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Home Of Mae Cole

Annual rodeo busts out of the chute Thursday

The Scurry County Rodeo has always had its share of strong competition in the usual roping and riding events.

But this year's rodeo will feature a few added extras, just to make sure the fans are entertained.

The 67th annual Scurry County Rodeo opens at 7:30 Thursday night at the rodeo grounds on Gary Brewer Road, and rodeo association president Troy Minnix expects an exciting three nights of action.

"Registration for the events went well, so the competition should be good," Minnix said. "Plus, this year we have a few more things going on that we're hoping will draw more people to the arena. We've always had a lot of contestants, this year we want a lot of fans, also."

Fans at Thursday's opening performance will see the Texas Tech Masked Rider race through the arena during the Grand Entry, while Saturday's patrons will witness the crowning of the rodeo queen.

The reigning rodeo queen is Kasey Nachlinger

Rodeo queen contestants for this year are Randi K. Herrington and Brandy Shafer in the 13-18 age group, and Ciara Latta and Cassie Mhoon in the 12-under group.

Queen contestants have been selling advance tickets to each night's performance, and Minnix said the initial numbers have been high.

"We've had a good number of queen's tickets sold, so far," the first-year president stated. "We're also going to be giving away some tickets to various organizations, such as the Senior Citizens' Center.

"The audience turnout has gone downhill in the last few years, and we want to get it back to where it used to be."

When the action gets underway, competitors will battle for the top spots in bareback riding, saddle bronc, bull riding, calf roping, team roping, barrel racing and girls' breakaway roping, along with some added events for this year's performances.

Fans will enjoy watching three-man teams compete in the team mugging event, while kids will also get their chance in the arena.

Kids aged 12 and under can compete in the calf scramble, with bicycles going to the winner each night. Mutton busting will also be held for ages 6 and under, with the winner receiving a belt buckle.

"The team mugging and the kids' events were added to try and get more people out to the arena," Minnix said. "Once people come to one of the performances, they'll see that we have a good rodeo. These extra events are a way to attract them."

This year's stock will be provided by T-N-T Rodeo Company out of Anson. Mike Welch will do the announcing, while Terry Starnes will handle the clown duties.

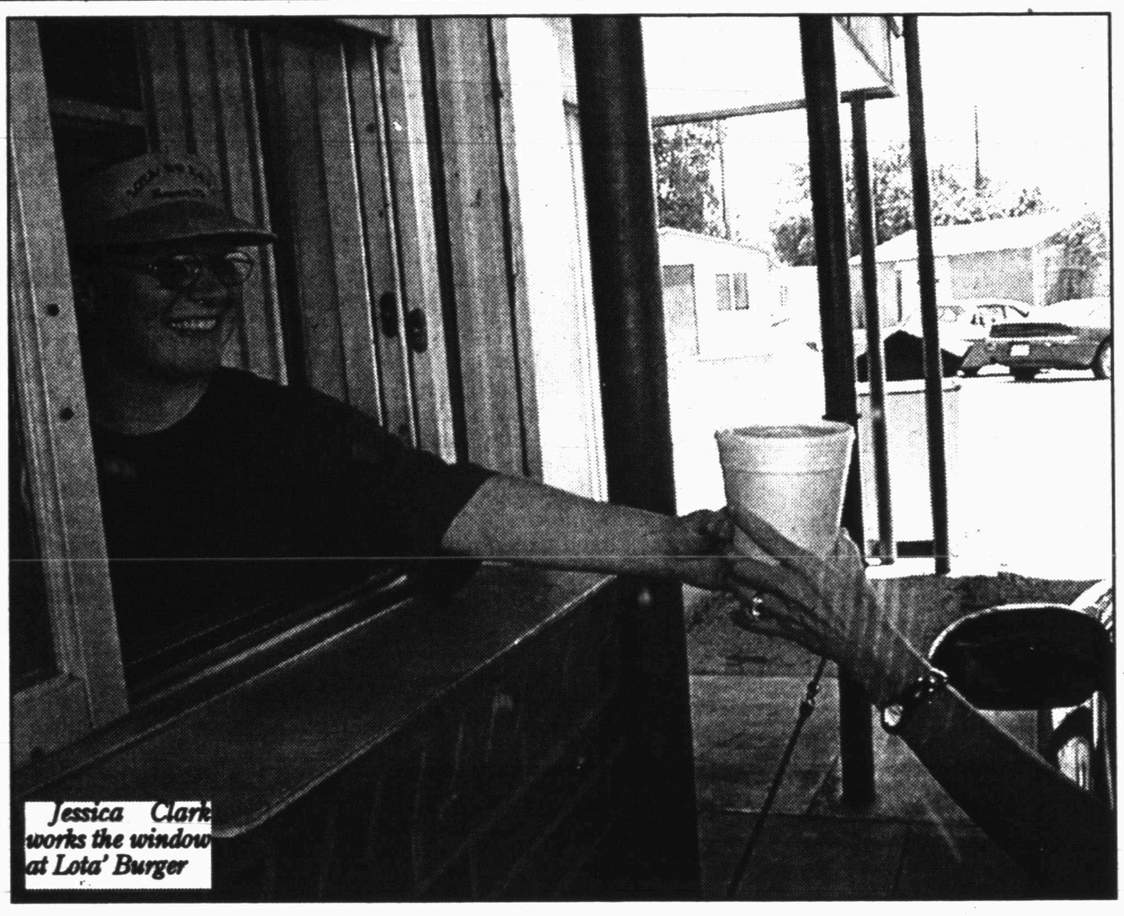
Performances start nightly at 7:30, and tickets are $5 at the gate.

A dance will be held after each performance at the rodeo grounds pavilion, featuring Muddy Creek.

The annual rodeo parade will begin at 9 a.m. Saturday on 26th Street near the Hair Station.

Kasey Nachlinger

Here's looking at you..



Jessica Clark works the window at Lota' Burger

As you drive through

By Joyce May
Staff Writer

A gentleman in a van pulls up to the drive-through window of Nothin' Butt Smokes and raises two fingers into the air. Manager Cindy May recognizes the signal, which to others might be mistaken as a "peace sign", and automatically grabs two boxes of ultra light 100s.

"I've been here three years. I pretty much know what they want when I see them driving up. I have it waiting on them," May said.

Below the window is a concrete block — used to help May reach her customers. From this view, she has seen some funny things.

The store, for example, keeps dog biscuits on hand to give to customers' pets.

"The dogs get excited before they even get to the window because they know they are going to get a treat. I think that is so funny," May said.

She said her standing on the concrete block has often given customers a mistaken impression of her height.

"Another thing that's kind of funny is that I've had people go through the drive-through for years and when they actually come in the store they say, 'You're short!' They didn't realize I was standing on a brick."

May said she encounters all kinds of people at the window.

"I see a lot of people in their night clothes, especially women. They say, 'Oh, I just came like this so I don't have to get out.' Some even come with their hair in rollers."

Strange encounters apparently go with the drive-through window territory, as the workers from Lota' Burger had some unique experiences to share.

"We have had people with pot [marijuana] smoke barreling out of the windows," Lota' Burger manager Diana Green relayed. "You could hardly see the people for all the smoke."

The fast-food restaurant has also seen its share of intoxicated people. "We've had drunk people in the drive," added Green, who has been with the Lota' Burger for five years.

Erica Vasquez has worked at the restaurant for three months and has already seen a different side of people.

"This one lady ordered all this food and then drove off because it cost too much," she said.

Food and drink orders can be different also.

"Pickle Dr. Peppers," Green noted as the strangest drink that customers have ordered.

The drive-through order numbers are also a source of fun and amusement for some customers.

"Some customers like to wear the numbers on their heads," Green said.

Vasquez added, "Some people drive off with the numbers and we have to chase them down."

Prior to her Lota' Burger days, Green worked at Whataburger, where she had one of the strangest encounters of all.

She said it was graduation night and some intoxicated teenagers pulled up to the order board and started giving their order. Green said she could not understand them, so she told them to just pull around to the window.

"They were all buck naked and laughing like hyenas."

For Jessica Clark, a three-year employee, the marijuana experience was the wildest, especially since it was her face that the smoke hit first — she was working the drive-through at the time.

"I think the pot smokers top it — when they come through and everybody in here gets high."

The drive-through can also be dangerous for employees delivering orders.

"A lot of people get run over in the drive," Clark said. "People don't pay attention. They just take off and run right into you."

It's not all bad, however.

"We had an employee get engaged in the drive-through. Her boyfriend came and got down on one knee and proposed. She accepted — right there in the drive-through," Green said.

Funny drive-through stories are not limited to restaurants and stores. Texas Savings Bank tellers Debra Banks and Cela Ashby have tales of their own.

"There is a lady that comes with a big dog. He sits in the back of the Explorer and he barks if you point," said Banks, who has worked at the bank for a little over a year. "You don't want to point cause he'll start barking and won't shut up."

The tube, used to send checks, money and so forth from the teller to the customer, also lends itself to amusing happenings.

"We had a lady who was talking on the cell phone and was not paying attention. She drove off with our tube. That was pretty funny."

Ashby, who was hired in May, said the window is not always a "drive-through".

"We have had a few people that walk through. They don't have a car so they just walk up to the window," she said. "One lady was on the passenger side and I couldn't hear her very well, so she got out and walked around to the car and stood there and talked to me."

The bank and MD Laundry and Dry Cleaning share a common problem — people coming in the wrong direction.

"We have people come in backwards all the time," MD owner Margaret Beaver said.

"People coming in the wrong way is pretty interesting," Banks said. "They have held up traffic before."

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Gems are found by sifting through tons of useless rocks."

Cud this be an invasion of privacy?

Spy technology may help cattle be more content as they chew theirs.

Reports are that the traditional cowbell is out. More upscale cattle now wear collars with the latest surveillance technology.

Researchers at Texas A&M and at Southwest Texas State are using "global position system" technology to study cows while they graze. The gadgets now are $5,000 each.

The collars hold a small receiver of satellite signals to inform researchers where a cow is positioned every 20 minutes and whether the animal is standing or lying down.

The cows don't seem bothered by the new neck ornament. They simply eat and shake their heads to this new invasion of pasture privacy.

The devices are designed to help prevent overgrazing by showing where they are spending their approximately eight hours a day of eating.

Already, researchers are learning where cows will and won't go. It was conventional wisdom that cows would migrate to green grass, but the device shows they shy away from grass growing in sharp limestone.

By tracking the patterns of the herd, ranchers can plant the type of grass they prefer, then the cattle may spend less time walking and more time putting on weight.

Give it a little more time, and the price of such devices could come down. Just think of the uses:

—Parents could keep up with the whereabouts of their teens.

—Employees could have a more difficult time being out of pocket.

—The wife would know when hubby slipped off to go to such places as the golf course or hunting lease.

—The minister would be able to tell if you were at the lake on Sunday.

—Your banker would know if you took off for a little vacation.

—Hubby could be informed if she stopped by the mall.

—And the cardiologist could know if you were having burgers and fries.

Such devices might prevent this error.

Eastern Airlines once introduced a special half-price fare for wives who accompanied their husbands on business trips.

Expecting valuable testimonials, the PR department sent out letters to all the wives who had used the special rates, asking them how they enjoyed their trip.

Letters poured back in asking, "What trip?"

Gas explosion results in one person dying

NEW YORK (AP) — One body was discovered Wednesday in the wreckage of a pair of collapsed buildings where three people had been feared trapped.

The body was found beneath four feet of "very tightly packed rubble" by firefighters who had burrowed into the debris, Mayor Rudolph Giuliani said.

The search effort was expected to continue into the night, he said.

"We're hoping to find someone who might have been caught in a spot where there was some air," Fire Commissioner Thomas Von Essen had said earlier.

The mayor said authorities believed a gas explosion was likely to blame, although the investigation was continuing. KeySpan Energy had said its workers found no evidence of a gas leak.

ASK US

Q—When will the interim administrator at Cogdell Memorial Hospital be introduced to the public?

A—The hospital has a called meeting at 10:30 a.m. Friday and he will be introduced then.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Tuesday, 99 degrees; low, 70; 7 a.m. Wednesday, 73; no precipitation; total for 2000, 14.24 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly clear, low 70-75, SE wind 5-15 mph. Thursday, mostly sunny, high 95-100, SE wind 5-15 mph.

