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Home Of Sonny Cumbie



BARGAIN HUNTING — Clarissa Alaniz (left) found a good deal at Cary Coffee's garage sale Saturday morning. Many people were out bargain hunting as the citywide garage sale was held this weekend. Manny Rios is pictured center. (SDN Staff Photo)

No camouflage clothing...

Snyder ISD students must follow dress code

Snyder ISD board of trustees adopted the district's code of conduct handbook this month that not only sets the guidelines for students' conduct in the classroom, but what they will be wearing in the classrooms as well.

The district's rules start at the elementary level, and continue through the senior class.

While the dress rules are basically the same as last year's, there is one significant change made concerning the wearing of camouflage or military-type clothing.

No clothing of that type will be allowed on any campus.

An exception for students assigned to the STAR Program was originally in the revised code, but trustees and the administration have even eliminated students in that program from wearing their traditional military-type fatigues.

"I think everybody's thinking about what students wear to class has changed in light of what happened in Colorado and on some other campuses," said board president Mark McCormick.

"The recent tragedies across the United States certainly changed my thinking on school clothing."

McCormick said the administration and the trustees are very much in agreement on the banning of the military-type clothing.

Some school districts around the state have even adopted policies that call for uniforms to be worn by students.

McCormick said he feels that a school uniform policy in Snyder might be something the district might address in the future.

"I think at some point, school uniforms might be considered for our district," said McCormick.

"I'd even like to get some community input on that subject," the board president added.

In the meantime, students in the Snyder ISD will have to follow dress guidelines that the board and trustees feel is conducive to learning.

The hair policy for boys and girls is basically the same for each and calls for no unnatural color of hair.

Hair cannot be dyed or colored in any color or style that does not occur in any natural color of hair reads the handbooks for both elementary and secondary students.

The basic guideline is that hair be neat, clean and well-groomed and styled in a fashion that does not obstruct the student's vision.

The overall guideline for clothing for all grades states that school clothing should be clean, neat, in good taste and styled for school wear.

For girls, skirts, dress, split skirt, etc., must be no shorter than the finger tips with the shoulders relaxed.

If there is any question on the proper length, the handbook states the campus principals will determine the appropriate length.

The district also bans all jeans that have been shredded, unhemmed, ripped or have holes. Also, no sagging, baggy clothing, pants or shorts can be worn.

The handbook calls for pants to be "at the appropriate place on the anatomy and not around the hips."

The above rules apply to both boys and girls.

Each student in the district will be given a copy of the handbook and there is a page in the book that the parent must sign that the dress rules are understood by both the parent and the student.

"We feel our rules are fair and are conducive to the student learning process and to the student's safety," concluded McCormick.

For first degree murder...

Resident receives 45 years

Jurors in a Lubbock courtroom sentenced Ruben Martinez to 45 years in prison for his role in the killing of a man in Lubbock last October.

Martinez, 20, of 2507 Ave. X was convicted Thursday of first degree murder in the death of Rudy Hernandez, a Lubbock carpenter.

The jury deliberated for only one hour on Thursday before finding Martinez guilty. It took most of Friday to return the sentence.

Also charged in the incident is Oscar Martinez, 19, of Lubbock.

A jury of seven men and five women determined Martinez's guilt and sentence in Lubbock's 237th District Court. District Judge Sam Medina presided.

Martinez was arrested on the murder charge in Snyder on Oct. 29 by Lubbock police detectives after he had been taken to the Law Enforcement Center for questioning.

He confessed to the crime at that time, but on Thursday, he testified that he took the blame for the crime in order to save his family from threats made by Oscar Martinez.

Martinez said Oscar Martinez told him to take the blame.

And if he told police anything different, he would send his cousins "on a hunting trip to Snyder."

Martinez faced a penalty of up to 99 years in prison, and his mother is vowing his innocence.

She has said Oscar Martinez was not a violent person. The 20-year-old has served time in the Scurry County Jail for non-violent offenses including public intoxication and no liability insurance.

Prosecutor Cameron Cowan of the Lubbock Criminal District Attorney's office prosecuted the case and Martinez' attorney was Mark Fesmire.

Group seating set for banquet

Snyder's annual Chamber of Commerce banquet is set for the last day of this month and individual advance tickets are now available at the chamber offices at 2302 Ave. R.

Blocks of tickets are also available for businesses and companies and the individual tables will be marked with the company's name.

Tables will be assigned on a first-buy basis, said Donna Fowler, executive director of the chamber.

Keynote speaker for the annual banquet is Texas House Speaker Pete Laney.

The theme of this year's banquet is a Hawaiian luau.

The price of the tickets are $12.50 for adults and $6.50 for children.

Reservations may be made by calling the chamber at 573-3558, or fax in reservation requests at 573-9721.

'Taste of Scurry County' date set

The third annual "Taste of Scurry County" will be held Thursday, Sept. 9, at the First Baptist Church activities building.

A number of food samplings from local establishments will be available, plus door prizes will be given and a silent auction will be held.

Tickets are $10 for adults and $5 for children five to 12. Children under five are free.

Tickets can be ordered by calling the Scurry County Museum at 573-6107.

All proceeds of the event will go to the museum.

Citizens should be wary of sweepstakes contests

A telephone scam that hit the Sweetwater area this week has apparently not hit Snyder residents...yet.

Sgt. Terry Luecke of the Snyder Police Department said he was not aware of anyone who had been contacted by a sweepstakes company known as Jade Marketing.

"If someone gets a call from a company soliciting money to enter a sweepstakes in Jamaica, or anywhere else, please contact us," added Luecke.

In Sweetwater, a senior citizen had her checking account drafted on for about $500, but banking officials there did not allow the draft to go through.

Sweetwater officers said the woman received a mailing concerning a sweepstakes that required her to spend $498 in hopes of winning a promised $50 million.

Luecke said people should not give out personal information over the telephone.

Bank account numbers, dates of birth, drivers license numbers, social security numbers and the like should not be given out.

Residents of the U.S. have been plagued by hundreds of such scams in recent years, with losses pegged at millions of dollars.

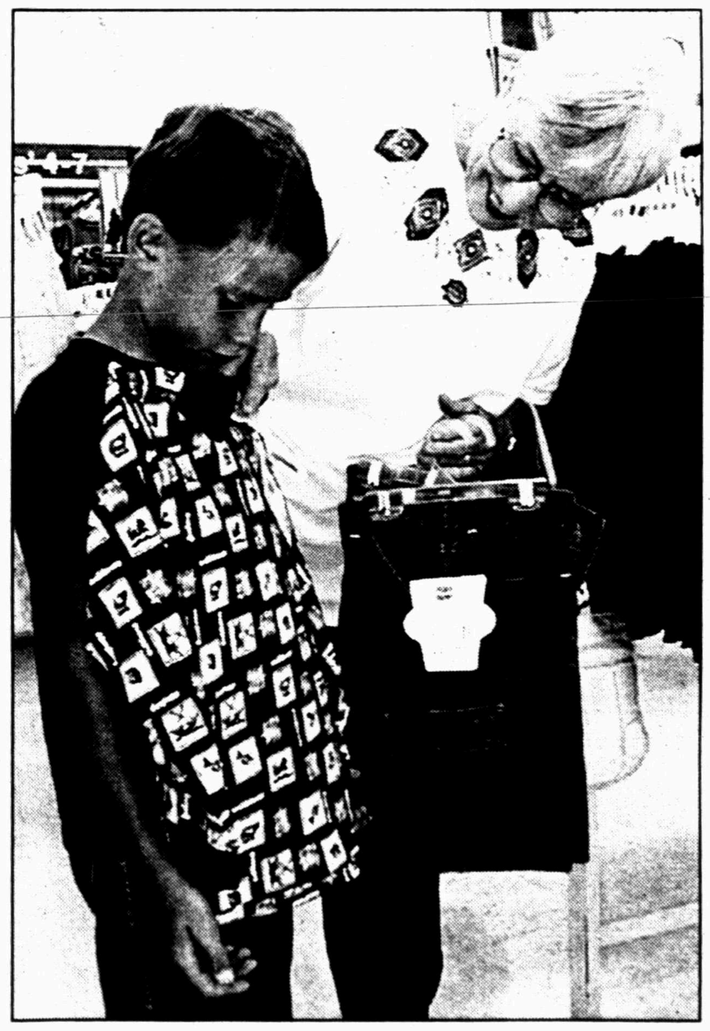
One of the most recent similar scams has been traced to a Canadian source.

Gun show continues

The 18th annual Canyon Gun Club Gun, Knife and Coin Show continues through Sunday at Scurry County Coliseum.

Doors are open Saturday through 6 p.m., and will open again at 9 a.m. Sunday.

The show will be open Sunday until 5 p.m.



SALES TAX HOLIDAY — Carolyn Cox and her grandson Jacob Nachlinger went shopping to take advantage of the sales tax holiday. The tax-free shopping continues through Sunday on most clothing and footwear priced under $100. (SDN Staff Photo)

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "The trouble with being on time is that few people are there to appreciate it."

School kicks off Wednesday, and retired public school educator Carol Miller handed us this little item several months ago that we've been saving for the start of a new school year.

The title is "You might be in education if..."

—You believe the staff room should be equipped with a valium salt lick.

—You find humor in other people's stupidity.

—You want to slap the next person who says, "Must be nice to work from 8 to 3 and have your summers free."

—You believe chocolate is a food group.

—You can tell it's a full moon without ever looking outside.

—You believe "shallow gene pool" should have its own box on the report card.

—You believe that unspeakable evil will befall you if anyone says, "Boy, the kids sure are mellow today."

—When out in public you feel the urge to talk to strange children and correct their behavior.

—You have no time for life between August and June.

—Marking all As on report cards would make your life so much simpler.

—When you mention vegetables, you're not talking about food group.

—You think people should be able to get a government permit before being allowed to reproduce.

—You wonder how some parents ever managed to reproduce.

—You laugh uncontrollably when people refer to the break room as the lounge.

—You believe in aerial spraying of Prozac.

—You encourage an obnoxious parent to check into charter schools or home schooling.

—You believe no one should be permitted to reproduce without having taught in an elementary school setting for at least five years.

—You've had your profession slammed by someone who would never dream of trying to do your job.

—You can't have children because there's no name you could give a kid without raising your blood pressure.

And you might be in education if you love kids, anyway.

ASK US

Q.- Who was responsible for painting the bleachers at Tiger Stadium.

A.- Members of the S.T.A.R. Program.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Friday, 97 degrees; low, 71; 7 a.m. Saturday, 74; no precipitation; total for 1999, 19.31 inches.

Area Forecast: Saturday night, clear. Lows, lower 70s. Sunday, mostly sunny. Highs 95-100. Sunday night, fair skies. Lows, lower 70s.

Jerry Silva
Sunny

Sunset: 8:35 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:04 a.m.

Of 218 days in 1999, the sun has shone 211 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

"All men should strive to learn before they die what they are running from, and to, and why."
—James Thurber

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RETIREMENT RECEPTION — A retirement reception was held Friday at the Scurry County Library for retiring head librarian Noreen Taylor. Pictured (front from left) are library board members Kay Echols, Penny Perry and Joan Bunch, the honoree and her son Ross, board members Deanie Francis Mills and Sandra Graves, library employee Sharon Sumruld, and board member El Wanda Nall. (SDN Staff Photo)

As drought continues, farmers are helpless

CRANSTON, R.I. (AP) — Vinny Confreda, a fourth-generation farmer, has never seen it this dry.

Corn stalks are 18 inches instead of 6 feet, the Thanksgiving squash crop is dead and pepper plants are wilted. The soil is so dry plant roots can barely grab hold.

"It's like a dust bowl. You think you're out in the Midwest in a dust storm," said Confreda, who operates a 300-acre farm that employs 25 workers.

The period of April through July was the driest in 105 years of record-keeping for Rhode Island, Delaware, Maryland and New Jersey.

President Clinton said Friday that the drought in the Northeastern states threatens to cripple businesses and communities that depend on devastated farm economies. Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman will tour the area next week.

Farmers in West Virginia and drought-stricken parts of Pennsylvania, Ohio, Maryland, Virginia and Kentucky are eligible for federal low-interest loans because of their withered crops.

Some states such as Maryland and New Jersey have enacted statewide water restrictions with penalties ranging from fines to jail time. Local communities have enacted their own water bans.

Water supplies in some areas have been severely taxed by fires, as the extreme heat and lack of rainfall has essentially turned leaves, grass and trees into tinder.

In Port Penn, Del., it took firefighters 12 hours and 70,000 gallons of precious water to douse a fire intentionally set to a field of hay bales.

A Connecticut National Guard helicopter made repeated trips from the Hudson River to fight a fire that had burned up to 150 acres near West Point, N.Y. — dumping about 2,000 gallons of water each trip, authorities said.

Still, not all drought news was bad.

The lack of rain in Virginia actually has meant big business for people like Wayne Jones. The owner of a drilling company in Franklin County, Jones has been swamped with orders for drilling water wells in the Roanoke area.

"We've never seen anything like this," said Jones' wife, Carolyn. "We're three weeks behind on everything."

In Rhode Island, the drought has inspired sharing of crops among the state's 700 farms.

"When it comes to a disaster, you try to pool together and work as a team," Confreda said.

The fruit growers have it just as bad as vegetable farmers, Confreda said, and state dairy farms are plagued by a dwindling supply of corn.

Pilots' leaders OK purchase

FORT WORTH (AP) — Directors of the union representing American Airlines pilots voted unanimously Friday to approve an amended agreement that could end their stalemate with management over the acquisition of Reno Air.

A proposal, drafted with the help of federal arbitrator George Nicolau, has already been accepted by American.

Rich LaVoy, president of the Allied Pilots Association, said the agreement, if accepted by management, would settle not only the Reno Air questions but would also provide an orderly process for for the negotiation of future merger agreements with the assistance of a mutally agreed-upon mediator.

"We recognize that the past several months have been difficult for all concerned at American Airlines," LaVoy said.

"Speaking on behalf of the entire APA leadership, it is our hope that this positive step by APA's board of directors will enable us to begin building a better relationship between management and our union.

"Our members, our fellow employees, our customers and our shareholders deserve nothing less," he said.

LaVoy added that he would not reveal specifics of the amended proposal until management has an opportunity to review it and respond.

The airline's offer included some plums for pilots, but it also fell short of some long-standing union demands that led to a February sickout by pilots.

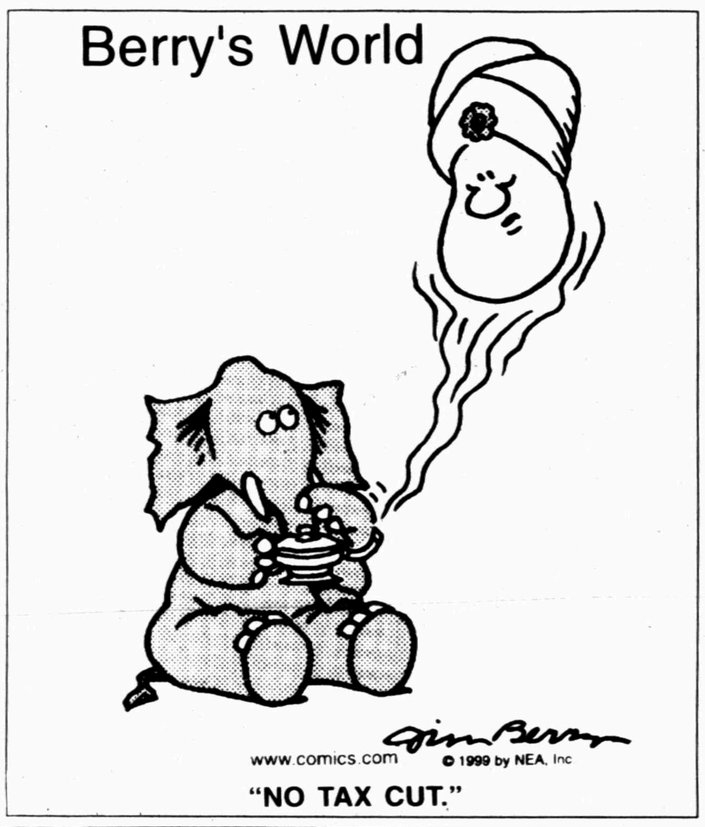
The sickout was blamed for the cancelation of more than 6,700 flights and led to a $45.5 million contempt-of-court judgment against the union, LaVoy and other officials. The airline says it lost more than $200 million because of the sickout, but the union disputes that estimate.

At stake was how American will absorb about 300 pilots from Reno Air, which American's parent, AMR Corp., bought in December.

The union had argued that American was required by contract to pay Reno pilots as American employees as of the Dec. 23 purchase date.

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CERTIFICATE OF MERIT — The Lone Star Federal Land Bank Association, which serves Scurry County, has been awarded the Certificate of Merit of the 1999 Farm Credit System. Patti Beckham, vice president of marketing and communications, received the award for the association's entry, "Building Your Dreams Today-Lone Rancher and Generations. (Contributed Photo)

Bombing anniversary observed

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — The bereaved, the blinded and the maimed gathered Saturday on a gravelly vacant lot where one year ago, a terrorist bomb tore through the U.S. Embassy and an adjacent office building, killing 213 people and wounding more than 5,000.

Under leaden gray skies, survivors clutching faded photographs of their dead relatives and bent-over men leaning on crutches struggled to make sense of how a normal workday morning became a nightmare that forever changed their lives.

"Both our nations and both our peoples were innocent victims," U.S. charge d' affaires Michael Marine told the crowd of 7,000, including diplomats and religious and civic leaders. "They were victims of those whose real agenda is hatred and destruction."

"No matter what phraseology they try to use to cloak their deeds, the perpetrators of this despicable act are mere murderers whose only accomplishment was a slaughter of the innocents."

It was one year ago Saturday that a yellow van carrying five men, allegedly Islamic militants fighting a holy war against the United States, drove to the entrance of the embassy's underground garage and set off a bomb that shattered the embassy, demolished the nearby Ufundi Coop House and gutted the 17-story Cooperative Bank.

Seventeen people have been charged by U.S. federal prosecutors in New York in the nearly simultaneous attacks on the U.S. Embassies in Nairobi and neighboring Tanzania. Nine suspects are still at large, including Saudi dissident Osama bin Laden, accused of ordering the attacks.

All but 12 of the 213 who were killed in the Nairobi bombing were Kenyans. The tumbling concrete and shattering glass disfigured many of the thousands who were wounded.

"Why choose Kenya? What is Kenya guilty of?" lamented Kenyan President Daniel arap Moi. Most victims were people "whose universe does not extend beyond Kenya's borders," he said.

Hanisa Mwilu could barely speak through her grief. Sitting in a metal folding chair with her 4-year-old daughter in her lap, she held a picture of her husband, a bank manager who was killed in the blast, and quietly wept.

"I feel very bad. I can't describe how I feel, it's so bad," she said, turning away.

In Washington, remembering the dead from attacks on the U.S. embassies, President Clinton pledged Friday that "we will prevail against terrorism."

"The intended victims of this vicious crime stood for everything that is right about our country and the world — Americans and Africans, working together for peace and progress and a better future," the president said.

Immediately after the bombing in Nairobi, the United States paid more than $5.3 million for rescue, medical and mental health services. Last October, Congress approved an extra $9 million for humanitarian aid, plus $28 million to reconstruct damaged buildings and help businesses replace ruined equipment and stocks.

Possible gas leak eyed in explosion

GRAPEVINE (AP) — A possible gas leak at a new hotel near Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport may have led to the explosion that seriously burned at least one person and lacerated dozens with broken glass.

A gas line feeding the heater for the swimming pool at the Embassy Suites Outdoor World hotel might have been responsible for Friday's blast, said General Manager Bill Bretches.

The explosion blew through an exterior wall and the hotel's gift shop in the pool area of the hotel, which opened Tuesday.

Bretches said the heater was being serviced by a contractor, who was the most severely injured by the blast. The worker was airlifted to a Dallas hospital where he was listed late Friday in serious condition with second-degree burns over his face and arms.

"The first crews on the scene reported some sort of gas release," said Sandy Smith of TXU Electric & Gas, the local gas utility. "We don't have any indication of that yet, but it could be that one of the workers inadvertently cut a gas line and it exploded."

Witnesses said they smelled gas both before and after the blast.

Chief David Anderson of the Grapevine Fire Department said eight other victims were taken to hospitals for treatment of cuts and burns. About two dozen other people were treated by paramedics at the scene for cuts primarily caused by flying glass.

A Texarkana woman was in a glass elevator overlooking the pool when the explosion took place.

"I saw people just running and panicking," Stacie Duncan said. "I saw children with glass stuck in their legs screaming for their parents."

Twelve-year-old Katie Mack was swimming with her cousin and little sister at the time.

"There was a huge boom. We were underwater, but I had my eyes open and the water went all black," she said.

Both Katie and her sister suffered cuts to their feet while running across the broken glass to reach their mother.

"There was glass and insulation and parts of the wall floating. The pool was black and filled with wires — people were still in there so (the wires) couldn't have been live," said Sandy Mack, who had brought her family to the hotel for the weekend.

Many of the hotel's 600 guests and 200 workers milled about the parking lot as emergency workers investigated the blast hours later. Guests and their luggage were to be taken to other hotels in the area after hotel workers were allowed back into the building.

Keating penalty is reversed

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Charles Keating, a central figure in the 1980s savings and loan scandal, has scored a largely symbolic victory in federal court: reversal of a $4.3 billion award in favor of the government.

"I think it was the largest judgment ever entered against an individual in our judicial system, and it's terrific that it's been thrown out," Keating's lawyer, Stephen Neal, said Friday.

Keating, former chief executive of Lincoln Savings & Loan, was ordered by a judge in 1994 to pay the massive award to the Resolution Trust Corp., which took over Lincoln after its downfall.

U.S. District Judge Richard Bilby of Arizona ruled in the RTC's favor without a trial, saying Keating's mismanagement and defrauding of Lincoln were established by his criminal convictions for defrauding investors, and a $1.5 billion damage award in a separate suit by investors in Lincoln's parent company.

But the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled Friday that the RTC must prove its case at trial.

The ruling is largely symbolic because Keating didn't have the money to pay the judgment in the first place, said Neal.



Clark Bosher

Calvary Baptist to host evangelist

Calvary Baptist Church will present Evangelist Clark Bosher on Sunday. He will speak to teenagers and adults at 9:45 a.m.

He will also speak during the 10:50 a.m. and 6 p.m. worship services.

Music will be under the direction of Steve Highfield.

Bosher, a nationally known evangelist, lives in Arlington and is on the board of directors for the Firm Foundation Conferences.

Calvary Baptist is located at 2405 35th Street. For more information call 573-2191.

