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First in county...

Horse infected with West Nile

The West Nile virus has been confirmed in a horse in Scurry County, and health officials are urging horse owners to get their animals vaccinated.

"Just go ahead and vaccinate them," County Sanitarian Bennie Marricle said. "It's here, but it's still not something to panic over."

Like Marricle, Veterinarian Dr. Charles Church said people should remain calm and take steps to protect themselves and their animals.

"It's in the area, but there's no need to panic — but it's something folks need to be aware of," he said. "Those that haven't had their horses vaccinated, I would recommend that and for people to take precautions against mosquitoes."

The 1,100-pound horse, owned by LaWayne Fagan of Camp Springs, was brought into Church's office Friday. Church said the animal was alert, but could not control its back-end.

"Most of the time they're dumb-acting, but he was alert and bright-eyed," he said. "He walked in, but he couldn't back up or turn around."

The 10-year-old horse had a temperature of 102 when it arrived at the clinic. Blood samples were taken and sent to labs at Texas A&M, where tests confirmed that the horse had contracted West Nile.

The horse was later destroyed.

Marricle said the health department is interested in birds from the county, although he stressed that the birds must be either blue jays or crows. "We've had nothing but grackles," he said, referring to the black bird that is similar in size and color to a crow, but has gold eyes. "We've had a few blue jays, but they've been too decomposed to properly test them."

Church said that Dr. Bud Farr had two confirmed cases of the virus in horses in Slaton, and there have been two confirmed cases in horses in Haskell County.

The virus is spread from a host bird to horses or humans through the bite of a mosquito. Church said the chances of horses passing it along quickly to other horses is slim.

"Mosquitoes are more apt to pick it up from birds than from horses," he said. "Birds carry viremia and horses don't."

So far, there have been 383 reported cases of the virus in Texas, with only 28 of those being human infections.

According to the Texas Department of health, the risk for humans is extremely small.

VACCINATION — Dr. Charles Church inoculates Kaycee Marricle's horse, Max, this morning at the West Texas Animal Clinic. Church confirmed a case of the virus in a Camp Springs horse over the weekend. He recommends all horse owners get the vaccination for their animals. This is the first confirmed case in Scurry County. (SDN Staff Photo by Bobby Allen)

Meeting tonight...

College board looking to approve budget

Western Texas College board of trustees is expected to give formal approval to the 2002-2003 budget of $8.6 million and a tax rate at 27 cents per $100 valuation when it convenes at 7 tonight in the administration board room.

The tax rate is an increase of .0042 cents over the current rate and will generate $139,000 in increased revenue.

Also on the agenda is the management contract for the on-campus bookstore and two agreements concerning use of high school baseball fields in Ira and Snyder.

Construction on the WTC baseball and softball fields is just beginning, forcing the new teams to practice and play elsewhere.

The softball team will practice and play at Cates Field in Towle Park while the baseball team will practice at Ira and Snyder high schools and play at Moffett Field.

In personnel matters, the board will consider a contract extension for Frank Alfaro, instructor of automotive electronics.

Items on the agenda for information and discussion include pre-bid consideration for vehicles to transport the sports teams and information on the status of Lorber of Texas from the Development Corporation of Snyder.

Sunday night...

Handi-Mart thieves take cash, checks

Sheriff's deputies are investigating the overnight break-in of the Fina Handi-Mart on U.S. 84, where thousands of dollars in cash, checks and credit cards were taken.

A clerk with Rip Griffin's alerted law enforcement to the break in at 12:34 a.m. He gave a description of a white 4-door Geo Metro-like vehicle occupied by three to four males, and advised officers that the vehicle was headed westbound on U.S. 84.

Sheriff Darren Jackson said alerts had been sent to DPS Region V and Garza County. He said deputies would be checking rest areas for the moneybag that contained the stolen money.

Handi-mart owner Mickey Nunley said he is still in the process of determining the amount that was taken. "We're still in the process of tallying it up," he said. "It's going to be closer to $5,500."

Nunley said the thieves gained entry by breaking out a plate glass window in front of the store. He said it appeared the subjects had knowledge of the layout of the store and where the money was kept, though he said they "could have made a lucky guess."

The break-in follows on the heels of recent burglaries in the city where the subjects entered the businesses by breaking a plate glass window. The juvenile subjects in those cases have been identified.

Second remains may be Oregon girl

OREGON CITY, Ore. (AP) — An FBI agent said the mystery of two Oregon girls who disappeared from their apartment complex appeared to be solved after officials searching a neighbor's home identified the body of one girl and found a second set of remains.

Police said the unidentified second body was found in a barrel beneath a cement slab Ward Weaver poured after the disappearance of 13-year-old Miranda Gaddis and Ashley Pond, who was 12 when she vanished.

