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Home of Austin Lyle

Hospital board hears report on raising funds

By Wade Warren
SDN Managing Editor

Cogdell Memorial Hospital's board of managers heard a report on a proposed capital-raising campaign for the hospital's foundation during this morning's board meeting.

Mel Fahs and Tom Mason of the Healthcare Rural Fund Development Corporation presented the board with a proposed community survey in the event the board decides to implement a capital fund campaign.

"The most important thing we can do is networking within the community," said Fahs. "We have to let the community know the needs of the hospital."

Fahs said the planned renovation of the hospital's emergency room would be an ideal project for contributions from the community.

"You have to let the people in the community know the hospital has projects worthy of their support," concluded Fahs. The board took no action on the presentation this morning.

The board did vote to deny hospital radiology privileges to Dr. Dan Fish.

The board's attorney, Mike Reed, said the hospital's contract with an Abilene radiology group prevented any other radiologist being on the staff and reading x-rays.

"If you are happy with the job Abilene Radiologists are doing, then I would suggest you deny privileges to Dr. Fish," Reed said.

Board president Jim Bob Cave said he wanted it understood that the denial of privileges to Dr. Fish did not have anything to do with his qualifications, but the granting of privileges would be in conflict with the hospital's contract with Abilene Radiologists.

Hospital chief of staff Dr. Bid Cooper also said Dr. Fish's credentials are in order, but he did not want to see anything jeopardize the relationship with the Abilene group.

This discussion was originally planned in executive session, but Cave chose to have the discussion during the regular portion of the meeting.

The board also decided to have a called meeting on Tuesday, July 10, to discuss the 2002 budget, and to have a work session on the budget on Friday, July 13.

The court will present the budget to the county on Monday, July 16.

Hospital CEO George Parsley told the board that a letter from a general surgeon who had been interested in locating in Snyder indicated that the doctor did not feel he could generate enough income to locate his practice here.

"Dr. Frank Thomas has talked to the Covenant medical group about supplements that we cannot provide due to being a county hospital...so there is still a little hope," said Parsley.

The CEO said the hospital would be working diligently in its recruiting efforts for a general surgeon.

The board also approved the monthly financial reports and certified the monthly bills for payment.

Cave presided at the one-hour meeting and board members in attendance were Stanley Martin, E. D. Walton and Nan Swanson. Dink Foree and Terry Williams were absent.

Movie extras are needed for Saturday

Housework, cooking, cleaning and other womanly chores are expected to reach an all-time low in Snyder Saturday morning as movie extras are needed while George Strait does a concert scene for the movie *Grand Champion* at Scurry County Coliseum.

Those interested in appearing as extras are asked to be at the coliseum by 8:30 Saturday morning.

Everyone is asked to wear western wear, and not wear white, black, logo, or brightly colored shirts.

Also, extras are encouraged to bring a sack lunch as the filming of the singer will continue though lunch.

All ages are welcome, but the movie producers are reminding everyone that filming is a long process and young children can get restless.

George Strait

COOLING OFF BY THE POOL — Brice Nix, 2, prepares to dip his beach towel in Towle Park Pool Wednesday afternoon to beat the summer heat. (SDN staff photo)

Johnson named TDCJ chief

Special to the SDN

HUNTSVILLE – Gary Johnson, a 24-year veteran who worked his way through the ranks of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice today was chosen its executive director.

Johnson, 46, succeeds retiring executive director Wayne Scott who is leaving the agency after five years in the top job. Johnson followed Scott as director of the TDCJ's institutional division.

The criminal justice board chose Johnson from 14 applicants and five finalists for the $150,000 a year position which oversees a $2.6 billion annual budget, 40,000 employees, 146,000 inmates and 80,000 parolees.

"Texas and TDCJ are indeed fortunate to have and administrator of Gary Johnson's stature," said board chairman Mac Stringfellow of San Antonio. "Gary exemplifies both the seasoning of proven experience and the energy necessary to continue TDCJ's progress as one of the outstanding criminal justice agencies in the nation."

Johnson described his appointment as "the greatest honor one can achieve in American corrections, but at the same time it is an awesome responsibility."

Johnson joined the prison system in 1973 as a correctional officer. After a brief break in service, he rejoined the agency at the Eastham unit in 1977 and was promoted to sergeant in 1980.

He was named assistant warden at the Ferguson unit in 1985 and was made senior warden at the Galveston hospital in 1989. He served as warden at Clemens and Ferguson before becoming southern regional director in March, 1995. In 1996, he became director of the institutional division.

Johnson has a bachelor of science degree in criminology and corrections from Sam Houston State University. He was born in Rusk and graduated from Mesquite High School.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "A yawn is an honest opinion, openly expressed."

It's been quite a few years since we took a summer trip to a theme park like Six Flags. But even then, it was trendy for park visitors to have some writing on their tee-shirt.

Apparently, such shirt billboards are still in vogue, and Gary Moore sent us a collection of tee-shirt slogans:

—Frankly, Scallop, I don't give a clam.

—That's it! I'm calling grandma.

—Wrinkled was not one of the things I wanted to be when I grew up.

—Procrastinate now.

—My dog can lick anyone.

—I have a degree in liberal arts. Do you want fries with that?

—Finally 21 and legally able to do everything I've been doing since 15.

—All men are idiots and I married their king.

—My husband and I divorced over religious differences. He thought he was God, I didn't.

—I'm out of Estrogen and I've got a gun.

—A hangover is the wrath of grapes.

—A journey of a thousand miles begins with a cash advance.

—Stupidity is not a handicap, park elsewhere.

—Discourage inbreeding, discourage country music.

—He who dies with the most toys is nonetheless dead.

—Time's fun when you're having flies.

—Heck is where people go who don't believe in Gosh.

—A picture is worth a thousand words, but it uses up a thousand times the memory.

—The meek shall inherit the earth...after we're through with it.

—Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana.

—Welcome to Kentucky. Set your watch back 20 years.

—The original point-and-click interface was a Smith & Wesson.

—My wild oats have turned to shredded wheat.

—Computer programmers don't byte, they nybble a bit.

—Mop and Glow: used by bald men everywhere.

—And the back of a shirt with a Harley Davidson logo on the front read: "If you can read this, then the wife fell off."

Mineral values soar...

Taxable values increase 30%

Scurry County Chief Appraiser Larry Crooks informed the Appraisal Review Board Wednesday that total estimated taxable values for the county increased by 30.63 percent over year 2000 values.

Most of the rise was due to a 106.86 percent increase in mineral values, according to Crooks.

"The price of oil has risen dramatically over the last year," he said. "In 2000 the average price was around $18 per barrel. This year the average was more than $29."

Agriculture values also rose from an average of $115 per acre last year to $139 per acre this year, a 21 percent increase.

"Those are weighted averages for the whole county," Crooks said. "Our soils range from class three, which is the best soil, to class eight, which is considered the worst.

"This year the class three soil rose to $172 per acre, while the class eight soil dropped to $86 per acre."

A class three soil can be twice as productive as a class eight soil, according to Crooks, producing an average of 300 pounds of lint cotton compared to 150 pounds for the latter.

Crooks explained that agriculture values are based on a five-year average, but they change every year.

Pasture land values increased by four percent this year, he said.

This year has been particularly busy for Crooks and the appraisal district because they completed a project they began in 1997 to correct bad data.

"If you put bad information into a computer, you'll get bad information back," he said. "You've got to have good accurate information for appraisals. And we've worked hard to make our information as accurate as possible."

Estimated values for real estate rose 3.6 percent over 2000, while personal property values increased by 1.26 percent and industrial and utility values rose by 13.59 percent.

The appraisal district issued appraisal notices May 18 and has received several protests. About 30 real estate protests have been filed and 77 mineral value protests, according to Crooks.

"In a nutshell, if values go up, taxes will be more," he said.

Imported dust hits Snyder

Snyder residents looking to the east this morning may have thought that more plants had moved into the industrial park.

The appearance of Metroplex-like smog, however, is actually a mammoth cloud of African dust.

The National Weather Service in Midland confirmed that the brown-like veil is actually from the Sahara Desert. Movement of the dust cloud is minimum and to the northwest, and should be out of the area by the weekend.

Dust clouds from Africa are said to occur up to three times a year. (See related store, page 7.)

ASK US

Q—How many local youngsters participate in baseball each year?

A—From tee ball through high school, there are approximately 450 participants per year.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Wednesday, 95 degrees; low, 71; 7 a.m. Thursday, 74; no precipitation; total for 2001, 9.26 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy, isolated showers, low lower 70s, S wind 10-20 mph. Friday, partly cloudy, slight rain chance, high mid 90s, SE wind 5-15 mph.

Jose Lopez
Partly Cloudy

Sunset:
8:52 p.m.
Sunrise:
6:43 a.m.
Of 178 days in 2001, the sun has shone 166 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

In all things, success depends upon previous preparation, and without such preparation, there is sure to be failure.
—Confucius

Jack Lemmon, winner of two Oscars, dies of cancer at 76

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Jack Lemmon, the two-time Oscar winner whose acting talents ranged from adroit comedies "The Apartment" and "Some Like It Hot" to the dramatic intensity of "Days of Wine and Roses" and "Tuesdays with Morrie," has died. He was 76.

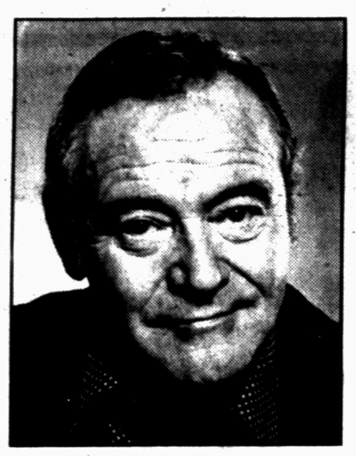
Lemmon died Wednesday night from complications related to cancer, said his spokesman Warren Cowan. His wife Felicia, his two children and a stepdaughter were at his bedside at USC/Norris Cancer Center, Cowan said.

"To say one word about him would be to say he's a beautiful person," Cowan told The Associated Press on today.

The Harvard-educated actor began in films with two stylish comedies and a musical with Betty Grable. Then in 1955, his unique comedy style shined through as the hapless Ensign Pulver in "Mister Roberts," a role that won Lemmon a supporting actor Oscar.

Throughout his career, and especially in films with Walter Matthau, Lemmon was often cast as the well-meaning fellow, a trifle square, who is taken advantage of.

In "The Fortune Cookie," he is browbeaten into filing a false insurance claim by his brother-in-law. "The Odd Couple" portrayed Lemmon as the fastidious Felix Unger, who suffers from the slobbish habits of his roommate, Oscar Madison (Matthau). In "The Front Page," city editor Matthau tricks his star reporter, Lemmon.



Jack Lemmon

In 1962, Lemmon switched from lighthearted comedies to intense drama. In "Days of Wine and Roses," he played an alcoholic who induces his new wife (Lee Remick) to join him in drinking sprees. His performance earned his first Academy nomination as lead actor.

Of his seven Oscar nominations for lead actor, two were for comedies and five for dramas.

"Save the Tiger," in which he played a dress manufacturer going along with shady business ethics despite the idealism of his youth, won him the Oscar for best actor of 1973. The project was rejected by studios until Paramount agreed to make it on a $1 million budget. Lemmon cut his salary to the Guild minimum of $165 a week to pull it off.

Lemmon's comedic style was based on his portrayal of a well-meaning Everyman beset by disasters. Such a guise seemed to come easily — he was a self-proclaimed klutz.