Snyder Menu

BREAKFAST

All meals are served with milk. Breakfast menu offers a choice of assorted dry cereal and juice

MONDAY
Teacher Workday

TUESDAY
Teacher Workday

WEDNESDAY
Breakfast Burrito w/Salsa
Toast

THURSDAY
Biscuit w/Sausage
Toast

FRIDAY
French Toast Sticks
Syrup
Toast

LUNCH

WEDNESDAY
Pizza or
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Sunday, August 8, 1999

Take on the role of being the power behind the throne in the year ahead and several people you place in lead positions will come through for you in large, rewarding ways.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) If you're willing to give up slightly more than you wanted, a deal that has been rather tough to tie down could be concluded today to your satisfaction. It'll be worth it in the long run. Leo, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send the required refund form and for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and self-addressed stamped envelope 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) Something good could come your way today through a friend for whom you've recently gone to bat. This pal hasn't forgotten your loyalty and is trying to repay your kindness.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Things should work out well for you today, especially in the financial realms. If someone wants to talk shop, give it your full attention.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Because you'll demonstrate today that you're a person who holds to your word and keeps your commitments, even when it is inconvenient to do so, will win you the respect of allies.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Set aside your own interests just for today and follow the initiative of another. You're likely to do better in these kinds of situations than you would with what you might originate.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Stick to visible quantities rather than going after something vague or uncertain today, especially if you are trying to strike a bargain with another.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) You might get a chance today to gain an ally who could prove to be very helpful to you in the near future. Be attentive to all who you meet.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Don't be so suspicious of others trying to manipulate you today, because it will be you, not those with whom you're involved, whose aims could be fulfilled today.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) A serious matter you've been avoiding won't be half as painful to handle as you may have led yourself to believe. It's time to stop dodging it. Face up to it today.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Your reputation could be enhanced today by how you conduct yourself with others. You'll show the world that you can be just as tender as you are tough as circumstances dictate.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Although this is supposed to be a day of rest, chances are you'll do anything but relax. Your desire will be to work hard at projects that can bring joy to your family.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Focusing your efforts and energy on matters of current concern, and doing something about them, will be what brings you success today. Let tomorrow take care of itself.

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Your Birthday

Monday, Aug. 9, 1999

Sifting the wheat from the chaff in selecting worthy objectives in the year ahead will yield you two advantages. First, you'll not waste time on what won't work and second, you'll achieve success much quicker.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Analyze challenges realistically today, not fearfully, especially in matters that pertain to your work or career. Otherwise you could make things a lot harder on yourself than they are. Major changes are ahead for Leo in the coming year. Send the required refund form and for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 and self-addressed stamped envelope 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) There's a chance today you might have difficulty distinguishing between negative apprehensions and intuitive perceptions. Hunches are hopeful, apprehensions are self-defeating.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) If you want something to happen today, you must make it happen yourself. Don't place your hopes in the hands of others and strive to deal with matters realistically.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Pretending things will right themselves is folly. If you follow this formula today, chances are you'll not take the measures necessary to correct what needs correcting, making matters worse.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Be very selective today if you feel you have a need for an assistant or helper of some kind. The wrong associates could severely undermine your productivity, not enhance it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Tiny loopholes not discernible at first glance could undermine a commercial involvement today, so even when doing business with a familiar firm, take nothing for granted.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) "Judge ye not lest ye be judged" is a good slogan to follow today should you become overly concerned as to whether the other guy is pulling his or her own weight. It'll keep you out of trouble.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) It might be wise today to temporarily set aside assignments of which you are not too fond of doing. There's a strong chance you could foul things up and make a bigger job for yourself.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) It's okay to shop for luxury items if your budget is quite elastic. However, if you can't afford such things, be mindful of your spending today. It could quickly get out of hand.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) If you're not completely forthright and sincere in representing yourself today, the end results you desire in how people perceive you will be very disappointing.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Be especially careful today about keeping your disapproving thoughts to yourself. If you're not diligent about it, you could blurt out something you'll regret having said.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Unless you have your wits about you at all times today, it isn't likely you'll be too good at handling your possessions. Don't lend or spend what you can't afford to lose.

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CONVOCATION HELD — Kathy Landes, right, places a nametag on Brenda Ingram at Snyder High School before Thursday's convocation for SISD employees. Retired teachers were also invited to attend. Classes for students will begin Wednesday. (SDN Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Woman accused of shipping cocaine

NEW YORK (AP) — While Army Col. James Hiett was fighting the war on drugs in Colombia, federal authorities say his wife was conspiring with the enemy.

Laurie Anne Hiett, 36, is accused of shipping cocaine from Bogota, Colombia, to New York as part of a small Colombian narcotics ring, and even marking her own return address on some of the shipments.

Mrs. Hiett, who has denied the allegations, surrendered Thursday in New York on drug conspiracy charges. She was later released on $150,000 bail.

If convicted, she faces up to 12 years in prison.

Her attorney declined to comment Friday.

The Army insists Hiett, the head of U.S. anti-drug operations in Colombia, was unaware of the alleged crimes.

An investigation by the Army Criminal Investigation Division in Panama cleared him of any criminal activity, and the U.S. Southern Command in Miami said his request to be transferred is pending.

The investigation of Mrs. Hiett started in May when U.S. Customs agents conducting a routine search in Miami intercepted a package containing 1.2 kilograms of cocaine worth an estimate $30,000, according to papers filed in federal court in Brooklyn.

Authorities say the package was marked with Mrs. Hiett's return address and was shipped from the U.S. Embassy in Bogota to a New York address.

When undercover officers went to that address, they found more cocaine and documents naming Jorge Ayala, a civilian driver for U.S. military commanders in Colombia. They also arrested Hernan Arcila, who told them he had received five or six packages from the same source, authorities said.

Army officials in Bogota found that Mrs. Hiett had sent several packages in April and May to either Arcila's home or a post office box rented by his sister. They said paperwork signed by Mrs. Hiett listed the contents as books, candy, coffee and Colombian artifacts.

When Mrs. Hiett was confronted by investigators in June, she said she had shipped the packages for Ayala and didn't know what was in them. But the investigators said she became flustered in a second interview and "stated, in substance, 'I'm afraid they'll kill me.'"

Mrs. Hiett "became extremely agitated and accused Army investigators of making up a story to get her in trouble," they said.

Ayala told investigators that Mrs. Hiett used cocaine and had asked him to buy the drug in a section of Bogota known for drug sales. Other witnesses said they had seen her there before, the court papers said.

The U.S. earmarked $289 million for counterdrug activity in Colombia this year. Barry McCaffrey, the White House drug control chief, said recently that current efforts were falling short and the situation had reached emergency proportions.

Life expectancy now at 76.5 years

ATLANTA (AP) — The life expectancy of Americans' is increasing.

Statistics show life expectancy was 76.5 years in 1997, up from 76.1 the year before as death rates from HIV, heart disease, cancer, stroke and homicide declined.

White women had the highest life expectancy at 79.9 years, followed by black women (74.7), white men (74.3), and black men (67.2).

Financial Focus

You and your spouse probably share many of the same dreams for retirement. You may want to start a small business together, or travel around the world, or just relax with your family at your vacation home. To achieve your retirement goals, you will need to do some comprehensive planning. And one of the things you may need to plan for is the possibility of one spouse retiring before the other.

If it seems likely that one of you will retire several years before the other, consider taking the following steps:

Make needed changes to your portfolios. Of course, you and your spouse will own some investments in common. But you may also want to maintain separate portfolios, with each one containing different types of investments. This will result in greater overall diversification — always an advantage to investors.

If you're going to retire at different ages, then you might need to adjust your individual investment portfolios accordingly. For example, if you are the older spouse, or at least the one who is going to retire sooner, you may want to shift some of your assets from growth stocks to fixed-income securities. However, given the fact that you may spend 20 to 30 years in retirement, you will want to maintain some elements of growth in your portfolio; otherwise, you risk losing purchasing power to inflation.

On the other hand, the younger spouse will have more working years left, and can better afford to take a bit more risk in exchange for portentially higher returns.

Decide when you'll take your retirement plan distributions. If you have a 401(k) or other retirement plan where you work, you will probably have several options for collecting the money when you retire. If your spouse is still working, you may not need to tap your retirement funds right away. Instead, you could keep your money in your employer's plan, if allowed. Or, if you're eligible, you could roll the funds over to an IRA. If your spouse has already retired, you may have a gareater income need, so you might want to start taking your distribution as soon as you retire. Before you accept any distributions, however, consider how they will affect your taxes.

Update your health care and disability coverage. If your spouse retires before you, and he or she carried the health care coverage through work, you'll need to assume this responsibility. And if you're the spouse who's still working, you should consider purchasing disability insurance to protect your income.

PLAN AHEAD — AND TAKE ACTION

By taking the appropriate steps, you can ensure a smooth transition period between the times that you and your spouse retire. So, get started soon. One day, you'll be glad you planned ahead.

Date Book

Saturday, Aug. 7, 1999

Today is the 219th day of 1999 and the 48th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1861, Thaddeus Lowe, the first man to fly professionally for the United States military, made a balloon flight to reconnoiter Confederate positions.

On this day in 1948, Hank Williams appeared on a Shreveport, La., radio show called "Louisiana Hayride."

On this day in 1964, Congress passed the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution, which in effect authorized President Johnson to wage war against North Vietnam.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Nathanael Greene (1742-1786), Revolutionary War general; Mata Hari (1876-1917), dancer-courtesan-spy; Louis Leakey (1903-1972), archaeologist-anthropologist; Ralph Bunche (1904-1971), U.S. diplomat-educator; Don Larsen (1929-), baseball star, is 70; Garrison Keillor (1942-), humorist, is 57; Alan Page (1945-), football star-jurist, is 54.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1906, New York Giants manager John McGraw refused to allow umpire James Johnston into the ballpark, forfeiting the game to Chicago.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "To him who looks upon the world rationally, the world in its turn presents a rational aspect. The relation is mutual." — Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (Aug. 4) and new moon (Aug. 11).

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Sunday, Aug. 8, 1999

Today is the 220th day of 1999 and the 49th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1876, the mimeograph was patented by inventor Thomas A. Edison.

On this day in 1974, President Richard M. Nixon announced on national television that he would resign at noon the following day.

On this day in 1994, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Prince Hassan of Jordan held a ceremony opening the first border crossing between Israel and Jordan.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Nathaniel Palmer (1799-1877), American explorer; Matthew Henson (1866-1955), American explorer; Emiliano Zapata (1877-1919), Mexican leader; Ernest O. Lawrence (1901-1958), physicist; Esther Williams (1923-) swimmer-actress, is 75; Mel Tillis (1932-), singer-songwriter, is 67; Dustin Hoffman (1937-), actor, is 62; Connie Stevens (1938-), singer-actress, is 61; David "The Edge" Evans (1961-), musician, is 38.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1984, Carl Lewis won the 200-meter dash at the Los Angeles Olympics.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "If all men were just, there would be no need of valor." — Agesilaus

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (Aug. 4) and new moon (Aug. 11).

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Toddler attacked

FRUITLAND PARK, Fla. (AP) — An 18-month-old boy was bitten in the face and squeezed nearly to death by his father's 13-foot python.

The boy's father pried the 80-pound reptile from little Nickolas Graham and was bitten several times on both hands Wednesday night.

An animal control officer caught the snake shortly after the attack and planned to destroy it.

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Should humans avoid dairy products?

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Is it true that lactose intolerance is actually normal and that humans aren't meant to consume dairy products after they've been weaned?

DEAR READER: I don't know whether humans "aren't meant" by nature to eat dairy products. Maybe we're not meant to eat oysters, snails, sushi, blue cheese or chocolate pudding, either. But we do.

Actually, we have an astonishing ability to digest almost anything, iron and calcium included. Part of this ability is due to a remarkable process called "enzyme induction."

In order to digest lactose (milk sugar), we need an intestinal chemical called lactase. Babies don't have it. They are born with enzymes to digest mother's milk, not cow's milk.

However, over time, when infants are fed cow's milk, their intestines get the message to begin producing the appropriate enzyme. In general, as long as humans continue to drink cow's milk, they continue to produce lactase for digestion. When they stop consuming dairy products, they make far less of the enzyme. As people age, their ability to make digestive chemicals declines, so elderly folks may develop an intolerance to the lactose in milk. This intolerance will become more pronounced if they avoid milk altogether. Lactose problems lead to abdominal pain, bloating and diarrhea.

For people with lactose intolerance, pre-digested dairy products are a real boon. Such individuals can continue to receive the protein and calcium benefits of milk-containing foods without the unpleasant symptoms. Lactaid is a widely available product for this purpose.

Therefore, while it's not my job to regulate what we "aren't meant" to eat, I can suggest that people avoid foods they know will upset their digestive functions and use Lactaid if they are lactose-intolerant.

DEAR DR. GOTT: What can I do for a post-nasal drip? I wake up at night with an itchy throat and dry cough.

DEAR READER: Post-nasal drip is a common consequence of allergies and can ordinarily be controlled by taking an antihistamine, such as Actifed, Allegra, Claritin or Zyrtec. If your sleep is being consistently disrupted, you may want to see your doctor and discover to what you are allergic. Once you can avoid the allergen, your post-nasal drip may disappear without the use of medicine. To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Allergies." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Why do I always feel tired after lunch? Is this caused by the food I eat or a drop in body temperature?

DEAR READER: Body temperature has nothing to do with it. Rather you may be suffering from a ubiquitous malady called "post-prandial hypoglycemia."

After a busy morning of work, a hearty lunch may cause sleepiness for the following reason: The food you eat stimulates the release of insulin into your bloodstream. There is a bit of a lag in the process, however, so the level of insulin may not start to peak for about 30 minutes after you begin your meal. Later, the insulin production may not shut off precisely when you need it to. As a result, an hour or so after the meal, your blood sugar may drop below normal, leading to exhaustion and sleepiness. This is such a common phenomenon in colleges and universities that many professors abhor having to lecture immediately following lunch.

I want to emphasize that this form of hypoglycemia is entirely normal, not at all like the exaggerated type that is characteristic of the fad disease called "hypoglycemia."

Try eating a lighter lunch that contains fewer carbohydrates, or eat a piece of fruit when you begin to feel sleepy.

The problem of post-prandial hypoglycemia is bigger than both of us. It has been formalized in many cultures as the siesta.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have a small purple bump on my left leg. With all the publicity about AIDS, I'm scared that I may have the disease. I'm 18, sexually active and can't talk to my parents or our doctor. Help!

DEAR READER: Get to a doctor. The bump probably has nothing to do with your sexual activity and I doubt that it represents AIDS. However, it could. It could also be a skin cancer, such as melanoma, which should be removed. Or it may be no more serious than a swollen vein.

Your question raises an important issue that I call "what if": "I have something wrong with me but I don't go to a doctor, because WHAT IF he asks me about my sex life (drinking, drugs, etc)." I think that you are projecting and anticipating too much.

Most physicians are reasonably non-judgmental and are primarily interested in finding out things about their patients only if the information will help the patients feel better. Not all health problems are related to risky behavior. Some are, it's true. However, adolescents, in particular, too often hesitate to seek medical attention because of embarrassment.

Try not to think in "what if" terms. If your car broke down, you wouldn't refuse help from a service station just because you did something foolish, like running out of gasoline. You have a series of priorities here, and the first consideration is to get your car back on the road.

Similarly, you have a suspicious lesion on your leg. So what if the doctor asks about your sexual activities? Your priority is to get that bump taken care of — no ands, buts or what-ifs.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Is it true that 90 percent of all household dust comes from the human body?

DEAR READER: I think not. We don't produce dust, only skin flakes. Moreover, rooms that have been closed off and undisturbed for years develop monumental dust deposits, without any human intervention. We are not usually dust-producers; we tend more to suffer allergies from dust particles...unless, of course, you agree with the theologians and scientists who believe that we are basically composed of dust.

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Fen-phen award may encourage other suits

CANTON (AP) — A jury's $23 million award to a woman who blamed her heart problems on the diet drug combination fen-phen should encourage thousands of others who have sued the drug's makers, attorneys said.

"It will let them know the fen-phen users with serious injuries will be seen by juries as having solid cases," Darrell Keith, a Fort Worth trial attorney familiar with the fen-phen cases, said Friday. "I think it's definitely enough to bring about corrective justice."

Nationwide, more than 3,100 people have sued American Home Products and subsidiary Wyeth-Ayerst Laboratories over health problems allegedly caused by the drugs.

Debbie Lovett's case was the first to reach a verdict. At least a dozen cases have been settled, some after trial began.

Ms. Lovett said she suffered heart-valve problems after taking the drugs for more than three months, starting in October 1995. Her attorney said she suffers fatigue and shortness of breath and likely will need surgery to replace two heart valves as her ailment progresses.

The jury deliberated Wednesday, deep into the night Thursday and about two hours Friday before determining the company was liable for Ms. Lovett's heart problems.

"We made a statement that they can't do this to people," Ms. Lovett said. "What that company has done makes you lose faith in a lot of things. Maybe they'll learn their lesson."

The award includes $2 million for her physical impairment and future medical care and $20 million in punitive damages. The rest compensates her for pain, mental anguish and past medical care.

"I would say this is a beacon," said Washington, D.C., attorney Michael Hausfeld, who is representing plaintiffs in a class-action lawsuit against American Home in New Jersey.

"American Home was clearly of the impression that they were going to prevail. And that makes the loss that much more significant. They chose a battle that they didn't win."

Judge Tommy Wallace must approve the award. A ruling is expected within 30 days.

American Home attorney Bob Schick said the company will appeal.

"This is just one jury's opinion," he said. "Through sympathy, they wanted to award money to Ms. Lovett and they answered the jury questions accordingly."

Ms. Lovett's attorneys said the company hid evidence that the drug combination caused heart valve damage, and encouraged jurors to award a judgment large enough to punish American Home. The company reported second-quarter profits of $399 million.

The company sold Pondimin, the brand name for fenfluramine, the "fen" part of the fen-phen combination, and its chemical cousin Redux until September 1997. That was when the Food and Drug Administration pushed for their withdrawal, citing a study that linked the drugs to potentially fatal heart-valve damage.

Fenfluramine had been sold since the 1970s but became widely used in the 1990s when doctors prescribed it in combination with phentermine, which is made by another company. When taken alone, phentermine never was associated with health problems, and it remains on the market.

Lawyers for Madison, N.J.-based American Home argued that Ms. Lovett was seeking compensation for a health condition she had before taking the drug and said her weight was a bigger threat than the drug.

Midland man collects Lottery win

AUSTIN (AP) — A former truck driver who retired in May picked up a $5.1 million check Friday after winning the Texas Lottery's July 28 Lotto Texas drawing.

Louis C. Lopez, 64, of Midland, said he was still dealing with the financial aspects of retirement when he learned he had won the drawing with a single Quick Pick ticket.

"I guess that's all it takes," said Lopez, who had been a truck driver for Ashland Chemical.

"We plan to travel," he said. "We've always loved to travel, especially with our grandchildren. Now we can do that even more."

Pregnant woman comatose...

Family, boyfriend all view fetus differently

HOUSTON (AP) — A court battle over the fate of a comatose woman and her 16-week fetus is failing to deal with some of the most pressing aspects of the case, medical ethicists said Friday.

Baruch Brody, director of the Center for Medical Ethics and Health Policy at Baylor College of Medicine, and Ronald A. Carson, director of the Institute for the Medical Humanities at the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston, have been observing the legal fight between the family of 34-year-old Tammy Martin and her boyfriend, Scott Law of Houston.

Law, 35, says he is the father of the fetus and wants Ms. Martin kept on life support until the baby can be removed from her womb. Ms. Martin's relatives believe she is brain-dead and want life support withdrawn.

"So far, it's been a fight over who makes the decision about life support, so it's a process question," Brody said. "There's been much less discussion about the more important question ... what should be the standard by which such a decision should be made?"

Examining evidence about how Ms. Martin felt about the pregnancy and whether she sought out prenatal care, for example, should take precedence over determining decision-making rights, Brody said.

Carson agreed.

"It looks to me as though the legal stuff is mostly smoke and mirrors," he said. "Procedural issues are always safer, because they're clearer. Ethical issues are always more personal."

A judge has named Law temporary legal guardian, but another hearing is scheduled Friday. When decision-making rights are finally decided, Carson noted, the case will be no further along than when it began.

"We'll be back to asking ethical questions, like 'What do you think she would have wanted?'" he said.

Ms. Martin slipped into a coma July 18 after receiving a blow to the head.

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SPORTS

Cards enjoying extra personnel

The Hermleigh Cardinals are becoming firm believers of strength in numbers.

A total of 15 players reported for football this season at Hermleigh, quite a jump from last year's nine that began the season. And the extra personnel are coming in handy for head coach Juan Rios.

"It's nice to have some more kids out. We can actually scrimmage during practice," the third-year Cardinal coach said. "I think last year we had some kids that were new to the school that didn't come out, because they didn't know what to expect. But now, they want to participate and be a part of athletics."

The Cards, who will practice in full pads starting Monday, have been working on fundamentals and agility for the most part. But Rios added that his players are picking up on things extremely well.

"The offense is looking good right now," Rios stated. "It's hard to do much without pads, but the kids are working hard. There are quite a few kids who have been in this system for a while now, and they know how to run the offense, and what to do on defense, so that really helps a lot."

Hermleigh's will workout from 8-10 a.m. and from 6-8 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday, before moving to afternoon-only practices on Wednesday.

The Cardinals will see action in a pair of scrimmages before the Sept. 3 season opener at Highland. Hermleigh will scrimmage at Paint Creek Aug. 20, before facing Three Way at Wilson on Aug. 26.



SLAM — Tessa Hildebrand spikes the ball during a Lady Tiger volleyball workout earlier this week. Snyder will continue its summer workouts Monday and Tuesday, with regular practices beginning Wednesday, the first day of school. (SDN Staff Photo)

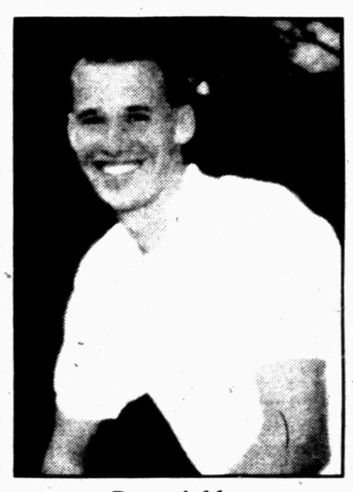
Ashby signs with West Texas A&M

After anchoring the Snyder High School cross-country team for four years, Dusty Ashby wasn't ready to give up distance running.

Ashby, who graduated in May from SHS, received a scholarship to compete on the cross-country squad at West Texas A&M in Canyon.

The ex-Tiger knows that racing at the college level is a different experience, but he's ready for the new challenges.

"I'm looking forward to it," Ashby said. "We'll run cross country meets in the fall, then road races in the spring. I'm hoping the coach will let me run a marathon in the spring. If I do, I'll be looking just to finish, instead of winning. But it should be exciting."



Dusty Ashby

While under the tutelage of former Snyder distance coach Bob Wood, Ashby posted his best mile and two-mile times his senior year at the district track meet. Ashby also qualified for the regional cross-country meet both his junior and senior seasons.

Ashby reports to West Texas A&M Aug. 17, with the first practice scheduled for Aug. 23. The Buffaloes open the cross-country season Sept. 4 in Canyon.

Bulldogs' continuing to improve on gridiron

The Ira Bulldogs couldn't wait for football workouts to begin. And now, they can't wait to prove what they can do.