Bianca Alvarado
Sunny

Sunset:
8:50 p.m.
Sunrise:
6:50 a.m.

Of 193 days in 2000, the sun has shone 190 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

In our beginning lies our journey's end.
—Kofi Awoonor

Internet music issue before Congress

WASHINGTON (AP) — Metallica drummer Lars Ulrich — an outspoken critic of Internet music sharing — told a Senate committee Tuesday that government intervention is needed to stop what he called Internet music "piracy."

"I don't think there is a way this can be worked out without your involvement," said Ulrich, whose band led the charge against Napster Inc., whose service allows computer users to make perfect copies of digital recordings over the Internet.

The Senate Judiciary Committee, led by Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah — a songwriter himself — asked musicians, record company representatives and Internet company executives to explain the industry's fight with companies like Napster and Gnutella, a similar service.

"I think we must let the market work and let history be our guide in not squashing this technology too soon," said Napster CEO Dave Barry, noting that copyright complaints had been worked out with the arrival of radio, television and satellite television.

Barry was backed up by a former member of the folk rock group the Byrds.

"I think the market will sort itself out," said Roger McGuinn, who uses the Internet to promote his current solo career.

Hatch, along with ranking Democrat Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., say they are still trying to decide whether government intervention is truly necessary.

"We must protect the rights of the creator," Hatch said. "But we cannot, in the name of copyright, unduly burden consumers and the promising technology the Internet presents to all of us."

Metallica and rapper Dr. Dre have been the artists most critical of Internet music "duplication," and the recording industry has sued to stop companies like Napster and MP3.com, which already has settled some of the lawsuits against it.

Napster lets users swap songs for free by trading MP3 files, a compression format that turns music on compact discs into small computer files.

Free duplication means that artists won't get paid for their work, Ulrich said. "Napster hijacked our music without asking," he said. "They never sought our permission, our catalog of music simply became available as free downloads on the Napster system."

However, Barry said Napster users who "sample" free music ultimately help artists by going out and buying music.

Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., said the time would not be far off when whole books and movies are being duplicated over the Internet using companies like Napster without compensation to movie companies and authors,

But Barry said the same things had been said about compact discs, video cassette recorders, double deck tape recorders and other technology.

"The terrible things that have been prophesied have never come," he said.

Gnutella software developer Gene Kan said the software community — the "pirates," he admitted — would not be stopped by mandating encryption, setting up licensing fees or trying to mandate that people identify themselves online.

He also pointed out that people like downloading music. "We just infringed rights now, and everybody just chuckled about it," he said.

Hatch had downloaded a song from the rock band Creed using Gnutella for the audience to listen to while he and Leahy left for a Senate vote.

"I don't think we infringed rights," Hatch retorted. "It was for education and governmental purposes."

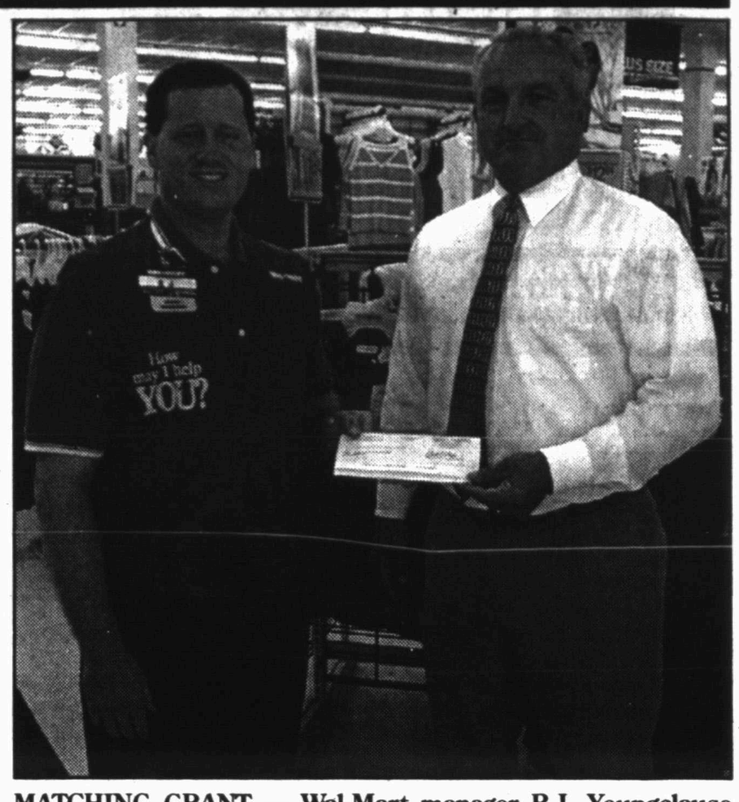
Berry's World

No BT in cattle

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — Pennsylvania has joined 47 other states in regaining its bovine tuberculosis-free accreditation, state Agriculture Secretary Samuel E. Hayes Jr. announced.

"We've had a very clean state for some time, but we hadn't gone through all the absolutely necessary protocol" for the official designation, Hayes said. "This designation is important for consumers. This designation is important for agriculture, the dairy industry, the livestock industry."

Texas and Michigan are the only states without accreditation, said Thomas E. Walton of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.



MATCHING GRANT — Wal-Mart manager R.J. Youngclause (left) presents a matching grant check to Victory Baptist Church pastor Dan Crawford. The store matched the funds the church raised at a car wash. The money will help the church's youth attend camp this summer. (SDN Staff Photo)

FTC cracks down on Internet pharmacies

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a crackdown on Web sites offering Viagra and other drugs targeting sexual dysfunction, several online pharmacies agreed to stop current business practices to settle charges that they made untrue claims about their facilities and charged customers unfairly, the Federal Trade Commission said Wednesday.

The FTC made similar complaints against 10 defendants: Sandra L. Rennert and Philip Rennert of Las Vegas, International Outsourcing Group, Focus Medical Group, Trimline, Affordable Accents, Worldwide RX, WorldWide Medicine, PSRenn and Doctors A.S.A.P.

The FTC alleged that the Web sites claimed they had "full service clinics" with a "full time staff," and that their doctors "network with an organization of physicians throughout the United States and internationally."

The "network of physicians" consisted of one doctor in a distant state, according to the agency, and none of the sites had onsite pharmacies. The prescriptions were filled at a local drug store.

Consumers were asked to answer questions about their medical history on a "Secure Viagra Order Form," and paid $75 for the medical consultation. According to the FTC, the information was faxed to a doctor who reviewed it and approved or denied a Viagra prescription — but the doctor was only paid his $10 fee if he approved the request.

The complaint also stated that 11,000 customers received unsolicited e-mail informing them that their credit cards would be billed $50 for "Y2K remediation." It is illegal to charge a person's credit card without prior authorization.

A visit to the Worldwidemedicine.com Web site announces the creation of a new company, Doctors2000.com. That company, which also provides Viagra, Propecia and other prescription drugs, is taking orders for Worldwidemedicine.com, focusmedical.com, doctorsasap.com and worldrx.com.

The Doctors2000.com site says it is owned by Capital Placement, based in the British West Indies, though on public registration records its Web address belongs to Capital Placements in Henderson, Nev. Sandra Rennert, who was named individually as a defendant by the FTC, is listed as the contact for the address.

The settlements, which do not constitute an admission of guilt by the defendants, bar the companies from their current trade practices and prohibit the defendants from passing on customers' personal information.

Date Book

Wednesday, July 12, 2000

Today is the 194th day of 2000 and the 23rd day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1876, Maria Spelterina walked backwards across Niagara Falls on a tightrope, wearing peach baskets on her feet.

On this day in 1957, President Dwight D. Eisenhower became the first president to fly in a helicopter.

On this day in 1984, Democratic presidential candidate Walter Mondale named Rep. Geraldine Ferraro as his choice for vice president.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Gaius Julius Caesar (100 B.C.-44 B.C.), Roman statesman; Henry David Thoreau (1817-1862), writer-naturalist; R. Buckminster Fuller (1895-1983), architect-writer; Pablo Neruda (1904-1973), poet; Milton Berle (1908-), comedian, is 92; Andrew Wyeth (1917-), artist, is 83; Van Cliburn (1934-), pianist, is 66; Bill Cosby (1938-), comedian-actor, is 62; Richard Simmons (1948-), fitness advocate, is 52.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1949, baseball's first integrated All-Star Game was played. Jackie Robinson, Larry Doby, Roy Campanella and Don Newcombe were among the players.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Men willingly believe what they wish." — Gaius Julius Caesar

TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (July 8) and full moon (July 16).

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DNA tests fail to clear inmate given reprieve by Bush

ARLINGTON, Va. (AP) — New DNA tests have failed to clear a Texas inmate given a reprieve by Gov. George W. Bush last month just minutes before he was to be executed on rape and murder convictions, USA Today reported.

The way Bush has dealt with the death penalty in two terms as Texas governor has been a campaign issue as he awaits formal nomination next month as the Republican candidate for president.

The paper reported in Wednesday's editions that sources close to the case told it that recent tests by the FBI point to Ricky McGinn or a maternal relative as the source of a pubic hair found inside the body of Stephanie Flanary, 12, the convicted man's stepdaughter.

The paper noted that no member of McGinn's family has been linked to the case.

He was facing execution the night of June 1 after being convicted in 1995 of raping and killing the girl and exhausting all appeals. But Bush granted a reprieve less than 30 minutes before the scheduled execution to allow time for DNA testing.

McGinn, 43, and his attorneys wanted additional DNA testing, which they hoped would exonerate him. Although DNA evidence was used by prosecutors to help convict McGinn of the May 1993 rape and ax slaying of the girl, his lawyers contended more sophisticated testing now available would help his case.

They argued that new DNA tests proving the hair was not McGinn's would show he did not rape the girl. Without rape as an aggravating circumstance of the slaying, McGinn would not be subject to the death penalty on the murder conviction.

USA Today said the new McGinn tests were completed last month and filed with Stephen Ellis, a judge in Brown County, Texas, where the crime occurred.

FDA approves first robot for surgery

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's first robotic surgical device may be headed for an operating room near you: The government has given surgeons the green light to use a three-armed assistant named, perhaps appropriately, "Da Vinci."

The Da Vinci Surgical System on Tuesday became the first surgical robot to win Food and Drug Administration approval, to help surgeons more easily perform certain operations through tiny cuts in the abdomen, known as laparoscopic surgery.

The robot already is being tested on trickier surgeries, including heart bypasses and heart valve replacements performed through three incisions each about the diameter of a pencil.

And FDA experts say the robot's ability to perform precise movements in tiny spaces — without trembling like a tired surgeon might — could one day allow better microsurgery, such as for nerve-related operations.

"This system is the first step in the development of new robotic technology that eventually could change the practice of surgery," said FDA Commissioner Jane Henney.

Regardless of future uses, the Da Vinci robot is a "powerful" tool because it can give surgeons more control during today's minimally invasive operations, said Dr. Barry Gardiner of the San Ramon Regional Medical Center, who led clinical trials of the robot.

"When you sit down and operate with this system, it almost feels like you've climbed inside the space you're operating in," Gardiner said.

Da Vinci, a $1 million device manufactured by Intuitive Surgical Inc., was tested on laparoscopic gallbladder removals and heartburn-relief operations.

Today, surgeons do those procedures minimally invasively by sliding a tiny video camera inside the patient's body and operating with foot-long scalpels and other instruments stuck into two small incisions. It looks like they're handling long, steel chopsticks while looking up at a fuzzy videoscreen instead of down at the patient.

Laparoscopic surgery is immensely popular and surgeons can do it well, but they complain the instruments are clumsy at best and prevent fine stitches and other micro-techniques.

Da Vinci's camera uses multiple lenses to provide a three-dimensional image from inside the patient's body. The robotic arms replace those foot-long scalpels, and have a "wrist" built in for more humanlike flexibility. The arms hold specially designed surgical instruments that mimic movement of the surgeon's hands as he or she operates the robot's joysticks from a computer next to the operating table.

