King's new owners, a consortium led by the Texas Pacific Group, will not make any radical changes after completing the $2.26 billion purchase from London-based Diageo PLC.

"The new owners will be very involved in strategic direction," Clouser said. "But they endorse what's being accomplished here and the momentum we've got in the marketplace."

Texas Pacific is a venture capital firm based in Forth Worth. The consortium also includes Boston-based Bain Capital and Goldman Sachs Capital Partners, the private equity arm of investment bank Goldman Sachs.

Bain has experience with the fast-food franchise business from its ownership of the Domino's Pizza chain.

Clouser acknowledged the close ties between Burger King chief executive John Dasburg and David Bonderman, chief executive of Texas Pacific Group, but said Dasburg conducted himself in a fair way to all 11 bidders.

"The best owner, with the best experience, with the best price prevailed," Clouser said.

Sales for Burger King's largest franchise-holder, AmeriKing, fell by at least 5 percent last year at restaurants that stayed in operation for more than 12 months. Other Burger King franchisees experienced similar declines, said Gregory Thomas, a management consultant at Detroit-based McTevia and Associates.

"They have challenges ahead of them because turning around Burger King will not be easy and it will be expensive," said Howard Penney, an analyst with Atlanta-based SunTrust Robinson Humphrey. "Wendy's and McDonald's are doing well — they won't sit back and let Burger King retake market share."

McDonald's is currently the fast-food market leader, with Burger King in second place.

The sale will be positive for the fast-food industry, because Diageo's heavy reliance on discounts and promotions at Burger King led to price wars and lower profit margins, Penney said.

Clouser said Burger King has stopped using discounts so prominently over the last year and introduced 16 new premium-priced products to boost profits.

The company's new strategy is not based on discounting, but rather on giving consumers the variety they want, Clouser said.

Burger King's headquarters will remain in Miami and corporate layoffs are not foreseen, Clouser added.

Kathy Porter, spokeswoman for the National Franchisee Association, called the sale a "good move."

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

	North 07-26-02 ♠ A ♥ Q 5 4 ♦ J 4 2 ♣ J 10 8 7 4 3	
West ♠ J 2 ♥ J 10 9 6 ♦ A Q 8 ♣ A Q 6 5		East ♠ Q 6 5 4 ♥ 8 7 2 ♦ 10 9 7 6 3 ♣ K
	South ♠ K 10 9 8 7 3 ♥ A K 3 ♦ K 5 ♣ 9 2	

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: East-West

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Dbl.	2 ♣	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♥ J

Friday, July 26, 2002

A Dentist in a different coat

By Phillip Alder

Yesterday, I gave a deal featuring a Dentist's Coup, in which declarer removed an opponent's safe exit cards before that opponent — West — could receive a ruff. Then, West had to make a return favorable for the declarer. This deal is similar, but not identical. How would you try to make two spades after West leads the heart jack?

Now become the responder for a moment. Your partner opens with one of a suit, and the next player makes a takeout double. What do your new-suit bids mean?

It is normal in this country to play that a new-suit response at the one-level is forcing for one round, but at the two-level is nonforcing. Here, North was happy to have that agreement. Two clubs would have made comfortably, losing two diamonds and three clubs, but South — a contract hog — rebid his six-card suit.

Declarer won the first trick with dummy's heart queen, cashed the spade ace, returned to hand with a heart, and continued with the king and 10 of spades. East won with the queen and did well, cashing the club king, then shifting to the diamond 10. West, after taking two diamond tricks, cashed the club ace, on which East discarded his last heart. Taking the hint, West led another heart, which East ruffed to defeat the contract.

If only South were a dentist, or had thought about the coup, or had counted his tricks when the dummy was tabled, he would have cashed his third heart winner before leading the spade 10. Then he would have been assured of five spade and three heart tricks.

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ACROSS

1 Son of Odin
5 Arm opposite
8 Hurried
12 Franc's successor
13 – de cologne
14 Sohong, in Soho (hyph.)
15 Attracted
16 "Woof!"
17 O'Neal of films
18 Cuts of meat
20 Pass inferior goods
22 Kernel
23 Stereo need
24 Wear the crown
27 Turns
30 Part of a circle
31 Devotee
32 Bumped into
34 Alley Oop's kingdom
35 9-digit ID
37 Stun
38 Refreshments
40 Nervous
42 Tarzan's tot
43 Serpent
44 Skulk about
46 Fishtails
49 Baseball family name
50 Clumsy boat
52 Fragrant blossom
54 Chili ingredient
55 Unhatched fish
56 Finished
57 Hourglass contents
58 Tease
59 Roams around

DOWN

1 Actor – Danson
2 Throw hard
3 Chocolate cookie
4 Pulling the oars
5 Fewest
6 Swab target
7 Laughs
8 Pieces of tape
9 Is worthwhile
10 Coup d' –
11 Marino or Rowan
19 Cloistered woman
21 Drop
24 Ewe's mate
25 Piccadilly statue
26 PC screen image
27 Cans, often
28 Fed. agent (hyph.)
29 Bastes or hems
33 Pipe joint
35 Barge
36 Meadow bird
39 Team
40 Disapproving cluck
41 Postscript to a play
43 Invited
44 Defendant's answer
45 Dappled horse
47 Prima donna
48 Luge or sleigh
49 Tummy muscles
51 Louis XIV, e.g.
53 Cen. fractions

Answer to Previous Puzzle

■	F	I	C	A	■	■	Q	U	A	K	E	■
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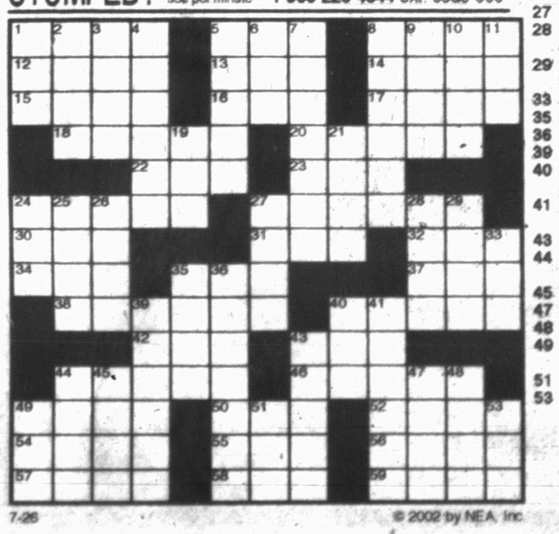

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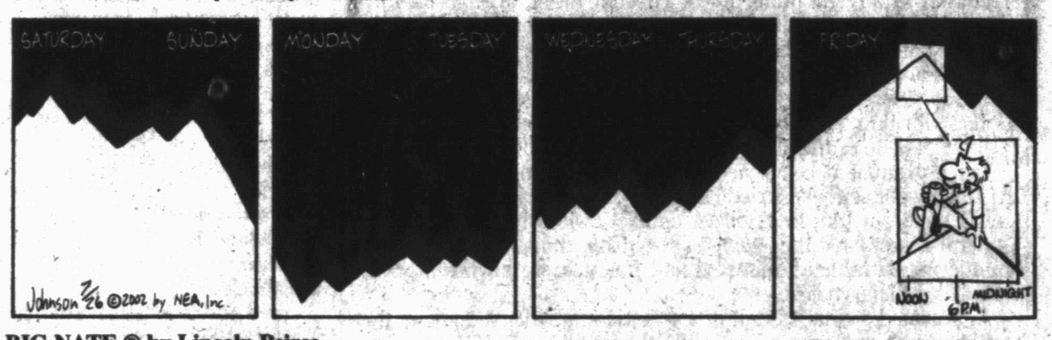