Looking for a benchmark season, Ira turned in a series of good workouts this past week and is already ahead of last year's pace, according to head coach Toby Goodwin.

"Workouts have been fantastic," Goodwin stated. "When kids are as excited and willing to work as ours are, only good things can happen. We're so much farther ahead already, than we were at this time last year. Right now, I'd say we're probably where we were three or four weeks into the season last year."

Injuries have dropped Ira's total number of players to 21, but some good news came from the doctor. Todd Wall, expected to be out six weeks with a broken nose, will miss just two weeks following surgery. Jenson Gainer is still inactive with a broken arm, and Bryce Wilkins is unavailable after aggrivating a shoulder injury.

But not even the injuries can hinder the Bulldogs' enthusiasm, according to Goodwin.

"Everybody around here is really excited and things are really positive," the second-year head coach stated. "The kids are seeing how far they've come over the past year, and that makes them work even harder. Everything is kind of feeding off itself right now."

Ira will have an intrasquad scrimmage Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Gwynn gets 3,000th hit

MONTREAL (AP) — Tony Gwynn has worn a lot of different uniforms on his way to joining the 3,000-hit club. And, most importantly to him, they've all been with the same team.

Gwynn went 4-for-5, singling in his first at-bat to become the 22nd major leaguer to reach 3,000 hits, as the San Diego Padres beat the Montreal Expos 12-10 Friday night.

Gwynn, who went 2-for-4 in his major league debut for San Diego on July 19, 1982, has sported many different color schemes — including the memorable combination of yellow and brown — and uniform designs over the course of his 17-year career. The important thing to Gwynn is that he wore all of those different uniforms as a member of the Padres.

"I've done it all in one uniform," Gwynn said. "Well, not counting the brown, but I've done it in a few different uniforms and hey, I'm proud of that. I'm a Padre. I'm a San Diego Padre."

Gwynn is the eighth player to get 3,000 hits all with one major league team.

"Joining the 3,000-hit club as a member of one team and one team only. That has a nice ring to it as far as I'm concerned," Gwynn said.

Gwynn took care of the milestone hit in his first at-bat as he reached down and golfed a soft line drive past second base on a 1-2 pitch from Dan Smith, a rookie making his 11th career start.

"If somebody's going to get a hit off me like that, he's the best guy to do it," Smith said. "I grew up rooting for him and I tip my hat to him."

Gwynn's teammates raced from the dugout to congratulate him, and first base umpire Kerwin Danley — Gwynn's college teammate at San Diego State — gave him a hug.

The ball and the first base bag were taken out of play, with one or both likely to end up in the Hall of Fame.

"The relief that you feel is the first thing that hits you," Gwynn said. "Then I was starting to get emotional."

Gwynn reached the milestone in front of 13,540 fans — more than 30,000 fewer than watched him get his 2,999th hit Thursday in St. Louis when Mark McGwire hit his 500th and 501st homer.

The crowd at Olympic Stadium gave Gwynn a lengthy ovation.

Assistant coach fired...

SMU reports possible recruiting violations

DALLAS (AP) — Twelve years after rampant rulebreaking at Southern Methodist drew the NCAA's stiffest penalty, the school has turned itself in for a possible recruiting violation by an assistant coach.

Athletic director Jim Copeland said late Friday that the irregularities date back three or four years, but were only uncovered about 21/2 weeks ago during a routine compliance check.

He said the assistant, defensive line coach Steve Malin, was suspended with pay late last week and the NCAA was notified earlier this week.

"Right now, they're just suspected violations and allegations," Copeland said at an on-campus news conference. "But there was enough there to merit some type of suspension."

A statement from SMU described the issue as "narrow in scope" and with "no evidence of booster involvement."

On Feb. 25, 1987, SMU was hit with the NCAA's harshest punishment — the death penalty — after it was discovered that a banned booster paid 13 players thousands of dollars.

The once-proud program that produced Doak Walker, Don Meredith and Eric Dickerson was forced to disband for one year, but the school opted to also sit out 1988. The Mustangs returned in 1989 and didn't have a winning season until 1998.

"I would think our history would have nothing to do with how we're treated in this case," Copeland said. "This doesn't take away from the fact that we've run a clean ship."

Copeland said he could not comment further because SMU and a Kansas City law firm it hired are still investigating the case. Their findings will be turned over to the NCAA, he said.

Malin could not be reached for comment.

Football coach Mike Cavan told The Dallas Morning News that the investigation will not affect preparation for the upcoming season. Freshman players are to report on Sunday and the rest of the team on Wednesday.

"It's something that we're going to go through," Cavan said. "I'm just anxious for us to get in and get started, put this behind us and go on."

Paul Rogers, SMU's athletic department faculty representative, told the newspaper "a couple of isolated incidents" were uncovered during an exit interview for departing student-athletes.

"There's nothing systematic," Rogers said. "It's an isolated situation involving one individual, but we are concerned, which is why an independent investigation is being conducted."

NCAA spokesman Wally Renfro said he had no information about the violations and could not comment.

Malin, who joined the program in 1994 as a graduate assistant under then-coach Tom Rossley, is the longest-tenured member of the SMU football staff. He has coached the defensive line since 1997.

Barkely ordered to pay

HOUSTON (AP) — A jury has ordered Houston Rockets forward Charles Barkley to pay $12,900 for injuring another man in a car accident.

Both the plaintiff, Jason Buckingham, 23, of Houston, and Barkley, 36, said the 11-1 verdict on Friday vindicated their respective sides.

"I think we didn't have to go through this at all. If he had asked me to pay his medical bills a year ago, it would have been fine," Barkley said, according to a story in the Houston Chronicle. "Lawyers didn't have to g t involved."

WTC Men's Golf Association

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WNBA Glance

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	13	11	.542	—
Charlotte	14	12	.538	—
Detroit	11	14	.440	2½
Orlando	10	14	.417	3
Washington	8	17	.320	5½
Cleveland	6	19	.240	7½
WESTERN CONFERENCE	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Houston	21	4	.840	—
Los Angeles	17	7	.708	3½
Sacramento	16	10	.615	5½
Minnesota	12	12	.500	8½
Phoenix	11	13	.458	9½
Utah	9	15	.375	11½

Friday's Games
Los Angeles 77, Minnesota 59
Houston 81, Charlotte 51
Phoenix 68, New York 55
Sacramento 71, Detroit 58

Saturday's Games
Washington at Cleveland, 4 p.m.
Orlando at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Utah, 9 p.m.
Phoenix at Sacramento, 10 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Houston at New York, 4 p.m.
Cleveland at Washington, 4 p.m.

Astros split with Cubs

CHICAGO (AP) — Andrew Lorraine pitched a three-hitter in his season debut and Henry Rodriguez hit a three-run homer Friday to lift the Chicago Cubs to a 6-0 victory over the Houston Astros for a split of their doubleheader.

In the opener, Carl Everett, playing his first game since being sidelined with a hamstring injury, had five RBIs and Jose Lima got his 15th win of the season as the Astros beat the Cubs 6-1.

Sammy Sosa, who trails major league home run leader Mark McGwire 44-42, went 1-for-7 with a walk in the two games.

In the second game, Lorraine (1-0), called up from Triple-A Iowa, won in his first appearance in the majors this season. The left-hander allowed just three singles and retired 13 straight at one point, walking one and striking out four in his first career complete game. It was the longest outing of Lorraine's 26-game career which includes 10 starts. His previous best was 6 2-3 innings on July 28, 1994, against Texas.

Sean Bergman (4-6) took the loss, his fourth in a row. Bergman gave up six runs and eight hits while walking two.

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SPORTS

Heisman trophy winner makes adjustments to life in the NFL

LA CROSSE, Wis. (AP) — Ricky Williams arrived at the New Orleans Saints' training camp saying he just wanted to be one of the guys. It took less than a week for him to discover that's easier to do on the field than off.

These days Williams skips trips to the dining hall, is smuggled onto the practice field to avoid hoards of fans and meets with reporters every other day to discuss everything from practice-field fumbles to his philosophy of life.

The spotlight has been so intense that Williams spent his night off sealed in his dorm room, studying the offense and going to bed early.

One thing's for sure: Texas was never like this.

"It's different, it's just different," Williams said. "The only thing is that every time I go from the dorm to the locker room or from the locker room to eat or anywhere, there are people waiting for me. I don't even go to the dining hall anymore."

During the first two days of camp, Williams would arrive at the dining hall surrounded by fans, begging autographs, wrist bands or towels, just hoping to touch or talk to the Heisman Trophy winner.

The first Saturday, coach Mike Ditka gave his players the night off. The team wasted no time hitting the streets, looking for good restaurants, live music or just a walk by the river. Williams was not with them.

"I didn't take advantage of it," Williams said. "I just went to sleep. I went to bed at the same time. I just stayed in the room and hung out."

Players are supposed to check in for every meal. By not doing that, Williams admitted he was breaking a rule, but said he had not been fined.

"You just get scolded," he said, but he wouldn't reveal how he was getting food.

"I'm eating fine," Williams said. "Don't worry about me."

Skipping the dining hall also shields Williams from the tradition of rookie hazing — having to stand on his chair during meals and sing his school fight song or submit to other requests for the entertainment of the veterans.

"I know my fight song, but I don't like singing," Williams said. "I'm not very good at it. But there aren't many rookies, so it's pretty cool."

There are rookie free agents in camp, but Williams makes up the entire draft class. The Saints traded six picks to the Washington Redskins for the chance to take Williams, the NCAA Division I all-time rushing leader who set 20 college records and fits Ditka's blueprint for an engine to drive his team.

But if Ditka feels Williams is the key to the Saints picking up their first winning season since 1992 and winning their first playoff game ever, he made few concessions to his star back as camp got under way.

New Orleans was in pads from the first practice and the pace was intense.

"It was tough, kind of tough because in college you have a couple of days in shorts and shoulder pads to get used to the tempo of things," Williams said.

On his first snap Williams fumbled the handoff. He also ran into the fullback and fumbled, and dropped a pass.

"I wasn't nervous," Williams said. "I just didn't know what to expect. I wasn't sure what to expect."

One thing Williams, who was off limits last season to Texas defensive players, didn't expect was to be hit and even tackled. But that happened frequently during Saints drills.

"Ricky is just part of this football team like everybody else," Ditka said. "We don't like the defense to tackle the running backs, but they're going to tackle them. And every once in a while, the back is going to run right over them and kick them, too."

Williams is not looking for special treatment. But he's not sure the full-contact drills are the wisest decision.

"I think with running backs you have to be careful," Williams said. "Because they're going to take a pounding throughout the whole year. So usually running backs aren't hit that often in practice.

"This past year, I didn't get hit at all. I wanted to get hit but coach wouldn't let anyone touch me. I think the hitting is better for our defense, not the running backs."

Williams has also had to deal with controversy over the picture of him in a wedding gown and Ditka in a tuxedo that was on the cover of ESPN The Magazine. Letters to the editor in New Orleans have called him a disgrace and a poor role model.

"I didn't think the reaction would be the way it has been," he said. "It was all in fun. We didn't mean anything by it."

Williams, who signed an eight-year, $16.215 million contract that included an $8.84 million signing bonus, is rooming with P.J. Franklin, a rookie free-agent receiver from Tulane, who has a $175,000 deal.

But Franklin said that, as roommates and teammates, he and Williams have a lot in common.

"He's a very humble person," Franklin said. "He doesn't get caught up in all the hoopla. Yeah, he might be Ricky Williams, but he's just as normal as anybody else."

Williams hopes things will settle down when the season begins. He's expected to give the Saints a solid running game, something they haven't had in a decade. Right now, he said, that's all he's concerned with.

"I think the No. 1 thing for me right now is to play football," Williams said. "Once I get going and get comfortable, then I'll start doing things off the field."



PILE UP — The Snyder Tigers work on goal-line defense during practice earlier this week. The Tigers will continue workouts from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. Monday and Tuesday. Regular after-school practices will begin Wednesday, with the Watermelon Bowl slated for Friday. The Tigers travel to Colorado City for a scrimmage Aug. 19. (SDN Staff Photo)

SDN Sports Briefs

SCC scramble and MGA

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

WGA play day and mixed foursomes

The Women's Golf Association of Snyder Country Club will hold its play day at 9 a.m. Tuesday. Format will be match play. Also, a mixed foursomes event will be held Friday evening at 5:30.

Junior high football

Dates for junior high football players to pick up equipment have been set. Eighth grade gridders will be issued equipment from 2-3:30 p.m. Friday. Seventh graders may pickup gear from 2-3:30 p.m. Monday.

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.

Injuries open up spots for rookies, free agents

WICHITA FALLS (AP) — Rookies, undrafted free agents and NFL Europe veterans may see a lot of playing time for the Dallas Cowboys in the Hall of Fame game Monday night.

Troy Aikman, Emmitt Smith and the other starters weren't going to play much anyway, but even some of the top backups will be limited because the Cowboys can't afford to risk any more injuries.

So Dallas' depth chart will appear upside down as guys with obscure names get their best chance to try impressing coaches.

"Injuries create opportunities," Cowboys coach Chan Gailey said. "I hope that's the way these young guys who are now going to get a chance are looking at it.

"That's certainly the way I look at it."

The coaching staff already had been looking forward to the game against the Cleveland Browns to see roster hopefuls take on different players.

"I think you need other competition because there's different looks and different decisions and the speed of the game is different," Gailey said. "Some guys can't play at the full speed. They're OK at the seventh-eighths speed you normally get at practice, but when you get to that top speed, making the play becomes difficult."

Defensive coordinator Dave Campo will get a chance to gauge how his newcomers are doing on the line and at linebacker, and he'll start evaluating his safety candidates.

"A lot of the things we're saying now is speculation," Campo said.

NFL Preseason Glance

Saturday's Games
Indianapolis at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Oakland at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Denver vs. San Diego, Sydney, Australia, 9 p.m.
Monday, Aug. 9
Cleveland vs. Dallas at Canton, Ohio, 8 p.m.
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.

Zimmerman suffers first loss in majors

ARLINGTON (AP) — Jeff Zimmerman is human after all.

The Texas reliever lost his first career game in the majors Friday night, allowing the go-ahead homer to Carlos Delgado in the eighth as the Toronto Blue Jays beat the Rangers 5-4.

Zimmerman (9-1) had matched the major league record for most wins at the start of a career by a relief pitcher and had gone 26 straight scoreless appearances before allowing at least one run in each of his last three outings.

"This is the game of baseball," Zimmerman said. "They're being paid a lot of money to hit the ball. I wish I could have done better to help the team, but you can't win them all."

Zimmerman has given up three homers in his last three outings after allowing one in his first 62 1-3 innings and the four hits allowed on Friday night were a career high. But he insisted his arm feels fine and hasn't been overused.

"I looked up at the radar gun and saw 94 (mph)," Zimmerman said. "I think I was trying to do too much with my slider. My arm feels great."

Toronto got major contributions from Delgado, who had three homers, and from closer Billy Koch, who pitched the ninth for his 23rd save.

Delgado had his second three-homer game of his career, the other coming last August at The Ballpark in Arlington. Delgado has 11 homers for his career at the Rangers' home stadium, second all-time behind Jose Canseco's 12.

"I can't explain the feeling," said Delgado.

Major League Baseball

American League
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East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	66	42	.611	—
Toronto	61	50	.550	6½
Boston	59	50	.541	7½
Baltimore	48	61	.440	18½
Tampa Bay	45	64	.413	21½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	65	43	.602	—
Chicago	51	56	.477	13½
Minnesota	45	62	.421	19½
Kansas City	45	63	.417	20
Detroit	43	66	.394	22½

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Texas	65	43	.602	—
Oakland	58	51	.532	7½
Seattle	53	56	.486	12½
Anaheim	46	62	.426	19

Friday's Games
Tampa Bay 4, Cleveland 2
Detroit 4, Baltimore 3
Toronto 5, Texas 4
Minnesota 9, Kansas City 8
Boston 5, Anaheim 1
Oakland 9, Chicago 1
New York 11, Seattle 8

Saturday's Games
Boston (Rapp 3-5) at Anaheim (Belcher 5-6), 4:05 p.m.
Chicago (Parque 9-7) at Oakland (Appier 10-9), 4:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Nagy 12-7) at Tampa Bay (Witt 6-7), 6:35 p.m.
Detroit (Borkowski 0-2) at Baltimore (Erickson 7-9), 7:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Mays 4-4) at Kansas City (Rosado 7-8), 8:05 p.m.
Toronto (Hentgen 7-7) at Texas (Sele 11-6), 8:35 p.m.
New York (Pettitte 8-8) at Seattle (F.Garcia 11-6), 9:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Detroit at Baltimore, 1:35 p.m.
Cleveland at Tampa Bay, 1:35 p.m.
Minnesota at Kansas City, 2:05 p.m.
Chicago at Oakland, 4:05 p.m.
New York at Seattle, 4:35 p.m.
Toronto at Texas, 8:05 p.m.
Boston at Anaheim, 8:05 p.m.

National League
All Times EDT

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	67	43	.609	—
Atlanta	66	45	.595	1½
Philadelphia	61	48	.560	5½
Montreal	42	64	.396	23
Florida	42	68	.382	25

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	67	44	.604	—
Cincinnati	63	44	.589	2
St. Louis	56	55	.505	11
Pittsburgh	54	55	.495	12
Chicago	50	58	.463	15
Milwaukee	49	58	.458	16

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Arizona	61	49	.555	—
San Francisco	57	52	.523	3½
San Diego	52	57	.477	8½
Colorado	48	61	.440	12½
Los Angeles	47	62	.431	13½

Friday's Games
Houston 6, Chicago 1, 1st game
Chicago 6, Houston 0, 2nd game
Pittsburgh 5, St. Louis 1, 1st game
St. Louis 5, Pittsburgh 1, 2nd game
Florida 9, Colorado 1
Atlanta 7, San Francisco 3
New York 2, Los Angeles 1
San Diego 12, Montreal 10
Philadelphia 4, Arizona 2, 11 innings
Cincinnati 9, Milwaukee 2

Saturday's Games
Arizona (Benes 6-10) at Philadelphia (Schilling 14-4), 1:15 p.m.
San Francisco (Ortiz 12-7) at Atlanta (Mulholland 5-6), 1:15 p.m.
Houston (Elarton 5-3) at Chicago (Tapani 6-9), 3:15 p.m.
San Diego (Williams 5-9) at Montreal (Hermanson 4-10), 7:05 p.m.
Colorado (Bohanon 10-8) at Florida (Meadows 8-11), 7:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Bottenfield 15-4) at Pittsburgh (Cordova 6-5), 7:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Arnold 2-2) at New York (Leiter 9-7), 7:10 p.m.
Cincinnati (Tomko 4-5) at Milwaukee (Karl 7-10), 8:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games
San Francisco at Atlanta, 1:10 p.m.
San Diego at Montreal, 1:35 p.m.
Arizona at Philadelphia, 1:35 p.m.
St. Louis at Pittsburgh, 1:35 p.m.
Los Angeles at New York, 1:40 p.m.
Cincinnati at Milwaukee, 2:05 p.m.
Colorado at Florida, 4:05 p.m.
Houston at Chicago, 8:05 p.m.

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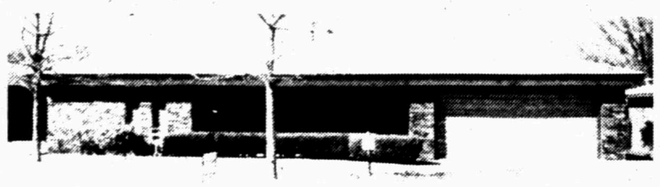
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Pastor headed back to Canada

NEWARK, N.Y. (AP) — His 11-year-old daughter, barely able to smile, sat watching as Steven Mullenix loaded up a rental van outside his old church in preparation for the journey north to Canada.

Forget that he's the son of an American, that he can trace his Ohio roots back 200 years, that he's long dreamed of becoming a U.S. citizen. The Canadian-born clergyman's quest for immigration status remains agonizingly out of reach because of a marijuana conviction north of the border in 1981.

"I'm really upset about having to move out because, no matter what the United States has put me through, to me it's still home," Mullenix said Friday as parishioners hauled furniture out of the rectory.

Under U.S. immigration laws crafted to exclude Nazi war criminals, terrorists and other undesirable aliens, Mullenix, 36, is deemed "excludable" for life. Anyone arrested with more than 1 ounce of banned drugs is viewed as a potential dealer.

His four-year quest for citizenship stumbled in June when he was stripped of his Assemblies of God ministry for one year for writing an abusive letter to immigration agents.

"So he made an error! Forgive and forget, that's what they teach in the Bible," said Larry Briggs, 63, a retired nursing administrator who was in Mullenix's 100-strong congregation in this village near Lake Ontario.

"He's like a man without a country, caught between a rock and a hard place. The whole thing smells political."

Losing his job with the ministry meant Mullenix had to leave the country with his wife and daughters, Esther, 2, and Hannah, who sat on the lawn with a neighborhood pal. "I don't want to move — I have a lot of friends here," she said.

Mullenix was caught with more than an ounce of marijuana at age 18 and spent three months in jail. He kicked drugs at 22, turned his life around and had his conviction vacated there in 1992.

Only after moving his family to New York on a religious-worker visa in 1995 did he realize his predicament. He is suing in federal court to try to force a change in the immigration law.

"Everybody who knows me has forgiven me," he said. "But the people who don't know me — those that run the world — I don't think they understand what forgiveness is."

Mullenix can trace his American lineage to 1671. Distant ancestors fought in the Revolutionary War, the Civil War and World War II. His grandmother still owns a 70-acre farm in Arcanum, Ohio, where their forebears settled two centuries ago.

In 1953, snapping up a low-priced agricultural nursery business, Mullenix's grandfather moved his wife and two teen-age sons to Mitchell, Ontario. The sons went on to marry Canadians but eventually migrated back.

Although Mullenix's father, Paul, never bothered to obtain citizenship for his three children, he raised them as Yankees. The family hoisted Old Glory, made friends among expatriates and ate western Ohio fare: hominy grits, biscuits and gravy, sassafras tea.

Because residency requirements were tightened in 1952, his father, who now lives in North Carolina, could not transfer citizenship.

In an angry letter to the U.S Immigration and Naturalization Service on June 7, Mullenix lashed out at immigration statutes that deny automatic citizenship to every child born abroad to an American.

"You evil bastards ... You are all guilty, and compared to my teen-age stupidity, it is a far more grievous sin," he wrote.

Mothballed reactor headed for burial

RAINIER, Ore. (AP) — Pressure-wrapped in blue plastic, filled with concrete and wrapped in six inches of steel, the 1,000-ton radioactive reactor of the largest U.S. nuclear power plant ever to be shut down began its barge trip 270 miles up the Columbia River.

Two tugs nudged the barge into the main channel of the river Friday night on its trip to the Hanford Nuclear Reservation in eastern Washington, where it will be buried 45 feet deep.

The river skirts the northern edge of Portland and the southern edge of Vancouver, Wash. It is the first time a commercial reactor of this size and level of contamination was to pass so near a major American city, said officials at the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, the agency overseeing the decommissioning of the Trojan Nuclear Plant.