His life, he often admitted, was a series of faux pas, like the night he won his first Oscar:

"Naturally I was thrilled, and I arrived at the Pantages Theater in my best tuxedo. I walked up a ramp to a platform for an interview, and I leaned against a railing. Only after I finished did I see a sign that said 'Fresh Paint.'"

Lemmon's roles reflected a nervous energy that came naturally.

"I seldom think that I'm up for a good role," he said in a 1975 interview. "I nearly walked out on 'Days of Wine and Roses' and 'Some Like It Hot' because I didn't think I could handle the demands they made upon me as an actor. But if you think I'm insecure now, you should've seen me when I was first breaking in."

Off-screen, the actor seemed sad, says Don Widener, who penned the 1975 biography "Lemmon."

"For all his persona on screen, he was one of the saddest men I've known," Widener told the AP in an interview today. "You could see it in his eyes. The face would be laughing but his eyes were sad. I never found out why that was."

Lemmon's career in film was marked by two inspired collaborations, with Billy Wilder and Matthau.

Wilder first directed Lemmon in "Some Like It Hot" and "The Apartment," which resulted in back-to-back Oscar nominations. They joined in five more films: "Irma La Douce," "The Fortune Cookie," "Avanti!" "The Front Page" and "Buddy Buddy."

From his first film with Matthau, "The Fortune Cookie" in 1966, Lemmon's fresh-faced, Ivy-League manner proved a perfect match for the slouching, gruff Matthau, who won the supporting actor Oscar.

IGA RIBBON CUTTING — Snyder Goldcoaters recently welcomed Davidson's IGA with a ribbon cutting. Pictured at center are C.R. Perez, store manager; Donna Fowler, chamber director; and Bill Davidson, owner. (SDN Staff Photo)

No more interest rate cuts expected from Fed Reserve

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Reserve's latest recession-fighting campaign could be drawing to a close as policy-makers monitor whether their six interest-rate reductions and Congress' tax-cut refunds will revive the sagging economy.

With Wednesday's quarter-point cut, Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan and his colleagues have slashed interest rates by a total of 2.75 percentage points this year, the most aggressive action in nearly two decades.

Economists are hopeful that those reductions will lay the foundation for an economic rebound by the fourth quarter of this year.

"At some point, after a farmer tills the soil, fertilizes and sows the seeds, he must just sit back and watch what comes up," said economist Ken Mayland, president of ClearView Economics.

The arrival, beginning next month, of tax rebate checks of up to $600 also are expected to lift the economy — provided people spend some of the money as analysts predict. The checks are part of a $1.35 trillion tax cut recently signed by President Bush.

Until Wednesday, all of the Fed's previous rate reductions this year were by a half-point. Economists viewed the Fed's decision to go with a more moderate quarter-point move as a signal that the central bank's aggressive credit easing may be coming to an end.

"I think they are winding it down," said Stuart Hoffman, chief economist at PNC Financial Services Group.

Hoffman and other economists predict that the last reduction is likely to come at the Fed's meeting on Aug. 21 and that it will be by another quarter-point. Some analysts believe policy-makers might opt to cut again at their Oct. 2 meeting and then move to the sidelines. A few think Wednesday's cut could be the final one.

"The prospects for improvement are very good," said Martin Regalia, chief economist at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. "The Fed has put this stimulus in the pipeline. We have tax cuts. It's time to wait and see. People just have to have a little bit of faith that this is going to work."

As a rough rule of thumb, the Fed's interest-rate cuts take between six and nine months to make their way through the economy. Its first rate cut was on Jan. 3, so that reduction wouldn't show up in economic activity until July at the earliest.

The Fed's credit-easing campaign is aimed at reviving the national economy, which has been stuck in low gear since the second half of last year. The rate cuts lower borrowing costs, a move designed to entice consumers to spend and businesses to invest, thus bolstering economic growth.

The Fed provided no explanation why it switched to a smaller cut, other than citing that "continuing favorable trends bolster long-term prospects for productivity growth and the economy."

However, economists suggested that the quarter-point cut might have been a compromise between Fed officials concerned about overdoing the credit easing and sowing the seeds of higher inflation next year and those still worried the economy could tip into recession.

Wednesday's cut pushed the Fed's target for the federal funds rate, the interest that banks charge each other, to 3.75 percent, down from 6.5 percent where it stood before the Fed began cutting rates on Jan. 3.

The Fed action was immediately followed by a quarter-point cut in commercial banks' prime lending rate, sending the benchmark for millions of business and consumer loans down to 6.75 percent, the lowest level in seven years.

Many economists believe the economy has grown at a barely discernible 0.5 percent annual rate in the April-June quarter, down from the weak 1.3 percent rate of the first quarter. But they are forecasting slightly stronger growth of around 2 percent in the third quarter, rising to above 3 percent in the fourth quarter.

In making its sixth rate cut, the Fed, in a statement, discussed threats to future economic growth. "The patterns evident in recent months — declining profitability and business capital spending, weak expansion of consumption and slowing growth abroad — continue to weigh on the economy," the Fed said.

One point economists agree on is the belief that the Fed, which left the door open to further interest-rate reductions, will do all that is necessary to keep the economy afloat.

"They remain on high alert," said Mark Zandi, chief economist at Economy.com.

Brothers charged

BETHLEHEM, PA. (AP) — Two brothers who ran a pair of supermarkets were charged with making nearly $800,000 by redeeming coupons they bought on the black market.

Barry Palank, 51, and his brother Lee Palank, 49, allegedly obtained 1.3 million coupons from an illicit broker, then redeemed them as if customers had used them at their stores.

"Ultimately, you and I pay," said Assistant U.S. Attorney Paul Sarmousakis.

The Palanks were charged with mail fraud for allegedly using the mail to further their scheme, and with tax evasion, for allegedly failing to pay taxes on the revenues received.

If convicted, they face up to 20 years in prison and a $1 million fine.

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RESULTS

Lotto Texas

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

The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 54 were: 2-8-9-15-48-51

Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $6 million.

Pick 3

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

4-2-2

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***The U.S. Air Force** has prepared an Environmental Assessment for Emitters Sites related to the Realistic Bomber Training Initiative (RBTI).*

The Air Force has prepared a draft environmental assessment (EA) to analyze the potential impacts of re-siting, establishing, constructing, and operating six electronic emitter sites as part of the Realistic Bomber Training Initiative (RBTI) Electronic Scoring Site (ESS) system. When integrated with the previously analyzed elements of the ESS System, the six re-sited emitter sites would complete the RBTI emitter array and support realistic, integrated training for bomber aircrews from Barksdale and Dyess AFBs. Replacement of the original emitter sites is necessary due to the unavailability of the sites for lease since the selection of Alternative B: Lancer MOA/IR-178 in March 2000.

A total of seven sites were evaluated for consideration, however, only six are required to complete the RBTI ESS System. For more information, the draft EA and draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) are available for review at the following locations starting June 28, 2001: Alpine Public Library, Abilene Public Library, Ft. Stockton Public Library, Imperial Public Library, Scurry County Public Library, Tahoka City-County Public Library, Upton County Library, and the Dyess AFB Public Affairs Office.

***If you have any questions,** please contact the 7th Bomb Wing Public Affairs at **(915) 696-2861.** Please provide comments by July 27, 2001 to: Ms. Judy Overbey, RBTI Emitter EA, 7th CES/CEVA, 710 3rd Street, Dyess AFB, TX, 79607.

Date Book

Thursday, June 28, 2001

Today is the 179th day of 2001 and the eighth day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1834, Congress appropriated $500 for a geological survey of the land between the Missouri and the Red rivers.

On this day in 1877, in Philadelphia, Pa., a magazine called The American Cricketer was first published. It was a publication serving American cricket fans.

On this day in 1969, the first Crosby, Stills and Nash album was released.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Peter Paul Rubens (1577-1640), artist; Jean Jacques Rousseau (1712-1778), philosopher; Richard Rodgers (1902-1979), composer; Mel Brooks (1926-), comedian-film director, is 75; John Elway (1960-), football player, is 41; Mark Grace (1964-), baseball player, is 37; John Cusack (1966-), actor, is 35.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1939, Joe Louis knocked out "Two Ton" Tony Galento in the fourth round.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Put not your trust in money, but put your money in trust." — Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr.

TODAY'S MOON: Day after first quarter (June 27).

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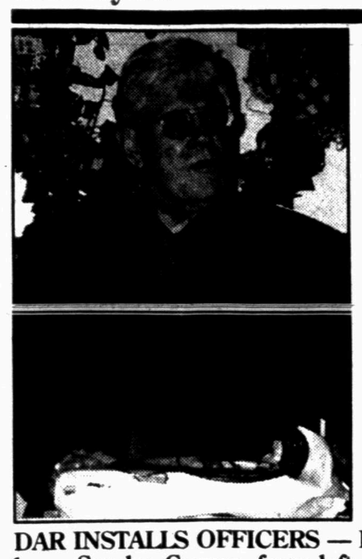


DAR INSTALLS OFFICERS — Robert Adams, left photo, presented the program to DAR members. Sandra Graves, from left, installed DAR officers to include Dorothy Campbell, historian; Joanne Sterling, registrar; Elizabeth Hall, librarian; Helen Hatter, treasurer; Lois Bartels, recording secretary; Ann Smartt, vice regent; and Virginia Clark, regent. Not pictured are Maribeth Vestal, chaplain; and Nonnie Ward, corresponding secretary. (Contributed Photos)

Robert Adams speaks to DAR members

Martin Preuitt Jr. Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution met in May at the Snyder Country Club with Robert Adams as guest speaker.

Helen Hatter introduced Adams, professor of history and Spanish at Western Texas College. He presented a program on the Spanish Texas role in the American Revolution giving background information on the origin of naming America, the five provinces of Texas in 1776 and the governmental and civil power structure of that period.

The influence of Bernardo de Galvez was of particular interest. As provincial governor, Galvez and his Spanish troops provided a third front on the Gulf of Mexico for the American Revolution. Because of their activities, the Mississippi River was kept open as a line of supplies to the American forces. Texas also furnished some 9,000 head of cattle as a source of food for the revolutionaries. Bernardo le Galvez and Spanish Texans are truly some of the unsung heroes of the American Revolution, he concluded.

A business meeting followed the luncheon and Adams' program. Joanne Sterling, regent, conducted the meeting and Sandra Graves presided over the installation of officers for 2001-2003.

Officers include Virginia Clark, regent; Ann Smartt, vice regent; Maribeth Vestal, chaplain and Lois Bartels, recording secretary. Others are Nonnie Ward, corresponding secretary; Helen Hatter, treasurer; Joanne Sterling, registrar; Dorothy Campbell, historian; and Elizabeth Hall, librarian.

The Martin Preuitt Jr. Chapter of DAR was organized April 16, 1977. Virginia Clark was organizing regent.

Martin Preuitt Jr., for whom the chapter is named, was born July 15, 1752 in North Carolina. He served in the Revolutionary was under Gen. George Washington until the colonies gained their independence. Preuitt and his brother, Isaac, took part in the famous battle of Kings Mountain fought on Oct. 7, 1780.

Other members include Lois Bartels, Beryl Birdwell, Erna Burt, Dorothy Campbell, Dot Casey, Lou Everett, Barbara Farmer, Jo Flynn, Paula Gilbert, Tizzy Hall, Jane Hinton, Teri McAdams, Louwayne McQuirk, Maribeth Vestal, and several non-resident members.