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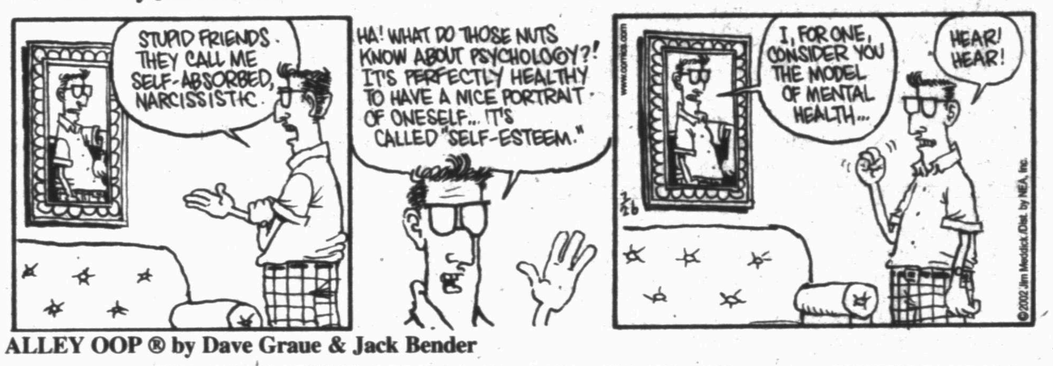

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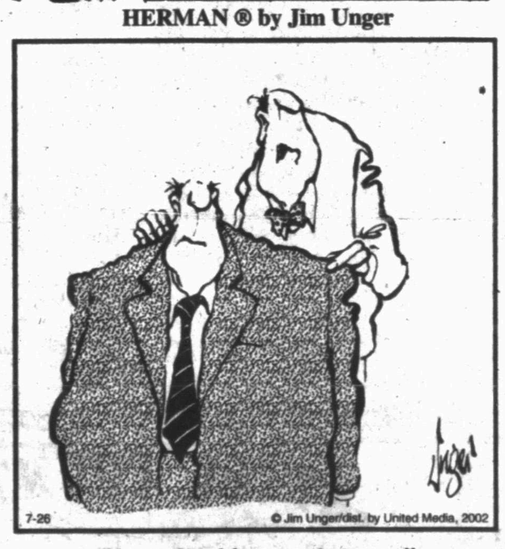

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SPORTS

Cowboys yet to sign top four draft picks

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The temporary grass over the Alamodome parking lot is green and the Dallas Cowboys logo is everywhere. The team's top four draft picks are all that is missing on the eve of the first practice.

The Cowboys hoped today to complete contracts for No. 1 pick Roy Williams, the All-American safety from Oklahoma who was the eighth pick overall, and three more unsigned drafted rookies: offensive guard/center Andre Gurode, receiver Antonio Bryant and cornerback Derek Ross.

Dallas will hold its first practice Saturday.

"I'm going to coach the guys on Saturday that are here," said Cowboys coach Dave Campo. "It hurts them as much as it hurts us if they're not here."

Cowboys vice president Stephen Jones expects all of the drafted rookies to be signed by time workouts begin. The last five of the nine picks from the April draft have reached terms with the team.

All of the signed players were expected in San Antonio by today for the start of a unique training camp.

The Cowboys will have morning workouts on the real grass turf laid out over the concrete parking lot. They will move inside the climate-controlled Alamodome for their afternoon workouts.

"It will be a lot cooler in that dome than it was in Wichita Falls last year," said quarterback Quincy Carter, who goes to camp as the starter even after missing half of last season because of injuries. "I'm a little weary about the dome and not getting used to the heat. But I'm sure we'll mix it up and get a little bit of both."

The Cowboys spent the past four years in Wichita Falls, where the temperature often reached 100 degrees or more. Last year, they split camp, doing the final two weeks in the cooler climate of Oxnard, Calif.

They are at the Alamodome for the first time. That provides an opportunity to work in the heat — with temperatures forecast to be in the mid 90s over the next few days — and also go inside to stay fresher and get more work done.

Even before their first workout, the Cowboys will be inside the Alamodome. There will be a kickoff party tonight, an event free to the public that will include appearances by Campo, the players, owner Jerry Jones and the Dallas Cowboys cheerleaders.

Among the players expected to be there are the five signed draft picks.

Fullback Jamar Martin, their fourth-round draft pick, and cornerback Pete Hunter, a fifth-round selection, agreed to terms Thursday. That came a day after offensive lineman Tyson Walter, receiver DeVeren Johnson and tight end Bob Slowikowski — all sixth-round picks — signed.

The Cowboys have offered Williams, the All-American safety from Oklahoma, a seven-year contract with a $4 million signing bonus and $3.7 million roster bonus next season.

Williams would be the least hurt if he's not in camp by Saturday. During offseason workouts, he was already working with the first-team defense alongside former All-Pro Darren Woodson.

Dallas appeared close to signing Gurode, who could be the starting center, and Ross, who could have an outside shot as a starter in the secondary.

But the agent for Bryant, who is expected to be the No. 3 receiver, behind Joey Galloway and Raghib Ismail, hadn't talked to Cowboys officials for at least two days.

Sports Briefs

Volleyball camp

Snyder Volleyball Camp for junior high and high school players begins Wednesday and runs through next Friday. Lean Ann Roberts, head coach at Veribest High School, will serve as director.

Junior high players will workout from 2-4 p.m., while freshmen practice from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sophomores, juniors and seniors will go through drills from 8-10 a.m. and again from 5-7 p.m.

Cost is $20 for junior high and freshman athletes and $30 for upperclassmen. To register, call Coach Roberts at (915) 486-2660 or SHS coach Laura Moses at 573-8531.

Softball tournament

The USSSA Men's Class E State Softball Tournament is set for Aug. 9-11 at Winston Field. Cost is $175 per team and deadline to enter is Aug. 8.

To enter, call Chris Maxfield at 573-6862 (day) or 573-4332 (evening).

Adult-child tourney

The SCGC hosts an adult-child tournament at 9 a.m. Saturday. Entry fee is $20 per team and includes hamburgers after the round.

Blowout partnership tournament

The 14th annual Blowout Partnership is set for Aug. 17-18 at the country club. Entry fee is $300 per team and deadline to register is Aug. 10.

Format is scramble the first day and lowball for the final round. Teams will be pre-flighted by certified combined handicaps. Each flight will receive cash prizes.

Junior golf tournament

The Western Texas College Junior Golf Championship is scheduled for Aug. 9. Entry fee is $10 for players 11-under and $15 for ages 12-up. For more information, call the pro shop at 573-9291.