"The computer controls the instruments as if your fingers are grasping the very tip," a sensation doctors usually get only in open surgery, Gardiner explained. "It's a very powerful sensation."

In a study of 113 patients who underwent robotic gallbladder or heartburn surgery, they did just as well as 132 patients who got standard laparoscopic surgery, said Neil Ogden, the FDA engineer who oversaw Da Vinci's approval.

But the robotic operations took up to 50 minutes longer, in part because surgeons weren't accustomed to the new technology, Ogden said, who warned that the doctors had a learning curve spotted over their first 20 patients.

Already doctors are hunting new uses for Da Vinci. A colleague at Gardiner's hospital is considering fertility surgery that now can't be done minimally invasively. Colon and prostate surgeries that now require fine suturing might become less invasive, too, he said.

Doctors must be specially trained by the Mountain View, Calif., manufacturer to use the robot, the FDA stressed.

Judge throws ban out

DOYLESTOWN, Pa. (AP) — A town ordinance banning motorists from using handheld cell phones has been overturned by a judge who said it bucked state traffic laws.

Common Pleas Judge David Heckler granted a motion Tuesday to dismiss the charge against a man cited in February for using his cell phone while driving through Hilltown Township, near Philadelphia.

Dan Young, 42, argued that the law should be uniform statewide, saying he did not know about the ordinance and had not been aware he was in Hilltown.

"I am very concerned about safety. I think this is just kind of punitive," Young said.

Hilltown's ban was enacted in December, a month after 2-year-old Morgan Lee Pena died when a driver who was using a cell phone allegedly ran a stop sign.

The ordinance carries a $75 fine. Exceptions are allowed for dialing 911, "hands-free" phones or for people using phones while their vehicles are parked.

Heckler declared the rule "null and void," saying it was "pre-empted" by portions of the state motor vehicle code dealing with careless driving.

Ken Bennington, chairman of the Hilltown's board of supervisors, said officials had not reviewed the decision or decided whether to appeal.

No state bans the use of wireless phones in automobiles, and only California, Florida and Massachusetts have laws limiting cell phone use in moving vehicles, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures.

Several countries have banned the use of cell phones while driving. A 1997 study in the New England Journal of Medicine found that talking on a phone while driving quadrupled the risk of an accident and was almost as dangerous as being drunk behind the wheel.

UW directors discuss putting donation records on database

Placing Scurry County United Way donation records on database was the main topic of discussion for directors at Monday's meeting.

Stephen Covey gave a database progress report, assisted by Leslie Cooley and Zola Schlegel. They hope this updated system will help simplify campaign statistics for staff and benefit volunteers by having information in one central location and by zoning the community.

Covey will present further progress on the database at the next meeting Aug. 14.

Next year's goal is $80,000 and campaign division chairpersons are being contacted by president Kent Wright. An announcement and will be made at the next meeting along with the date set for volunteer training.

Schlegel said she was now bonded and the IRS requirement for the annual audit review required annually was done.

Participating agencies of United Way include Boys and Girls Club, Boy Scouts, CADA, Girl Scouts, Noah Project, Red Cross, Snyder Day Care and the Scurry County Food Cupboard. They receive allocations two times a year.

Attending were Jack Wright, Jo Ann Nunley, Yvonne Myers, Jerry Pechacek, Steve West, Ann Smartt, Bill Dryden, Wright, Schlegel, Covey and Cooley.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 07-12-00
♠ A K Q 9 7
♥ 10 7 5
♦ 6
♣ J 9 8 4

West
♠ 8 6 4
♥ A K J 8
♦ J 10 9 7
♣ Q 6

East
♠ 5 3 2
♥ 9 6 4 2
♦ K 4 2
♣ 5 3 2

South
♠ J 10
♥ Q 3
♦ A Q 8 5 3
♣ A K 10 7

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: West

South	West	North	East
	Pass	Pass	Pass
1 NT	Pass	2 ♥	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	3 NT	All pass

Opening lead: ♥ A

Keep them under pressure

By Phillip Alder

Often, after a player makes a bad defensive play, I have heard the excuse, "Well, I was afraid declarer would do..." something or other successful. Well, it is true that declarer might find the winning line, but why make it easy for him? Part of the art of good defense is trying to make declarer guess what to do. Unless your partner holds his cards carelessly and declarer takes advantage, he will misguess occasionally.

West found a wet defense in this deal from the women's world team championship for the Venice Cup played in Bermuda last January — which was appropriate because it rained for almost the whole two weeks.

South opened with a slightly unorthodox one no-trump (as would I too!). North used a transfer bid followed by a jump to three no-trump to show five spades and game values.

West started with a top heart, East signaling count with the six. (This is not my style, but it enjoys some popularity.) Now West guessed well to continue hearts from the top, East winning the last round with her nine. (Declarer pitched the club four from dummy and two diamonds from her hand.)

At this point, a diamond switch would have given South a nasty guess (which I think she would have got wrong). But when East woodenly tried a club, declarer knew the odds. She rose with the club ace, then cashed the club king. Her plan, if the queen hadn't fallen, was to run the spades before taking a decision about the diamond position (either trying the finesse or playing for West to have been squeezed in the minors). Yet when the club queen appeared, South claimed her contract.

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Thursday, July 13, 2000

There's a strong probability that you could get involved in the year ahead in a very different type of enterprise from what you've been used to. It may require new learning on your behalf.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) An extra source of income might develop for you today through a good idea that pops into your head. When you have it formulated, act on it at once. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) For unattached Leos, this could turn out to be an exciting day for you romantically. You might either meet someone special or hear from a person you've been hoping would call.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Everything could suddenly fall into place today on a project that's been giving you fits. You should now be able to easily finish your endeavor to your satisfaction.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Chances are it'll be okay to act on your first impressions today, because they are likely to be right on target, especially concerning social issues.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Today you're likely to make more headway with endeavors that allow you a great deal of latitude. Even when involved with financial matters, allow yourself some flexibility.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) What you conceive today could turn out to be quite a big improvement on an old way of doing something. Don't be afraid to discard old, unproductive methods that need updating.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) The types of returns you've been hoping for can be generated today, but they may not come about in the manner in which you anticipated. But who cares as long as they arrive?

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Someone new you meet today may be destined to become a special ally. As time progresses, you could discover more and more common interests to share.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) A chance career opportunity might be dropped in your lap today, but it's of a fleeting nature. Be prepared to make a rapid response or you could miss the boat.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Some very interesting information may be coming your way today via a good friend who could be separated from you by miles. It'll be quite a surprise to you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Something extraordinary concerning a joint interest you have with another might develop today that will have advantages for both you and the other party involved.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) There's a chance you could enter into some type of unique or mysterious agreement today with an individual in whom you place considerable trust. It'll make you feel good about things.

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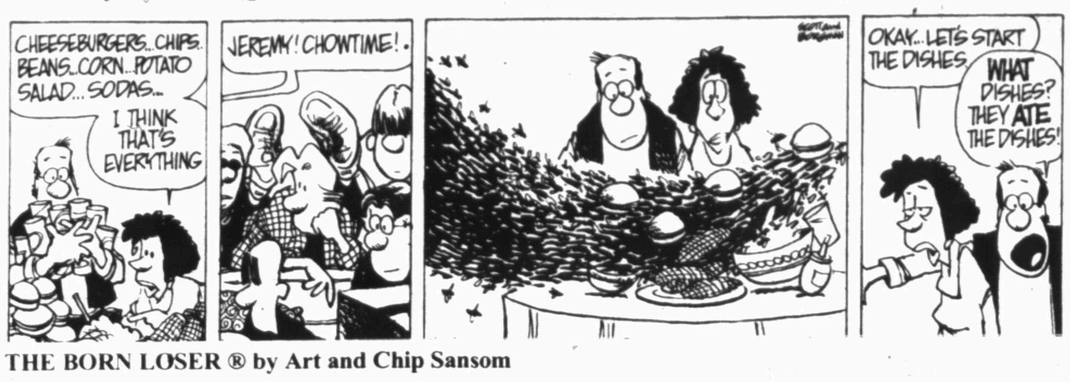

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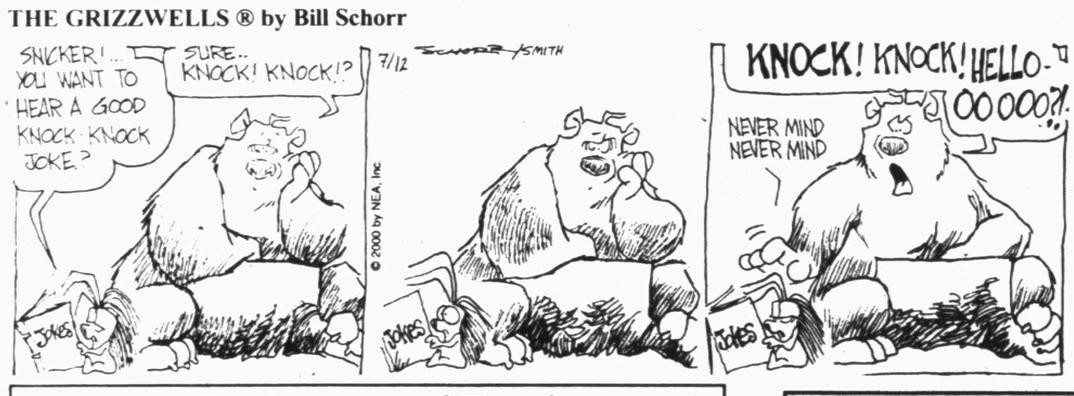

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1 Certain absentee student
7 Relies on
13 VIP
14 Eskimo boat
15 Sparkling
16 Tidily
17 Sunbeam
18 School org.
20 Regard
21 Actress Parsons
25 Athlete
28 — — ease (nervous)
32 Oriental
33 Ski area
34 It surrounds a pool
35 Dogma
36 Worries
37 Hold dear
39 Emotionlessly
41 Not new
44 One (Scot.)
45 "— Town"
48 Plagues
51 Flowering tree
54 Connected to the Internet
55 Wing-footed
56 Proclamations
57 Charters

DOWN

1 Construction beam
2 Capital of Latvia
3 Homely
4 Candle count
5 TV's Peeples
6 Acts like a siren
7 Of sound
8 Caviar
9 Actress Thurman
10 Uses a chair
11 Narrative
12 Type of terrier
19 Southeast Asian holiday
21 Passes (laws)
22 Most sensible
23 Narrow band on a building
24 Detective Queen
25 Fishing hook
26 River in Belgium
27 Underground excavation
29 Entertainer Anderson
30 Chimps
31 Hebrew letter
37 TV news source
38 Wintry
40 Caravan stops
41 Sioux Indian
42 Do a banking job
43 Artist Salvador —
45 "So sorry!"
46 Plaintiff
47 Radiation measures
49 "Fido, attack!"
50 Med. specialist
52 — de France
53 Actress Farrow

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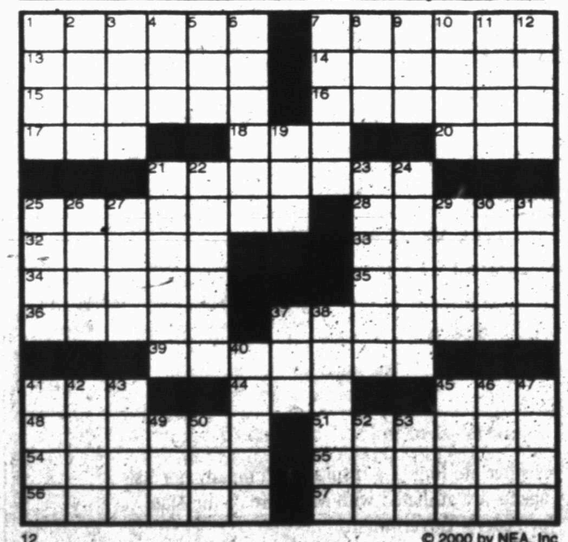

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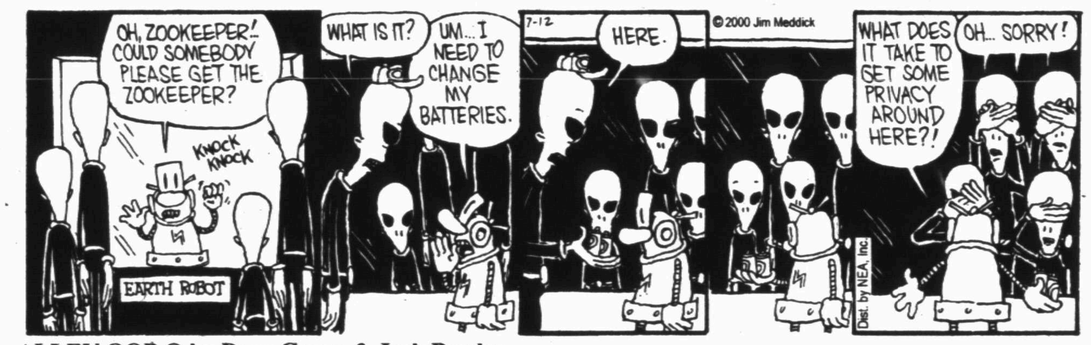

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SPORTS

Jeter carries AL past NL, 6-3

ATLANTA (AP) — Derek Jeter and Chipper Jones would gladly do this all over again in October.