Kinney Robinson named social services director at Snyder Oaks Care Center

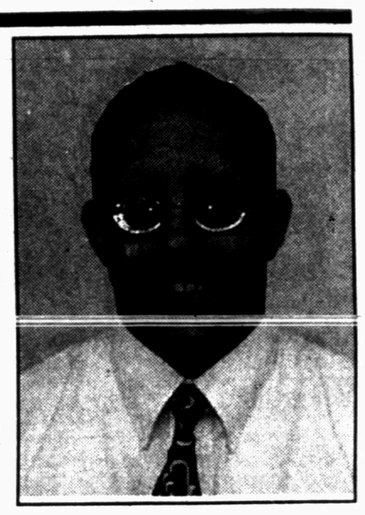
Kinney Robinson, 1984 graduate of Snyder High School, has been named director of social services and environmental supervisor at Snyder Oaks Care Center.

Robinson comes from Hillside Maner in Gatesville where he served assistant administrator and director of social services. He began his duties at Snyder Oaks Care Center on June 18 and his wife, Ronda Kay, is employed at West Texas State Bank. They have a three-year-old son, John Miller Robinson.

Robinson is a graduate of Mary Hardin Baylor University and received his nursing home administration training at McLennan Community College in Waco.

"I'm glad to be back in the Snyder community after being gone 12 years," Robinson said. "I have been in long term care over four years and I really enjoy this field. I'm looking forward to serving the residents of Snyder Oaks and being a part of their staff."

He is the son of the Rev. Miller and Sandra Robinson of Snyder.



Kinney Robinson

Bridge By Phillip Alder

North 06-28-01
♠ A Q 10
♥ 9 6 4
♦ 9 6 3 2
♣ 7 4 3

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

East
♠ 7 5 2
♥ K 5 2
♦ A 7
♣ K Q 10 9 5

South
♠ K J
♥ A Q J
♦ Q J 10 8 5
♣ A J 6

Dealer: East
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
			1 ♣
Dbl.	Pass	1 ♦	Pass
1 NT	Pass	3 NT	All pass

Opening lead: ♣ 8

Double first, no-trump second

If your right-hand opponent opens one of a suit and you overcall one no-trump, you show a strong no-trump with 16-18 points. Fine, but if you are even stronger, you must double first and bid no-trump on the second round. A minimum no-trump rebid promises about 19-21 points, and a jump in no-trump would indicate 22-23 points. In all cases, you will have at least one stopper in the opener's suit.

Here, South correctly rebids one no-trump. (Note that five diamonds has no play.) And North has an easy jump to game.

West did well to lead the club eight. Many would have been tempted by the spade nine, after which the contract would have cruised home.

There is an important defensive principle: When you are trying to establish a suit in which the opponents have two stoppers, make them burn up the first as quickly as possible — and trick one isn't too soon.

To defeat this contract, East must not play the club queen; he should overtake with the nine. Declarer will win with the jack and lead a sneaky diamond eight. But if West is on his toes, he will shoot in with the king and return his second club. This establishes East's suit while he, East, still has the diamond ace as an entry. The defense collects two diamonds and three clubs.

If East plays the club queen at trick one, declarer gets home by ducking. He wins the second club as cheaply as possible and plays a diamond. West can win with the king, but has no club left to play, and declarer still has a club stopper.

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Community Calendar

THURSDAY

Rock and Roll Quilting Club evening meeting; Hermleigh Community Center; for more information call 863-2426; 6:30 p.m.

Deep Creek Cloggers lesson; American Legion; 6:30 to 8 p.m.

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; for information call 573-4048; 8 p.m.

Nuestra Nueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; for information call 573-8626; 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

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

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

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: June 27 — Larry Hildreth, Gerald Short.

DISMISSALS: Addie Early, Kenneth Kellner, Kenneth Dacus, Rosalio Gutierrez, Rena Potter, Billy Schulze.

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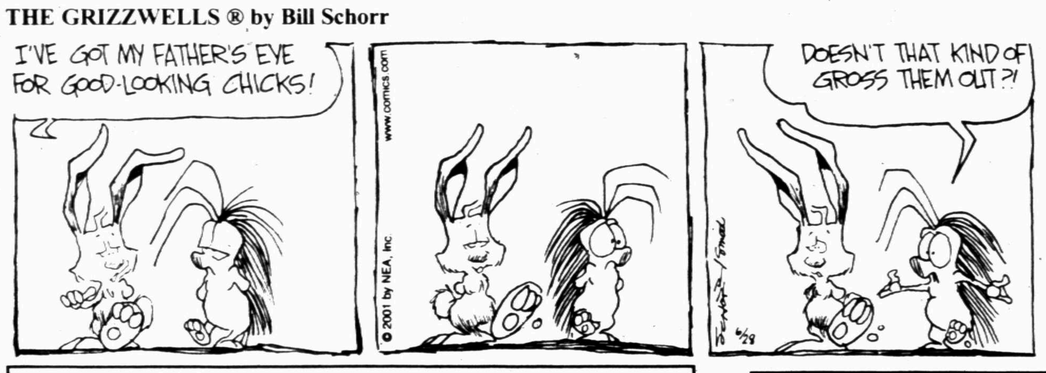

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ACROSS

1 Microsoft head
6 Smoker's smoke
10 Dodged
12 Tune
14 Engaged gear teeth
15 Epic poem
16 Draft org.
17 Citrus drink
19 Opening
20 Infant's clothing
23 Zsa Zsa –
26 Soccer star Hamm
27 Youth org.
30 Become manifest
32 Stockings
34 Hereditary
35 Geography-class needs
36 Collector's goal
37 Caustic stuff
39 Beginning
40 Forage acreage
42 River in Belgium
45 Charged atom
46 Farmyard sound
49 Environment
51 Resides
54 Sparkling
55 One devoted to religious work
56 Verb following "thou"
57 Shrine

DOWN

1 Jewels
2 Wide sts.
3 Soviet news agency
4 Anglo-Saxon letter
5 View
6 Energy
7 "– – Lucy"
8 Vatican figure
9 Home of Adam
11 WWII event
12 Office session
13 Nevertheless
18 Rep.'s counterpart
20 Traditional learning
21 Type of stork
22 Actress Elizabeth –
23 Salon buys
24 Pierre's girl
25 Inclination
27 Dole and Dylan
28 Large knife
29 Aide (abbr.)
31 Paradise
33 Like a certain ranger
38 WWII area
40 Is nosy
41 Take apart
42 Ms. Sumac
43 – of relief
44 Singer Fitzgerald
46 Cry of a lamb
47 Utah ski resort
48 Jacob's son
50 Consume
52 Pugilist's org.
53 Room shape

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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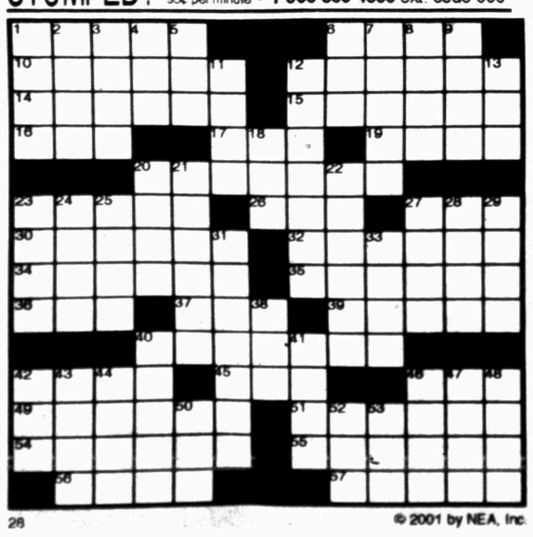

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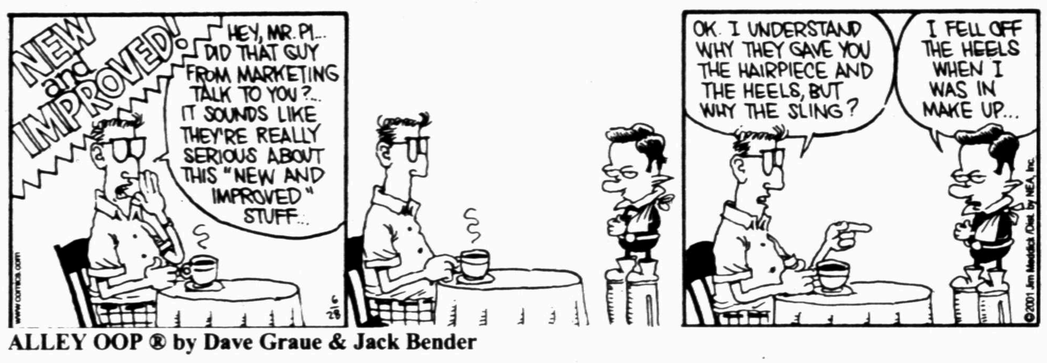

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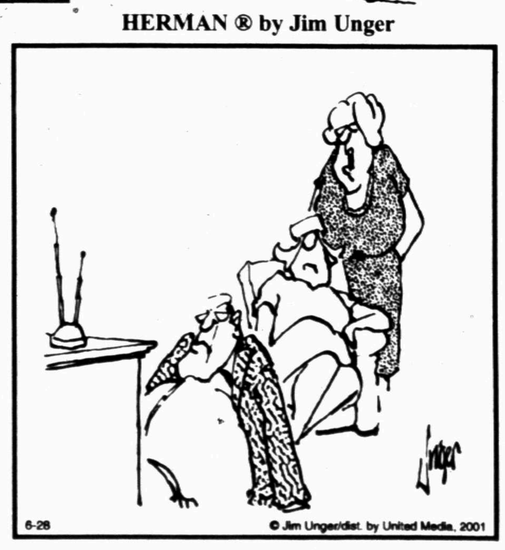

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SPORTS

At T-O Championship...

Local golfers in the hunt for junior titles

WICHITA FALLS — Clinton Calmes continued his charge, and some other local golfers joined in the chase Wednesday at the Texas-Oklahoma Junior Golf Championship.

For the second day in a row, Calmes fired a 3-over-par 75 to remain only five strokes out of the lead in a tie for 12th place in the boys' 17-year-old division.

After opening with a 77, the SHS senior posted 75 on back-to-back days to remain in contention. The week-long event continues Saturday and Sunday at four courses in the Wichita Falls area.

Calmes' Snyder High School teammate, junior Stafford Gray, shaved a stroke off his first-round effort with a 75 to put him in a tie for 11th in the 16-year-old classification.

Gray was only nine strokes back of first place heading into this morning's round, with Brady Reed not far behind. Reed, an SHS junior, tallied a 76 Wednesday, and was only 11 shots off the pace in a tie for 18th.

In the same flight, Matt McCormick posted an 83, while Austin McCormack turned in a 95 in the 14-year-old flight.

Britt Sharrock finished with an 80 Wednesday, and Jason Williams posted an 89. Both players missed the cut in the 17-year-old classification.

In the girls' competition, SHS junior Katie Kerley continued her solid play with a second-round 83 to move into 12th place in the 16-year-old group.

Senior Andra Lancaster lost ground in the 17-year-old division with an 85 Wednesday. She was 15th heading into this morning's round, 22 strokes out of first place.

The Texas-Oklahoma Junior Golf Championship is the largest junior golf tournament in the world, hosting players from 48 states and four countries.

Wiggins tandem earns top spots at tournament

LUBBOCK — The Wiggins brothers captured two of the top spots Tuesday at the NTPGA Westcott Junior Tour Event at Elm Grove Golf Course.

Syd Wiggins fired an 85 for his first win in the 12-13 age group. The victory qualifies him for the NTPGA event July 23-24 at Greentree Country in Midland.

Older brother Vaughn carded a 78 to earn second place in the 16-18 division.