Even the utility that owns the reactor considered the river journey risky, and environmentalists were worried.

"I'm not saying if the reactor falls off into the water, everybody would have to be evacuated from Portland, but it would not be good for the Columbia River to have a reactor vessel sitting in it," said Lloyd Marbet, who led three unsuccessful ballot initiatives to have the plant shut down.

"The fact of the matter is that the interior of the vessel contains a very high level of radioactivity."

Environmentalists had urged Portland General Electric to mothball the plant for at least 50 years so the radioactive isotopes could cool before dismantling the facility.

The barge will travel no faster than 12 mph to the Port of Benton dock near Hanford and should arrive Sunday. From there, two trucks creeping along at 5 mph will pull the vessel on a 320-wheel, 16-axle trailer to Hanford, 15 miles away.

Utility officials say they chose the safest way to decommission the plant, which for 16 years generated enough electricity to power all of Portland.

"I would characterize it as a risky move, but it's a lot safer than the traditional method of cutting the reactor into pieces and trucking it over the highway," said Kregg Arntson, a spokesman for PGE.

The plant was closed in 1993, two decades earlier than planned, after a series of problems, including a faulty safety system that drew federal fines, the accidental release of radioactive gases and cracked steam tubes.

In 1996, a train hauled away the reactor vessel of the Yankee Rowe nuclear plant in Massachusetts, but it weighed only 360 tons and was not transported through heavily populated areas.

PGE already has shipped Trojan's contaminated steam generators in five trips to Hanford since 1995, and the Navy often ships reactors from submarines and cruisers up the Columbia for burial at the site.

The Trojan reactor contains 15 times as much radioactivity as those objects, according to state officials.

A person standing within six feet of the reactor for an hour would receive no more radiation than an airplane passenger would get from the sun during two cross-country flights, Arntson said.

A potentially worse problem remains at the Trojan site: hundreds of highly radioactive spent fuel rods. Since the federal government has yet to build a disposal site for such waste, PGE said has no option but to encase the rods in canisters and leave them there.

Ferguson nominated for No. 2 post at Fed

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton on Friday nominated Roger W. Ferguson, a Harvard-trained economist and lawyer, to be vice chairman of the Federal Reserve.

In making the announcement, Clinton said, "He will be the first African-American vice chair of the Fed. He is superbly qualified. He has served well and I am very excited about the prospect of his service."

Ferguson, 47, was first appointed to the seven-member Fed board of governors two years ago by Clinton. If confirmed by the Senate as vice chairman, he will fill a vacancy created by the departure of Alice Rivlin in July.

While holding a doctorate in economics from Harvard as well as a law degree, Ferguson has focused much of his attention on the board on technical matters, including overseeing the Fed's plans to deal with the Year 2000 computer problem and heading up a panel that is searching for ways to upgrade the central bank's check clearing operations for commercial banks.

In a statement, Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan praised Ferguson's selection, saying Clinton had "chosen a person highly respected by his colleagues."

On Thursday, Clinton announced that he was nominating Carol Parry, 58, a former official at Chase Manhattan Corp., to a vacancy on the Fed board that was created more than a year ago with the resignation of Susan Phillips.

Private economists predicted little change in policy direction with the elevation of Ferguson to the No. 2 spot or the addition of Parry to the board. Both officials were expected to take their cue in monetary matters from Greenspan, who has first appointed Fed chairman in 1987 by President Ronald Reagan.

Some economists also said Ferguson's selection made it even more likely that Clinton will reappoint Greenspan for a fourth term as chairman when his current term expires next June 20.

Guatemalan mother searches for two kidnapped daughters

GUATEMALA CITY (AP) — It has been 18 years since Adriana Portillo-Bartow arrived at her father's home to pick up her two young daughters, only to find they had been kidnapped by government forces at the height of the country's brutal civil war.

Fifteen years later, in 1996, the war over and Portillo-Bartow married and living in Chicago, the girls would already have become women, possibly mothers themselves — if they had lived for more than a few hours after being hauled away by police.

Portillo-Bartow's question of whether her daughters are still alive has kept her going through an exhausting three-year search for Glenda and Rosaura. It also led her to found an organization to help other Guatemala parents find their missing children and — as she announced Monday — to take her case to the Organization of American States' human rights court.

"If someone comes to me and tells me they are dead, I won't believe it. Tell me where the bodies are," said Portillo-Bartow, her voice shaking, during a visit to Guatemala searching for her daughters. "If I don't see the bodies, then I won't believe it."

Portillo-Bartow didn't dare search for her daughters for more than 10 years, until the Guatemalan government and guerrillas signed a peace treaty in 1996. In 1998, she took her case to the courts — the first criminal complaint in Guatemala against the forced disappearance of children during the war.

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Lott wants farm aid reduced

WASHINGTON (AP) — In the latest indication that Republican budget strategy is in trouble, Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott says he would like to see a reduction in the $7.4 billion farm aid package his chamber has approved.

"I thought it was too much," Lott, R-Miss., told reporters Friday.

Lott voted for the emergency package when the Senate approved it, 89-8, on Wednesday. But in a discussion with reporters about the GOP's tactics for this fall's likely budget clash with President Clinton, Lott said of the farm assistance, "I'd like to see it go down."

Lott's comments came as he discussed the struggle to write spending bills that honor the party's pledge to not spend Social Security surpluses. Because of the mounting costs of the farm measure and other GOP proposals, he said "It is going to be a challenge" for Republicans to avoid spending the Social Security funds.

The farm assistance, approved in response to low commodity prices, must now be finalized by Senate-House negotiators. Although it sailed easily through the Senate, passage came only after lawmakers rejected an $11 billion Democratic alternative that had the backing of Vice President Al Gore.

"The tendencies and pressures are to go the other way," Lott conceded.

On Thursday, House Majority Whip Tom DeLay, R-Texas, called the Senate's emergency farm measure "the atomic bomb that blows up the whole strategy." Republicans have planned to not touch next year's Social Security surplus, but use the rest of the budget surplus to pay for spending and a tax cut.

The Congressional Budget Office has projected a $14 billion budget surplus next year, not counting Social Security's surplus. Republicans plan to use that money to help pay for their tax cut and spending bills for fiscal 2000, which begins Oct. 1.

But their plans for various bills have already dipped into next year's surplus well beyond $14 billion, because there may not be enough votes to pass the measures without the extra funds. That has raised the risk they would dip into the Social Security money, something members of both parties have pledged not to do.

Lott said some pressure would be eased because he expects next year's surplus to end up being even larger than current projections, as has often been the case over the last three years.

At the White House, President Clinton said Republicans "very explicitly want to raid the Social Security surplus to pay for huge tax cuts and a risky economic scheme."

Bracing for a likely fall budget clash with Clinton, Lott also said Republicans would avoid an Oct. 1 federal shutdown by temporarily giving agencies the same money they get now.

That would give Republicans and the president time to negotiate spending disputes that are expected to linger as the new fiscal year begins. Congress has sent Clinton only two of the 13 annual spending bills for 2000, and several big ones — covering the Education and Housing and Urban Development departments and many other agencies — are likely to be unresolved on Oct. 1.

Keeping agencies running at this year's levels would make it difficult for Clinton to veto stopgap spending legislation and prompt a shutdown, Lott said. Republicans want to avoid a government closure because they were hurt politically by the 1995 and 1996 shutdowns.

"It takes away some of his leverage," Lott said.

Airlines meet repair deadline

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's airlines finished replacing rudder pieces in Boeing 737s this week that had been linked to two airplane crashes and a third near-crash.

As of Wednesday's deadline, airlines had replaced the rudder power control unit in 1,122 of 1,139 airplanes covered by an order issued by the Federal Aviation Administration. The agency said the remaining 17 are not in revenue service, most in heavy maintenance. The part is being replaced during that work.

In 1997, the FAA issued an airworthiness directive requiring U.S. airlines to replace rudder power control units after an investigation into the 1994 crash of a USAir Boeing 737 outside Pittsburgh.

The twin-engine jetliner is the world's most commonly used commercial aircraft.

In March, the National Transportation Safety Board concluded that the USAir crash, as well as the 1991 crash of a United Airlines 737 near Colorado Springs, Colo., and a 1996 incident in which the pilots of an Eastwind Airlines 737 momentarily lost control on the aircraft's approach at Richmond, Va., were probably caused by a jam in the airplane's PCUs.

The USAir crash killed 132, the United crash 25.

The power control unit is a soda can-sized hydraulic valve used to move the rudder. That panel runs up the back of the plane's tail and sweeps the nose left and right. Rudders are primarily used to compensate when an aircraft loses thrust in one engine or when it is landing in a crosswind.

The replacement part is designed to prevent a jam.

The safety board said in March it does not believe the 737's rudder system is "reliably redundant" even with the new part, so it asked Boeing, the FAA and a group of engineers to study the problem further.

The replacement work was a particular challenge for Southwest Airlines, a discount carrier with an all-737 fleet. The Dallas-based airline had 257 planes affected by the order; its newest planes were built with the redesigned PCU.

"It takes very careful planning, but that's the system we use," said Southwest spokeswoman Beth Harbin. "We don't have the luxury of being able to take an aircraft out of service for a week."

Boeing spokesman Eric Dixon said 1,686 airplanes are in service elsewhere in the world that would fall under the scope of the FAA's order.

Obituaries

Ettie Lee

1927-1999

Funeral service for Ettie Eula Elizabeth Fikes Lee, lifetime resident of Snyder, was set for 5 p.m. Saturday at Northside Baptist Church. The Rev. Jimmy Fikes, a nephew, was to officiate, assisted by the Rev. Jim Mosley, with arrangements under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Mrs. Lee died at 11:08 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 5, in Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

Born May 30, 1927 in Snyder, she married N.T. Lee on Dec. 16, 1945 in Snyder. He died in February of 1994. She was a clerk at Snyder Laundry and Dry-cleaning for 10 years and worked many years as a bookkeeper for her husband.

She was also preceded in death by one son, Don Lee, and one sister.

Survivors include a daughter, Tammy Lee Harrison of Frisco, Tex.; a son, Roy Neil Lee of Fort Worth; four sisters, Ramona Carlson and Debra Cheyne, both of Snyder, Faye Dell Christian of Clarksville, and Judy Fikes of California; two brothers, E.L. Fikes Jr. of Lubbock and William Fikes of Snyder; two grandchildren, Bryan Lee and Jeff Lee of Fort Worth; a great-granddaughter, Mary; a great-grandson, Austin; and numerous nieces and nephews.

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AOL's new plan defies Microsoft

DULLES, Va. (AP) — America Online Inc. will make its Instant Messenger service easily available to the 2.5 million customers of two smaller Internet access services, further defying Microsoft Corp.'s attempt to crack AOL's lock on the market.

The move Friday drew a sharp reaction from Microsoft, which is promoting its own instant messaging service but has been rebuffed so far in getting AOL to let customers of both services exchange messages.

"It's too bad that AOL continues to advance their own separate efforts and is not listening to consumers' desires for interoperability between messenger services," Microsoft spokeswoman Deanna Sanford said.

Seven arrested as weekend gets off to a busy beginning

The weekend got off to a busy start for local law enforcement as seven people were arrested Friday and early Saturday.

One subject was taken into custody on a felony charge.

Twenty-year-old Jeffery Lamar Williams of Sweetwater was arrested by Department of Public Safety troopers at 10:06 a.m. Friday on U.S. Hwy. 84 on a felony warrant for forgery/surety withdrawal out of Crosby County. Williams was also charged with driving while license suspended.

At 8:21 a.m. Friday, deputies took a 40-year-old male into custody in the 3800 block of 23rd Street on two JP court warrants for issuance of bad checks and a Taylor County warrant for Class B theft.

A 37-year-old male was arrested at 10:45 a.m. Friday near Central Elementary for violation of an emergency protective order.

Officers took a 58-year-old male into custody at 7:12 p.m. Friday in the 1200 block of 19th Street for pubiic intoxication.

Outstanding warrants sent a 36-year-old man to jail at 9:35 p.m. Friday. Officers arrested him in the 3900 block of Avenue O on warrants from Howard and Nolan counties for issuance of bad checks.

A 29-year-old female was taken into custody by deputies at 10:59 p.m. Friday in the 2900 block of Avenue X on a Howard County warrant for issuance of a bad check.

Officers also arrested a 29-year-old female at 2:23 a.m. Saturday in the 2500 block of 27th Street on three capias pro fines out of city court.

In other activity, Bob Barbee notified deputies at 2:10 p.m. Friday of the theft of two sets of clippers and lister blades from his barn on CR 397. He advised he last used the clippers in early June. An offense report for burglary of a building was filed.

Officers also investigated a report of burglary of a building at 7:15 p.m. at ABC Storage. Kayla Bethel reported that someone had broken into the storage building she rented. An offense report was submitted for burglary of a building.

An offense report for family violence was filed at 2:23 a.m. Saturday.

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Births

Allen and Helen Fox announce the birth of a son, Joseph Chandler, on July 23 at San Angelo. He weighed six pounds, eight ounces.

He was welcomed home by brothers, Charles Allen and Forrest Todd; also his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Lynn Fox of Snyder and Loreida Potts of Monahans. Great-grandmother is Mrs. Opal Jenkins of Monahans.

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Brian and Starcia Bohannon of Snyder announce the birth of Jacob Trent Bohannon at 7:26 p.m. on July 19 in Covenant Health Center in Lubbock. He weighed five pounds, 14 ounces.

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ONGOINGS

Bosher to speak at Calvary

Calvary Baptist Church will present Evangelist Clark Bosher on Sunday. He will speak to teens and adults at 9:45 a.m., during the 10:50 a.m. worship service, and at 6 p.m. Steve Highfield is in charge of music.

Northside to present Puppeteers

Northside Missionary Baptist Church will present the Puppeteers on Sunday. An abbreviated Sunday School is set from 9:45 a.m. to 10:10 a.m. The Puppeteers will perform at 10:15 a.m. Fellowship and lunch will follow the service. Everyone is invited.

Snyder ISD events

On Monday, Snyder Junior High School students can tour the building from 7-8 p.m. Stanfield Elementary School will have its meet the teachers night from 6-7 p.m. Tuesday. Northeast Elementary will have an open house on Tuesday from 6:30-7:30 p.m. East Elementary will have a meet the teachers night on Tuesday as well, from 5-6:30 p.m.

Snyder FFA

Snyder FFA will hold an ice cream social from 6 to 7 p.m. Monday to welcome new ag teacher Jerry Conring and his family to Snyder. The social will be held in the ag building at SHS.

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 "What to Expect When You Visit the Church," followed by "What Can I Believe?"

SHS football booster club

The booster club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the student center. Plans for the new season and the Watermelon Bowl set for Friday will be discussed.

Social Security rep in Snyder

Representatives of the Social Security Administration will be in Snyder Tuesday at the Senior Citizens Center, 2603 Ave. M.

Support groups

Four different support groups meet at 6:30 the second Thursday of each month 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 due here

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.

Girl Scouts registration

Scurry County Girl Scouts will register from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. next Saturday 14 by the pond at Towle Park. All levels of scouts will register, including adults. Refreshments will be served.

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 and begins Wednesday. 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. For more information call the church office at 573-0154 or Lora Lord at 573-1700.

King's Kids registration

First Baptist Church is currently 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 spaces available for two and three year olds. School begins Tuesday. Call 573-4770 for more information.

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.

Faith Baptist revival slated

Faith Baptist Church, 208 37th St., will have a revival Aug. 15-18 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.

Garage sale items needed

Lighthouse Assembly of God, 1900 Trinity Blvd., is accepting items for their garage sale to benefit the church building fund. Furniture, clothes, appliances and other items are appreciated. Call 573-5124 or 573-2947 for pickup.

Road to Recovery program

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

Pick 3

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

7-7-0

(seven, seven, zero)

Texas Million

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Texas Million numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery:

0-10-39-89

(zero, ten, thirty-nine, eighty-nine)

Cash Five

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

13-15-23-26-31

(thirteen, fifteen, twenty-three, twenty-six, thirty-one)

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Sister's negative attitude pushes family, friends away

DEAR ABBY: I really need your help. The problem is my older sister "Myrtle." She's 60, and our mother is 80. Myrtle has become so negative she's pushing away the people who love her. I don't think she means to alienate everyone, but even our mother says, "I can't stand it anymore!"

I don't think Myrtle realizes she has a choice when it comes to her behavior. She chooses to expect the worst. When we go out to lunch she expects to be unhappy with the quality of the food or the service. And she expects to be upset by anything anyone has to say to her. She never has anything nice to say, but always has a mean remark to make or a negative observation. Mother doesn't want to confront her, and has resorted to silence when it comes to dealing with her. She doesn't talk much when Myrtle is around. When I asked her why, she said, "She doesn't like what I have to say, so I'm not going to say anything." Other members of our extended family have begun noticing Myrtle's negativity and are becoming concerned.

My sister realizes she's a difficult person. More than once she's been heard to say, "I'm just a nasty person." Inside, I say to myself, "Is that what you *want*?" I know Myrtle would be very hurt if our mother said she no longer wanted to go out with her. But I think that's what will happen if her behavior doesn't change. Mom is very upset when she returns after spending time with Myrtle, and the stress isn't good for her blood pressure. I love them both, but I don't know how to help. Can you suggest anything?

CONCERNED IN THE MIDWEST

DEAR CONCERNED: Your sister must be a very unhappy woman to be taking her frustration out on everyone around her. Since you have mentioned that other relatives have *begun* noticing a change in her, I'm assuming that this isn't a lifelong trait of hers.

Your mother has reacted to Myrtle's negativity by refusing to acknowledge or confront it, and you have done the same. Much could be gained if you and your mother had a frank talk with your sister about the effect her attitude is having on those who love her. She could be suffering from mental illness or depression. A medical and psychiatric evaluation could help her greatly, but first she must admit that she needs help, and accept it. Otherwise nothing will change.

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DEAR ABBY: I have been dating a guy for about six months, and we get along great. He seems to be everything I have ever wanted in a guy.

All of a sudden he said he has never wanted marriage. I told him I couldn't go on without some goal. We then broke up.

Now he's trying to come back and telling me he's *still* not interested in marriage, but he can't live without me. I'm confused and want to get away from him. The one catch is that we work, go to college and sing in choir together. How can I emotionally separate myself from him?

CONFUSED IN OLATHE, KAN.

DEAR CONFUSED: Keep reminding yourself that the "guy" is immature, and the two of you have very different goals. If it's marriage you're interested in, he's a one-way ticket to nowhere.

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DEAR ABBY: I am the computer operations manager for a large company. As the year 2000 draws closer, people are becoming more concerned about the Y2K bug. The following is my response. If you think your readers would find it interesting and/or helpful, please feel free to print it.

CARL SCHUTTE,
CHULA VISTA, CALIF.

DEAR CARL: While I'm confident the computer geniuses will exterminate the Y2K bug, I frequently hear on the news about people going to great lengths to prepare for it, so I'm sure many readers will be interested in your commonsense commentary. Read on:

Y2K HYPE REPORT

A number of people have been asking me about how Y2K will affect them. First, I got out my crystal ball. Then I cobbled together some thoughts on the subject:

99.693 percent of the Y2K *hype* is to get you, the consumer, to buy, buy, buy! (If you spend enough money, you will be OK, etc.)

I'm sure everyone has seen or heard ads telling us to buy bottled water, long-term storable food (enough to last six months at the least), water filters, wind-up radios, flashlights that use LEDs rather than bulbs, guns and ammunition (go NRA!), computer software that will "fix" any Y2K bugs on their computers (as if it would be the end of civilization if the computer fails), and anything else some nutcase can think up. Then, once all of us have mortgaged our homes to buy all this junk, we are urged to take the rest of our money, stocks, bonds and anything else of value we might have and buy (there's that word again!) gold because that will be the only currency accepted on Jan. 1, 2000.

Most of these people are the same ones who claim that when you use your ATM or "rewards" card at the supermarket, the CIA/FBI is tracking your buying habits to produce a "profile" on you.

So much for fantasy. Now for a little reality:

Vital utilities or government agencies have been preparing for Y2K for some time now. Could your power go out? Yes. Will it be out for more than an hour or two. Probably not. (Has your power ever been out before? Didn't you live through the outage?)

Will you receive a bill from VISA for $43,554,238,490.32? Probably not. If you do, don't pay it. Call the bank.

Will the bank lose all your checking and savings balances? Probably not. If they do, you have records, they have records, and it will get fixed.

Remember that most of the services affecting you are someone else's livelihood! These companies aren't going to vanish. Any major problems will get fixed *fast*. Minor problems will get fixed a little later — that's why they are called minor problems.

If you will stay calm, don't panic, use your head and don't do something stupid, everyone will get through Y2K *just fine*.

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DEAR ABBY: I am currently enamored of a lady who is sleeping with her ex-boyfriend, but she has consistently told me that she could fall in love with me if she just didn't have him as extra baggage. I have asked her many times why she still carries on with him, but she just shrugs and says she can't tell me for certain.

I have a tremendous amount of love in my heart for this woman, if she would just give me the benefit of the doubt. What should my next move be?

ANXIOUSLY UNSURE IN L.A.

DEAR ANXIOUSLY UNSURE: Your next move should be two giant steps backward. As long as she's sleeping with her "ex"-boyfriend, she will not replace him with you — or anyone else.

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No physical trace left of Columbine tragedy

LITTLETON, Colo. — When the bell rings to start the fall term at Columbine High School, there will be no physical trace of the deadly rampage last spring that left 15 dead and dozens injured.

The bullet holes have been patched, broken glass has been replaced and the library — where most of the killings occurred — has been hidden behind a new wall of lockers.

"We want students to feel good about being back here," said Jack Swanzy, the director of planning for Jefferson County School District. "If students can walk down these halls and not cringe ... we feel we've been very successful."

It was lunchtime on April 20 when seniors Dylan Klebold, 17, and Eric Harris, 18, walked into Columbine, setting off bombs and firing weapons. Twelve students and a teacher were killed before the gunmen committed suicide.

After the massacre, witnesses said the school resembled a war zone, with overturned furniture, backpacks scattered throughout the building and heavy damage to the cafeteria and library.

Construction crews have spent the summer inside the sprawling suburban high school, completing $1.2 million worth of renovations.

They've done everything from plastering bullet and shrapnel holes to replacing blood-stained carpets with linoleum and repainting gray walls blue, white and green.

"Looking back at the Saturday after the shooting, I was in shock," Columbine Principal Frank DeAngelis said Friday. "I was not sure what the future held for CHS. It's exciting that within two weeks Columbine will become a school again."

Architects still haven't decided what to do with the library, which has remained closed since the shootings. For now, a new locker-lined wall covers the entrance. Some books have been destroyed because they were damaged by bullet holes and blood, Swanzy said, while the rest have been put in storage.

A trailer outside the school, complete with computers that have Internet access and about 1,000 books, will act as a temporary library until a more permanent solution is found.

Thousands of student-designed tiles have been put up along hallways, many of which are dedicated to classmates who died in the rampage.