With most of baseball's biggest names out of the lineup because of injuries, the All-Star game Tuesday night turned into another version of Yankees vs. Braves.

And guess which side won?

Just like the 1996 and 1999 World Series, Jeter's team wound up on top. The New York shortstop went 3-for-3 — as did the Atlanta third baseman — and led the American League to a 6-3 win.

"That really is a shocker. Derek Jeter stealing all the headlines," Jones joked. "It's good to see no one else in the National League can get him out, either."

Joe Torre won again in his managerial matchup with Bobby Cox as the AL took its fourth in a row and 10th in 13 games.

Mark McGwire, Ken Griffey Jr., Barry Bonds and Mike Piazza were missing from the middle of the NL order because of injuries, leaving the game a little short on juice.

Those juiced-up balls that everyone has been talking about were in short supply, too. While Jones thrilled the home crowd at Turner Field with a home run, there weren't many other long drives.

There were, however, seven foul popups for outs, one of them that AL first baseman Carlos Delgado grabbed before it could almost land in former President Jimmy Carter's lap.

Jeter became the first Yankees player ever to win the All-Star MVP award. After the game, his bat was already on its way to the Hall of Fame.

Jeter hit .353 against the Braves in last year's World Series. Last month, he tied his career high with four hits in a game at Turner Field.

"We played some very important big games here against the Braves, obviously in the postseason, regular season, now this game here," he said.

"Our team has been successful here. Maybe we seem to focus a bit more."

Said Torre: "It's a very, very proud time for the New York Yankees because their future did a good thing tonight."

Jeter and Jones may get another chance to meet in the Fall Classic, rather than the Midsummer Classic — as both of their teams went into the break in first place.

James Baldwin got the victory and Al Leiter took the loss as the AL cut its overall deficit to 40-30-1. The AL broke open the game with three runs in the ninth, highlighted by Matt Lawton's single.

Jeter, starting because good friend Alex Rodriguez was injured, doubled off Randy Johnson in the first inning, then singled and scored against Kevin Brown in the third. His two-run single in the fourth put the AL ahead 3-1 and came against Leiter in a reprise of last weekend's Subway Series.

"We've been watching that ever since he came to the big leagues," Cox said.

Jones did his best to make the 51,323 fans forget that Cal Ripken, Manny Ramirez and Greg Maddux also were sidelined.

Jones became the 13th player to hit a home run in his own park at an All-Star game, connecting off Baldwin in the third. He also singled twice, one of them off starter David Wells.

The last time the All-Stars visited Atlanta in 1972, Hank Aaron also homered for the hometown Braves. Aaron threw out the ceremonial first ball this time and received a warm welcome.

The biggest ovation, by far, went to Andres Galarraga. The Braves first baseman, who missed last season while recovering from cancer surgery, got a standing ovation when he was introduced, and later rewarded his rooters with a single.

"Probably no words to explain how happy, how excited I am feeling," Galarraga said.

Andruw Jones of the Braves also did well, with an RBI single.

Still, with a record seven starters unable to play, Maddux hurt and 1999 All-Star MVP Pedro Martinez not even on the roster because of an injury, this summer showcase was minus some sizzle.

The seven missing starters were batting a combined .301 with 160 home runs this season.

Snyder squad nabs all-star district title

ALBANY — After routing their first four opponents in the 9 and 10-year-old all-star tournament, Snyder didn't let up with the championship on the line.

Snyder trounced Breckenridge, 17-5, Tuesday night, to wrap up the district tourney with an unblemished record, and secure a berth in the regional tournament.

Snyder opens play in the regional event at 6 p.m. next Wednesday against a Dallas squad. The event will be held in Abilene, and features four district winners.

"The kids are pretty excited," said Snyder coach Ray Conner. "We've got 12 good players on our team, and they're all playing well right now. We'll start seeing some tougher teams in the regional tournament, so we just need to keep playing like we have been."

Snyder needed only eight hits to post its 17 runs on Tuesday. Snyder used its speed and aggressive base running to take advantage of 12 walks and five wild pitches by Breckenridge.

Snyder opened up a 4-0 lead in the first, despite only one base hit. A single by Brooks Gafford, combined with an error, four walks and a pair of wild pitches, plated the four runs.

After Breckenridge tallied a run in the top of the second, Snyder stretched the margin in the bottom of the frame.

Dustin Murdock led off with a single, and after a pair of walks, stole home. Two more runs followed on wild pitches for a 7-1 advantage.

Breckenridge cut the deficit to 7-5 in the third, before Snyder exploded for 10 runs in its final at bat.

Murdock opened the rally with a triple, then scored on an error. Walks to Brent Bollinger and Colton Brewster, and a single by Lance Day loaded the bases.

Arthur Perez drew a base on balls to force in one run, and Day scored on a wild pitch. Tyrelle Gilbert drew another walk, followed by a Ryan Gonzales double that plated two runs.

Snyder capped the scoring when Jesse Conner drew a free pass, before Bollinger singled to drive in two runs.

Conner struck out all three batters in the top of the fourth to end the game on the 10-run mercy rule. Conner had four strikeouts, one walk and two hits in two innings of work.

Bollinger pitched the first two frames, surrendering one hit and four walks, to go along with two strikeouts.

At the regional tournament, Snyder will be trying to earn a berth in the sub-sectional tourney, which starts July 24 in Abilene.

The state tournament gets underway July 29 in Waco.

Home runs fuel Snyder victory

ABILENE — Snyder's 15 and 16-year-old all-stars won their second consecutive game Tuesday night, and they did it with power.

Snyder belted out 11 hits, three of them for home runs, to knock off Abilene North, 11-7.

Snyder improves to 2-0, and will be in action again at 6 p.m. Thursday against Abilene Senior.

Snyder's first home run came in the bottom of the third when Tito Alaniz broke a 2-2 tie with a solo shot.

After Abilene knotted the tally at 3-3 in the top of the fifth, Snyder showed its power again.

With two outs, Heath Conner drew a base on balls, then stole second base. Next up, Alaniz plated Conner with a single to level the score.

Shay Franks quickly broke the tie with a two-run blast that put Snyder up for good.

Snyder's defense, combined with the pitching of Alaniz, limited Abilene to only five hits through the first six innings. Alaniz handed out eight walks, but fanned 10 batters in six innings of work.

Snyder capped its scoring in the bottom of sixth, with another home run starting the outburst.

Pena led off the inning with a solo blast, followed by singles from Chance Greenwood and Jase Olvera, and a walk to Stephen Ortegon.

Conner drove in two runs with a double, and an Alaniz single scored another to stretch the margin to 11-3.

Abilene tried to rally with fourth runs in the seventh, before Franks, pitching in relief of Alaniz, settled down to record the final out on a ground ball.

Alaniz finished with a home run and two singles, while Pena tallied a homer and a double. Franks had a single to go along with his home run.

Conner belted a double, and Roemisch, Greenwood and Brooks Nunley slapped singles.

Snyder can earn a berth in the tourney championship with a victory on Thursday.

Sports Briefs

Baseball tryout

The San Diego Padres will hold a tryout Saturday at Moffett Field. Players aged 15-22 are eligible to participate.

Registration will be at 8 a.m., with testing beginning at 9. American Legion players must have a permission letter from their commander.

For more information, contact Leroy at (409) 836-7651, Boots at (214) 328-6595, or Roland Herrera at 573-1355.

Kiwanis Club tournament

Snyder Kiwanis Club will host the Cargile Scholarship Foundation Benefit Golf Tournament Aug. 5 at Western Texas College.

Format will be a four-person scramble, and entry fee is $30 per person. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top four teams, along with prizes for closest-to-the-hole and longest drive. $10,000 will be awarded for a hole-in-one.

To register, call the WTC pro shop at 573-9291, or Russell Fisk at 573-3438 or 573-3267.

Ranch hand competition

The second in a series of four ranch rodeos will be July 28-29 at the Rotan Sheriff Posse Arena. The top three teams from each rodeo will advance to the finals, to be held Oct. 6-7 in Snyder.

Events include team doctoring, team mugging, team penning, wild cow milking and calf branding. Other rodeo dates are Aug. 18-19 and Sept. 16-17.

For more information, call Terry Fowler at (915) 735-2989, Glen Overby at (915) 735-3669, or Larry Nachlinger at 573-2039.

Golfers' Memorial Tournament

The Golfers' Memorial Tournament will be held Saturday and Sunday at Snyder Country Club. The event will be a two-man scramble, pre-flighted by lowest handicap of the two partners.

Entry fee is $150 per team, and includes a buffet dinner. To register, call the SCC pro shop at 573-7101.

SCC Junior Club Championship

The Snyder Country Club Junior Club Championship will be July 28. Entry fee is $10. Players must be 18-years-old or younger, and must be a member of the club. To register, call the SCC pro shop at 573-7101.

Adult-child tourney

An adult-child golf tournament will be held July 29 at Snyder Country Club. Cost is $20 per team, and includes a hamburger lunch. Players of all ages are welcome. To register, call the SCC pro shop at 573-7101.

Athletic physicals

All athletes needing to take a physical must do so by Aug. 4. An appointment must be made with one of the following doctors: Burleson, Cooper, Thompson, Nussey or Rakov.

Athletes requiring physicals include all incoming 7th and 9th graders, students new to SISD, students participating in athletics for the first time, and any student whose medical history form requires them to do so.

All athletes not needing a physical must return all completed forms to their coach, the athletic director's office, or Steve Krueger.

Incoming 7th and 9th graders can pick up physical forms in the doctors' offices.

Snyder volleyball camp

Snyder Volleyball Camp will begin Monday at the SHS gym. All incoming fifth through ninth grade girls are eligible.

The camp will meet from 9 a.m. until noon each day, and will cover technique, drills and team volleyball skills.

Cost is $40, and includes a camp T-shirt. Registration deadline is Saturday. To sign up, call Patty Grimmett at 573-9416.

Horseshoe pitching

Snyder Slingers Horseshoe Club has league play at 7 p.m. Thursdays at the courts adjacent to the coliseum.

For more information, call T.C. Nunn at 573-6710 or Terry Duncan at 573-5589.

Doherty headed back to UNC

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. (AP) — Other college coaches promised starting positions and offensive opportunities for Matt Doherty. North Carolina's Dean Smith told the New York prepster he would be lucky to play by his junior year.

"When coach Smith told me that, I sat up in my chair and I said to myself, 'I'll show you,'" Doherty said, recalling Smith's home recruiting visit.

The 6-foot-8 Doherty did just that, starting as a scrappy sophomore on a national championship team in 1982 with teammates Michael Jordan, James Worthy, Sam Perkins and Jimmy Black.

Doherty again finds himself in an underdog role, this time as the new head coach of the Tar Heels. The 38-year-old Doherty is part of the North Carolina family coaching tree, but clearly wasn't the first choice to succeed Bill Guthridge.

"I thought that Roy Williams, Eddie Fogler, George Karl or Larry Brown would be here before me," Doherty said.

Nope. All four turned down or weren't allowed to talk to North Carolina during a 12-day period, leaving Doherty as the top candidate despite only one successful season at Notre Dame.