THIRD-PLACE FINISHERS — Earning third place in the second flight of the Ladies' Invitational were, seated from left, Shirley Whitefield, Jean Hoover, Mineola Stewart and Johnnie Carlisle. Third place in the first flight went to, standing, Susie Miller, Lisa Beck, Temi Matthies and Juanita Hester. (SDN Staff Photo)

SHARPSHOOTERS — Earning closest to the pin and accuracy drive honors at Tuesday's Ladies Invitational were, from left, Lisa Beck, Frances Nix, Lenita Fryer and Johnnie Carlisle. (SDN Staff Photo)

Four-game streak ends for Astros

PHOENIX (AP) — Almost every time Curt Schilling takes the mound, his Arizona teammates seem to do just enough to help him win.

Schilling gave up four home runs Wednesday night, two to Moises Alou, but still pitched a seven-hitter to become baseball's first 12-game winner as the Arizona Diamondbacks ended a three-game skid with a 7-5 victory over the Houston Astros.

Jay Bell's second-inning grand slam provided Schilling with the support he needed.

"I feel great. The last three or four starts I don't know if I've thrown as well as I feel," Schilling said. "But the fact of the matter is we're winning. We're scoring runs and we're playing great defense."

Schilling (12-2) leads the majors with 23 home runs allowed, but 20 have been solo shots, including the last 14.

"That's the good thing about the big hoss," Arizona manager Bob Brenly said. "He doesn't put himself in trouble very often. I think he only had one walk. It's a cliche, but it seems like good pitchers have a tendency to give up some solo home runs, especially Curt because he's going to challenge with his fastball.

"As we've become very familiar with these last few days, this is a team that can hit a fastball."

The Astros hit 11 homers in taking two of three from Arizona. Alou hit four in the series, Lance Berkman three.

Berkman and Jeff Bagwell homered off Schilling, who had 10 strikeouts in pitching his major league leading fifth complete games.

David Dellucci also homered for the Diamondbacks, who snapped Houston's four-game winning streak.

Sports Briefs

WTC Classic

Western Texas College will host the WTC Classic Saturday and Sunday. Format is a three-person shamble.

All teams will be flighted after Saturday's round, and the field is limited to 40 teams. Cost is $210 per team, not including cart rental. To enter, call the WTC pro shop at 573-9291.

Girls' basketball tourney

The SHS gym will host the Snyder Girls' Basketball Shootout at 9 a.m. Saturday.

Snyder, Colorado City, Abilene High, Post and Roby will compete in the eight-game, round-robin event. Admission is $2 per game, or $5 for a tournament pass.

Volleyball tourney

A coed volleyball tournament will be held July 4 at Towle Park. Our Lady of Guadalupe Church youth group sponsors the event.

Eight players per team are allowed, and cost is $75 per squad. Prizes will be awarded to the top three teams. For more information, call Luis Alaniz at 573-7321.

Western Texas MGA

The Men's Golf Association of Western Texas College holds a weekly event at 6 p.m. each Tuesday. Players need to register in the pro shop by 5:30.

Volleyball camp

Snyder volleyball camp is scheduled for July 16-19 from 9 a.m. until noon each day. Incoming fifth through ninth grade girls are eligible, and cost is $40. Deadline to register is July 13.

For more information, call Coach Patty Grimmett at 573-9416 or 575-1785. If no answer, leave a message.

Tuesday scramble and all-day MGA

The Men's Golf Association of Snyder Country Club holds its weekly scramble at 5:30 p.m. each Tuesday.

Also, an all-day MGA event is held each Thursday.

WGA play day

The Women's Golf Association of Snyder Country Club holds its weekly play day at 9 a.m. each Tuesday. Format is all irons on the back nine.

A luncheon and business meeting will follow play.

Sampras survives second round

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — Andy Roddick beat 11th-seeded Thomas Johansson 7-6 (1), 6-1, 4-6, 7-6 (3) in the second round of Wimbledon.

Pete Sampras got a serious scare before saving his chance for a record eighth Wimbledon title. He beat unheralded Barry Cowan, who got into his home country's tournament through a wild-card invitation, 6-3, 6-2, 6-7 (5), 4-6, 6-3.

Cheeks to coach Trail Blazers

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — The Portland Trail Blazers introduced Maurice Cheeks as their new head coach, confirming what was accidentally revealed earlier in the night.

Any doubt about whether Cheeks would get the job was erased when the team's first-round draft choice, Zach Randolph, let the secret out shortly after being selected.

Padres' Gwynn will retire

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Tony Gwynn, arguably the best pure hitter of his generation, is expected to announce Thursday that he will retire at the end of this season, his 20th with the San Diego Padres.

A baseball source, speaking on condition of anonymity, said that he understood that an announcement was to be made after the team returned from a six-day trip that ended Wednesday night in Colorado.

Youth prevails at NBA draft

NEW YORK (AP) — Already young and bad, the Chicago Bulls got younger and worse — at least for the short term.

In a stunning trade completed midway through the first round of the NBA draft, the Bulls sent their best player, Elton Brand, to the Los Angeles Clippers in exchange for the draft rights to 18-year-old center Tyson Chandler.

The Washington Wizards used the first pick on high school senior Kwame Brown of Glenn Academy in Brunswick, Ga., marking the first time an NBA team has selected a high school player No. 1 overall.

FC Barcelona forward Pau Gasol went third to Atlanta, which will send him to the Grizzlies as part of a yet-to-be-completed trade for Shareef Abdur-Rahim. No player from a foreign team had ever been drafted so high.

The Bulls also selected a high school player with the fourth pick, grabbing Eddy Curry of Thornwood H.S. in South Holland, Ill.

Curry and Chandler will make the Bulls even younger than they were last season when they had the greenest roster in league history.

"I don't remember starting two freshmen when I was a coach in college," Bulls coach Tim Floyd said. "I guess I'm going to get a chance in the NBA."

Indeed, this draft was all about the allure of potential.

Three of the first four players chosen were high school seniors, and the college player of the year — Duke's Shane Battier — wasn't taken until the Grizzlies picked him sixth — one spot after Golden State selected Michigan State guard Jason Richardson, a sophomore.

In another trade, the New Jersey Nets sent the rights to Eddie Griffin, selected seventh overall, to the Houston Rockets for the rights to their three first-round picks: Arizona forward Richard Jefferson (No. 13 overall), Stanford center Jason Collins (No. 18) and Pepperdine guard Brandon Armstrong (No. 23).

Also, Cleveland traded the rights to North Carolina center Brendan Haywood, the 20th overall pick, to Orlando for center Michael Doleac.

At first glance, the biggest winners of the night appeared to be the Clippers.

After taking Chandler with the No. 2 pick, they immediately traded him and forward Brian Skinner to Chicago for Brand, the No. 1 overall pick in 1999.

"It's very tough losing night after night. I just want to be on a team that has a shot at winning some games and improving," Brand said. "The first two years were very rough for me and I don't want to be in that situation ever again."

Major League Baseball

National League
All Times EDT

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	43	34	.558	—
Philadelphia	42	34	.553	½
Florida	41	36	.533	2
New York	34	45	.430	10
Montreal	31	48	.392	13
Central Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Chicago	45	31	.592	—
Houston	40	36	.526	5
St. Louis	40	37	.520	5½
Milwaukee	38	37	.507	6½
Cincinnati	30	46	.395	15
Pittsburgh	28	47	.373	16½
West Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Arizona	47	31	.603	—
San Francisco	41	37	.526	6
Los Angeles	40	37	.520	6½
Colorado	38	40	.487	9
San Diego	37	41	.474	10

Wednesday's Games
Atlanta 10, Philadelphia 4
N.Y. Mets 5, Chicago Cubs 4
Florida 9, Montreal 1
Pittsburgh 6, Milwaukee 2
Los Angeles 7, San Francisco 3
Cincinnati 3, St. Louis 1
Colorado 10, San Diego 9
Arizona 7, Houston 5

Thursday's Games
Milwaukee (Wright 7-4) at Pittsburgh (Ritchie 3-8), 1:35 p.m.
Florida (Dempster 8-7) at Philadelphia (Person 5-5), 5:05 p.m., 1st game
Florida (Clement 4-5) at Philadelphia (Coggin 0-0), DH, 2nd game
Chicago Cubs (Tapani 8-4) at Cincinnati (Dessens 5-4), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Rusch 3-5) at Atlanta (Glavine 6-5), 7:35 p.m.
Los Angeles (Prokopec 6-4) at San Diego (Lawrence 1-0), 10 p.m.

Friday's Games
Chicago Cubs (Bere 4-4) at Cincinnati (Reith 0-5), 7:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Beimel 3-3) at Montreal (Mattes 1-0), 7:05 p.m.
Florida (Smith 4-3) at Philadelphia (Chen 3-4), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Trachsel 1-9) at Atlanta (Marquis 2-1), 7:35 p.m.
Houston (Reynolds 8-5) at Milwaukee (Sheets 9-4), 8:05 p.m.
Colorado (Astacio 5-3) at Arizona (Johnson 9-5), 10:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Dreifort 4-7) at San Diego (Eaton 8-3), 10:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Kamuth 8-6) at San Francisco (Rueter 8-6), 10:35 p.m.

American League
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	45	31	.592	—
New York	43	33	.566	2
Toronto	37	40	.481	8½
Baltimore	36	41	.468	9½
Tampa Bay	23	54	.299	22½
Central Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Minnesota	46	30	.605	—
Cleveland	45	30	.600	½
Chicago	36	38	.486	9
Detroit	32	42	.432	13
Kansas City	30	46	.395	16
West Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Seattle	56	20	.737	—
Anaheim	38	38	.500	18
Oakland	36	40	.474	20
Texas	29	47	.382	27

Wednesday's Games
N.Y. Yankees 15, Cleveland 5
Baltimore 7, Toronto 3
Tampa Bay 9, Boston 7
Minnesota 4, Chicago White Sox 1
Kansas City 5, Detroit 4
Anaheim 4, Texas 2
Oakland 6, Seattle 3

Thursday's Games
Baltimore (Ponson 4-5) at Toronto (Michalak 5-4), 12:35 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (D.Wells 5-7) at Minnesota (Radke 8-3), 1:05 p.m.
Detroit (Weaver 6-7) at Kansas City (Durbin 5-6), 2:05 p.m.
Oakland (Zito 4-6) at Seattle (Sele 8-1), 6:35 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Kennedy 2-1) at Boston (Castillo 7-5), 7:05 p.m.
Texas (Oliver 6-2) at Anaheim (Rapp 2-7), 10:05 p.m.

Friday's Games
Boston (Wakefield 5-2) at Toronto (Parris 3-5), 7:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Rekar 1-8) at N.Y. Yankees (Clemens 10-1), 7:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Suppan 3-7) at Cleveland (Burba 8-4), 7:05 p.m.
Detroit (Sparks 5-3) at Minnesota (Milton 8-3), 8:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Towers 5-2) at Chicago White Sox (Buehrle 6-3), 8:05 p.m.
Oakland (Lankford 1-4) at Texas (Bell 1-0), 8:35 p.m.
Seattle (Moyer 8-3) at Anaheim (Schoeneweis 6-6), 10:05 p.m.