There are new tables and chairs in the cafeteria, and purple carpeting in hallways has been replaced by gleaming white tile.

"I think it looks awesome," said Mike Sheehan, 17, the student body president. "What's nice is that it's the same school, but still looks a little different."

Security has also been enhanced. Sixteen video cameras have been added and students will have to wear identification tags.

Ventura wants to eliminate 135 jobs

ST. PAUL (AP) — Gov. Jesse Ventura pushed Friday for the elimination of 134 legislative jobs, saying they are partisan staffers who waste taxpayer dollars supporting party power struggles.

"Millions of dollars every year is being paid of our tax dollars to support Republican positions and Democrat positions where their only job is politics. Their only job is spinning and supporting of the power struggle between the two parties," Ventura said on his weekly radio show.

The four legislative caucuses have research staff assigned to them. Most concede that politics and policy are inseparable at the Legislature, but leaders believe the majority of their staffs focus on policy. The leaders defended the staff as necessary to respond to constituents and conduct research on many complicated issues.

Senate Majority Roger Moe, a Democrat, called the radio comments "Vintage Governor Ventura" and added, "Once again he doesn't know what he's talking about."

Dr. Nelson Brice

will be out of his office from
Friday, August 6 through
Sunday, August 15 for vacation.

The office will re-open Monday, August 16 at 8:00 a.m.

Houston eyes crime increase

HOUSTON (AP) — The city's first across-the-board increase in reported crimes since 1991 does not necessarily indicate a trend but does demand immediate action, Houston's mayor and police chief said Friday.

"I have seen these kinds of numbers before, and I know that swift action taken by the police partnering with citizens will help decrease the likelihood of an upward crime trend," Mayor Lee P. Brown said.

Violent crime in the first half of 1999 rose 7.6 percent from the same period last year, while nonviolent crime rose 5.6 percent. Total population rose approximately 2 percent over that time.

The crime rate has declined steadily since 1991, when statistics soared in virtually every category. Last year marked one of the most crime-free years, per capita, in Houston history.

"These numbers do not approach the levels of crime in Houston in 1991," said Brown, himself a former police chief in Houston, Atlanta and New York City. "But let me point out that any increase in crime is important."

Police Chief Clarence Bradford said the department has targeted six specific criminal categories that have seen marked increases this year: theft, auto theft, burglary, robbery, rape and aggravated assaults.

Perhaps the most startling increase was in reported rapes, up 29 percent to 414 from 321 in the first half of 1998. In part, Bradford credited a recent decentralization of the unit that handles such cases, making it easier and more comfortable for victims to file reports.

Lisa Zapata, director for community education for crisis intervener The Bridge, said that greater accessibility to law enforcement indeed could enhance women's willingness to report rapes.

"I remember a call to the emergency room for a woman who had been kidnapped and raped," Ms. Zapata said. "I was instructed to take her straight downtown to the sex crimes division. The poor woman was wearing hospital scrub-type clothing, her shoes had been taken, so she was only wearing plastic shoe covers she got from the hospital.

"I still have this visual of her walking through the pebbles and the potholes of the parking lot downtown like that."

As for robbery, Bradford said he is forming teams to target serial robbery suspects whose crimes extend over Houston police squad and area jurisdictional boundaries.

Police have identified five robbery series responsible for 108 different crimes, Bradford said Friday.

Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center

Alzheimer's Disease

The Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, Department of Neuropsychiatry, is seeking volunteers to participate in a new research study. To qualify participants must:

- have dementia caused by Alzheimer's disease or stroke
- have hallucinations or delusions
- be 40 years of age or above
- have a close friend or family member willing to also participate in interviews and supervision of study medications
- be in stable medical condition

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Scurry County Folks

by Shirley A. Gorman

THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Retired postmaster tells Fluvanna memories

Almost every postmaster has a baby chicken story, and Lynda Beaver is no exception.

She retired in July as postmaster at Fluvanna, but during the 18 years she served, she stored up quite a few memories — including the baby chickens that arrived for one of her customers who was out-of-town. She had to take them home with her and keep them in her garage until he returned.

"I don't remember how many we lost. But we did probably lose some," she recalled.

For shut-ins who lived close to the post office, she said she could sometimes hand deliver their mail or packages to them. That's a service usually limited to small rural post offices, but it is one Lynda enjoyed.

Until a few years ago, Fluvanna had one rural route in addition to the post office boxes. When that route was combined with Snyder's, window service hours were cut from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., to 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Lynda was a one-woman operation at Fluvanna during her tenure. When she needed time off, a postmaster relief or PMR worked in her place.

Barbara Miller, Lynda's PMR, is now operating the post office, until a new postmaster is named.

Most days, Fluvanna's post office serves as a community meeting site. Inclement weather can keep people from going to town to check their mail, but even on days with light customer traffic, Lynda said she always stayed busy with paper work. Stamps and money all have to be balanced to the last stamp and penny.

While Lynda readily admits she misses the people, she said she does not miss all that paperwork.

During her tenure, she witnessed quite a few changes, but she singled out automation as the biggest change of all. Computers and scanners changed the way window service was conducted.

Machines also began sorting mail. Automation also meant cutbacks in employees as well.

She noted that routes today are longer and on some routes, one person is doing what three used to do.

She became interested in working for the postal service some 20 years ago when "my children had grown up and were

See Beaver, Page 4B



BEAVER RETIRES — Lynda Beaver has retired as Fluvanna's postmaster. She worked for the Postal Service for 20 years in all, 18 at Fluvanna and two years as a clerk in Gail's post office. (Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)



BEAVER RECEPTION — Several area postmasters recently attended a reception for Lynda Beaver, who has retired after serving 18 years as Fluvanna's postmaster. They include Leona Wiggins of Ira; Jody Streety of Roby; Lola Gholson of Aspermont; Delbert Davis of Hermleigh; and K.E. Green of McCaulley. (Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

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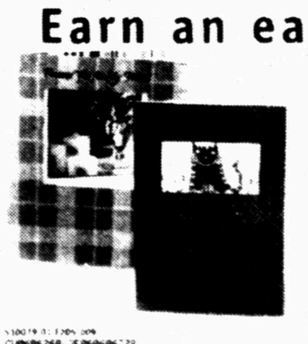
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Giana Fuentez

Fuentez was honored with quinceanera on July 17

Georgiana Carisa Fuentez was honored with a quinceanera on July 17 in the WTC Student Center. Pastor Rosalio Hill officiated. She is the daughter of George A. and Patsy Fuentez of Snyder and the sister of Christopher Fuentez.

Jacob Anthony Gamez, son of Mr. and Mrs. Osiel Gamez Sr. of San Angelo, escorted Miss Fuentez.

The "Royal Quinceanera," honoring Miss Fuentez, a sophomore at Snyder High School, included a noon service, a reception with entertainment by Mariachi Los Guilanes, and a dance at the coliseum.

Miss Fuentez expressed her feelings before God upon becoming a young lady and she thanked Him for her past and her future guidance.

Her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Hilario Fuentez, were Light of Life candle lighters. Music director was Mary Ann Juarez.

The court of honor included Ladies: Valarie Hernandez, Adrianna Hermosillo, Brook Williams, Stephanie Molina, Monique Salinas, Chrissy Hernandez, Blanca Hernandez, Ziporah Peoples, Toni Martinez, Amanda Castillo, Melina Campos, Kristin Casas, Frankie Briseno and Ambre Trusty; and Sirs; Joshua Ortegon, Johnny Alaniz, Brady Cobb, Isaac Flores, Josh Montoya, Tito Alaniz, Tori Peoples, Carlos Martinez, Kenny Alcala, Calib Constancio, Marcus Barboza and Luis Guzman.

A dance was held in her honor at the Scurry County Coliseum with music provided by Mr. Music Man, Joe Hernandez.

Photographs were by Tom Gonzales of Mr. Geez.

Bridal Registry

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and Scott Squiers
Haley Boaz
and Steven Ratliff
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and Mat Powell
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Bridge

By Phillip Alder

	North 08-07-99 ♠ A K Q 6 3 ♥ A Q ♦ Q 10 5 ♣ A K Q	
West ♠ J 8 7 5 4 2 ♥ K 5 ♦ 7 6 ♣ 9 7 6		East ♠ --- ♥ J 10 9 8 6 ♦ K 3 2 ♣ J 10 5 4 2
	South ♠ 10 9 ♥ 7 4 3 2 ♦ A J 9 8 4 ♣ 8 3	

Vulnerable: North-South
Dealer: North

South	West	North	East
		2 ♣	Pass
2 ♦	Pass	2 ♥	Pass
2 ♠	Dbl.	All pass	

Opening lead: ♠ 2

To end, a rarity

By Phillip Alder

To conclude our look at deals from the Spring Nationals in Vancouver, here is a score that I didn't know. What would you expect to be the normal result on this deal, which occurred during the Mixed Pairs? How much does that score? What is the likely outcome in two spades doubled? How much does that score?

Bidding 26-point hands is difficult. In old-fashioned methods, one opened three no-trump. Perfect! Responder hasn't had a chance to open his mouth and already the auction is at the four-level. In the modern tournament game, things are better if one uses an invention of Eric Kokish. After the strong, artificial and forcing two clubs and the two-diamond negative reply, a two-heart rebid by the opener shows *either* a strong two-bid in hearts or a balanced hand with 25 or more points. The responder relays with two spades to ask which. The opener rebids a forcing two no-trump with the balanced hand, anything else with hearts.

In the tournament, most pairs reached six no-trump. With the aid of the two winning red-suit finesses, the declarers took 13 tricks for plus 1470.

In this auction, West unwisely opted to double the two-spade relay. (Her spades were much too weak.) North, Jacqueline Sincoff, passed to say she was happy with the contract. And South, Roger Lord, trusted his partner. With some careful maneuvering, including running the opening spade lead to his 10, declarer collected 12 tricks. What does that score? As if you hadn't guessed: 1470. So Sincoff and Lord got a shared top on the board.

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Fun Facts

Marbles of baked clay have been found in prehistoric caves. The ancient Romans played games with marbles 2,000 years ago.

Barnes, Rodriguez married in double-ring ceremony July 3

Jennifer Susan Barnes became the bride of Michael Chon Rodriguez in a double-ring ceremony at 8 p.m., July 3 at the Glenn Patterson estate.

Charlie Reynolds, justice of the peace, officiated.

Parents of the bride are Pete and Charlotte Wadleigh of Snyder and the groom's parents are Chon and Mary Ann Rodriguez of Snyder.

Vows were exchanged in an outdoor ceremony decorated by Theresa Ragland and Annie Martin, along with the bride. The altar was created using columns, tulle and fresh English ivy wrapped around each column. A glass table between the columns held the couple's unity candle. Two large tropical flower arrangements, created by Faye's Flowers of Big Spring, surrounded the couple. Each arrangement consisted of birds of paradise, antheriums in many colors from white to red, peace lily blooms, dendrobium orchids, protea blossoms, white phaelenopsis, red ginger blossoms, and many tropical fillers.

Stephen Taylor, brother of the bride from Austin, lit candles and guests were seated to music by Sting. Parents and other family members were seated to music by Kenny G. Traditional wedding march was played for the bride's entrance. Mark Rodriguez, brother of the groom from Dallas, served as music coordinator.

The bride was given in marriage by grandmother, Mary Boch from Midland.

The bridal gown, by Lazaro, was sleeveless with a low V-shaped neckline adorned with blue, ivory and pink pearls, clear and periwinkle colored Austrian crystals outlining the top of the bodice. The icy blue gown and the bodice out of brocade with eight layers of tulle comprised the skirt.

Her headpiece was a crown, embellished with the same jewels as the dress bodice. It had a detachable cathedral length veil, also adorned with pearls and Austrian crystal placed throughout. The bride's bouquet of white and pink antheriums, peace lily blooms and white orchids featured a golden heliconia in the center.

Matron of honor was Annie Martin of Edmond, Okla. Leslie Murphy was bridesmaid. Both have been close friends of the bride for several years. Their periwinkle shantung dresses were made by the bride's mother and grandmother. They had European bodices with full flowing skirts. Their bouquets were of yellow and pink snapdragons and white and pink antheriums.

In keeping with tradition, the bride carried her great-grandmother's wedding ring for something old; something new and something blue was her wedding dress; and something borrowed were earrings from Annie Martin.

Other accessories on the bride's table were napkins printed with the bride and groom's names and their wedding date, their toasting glasses and a bottle of champagne.



Mr. and Mrs, Michael Rodriguez

Best man was Brandon Martin of Edmond, Okla. Kevin Winter of Lubbock was groomsman. They have been friends of the groom since grade school. Usher was Stephen Taylor of Austin.

The groom, best man and groomsman wore Somerset Cutaway Tuxes by Ralph Lauren. Their traditional cutaway coats with coachman backs, center vents and self-top collars, were in the color charcoal. They also wore a five-button dove grey vest and striped ascot with a white cotton blend wing collar formal shirt and grey striped, pleated trousers.

The reception, held immediately after the ceremony, featured a table holding the four-layered wedding cake. It had five small cakes serving as the bottom tier. The three single tiers lay on top. The icing was a rolled fondant, marbleized with pink and white. In place of the traditional bride and groom topper, the bride chose a crystal glass to hold flowers that poured over the sides and cascaded the tiers sprinkled with glitter to add sparkle. The cake, created by The Farmers Daughter in Sweetwater, sat on a marble table.

The groom chose his favorite dessert; chocolate dipped strawberries, instead of a cake.

Each guest was given a flower bulb wrapped in purple and lace satin tied with a gold ribbon. The bulbs are to be planted this fall to remind guests of the couple's special day when the flowers bloom in the spring.

Their honeymoon trip was to Kona and Honolulu, Hawaii for nine days and then to San Francisco for four days.

The couple lives in Snyder where the groom is employed at the family owned business, Spanish Inn.

The bride, a 1993 Snyder High School graduate, is pursuing an associate of science degree in dental hygiene at Howard College in Big Spring. She will graduate in May, 2000.

A 1989 graduate of SHS, the groom attended Southwest Texas State University.

Mr. and Mrs. Rodriguez were honored at a dance on July 17 at the Dora Roberts Community Center in Big Spring, celebrating their marriage. Wedding photos by Tom Gonzales of Mr. Geez.

Scurry County Library News & Views

Scurry County Library has moved the Large Type edition books. The staff is expanding the Adult Fiction section to make it easier to select fiction books.

The Large Type editions are located on the opposite side of the shelves where the new books are kept. This section now has room to expand.

During the summer months, thanks to a volunteer, the library has been able to add a large number of romance paperbacks. The paperback racks have been moved over into the adult reading room. Racks are spread out to allow easier access, and some paperbacks have also been added to other sections.

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STORYTIME

Storytime for 4- and 5-year-olds has been moved to Wednesday mornings. Storytime will begin at 10 a.m. and will feature stories, crafts, fingerplay activities, as well as occasional puppet shows.

We ask that parents remain in the building while their children are in the Storytime room.

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LIBRARY HOURS

10 a.m. to 6 p.m. — Mon., Wed., & Fri.

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Special Thanks to my beloved parents, relatives, and friends who generously made my Quinceanera a special day.
Giana

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Willmon, Williams pledge vows in Levelland church

LEVELLAND — Keely Ann Willmon and Nathan David Williams were married at 6:30 p.m. on April 24 in the First Baptist Church in Levelland. Pastor Steve Vernon performed the double-ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Kenny and Debra Willmon of Levelland and the bridegroom is the son of Eddie and Cathy Williams Snyder.

Angela Ward, cousin of the bride, registered guests.

The sanctuary featured four white-lighted columns surrounded by tulle, greenery and twinkling lights. A spiral candelabrum flanked each outside column with cascading ivy and tulle flowing into a tree candelabrum atop a white column surrounded by green plants. The center isle was adorned with pew candles draped in white tulle and green ivy.

Given in marriage by her parents, the bride wore a gown of lustrous satin and embroidered organza. The gown had delicate spaghetti straps and a back corselet tie. The skirt was made of re-embroidered organza and featured four satin ribbons around the skirt with a slight blush train. Three layers of illusion fell from a satin and rhinestone tiara for the brides' veil. The bride's bouquet featured fresh white sweetheart roses, stephanotis and freesia.

Following tradition, for something old the bride carried a handkerchief in her bouquet belonging to her great-grandmother that was carried by the bride's mother and the bride's sister in their weddings. The bride's dress and veil served as something new. For something borrowed, Keely wore her sister's pearl earrings. For something blue, she wore a blue crystal attached to her garter.

The bride also carried a sixpence in her shoe, given to her by her grandmother.

Longtime friend, Brittney Hall, was maid of honor; bridesmaids were sisters Kimbra Quinn of Levelland and Kari Willmon of College Station. Other included Jaime Freeman of Lubbock, Amy Williams of Austin and Trana Shannon of Lubbock. Bridesmaids wore long dresses of lilac satin with a blush train. They carried hand tied bouquets of fresh yellow roses, lilac and freesia.

Mikalie Cowart, cousin of the bride from Lubbock, served as flower girl. She wore an ankle length dress made of white eyelet lace with a headpiece made of lilac, yellow and pink flower pompadour. Ring bearer Jacobb Henslee, cousin of the groom, escorted her down the aisle. He was attired in a black tuxedo and a black bow tie.

The groom wore a Fumigali black tuxedo with a black and silver Perry Ellis silhouette vest and a banded collar shirt accompanied by black and silver button covers.

Serving as best man was Eddie Williams, father of the groom from Snyder.

Groomsmen were Devon Cox of College Station, Trenton Cox and Brandon Cox of Austin, and Kedon Collins of Austin. They wore black Neil Allan tuxedos with black silhouette vests and bow ties.

Pianist Carolyn Abbott and saxophonist Jackie Howard provided prelude music.

Grandparents and parents were seated to the piano and saxophone playing "Aidlovis" from the "Sound of Music." Jim and Anita Snead sang "Our Love" as Mr. Snead played the guitar. As the couple lit the unity candle, "I Will Be Here" was played and sung by groomsman Devon Cox. The bridal party exited the altar area down the aisle to "This Will Be An Everlasting Love."

Guests were greeted at the reception to piano music by Carolyn Abbott. Tables decorated with floor length white cloths draped in white tulle with gold, lilac and pink ribbon, centered with candles.

The bride's table was featured in the center of the room dressed with a white brocade cloth, and featured a rectangle four layer strawberry, chocolate and white cake that was decorated with white swags and tassels. Fresh yellow roses and lilacs separated each layer. It was made designed by Charly and Brenda Jordan of Levelland. Serving was Angela Ward, cousin of the bride.

The groom's table featured individual four-inch cheesecakes served with fresh strawberry, cherry, hot fudge and praline sauces, all prepared by the groom's mother. Coffee was served from a silver service attended by Kaci and Kaili Hill.

Guests also enjoyed a buffet of meatballs, fresh strawberries and cookies, served by Michelle Boggs and Julie Rogers.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at the Levelland Country Club. Music was provided by "Cow Jazz." The room was decorated with silver candelabra, candlelight and balloons. The couple left the reception under a shower of confetti and sparklers to a honeymoon in Jamaica.

Bridal Courtesies

The couple was honored with a bridal shower in the home of Linda Johnson on March 6 and on March 13 an engagement party and shower was held at the Jack Greene Park in Snyder, complete with a chuck wagon dinner and dance.

A lingerie party was given in the home of Brittney Hall in Lubbock on April 22, and a linen shower was given to the couple in Austin.



Mr. and Mrs. Nathan David Williams



FORMER RESIDENT MARRIES — Mr. and Mrs. Robbie J. Wright are at home in Lubbock following their marriage May 22 at Broadview Baptist Church in Lubbock. Mrs. Wright will be teaching music at Harwell Elementary School. Mr. Wright is employed by Tech and will graduate in May, 2000. The bride is the daughter of Ronnie and Rosanna Wade of Andrews, formerly of Snyder and Hobbs, N.M. She attended Snyder schools until December of 1991 and graduated from Hobbs High School. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Hopper of Snyder and Mr. and Mrs. J.B. Wade of Roscoe. The groom is the son of Rob and Debbie Wright of Richland Hills. He graduated from Richland Hills High School in Fort Worth. (Contributed Photo)

Local United Way training session set for Monday 6 p.m. at Pennzoil

Glenn Cochran, director of Lubbock's United Way, will lead a local training session for Scurry County United Way members at 6 p.m. Monday in preparation of this year's local campaign. The meeting will be held at Pennzoil, on CR 1611, across from Halliburton.

Scurry County has set its official kick off luncheon on Sept. 9 at the Martha Ann Woman's Club.

Officers include Dr. Bryan Cave, president; Kent Wright, first vice president; Carter Wiggins, second vice president; Gary Landes, treasurer; Leslie Cooley, secretary; and executive secretary, Zola Schlegel.

Division chairman have been appointed to include Marsha Lovelady, oil and gas; Bill Dryden, commercial; Dr. Bryan Cave, professional; Barbara McGee, financial institutions; Jeanne Johnson, city employees; Chloanne Lindsey, county employees; Wilma Dillard, hospital; Gayle Lomax, educational; and Ed Barkowsky, WTC and state employee campaign.

Training is for all workers and anyone interested in the United Way.

Agencies affiliated with UW are Snyder Child Day Care Center, Boys and Girls Club, Noah Project-West, West Texas Girl Scouts, Buffalo Trail Council of Boy Scouts, Snyder Area Council on Alcohol & Drug Abuse, the Food Cupboard and West Texas Area American Red Cross.

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Defensive Driving Course set Monday and Tuesday evenings 6 to 9 p.m.; community room of Texas Savings Bank, 27th & College Ave.; no reservations are needed and for more information call 573-2850.

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

Manic Depression (Bipolar) support group; Family Life Community Church, 904 26th Street; 7 p.m.

American Legion Layne Kite Post 181 and Auxiliary; 7;30 p.m.

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

Nuestra Vueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; 8 p.m.

TUESDAY

Plainview Family Community Education Club; 2 p.m.

Weight Watchers; Trinity United Methodist Church, 5200 Trinity Blvd.; for more information call for Nathalie at 573-0015; 5 p.m. weigh-in.

Snyder Shrine Club; call 863-2702 for meeting place; 6 p.m.



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Senior Center Menu

Monday

Steak fingers w/gravy, mashed potatoes, okra & tomatoes, mixed fruit, coconut cookie

Tuesday

King Ranch chicken, peas and carrots, French fried rounds, cucumber onion salad, apple crisp

Wednesday

Roast beef w/gravy, potatoes au gratin, tomatoes w/croutons, pineapple cheese salad, peanut butter chewies

Thursday

Goulash, green beans, vegetable sticks, spiced peaches, spice cake

Friday

Fried fish, French fries, Harvard beets, carrot raisin slaw, coconut pudding

Senior Center News

The J.B. Tate Sr. Memorial Pool Tournament will begin Monday, featuring an "8" Ball partnership. Each match will be the best two out of three.

Partnerships will be determined by draw at 10 a.m. Monday. All Scurry County senior men and women are encouraged to join the fun. If you can't attend the 10 a.m. draw, call Pamela Fenton at 573-4035 to register.