"Obviously, this is a very sad conclusion to this investigation," said Charles Mathews, the FBI's special agent in charge in Oregon. "On the other hand, I think the case has been resolved."

Weaver has not been charged, but Mathews said Sunday that he is a suspect in the case. It was the first time any law enforcement official has identified him a suspect.

Weaver, 39, told reporters months ago he was a subject in the investigation but denied any involvement in the disappearance.

Agents discovered remains Saturday of one body stashed in a shed behind the house, and on Sunday said they belonged to Miranda. Miranda's mother, Michelle Duffey, was, "devastated," when she heard the news, her attorney, Linda Beloof, told ABC News.

"She had never given up hope that her daughter would come home safely," Beloof said.

Weaver agreed to the search because he wanted to "bring closure to the families," his attorney, Timothy Lyons, told The Oregonian. Lyons did not elaborate.

Lyons would not comment Sunday, but his assistant said they were spending the day, "getting organized."

Weaver has been jailed since Aug. 13 when he was charged with raping his 19-year-old son's girlfriend. The angry and distraught son told 911 dispatchers on the night of the alleged rape that his father had confessed to killing Ashley and Miranda.

Weaver said Ashley was a friend of his daughter who frequently stayed overnight at their house. He said she had even lived at the home for several months last year while her own father was in jail on charges of sexually abusing her.

Ashley's mother, Lori Pond, recently told the Portland Tribune that Weaver was lying when he said her daughter lived with him for several months.

Farm tour to be held Tuesday in Fluvanna

The annual Borden Scurry County farm tour will be Tuesday with meetings set at the Fluvanna Community Center with various demonstrations in that area.

Sponsored by the county extension offices from the two counties, it will get underway with registration from 8:45 – 9:15 a.m.

The first demonstration will be at the Stansell Farm at 9:30 sponsored by Delta and Pineland Seeds.

At 10:45 a.m., extension range and brush control specialist J. F. Cadenhead will discuss brush control methods, and at 11 a.m., extension economist Jackie Smith will give an update on the new farm bill.

The next presentation will be at 11:15 a.m., as Dr. Calvin Trostle, extension agronomist, will give a sorghum update.

Delta and Pineland will provide lunch at the community center at noon.

Greg Gruben is the Scurry County extension agent and Dennis Poole is the Borden County agent.

Budget approval on Ira agenda

Ira ISD board of trustees will hold a public hearing on the district's 2002-2003 budget when it meets at 6:30 this evening.

The board will consider a budget of $1,493,578 — $94,422 less than the current year budget of $1,588,000.

Trustees also will set the tax rate at $1.50 — the same as the current year.

Budget amendments also on the agenda for approval, as are current bills.

SFD responds to Bell School Rd. fires

The Snyder fire department responded to a structural blaze and a grass fire over the weekend — at the same location.

Firefighters were dispatched to 5610 Bell School Rd. just before 5 p.m. Saturday after receiving a call from Julie Collier that a shed was on fire. Fire Marshal Cy Posey said 14 firefighters and three trucks responded, but did not arrive in time to save the shed.

Posey said a can of burning trash was the likely cause of the fire, as embers from the can are believed to have ignited the grass, which in turn ignited the shed.

The department dispatched a crew of 23 firefighters in three trucks to a grass and brush fire at the location at 5:41 p.m. Sunday evening. Posey said the fire was under control rather quickly, but two firemen were transported to Cogdell emergency room when a fuel line ruptured in the pump motor.

The firefighters were treated for fuel in their eyes and were released.

Posey said there was no indication the fires were related. "The fires are completely separate things," he said.

The department also responded to a vehicle fire just after 7:30 this morning in the 300 block of College. A fire erupted in the engine compartment of a parked 1984 Ford truck owned by Don England of Snyder.

Fire crews were able to contain the fire to the engine compartment, and Posey said the vehicle sustained minor damage.

ASK US

Q—Is the newspaper going to publish a special section about 9-11?

A—Yes. A commemorative section will be published Tuesday, Sept. 10.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Saturday, 99 degrees; low, 72; high Sunday, 100; low, 72; 7 a.m. Monday, 73; no precipitation; total for 2002, 15.08 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy; low near 75. Tuesday, mostly sunny, hot; high near 103; SW winds 10-20 mph. Tuesday night, partly cloudy; low near 75.

Margarita Benitez
Hot

Sunset: 8:15 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:17 a.m.
Of 237 days in 2002, the sun has shone 230 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

It is our duty to make the best of our misfortunes.
—George Washington

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BORDEN COUNTY CHEERLEADERS — Borden County cheerleaders for 2002-2003 are l-r: Cassidy Rinehart, LaShae Johnson, Shayla Gass, Amanda Boucher, Brandi Shafer, Emily Mayes and mascot, Sunni Shipp. Cheerleading sponsor is Mrs. Lori Stephens. (Contributed Photo)

Foundation will promote child safety

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Following the path of other parents of murdered children, the mother of 7-year-old Danielle van Dam is creating a foundation to promote child safety and preserve the memory of her daughter.