Cargile golf tournament

The Kiwanis Cargile Scholarship Foundation benefit Golf Tournament is set for Aug. 10 at Western Texas College. Format is four-person scramble and cost is $30 per player.

Cash prizes will go to the top four teams. Contests for closest-to-the-hole, longest drive and hole-in-one will be held. To register, call the pro shop at 573-9291.

SISD athletic physicals

Physicals are required for students wishing to participate in SISD athletics. Those needing physicals are all incoming seventh and ninth grade athletes, students new to SISD athletics, athletes in their third year of high school, and all students who answered "yes" to questions 1, 4, 5, 6 or 7 on their medical history form.

The school district pays for physicals through next Friday with the following doctors: Raykov, Burleson, Cooper, Thompson, Wolboldt and NP Beth Ashley. Incoming seventh and ninth graders can pick up physical forms in the doctors' offices.

Friday swingers

The SCGA Women's Golf Association holds a weekly swingers event at 5:30 each Friday. It is open to all members and prospective members. Cost is $10 per couple and the format is scramble.

Cash prizes go to the top three finishers as well as closest to the hole. For more information, call Barbara Leatherwood at 725-7875.

WGA weekly play day

The SCGA Women's Golf Association holds a weekly play day each Tuesday at 9 a.m. Format is blind partners.

Umps threaten legal action

NEW YORK (AP) — Major league baseball umpires threatened more legal action against owners over management's insistence that union representatives leave dressing rooms 30 minutes before games begin.

Kids ousted at Redskins' practice

CARLISLE, Pa. (AP) — Five children were kicked out of the Washington Redskins practice area for selling drinks and cookies to fans going to see the team practice.

During the first two days of training camp, the children said they made $112 from their stand at the public entrance to Biddle Field. But then security guards told them to leave after vendors inside the stadium complained.

LITTLE LINKSTER — Snyder's Robbie Rinehart shows the trophy he earned for capturing second place in the 7-9 co-ed division of the NTPGA West Texas Junior Championship. (Contributed Photo)

Bagwell helps Astros blank Pittsburgh, 8-0

HOUSTON (AP) — Even after driving in five runs, Jeff Bagwell remembered the woes he had at the plate before this month.

Bagwell went 2-for-4 with a home run to help the Houston Astros beat the Pittsburgh Pirates 8-0 Thursday.

When told his July average increased to .352, best among NL first basemen and second only to the Yankees' Jason Giambi (.353) in the majors, Bagwell just shrugged.

"What about the other three months though?" he said.

Bagwell hit .256 in the first three months of the season, and seemed bothered by his right shoulder that was surgically repaired over the winter.

In June, Bagwell hit a meager .200. But he has raised his average for season by 20 points in July to .276.

"I feel more comfortable now," Bagwell said. "I made a few adjustments at the plate and it has helped.

"This year has been a battle for me, more so than in the past. But I know playing with pain is just part of the game."

The Astros knew Bagwell would eventually come around.

"It's like we've always said, it's not how you start, it's how you finish," Craig Biggio said. "A lot of people get caught up in the moment when a player is struggling. But Jeff knows this is a marathon and what you do in the end is what's important.

"Whatever he does on a baseball field does not surprise me. I think he's one of the best players in the game and it's been great to have him playing next to me all these years."

The Pirates were well aware of Bagwell on Thursday, especially after his home run staked the Astros to a 3-0 lead in the first inning.

"I would say that was the ball game the way we played today," manager Lloyd McClendon said. "He hit a three-run homer and all they needed was one. He hurt us and that just got things started for them. The pitch he hit was a bad pitch and he can hurt you if you make a mistake like that."

Pitcher Kris Benson said it was one of many bad pitches he threw. Benson (3-5) lasted just 3 2-3 innings and allowed eight runs on nine hits and three walks. He struck out two in taking his first loss since Oakland beat him 5-3 on June 20.

"That was just a terrible curveball and anyone could have hit that one out," Benson said of the pitch to Bagwell. "My breaking pitches were just kind of rolling up there."

Major League Baseball

National League
By The Associated Press
All Times EDT

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	66	36	.647	—
New York	52	49	.515	13½
Florida	50	52	.490	16
Montreal	50	52	.490	16
Philadelphia	47	54	.465	18½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	56	43	.566	—
Cincinnati	53	48	.525	4
Houston	50	51	.495	7
Pittsburgh	47	55	.461	10½
Chicago	43	57	.430	13½
Milwaukee	35	67	.343	22½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	61	41	.598	—
Los Angeles	57	45	.559	4
San Francisco	57	45	.559	4
Colorado	48	54	.471	13
San Diego	43	59	.422	18

Thursday's Games

Philadelphia 6, Chicago Cubs 2
St. Louis 4, San Francisco 3
Houston 8, Pittsburgh 0
Arizona 10, San Diego 0
Florida 3, Montreal 2

Friday's Games

Florida (Beckett 3-4) at Montreal (Armas Jr. 8-10), 7:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Dessens 7-5) at N.Y. Mets (Astacio 10-3), 7:10 p.m.
Philadelphia (Wolf 5-7) at Atlanta (Millwood 9-5), 7:35 p.m.
Colorado (Stark 6-1) at Milwaukee (Sheets 4-12), 8:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Fogg 10-7) at Houston (Mlicki 3-6), 8:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Lieber 6-7) at St. Louis (Finley 1-0), 8:10 p.m.
San Diego (Peavy 2-3) at Arizona (Johnson 13-4), 10:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Nomo 9-6) at San Francisco (Ortiz 7-6), 10:35 p.m.

Saturday's Games

Philadelphia (Roa 0-0) at Atlanta (Maddux 9-3), 1:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Fernandez 7-1) at N.Y. Mets (Leiter 9-8), 1:15 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Wood 8-5) at St. Louis (Simontacchi 7-1), 1:15 p.m.
San Diego (Lawrence 9-5) at Arizona (Schilling 17-3), 4:35 p.m.
Los Angeles (Daal 7-5) at San Francisco (L.Hernandez 7-10), 4:05 p.m.
Florida (Burnett 9-7) at Montreal (Ohka 8-5), 7:05 p.m.
Colorado (Jennings 10-5) at Milwaukee (Sheets 4-12), 7:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (J.Anderson 8-10) at Houston (Oswalt 10-6), 8:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Philadelphia at Atlanta, 1:05 p.m.
Cincinnati at N.Y. Mets, 1:10 p.m.
Florida at Montreal, 1:35 p.m.
Colorado at Milwaukee, 2:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Houston, 2:35 p.m.
Los Angeles at San Francisco, 4:05 p.m.
San Diego at Arizona, 4:35 p.m.
Chicago Cubs at St. Louis, 8:05 p.m.