Care Check, a free telephone program offered through Snyder Healthcare, has generated quite a bit of interest.

Participating seniors are contacted on a daily basis through the program. Registration forms are available at Snyder Healthcare and the Senior Center. For more information, call 573-6332 or 573-4035.

In addition to the "Care Check," there is the Life-Line Emergency Response Units. This program is recommended for seniors living alone.

For instance, if a senior falls at home or in the yard, they can activate the response button to receive assistance from a friend, a neighbor, or the police. Call the center for more information.

The West Texas Rehab Audiology Unit visits Snyder once a month and is stationed in the Senior Center parking lot. For appointments, call 1-800-460-5485.

Several newcomers have dropped by the center. All seniors are encouraged to join the daily activities, join the choir or the Kitchen Band and volunteer.

Thanks to a volunteer army, the center is able to offer a variety of activities. The success of many of the programs is due to the efforts of volunteers and new programs are often suggested by seniors.

Senior volunteers are busy throughout the community; but there is always a need for more volunteers for a wide range of activities. Call 573-4035 to volunteer.

Swimnastics is cancelled until after Western Texas College registration Aug. 25-26. The new schedule for the fall swimnastics will be announced as soon as registration is completed and the lifeguard schedules are set.

Monday

Bridge play begins at 9:30 a.m. and daily exercise at 11 a.m.

Tuesday

88 play begins at 10 a.m. and the Golden-K Kiwanis meet at noon. Social Security agents will be at the center from 10 a.m. to noon and from 1-2 p.m.

Wednesday

The Kitchen Band will be entertaining at Snyder Oaks at 10 a.m. and Anne Gregory will be playing the piano in the dining room at 11:30 a.m. Advisory board will be meeting at 11:30 a.m. Line dancers will practice at 1 p.m. and cloggers at 2 p.m.

Thursday

Game night begins at 6 p.m. All seniors are invited to participate. Bridge, 88 dominoes and pool are available. Bridge players are encouraged to have a full table so that everyone can participate. Seniors are welcome to bring other games they might prefer, such as Skip-Bo, Uno, Spinner, etc.

Friday

The blood pressure clinic and bridge begin at 9:30 a.m. 88 play begins at 10 a.m., exercise at 11 a.m. and the Sing-a-long at 11:30 a.m.

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Patterson Drilling Co., 1999 GMC pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Eddie and Samuel Beal, 1999 Pontiac from Big Country Autoland.

Price Construction, 1999 Chevrolet truck from Big Country Autoland.

Lynx Energy Co., 1999 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

James T. and Euras Beckham, 1999 Mercury from Wilson Motors.

Dennis and Jana Young, 1999 Chevrolet Suburban from Big Country Autoland.

Larry Nachlinger, 1999 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Marriage License

Louis Scott Squiers and Monica Susanne Rosson, both of Lubbock.

Filed in District Court

Kim Burnett and Company vs. Elizabeth A. Martin, suit for foreclosure.

Bobby Garza vs. Sheriff Darren Jackson and Scurry County Jail, suit for injury.

Sears, Roebuck and Co. vs. John R. Rodriguez, suit on sworn account.

Action in District Court

Colonial Pacific Leasing Corporation, dba GE Capital Colonial Pacific Leasing Corporation vs. R.L. Tomlinson Inc., dba Everybody's Thriftway, Ronnie Tomlinson and Mike Tomlinson, order granting motion for non-suit with prejudice.

Providian National Bank vs. Mel Heard, order of dismissal.

Deed Records

Richard W. and Patricia L. Anderson to Donovan G. and Billie J. Latimer, Lot 3 in Block 1 of the Bassridge Addition.

Russell Jones to Gloria Ford, the north one-half of the west 100 feet of Lot 3 in Block 74 of the Original Town of Hermleigh.

Gloria Ford to Kim Palacios, tract one being Lots 9 and 10 in Block 25 of the Bootheland West Addition; tract two being Lots 1 and 2 in Block 38 of the Cody Heights Addition.

Becky Harrell Hale to Jimmy C. and Judy M. Hale, Section 148, Block 2, H&TC survey.

Jimmy C. and Judy M. Hale to Jimmy Van Hale, custodian for

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Minding Your Own Business

By Don Taylor



Learning from or living with failure: It's your choice

(Last of a two-part series)

Last week I discussed failure and told you that you have a choice when you fail. You can learn from your mistakes and go on to bigger and better things or, you can decide to wallow in your failures and drown in your own self-pity.

This column is devoted to those of you who have or are failing, but choose not to be a failure. You are ready to put your failures behind you and get on with your life.

Failure beaters

***Don't quit trying**. I'm not sure I can give you a sure-fire formula for success, but I can give you the guaranteed formula for failure: quit trying.

The great writer and speaker, Og Mandino, said, "So long as there is breath in me, that long will I persist. For now I know one of the greatest principles of success, if I persist long enough I will win." Very often those who achieve great success are those who tried one more time after others gave up.

***Don't make excuses**. Those who fail and try to find someone to blame are always too busy to see the lesson of the game. Don't seek an excuse; reach out for a remedy, seek a solution and look for the lesson.

***Don't look back.** Reliving past mistakes won't change the outcome. What's done is done. Don't focus on past failures or you will sink in the mire of self-doubt.

No one can make much forward progress if they keep looking back. Usually, someone who looks back a lot runs into more trouble up ahead. So let your failure go, and focus on your future.

***Don't pull in, reach out.** Let those you love who are close to you help you absorb the pain of failure. Use them to help you cope with the adversity and get beyond it. Let them help you see the opportunity failure always presents.

I know a professional speaker who was downsized from his job of nearly 25 years. His family encouraged him to pursue his dream of professional speaking. He did, and today he commands daily speaking fees higher than his previously monthly salary.

***Learn from past mistakes**. Failure isn't worthless unless we let the lesson slip away. I still fail. When I do I ask myself two questions. First, how did this situation occur? And, second, what is the lesson I'm supposed to learn from it?

A few years ago I hired an employee who turned out to be a complete and terrible failure at the job. After I convinced the person involved that we weren't going to work this one out, I asked myself just how this happened. In analyzing the problem, I found that I hadn't taken the time to thoroughly invest the employee's background. We needed help, right now and I had taken a stranger's word as truth.

What I learned was the importance of taking time to find the right person for the job. I learned to schedule more than one interview, carefully check references — not just the ones on the resume — and to test for "claimed" skills. I may make other hiring mistakes, but I won't repeat that one.

***Think success.**

Focus on your future,
If there's failure in your past.
Focus on success,
And the failure will not last.

You can be a winner,
You do not have to lose.
So choose to be successful,
Because you have the right to choose.

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Beaver

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ready for college."

She first spoke with Esma Kingston who was the Fluvanna postmaster. "I thought that was something I might like to do."

When she heard that the Gail Post Office needed a clerk, Lynda took the Civil Service exam. She served two years there and when Kingston retired, Lynda was appointed to take her place.

At the time, the post office was located in what is now an old building several doors down from the present facility which was built in 1961.

Lynda had intended to retire in July, but when she became ill in April, she said she used her annual leave and then went ahead and retired last month.

Before her illness, Lynda said she and her husband, James, a stock farmer and retired Mid-West Electric Cooperative director (Now Big County Cooperative) had planned to travel.

That's something they still plan to do after she recuperates, Lynda said.

Something she and her husband both enjoy is round dancing. They participate in a club that meets weekly. She said they have been doing that as long as she worked for the postal service.

The Beavers have two sons who are also stock farmers in Fluvanna and four grandsons. David and his wife, Margaret, have two sons, Monte and Lance. They also own MD Laundry in Snyder.

Steve and his wife, Becky, also have two sons, Cody and Chad.

Scurry County Service Men & Women

(Editor's Note: Citizens are invited to write their servicemen and servicewomen stationed stateside and overseas. Anyone having additions, changes or corrections to the list should submit them in writing to the Snyder Daily News, P.O. Box 949, Snyder, TX, 79550, or bring them by the office at 3600 College Ave. Sorry, no addresses will be accepted over the telephone.

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Poll reveals memories of Watergate fading

WASHINGTON (AP) — Most Americans think President Nixon's actions 25 years ago in the Watergate scandal were serious enough to merit his resignation, according to a new Associated Press poll that also showed memories of the scandal are fading.

The poll, conducted by ICR of Media, Pa., found that more than 60 percent said Nixon made the right decision when he became the only president to quit. But about a quarter of the people, and more than one-in-three Republicans, said the charges stemming from Watergate were not serious enough to merit his resignation.

Baby boomers, those between 35 and 54 years old, were most likely to say the charges against Nixon were serious enough to drive him from office. They also were the generation most critical of the 37th president's policies concerning the war in Vietnam.

The overall numbers were about the same in a poll taken in the days after Nixon resigned, on Aug. 9, 1974, at the height of a scandal that dominated television news programs and newspaper front pages for months. In 1982, the number saying resignation was the right step reached about 75 percent and has eroded slowly. About half in the latest poll think President Clinton's actions were about as serious or worse, but he survived efforts to impeach him.

People's expectations for their leaders have changed since Nixon resigned, said Heather Rawlings, a 22-year-old student and human resources worker from Colorado Springs, Colo.

"Politicians are seen as extremely corrupt today, while in the 1970s they were seen as moderately corrupt," she said, noting political corruption is constantly reported in the media and is a frequent topic for comedians.

"People feel like: 'They're corrupt, no biggie,'" she said.

While opinions about Nixon have remained relatively stable over the years, the poll found that only four of every 10 people think they know enough about Watergate to tell others about it. Men were nearly twice as likely as women — 52 percent to 28 percent — to say they could recount the basic facts of the case.

"It may have to do with the stubbornness of men," said Dan Soulas, vice president of ICR. "They don't want to admit they're not aware of something as newsworthy as Watergate was. It's purely a factor of their gender."

The telephone survey of 1,012 adults was conducted July 28 to Aug. 1 and has a margin of error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

Other findings included:

—People were divided over whether Watergate was a serious matter that revealed corruption in the White House (48 percent) or was "just politics" (45 percent). Although only 40 percent of Republicans said it was a serious matter, more than half of GOP voters said Nixon's resignation was warranted.

Q & A

What are hallucinogens?

(In response to a growing concern among parents, educators and other members of the community, Snyder Daily News, in cooperation with Al-Anon support groups and the Snyder Area Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, is devoting this column to your questions about the increasing threat of substance abuse.)

What are hallucinogens?

Hallucinogens or psychedelics are mind-altering drugs which affect the mind's perceptions, causing bizarre, unpredictable behavior and severe, sensory disturbances that may place users at risk of serious injuries or death. The combination of hallucinogens with other substances, like alcohol or marijuana, can increase the chances of adverse effects and risk of overdose as well.

What are the different types of hallucinogens? LSD or acid is one of the most common, well-known hallucinogens. Psilocin or Psilocybin mushrooms, Mescaline, Morning Glory seeds, Jimson weed, and DMT are less common psychedelics with effects similar to LSD. PCP and Ketamine are dissociative anesthetics with hallucinogenic properties. Ecstasy is a hallucinogenic stimulant related to methamphetamine and Mescaline.

Why do people use hallucinogens? Individuals may use hallucinogens for the mind-altering effects, the visions, and feelings of well being. They may also seek the approval of their peers, stress reduction, or rebellion against authority. Some may use hallucinogens to achieve so-called states of heightened mental awareness.

What are hallucinogens' physical effects? The effects of hallucinogens are widely unpredictable depending on the potency, dose, the user's mood, surroundings, and personality. The first effects may be felt within 30-90 minutes, and last 12 hours depending on the type and amount of drug taken. Individuals under the influence may have dilated pupils, increased heart rate and blood pressure, incoherent speech, sweating, loss of appetite, sleeplessness, dry mouth, and tremors. Users that combine drugs or overdose can go into convulsions, coma, or experience heart and lung failure. They may even die.

What are hallucinogen's emotional effects? Hallucinogens have a profound effect on the mind by altering sensations and emotions. Users may feel several different emotions at once or experience dramatic mood swings. These drugs can cause sensory disturbances, such as delusions and hallucinations. They may also allow users to "hear" colors and "see" sounds. Users may even experience flashbacks up to a year thereafter, where they feel the drug's effects without taking more of the drug.

What are the long-term effects? Research has shown changes in the mental functions of some chronic LSD users, but it is not known whether those changes are permanent or if they will disappear after use is stopped. Some users develop signs of brain damage affecting memory, attention span, mental confusion, and difficulty thinking. Chronic PCP users report memory and speech difficulties, as well as hearing sounds and voices that do not exist. PCP-induced mental disturbances may be temporary or may last for days or weeks. Researchers have found that Ecstasy may cause long-term brain damage because it is toxic to neurons.

Is it possible to become addicted? Although most hallucinogens do not normally cause addiction, persons using the drugs do build tolerance quickly, requiring larger amounts of the drug to get "high." The risks of adverse reactions and overdose increase as users take larger amounts of the drug to get high. PCP or Ketamine, on the other hand, may cause dependence, an intense craving for more of the drug.

How long do hallucinogens remain in the body? LSD has a half-life of four hours, and most of the drug is eliminated rather quickly. PCP, on the other hand, can be detected in the urine from 1-7 days for a single use, much longer for chronic use. Ecstasy can be detected up to four days in the urine.

Are adolescents at-risk? Adolescents are particularly at risk of adverse reactions from hallucinogen use as they enter puberty, a time of rapid physical and emotional changes. Hallucinogens are particularly dangerous because the effects are so unpredictable. They can cause violent behavior in some and suicidal tendencies in others. As memory, perception, and judgment are clouded under the influence, users are at risk of severe injuries, overdose, and death from drowning, burns, falls, and car accidents. Sometimes, hallucinogen use can uncover severe mental disorders, such as schizophrenia or severe depression.

What can parents and communities do? Before reaching adolescence, youth need to receive the support, guidance, and opportunities to develop healthy bonds with parents, schools, and communities. Parents can help by becoming informed and talking to their teenagers about drug use. Participation in extracurricular activities, the expression of parental disapproval of using drugs, and parental attendance at school events are associated with less drug experimentation. Communities can help by decreasing the availability of drugs, promoting drug-free homes.

In Speaking with the local law enforcement we were advised that there had been some arrests here in Snyder associated with hallucinogens. None were linked to PCP or LSD but there were some arrests made for Mushroom or "Shrooms". This doesn't mean that the others aren't here.

Please send your questions on drugs or addiction to P.O. Box 695, Snyder, Texas 79550. All questions and personal inquires may be submitted anonymously. Twenty-four-hour confidential information is available by calling (915) 573-1141 or 1-800-658-6722. Information on help groups and individual's phone numbers may be found in the SDN Community Calendar.

Feds drop probes of Wilson, Christie

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal authorities have dropped investigations of former U.S. Rep. Charles Wilson and Texas businessman Joe Christie for allegedly taking kickbacks in a CIA-Afghanistan arms deal.

Justice Department spokesman Myron Marlin said Friday that "the investigation into this matter has ended. We have determined that there is insufficient evidence to warrant a criminal prosecution." He offered no further explanation.

Marlin said the investigation ended some time ago. He wouldn't say if Wilson or Christie ever went from subjects of investigation to targets of criminal probes.

Wilson's attorney, Abbe Lowell, told The Dallas Morning News for Friday editions he doesn't believe his client was ever a focus of any investigation.

The investigation was revealed Sept. 17, 1997. Since then, federal authorities were looking into whether the congressman and Christie split as much as $4 million in commissions for persuading Congress to buy antiaircraft weapons for the Afghan rebels in the 1980s.

Wilson was an ally of the Afghan rebels during the 10-year Soviet occupation of Afghanistan.

Ignoring State Department warnings and pleas, he donned Afghan garb and sneaked into the war zone. He decorated his office with photos of the "muj" and their weapons.

Numerous articles and books have documented the role Wilson played in persuading Congress to earmark $40 million for the CIA to give Swiss-made Oerlikon 20mm antiaircraft guns to the Afghan rebels in 1983.

Wilson lobbied his colleagues in secret sessions of the House Defense Appropriations Subcommittee and the House and Senate Intelligence committees. Those who saw the former East Texas Democrat in action said they were mystified by his ardor for the Oerlikon gun.

Using his power as a member of the House Appropriations Committee's subcommittees on defense and foreign operations, Wilson was able to overwhelm the CIA's objections to the Oerlikon gun, partly by trading votes with his colleagues on other matters.

Now 66, Wilson is a registered lobbyist in Washington and has had close ties to Christie, also 66. The two served together in the Texas Senate during the 1970s and Wilson once held stock in one of Christie's several companies.

In a 1995 federal tax case against Dennis M. Neill, court records showed that Christie received and paid taxes on $15 million for brokering arms deals between 1984 and 1989. It was also shown during that case that Neill and Christie shared $25.9 million in commissions on arms sales during the 1980s.

Christie, a native of Rising Star who now lives in Austin, owns or has owned enterprises ranging from oil and gas exploration firms to a company that sells devices to maintain batteries.

Amerikan's family needs met for now

NEW YORK (AP) — The father of the first Albanian Kosovar refugee born in the United States has withdrawn his claim that the family was all but destitute because promises of aid hadn't come through.

Naim Karaliu, father of little Amerikan, whose birth this spring grabbed headlines nationwide, now acknowledges his family's needs had been met for now — income, baby food, and rent for their two-bedroom apartment, The Dallas Morning News reported Friday.

"We have a lot of food — no problem," he told the newspaper through a translator at apartment he shares with his wife, baby and parents. "The problem is, I don't know if I'm going to have enough money later."

The newspaper, in Friday's editions, said Karaliu resented that other refugees seemed to be getting more aid than his family.

The New York Post reported the family's pleas for support Monday. The next day, it reported that United Parcel Service was offering a job to Karaliu, who had complained of neglect by the Refugee Services of North Texas.

The family acknowledged Thursday having had three household incomes when they made their complaints.

Records

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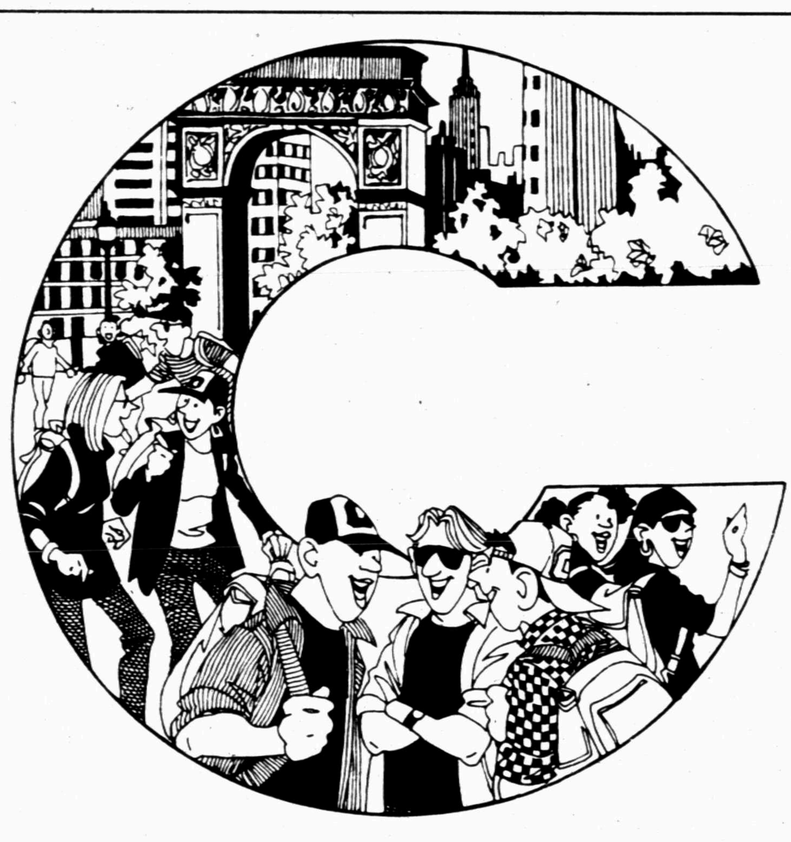
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Letters to the editor

Looking For Something More

Dear Editor:

The recent edition of the Snyder Daily News with the article of the former resident posing nude for Playboy magazine seemed to me to be something less than newsworthy.

Perhaps it was a slow nude day, or I mean news day, but surely there are kids in this area who do things more worthy of publishing than posing in porno magazines.

This reinforces the ideal (sic) that a woman's worth is exhibited only when she is exhibited.

Look for something more uplifting than that for the SDN.

Summer Barnes
Hermleigh

Highly Inappropriate

Dear Editor:

I thought it highly inappropriate that in the Tuesday, Aug. 3 edition of the Snyder Daily News a story concerning a former Snyder student being selected as a Playboy centerfold was given approximately one-third of the front page.

This article commanded page-one attention in our newspaper but I had to turn to page two of the same issue to read in a (2"x2" space) that another former Snyder student graduated — cum laude — from an area university. What message does this send to our children?

Janet Davis

Deep Appreciation

Dear Editor:

The following was such a wonderful happening (or ended up that way anyway).

My car stalled at 37th Street and the street behind the Snyder Daily News and east of the American State Bank shortly after about 1:30 p.m. The temperature was very hot. I had just bought groceries at United including frozen food (quite a lot).

Well, the car did not start ... and I flagged a lady down in a white Suburban. Her name was Elesha. I believe. She told me not to worry about the groceries. She put the groceries in her air conditioned car. She and some helpful young men pushed my car back to behind the SDN. She took me home and we put my groceries up, then she took me back to my car where she made contact with her husband who got my car started and we took it to a mechanic, (the car was vapor locked due to the heat).

The nice people even offered to take me home from there. This couple lives in Abilene. The husband works at United Supermarket there. I believe Elesha's mother lives in Snyder. I thought it was so nice of these people to have been so kind and helpful to me a senior citizen.

There really are a lot of good people left in this old world! With all the horror stories one hears now days it was like a breath of fresh air!

I hope some way, some how, the lovely, nice couple and all those nice young men that helped too, will know of my deep appreciation and this **Thank You**, I am writing.

Betty Kellum

Learn To Listen

Dear Editor:

Volunteers for the Noah Project learn to listen to what people are saying. As one, there is a problem I want to talk about.

We sometimes hear people say "I have heard that story a hundred times, how I can I stop them from telling it again?"

Here is a question if you knew that you were filling a need in that person's life could you listen more easily?

Many stories that are repeated are because of some abuse in their life in the past, whether it is child abuse, spousal abuse or some other type. They must talk about it periodically because it helps them to heal.

We need to listen and comment briefly as they talk. You are special to them because they have chosen you to talk to They do not reveal their secrets to everyone.

We sometimes might want them to stop talking, but if we say so and they do the hurt remains in them. We are a generation that wants to take a Tylenol and make the pain go away, some hurt never goes completely away, but talking to listening people helps so much that they can go on and most of the time live normal lives.

Do we listen to what our children are saying, or what the elderly are saying or even what our friends are saying? When it takes time that we want to do something else. The elderly are sometimes criticized because they talk of the past or repeat conversations. You might handle that li'. I do for my 98-year-old mother-in-law. Her long-term memory is much better than her short-term memory, so if she repeats a story from her past many times — does it matter, it gives us something to talk about. .