WNBA Glance

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EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	10	3	.769	—
New York	8	4	.667	1½
Miami	5	6	.454	4
Indiana	4	7	.364	5
Orlando	4	7	.364	5
Detroit	3	8	.273	6
Washington	2	9	.182	7
Charlotte	2	10	.167	7½
WESTERN CONFERENCE	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Houston	9	1	.900	—
Los Angeles	10	3	.769	½
Portland	7	4	.636	2½
Seattle	7	5	.583	3
Sacramento	6	6	.500	4
Utah	5	5	.500	4
Minnesota	4	5	.444	4½
Phoenix	4	7	.364	5½

Wednesday's Games
Utah 68, Miami 63, OT
Charlotte 74, Detroit 50
Cleveland 65, Orlando 41
Portland 68, Indiana 65
Houston 76, Washington 63

Thursday's Games
Seattle at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Houston at Sacramento, 10 p.m.

Friday's Games
Portland at Miami, 1 p.m.
Utah at Washington, 7 p.m.
Phoenix at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Indiana, 8 p.m.

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To those indebted to, or holding claims against the estate of HERMAN W. ELKINS, deceased, Probate Case Number 5,681:

The undersigned, having been duly appointed Independent Executrix of the estate of Herman W. Elkins, deceased, late of Scurry County, Texas, by RICKY FRITZ, Judge of the County Court of said county, on the 21st day of June, 2001, hereby notifies all persons indebted to said estate to come forward and make settlement, and those having claims against said estate to present them to: Katherine S. Elkins, 1011 B. Wolfe Rd., Abilene, TX 79602, within the time prescribed by law.

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WWII vets to be honored in commissioning of 'Iwo Jima'

PENSACOLA, Fla. (AP) — Hershel Williams' most vivid memory of Iwo Jima is the sound of machine gun bullets bouncing off a steel flame thrower strapped to his back as he crawled toward a Japanese bunker.

"It was just rat-ta-tat-tat," recalled Williams, 77, of Ona, W.Va. "There are some things about that action that are just like a daydream. They don't even seem real to me."

Williams, who won the Medal of Honor for knocking out seven bunkers in four hours on the island, joined about 1,000 other survivors of one of World War II's bloodiest battles last week aboard the USS Iwo Jima, an amphibious assault ship named in their honor.

The veterans accompanied the Iwo Jima from its shipyard in Pascagoula, Miss., to Pensacola Naval Air Station, where the ship is to be commissioned on Saturday. It will be based in Norfolk, Va.

"Any man that walked on that beach or served on that island deserves the accolade of having that terrific ship to be named Iwo Jima," said Jacklyn Lucas, 73, of Hattiesburg, Miss. "It just perpetuates and memorializes those great, brave young men who fought there at Iwo. So many of them gave up their lives."

About 6,800 Americans died and 19,000 were wounded in the 36-day battle for the tiny Pacific island, considered a strategic staging ground for air strikes against Japan. Only 1,083 of about 20,000 Japanese survived.

The Medal of Honor, the nation's highest award for valor, was presented to 27 Marines and sailors — 13 posthumously — more than for any other operation in the war.

Williams, Lucas and Navy corpsman George E. Wahlen are the only living Medal of Honor winners from Iwo Jima. Lucas used his body to shield fellow Marines from an exploding hand grenade. Wahlen, though wounded, repeatedly went to the aid of fallen comrades.

Iwo Jima also produced one of the most enduring images of the war, the Pulitzer Prize-winning photo of five Marines and a Navy corpsman raising the U.S. flag atop Mount Suribachi on Feb. 23, 1945, four days after the assault began.

A memorial in Washington, D.C., is based on the picture taken by Associated Press photographer Joe Rosenthal. It depicts the second flag raised about three hours after Cpl. Charles W. Lindberg and five other Marines raised the first.

"That's when the island came alive," said Lindberg, 81, in a telephone interview from his Richfield, Minn., home. "The troops down below started to cheer. The ships' whistles went off."

Williams was on the ground, crawling toward the enemy bunkers with his flame-thrower, when he saw the first flag being raised.

"Our spirits were very low at that point because we had lost so many men and made so little gain," Williams recalled. "The whole spirit changed."

Lucas became a hero two days earlier although he was not supposed to be in the battle.

The Plymouth, N.C., native had forged his mother's signature on a consent form and join the Marines at 14.

GE offers to sell 19.9 percent of lease company to cinch deal

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — General Electric Co. has offered to sell a stake in one of its most prized units to win European Union antitrust clearance for its $41 billion purchase of Honeywell International Inc., a source close to the deal said today.

The last-ditch offer would have GE sell a 19.9 percent stake in its aircraft-financing unit, GE Capital Aviation Services, to large financial institutions, but not to the public, the source said on condition of anonymity.

The minority shareholders would appoint one independent director to the GECAS board, the source said.

GE's remaining 80.1 percent would ensure that GE would continue to benefit from the tax grouping of GE and GECAS, the source said.

EU Commission spokeswoman Amelia Torres confirmed that discussions were being held but refused to elaborate.

EU antitrust officials had expressed concern that GECAS, one of the world's top purchasers of aircraft, would promote GE-Honeywell equipment to the detriment of competitors. They had pushed GE to sell shares in GECAS to independent investors to ensure greater discipline without threatening GE's control of the unit.

In its June 14 "final offer," GE proposed introducing separate management for GECAS, but had refused to consider selling a minority share.

GE spokesman Gary Sheffer said Wednesday the company's outside advisers have had informal discussions with European Commission staff. He would not comment on details of the talks.

GE had offered to divest Honeywell assets with a combined annual revenue of $2.2 billion, but Competition Commissioner Mario Monti said GE could lower that figure if it agreed to a "structural commitment" with regard to GECAS.

Monti was to meet with GE representatives today to evaluate the new offer, the source said.

The Commission was expected to make its final decision on the deal at its meeting next Tuesday, but the new offer could result in a postponement. The legal deadline for a decision is July 12.

The deal won conditional clearance in the United States in May, and U.S. politicians up to President Bush have expressed concern about the prospect of it being blocked in Brussels.

Torres brushed of criticism that the deal could harm U.S.-EU relations, which she described as solid.

"This is about competition law and enforcing competition law in Europe and has nothing to do with politics or trade relations," she said.

On the Net:

General Electric: http://www.ge.com

Honeywell: http://www.honeywell.com

European Commission: http://www.europa.eu.int/

Cloud of dust settles on Rio Grande Valley

McALLEN (AP) — A mammoth cloud of dust from the Sahara Desert settled on the Rio Grande Valley on schedule Tuesday afternoon.

The dusty veil stretched from Cuba to the eastern coast of Mexico to South Texas, impairing visibility and significantly heightening the levels of polluting particles.

The cloud also carried allergens such as mold, said Karen Goelkel, spokeswoman for the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission.

Particulate matter, which has been linked to heart and lung problems, measured twice the normal level in Brownsville on Monday, but still fell below the federal standard of 150 micrograms of particles per cubic meter of air.

Levels on Tuesday came close to the national standard for unhealthy air throughout the day. At one point the federal threshold was surpassed, reaching 156 particles per cubic meter, Goelkel told the McAllen Monitor in Wednesday's editions.

Goelkel advised young children, asthma patients, the elderly or people with heart trouble to avoid going outside.

The Valley should be rid of the cloud by Thursday, Goelkel said.

The dust was carried by a strong breeze from the Gulf of Mexico, with winds up to 41 miles per hour, said meteorologist Mike Castillo of the National Weather Service.

Dust clouds from Africa occur three to six times a year, Goelkel said.

Markets

Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP)

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	35.37	34.60	35.24	+ .97
AOL TimeWrn	53.26	52.75	53.02	+ .34
AT&T Corp	21.54	20.52	21.49	+ .72
Albertsons	29.74	29.49	29.72	+ .26
Alltel	59.47	58.30	59.25	+ 1.14
AmEl Pw	47.20	46.60	46.91	+ .60
AndarkPtr	55.75	54.70	55.00	—.39
ATMOS Egy	24.14	23.90	24.09	+ .14
Availl	11.03	10.80	10.90	—.03
BP PLC	50.25	49.38	49.46	—2.30
BakerHughes	34.65	33.14	33.20	—1.65
Bank of Amer	60.95	60.30	60.84	+ .52
BellSouth	39.09	38.06	38.95	+ .54
Beth Steel	1.94	1.77	1.78	—.11
BurlNoSFe	29.84	29.26	29.80	+ .49
Caterpillar	52.86	52.25	52.25	—.04
Chevron	91.00	88.21	88.29	—3.11
Citigroup s	52.60	52.00	52.32	+ .62
CocaCola	44.72	44.22	44.38	+ .20
ColgatePal	61.00	60.35	60.45	—.15
ComclMetals	31.31	31.15	31.30	+ .05
CooperIn	39.13	38.85	38.90	+ .04
DaimlrChry	46.15	44.35	44.75	—.01
DeltaAirl	44.10	42.35	43.84	+ 1.95
Dillards Inc	15.63	15.19	15.44	+ .32
DowChem	34.24	33.95	34.10	+ .11
DuPont	47.67	47.26	47.58	+ .54
EastmanChem	47.60	47.07	47.41	+ .28
EstKodak	46.51	45.68	46.51	+ 1.21
EDS Corp	61.96	61.40	61.85	+ .68
Entergy	40.04	39.65	39.92	+ .23
ExxonMobil	87.03	86.35	86.41	—.81
ExxonMob wi	43.70	43.40	43.40	—.40
FstBksAm	25.40	25.13	25.13	—.27
GenDynam	75.00	74.05	74.65	—.15
GenElec	48.80	47.39	48.17	—.09
GenMills	43.18	42.65	42.91	+ .11
GenMotors	63.95	62.75	63.59	+ .97
GaPacGP	34.18	33.65	33.90	+ .01
GlobalMar	19.80	18.43	18.70	—1.01
Goodrch	38.10	37.84	37.99	+ .47
Goodyear s	28.05	27.80	28.04	+ .19
GtAtlPac	13.70	13.68	13.69	+ .01
Halliburtn	38.89	36.50	37.00	—1.65
Hanson ADS	36.10	35.80	36.00	+ .20
HarteHanks	24.52	24.35	24.47	+ .09
HomeDepot	48.25	47.14	47.50	+ .65
Honeywellintl	40.60	39.50	39.74	+ 2.74
IBM	115.40	113.75	114.79	+ 1.27
IntlPaper	36.05	35.80	36.00	+ .25
JohnsonJn s	52.00	50.25	52.00	+ 1.30
K mart	11.26	10.90	11.25	+ .48
KinderMorg	53.90	53.36	53.36	—.49
Kroger Co	25.99	25.55	25.98	+ .48
LockheedM	36.09	35.91	36.05	+ .41
Lowes Cos	75.79	74.70	75.45	+ 1.89
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LucentTech	6.05	5.80	5.81	—.06
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Medtronic	47.53	45.89	47.34	+ 1.46
Motorola	15.65	15.15	15.43	+ .35
NCR Corp	47.45	47.20	47.44	+ .38
Navistar	28.75	27.92	28.64	+ .73
Penney JC	25.55	24.80	25.25	+ .62
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Praxair	46.86	46.27	46.68	+ .21
ProctGamb	64.23	63.40	63.64	+ .24
PubS NwMx	32.50	31.84	32.30	+ .35
RadioShack	29.40	28.10	29.16	+ 1.26
ReliantEngy	32.08	31.50	31.75	+ .35
RoyalDut	57.05	56.56	56.77	—1.73
SBC Comm	40.09	39.50	39.92	+ .52
SaraLee	18.87	18.50	18.83	+ .28
Scripps EW	68.50	67.85	68.41	+ .56
SearsRoeb	42.35	40.95	41.95	+ 1.17
SherwinW	21.80	21.33	21.79	+ .29
SouthernCo s	23.75	23.49	23.51	—.11
SwstAirl s	18.00	17.23	17.93	+ .61
SprintFON	21.10	20.60	20.97	+ .40
SprintPCS	23.23	22.17	22.83	+ .65
Sunoco Inc	34.40	33.85	34.01	—.59
TXU Corp	49.09	48.35	48.80	+ .31
TempleInland	53.69	53.30	53.40	+ .24
Texaco	67.90	65.55	65.66	—2.24
TexInd	32.20	31.90	32.12	+ .13
TexasInst	32.42	31.50	31.91	+ 1.00
Textron	56.82	56.35	56.55	+ .05
TriconGlbR	44.72	42.60	44.01	+ .61
TrinityInds	21.40	20.80	21.01	—.38
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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Friday, June 29, 2001

Don't put any limitations on yourself or your creative enterprises or endeavors in the year ahead, because what you envision could prove to be extremely lucky for all involved.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — The family is always your top priority that will prove lucky for all today. Your input will be extremely fortunate for you and those you love when dealing in the domestic realm. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that'll govern you in the year ahead.