"Just to be mentioned in the same breath with Roy Williams, Eddie Fogler, George Karl and Larry Brown is very humbling, very humbling," Doherty said late Tuesday night after accepting a six-year contract with the Tar Heels. "I have not done what those men have done. They have done it for a long time at high levels. I hope to achieve that kind of success here."

Doherty began working on Wall Street out of college, but soon was talked into coaching by Smith.

"I encourage all our players to get into it who want to," Smith said.

"He's a bright young coach. Maybe we need a young coach here now. We've had two old ones recently," Smith added, referring to himself and Guthridge.

Major League Baseball

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East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	52	36	.591	—
New York	48	38	.558	3
Florida	45	43	.511	7
Montreal	42	42	.500	8
Philadelphia	39	47	.453	12

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
St. Louis	51	36	.586	—
Cincinnati	43	44	.494	8
Pittsburgh	38	48	.442	12½
Milwaukee	37	51	.420	14½
Chicago	35	51	.407	15½
Houston	30	57	.345	21

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Arizona	51	37	.580	—
San Francisco	46	39	.541	3½
Colorado	45	40	.529	4½
Los Angeles	44	42	.512	6
San Diego	38	49	.437	12½

Monday's Games

No games scheduled

Tuesday's Game

American League 6, National League 3

Wednesday's Games

No games scheduled

Thursday's Games

Seattle (Garcia 2-1) at San Diego (Tollberg 2-0), 5:05 p.m.
Houston (Reynolds 6-5) at Detroit (Moehler 5-5), 7:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Ritchie 5-5) at Cleveland (Burba 8-4), 7:05 p.m.
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Atlanta (Millwood 5-8) at Baltimore (Mussina 6-7), 7:35 p.m.
Milwaukee (Wright 4-2) at Kansas City (Stein 0-1), 8:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Valdes 1-2) at Minnesota (Radke 5-10), 8:05 p.m.
St. Louis (An.Benes 9-3) at Chicago White Sox (Sirotka 8-6), 8:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Neagle 8-2) at Colorado (Astacio 7-5), 9:05 p.m.
Texas (Helling 10-7) at Arizona (Anderson 8-3), 10:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Hill 5-5) at Los Angeles (Dreifort 4-7), 10:10 p.m.
Oakland (Mulder 5-4) at San Francisco (Nathan 5-2), 10:15 p.m.

American League
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East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	45	38	.542	—
Toronto	48	41	.539	—
Boston	43	41	.512	2½
Baltimore	38	48	.442	8½
Tampa Bay	34	51	.400	12

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Chicago	55	32	.632	—
Cleveland	44	42	.512	10½
Kansas City	39	46	.459	15
Detroit	38	46	.452	15½
Minnesota	38	52	.422	18½

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Seattle	51	35	.593	—
Oakland	48	38	.558	3
Anaheim	47	41	.534	5
Texas	42	43	.494	8½

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Orlando	13	6	.684	—
Cleveland	10	8	.556	2½
New York	10	9	.526	3
Detroit	8	10	.444	4½
Washington	8	10	.444	4½
Miami	7	12	.368	6
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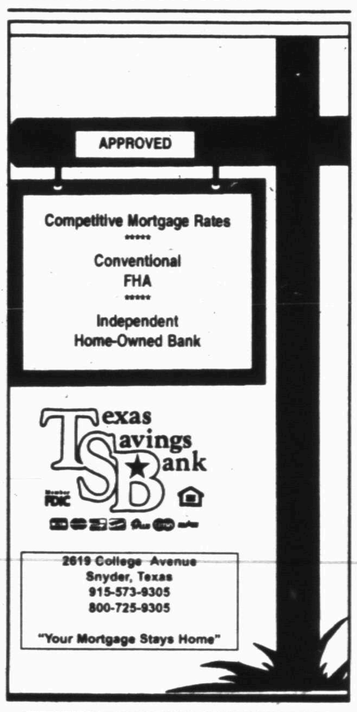

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Princess from Bahrain who married Marine seeks asylum in U.S.

CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. (AP) — A princess from Bahrain fell in love with an U.S. Marine, fled the Persian Gulf using fake documents and married him. Now, she is seeking asylum here, saying she faces persecution if she returns to her island nation.

"I did the worst thing possible in my country, to fall in love with a non-Muslim," said Mariam Al Khalifa, 19. "To make it even worse, he's an American."

Al Khalifa's hearing before the Immigration and Naturalization Service is scheduled for Monday. The State Department wants her deported.

According to an account in the Los Angeles Times, Al Khalifa and Lance Cpl. Jason Johnson at first hid their courtship from her parents. When their relationship was revealed, she was confined to the house but spoke with Johnson by telephone.

"We had to see each other behind my family's back," she told the newspaper. "When they found out, they were very angry."

She declined to comment further to The Associated Press except to say she hoped to eventually repair relations with her family.

Al Khalifa carries the title of sheika because her father, Sheik Abdullah Al Khalifa, is a cousin of the head of state, Emir Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

Bahrain is a small island off the eastern coast of Saudi Arabia that also is the regional base for the U.S. Navy's 5th Fleet. Johnson, 25, was assigned to a unit providing security for Americans there.

He met Al Khalifa at a mall in the country's capital of Manama and a romance blossomed, the newspaper reported Monday. As his deployment was ending late last year, he didn't want to leave without her.

She dressed in baggy clothes and a New York Yankees cap to hide her long hair, and hopped a ride on a commercial airplane using U.S. military documents that Johnson had forged, the newspaper reported.

In Chicago, INS officials discovered the ruse. Al Khalifa immediately requested political asylum. The INS granted her request for a hearing and in the meantime, the couple married in Las Vegas.

"I think they'd kill her if she ever returned," her husband said. "She embarrassed the royal family. To keep their reputation clean, they would have to take vengeance."

Johnson was demoted to private first class and given extra duty. The couple currently live on the military base.

The newspaper quoted an unidentified spokesman for the Bahraini Embassy in Washington as saying that Al Khalifa shouldn't worry about returning home because "the family still loves her very much and would love her to go back."

Al Khalifa says she fears right-wing clergy in Bahrain might encourage others to attack her if she returns.

Some Middle East experts doubted that Al Khalifa faces any real danger in Bahrain, though she may be socially ostracized for dishonoring her family and country.

"If her family forgives her, I don't think there is much the clerics would do," said Richard Dekmejian, a Middle East expert at the University of Southern California.

Couple to have home in C. Minnesota

ST. CLOUD, Minn. (AP) — Come winter, the new neighbors at Gull Lake should be right at home on the ice: Newlyweds Kristi Yamaguchi and Bred Hedican plan to keep a home in central Minnesota.

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Alltel	62⅝	61⅞	62⅛	— 3-16
AmerOnline s	56 15-16	55¾	56 7-16	+ 1 15-16
AndarkPtr	49¾	48 7-16	48 9-16	—1 1-16
ATMOS Egy	20 3-16	20	20	— ⅜
Aviall	5 3-16	5⅛	5⅛	
BP Amoco s	56½	55⅝	56	—1 5-16
BakerHughes	34¼	33⅜	33⅝	— 9-16
Bank of Amer	47⅞	47⅛	47 9-16	+ ⅝
BellSouth	41 9-16	40⅞	41⅛	— ⅛
Beth Steel	3 9-16	3 5-16	3 5-16	— 3-16
BurlNoSFe	26 3-16	26 1-16	26⅛	+ ⅜
Caterpillar	37	36 5-16	36⅜	+ ¼
Chevron	87 1-16	86 1-16	86⅛	— ⅞
Citigroup	68¼	67	67 15-16	+ 1 15-16
Coastal	62¼	61 5-16	61⅝	+ ⅜
CocaCola	55 15-16	55¼	55 11-16	— ½
ColgatePal	54⅝	52 15-16	53 1-16	—1 9-16
ComclMetals	28½	28⅛	28⅜	+ ⅛
CooperInd	34 3-16	33 15-16	34 1-16	+ 1-16
DaimlrChry	54½	54	54	— ¾
DallSemicn s	42½	41⅞	42 5-16	+ 15-16
DeltaAirl	54	52⅞	53 13-16	+ 11-16
Dillards Inc	15 1-16	14¾	14⅞	+ ¼
DowChem s	33⅜	32⅞	32⅞	—17-32
DuPont	47⅜	46⅛	46⅛	— 1⅛
EastmanChem	49⅞	48¾	48 13-16	— 1
EstKodak	60 15-16	60⅛	60¼	— 3-16
EDS Corp	40½	40	40⅛	+ 1
Entergy	29½	28 15-16	28 15-16	+ 1-16
ExxonMobil	80½	79 3-16	79 5-16	—1 5-16
FstBksAm	18⅛	18⅛	18⅛	+ ⅛
Flowers	19 5-16	18¾	18 13-16	— ⅜
FordMotor	47¾	47	47 11-16	— ⅛
GenDynam	52¾	52⅛	52 9-16	— ⅜
GenlElec s	53⅞	52¼	52 11-16	— 9-16
GenMills s	37⅛	36 9-16	36 13-16	
GenMotors	63 3-16	61 15-16	62⅝	+ 1⅛
GaPacGP	29¾	28 9-16	28¾	— ⅞
GlobalMar	28½	27 15-16	28	— 7-16
Goodrich	33⅝	33⅜	33⅝	— 1-16
Goodyear s	22	21 7-16	22	+ ¾
GtAtlPac	16¼	16⅛	16 3-16	— 1-16
Halliburtn	46 13-16	45 5-16	45⅞	—57-64
Hanson ADS	33⅛	32 15-16	33	+ 11-16
HarteHanks	25	24 11-16	24 15-16	+ ¼
HomeDepot s	58 1-16	56 9-16	57⅛	— ⅜
HoneywellIntl	35 15-16	35½	35 15-16	+ ⅜
IBM	104 7-16	102⅝	103 13-16	+ 1 7-16
IntlPaper	35 11-16	35	35 3-16	— 1-16
JohnsonJn	99 9-16	99 1-16	99 5-16	— ⅞
K mart	7 9-16	7⅛	7 7-16	+ 5-16
Kroger Co	22 11-16	22¼	22⅜	— ⅛
Litton	46 11-16	45⅞	46 9-16	+ ⅝
LockheedM	24 15-16	24 3-16	24⅞	+ ⅛
Lowes Cos	48 7-16	47⅝	47⅝	— 3-16
Lubys	8	7⅞	8	+ 1-16
LucentTech	56 3-16	54⅞	55⅛	+ ½
MayDeptStr	27⅞	27¼	27⅜	+ 1-16
Medtronic s	52	51 3-16	51⅜	+ ⅛
MorganJP	124¼	120⅞	124 1-16	+ 6⅛
Motorola s	34 9-16	34⅛	34⅜	+ ¾
NCR Corp	39 5-16	38¼	39 3-16	+ 1⅛
Navistar	32⅝	32¼	32 5-16	+ 1-16
Penney JC	18 1-16	17¾	17 15-16	— ⅛
PepBoys	6 5-16	6 3-16	6 3-16	— 1-16
PepsiCo	40 11-16	40 5-16	40½	— ⅛
Pharmacia	57 13-16	57¼	57½	+ 3-16
PhelpDodge	40⅜	38 7-16	38 9-16	—1 3-16
PhilipPet	53¼	52 3-16	52⅜	—49-64
PilgrmPrd B	7 1-16	7 1-16	7 1-16	— ⅛
Polaroid	16⅞	16½	16¾	+ 3-16
Praxair	38½	37⅝	38⅜	+ ⅝
ProctGamb	55⅜	54⅛	55⅛	
PubS NwMx	16 1-16	15 15-16	15 15-16	
RadioShack	55⅞	53⅜	54⅛	+ 5-16
ReliantEngy	32¼	31 13-16	32 1-16	+ ⅛
RoyalDut	63¼	62½	62 9-16	— 1
SBC Comm	45⅛	44½	44 13-16	+ 7-16
SaraLee	19 3-16	19	19 1-16	+ ⅛
Scripps EW	49⅞	49⅛	49⅝	+ 9-16
SearsRoeb	37⅝	37⅛	37 5-16	+ ¼
SherwinW	23 3-16	22 13-16	23 1-16	+ 3-16
SmithklBchm	68 1-16	67¼	67 7-16	+ 5-16
SouthernCo	24⅞	24 5-16	24⅜	— 7-16
SwstAirl	20⅛	19 5-16	20⅛	+ 7-16
SprintFON	48	46¼	46½	— 1
SprintPCS s	61⅜	60 11-16	60 15-16	+ 7-16
Sunoco Inc	30 9-16	29¾	29 15-16	— ⅝
TXU Corp	32 5-16	31¾	31 15-16	— ⅜
TempleInland	46 13-16	45 1-16	45 1-16	—1 13-16
Texaco	55 3-16	53⅜	53 15-16	—57-64
TexInd	31⅛	31	31 1-16	+ 3-16
TexasInst s	67 13-16	66½	66⅞	+ ¾
Textron	61¾	60 13-16	61	+ 2
TriconGlbR	31⅛	30 9-16	30⅝	— ¾
TrinityInds	18 13-16	18 11-16	18 11-16	
TritonEngy	39¾	38⅜	38 15-16	— 1
TylerTech	3	2⅞	2⅞	
USX-Marathn	26⅛	25 3-16	25½	— ½
USX-USS	19 11-16	19 1-16	19 1-16	— 7-16
UnCarbde	52 13-16	51⅛	51 5-16	—1 3-16
UPlanPacif	42 7-16	42⅛	42⅛	— ⅛
UnitedTech	59¼	58¼	58 5-16	—1 11-16
Unocal	33⅞	33 9-16	33 13-16	+ 3-16
Venator Grp	12 11-16	11 13-16	12⅝	+ ⅜
VerizonComm	53¼	52 9-16	52¾	— 7-16
WalMart	62 3-16	61 1-16	61¼	— ¾
WellsFargo	44 1-16	43 5-16	43¾	+ 13-16
WstnGasRs	21 15-16	21⅞	21⅞	+ ⅛
WinnDixie	15 3-16	14¾	15⅛	+ ⅛
Xerox Cp	20⅛	19 11-16	20	— ⅛