American League
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East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	63	37	.630	—
Boston	59	41	.590	4
Baltimore	47	51	.480	15
Toronto	44	55	.444	18½
Tampa Bay	32	68	.320	31

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	61	42	.592	—
Chicago	47	56	.456	14
Cleveland	44	56	.440	15½
Kansas City	43	58	.426	17
Detroit	38	62	.380	21½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	62	40	.608	—
Anaheim	60	40	.600	1
Oakland	59	43	.578	3
Texas	42	59	.416	19½

Thursday's Games

Detroit 5, Kansas City 2
Anaheim 5, Oakland 4
Boston 6, Tampa Bay 0
Seattle 7, Texas 2

Friday's Games

Baltimore (Lopez 10-3) at Boston (Arrojo 4-2), 7:05 p.m.
Detroit (Powell 0-0) at Cleveland (Nagy 0-1), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Mussina 12-4) at Tampa Bay (Sosa 1-2), 7:15 p.m.
Toronto (Parris 3-2) at Minnesota (Mays 1-2), 8:05 p.m.
Oakland (Mulder 11-5) at Texas (Bell 3-3), 8:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Sedlacek 1-0) at Chicago White Sox (Wright 6-8), 8:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Lackey 1-1) at Seattle (Baldwin 6-6), 10:05 p.m.

Saturday's Games

Anaheim (Washburn 12-2) at Seattle (Pineiro 10-4), 4:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Ponson 4-4) at Boston (Burkett 9-3), 5:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Weaver 7-8) at Tampa Bay (Phelps 0-1), 6:15 p.m.
Toronto (Halladay 12-4) at Minnesota (Milton 12-7), 7:05 p.m.
Detroit (Sparks 4-10) at Cleveland (Sabathia 6-8), 7:05 p.m.
Kansas City (May 2-6) at Chicago White Sox (Glover 3-5), 7:05 p.m.
Oakland (Harang 3-2) at Texas (Park 3-5), 8:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games

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Rinehart nabs second at tourney

Snyder's Robbie Rinehart is on to the next round.

Rinehart fired a two-day total of 84 to earn runner-up honors in the 7-9 co-ed division of the NTPGA West Texas Junior Championship at Midland's Hogan Park.

Rinehart earned a spot in the event by winning a pair of qualifier tournaments. His second-place finish at Midland qualifies him for the NTPGA Junior State Tournament to be held Tuesday and Wednesday at Wylie's Woodbridge Golf Club.

Robbie is the son of Les and Sha Rinehart.

Mariners top Rangers, 7-2

SEATTLE (AP) — Ichiro Suzuki shrugs off the suggestion that he's turning into a power hitter.

"I don't think I'm hitting the home run with power," he said through a translator after contributing a three-run homer in a 7-2 Seattle Mariners' victory over Texas Thursday night. "It's more like an angle of the bat through the pitches."

Although Suzuki hit his second home run in three games and his fourth since the All-Star break, manager Lou Piniella plans to keep him in the leadoff spot.

"Where do you want me to put him?" asked Piniella, who did use Suzuki as his No. 3 hitter in three games in June. "He's staying right where he is. He gets his at-bats that way and he makes our offense go."

The Mariners kept a game ahead of Anaheim in the AL West. Swept in a three-game series in Anaheim last weekend, they open a weekend series against the Angels Friday night at Safeco Field.

In the series finale against the Rangers, the Mariners scored five runs in the second inning off Aaron Myette (0-2).

After a walk to Mike Cameron and a single by Ben Davis, Suzuki homered to right field to give Seattle a 4-1 lead.

John Halama (5-3) improved to 4-0 in six starts as the second left-hander in Seattle's rotation behind Jamie Moyer. In five innings, he allowed two runs on seven hits and two walks, with no strikeouts.

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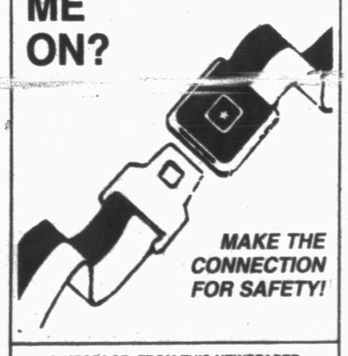

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Lawsuits settled

HOUSTON (AP) — Two former members of the R&B group Destiny's Child have settled their lawsuits against the group's current members, its manager and Sony Music.

Terms of the settlement, announced Wednesday, were not disclosed.

LeToya Luckett and LaTavia Roberson were original members who quit the group in 2000. They later sued lead singer Beyonce Knowles, her father and group manager Mathew Knowles, original member Kelly Rowland and Sony Music for breach of contract, defamation, libel and fraud.

Luckett and Roberson left over unhappiness with Mathew Knowles' control after their original manager died in 1997. Farrah Franklin and Michelle Williams replaced the pair; Franklin dropped out months later and the group has since performed as a trio.

But hard feelings arose this year over the 2001 single "Survivor." It includes the lines: "You thought that I'd be stressed without you/ But I'm chillin'/ You thought I wouldn't sell without you/ Sold 9 million."

Luckett and Roberson contended the song was a violation of a previous settlement with Beyonce Knowles and Rowland which precluded either party from making any disparaging public comments.

Luckett and Roberson had sought unspecified damages. Their attorney, Warren M. Fitzgerald Jr., said that the lawsuits were resolved amicably and his clients were pleased with the negotiated outcome.

Markets

Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP)

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	11.23	10.82	10.92	+ .07
AOL TimeWrn	10.70	9.80	10.40	+ .76
AT&T Corp	9.04	8.78	8.94	+ .16
Albertsons	28.40	27.68	27.97	—.43
Alltel	37.25	36.51	36.75	—.45
AmEl Pw	30.75	29.99	29.99	+ .49
AndarkPtr	40.52	39.50	39.56	—.50
ATMOS Egy	20.35	20.03	20.17	+ .22
Aviall	12.05	11.78	12.05	+ .27
BP PLC	42.66	41.91	42.35	+ .39
BakerHughes	27.65	26.10	26.29	—.45
Bank of Amer	61.20	59.80	60.55	+ .60
BellSouth	23.44	22.35	22.98	—.01
BurlNoSFe	28.84	27.81	27.93	—.91
Caterpillar	43.65	42.79	43.42	+ .63
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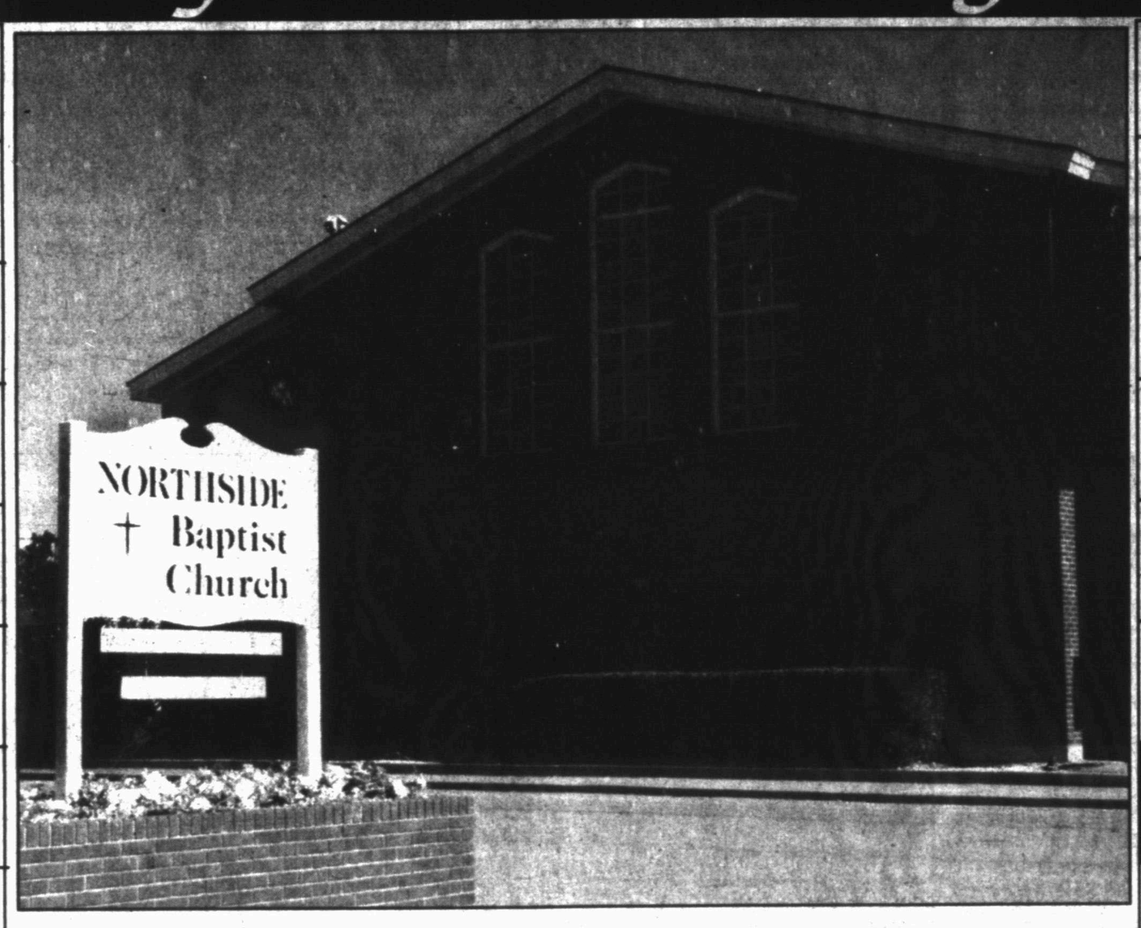