Also I will tell her about the grandchildren and she sometimes asks something that I have told her a short time before. I just tell her again as if I have just answered it. I thank God that she is able to carry on a conversation about anything.

I am filling a need in her life. Several of us in Snyder have a friend who we can and do discuss many things with, she discusses many things with us.

We know that we have already discussed some things many times but there is the need to discuss it again. Not everyone is a good listener, thank God she is. To those that have never known any type of abuse be thankful and listen to those that have gone through it.

I had good parents and a loving family. I wish that everyone could have experienced that. Still in my life there is a need to talk to friends, but I am very select to whom I talk to about any problems. Doctors, that treat people with emotional problems, know that without talking there is no healing.

Betty Boyd

Railroaded

Dear Editor:

I have lived in Snyder and Scurry County for most of my life.

I thought we had a fair and impartial judicial system until Aug. 3, 1999 when a friend of mine was railroaded on a trumped up charge that was not a threat to any person living in Snyder or Scurry County.

He did not then nor does he now have any kind of a criminal record. He has served Snyder and Scurry County the last nine years through his profession at Cogdell Memorial Hospital to the best of his ability.

When the honor and prestige of holding an elected office becomes more important than the people that office is supposed to represent, then it is time for the citizens of Snyder and Scurry County to step up and take a look and see if some changes should be made.

Right now it makes me sad that I am part of a community where a person's name and reputation means nothing.

Thank you,

Jerry Surratt

Sending An S.O.S.

Dear Editor:

I'm writing you as a last resort. I fled Lubbock to escape being stalked and possibly the victim again of violence. As I have many injuries I received since 1995 and many police case numbers still in my possession in regards to break-ins and attempted break-ins and criminal mischief.

I took my child, dog and cat and rented a U-haul and fled in a rush to a trailer near here.

The storm, which destroyed the concrete bathrooms at Lake J.B. Thomas, lifted our home and moved it a good 8 feet. Breaking off plumbing underneath and tearing the bottom up.

We fled to our neighbors where we prayed for 5 days. We all decided we could get more help in town.

I've been displaced four times since arriving here. Separated from my son. Now a power surge blew out the rest of the electricity and got our microwave on fire. So my child and pets became homeless and HUD will not permit him to live with me in the 1 bedroom apartment where I wait for help.

I have found the Christ conscious among the town remarkable. We choose to still remain here. Please if I may. Sending out an SOS to our brethren. We have no family other than each other.

Cindy Sparks

Makes You Happy

Dear Editor:

1. I have been run over by a drunk.

2. I have also been run over by your jake-legged cops, and your jake-legged courts.

I had rather dodge the drunks, than the cops and courts.

One stopped me Monday night about 10 p.m. and accused me of violating and breaking 4 laws:

1. I had made a left-hand turn and did not use my turn signal;

2. That I had caused two cars to hit the bar ditch;

3. I littered up the highway with a cigarette butt and;

4. And I was driving too slowly.

After crossing my arms to my heart I took a heart pill, and asked him to give me a ticket and leave me alone. We can settle this in court, but he refused to give me a ticket.

I am too damn mad to explain anymore. So if making me mad makes you happy. You should be happy as hell.

Henry Treat

Clinton Defender

Dear Editor:

I know a lot of people are making noise about the things President Clinton did while in office. Just for the record I would like to point out that he did not do everything the Republicans accused him of.

As it turned out they, the Republicans, got so engrossed in trying to make him into such an ogre they got confused and started accusing him of the things they had done. One thing they could not take away from him was the black ink he managed to bring out of a country that had been mugged and raped for years. Something that has not been accomplished since the last president that had an eye for the ladies. President Clinton returned a lot of the working people's money back to them, and would have returned a lot more had it not been for the money grabbing Republicans.

If you earn less than a hundred thousand dollars a year you had better get everything done before he leaves office. You sure are not going to get any help from any of the group that is heading for the White House now. I honestly believe the Republican Party has fallen off their limb.

The lead Republican headed for the presidency is bought and paid for before he even gets the job.

Big business is buying him in campaign funds, and they do not do that unless they get something back, tenfold. Just like the $800 million dollar tax cut they promised. As greedy as they are they saw where that might be a little much so they are now promising $792 million tax cut, and return some of the money back to the working class. They, the Republicans, are talking a 10 percent across the board tax cut. This would give the working class about one, and maybe for the luckier ones, two dollars a day tax break. Your governor paid $3.4 million to the IRS last year. So a 10 percent cut would mean about a thousand dollars a day break for him.

If they really want to help the working class do something that will help them, they could give a lot bigger cut if they stop the tax cut at $100,000 a year. If you are above that pay scale, all the tax breaks kick in and you all but stop paying taxes anyway.

They should wave taxes on any savings accounts. This only discourages people from trying to save for a better retirement. I drew everything out of every account a few years ago because the crumbs that were paid to me in interest put me in another bracket and the IRS took everything I received in interest, plus. I was being punished for having a savings account. I made more money by keeping it in a Mason jar. Also, why are retired people taxed because they earn enough to move themselves just above poverty? "Never hit a man when he is down, it is easier to kick him." A Republican motto.

They speak with forked tongue when they say they want to save Social Security and at the same time take money earmarked for it and move it to their own pockets. Then spend $40 million trying to dethrone someone whose interest was in all the nation instead of just the rich. Their (the Republicans) high leaders fell to the side while trying. And they were not even investigated. GOP (Greed Over Politics), Usually hangs itself, not always, but it is funny when it does. To further prove the point, look at the raises they gave themselves. It is very obvious they have a different COLA than the one they use for the so-called lower class.

The last Republican we had in the White House said, "read my lips, no new taxes" and it cost the taxpayers billions to bail out one son and all the savings and loans. The front runner now is a chip off the old block and there is no doubt in my mind he has parts of his anatomy he will want read also. But while you are reading it just remember the last time and keep your hand on your wallet.

All I can say is if you are tired of working, buying new vehicles and making house payments, by all means vote GOP. Then sit back and watch their assets grow. It is second only to Microsoft.

Omer Pointer
Snyder, Texas



Country Life

by Deanie Francis Mills

One of the little assignments I gave to myself this year, after both my kids left home, was to try and learn how to fall in love with the country all over again.

It was especially hard after our beloved old horse, Sox, who was thirty years old, finally died last spring. We had had Sox since before we were married, literally. He'd been a part of our home and a cherished member of our family from the very beginning. And when he was gone, those barns and pens just seemed haunted to me. It was so hard, in fact, that I'm only now even able to mention his passing here.

I think one of the hardest things about your kids all leaving home, too, is the sudden cessation, not just of energy and noise around the house, but of activity.

For years you literally drive your kids all over the country, and even once they get their own vehicles, you still drive all kinds of places to watch them do stuff. We still do it, of course. We drive down to their college campuses to watch them do stuff, but it is not the same weekly or even daily ritual that it was for so many years.

And of course, in my case, my husband travels a great deal and I work out of a home office. No neighbors. No traffic noises. You talk about quiet. Man.

This is a great big life passage for all of us. In fact, Dr. James Dobson mentioned recently that the 25-year mark is an exceptionally vulnerable one for divorce. Couples who've been preoccupied with raising kids all those years sometimes suddenly find themselves facing a virtual stranger across the breakfast table, if they even eat breakfast together. (As one of my New York writer friends put it after divorcing her husband of 25 years, "My parents were dead and my kids had left home. If I was ever going to do it, this was the time.")

But in the country, I think this time of life can be especially poignant. For one thing, country families tend not to be quite as involved in community activities as town families are. They go to church, but you're not as likely to see them in civic organizations and so forth. The extent of their community involvement is many times tied to their children's activities. Once the kids are gone, they very often tend to drop out of sight.

The past few years have been even more difficult because of the terrible drought that forced many country families to sell off livestock. So then, it seems, the house is empty and also the barn. You get to wondering: What are we doing out here?

I decided that I'd been cooped up in the house too much, working, for years and years. So I started to take my camera and go on long hikes across country. I've photographed this place beneath the snow and when wildflowers are blooming and when the fields are rust-red and fresh-plowed. I take the pictures and put them into little clear frames and set them up all over the house. I even put some in frames with magnets that attach to the refrigerator. I make copies and send them to the kids so they won't forget where they came from.

Still, I get cranky quicker these days, I guess, because the kids used to make me laugh out loud at least once a day. Without them here to balance my mean old cynical self, I can start going around like Oscar the Grouch. And mornings? They're the worst because I'm a night owl by nature and think mornings ought to be declared illegal. My husband is a morning person and, I strongly suspect, a Communist as well.

So when he came to get me the other morning to look at something outside, I was suspicious.

It was a moonset. But not just any old moonset. There was a lunar eclipse going on at the same time. The harvest moon was huge and fat and pink, its edges blurred off by the eclipse. The lavender sky was soft, soft as the fuzzy down of a newborn baby's blanket. You could hear the Bobwhites calling to one another in their plaintive low-high whistle.

I sank onto the porch swing and watched as the big rosy moon dipped lower over the western ridge even as the eclipse smudged out more of it. Kent stood quietly beside me. The whole world seemed to hold its breath.

I said, "Remember when we were first married, before the kids came along? We used to do stuff like this all the time. We had the time to do it then. We'd sit outside on the tailgate of the pickup and watch the sun go down while you picked at your guitar and I played with the dogs."

Yes, he remembered.

Somehow, we just got used to being busy.

That morning helped me fall in love all over again. With my husband, certainly, who was not too busy to notice the early morning eclipsed moonset, but with the country as well. If you will allow it, the country will teach you to slow down.

It will remind you why we're here in the first place.

SDN letters policy

Letters to the editor must be signed and must give the address of the writer. Letters should be of reasonable length. the newspaper reserves the right to refuse letters if they contain libelous material or information deemed in poor taste.

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Letters to be published the weekend edition must be submitted no later than noon Thursday.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Gasoline additives

Fort Worth Star-Telegram

Trading air pollution for water problems isn't the best bargain. When some laboratory concocts a type of gasoline that pollutes neither water nor air, the world will stampede the path to its door.

In the meantime, one partial remedy to air pollution emitted by gasoline-powered engines is about to go the way of the dinosaurs. Methyl tertiary butyl ether, a.k.a. MTBE, has fallen from grace with the Environmental Protection Agency.

Because of the findings of an advisory panel appointed by the EPA, the agency has asked Congress to rescind legislation that requires oil companies to add MTBE to gasoline in some states. The report of the Blue Ribbon Panel on Oxygenates and Gasoline indicates that MTBE infiltrates ground water and poses a threat to drinking water.

Those states where the "re-formulated" gasoline containing MTBE would no longer have to be sold are Texas, California, Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Maryland, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Virginia and Wisconsin.

Congress, at the urging of the EPA, passed the legislation in 1990 that requires gasoline that is reformulated to contain more oxygen to be sold in areas with severe air pollution problems.

Although the EPA has called for widespread reduction of the use of MTBE, it is insisting that the gains it made possible in air pollution reduction not be lost. That means that refiners will have to use other additives such as ethanol.

The experience with MTBE, which reduces air pollution and exacerbates water pollution, suggests that some thorough research needs to be done into the possible side effects of available additives.

Meanwhile, efforts to improve air pollution controls on automobiles and to produce viable alternatives to gasoline-powered cars should be accelerated.

FHA to propose new limits on truck drivers

WASHINGTON (AP) — For the first time in 60 years, the Federal Highway Administration plans to propose new limits on the number of hours truckers can drive each day.

The agency, in a rule this fall, is expected to force drivers to be off duty for at least 14 hours in a 24-hour period, according to trucking industry sources who spoke Friday on condition of anonymity.

Currently, truckers are limited to 10 hours behind the wheel in one stretch. They then must stop driving for eight hours. After that, they can resume driving for up to 10 more hours.

At least one experienced driver thinks the current system is fine.

"It's too much time away from driving," Larry Conrad, who has hauled pretzels and potato chips for 39 years for the Bachman Co. of Reading, Pa., said of the proposal.

Speaking from a truck stop along Interstate 68 in Keysers Ridge, Md., Conrad said: "Too many people sit in their ivory towers. They should get out on the road and travel a little bit." Conrad says he averages 100,000 miles a year.

The Federal Highway Administration contends that if truckers are ordered off the road for 14 hours in a 24-hour period, it will improve the chances they get at least eight hours of sleep during their down time, the sources said.

Gail Shibley, spokeswoman for the highway administration, refused to discuss the specifics on Friday, pending release of the rule.

Last year, 5,302 people were killed in truck-related accidents on the nation's highways, according to preliminary figures from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

That is a slight drop from 1997 and part of a trend in which the truck-related highway fatality rate has been falling, despite increased trucking mileage brought on by cheaper gas and an increase in next-day business deliveries.

Nonetheless, more than 3 percent of the truck-related accidents were caused by drowsy truckers, and there has been talk for years about ways to improve truck safety.

The current rules on driving time took effect in 1939.

Just this week, Congress and the Clinton administration unveiled competing truck-safety legislation.

The nation's largest truckers group, the American Trucking Associations, questioned the highway administration's proposal. It sent a letter to the agency Thursday asking it to explain the science behind its proposal, if any was used.

"We have a proposal that we will be offering, but we are putting it to the scientific test now," said Mike Russell, the group's spokesman.

He said the ATA's proposal, which could be announced as early as September, will focus less on the number of hours worked and more "on the number of hours of rest and the quality of the rest."

Shibley said that when the highway administration announces its final rule, "it will be science-based" and grounded "on the reality of circadian rhythms and body science."

Gene Baldwin, safety director at Gulf Coast Transport Inc., a 150-truck hauling firm in Sunnyvale, Texas, said a fruitful step may be getting adequate areas for drivers to rest. In many states, rest stops are being closed after hours for safety reasons or truckers cannot stop there for more than two hours at a time.

"Where the drivers take their rest is sometimes more important than how much rest they get," Baldwin said.

Hillary Clinton decries the invasion of political privacy

ROCHESTER, N.Y. (AP) — Asked about media coverage of Texas Gov. George W. Bush, Hillary Rodham Clinton called Friday for a common standard for coverage of political candidates that would not invade their privacy.

"I don't think it serves our nation or our political process well for people to have every shred of their privacy taken away from them. I don't think that's good and I'm speaking as someone who's been through it so I have some experience in that regard," the first lady said during a campaign stop in Rochester.

Mrs. Clinton, eyeing a Senate run from New York, was responding to recent criticism from some Democrats that presidential candidate Bush isn't being pressed as hard about his background as President Clinton and Mrs. Clinton have been. The first lady refused to say if she felt there was a double-standard at work.

Mrs. Clinton did say she felt "we ought to take a step back and take a deep breath and say to ourselves, 'You know, politics is the way we make public decisions about the public good."

The first lady's comments came as New York Gov. George Pataki called on New York City Mayor Rudoplh Giuliani to get into the Senate race. That seemed aimed at short-circuiting a possible Republican primary between Giuliani and Rep. Rick Lazio.

At the end of a forum on school-to-work programs in Rochester, Mrs. Clinton ducked a reporter's question about what strategy she would employ to beat the mayor.

"I'm not campaigning yet. They'll be plenty of time to talk about that. I want to talk about issues that people care about," she said to the applause of the more than 50 people in the audience. At the time, she did not know about Pataki's move.

Later, Howard Wolfson, Mrs. Clinton's spokesman, said "What the Republicans do or don't do is up to them. Mrs. Clinton is going to continue focusing on issues and listening to New Yorkers."

In fact, during her stop in Rochester, Mrs. Clinton said her planned summer-long "listening tour" of New York could extend well into the fall.

"I'm having a really good time doing this and I intend to continue it for some time. There'll be different formats, different settings," she said, adding that she hoped she could "continue it for the foreseeable future. At least those are my plans."

Mrs. Clinton sidestepped a question about Republican claims, in fund-raising appeals, that she was "very liberal."

"I'm not going to get into labels and I'm not going to comment on any Republican campaign tactic," she said.

"We should look instead at what people advocate and what their record is and their ideas are instead of taking labels and trying to have a brain-dead conversation about politics," Mrs. Clinton said.

Later Friday, Mrs. Clinton planned to headline a $500-a-person fund-raising reception in Rochester for Rep. Louise Slaughter.

"I've really been a big fan of hers," the Democratic congresswoman said Thursday. "She's got a great wit and doesn't take herself too seriously."

Nonetheless, Slaughter said Mrs. Clinton is "very polarizing" because "she is a woman of strong convictions."

In fact, Slaughter has not always been a darling of the Clinton administration. In December, as the House prepared to vote to impeach President Clinton, she recommended he resign because "his effectiveness would be reduced."

On Monday, Slaughter also said she didn't think much of Mrs. Clinton's Talk magazine interview in which the first lady for the first time openly discussed her husband's infidelities.

"There is such a Clinton overload that I don't think anybody would feel it necessary for her to explain herself or explain him," Slaughter told CNN television.

NY mayor encouraged to run

NEW YORK (AP) — Seeking to avoid a nasty primary fight, Gov. George Pataki said Friday that Rudolph Giuliani had "earned the right" to be the Republican Senate candidate from New York, and he encouraged the New York City mayor to enter the race as soon as possible.

Pataki, who has had a contentious relationship with Giuliani, said he would ask Rep. Rick Lazio to delay his scheduled announcement of a run for the seat left open by Daniel Patrick Moynihan's retirement.

"In order to win, the Republican Party must be unified behind one strong candidate," Pataki said at a news conference. "I believe that Rudy Giuliani has earned the right to be that candidate."

Giuliani has yet to announce his candidacy for the Senate, but is widely expected to run against likely Democratic candidate Hillary Rodham Clinton.

Pataki's announcement could potentially defuse a primary fight between Giuliani and Lazio — a struggle which could deplete their campaign funds and leave the winner vulnerable to the first lady. Similarly, a unified Republican Party could hurt Mrs. Clinton.

"What the Republicans do or don't do is up to them," said Howard Wolfson, the spokesman for Mrs. Clinton's exploratory committee. "Mrs. Clinton is going to continue focusing on issues and listening to New Yorkers."

"Rick Lazio is an outstanding congressman who is a rising star in our party," the governor said. "I predict great things for him. Nevertheless, I have asked Congressman Lazio to defer his announcement and await the mayor's decision."

Lazio has already said that he will announce his candidacy during the week of Aug. 16. In late July, Lazio spokeswoman Inez Sanzeri said, "Rick is running. He is in this race to win it."

Several Republican leaders, including state Senate Majority Leader Joseph Bruno and Staten Island Borough President Guy Molinari, have encouraged Lazio not to run against Giuliani.

Lazio has said he will not run if Pataki asks him to bow out of the race.

Gore, Bush to address UL

HOUSTON (AP) — It's a don't-miss date for the pacesetters in the 2000 presidential field.

Democrat Al Gore, his rival former U.S. Sen. Bill Bradley and Republican front-runner George W. Bush will take their turns at the podium during next week's National Urban League Conference in Houston.

The four-day conference, slated to open on Sunday, will discuss what direction race relations should take during the 21st century.

About 2,000 delegates have registered for the conference, but organizers say up to 12,000 people may participate in the issue forums, career fair, youth conference and benefit concert by the Temptations.

The Urban League is a New York-based nonprofit organization that seeks to help blacks achieve social and economic equality.

Several other guests from the worlds of politics, business, sports, law enforcement and academia are scheduled to attend, including the Rev. Jesse Jackson, the Rev. Al Sharpton, attorney Johnnie Cochran and Major League Baseball Commissioner Bud Selig.

Session topics will include affirmative action, dispersion of political power, professional sports and police brutality.

National Urban League President Hugh B. Price said the conference's lineup reflects a transitional time in U.S. history.

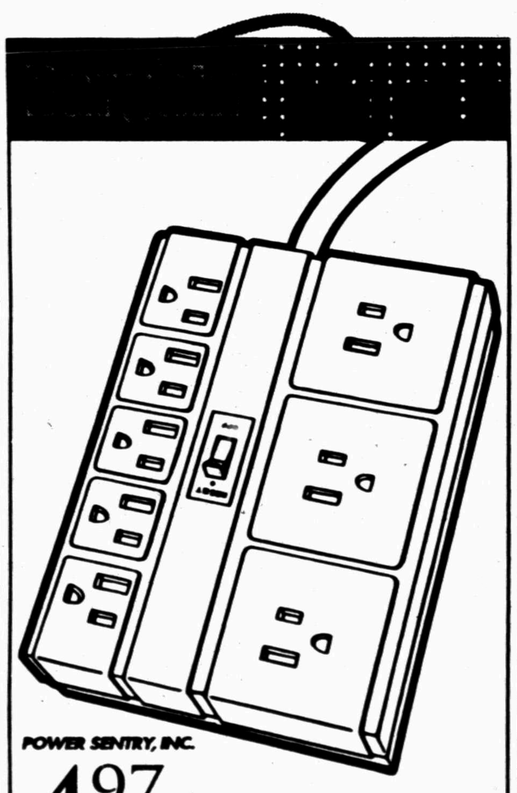
"The year 2000 will be a fateful year for this country," he said "It is a year when we will begin defining as a society our agenda for the next century."

Houston, recently the site of a major Hispanic civil rights conference, was chosen for the Urban League meeting because of its history of inclusion, Price said.

Lee Brown, the city's first black mayor, cited voters' 1997 approval of race- and gender-based preferences in city contracting as a sign to the Urban League that Houston is progressive.