Local Interest
STOCKS

Patterson	28	-3/8
Dell	50 7/8	+1/8
Wal Mart	62 1/16	+1/16
Compac	26	+1/2
Dol. Gen.	21 9/16	+1/8
GTE	62 1/4	+3/16
SBC Comm.	45 1/16	+11/16
BJ Services	66 9/16	+11/16
LU	55 5/16	-1/8
Cisco Sys.	62 5/8	+1/2

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Scurry County Country

Some students reject family farming tradition

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — When Josh Schlote was growing up on his family's farm in northeast Nebraska, his father encouraged him to follow in his footsteps. But by the time Schlote graduated from high school this year, his father had changed his mind.

"He kind of pushed away from farming," Schlote said. "It's probably a smart decision to stay out of farming."

Schlote is one of about 125 recent high school graduates and seniors who are in Lincoln this week to participate in the 29th annual Nebraska Agricultural Youth Institute conference.

Run by the state Department of Agriculture, the program is designed to encourage students like Schlote to stay involved with agriculture and expose them to different ways they can succeed.

"It's just a really unique opportunity for kids to get a broader perspective of what's beyond the farm gate and see where they fit into that," said Stan Garbacz, administrator for agricultural promotion and development for the state.

Some students like Rachel Dvorak don't plan on looking back once they leave the farm gate.

"I'm not going to go into farming," Dvorak, 18, said. She wants to study radiology.

Dvorak said as a young girl growing up she watched her father spend all his time helping farm her grandfather's land. Her father discouraged her from following in his footsteps, Dvorak said, because he felt farming might not provide enough money to raise a family.

Dvorak and Schlote, also 18, said their classes from their two high schools combined had only five of 70 graduates saying they would stay to work on the family farm.

"I'd like to live on a farm someday," Schlote said. "But doing the farming by itself, probably not."

Despite the lack of interest from Dvorak and Schlote to farm, Garbacz said over the past two decades students at the annual meeting have actually become more optimistic about farming's future.

They learn that what made a successful operation for their parents may not necessarily work for their generation, he said.

"They start to see that there's patterns in agriculture," Garbacz said.

Finding ways in today's world to stay involved in agriculture means diversifying, finding niche markets and adding value to products, Garbacz said.

Lloyd Harding, who grew up on a ranch near Mullen, is an example of someone who took a different, but related path.

"My dad said, 'Whatever you do, don't go into agriculture,'" he said. "Of course, that was all I knew."

Harding turned his interest in fishing into a career. He's the general manager of the Coldwater Fish Farm in Lisco. The farm produces fresh water salmon and trout in the middle of the Sandhills.

The fish are sold across the country to cruise lines, grocery stores and individuals.

Aquaculture, as it is called, is not the answer to agriculture's problems, Harding told the students. But it can be part of the answer when crop, cattle or hog prices plummet, he said.

"Producers in Nebraska realize the more diversified they are the better they will be able to weather these storms," he said.

On the Net: Nebraska Department of Agriculture: http://www.agr.state.ne.us/

Diversified

By Greg Gruben, County Extension Agent

Traveling with your horses

The Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state's livestock health regulatory agency, reports Louisiana has joined the 'equine passport' program for horses, donkeys, mules and asses originating within and traveling among the participating states: Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Mississippi and Louisiana.

"We are very happy to join the four states already using this six-month health document," said Dr. Maxwell Lea, Louisiana's state veterinarian. "We've received positive comments for riders from all the states involved."

The six-month equine passport can be used for intra- or interstate travel, in lieu of a certificate of veterinary inspection (health paper), which is valid only 30 to 45 days, depending on the state in which it is presented. Equine that will be traveling under the equine passport program must be permanently identified with a tattoo, brand or microchip implant. The animals also must test negative for the viral disease Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA), also called "Coggins," within 30 days prior to being issued the passport. The official EIA test document, called VS 10-11, must be presented with the equine passport when entering participating states.

"Under the passport program, equine owners need only one passport and an EIA test document for an entire season of travel to nearby states," said Dr. Lea. "It will save producers time and money and attract riders from other participating states."

Dr. Terry Beals, Texas' state veterinarian and TAHC executive director, said about 50 passports have been issued for Texas equine. "It's early in the trail ride, rodeo and competition season, and I expect other owners who travel among the passport states will be contacting their accredited veterinarians for the document," he said. "The passport may not be used at Texas parimutual race tracks, but all other major shows and events welcome the documents."

For more information on obtaining the equine passport, owners or trainers may contact their accredited veterinarian or call the TAHC area office, of the Permits section at the TAHC in Austin at 1-800-550-82342, ext. 777.

C-City auction

The Colorado City Livestock Auction had a run of 518 head of cattle for the Saturday, July 8, sale. Compared to last week: Feeder steers and heifers were $1 to $3 higher. Slaughter cows were steady. Bulls were steady. Bred cows and pairs were steady. Trading was active and demand good.

Feeder steers:
300-400: 117-127
400-500: 104-114
500-600: 95.50-101
600-700: 88.50-90
Feeder heifers:
200-300: 119-124
300-400: 108-115
400-500: 93-103
500-600: 87.50-91
600-700: 80-86
700-800: 79.50
Replacement cows:
Young bred cows: 650-740
Aged cows: 510-615
Pairs: 775-925
Aged pairs: 685-750
Slaughter cows: High yielding: 44-47.50
Slaughter bulls: High dressing: 55.50-58

Lubbock auction

The Lubbock Stockyards Inc. had a run of 832 head of cattle for the Thursday, July 6, sale. Cows were steady. Yearlings and calves were steady. Trading and demand were good.

Slaughter cows
(High dressing — cutters — utilities: 40-47.50
Canner and low cutters: 32-40
Slaughter bulls: 48-58.50
Feeder steers — choice:
300-400: 110-140
400-500: 100-115
500-600: 88-105
600-700: 89-92
700-800: 78-86
Feeder heifers:
300-400: 95-120
400-500: 85-105
500-600: 82-90
600-700: 80-85
700-800: 75-80
Feeder Bulls — good and choice:
500-600: 85-105
700-800: 72-84
Cow and calf pairs:
Good: 750-950
Grade: 600-725
Springers: 475-710
Baby calves: 125-200
Doodlers: 175-300

Graham livestock

Graham Livestock Inc. had a run of 2,063 head of cattle for the July 10 sale. Packer cows were $1 to $1.50 lower. Bred cows were steady. Cows and calves were steady. Heifers were steady to $1 higher. Steers were $2 lower. Bulls were $2 to $3 lower. Market was active and demand good.

Representative Sales
3S Cattle Co. Archer City:
3 Charlois Steers 558 lbs. @ $97.50
3 Red Steers 460 lbs. @ $101.00
William Mills, Seymour
2 Red Heifers 402 lbs. @ $101.00
4 REDWF Steers 433 lbs. @ $95
Binker Quillin, Seymour
4 Black Steers 360 lbs. @114
3 Black Steers 306 lbs. @ $134
George London, Vernon
995 lbs. CTR Cow @ $44
Larry Gill, Trent
1020 lbs. Bred BRG Cow @$630
940 lbs. Herette @ $54
Gene Dozier, Graham
6 Young Red Pairs 871 lbs. @ $840
3 REDWF Pairs 1190 lbs. @$785
W.M. Welch, Wichita Falls
775 lbs. Charlois Steer @$86
5 Black Heifers 570 lbs. @ $90

Assessment rates set at full amount

The assessment for the Rolling Plains Central has been set at the full amount for the 2000 growing season, $10 per land acre.

Destruction of hostable material and keeping fields clean is necessary to prevent weevil populations from expanding, and if hostable plants are detected in your fields after July 15, you will be charged the full assessment.

Also, the 2 percent discount for early payment is in effect, with the date for early payment set on Aug. 23.

Staying weevil free

These avenues have been identified as he mostly likely cause of re-infestation:

High Risk
Migration from infested areas
Unginned cotton
Medium Risk
Contaminated harvest equipment
Shredders
Used gin machinery
Gin trash
Cotton plants plan parts
Low Risk
Other farm equipment
Whole cotton seed
Delinted cotton seed
Compressed bales
Hitchhiking weevils

Boll Weevil
Average Weekly Trap Captures Through May by District

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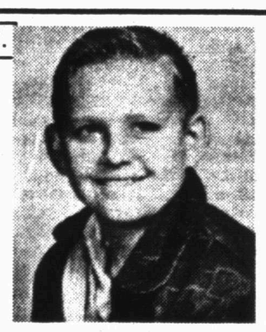
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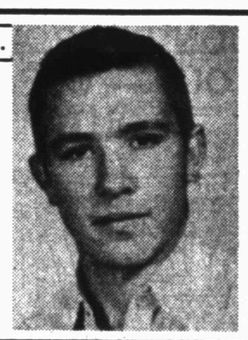
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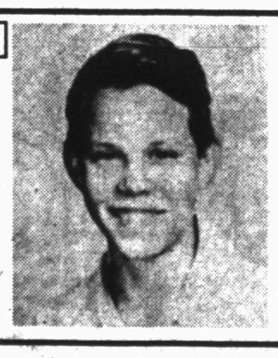
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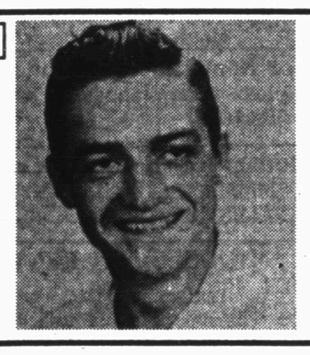
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Last week's photos: 1.Bobby Lemons 2.Ethel Glover 3.J.V. Evans 4.Joyce Kellner 5. Leslie Burrow 6. Nolan Ball 7. Ronney Beaver 8.Roy Beaver 9. Vernon Browning 10. Victor Fulford

Quake engineers give house final test

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Dishes slid off the dining table and wine glasses crashed to the floor. File drawers flew out and toppled the cabinet. Upstairs, a speaker smashed a teddy bear at the head of a child's bed.

The simulation 6.7-magnitude quake — a mimic of the 1994 temblor in Northridge — was one of the final tests in a program designed to determine how woodframe buildings can be improved to better withstand earthquakes.