Send for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Watch for good news to come your way today pertaining to something in which you just recently became interested. It'll be the type of break for which we all hope.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Opportunities can be found today, both career-wise and financially, so be more on your toes than usual. Each may develop singularly, but could eventually be intertwined.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — You won't have to settle for second best today. Your positive, enthusiastic outlook will supply all the impetus required to help you advance your self-interests.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Luck could be on your side today by making it possible for you to profit from an arrangement that was not initiated by you. However, you'll furnish the needed missing ingredient.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Regardless of whether you're dealing with a group or a person on a one-on-one basis, your influence over them will be much stronger than you may realize. Use it to everyone's advantage.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Clearly define what you wish to accomplish today and then go after your goals. Substantial rewards are in the offing for well-established, realistic objectives.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Friendly competition with good friends bring out your finer qualities today. You'll be desirous of winning, but should you lose, you'll demonstrate how to do so with grace.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Not only will you get to work with the resources of a counterpart today, but this joint venture will prove fortunate for both. Your cohort will realize you're the lucky penny in the mix.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Lady Luck may step in and act as your bargaining agent today. She will influence matters to not only benefit you, but those with whom you're negotiating as well.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Stick with any financial situation that you're involved with today until you get the results to which you aspire. Even if it means working overtime, it'll be worth it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — You don't need any secrets to be the most popular person in your peer group today. Using your warm, natural compelling personality will draw others to you.

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State has 8th worst intersection in U.S.

DALLAS (AP) — When the light turns green at the North Texas intersection of Texas 121 and Preston Road, motorists proceed with caution.

State Farm Insurance says it's Texas' most dangerous intersection and the country's 8th most dangerous, a claim disputed by Texas Department of Transportation officials.

The crossing, maintained by the city of Plano, is in Collin County, the fastest-growing county in the state.

The study by the nation's largest auto insurer was based on the company's accident claims and adjusted for the severity of injuries. The data were extrapolated to account for drivers covered by other insurance companies.

Lists are based on crashes resulting in claims by its policyholders in 1999 and 2000.

But transportation department spokesman Mark Ball said the Plano intersection shouldn't have been on the list.

"I don't think it's dangerous," Ball said. "Truth is, we probably have more accidents at other intersections in the Metroplex between people who don't have insurance."

Ball said State Farm's survey is unfair because it bases its data on claims, rather than actual accidents.

There were reportedly 328 accidents at the Plano intersection in the last two years.

"We're not denying that there's traffic," Ball said. "We're just suspicious of the numbers."

Ball said the once quiet interchange has experienced rapid growth.

"Just two years ago, there was nothing at that intersection," Ball said. "Basically overnight, the entire face of that intersection has changed."

A mall, shopping centers and restaurants have cropped up in the area.

On Sunday, Texas Rangers owner Tom Hicks and the Dallas Stars detailed plans to build a $300 million sports complex at the northeast intersection of Texas 121 and Dallas North Tollway.

The state has addressed the intersection, Ball said. In January, the department finished a $599,000 improvement project at the crossing to add duel left turn lanes, a wider intersection and new signals.

Another state project would build a $34 million three-level interchange at the crossing. Bidding will begin in Fall 2002.

Transportation department spokesman Randall Dillard said the state will take the ranking under consideration.

"We're always interested in making our highway system safer, regardless of the reasons an intersection may have made the list," Dillard said.

According to census figures, Collin County grew 86.2 percent between 1990 to 2000, from 264,036 residents to 461,675.

"The more people you have on the roadway, the more opportunity you have for mishaps and crashes," Dillard said. "Certainly the number of motorists on our highways in Texas is up dramatically."

Other Texas intersections deemed dangerous were Addison's Belt Line Road and Midway Road, Houston's Texas 6 and Westheimer Road, Austin's U.S. 183 and Farm to Market Road 620, and Dallas' Frankford Road and Midway Road.

Merger between Tyson and IBP appears to be on again

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — Tyson Foods and IBP Inc. have agreed to terms that would merge the nation's largest chicken and beef producers, completing a deal that Tyson had tried to abandon.

Tyson, the Springdale, Ark.-based poultry giant, said it would pay $30 per share in cash for 50.1 percent of IBP's common shares. The remaining IBP shares will be converted into Tyson Class A common stock. The deal is the same that Tyson initially planned, but tried to back out of citing problems in IBP's books.

John M. McMillin, analyst with Prudential securities, said the overall per share price would work out to $26.

IBP sued, and a Delaware judge ordered Tyson to complete the deal.

The deal is worth $3.2 billion, and Tyson also will assume $1.5 billion of IBP's debt. The Tyson purchase will create a meat processing company with 28 percent of the beef market, 25 percent of the chicken market and 18 percent of the pork market.

Tyson announced Jan. 1 that it would buy Dakota Dunes, S.D.-based IBP, topping a rival bid from Smithfield Foods, the world's largest pork producer. The Justice Department approved the deal later that month.

Tyson tried to call off the deal in March, saying IBP provided misleading information about the company's worth. On June 15, Delaware Vice Chancellor Leo E. Strine Jr. said he was not persuaded by Tyson's claims that it was kept in the dark about financial problems at an IBP subsidiary.

He said Tyson improperly terminated its agreement with IBP and must work to complete the deal.

Rather than fight the judge, Tyson said it would comply.

"Today's step moves us down the road to our vision, creating the world's leading protein provider," Tyson chairman John Tyson said. "It allows us to better serve our customers in today's consolidating marketplace and will produce value for shareholders."

Videotape shows squalid conditions in Idaho home

SANDPOINT, Idaho (AP) — Erina McGuckin sat 10 feet from her mother, calmly describing how the family ate bread that had been gnawed by rodents and had to remove animal feces from their food as it was cooking.

Her testimony came Wednesday during a preliminary hearing for her mother, JoAnn, on child-neglect charges, which were brought after the 19-year-old complained to authorities about the living conditions at their home.

JoAnn McGuckin was arrested May 29, prompting a five-day standoff between six of her children, ages 8 to 16, and authorities at their ramshackle home. Erina McGuckin left home last year to join the Navy.

A videotape played by prosecutors showed the interior of the family's rural Idaho home littered with garbage, broken furniture, dog feces, spoiled food, maggots and mice.

Erina McGuckin described how the family would cook food such as red beans that had been contaminated with rodent feces. "We would boil the bulk products and skim them (feces) off the top," she testified.

The family ate bread that had been gnawed by rodents by cutting off the chewed parts and toasting the rest over fire to try to kill germs, she said.

McGuckin said the family drew water from a small lake on their property, used a bucket or the woods for a toilet, had little food and did not do laundry in the winter. She said her mother would spend some of the family's limited money on liquor and shared beer with the children.

The property was overrun by more than a dozen dogs and that mice and other wild animals often came into the decrepit house, she said.

"Mice would crawl into bed when we were sleeping," she testified. "They'd run around under our covers."

Her testimony was followed by the 54-minute videotape taken by sheriff's deputies that showed the squalid conditions in the family's home. There had been no running water since 1997, and heat was provided in winter by a kerosene stove.

"Maybe people will understand a little better why we did what we did," Prosecutor Phil Robinson said. Authorities here have come under sharp criticism from some people with anti-government sentiments for arresting McGuckin and placing her children in foster care.

Defense attorney Bryce Powell objected to the admission of the videotape, suggesting much of the filth in the house was the result of the standoff. He complained the tape was inflammatory and would turn public opinion against JoAnn McGuckin.

"After today, things don't look too good for me, but I'll keep praying," JoAnn McGuckin said as she was returned to jail after the hearing, which was scheduled to resume today.

Sheen pleads guilty, given probation

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Actor Martin Sheen pleaded guilty Wednesday and was sentenced to three years probation for trespassing at an Air Force base during a protest against the United States building a missile defense system.

"If we went to trial and lost, I would have no problem (going to jail)," Sheen said. "But the 'West Wing' (producers) might have a problem with it."

Sheen, who has another year on his contract playing the U.S. president on the NBC drama, said his attorney advised him to enter the plea to a misdemeanor federal trespassing charge.

Under the plea deal, the judge also fined Sheen $500. He could have been sentenced to six months in jail and fined $5,000.

Sheen asked to donate the fine to charity.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Man saddened by affair that cost him family's respect

DEAR ABBY: I have a true story to share. It's the story of a man who married his high school sweetheart. She supported him through college, encouraged him to pursue a degree, and gave him two beautiful children. She became a wonderful mother. She never missed a ballgame. She took the children to church. She worked full time and went without in order to give us more, and he, on the other hand, never helped around the house and became obsessed with his job.

A female co-worker with a questionable reputation began to flirt, flatter and confide in him about her inattentive husband. He allowed himself to be convinced an affair was justified, since his wife was so busy raising his children. Soon the affair became common knowledge. He had to leave his home and family, which suddenly seemed invaluable beyond belief.

Abby, I traded everything important in life for a woman who's not fit to wipe my wife's shoes. Although I never strayed before, my reputation is ruined. My children will never again respect me. I'll be known for the rest of my life as someone who committed adultery and lied to everyone I know and love.

If there is a man reading this who's considering following in my footsteps, I hope my letter makes him think twice. He should go home, help his wife, be part of his children's lives, and stop believing he should be the center of everyone's attention.

If a married man is tempted by another woman, I guarantee she's selfish and looking out for only her own needs. And if he marries her, what he'll have is an adulteress who lies and cheats. I wish I could change everything I have done. — **SADDER BUT WISER**

DEAR SADDER: I'm printing your warning. Anyone who reads it and fluffs it off thinking your story is unusual, please read on:

DEAR ABBY: Two years ago, I met "Liz," the woman of my dreams. My marriage of 1 1/2 years was rocky. Liz was ambitious, hard-working, exciting and fun — everything I thought my wife wasn't. Liz was an airline pilot. Over dinner we told each other our tales of woe. I walked her to her car; she kissed me. Two hours later I was an adulterer.

Because we're both pilots, we could meet without suspicion during overnight layovers in other cities. We discussed marriage and children. I felt some guilt about what this would do to my 1-year-old son, but the thought of divorcing my wife was surprisingly easy.

After three months, Liz suddenly became cold and distant. She said she needed time to think things through. Several months later, I learned she was marrying a wealthy man she had met while we were involved. I was devastated.

I'm now divorced. My ex and I are trying to reconcile, but it doesn't look good. If things don't work out, my desire to become involved with another woman is completely gone.