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Bill would let entertainment industry disrupt downloads of music and video

WASHINGTON (AP) — A proposal by a California congressman would give the entertainment industry broad new powers to try to stop people from downloading pirated music and movies off the Internet.

Rep. Howard L. Berman, D-Calif., formally proposed legislation that would give the industry unprecedented new authority to secretly hack into consumers' computers or knock them off-line entirely if they are caught downloading copyrighted material.

"There is no excuse or justification for this piracy," said Berman, the leading recipient in the House of campaign contributions from the television, music and movie industries. "Theft is theft, whether it is shoplifting a CD in a record store or illegally downloading a song."

Berman is the ranking Democrat on the House Judiciary subcommittee on courts, the Internet and intellectual property. Other sponsors of the measure include Reps. Howard Coble, R-N.C., Lamar Smith, R-Texas, and Robert Wexler, D-Fla. Coble has also received significant contributions from the entertainment industry.

Improved software and high-speed connections have made it easier than ever to freely trade music and movies online. And since the Napster music-trading service was shut down, file traders have moved to decentralized networks, leaving the industry with no single company or organization to sue to enforce copyrights.

The industry currently must trace downloaders individually and persuade their Internet providers to intervene. It also has resorted to seeding file-sharing networks with fake music files to frustrate users.

The new bill also shows the entertainment industry's frustration with slow-moving efforts by the computer industry to develop technological barriers to making electronic copies of songs and movies. Congressional leaders have said they preferred to wait for technological solutions before considering new copyright enforcement laws.

The head of the Recording Industry Association of America, Hilary Rosen, called the Berman bill an "innovative approach to combating the serious problem of Internet piracy."

"It makes sense to clarify existing laws to ensure that copyright owners ... are at least able to defend their works from mass piracy," Rosen said.

Berman said his bill would not allow industry to spread viruses across file-trading networks, destroy files or hack into a consumer's personal data, but experts said its language would permit intrusions into a consumer's audio and video files and attacks that would knock a computer off-line.

The proposal would lift civil and criminal penalties against entertainment companies "disabling, interfering with, blocking, diverting or otherwise impairing" the online trading of pirated songs and movies. Wholesale attacks knocking an Internet user off-line would not be permitted "except as may be reasonably necessary" to prevent a copyright violation. Copyright owners would be required to explain in advance to the Justice Department the methods they intend to use against pirates.

The Motion Picture Association of America praised Berman's efforts but cautioned in a statement that "there are aspects of the bill we believe need changing."

Rep. Rick Boucher, R-Va., who has been active in copyright debates for years, said he was concerned that attacks against pirates could affect others online. He also expressed privacy concerns about companies hacking into computers during searches for illegal recordings.

"We have to consider what the effects of a number of these self-help measures would be on innocent network users," Boucher said. "If we are to give broad legal sanction to things like file-blocking, what is the effect of clogging that computer on other network users?"

Under the bill, companies would not be required to warn users in advance of their actions. A user wrongly attacked could sue only if he suffered more than $250 in economic losses and obtained permission to file a lawsuit from the U.S. attorney general.

Fred von Lohmann of the Electronic Frontier Foundation, a civil liberties group, warned that the bill would allow zealous copyright owners to employ "all kinds of technical measures that will interfere with the functioning of the Internet."

Alan Davidson of the Center for Democracy and Technology said the legislation "provides a hunting license for copyright holders to seek out legitimate users of the Internet."

Records show Berman received at least $186,891 from the entertainment industry during the 2001-02 election cycle, including $31,000 from The Walt Disney Co. and $28,050 from AOL-Time Warner Inc.

Gore questions timing for Iraq invasion

WASHINGTON (AP) — Al Gore questions whether the time is right to invade, but he says he supports the overthrow of Iraq's governing regime.

The former vice president and 2000 Democratic nominee for president made the comments to a group called 21st Century Democrats at the Senate's Dirksen building, where many lawmakers have offices.

It was, he said, his first visit to Capitol Hill since he left office.

"I think the principle of 'first things first' does apply and has to be followed if we are to have any chance of success," Gore said Thursday, suggesting that Afghanistan's stability needs to be assured first.

In a low-key discussion with more than 500 young Democrats who packed into the spacious conference room, Gore mixed jokes with his criticism of the Bush administration's economic plans and foreign policy. He criticized the president for frequently threatening to topple Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein.

"I certainly question why we would be publicly blustering and announcing an invasion a year or two years in advance," Gore said.

He praised the president's response to the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, but said the administration has made mistakes recently in Afghanistan, notably in not allowing sufficient international peacekeepers to prevent the country from drifting back toward the control of warlords.

Gore said he supported the Persian Gulf War, and noted that Arab countries were united to back the U.S.-led coalition then. He said allies in Europe and Asia also supported that war against Iraq a decade ago.

"Contrast that with the situation we have today," Gore said, noting that Arab nations have not indicated they support an effort to overthrow Saddam, and allies in other parts of the world have not been recruited to back such an effort.

"I do think the situation our country faces now is fundamentally different than what we faced on the eve of the Gulf War," Gore said. "If the rest of the world does not see what it regards as a sufficient provocation to justify an invasion by the United States, then the diplomatic cost would be extremely high."