Researchers at the University of California, San Diego jolted the home, fitted with 300 sensors and six cameras, to gather data on how well the structure and its contents would withstand the shaking.

Before Tuesday's test, Frieder Seible, project manager for the California Universities for Research in Earthquake Engineering, said the test was relevant to every state resident since 99 percent of all California homes are made with woodframe construction.

Seible and principal investigator for the project, Andre Filiatrault, said they were impressed with how the home withstood the fake quake.

"Structurally, it performed very well. The damage appears to be minimal," Filiatrault said. "The test showed clearly the energy and power of an earthquake in a very short time."

Engineers for the project, funded by a $5.2 million grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, said they were particularly impressed with the house's stucco exterior and how it fortified the building.

The two-story, 600 square-foot structure was built inside a UCSD laboratory that holds what is called a shake table. The 4.8-ton platform simulated the horizontal motion felt during the Northridge quake, a disaster that killed 72 people and caused billions of dollars in property damage.

Woman plans fresh start after prison

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — These days, Serena Nunn finds joy in the sight of trees, streets and even convenience stores — anything that reminds her she is no longer behind bars.

After 10 years in prison, Nunn received word in her cell in Phoenix on Friday that President Clinton had taken the rare step of commuting her mandatory sentence on drug charges. Within hours, she was free.

"I can't help but to feel still overwhelmed with joy," Nunn said in a telephone interview Tuesday.

The 30-year-old Nunn is working hard to make up for lost time. She spent Tuesday with her mother and sister, who rushed to meet her when she was released.

She's been moving into a new apartment, filling out financial aid forms and enrolling in courses at Arizona State University, where she will continue coursework toward a business degree that she began in prison. She wants to become a lawyer.

"I'm just trying to be a normal person now," she said.

Nunn was a teen-ager when she became romantically involved with the son of a reputed Minneapolis drug lord, Ralph "Plukey" Duke.

Due to federal sentencing guidelines, she wound up sentenced to 14 years for conspiracy to possess and distribute cocaine — double the sentence of one of the leaders of Duke's ring. Legal experts say if she had been sentenced in state court, she could have received no more than probation.

Nunn might still be in jail if not for her luck finally changing.

The Star Tribune of Minneapolis chronicled her story in a 1997 article that focused on federal cases in which women who were only peripherally involved in the drug trade were serving longer sentences then male drug dealers. The men often cut their jail time by testifying against others.

The article was noticed by Sam Sheldon, a California attorney who was passing through town.

"It was just one of those fluke things. I needed something to read on the plane," Sheldon said by phone as he helped Nunn move.

Sheldon, working for free, met with Nunn and filed a request for a presidential commutation. Sheldon argued that an error led to her receiving a longer sentence than stipulated and that the sentence imposed under mandatory minimum guidelines was unfair.

He sought out U.S District Judge David Doty, who, in a career first, wrote a letter to Clinton admitting he made an error in compiling Nunn's sentence and criticizing the law that made him impose the sentence in the first place.

"I've said orally in open court many times, and it's probably what you would hear from most every federal judge, that the mandatory minimums often times are excessive and they take away any discretion that you have with a case like this where a person doesn't deserve quite such harsh treatment," Doty said.

The man who prosecuted Nunn and numerous state politicians, including Gov. Jesse Ventura, also supported freedom for Nunn.

That support helped, Sheldon said, because such requests for commutation can be political battles as much as legal ones. "Those are people that have nothing to gain politically. If she goes out and commits another crime, it makes them look bad," he said.

Nunn was pardoned last week along with Louise House, Shawndra Mills and Amy Pofahl, three women who were also sentenced for drug crimes. One man, Alain Orozco, also was ordered freed after serving time on a drug conviction.

"The president felt they had served a disproportionate amount of time," White House spokesman Jake Siewert said of the women. "They received much more severe sentences than their husbands and boyfriends."

The issue of mandatory minimum sentences came before a congressional subcommittee in May. John Roth, a Justice Department official, testified that the guidelines clear up any disparities about sentencing by ensuring everyone gets similar sentences.

The guidelines also have safety valves to allow prosecutors and judges to give lighter sentences when appropriate, he said.

On the Net:
Families Against Mandatory Minimums:
http://www.famm.org
Justice Department:
http://www.usdoj.gov

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Teen's hair problem may be more than skin-deep

DEAR ABBY: Your response to the grandparent who was concerned because her 13-year-old granddaughter had a mustache was incomplete. You focused only on the cosmetic problem, when she may have a true medical problem. She should be evaluated by her primary-care physician to rule out a medical basis for her excess body hair.

For example, she may have polycystic ovaries syndrome, which is associated with hirsutism (excess body hair), obesity, menstrual irregularities and enlarged ovaries. It may later reveal itself as a cause of infertility, adrenal or ovarian tumors. Also, certain medications could cause excess body hair.

Most cases of hirsutism are benign, and a complete history and physical by a physician can provide the much needed reassurance that a teen-ager is normal. The visit also gives pediatricians (or family practitioners) an opportunity to touch base with a population notorious for avoiding doctors — adolescents. Not only are they underimmunized, they are also the group most in need of anticipatory guidance on issues such as abstinence, safe sex, birth control, STDs, drugs, alcohol, smoking, guns, nutrition, school performance, sports and safe driving.

Thank you, Abby, for championing these issues with such candor in your column. — **JENNIFER FORDAN-HERMAN, M.D., VIRGINIA BEACH, VA.**

DEAR DR. FORDAN-HERMAN: Several doctors wrote to point out that the girl's problem could be medical in nature rather than cosmetic, and that she should be evaluated by a physician. Having once been a furry teen-ager myself, I assumed that she could deal with the problem cosmetically — shaving, waxing, bleaching, etc.

I would like to address the other issue you mentioned. Adolescents may be notorious for neglecting their health, but they are still minors. It is their parents' job to make sure the health and well-being of their children are protected. This includes ensuring annual checkups with the eye doctor, dentist and primary-care physician. It also includes ensuring that teenagers understand the importance of good nutrition and exercise. There is no excuse for young adults to be underimmunized and without the information they need in order to remain healthy.

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DEAR ABBY: May I suggest that you follow your column promoting Pet Adoptathon 2000 with this brief postscript — license your pet! Licensing your dog or cat is part of the proper care and attention that, as you explained, all pets deserve. Every year, thousands of lost pets are reunited with their loving families because they are wearing a current license or have other identification, such as a microchip. Tragically, many lost pets who are not licensed become statistics.

Here in King County, Washington, our Pet Partnership Program is successfully promoting pet licenses. We are working with suburban cities and pet owners throughout our region to spread this important message and to encourage residents to be responsible pet owners. This is a key element of saving and promoting the lives of our faithful animal companions. — **RON SIMS, KING COUNTY EXECUTIVE, SEATTLE**

DEAR RON: I'm pleased to publicize this important reminder. Every pet deserves to have an identity. Should it get lost, a license could mean the difference between life and death. Readers wanting information about pet licenses should call their city or county animal regulation department and inquire.

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What teens need to know about sex, drugs, AIDS, and getting along with peers and parents is in "What Every Teen Should Know." To order, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Parkinson's disease is progressive

DEAR DR. GOTT: About two months ago, my left thumb began to twitch. Then my whole hand started to shake. The neurologist diagnosed early Parkinson's disease but did not prescribe therapy. What will happen next?

DEAR READER: Parkinson's disease, a progressive disorder of unknown cause, is the result of damage to certain nerve cells in the brain. The disorder often begins as a characteristic, involuntary, repetitive finger motion called "pill-rolling." Later symptoms include diminished facial expression, difficulty walking, constant tremor, and — in its final stages — severe handicap and dementia.

Most authorities try to avoid prescribing medicine early on because of side effects and the likelihood that such medicine will, over time, become less effective. Nonetheless, there are several drugs now available to treat moderate-to-advanced Parkinson's disease, allowing patients to remain independent and lead normal lives.

Your affliction will worsen as time passes. However, the rate of progression varies from person to person. Hence, I cannot accurately predict whether you will need drug therapy in the immediate future or many months (or years) down the road. Your neurologist should monitor the situation and, when appropriate, offer you prescription drugs for treatment.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Following an uncomplicated vasectomy three years ago, I have been bothered by painful testicles that are very distressing. Is the surgery to blame?

DEAR READER: Patients sometimes experience transient pain in the testicles after vasectomy. This discomfort can be constant or intermittent for several months. Three years seems like a lot to me. Therefore, I suggest that you speak to the surgeon. Although your pain will probably fade with time, you should be checked for infection or other complications.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My wife has had fits of rage for our 32 years of marriage. She's cussed me for being an alcoholic (but I don't drink) and blamed me for the weather. She sometimes tears off her clothes, hits herself until she's black and blue, throws hatchets at me and once pulled a pistol on me. I have to sleep in a separate room with a chair under the doorknob. Her sisters and father have the same problem. Why do people have fits? What can I do to help my wife?

DEAR READER: Fits of temper and uncontrolled violent behavior have many causes, ranging from emotional problems to epilepsy. While many normal people exhibit temper tantrums on occasion, your wife's difficulty seems to be the granddaddy of them all.

Without a doubt, she needs a thorough medical examination and testing, followed by a referral to a psychiatrist. Although her inappropriate and dangerous behavior may have a physical cause, I suspect that she may actually be suffering from a profound mental disturbance that will require diagnosis, expert care and medication. Frankly, I'm surprised that you waited 32 years to get help. In any case, move quickly to head off the possibility that your wife may seriously injure herself or someone in her environment. To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Mental and Emotional Illness." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

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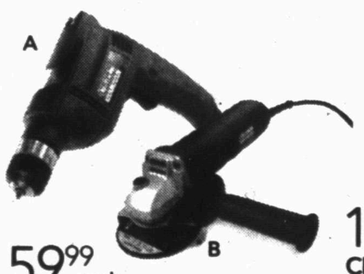

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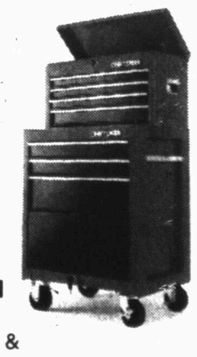

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Russians launch space station module

BAIKONUR, Kazakstan (AP) — The Russian Proton-K rocket that is carrying the long-delayed International Space Station's service module into orbit lifted off Wednesday from the Baikonur cosmodrome.

At Mission Control outside Moscow, Russian and U.S. space agency officials watching a live broadcast applauded as the module went into orbit 10 minutes later. A huge screen in front of them tracked the flight from the cosmodrome on the remote, windswept steppes of Kazakstan.

Technicians pulled back the launch tower from the huge rocket about half an hour before the 8:56 a.m. liftoff. A large logo advertising Pizza Hut had been placed about halfway up the rocket.

Russia and the United States have invested high hopes in the Zvezda module, which will be the core of the 16-nation space station project. The module will contain flight controls, the sewage system and sleeping quarters for the crew.

Russia says that the 22-ton, 43-foot-long segment cost about $320 million to build. It has severely taxed Moscow's meager financial resources and thrown the U.S.-led space station project more than two years behind schedule, casting doubts on Russia's reliability as a major partner.

The launch could have come sooner if not for two crashes of Proton rockets. Russia insisted problems with the rocket have been worked out, and it has put several satellites into orbit with the help of Proton rockets since the crashes.

The Zvezda module will go into orbit unmanned, docking July 26 by computer with two other space station components that were launched in 1998. The first crew could go to the station by October, NASA has said.

Two cosmonauts will be prepared to immediately launch to Zvezda aboard a Soyuz rocket if the automatic linkup goes wrong.

A failed launch would have been a major setback for the project.

Obituaries

Ollie Bruton

1917-2000

Ollie A. Bruton Jr., a former Snyder businessman, died Monday, July 10, in Lubbock's Covenant Hospital.

Funeral service for Mr. Bruton, 82, was set for 2 p.m. today in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel with Homer Anderson, minister of the 37th Street Church of Christ, officiating. Burial was to follow in the Snyder Cemetery.

Born Sept. 10, 1917 in Comanche, he married Luna Maude Gore on May 17, 1936 in Lubbock.