The expensive lesson I learned is don't take the easy way out. If your marriage is unhappy, get professional help. Identify what's wrong before venturing down a destructive path. I have lost everything important to me — my son, the respect of my ex-wife, family and friends — and my own self-respect. I'm reminded every time I look in the mirror. — **SO SORRY IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

DEAR SO SORRY AND OTHER MARRIED MEN WITH THE URGE TO WANDER: There you have it — not one object lesson but two. Let me add a thought for the day: If you don't value what you have, you're sure to lose it.

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Dear Abby is written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips.

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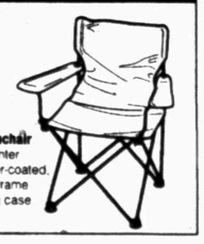

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State tobacco ad ban struck down

WASHINGTON (AP) — A state government may not impose its own advertising restrictions on tobacco beyond the broad federal law that bans cigarette ads on television and requires warning labels on packages, the Supreme Court ruled today.

The unanimous but tangled ruling was a victory for a group of cigarette makers that had fought proposed ad restrictions in Massachusetts as both a violation of federal law and an unconstitutional limit on the companies' free speech.

The court's ruling focuses narrowly on the language of the Massachusetts ad ban, but the justices' reasoning would extend to any other state contemplating similar restrictions.

The court gave cigarette makers a partial free-speech victory, ruling that the state's plans for bans on outdoor advertising and signs would violate the First Amendment. The state does have the right to restrict where tobacco products may be displayed inside stores, the justices ruled.

Massachusetts' plan to ban tobacco ads near playgrounds and schools has been on hold pending the high court ruling.

Massachusetts proposed banning outdoor advertising of all tobacco products within 1,000 feet of schools and playgrounds, including ads outside stores and those inside stores that can been seen from outside.

The state law also required that tobacco products be kept behind store counters, and it prohibited advertising at children's eye level.

Rumsfeld wants more bases to be closed

WASHINGTON (AP) — Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld urged Congress today to allow the Pentagon to close more military bases as a cost-saving measure, but he immediately encountered resistance.

"With a round of base closings and adjustments that reduced unneeded facilities, we could focus the funds on facilities we actually need," Rumsfeld told the House Armed Services Committee.

Rep. Joel Hefley, R-Colo., said the process used to determine which bases should be closed during the 1990s was corrupted by the Clinton administration and caused unnecessary turmoil across the nation.

"I have serious concern about us going through that, putting every community in America that has any kind of a military installation into an absolute froth of anxiety," Hefley told Rumsfeld.

Hefley suggested devising a new approach in which facilities that the Pentagon knows it wants to keep open should be publicly excluded from the list of potential closings, even before final decisions are made.

In response, Rumsfeld said he saw "some attraction" in that and was actively considering it.

Rep. Vic Snyder, D-Ark., echoed Hefley's concern, saying he hoped the Pentagon could devise a way to ensure that communities near critical military bases are "taken off the anxiety list" ahead of time.

Rumsfeld said base closings would be a way to save the money the Pentagon will need to transform the military. He did not suggest how many bases should close but said recent studies have indicated that the military has 20 percent to 25 percent too much base capacity. It is not possible to translate that to a specific number of potental base closings, since the Pentagon could reach what it considers the proper base capacity by closing various mixes of large, small and medium-sized bases.

Gen. Henry H. Shelton, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, voiced support for Rumsfeld's proposal. "By removing that excess capacity we could potentially save an estimated $3 billion per year, which is money that could be used to help fix the remaining infrastructure," he told the committee.

Immigrants can't be locked up indefinitely, court rules

WASHINGTON (AP) — Immigrants who have committed crimes in the United States cannot be locked up indefinitely just because the government has no place to send them, the Supreme Court ruled today.

In the second victory this week for immigrants who commit crimes, the court said open-ended jailing cannot be justified under the Constitution.

The vote was 5-4, the same margin by which the court ruled Monday that legal aliens convicted of certain crimes are entitled to a court hearing before they can be deported.

Today's ruling affects about 3,000 deportable immigrants whose home countries either will not accept them or no longer exist. All were convicted of serious crimes, have served their sentences and are now in legal limbo.

The decision is a victory for civil rights groups that argued that keeping someone behind bars after they have completed their sentence violates the Constitution's guarantee of due process under the law.

Justice Stephen G. Breyer, in the majority opinion, rejected the government's argument that a criminal alien's liberty is greatly diminished by his or her lack of a legal right to live in the country.

"The choice ... is not between imprisonment and the alien living at large," Breyer said. "It is between imprisonment and supervision under release conditions that may not be violated.

"We believe that an alien's liberty interest is, at the least, strong enough to raise a serious question as to whether ... the Constitution permits detention that is indefinite and potentially permanent."

Breyer was joined by Justices John Paul Stevens, Sandra Day O'Connor, David Souter and Ruth Bader Ginsburg. Justice Antonin Scalia, Anthony M. Kennedy, Clarence Thomas and Chief Justice William Rehnquist dissented.

The ruling combined two separate cases with the same issue.

Breyer said Congress recognized a six-month detention period for those facing removal. "We recognize the period," he said.

After the six months, once the alien shows there is no significant likelihood of removal in the foreseeable future, the government must provide evidence to rebut that showing to further detain the immigrant.

An alien could be imprisoned until it is determined there is no significant likelihood of removal in the foreseeable future, the ruling said.

Some of the affected immigrants are stateless, and many more were born in countries such as Cuba, Cambodia, Vietnam and Laos that have no repatriation agreements with the United States.

In 1996, Congress passed a law requiring deportation of noncitizens who committed a wide range of felonies, including most types of drug crimes.

Obituaries

Frank Brown

1943-2001

Frank B. Brown, an employee of the Price Daniel Unit in Snyder, died Wednesday, June 27, in a Kerrville hospital following a six-month battle with cancer.

Funeral service for Mr. Brown, 57, is set for 3 p.m. Friday in the Lakeview Memorial Gardens in Longview with the Rev. Bobby Moore officiating. Burial will follow in Lakeview Memorial Gardens.

Born Nov. 16, 1943 in San Jose, Calif., he grew up in Longview and was a member of the Springhill Baptist Church in Springhill, Tex.

An employee of the Texas Department of Corrections for six years, Mr. Brown had worked at the Price Daniel Unit for three years.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Elsie Brown; and his grandmother.

Survivors include his wife, Ezell Thompson Brown of Snyder; a daughter and son-in-law, Susan and Steve Hamilton of Kerrville; a son and daughter-in-law, Brad and Terrie Brown of Bellevue, Neb.; two sisters and brothers-in-law, B.J. and Homer Covington of Longview and Dixie and Lee Flick of Tyler; and four grandchildren, Chelsie Brown and Conner Brown of Bellevue and Kelli Hamilton and Emma Grace Hamilton of Kerrville.

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Steve Bavousett

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DALLAS — Steve Bavousett, a native of Scurry County, died Sunday, June 24, in Dallas.

A memorial service is set for noon Saturday at Vista Ridge United Methodist Church in Lewisville. The Rev. Tom Palmer will officiate.

He was born on April 9, 1927 in Camp Springs. Mary Olive Bavousett, his wife of 45 years, preceded him in death.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Mark S. and Deborah Bavousett of Coppell; a daughter and son-in-law, Carol and Steve Mattick of San Antonio; two grandchildren, Anne Marie and Stephen Michael Bavousett of Coppell; a sister, Oma Duff of Ponca City, Okla.; a brother, Lynn Bavousett of Weatherford; a sister-in-law, Alta Bavousett of Snyder; a nephew, Dan Bavousett, also of Snyder; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to Prairie Acres Nursing Home, Love Fund, 201 E. 15th St. in Friona, 79035 or the Friona First United Methodist Church, Permanent Endowment Fund, 301 E. 8th St.

Venice Cawthron

1932-2001

BIG SPRING – Venice Southard Cawthron, 68, died Tuesday, June 26, at her home in Big Spring following a lengthy illness.

Funeral service for Mrs. Cawthron is set for 2 p.m. Friday in the Myers and Smith Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Walter McCall, chaplain of the Community Care Hospice, officiating. Burial will follow in Trinity Memorial Park.

Born Nov. 19, 1932 in Big Spring, her parents, Robert and Lillie Southard, were pioneer residents of Scurry and Mitchell counties.

She married Elmer Roy Cawthron on Dec. 8, 1967 in Big Spring, and he died March 3, 1993.

A lifetime resident of Big Spring, she had worked for a number of years at Hemphill-Wells and later at 11th Place Laundry. Mrs. Cawthron also was a caregiver in the last years of her life, and was a member of the Central Baptist Church.

Survivors include two daughters, Debra Wasson and Cheryl Shults, both of Big Spring; three sons, Mike Tolson of Houston, Larry Tolson and Joe Tolson, both of McKinney; a sister, Lucy Holt of Aledo; 10 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Parole violator arrested here

Arrests

Liborio Francisco Garcia, 42, of 1000 30th Street was arrested for parole violation just before 11 a.m. Wednesday.

At 4:50 p.m., a 35-year-old man was taken into custody for bond forfeiture on an original charge of theft.

Officers arrested a 23-year-old woman at 10:45 p.m. The woman was taken into custody on several outstanding warrants from Brownfield, including no liability insurance, failure to provide a drivers license and failure to appear.

Fireworks

Dispatchers took six calls pertaining to fireworks being discharged within city limits Wednesday.

Criminal mischief

Terry Jamison requested an officer at The Movie Stop at 10:38 p.m. in reference to criminal mischief to his 2001 Ford pickup.

Officers responded to Noel Gomez' residence at 506 31st Street in reference to criminal mischief to his mailbox.

Criminal trespass

Police issued a criminal trespass warning to a male juvenile at the Snyder One Stop early this morning. The juvenile was transported to the police department, then to the Travel Inn where he was released to his father.

Diesel drive off

A clerk at Rip Griffin's Truck Stop requested an officer at 8:50 Wednesday morning to report a diesel drive off in the amount of $23.40. No description of the vehicle was available.

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ONGOINGS

Class of 1981 reunion

Friends of the SHS Class of 1981 are invited to attend the dance at Snyder Country Club from 9 to midnight Saturday. Cost is $5 per person. Former teachers of the class are invited to a reception from 7 to 11 p.m. Friday in the SHS Student Center.

Lucky 13 rush dance

Lucky 13 will hold a rush dance from 8 p.m. until midnight Friday. For more information, call Jessie Keller at 573-7705 and leave a message.

Youth car wash

Our Lady of Guadalupe CYO group will have a car wash from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Saturday at United Supermarket. Donations will be accepted for youth church activities.

Enchilada dinner

Faith Revival Church will sell enchilada plates as a fundraiser from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday at 3212 Ave. J.

Certified nurses aide course

Snyder Oaks Care Center will hold a certified nurses aide course of 75 hours beginning Saturday. The class will meet 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. For more information, call 573-9377 or Maggie Barnes at 863-2426.

Children's Saturday fun time/VBS

Children's Saturday fun time has joined the Vacation Bible School at Avenue D Baptist Church, 324 30th St.. Sessions are planned from 9 a.m. until noon on Saturday, and each Saturday in July. The VBS is for those who have completed kindergarten through the sixth grade. This year's them is "Truth Trackers." For more information, call 573-6878 or 573-0971.

Christian concert

Christian singers, Mercy Me, Jonathan Moore and Macy Hill, will be live in concert at 7 p.m. Sunday at the Scurry County Coliseum. Tickets are $5 for general admission and $7 for floor seating. Tickets are available at The Rest Stop. For more information, contact Becky at 573-1517.

Snyder Lions Club

Snyder Lions Club will not meet Tuesday. The next meeting will be Tuesday, July 10. This will be the annual White Elephant Sale and everyone must bring a White Elephant gift or be fined.