Despite his doubts about the timing of an invasion, Gore said he supports the eventual overthrow of Saddam.

Bush has talked tough about Iraq, but has not yet fully consulted America's skeptical allies, enlisted political support from Congress or prepared the American public for a new war. White House officials did not return calls seeking response to Gore's criticism.

Republican National Committee spokesman Jim Dyke called Gore's comments "irresponsible."

"This is no time to attack the president or Republicans for their handling of the war for political gain," he said.

Crematory operator aware of hostility he will face if released

LAFAYETTE, Ga. (AP) — The operator of a crematory where investigators found hundreds of discarded corpses made his first public comments since the bodies were discovered, saying he was aware of the hostility he would face if he were released while awaiting trial.

"We live in the South and I'm a black man," Brent Marsh said Thursday, the day Cobb County Superior Court Judge James G. Bodiford set bond for him at $159,200. "A lot of people don't like me because I am me."

In February, more than 340 human remains were found on the grounds of the Marsh family's Tri-State Crematory at Noble, a small, northern Georgia town near the Tennessee border. Bodies were found in the woods, stacked in storage buildings, stuffed in burial vaults and buried in pits. So far, 167 bodies have been identified, most of them white.

Marsh is charged with 398 felony counts, including theft by deception and abuse of a body, for allegedly accepting money and never performing the cremations.

Marsh, who has been held since mid-February, was denied bond three times previously.

Walker County Sheriff Steve Wilson testified that releasing Marsh could put him and innocent bystanders in danger from lingering community hostility.

Marsh took over the crematory in 1996 from his parents, Ray and Clara Marsh. His parents and a sister, Rhames LaShea Marsh, 32, are charged with misrepresenting themselves as licensed funeral directors by signing death certificates in Georgia. They are free on bond.

Dozens of Tennessee residents have sued Marsh and funeral homes. Records show Tennessee funeral directors sent at least 257 bodies to Tri-State since 1999. Georgia and Alabama funeral homes also contracted with Marsh.

Lisa Cash of East Ridge, Tenn., whose mother's body was among those recovered at the crematory, said Marsh has hurt hundreds of families.

"How can he sit up there and tell the judge he is not hurting anybody?" Cash said.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Hallucinations have many causes

DEAR DR. GOTT: I don't believe I am the only person with this problem, but I have yet to hear or read anything about it.

I often see ghost-like figures that visit me unexpectedly, either sitting at the table or next to me in a chair. On occasion, they walk with me. These appearances always happen in my right side. What causes this and what can I do to stop these uninvited visitations?

DEAR READER: You are experiencing hallucinations, the perception of things or people that are not really there.

As you know, a variety of mental disorders are associated with hallucinations. What you may not know is that many drugs — including narcotics, beta-blockers, anti-Parkinson's medicine and certain antidepressants — may also cause hallucinations in patients with no mental or emotional problems. In addition, alcohol withdrawal may lead to this phenomenon, as may depression, various brain diseases and delirium.

I strongly urge you to meet with your personal physician, who will examine and test you. He may also refer you to specialists, if indicated.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm 80 and impotent for 20 years. However, for the past year, my energy level has been going downhill. Any physical exertion leaves me exhausted. Could my impotence be causing this?

DEAR READER: No, but I believe that your erectile dysfunction and exercise intolerance may have a common cause.

In a man of 80, with a 20-year history of impotence, progressive exhaustion could indicate a circulatory problem that could be treated. But first, I'd have to test your vascular system. Are there changes in the skin of your legs, swelling or cramps that would suggest vascular blockages? What other symptoms do you have? Chest pain? Shortness-of-breath? Weight loss? Have you had a stress test? Seen a cardiologist? Take any medicine that could be the culprit? Your primary care physician can — and should — address these issues. Erectile dysfunction at 60 (the age yours started) is not ordinary. Therefore, I suspect that your presumed arteriosclerosis may have been present early on, progressed and is now affecting your body as a whole, including your heart.

Please return to your doctor. In my view, he is the best resource to begin analyzing your health problems.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my new and revised Health Report "Erectile Dysfunction." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed stamped envelope to Newsletter, P.O. Box 147, Wickliffe, OH 44092-0167. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Please explain the difference between impotence and erectile dysfunction.

DEAR READER: Impotence is the word that was formerly used to describe a man's inability to achieve or sustain an erection. This affliction is now referred to as erectile dysfunction. To my knowledge, the two terms refer to the same condition.

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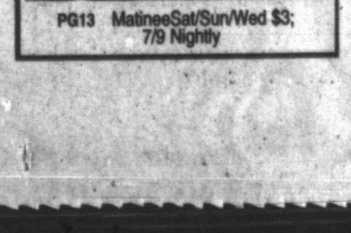

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MOVIES

STUART LITTLE 2 PG

Voices: Michael J. Fox, Nathan Lane, Geena Davis, Hugh Laurie, Melanie Griffith The digital animation is even better now. The comedy crafted with loving care, gives the film a real charm—from the tiny pajamas to the Tinkertoy pulley system he uses to lower himself to the floor in the morning. The film has the requisite happy ending with the messages of friendship and loyalty.

AUSTIN POWERS GOLDMEMBER PG13

Starring Mike Myers, Michael Caine, Robert Wagner Austin Powers becomes a time traveling secret agent. Dr. Evil and Mini-Me have teamed up with the mysterious Goldmember in a scheme to take over the world. Their plans involves going back in time and capturing Nigel Powers, Austin's father and England's most renowned spy.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Saturday, July 27, 2002

Things could get a bit topsy-turvy for you in the year ahead when some endeavors you think will be big winners fizzle, and others you believe lack promise produce real rewards. Try to go with the flow.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Generally, when someone offers an extraordinary deal that sounds too good to be true, your perception is accurate. Today when this happens to you, remember to check things out first. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — You'll get what you deserve today. No more, no less. Don't expect others to do more for you than you're prepared to do for them, nor give you more than you're willing to give them.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — The best way to achieve something worthy of acknowledgement is to first try to please yourself. You won't have to look for praises from others today if you'll take personal pride in all that you do.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Catering to or cozying up to someone in hopes s/he will do something special for you could turn out to be a waste of time and effort. Chances are, you're betting on the wrong horse.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Putting on pretenses in order to impress others will not be an effective tactic to take today. You'll have better chances of making yourself look good if you will just be yourself.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Usually, when people attempt to use flattery on you for the purposes of manipulation, you spot it every time. Today, however, you may be too much in need of praise to see through the ploy.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — It can be very therapeutic to treat ourselves to a bit of luxury from time to time. However, this might be the wrong day to do so. Your bills may outweigh your momentary gratification.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — If you have to choose between serving your own interests today or those of someone you love, pick the latter. You'll feel better for it than you would by pleasing yourself.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Use your head as well as your heart today when dealing with someone who wants to be dependent on you. Your kind intentions could prove counterproductive. Do only what s/he can't.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — It's nice to meet new people and go to new places, but today you'll be far happier being with old pals then you will be mingling in a new group and being just another stranger in a crowd.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Of course you'll want desirable results today. However, if your expectations and willpower are out of synch, you're not likely to expend the necessary efforts to get them.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — You may not recognize essential information when you hear it today just because you don't like the person who offers it. Keep an open mind. One never knows from whence gems of wisdom come.