Mr. Bruton moved to Snyder in 1949 and owned and operated Bruton Jewelers on the east side of the Snyder square from 1949 until his retirement in 1978.

During that period, Midwest Electric Cooperative established an office in the jewelry store and the Brutons served as clerks.

After their retirement from the jewelry business, Mr. and Mrs. Bruton continued as clerks for Midwest Electric, now Big Country Electric Cooperative.

While in Snyder, Mr. Bruton was a member of the 37th Street Church of Christ. They moved to Lubbock eight years ago.

Survivors include his wife, Luna Maude Bruton of Lubbock; a son, Gene Bruton of Dallas; a daughter, Pat Stack of Arlington; three grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Marie Roberts

1925-2000

ANDREWS – Marie Roberts, whose family owns an interest in the Snyder Daily News since 1976, died Monday, July 10, at her home in Midland following a lengthy illness.

Funeral service for Mrs. Roberts, 74, was set for 2 p.m. today in the Second Baptist Church in Andrews. The Rev. Ivy Shelton, pastor, and Sharon Suttle, a family friend, were to officiate. Burial was to follow in the Andrews Old Cemetery under the direction of McNett Funeral Home.

Born Aug. 6, 1925 in Rising Star, she moved to Andrews in 1939, graduating from Andrews High School in 1944. She had worked for Humble Oil Co. and then as office manager for Carl S. Ham Well Service, both in Andrews.

She married James W. Roberts on April 18, 1946 in Andrews. They moved to Waco and then returned to Andrews in 1950. Mr. Roberts, publisher of the Andrews County News and president of Roberts Publishing Co., died Dec. 20, 1997.

Roberts Publishing owns an interest in the Snyder Daily News as well as in newspapers and printing plants in Andrews, Azle, Brownfield, Gatesville, Granbury, Hereford, Lamesa, Quanah, Seminole, Springtown and Vernon.

Mrs. Roberts was a member of the Andrews Study Club and the First Baptist Church.

Survivors include two sons, Phillip Roberts of Waco and Randall Roberts of Andrews; and four grandchildren, Blake Roberts, Brittanie Roberts, Karley Roberts and Penny Nichols.

Sandy Pruitt

1974-2000

Funeral services for Sandy M. Pruitt, 26, of Snyder are pending with Wright Colonial Funeral Home.

Miss Pruitt died this morning at Arlington Memorial Hospital in Arlington.

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Texas Savings Bank director dies in airplane crash in Athens

ATHENS – John Coffman, a major stockholder and member of the board of directors of Snyder's Texas Savings Bank, died Monday when his single-engine airplane crashed during takeoff at Athens Municipal Airport.

Coffman, 47, was a Dallas real estate developer and member of the family that once owned the Dallas Cowboys franchise.

He had been a director of Texas Savings Bank, formerly Snyder Savings and Loan, since Feb. 21, 1990.

Coffman, 47, was pilot of the 1968 Cessna T210 which witnesses said took off about 9:30 a.m., made a steep climb before turning right. The engine was said running strong right until impact.

A former resident of Athens, Coffman reportedly had been staying at the Murchison family ranch and was a frequent user of the Athens airport. He was believed to be returning to his home in Dallas.

Coffman normally flew to Snyder once a month to attend board meetings at Texas Savings Bank.

Survivors include his wife, Barbara Murchison Coffman, daughter of the late John Murchison, a former co-owner of the Dallas Cowboys along with his brother, Clint Murchison Jr. The Coffmans also had three children.

The cause of the crash is being investigated by the Federal Aviation Administration. Services are pending in Dallas.

Inmate may have won M&Ms prize

ST. GEORGE, Utah (AP) — Inmate Brian McCluskey may have found heaven at the Purgatory Correctional Facility. A bag of M&Ms he earned for helping with chores at the jail could be the million-dollar winner of a national contest.

Deputy Julie Pugmire gave the candy to McCluskey as a reward for helping her pass out commissary items.

When he opened the bag Friday, the 27-year-old found candies that were sky blue, white, purple. Other inmates told him he might have won M&Ms' "Fix-Up the Mix-Up" contest, which they had seen advertised on television.

"Several of the deputies saw it, several of the inmates ... there isn't any question in my mind (that he won)," Washington County Sheriff Kirk Smith told The Associated Press on Wednesday. "We're confident he has the bag advertised as the winning bag. It was put in property then given to his wife."

Mars Inc., which distributed a million and one bags of containing the specially colored M&Ms, has not verified that McCluskey was the winner. Only one of the bags has a game piece that identifies the winner. The million others get a 16 ounce bag of candy.

"We have no idea if it's true or not," said Pat D'Amato, a spokeswoman for M&M Mars division, based in Hackettstown, N.J. "They have to send the game piece in to us to determine if that person is a grand prize winner or not."

Forgery, runaways , family violence investigated locally

• *Possible runaways*

Two juvenile females and a juvenile male were mistaken as runaways Tuesday afternoon at Burger King. A caller reported seeing the three at the restaurant at 1:15 p.m. with backpacks and thought the young people might be runaways. Officers made contact and advised the subjects had had car trouble and had been given Ministerial Alliance assistance Monday night. They were waiting on a ride from New Mexico.

• *Forgery*

Judson Chapman came to the Law Enforcement Center at 10:20 a.m. Monday to file forgery charges in reference to someone writing a check for $150 on his Snyder National Bank account.

• *Runaway*

A woman contacted police several times Tuesday due to problems she was having with her 11-year-old daughter. The woman first called at 11:48 a.m. to report that her daughter had run away from home. The girl was located in the 3000 block of Beaumont and returned to her mother in the 2800 block of Avenue Y.

At 4:33 p.m., the woman contacted officers again in reference to the juvenile scratching her vehicle with a sharp object and leaving the residence again. The juvenile was located in the 3300 block of Avenue U and again returned to her mother.

A third call was received at 8:47 p.m. from the woman, again reporting that the 11-year-old had left without permission.

The juvenile was located in the 2800 block of Avenue Q and transported to the police department where she released to her mother again.

• *Family violence*

A deputy was called to a Hermleigh residence at 11:45 p.m. Monday to a report of three subjects being at a residence in the 700 block of Pyron Street causing problems and one of the subjects possibly having a knife. Contact was made with several subjects in reference to the disturbance and it was determined that the parties had gone their separate ways prior to the peace officer's arrival. A report was taken for family violence.

• *Assault*

Police are investigating two reports of assault that were made at 12:44 a.m. today. Two males, ages 14 and 15, notified officers that they were assaulted by two unknown male subjects on the street in the 3800 block of Brick Plant Road.

• *Theft*

At 12:48 a.m. today, Teressa Williams notified officers of the theft of $530 from her purse while she was working at Snyder Oaks Care Center, 210 37th Street.

• *Four arrested*

Seventeen-year-old Matthew Jones of 1007 27th Street was taken into custody at 9:52 a.m. Tuesday on a grand jury indictment for two May 23 offenses of burglary of a building.

Orlando Castalean, 17, of 1303 18th Street, who was indicted Monday by the grand jury on two offenses of burglary of a building and one offense of burglary of a coin operated machine. Deputies arrested him at his residence at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday.

A 22-year-old female was taken into custody at 1:45 a.m. today in the 700 block of Pyron in Hermleigh on an outstanding Nolan County warrant for theft by check.

Pamela Yvette James, 32, of 1502 26th Street was picked up for public intoxication at 1:50 a.m. today in the 3200 block of Avenue I. The subject also had an outstanding warrant for parole violation.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: July 11—John Leftwich, Ruby Pylant and Rodney Summers.

DISMISSALS: Blanche Jackson, Deborah McLarty, Stella Pylant and Glena Roggenstein.

CENSUS: 36 (Med./Surg.-9, Long-term Care-25, Nursery-1 and OB-1)

Births

Mark and Kathy Holdren announce the birth of their son, Mark Ross Sterling Holdren. He was born at 3:21 p.m. on July 10 in Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene. He weighed seven pounds, 2½ ounces and was also welcomed by two sisters, Kelly Jo and Penny Holdren.

Grandparents are Nell Holdren of Snyder, and the late J.W. "Son" Holdren, and Bessie and Wayne Merritt, of Snyder.

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The First Baptist Church Sunday morning worship service airs at 3 p.m. each Thursday on TV Channel 2.

Lighthouse garage sale

Lighthouse Assembly of God Church is in need of donations of kitchen items, appliances and furniture for a building fund sale to be held Friday and Saturday. Call 573-5124 or 573-2947.

Bible study tapes

Bible study tapes air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "How a Man Comes to Jesus," followed by "Holy and Reverend is His Name."

Texans for lawsuit reform speaker

Jay Lawrence, an adviser to Texans for Lawsuit Reform, will speak to the Snyder Kiwanis Club at noon next Wednesday.

Kings Kids registration

Registration for Kings Kids and Mothers Day Out is underway for next school year at First Baptist Church. The program is for children one to four-years-old, and pre-K. Call 573-5683 or 573-7401 or come by 1701 27th St. for more information.

Joy School pre-registration

Pre-registration for Joy School is now underway. Joy School will be accepting infants through pre-K five days a week. For more information, call 573-3554.

Discovery School pre-registration

Pre-registion for Discovery School, formerly Children's Day Out, at the First United Methodist Church is now licensed to provide care five days per week. The school is accepting children between the ages of six months through four years. Pre-registration will be Thursday and Friday, and July 18 from 10 a.m. until noon. For more information, call Barbara at 573-4770.

LVN class testing

Students wishing to enroll in the fall Licensed Vocational Nursing class at Western Texas College should contact the counseling office to arrange for the pre-entrance exam to be given through July 25. Interviews will be conducted through Aug. 7. For more information, call the counseling office at 573-8511, ext. 313.

GED exams

GED examinations will be administered Thursday and July 27 in the testing center at WTC. Call Emily Hataway at 574-2112 or Molly Kattes at 573-2919 for more information.

Computer courses

A variety of computer courses will be offered this summer by the Continuing Ed division of WTC. Call 573-8511, ext. 390, for a list of classes.

Cancer treatment transportation

Transportation for cancer patients is available every day free of charge to Lubbock, Abilene or Midland. For more information call Martha Schiebel at 573-8626 or Sammie Jarrell at 573-5993. If not home, leave message on answering machine.

Cash Five

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

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Pick 3

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

1-9-1

Trucker's execution scheduled tonight

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — Lubbock apartment resident Orien Cecil Joiner called police to tell them he discovered the bloody bodies of the two women who lived next door to him.

What authorities later determined was that even though he told of seeing two men fleeing the women's apartment and escaping over a fence, it was Joiner who wreaked the havoc a week before Christmas 1986.

The former long-haul truck driver faces lethal injection Wednesday evening for killing the Lubbock waitresses, Carol Huckabee, 26, and Eva Marie DeForest, 29.

The execution of Joiner, 50, would bring to 25 the number of condemned inmates put to death in Texas this year. One more execution is set for later this month and at least six are scheduled for August.

Both victims were bound with duct tape. DeForest was stabbed 41 times, her throat was cut and the broken knife blade was left sticking out of her chest. Huckabee, her roommate, had her face and neck slashed plus four stab wounds to her chest. Both were raped during or after the fatal attacks.

"It was one of those situations where he matched up to the two females who were killed," Travis Ware, the former Lubbock County District Attorney who prosecuted Joiner, said this week.

Prosecutors produced a witness, a neighbor, who testified he saw Joiner near the victims' apartment with blood on his shirt and dripping from his hand. Tests of blood stained on Joiner's shirt matched the blood types of both women.

"The state doesn't have to prove motive, but obviously the sexual aspect looms large in that regard," Ware said. "Presumably they were objects of his fancy."

Joiner, his appeals exhausted, maintained his innocence in a recent death row interview but was resigned to dying.

"I'm going home to the Lord," he said.

Joiner, in the prison interview, said he spotted the bloody bodies when he looked through a window, put his fist through the window to get the door opened, then called police.

He said blood on his shoes, which prosecutors used against him at his trial, got there when he and a police officer walked through the apartment.

"I'm very sorry for their families, along with my family, thinking I did something I didn't," he said.