SHS 1986 reunion

The SHS class of 1986 will hold its reunion July 6-7. Classmates are still being contacted. Call Xalyn Harris Palacios at 574-3343 or 573-2148, or Mike McWilliams at 573-6543 for information on classmates.

Car wash

The SHS Student Council will sponsor a car wash from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. Saturday, July 7, in the Wal-Mart parking lot.

Class of 1966 reunion

The SHS class of 1966 will hold a reunion July 27-28. Anyone with classmates' addresses is asked to write to Janeen Patterson at Box 208, Snyder.

Class of 1976 reunion

The SHS class of 1976 will hold its reunion July 28 at Jack Greene's pasture. For information, call Lorinda Hardin at 573-2700 or Sherry Thompson at 338-0026. The website is classmates.com.

Senior water aerobics

Senior water aerobics at the WTC pool will be from 11 a.m. until noon on Tuesdays and Thursdays. For more information, call Bobbie Taylor at 573-7144 or the Senior Center at 573-4035.

WTC swimming pool

The WTC swimming pool is open for public use. Lap swimming: M-TH 6:30-8 a.m. Open swimming: M-TH 2-5 p.m. Cost is $3 per person or $50 for a semester pass. The pool is also available for parties on Fridays and Saturdays. For more information, contact Mike Harrison at 573-8511, ext. 279.

Free lunch program

The free lunch program at Central Elementary continues through July 27. Meals will be served on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from noon until 1 p.m. All children who qualify for free lunches at school may eat. An adult accompanying a child will also be served. For more information, call 573-6915.

Cancer treatment transportation

Transportation for cancer patients is available every day free of charge to Lubbock, Abilene or Midland. For more information, call Sammie Jarrell at 573-5993 or Blakely Fargason at 574-8041. If not home, leave message on answering machine.

High court rules against man trying to develop marshland

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court ruled today against a Rhode Island man whose 40-year struggle to develop his coastal marshland became a rallying cry for conservatives angry over government regulation of private property.

In a fractured ruling, the court said land owner Anthony Palazzolo had the right to challenge the government's refusal to allow him to build on the property. But in ruling against him, the majority decided the case on Palazzolo's circumstances rather than a broad analysis of the government's right to take property.

Justice Anthony M. Kennedy wrote the majority opinion and was joined by five other justices in whole or in part. Three justices dissented and one concurred in part and dissented in part.

Palazzolo argued he was denied the opportunity to make money from his property, even as neighbors developed and sold their land. The government said Palazzolo bought the land knowing that wetlands restrictions would govern what he could do with it.

Kennedy said that if the government takes someone's property, it may not refuse to compensate the owner just because he or she is left with a token interest in the property. But he quickly added that those circumstances didn't apply in Palazzolo's case.

The owner was permitted to build a substantial residence on an 18-acre parcel of the property, Kennedy said.

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Father eulogizes 5 children allegedly drowned by mom

HOUSTON (AP) — After a short graveside service for his five slain children, Russell Yates walked to each of the white caskets holding their bodies and, as he cried, softly touched them before they were buried in two graves.

"And now we give them back to (God)," minister Byron Fike said during a short graveside service Wednesday afternoon attended by about 100 people for Noah, 7, John, 5, Paul, 3, Luke, 2, and Mary, 6-months, all allegedly drowned last week by their mother, Andrea. "May your hand of mercy be on (Russell Yates)."

Yates did not speak at the gravesite service but delivered a 50 minute eulogy earlier Wednesday at a funeral service held at the Clear Lake Church of Christ, located a few blocks from the family's home in suburban Houston.

"The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away," Yates told about 300 mourners at the church. "That's exactly what He's done."

During the service, he went to the caskets, which were arranged in an arc, and paused before each one, detailing what he remembered most about each child.

Mary was dressed in a pink sleeper. Her 3-year-old brother Paul was to her left and 2-year-old Luke to her right. Noah wore a multicolored sweater emblazoned with a truck. John, 5, wore an orange and black sweater.

As Yates talked about each of his children, starting with Noah and proceeding down to his youngest, a picture of the child appeared on a large projection screen behind and above him.

He described Noah as intelligent, independent and a lover of bugs; John rough and tumble with a great smile; Paul the most well-behaved; Luke the troublemaker, the one most likely to challenge boundaries; and Mary, the "princess" of the family.

Yates told a story of how Noah once caught a caterpillar that became a butterfly when the family was on a road trip. The family quickly stopped on the side of the road and let the butterfly go as it emerged from the cocoon.

Yates gazed down at Noah's casket: "That is kind of how I look at this. We've set you free."

Of his daughter Mary, Yates said he was sorry he didn't get to see her grow up.

Meanwhile, Andrea Yates remained in the Harris County jail without bond on a capital murder charge. It was unclear if she was aware of the funerals.

Officials with the Harris County Sheriff's Department would not have informed her about it because that is something left to her family or attorneys to do, said Maj. Don McWilliams, department spokesman.

Inmates in the section of the jail where she is being held have access to a radio but officials did not know if she might have heard news reports about the funerals.

Defense attorney George Parnham has said he is considering an insanity defense. Yates' husband has said his wife suffered from postpartum depression.

A gag order has been issued in the case, prohibiting attorneys, police officers or witnesses involved from discussing it with reporters.

Harris County District Attorney Chuck Rosenthal, reached before the gag order took effect, said a decision on whether to seek the death penalty should be made within three weeks.

Police were called to the Yates' suburban Houston home June 20, when they found the lifeless bodies of the four youngest children still wet under a sheet on a bed. Noah was found in the bathtub. Police say Andrea Yates confessed to the slayings.

Quoting unidentified sources, Houston television station KTRK reported earlier this week that Andrea Yates is pregnant. Her defense attorney, George Parnham, told KTRK there's "no evidence to suggest" she's pregnant and since has declined comment, citing a gag order.

Harris County sheriff's Lt. Robert Van Pelt told The Associated Press that all female inmates are given a pregnancy test during a health assessment 14 days into their incarceration. However, a test is given sooner if a woman indicates while being booked that she has health problems, so prescription drugs can be dispensed, he said.

"As far as we are concerned, that is pure rumor," Van Pelt said of the pregnancy speculation. "That would be confidential information anyway."

Houston TV station KPRC reported Tuesday it had learned Yates was not pregnant. The Houston Chronicle said in Wednesday's editions that a pregnancy test proved negative.

In an interview with the online edition of Newsweek, Andrea Yates' brother, Andrew P. Kennedy, said his sister was hospitalized several months ago after attempting suicide at her parent's home.

Kennedy told Newsweek that Andrea held a knife to her throat and threatened to kill herself. He said she was hospitalized at least four times after the suicide attempt.

Small town declares bankruptcy

HOUSTON (AP) — A small town southwest of Houston has filed for bankruptcy court protection after state officials seized the town's bank account and withdrew all remaining money.

Kendleton's federal court filing on Wednesday followed moves by the state of Texas to collect a share of traffic fines.

Kendleton had a reputation as a speed trap dating back about 20 years — until the city along U.S. 59 abolished its 15-officer police force last summer during an investigation of improprieties.

The attorney representing Kendleton, Allan A. Cease of Sugar Land, said he knew of only one other case in Texas of a municipality filing for bankruptcy.

"Orange County in California filed in 1994, but the only other city in this state was the city of Westlake in 1997," Cease said.

Westlake, on the northern fringe of Tarrant County, has a population of about 230.

Kendleton's mayor, Carolyn Jones, said the filing in U.S. District Court in Houston will not disrupt services to the city's 700 residents.

The Texas attorney general's office obtained a writ of garnishment against Kendleton several weeks ago. On June 19, the state froze the city's bank account, then removed all of the funds.

The seizure of the city's money was based on a 1997 court ruling that Kendleton owed the state $660,000 as its portion of traffic fines collected between 1990 and 1996.

The city had recently been making monthly payments to the state to erase the debt and had pared the amount by at least $50,000.

Tom Kelley, a spokesman for the attorney general's office, said the state seized the account of $18,599 at the request of the state comptroller's office because Kendleton had gone two months without making debt payments.

In addition to the $660,000 judgment owed the state, a recent state audit showed the city owed just over $1 million from traffic fines collected from 1996 to 1999.

State law allows towns with populations up to 5,000 to keep no more than 30 percent of the revenue they receive from traffic fines. The remainder must be sent to the state.

The law, enacted six years ago, is designed to deter towns from turning police departments into speed-trap operators to generate revenue.

Deere & Co. cut jobs

MOLINE, Ill. (AP) — Deere & Co. is cutting 1,250 jobs by offering a voluntary early retirement program, a move the machinery maker says will save $90 million a year.

Moline-based Deere said Thursday that the early retirement option — which will reduce its work force by about 8 percent — will be offered to about 2,500 salaried employees. Those who accept will leave the company by the end of the year.

"The special early retirement offer is a part of ... ongoing efforts to run lean and enhance our efficiency, competitiveness and financial strength for future growth opportunities," Robert W. Lane, Deere's chairman and chief executive, said in a statement.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Testing for lactose intolerance

DEAR DR. GOTT: My husband claims to be lactose-intolerant, yet he happily (and without incident) consumes creamed soups, iced cream, cheese and other dairy products. He also says he is allergic to shellfish, but frequently enjoys clam chowder and lobster bisque. Am I missing something or is he just giving me the business?

DEAR READER: If it's a profitable business, take it.

Seriously, lactose intolerance (and shellfish allergy) are troublesome issues. In my experience, the lactose problem (allergy to milk sugar) usually holds true for milk products as well, such as cream, cheese and milk-based sauces. Also, a shellfish allergy could certainly cause serious problems in an affected patient who chose to consume cooked or processed shellfish. Therefore, my question to your husband is: How do you know?

I suggest that he be tested. For lactose deficiency, a hydrogen breath test will tell the tale. This simple, safe and inexpensive analysis will clearly indicate if his ability to digest milk sugar is impaired. For a possible shellfish allergy, he should see an allergist. Definitive skin and blood tests may be required.

While I don't doubt your husband's assertions, I share your concerns that he may be over-dramatizing the problem. What are the dynamics here? People with lactose intolerance develop troublesome indigestion and bloating when they consume milk or milk products. (The problem is easily counteracted by taking Lactaid beforehand.) So why is he making a big deal out of this? Did his mother insist that he drink his milk as a youngster and now he is reacting to you?

Shellfish allergy, on the other hand, is far less prevalent. In my experience, such patients react to even a whiff of the substance, by experiencing hives, shortness of breath, itchiness and tissue swelling. Like an allergy to nuts, shellfish sensitivity can cause problems quickly and unmistakably. The fact that your husband can tolerate chowders and bisques confuses me. Again, could the nature of your relations to your husband possibly be a factor?

All of this is probably unnecessarily long-winded. Your husband can be tested. I suggest that he do it.

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: It's mid-afternoon, and my living room is 85 degrees. I can't stand the heat, so I'm in the basement where it's only 70. My wife is sitting upstairs in that heat, wearing a long sleeve turtleneck sweater and a jacket. She is shivering, but her body temperature is normal. This phenomenon has been occurring for the past year or two. My wife is postmenopause. The doctors have tested her but cannot find anything wrong. Should I take her to a specialty clinic, such as Mayo, Barnes or Ochsner?

DEAR READER: I don't know what has so profoundly affected your wife's thermostat but, clearly, she is in need of help. Under the circumstances, I believe that super-specialists in a renowned medical facility would be her best bet. Have her doctor refer your wife to such a resource and make sure that he releases all the lab data, so that she won't be unnecessarily re-tested.

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