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Tornado recounted

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — About 1,000 students from the Rockdale School District in Central Texas contributed to an art exhibit commemorating the deadly 1997 tornado that struck Jarrell, a small town north of Austin.

The multi-media exhibit, on display at the Institute of Texan Cultures at the University of Texas at San Antonio, incorporates science, art and oral histories to share the experiences of Jarrell residents.

It features student-created models, photos of the victims and videos of survivors sharing their stories of the tornado that killed 27 people in Jarrell, the San Antonio Express-News reported.

"Tornadoes: Into the Storm" offers many facts about Texas' status as a state lying in Tornado Alley's path.

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Bush hints at 'homeland security' veto

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush sternly warned Congress today against passing a bill that limits the personnel and budgetary powers of the head of a new Department of Homeland Security, giving the clearest indication yet that he would veto a measure now before the Senate.

"A time of war is the wrong time to weaken the president's ability to protect the American people," Bush told a White House audience that included governors, mayors, firefighters, police and lawmakers.

Bush spoke as legislation to create the giant new agency was moving quickly through Congress.

The House was on track today to pass its version of the legislation combining 22 federal entities and 170,000 employees under a single umbrella, less than two months after Bush proposed it.

And a key Senate committee has approved its version. It was the Democratic-sponsored Senate version that has drawn Bush's opposition.

Bush indicated he would veto the legislation, if passed in the Senate version, because it doesn't exempt the proposed agency from civil-service and budget rules. Democrats and organized labor have strongly opposed Bush's position, saying it would violate workers' rights.

"I reject that as strongly as I can state it," Bush said of the suggestion that his position was anti-labor.

"The bill doesn't have enough managerial flexibility as far as I'm concerned," he told an audience that included Sen. Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn., the sponsor of the Senate version.

As Lieberman sat expressionless, Bush said, "I appreciate the work of Sen. Lieberman. He's working hard." Bush promised to work with both parties in Congress on a version that he could sign.

Bush has indicated general support for the bill being debated today by the House. But he made clear his distaste for the Senate bill, which has not yet been taken up by the full Senate.

"I'm not going to accept legislation that limits or weakens the president's well-established authorities — authorities to exempt parts of government from parts of federal labor-management relations statutes when it serves our national interest."

Senate ethics panel nearly finishes work

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate ethics panel investigating Sen. Robert Torricelli is nearing the end of its work and will not interview the New Jersey Democrat's chief accuser, its chairman said.

The ethics committee — three Republican and three Democratic senators — met with Torricelli and his lawyer for nearly three hours before adjourning for the night.

"We're too tired — I'll be honest with you — to make any decisions tonight," the committee chairman, Democratic Sen. Daniel Inouye of Hawaii, said Thursday as the meeting broke up.

Earlier in the week, Torricelli spent more than four hours testifying before ethics committee staff.

The committee is exploring allegations that Torricelli accepted gifts and cash from a campaign contributor, David Chang, and, in return, helped Chang with business dealings overseas.

Inouye said a conclusion could come next week, before the Senate breaks for its August recess. The committee's options include disciplining Torricelli or closing the case with no action.

Inouye said the committee does not plan to call any other witnesses, including Chang, who has indicated he wants to present his case to the panel.

Chang is serving a prison sentence for making illegal donations to Torricelli in 1996. He has said Torricelli demanded donations and expensive gifts in exchange for assisting him in business ventures in North and South Korea.

Torricelli denies taking anything from Chang and says the assistance he gave Chang was within the normal boundaries of what a lawmaker does for a constituent.

Dallas wants to stem spread of 'West Nile'

DALLAS (AP) — City officials in Dallas are considering a new plan to fight West Nile virus as it spreads through North Texas.

No human cases have been found in the area, but health officials said the virus has been found in dead birds.

Ground spraying for virus-carrying mosquitoes may not be enough to control the problem, City Health Director Mary K. Vaughn said.

Vaughn and her staff will meet with entomologists to look at other options for Dallas.

"The other thing that has been tossed around is aerial spraying. We're not sure if it's a good thing or a bad thing," she told Dallas television station KTVT on Thursday night. "Certainly if the entire city of Dallas is affected by West Nile, then we know street spraying isn't working, so we may have to do something different."

The virus has been found in Dallas, Collin and Tarrant counties in the metropolitan area.

"We pretty much suspected we would find it in the birds. Now it's an ongoing battle to keep it out of the human population," said Jeff Crocker of the Garland Health Department.

A dead blue jay has turned up positive for the virus in Northeast Tarrant County, the county's public health department said in a statement Thursday.

"Our mosquito surveillance has not turned up any positive mosquitoes, nor have we received reports of any horses testing positive for WNV," said Lou Brewer, the department's director.

The first human case of West Nile in Texas was reported Monday in southeast Texas.

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New measure to send billions in Medicaid dollars to states

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's governors are lauding a Senate-passed measure that sends states $9 billion in Medicaid help as they deal with shrinking budgets.

The measure "is an important first step to helping states maintain service levels during the continuing fiscal crisis," said Kentucky Gov. Paul Patton, the chairman of the National Governors Association.

Idaho Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, the association's vice chairman, said the Senate action "ensures that many low-income families will be protected from drastic cuts."

"As it stands, states can no longer afford Medicaid," Kempthorne said. "It was imperative for the Senate to recognize that states needed significant assistance."

Governors had pressed hard for the proposal, which passed Thursday on a 75-24 vote.

The measure would give states $6 billion in additional federal matching funds and $3 billion in grants to help them pay for child care and other social service programs.

The Medicaid provision is attached to an overall bill easing access to generic drugs that the Senate is using for its debate on prescription drugs. The House has not passed a similar plan.

The Medicaid measure brought cooperation among Senate Republicans and Democrats, getting far more than the 60 votes needed for passage.

"This is not a bailout," said Sen. Jay Rockefeller, D-W.Va., a sponsor of the plan. "I would say it's very important for the states to be healthy."

Medicaid was created to provide health care to people on welfare and is financed by a combination of federal and state money. On average, Washington pays 57 percent.

But with health care spending increasing and the economy forcing tight budgets, states have been sounding the alarm about Medicaid, one of the fastest-growing portions of state budgets.

More than 40 states suffered budget shortfalls of $40 billion to $50 billion in the last fiscal year. Medicaid spending increased 13 percent and now constitutes 20 percent of state budgets.

Opponents had argued that the plan amounted to a giveback for states.

"We're broke and we don't act like it," said Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas. "A year ago we had a surplus. Today we have a $165 billion deficit, and we're still spending like drunken sailors."

Obituaries

Raymond Esparza

1935-2002

BIG SPRING — Jesus "Raymond" Ruiz-Esparza, father of Andrew Chavarria and uncle of Pogi Rodriguez and Joni Gonzales of Snyder, died Monday, July 22, in Midland Memorial Hospital following a brief illness.