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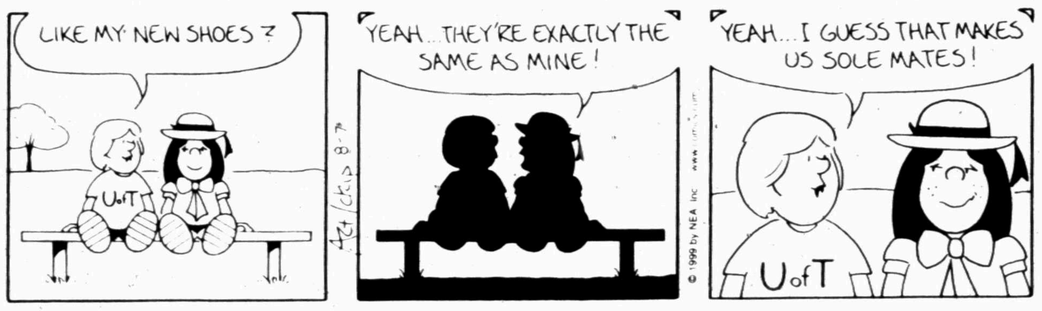
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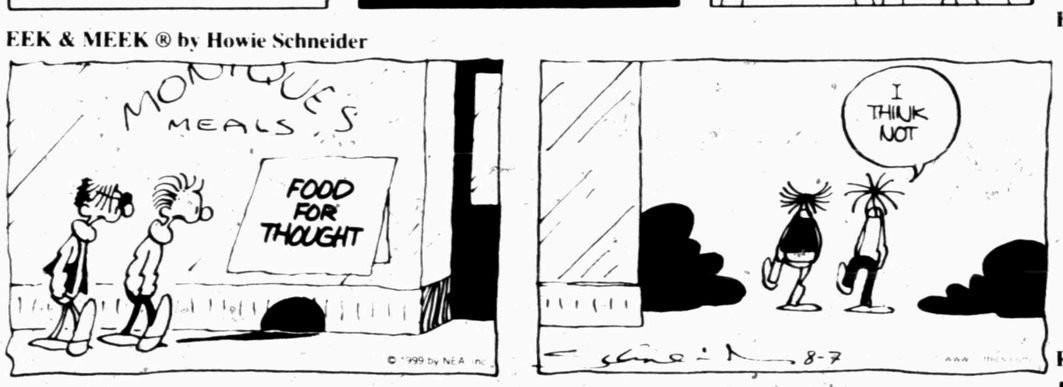
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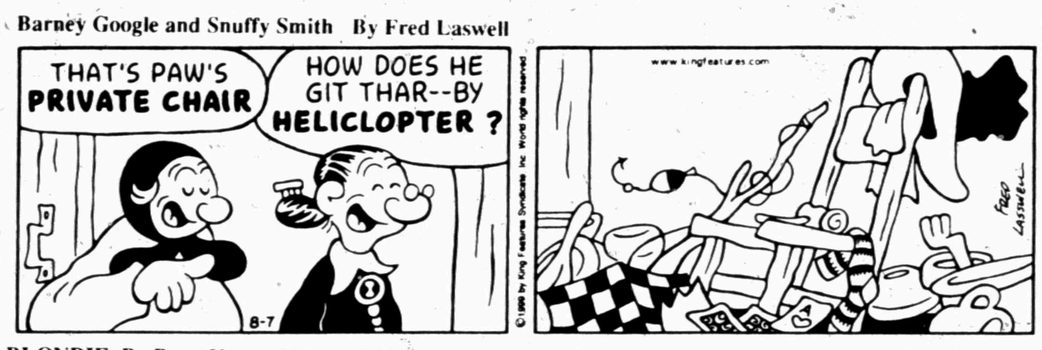
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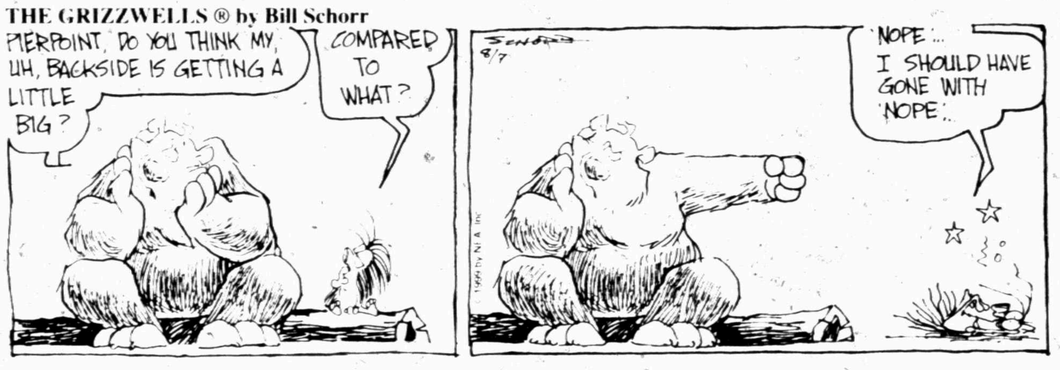
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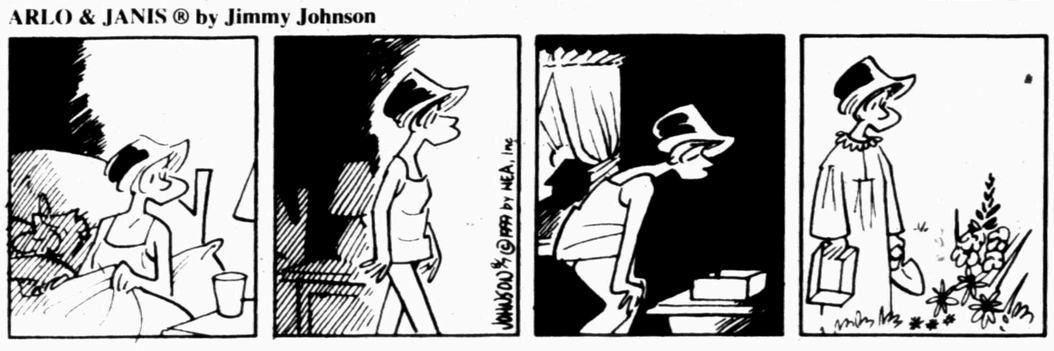
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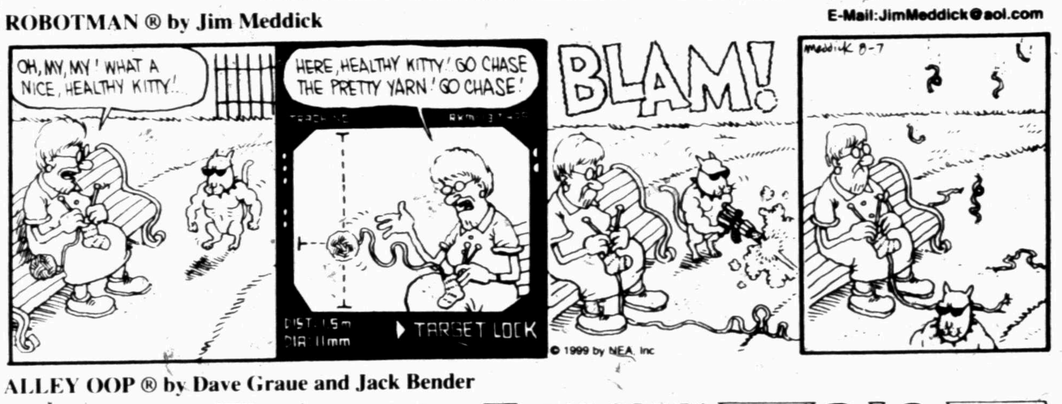
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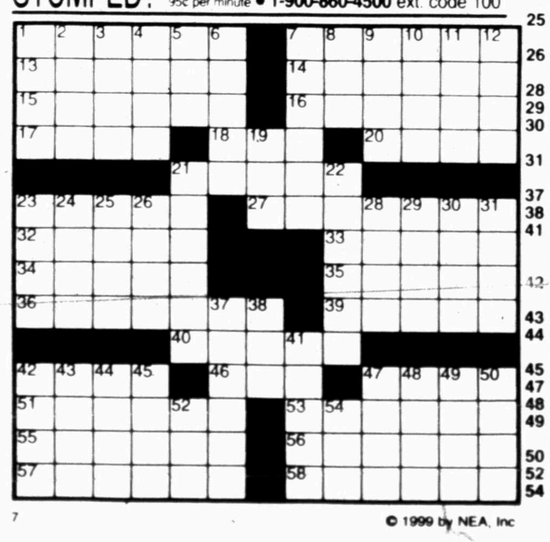
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Hackers strike computer security Web site

WASHINGTON (AP) — In the high-tech equivalent of a thief burglarizing police headquarters, a hacker vandalized a prominent Internet site devoted to computer security using an unusually clever tactic.

The embarrassing electronic assault against the AntiOnline site Thursday occurred days after other hackers altered the Web site for Symantec Corp., whose software is used by millions of consumers to protect against viruses and electronic snoops.

In the latest incident, a hacker using an Internet account in Russia successfully tricked the site's computer to load hidden software code from elsewhere onto one of its own Web pages, called "Eye on the Underground."

The site was fixed just over an hour later, but this week's attacks raised questions about Internet security: If organizations that clearly are aware of potential security problems can't protect their sites, how can the rest of the Internet?

"There is no absolute security," said James Adams, chief executive officer of Infrastructure Defense Inc., which works to protect companies against hackers. "All you can do is try to keep ahead of the game. For anybody to claim they're totally secure, it's not true."

Although the hacker never directly infiltrated AntiOnline's own computers, the hidden code redirected visitors to a Web page with the image of an unblinking eye along with the message "expensive security systems do not protect from stupidity."

"I wouldn't call it sophisticated, but I'd call it clever," acknowledged John "JP" Vranesevich, who runs AntiOnline in Beaver, Pa., a popular site specializing in news about hackers and security.

The affected AntiOnline page was designed to automatically collect and display messages posted to an online discussion group at another Internet site popular among hackers.

But someone using the Internet account traced to Russia slipped hidden computer code into the text of one of those messages, which was then automatically loaded onto AntiOnline's site and sabotaged it.

Adams said Web sites specializing in computer security need to take greater precautions because successful attacks against these computers can carry greater glory among the underground hacking community.

"There are brownie points to be gained," Adams said.

"Do we need better education? Yes," agreed Russ Cooper of NTBugtraq, a popular Internet discussion group about computer security. "Do we need better tools? Yes. Does that mean I'm never going to suffer an attack? No.

"There isn't a piece of software you double-click to set up and it's secure," Cooper said. "You have to have staff and policy, and you have to have monitoring."

Vranesevich, who was demonized by some hackers when he announced over the summer that AntiOnline would help authorities trace and prosecute computer attacks, noted that other Web site operators weren't as vulnerable to the same technique that affected his site.

"We sort of caused it ourselves," he said. "We visit the hacker sites dynamically, and that is the type of scenario your average system administrator probably wouldn't encounter. We're doing things far more obscure."

Child labor treaty on its way to Senate

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Clinton administration has sent to the Senate an international treaty intended to protect children from jobs that expose them to danger or exploitation.

"I urge the United States Senate to support this convention to demonstrate our commitment and enhance our ability to help lead the world in eliminating the worst forms of child labor," said Clinton in a statement Friday.

Administration officials said they sent the treaty to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee late Thursday to begin the ratification process. Treaty matters have caused severe strains in the past between the administration and the committee chairman, Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C.

This time, however, a spokesman for Sen. Joseph Biden of Delaware, the panel's senior Democrat, said Helms joined Biden in passing the word that they would welcome a chance to consider the child-labor treaty.

In June, the Senate passed without opposition a nonbinding resolution, sponsored by Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, stating generally that the U.S. should condemn abusive child-labor practices around the world.

"There's no way to handicap how this is going to go," said Chris Madison, Biden's spokesman, but he added: "We certainly think that this is going to be taken seriously."

Neither Helms nor his staff could be reached immediately for comment.

The Foreign Relations chairman has blocked consideration of a nuclear test ban treaty Clinton signed in 1996. He has threatened to hold up other accords as well, because of a disagreement with the administration over pending updates to antiballistic missile treaties with Russia.

The Clinton administration played a leading role in negotiating the child labor treaty, unanimously approved in June by delegates to the 174-country International Labor Organization, an arm of the United Nations.

The accord would require no changes in U.S. law, a review by the administration and legal experts from the AFL-CIO and the Council for International Business concluded. The council and the union federation are among U.S. representatives to the ILO.

ILO countries must separately ratify the treaty, and President Clinton has urged that the United States set an example.

The treaty targets only the most egregious forms of child servitude, including slavery and debt bondage; the use of children for prostitution, in pornography or illegal activities such as drug trafficking; and particularly hazardous work such as mining.

It also condemns the "forced or compulsory recruitment of children for use in armed conflict" but not voluntary military recruitment of those under 18. The United States is among several countries that allow 17-year-olds with parental approval to join the armed forces.

The treaty urges governments to impose criminal penalties, specify preventive measures and act to help child victims recover through such remedies as free basic education.

Senate consideration of the treaty could not begin before Congress returns from its traditional August recess, after Labor Day. Ratification would require a two-thirds majority vote.

More perks for 'road warriors'

CHICAGO (AP) — Move over, regular Joe. Airlines are making more room for the so-called "road warriors" — business travelers who fly regularly and often pay expensive, last-minute fares.

Among the perks are bigger first-class sections and more leg room in certain rows in economy class.

What does that mean for the deal-seeking budget traveler?

"If they hate it now, they're going to hate it worse later because the airlines ... are making the seats smaller. They're making everything smaller in the back of the bus," said Tom Parsons, editor of Bestfares.com, a Web site that tracks fares and sells tickets. "Airlines are more concerned with taking care of that big-ticket person."

This week, United Airlines introduced a $30 million plan to rip a row of economy-class seats out of each domestic plane to add 4 to 5 inches of leg room for passengers who pay top dollar for economy class tickets.

In other words, it's for the road warriors — who make up 9 percent of United's passenger load but account for a whopping 46 percent of ticket revenues.

"We have a lot of business-class passengers trapped in economy class," said United President Rono Dutta. And they're demanding a higher class of service — mostly, more room to stretch out and maneuver with laptop computers, he said.

Those who track the industry say they are hearing more complaints from passengers. That crankiness has only been exacerbated by labor troubles at American and Northwest airlines and reports of passengers getting bumped frequently by Delta and other airlines.

"Delays are increasing. Complaints are increasing," said Karen Goodwin, editor of Frequent Flyer magazine, based in Oak Brook, Ill. "Service is perceived to be worse."

Parsons, himself an "elite" frequent flyer on several airlines, applauds the attempts to appease flyers who may be paying four to six times as much for an economy ticket as the vacation travelers they've been sitting next to.

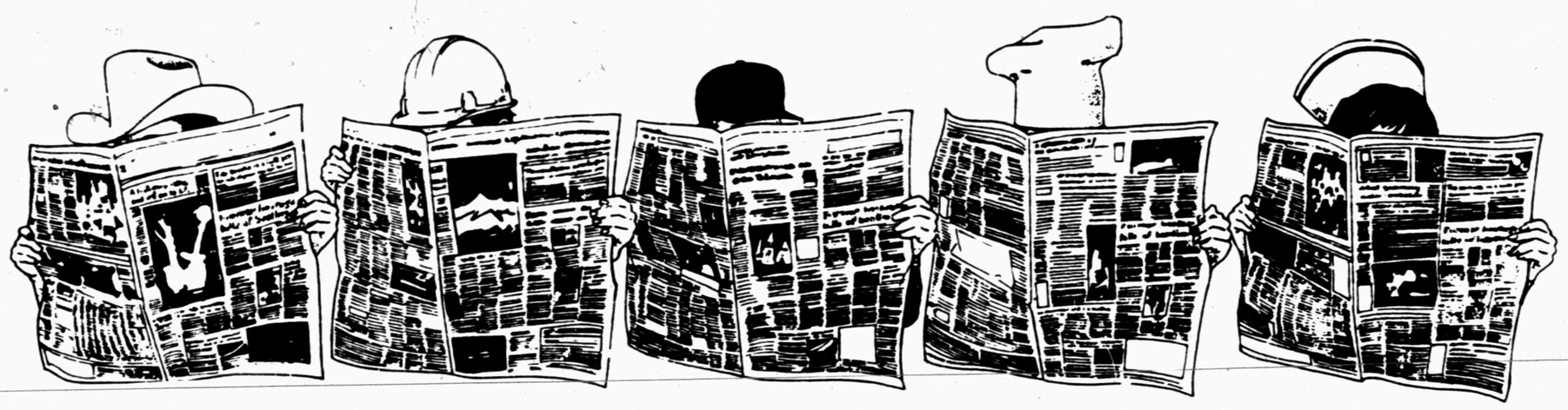
"If you can't get an upgrade then you're thrown back in the zoo — the back of the bus. All the crying kids, all the people who don't know what's going on," Parsons said. "So you say, 'I'm never going to fly this airline again.'"

United and TWA, which recently announced an expanded first class, have been praised by groups that represent passengers, including the Washington-based Air Travelers Association. And some airlines are essentially dropping expiration dates for frequent-flyer miles, which many passengers use for upgrades.

Many travelers are far from satisfied.

Even though he's 6-foot-2, Coleman Conley says he's not so worried about having more leg room — or fancy service. The Chicago stockbroker says he'd rather pay less for tickets.

"They're just painting a picture to demand a higher cost," Conley said. "When you think about it, a plane is really no different than a bus with wings."



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Closed U.S. Marine base at center of dogfight

EL TORO MARINE CORPS AIR STATION, Calif. (AP) — When the Marines left, war broke out in Orange County.

Residents armed with petitions and ballot initiatives have challenged the county Board of Supervisors in what has become a bitter, costly battle over plans to build an international airport at the defunct air station.

The fight pits the county's wealthy residential communities in the south against its tourist-oriented north. Both sides have amassed multimillion-dollar war chests to influence the fate of the 4,700-acre base.

Other California communities have been divided about what to do with closed military bases. Sacramento officials and residents have argued over the future of McClellan Air Force Base, due to close this year. San Francisco fought over the closed Presidio Army base, which will become part park and part commercial development.

But nowhere has the debate been more expensive or more strident than in Orange County, where board meetings routinely end in arguments and a war of words is waged daily in the opinion sections of local newspapers.

Records indicate the two sides will spend about $35 million debating what to do with the base, which closed in July. The county expects to get the deed next year.

"I'd bet nowhere else in the country do you have people throwing money like this behind an issue," said Ellen Cox Call, the county's airport spokeswoman. "When the airport in Louisville, Ky., was expanded and 500 homes had to be moved, nobody fought against it like they are fighting it here. But here, you have people with a lot of money."

A coalition of eight southern Orange County cities leads the opposition and has set aside about $8 million, primarily to draw up alternative plans for the base and pay lawyers to fight for them.

Airport supporters, led by three of the five county supervisors, expect to spend about $27 million this year on airport studies and commercial planning. They say a second major airport for Orange County would create new jobs, increase tourism and lure businesses to the county, as well as bring a measure of independence from neighboring Los Angeles.

"This is really about what's best for the county," Ms. Call said.

But Meg Waters, a spokeswoman for the cities opposing the airport plan, said most of the jobs created would be low-paying service jobs that would bring problems of their own.

"This is one of the most expensive housing markets in the country," she said. "What we would end up with is a situation where people would have to commute from other communities because they can't afford to live here. Then, we end up with more traffic than we already have."

The group would rather see housing and commercial development. A San Clemente man even launched a petition drive to give residents the right to ban new toxic waste dumps, prisons and airports.

The initiative has the support of two Republican congressmen, Christopher Cox and Ron Packard. Cox wants the land to be sold to private developers so the federal government can recoup the costs of moving the Marines. Packard said an airport would change the largely residential area's character.

'ET' syndicators settle dispute

NEW YORK (AP) — The syndicators of "Entertainment Tonight" agreed to settle a dispute that began when Fox accused the show of stealing exclusive video of John F. Kennedy Jr., the network said Friday.

Fox spokeswoman Karen Federock refused to disclose terms of the deal, which is believed to include a monetary payment from Paramount to avoid a lawsuit.

A Paramount spokeswoman had no immediate comment.

Following Kennedy's fatal plane crash last month, Fox reportedly paid a stringer $10,000 for video footage of a Kennedy family party on the Fourth of July in 1998. The video showed Kennedy playing with children and his wife, Carolyn Bessette Kennedy, doing handstands on the grass at the Kennedy compound.

The tape was run on "Fox Files" and Fox News Channel. Afterward, the syndicated programs "Access Hollywood," "Extra" and "Entertainment Tonight" asked for permission to use snippets of the video, said a Fox executive, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Fox denied the request from "Entertainment Tonight" because it was angry at how it had been treated by the syndicated show in the past, but said yes to its two competitors.

"Entertainment Tonight" reportedly used the video anyway, taped from Fox News Channel.

Video piracy is a touchy subject among television news operations on hot stories, particularly since satellite dishes can give different networks access to materials that a competitor views as exclusive property.

Fox and Paramount lawyers began discussing a settlement after Fox threatened to sue the syndicators for use of the video.

Civil trial in quads' mom's death delayed

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A $32 million wrongful death lawsuit over the 1997 Florida killing of the mother of quadruplets will not be heard until next year, a judge decided Friday.

State District Judge Pat Boone of Bexar County changed the Nov. 15 start date to March 6.

The lawsuit was filed by Jamie Bellush, widower of former San Antonio resident Sheila Bellush.

The case involves the November 1997 killing of Mrs. Bellush at the family's home in Sarasota, Fla. Her quadruplets played nearby and were not hurt.

Mrs. Bellush had a bitter custody battle with her ex-husband, San Antonio businessman Allen Blackthorne, for her two older girls.

Blackthorne has not been charged with any crime and denies involvement in the attack on his ex-wife. However, the lawsuit names Blackthorne and three other men as defendants.

Sammy Gonzales and Daniel Rocha are in prison for their roles in Mrs. Bellush's death. Jose Luis Del Toro Jr. awaits trial after being extradited last month from Mexico.

The judge has yet to rule on a motion, filed by Blackthorne, that proceedings for him be separated from the other three men.

Also pending is a request by Bellush for Blackthorne's 1997 financial records.

Portable classrooms to be wired for electricity

GALVESTON (AP) — Two portable classroom buildings on Bolivar Peninsula will be wired for electricity, thanks to a last-minute waiver by the county.

A utility company had refused to hook up the two buildings set up for Bolivar Primary School students because the buildings fail to meet federal flood-plain requirements.

Those standards require the classrooms to be at least 14 feet above sea level, The Galveston County Daily News reported Friday.

Bolivar Peninsula is about six feet above sea level. Enrollment for the Bolivar school has nearly doubled in the past five years. This fall, 235 students will attend the Bolivar school, which houses grades 1-8 and includes kindergarten.

But Galveston County officials on Friday issued an emergency permit to hook up the buildings. In exchange, the Galveston County school district has promised to have the two buildings out of the flood plain by the Christmas break.

School is scheduled to start next Thursday. Galveston County's school district officials didn't know about the height requirement until Galveston County Entergy, the utility company, notified them of it this week.

"My feeling is that they should have known about it," said Casey Savage-Ochoa, president of the Parent Teacher Association for Bolivar School and the parent of a first-grader.

Puerto Rico threatens to sue if Navy continues bombing

WASHINGTON (AP) — Puerto Rico's attorney general threatened on Friday to sue the Navy if it continues to use the island of Vieques for bombing practice and war games. He said the Navy is endangering the people and the environment of the tiny outlying island.

The Navy is violating clean water, clean air, endangered species and hazardous waste laws by destroying coral reefs, threatening sea turtle habitat and failing to dispose of bombs that land off the range, Jose Fuentes Agostini said.

A lawsuit could be avoided if a federal panel reviewing Puerto Rico's complaints persuades President Clinton to close the bombing range and turn it over to Puerto Rico, he said.

"The Navy must recognize that Vieques belongs to the U.S. citizens of Puerto Rico, not the Navy," Agostini told the Special Panel on Military Operations on Vieques.

The Navy insists its bombing range on the 51-square-mile island six miles off Puerto Rico is the only site where its Atlantic Fleet air, land and sea forces can train simultaneously with live munitions.

A Navy spokesman said the Navy has complied with various environmental permits and that many areas of the island are better off because of the Navy's presence.

"We have made our case very clear that we have been very good stewards of the environment on Vieques," said Navy spokesman Lt. Cmdr. Herman Phillips.

In addition, protesters on the bombing range have made it impossible for the Navy to gather some unexploded munitions, he said.

Hoping to stop the bombing, protesters have set up camps in the live-fire area.



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