Funeral service for Mr. Ruiz-Esparza, 67, of Big Spring was set for 4 p.m. today at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Burial was to follow in the Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Born on May 4, 1935 in Zacatecas, Mexico, he had lived in Big Spring since he was 14. Mr. Ruiz-Esparza had worked at Fiberglass Systems for seven years, Whites Dairy for 12 years and most recently at Alberto's Restaurant.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Helen Ruiz, and one stepdaughter, Dora Flores.

Survivors include two daughters, Mona Talamantez and Anna Gomez, both of Big Spring; another son, Jody Flores of Big Spring; two stepdaughters, Marie Lopez of Big Spring and Henrietta Salinas of Lamesa; three stepsons, Billy Pineda, Benny Rodriquez and Robert Puente, all of Big Spring; one brother, Antonio Ruiz-Esparza of Zacatecas, Mexico; his companion, Connie Davila of Big Spring; 23 grandchildren; many great-grandchildren; and two nephews and a niece.

Mother angry jury let suspect go free

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Samantha Runnion's mother said she's angry at the jury that freed the man now accused in her 5-year-old daughter's kidnapping and slaying.

The suspect, Alejandro Avila, 27, was acquitted last year of molesting two 9-year-old girls, including a former girlfriend's daughter who lived in the same townhouse complex as Samantha.

"I blame every juror who let him go," Erin Runnion said Thursday on CNN's "Larry King Live." "Every juror who sat on that trial and believed this man over those little girls, I will never understand."

Samantha was snatched in front of her Orange County home on July 15 by a stranger who used the ruse of searching for a lost puppy. Her body was found the next day off a rural highway near Lake Elsinore, some 50 miles away in neighboring Riverside County.

Avila has been charged with kidnapping, murder and sexual assault in Samantha's death. Avila has said he is innocent.

"I have very little room for anger, very little room, it's all hurt, it's all sadness," she said.

Burglary of vehicle reported Thursday

•Burglary of a vehicle

John Bane contacted police just before 9:30 a.m. Thursday concerning the burglary of his vehicle in the 2200 block of 41st Street.

•Dog bite

Michael Logan reported a dog bite at 7:43 p.m. Thursday in the 4000 block of Austin.

•Gas drive offs

Just after 2 p.m. Thursday, a clerk with Allsup's reported a gas drive off worth $24.56. A short time later, an employee of Town and Country east reported a drive off in the amount of $16.77.

Another gas drive off was reported at Town and Country east at 6 p.m. Thursday worth $27.48.

Births

Sharonda Emerson and Dallas Hill announce the birth of their son, Tyzane Leon Hill, at 10:54 p.m. on July 25 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. Tyzane weighed seven pounds, 10 ounces.

Paternal grandparents are Jacqueline Hill and Robert Earl Hill, both of Colorado City. Maternal grandparents are Michelle Emerson and Michael Pruitt, both of Snyder.

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Museum exhibit

A special exhibit of Harley-Davidson, Indian motorcycles and Cushman motor scooters continues through Aug. 22 at the Scurry County Museum on the Western Texas College campus. The free exhibit is entitled Ready To Roll and all bikes are owned by residents of Scurry County.

Medical fund

A medical fund has been established for James Weldon Buchanan at American State Bank to help with cancer treatment expenses. The account name is James Weldon Buchanan Medical Fund, #4802659.

Discovery School garage sale

Discovery School will have a garage sale from until 8:30 p.m. today at the youth center (old Lone Star Gas building) at 27th St. and Ave. R.

Car wash

Our Lady of Guadalupe CYM is having a car wash from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Saturday in the parking lot of United Supermarkets. Cost is $5 or a donation.

Car wash

A car wash to benefit the Boys and Girls Club will be held from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Saturday in the Wal-Mart parking lot.

Word Is Life Garage Sale

The Word Is Life Church's garage sale will begin at 7 a.m. Saturday at 602 30th St. Proceeds will be used for children who attend camp.

Ira senior class car wash

Ira's senior class will have a car wash from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at Western Golf Land. There is no fee but donations will be accepted. All proceeds from car wash and putt putt golf will benefit the senior class. Special prizes will be given away between 7-11 p.m. including $250, David Allan Coe tickets and various prizes from local businesses.

Monthly cruise night

Snyder Wheels Club will have its monthly cruise night at the Sonic Drive In at 7 p.m. Saturday.

Church of God VSB

"Can Do Buckaroos of Can Do County" for ages 5-12 is theme for Vacation Bible School at the Snyder Church of God, 21st and Ave. O, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday through Wednesday.

SHS volleyball boosters

Snyder High School volleyball boosters will meet at 7 p.m. Monday at the SHS gym. Laura Moses, new coach, will be present. All high school volleyball parents are urged to attend.

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "Love That Serves God," followed by "The Living and True God."

Atheneum Study Club

Atheneum Study Club will meet at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at Martha Ann Woman's Club to plan programs for the coming year.

Genealogical society

The Scurry County Genealogical Society will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Scurry County Library. Officers will be elected. Visitors are welcome.

Gateway Family Services

Gateway Family Services has a parenting discussion group from 10:30-11:30 a.m. every Tuesday, focusing on parenting issues and special challenges. The family violence support group also meets from 6:30-7:30 p.m. every Tuesday.

Cheerleader fundraiser

SHS freshmen cheerleaders will be selling Krispy Kreme donuts from 7 to 11 a.m. Monday, Aug. 5, at Wal-Mart.

Head Start registration

Head Start registration will be held Aug. 5-9 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Children must be at least three years old and family must meet income guidelines or child must have a diagnosed disability. Birth certificate, current immunization records, Social Security Card and proof of family income are required. For information, call 573-7403.

East Side Bug Safari

Make a beeline to join us at Vacation Bible School to study David, a little guy who did big things with God's help. Classes for kindergarten through fifth graders will be held from 9 a.m. to noon Aug. 5-9.

Alzheimer's meeting

An Alzheimer's meeting to help families and caregivers will be held from 6-7 p.m. on Aug. 13 in the library at Colonial Hill Baptist Church. Call Kinney Robinson at 573-9377 for more information.

Fall poetry contest

Mesquite Country Writers Guild is accepting entries for its fall poetry contest. Theme is open and there is a 20-line limit. Deadline is Aug. 15 and entry fee is $2. First prize is $50, second is $30 and third is $20. Mail entries to Yvonne Nunn, 9221 S. State Hwy 208 in Hermleigh, 79526.

Sonshine School registration

Sonshine School for ages two through five, is underway and informational packets are available at 37th Street Church of Christ office weekdays from 8:30 a.m. until noon, and from 1-4:30 p.m. Registration fee is $30 and monthly tuition is $45. Open house and registration is 9 a.m. Aug. 15. Call 574-1960 for more information.

Cancer treatment transportation

Transportation for cancer patients to Lubbock, Abilene or Midland is available free of charge. Call Sammie Jarrell at 573-5993 or Blakey Fargason at 574-8041. If not home, leave message on answering machine.

Calling all poets

The Mesquite Country Writers Guild is inviting poets to send an original poem to be published in the fall newsletter, "Bards of a Feather." Theme is open with a 20-line limit. Mail entries to Yvonne Nunn, 9221 S. Hwy 208 in Hermleigh, 79526.