Brenda van Dam hopes to have the foundation running by Sept. 22, which would have been Danielle's eighth birthday.

"With all the other missing children, we felt there's got to be something we can do," said Susan Wintersteen, a van Dam family friend who is helping to organize the effort.

Danielle's parents are prohibited by a gag order from speaking to the news media about any issue related to their daughter until after the sentencing of David Westerfield.

A jury on Aug. 21 convicted Westerfield of kidnapping Danielle from her bedroom and killing her in February. The penalty phase of the trial is scheduled to begin Wednesday.

Brenda van Dam and five friends met over the weekend at Wintersteen's home, not far from where the girl was kidnapped, to work on the details of what is to become the Danielle Legacy Foundation.

Modeling their group on Mothers Against Drunk Driving, they plan to use the network of volunteers who helped in the search for Danielle to promote child safety and promote programs like the nationwide Amber Alert system, Wintersteen said.

The system, named in honor of Amber Hagerman, a Texas girl killed in 1996, is a way of quickly disseminating information about a missing child through news media and other outlets. It's used in more than a dozen states.

The San Diego effort follows other advocacy and safety groups born out of tragedy. They include the Laura Recovery Center, named for Laura Kate Smithers, murdered in Friendswood, Texas, in 1997. The group fields volunteer searchers in child kidnapping cases.

Laura Recovery coordinated thousands of searchers after Danielle was reported missing Feb. 2. One of the volunteers found her body along a rural road nearly a month after the abduction.

Marc Klaas created the Klaaskids Foundation, after his daughter, Polly, was kidnapped and murdered in Northern California in 1993. Another group is named for Carole Sund, who was killed with her daughter, Juli, and the girl's friend Silvina Pelosso while they were visiting Yosemite National Park in 1999.

"A lot of families tend to start an organization in their loved ones memory, so there are a lot of them out there," said Kim Petersen of the Carole Sund Carrington Memorial Reward Foundation, based in Modesto. "It can be very healing."

It can also be very difficult. Foundations trying to raise donations often find themselves competing with similar efforts or overshadowed by larger organizations, said Klaas, who lobbies, speaks on child safety and helps other groups.

Still, "There's always room for innovation, for fresh new ideas," Klaas said.

Wintersteen, whose daughter was in school and Brownies with Danielle, said one of the group's first efforts will be to distribute identification kits that parents can use to set aside their child's fingerprints, DNA and a recent photo.

Investigators had to scramble to collect such identifiers when Danielle disappeared in February.

"We still feel there is change that needs to be done," Wintersteen said.

On the Internet:
http://www.carolesundfoundation.com/
http://www.klaaskids.org/
http://daniellemissing.tripod.com/

Record number of people in jail, on parole or probation

WASHINGTON (AP) — The number of people in the U.S. correctional system hit a record 6.6 million — more than 3 in every 100 adults— last year, the Justice Department says.

Texas led the nation with the most adults under correctional supervision.

The nation's adult population either behind bars, on probation or parole climbed by 147,700, or 2.3 percent, between 2000 and 2001, and compared with less than 4.4 million adults in 1990, the department reported Sunday.

Nearly 4 million people were on probation, 2.8 percent more than in 2000, while there was a 1 percent increase of those on parole, to 731,147. The number of people in prison grew by 1.1 percent to 1.3 million, the smallest annual increase in nearly three decades.

There was a 1.6 percent increase of people in jails, to 631,240. More than half of those on probation — 53 percent — had been convicted of felonies, according to the Bureau of Justice Statistics report.

Experts noted a recent trend toward fewer arrests for murder, rape and other violent crimes. Many of those on probation were convicted of using illegal drugs or driving while intoxicated.

In addition, some states have eliminated mandatory minimum sentences for certain crimes. California's Proposition 36, passed in 2000 with 61 percent of the vote, requires treatment rather than incarceration for nonviolent drug offenders. Most of those drug users wind up on probation.

"The collection of reforms, from drug courts to treatment in lieu of incarceration to sentence reforms like getting rid of mandatory minimums and expanding community correction options, have the effect of redirecting people from prison to probation," said Nick Turner, director of national programs for the Vera Institute of Justice. The nonprofit research group works with governments on criminal justice issues.

However, Marc Mauer, assistant director of Sentencing Project, which favors alternatives to incarceration, said: "The overall figures suggest that we've come to rely on the criminal justice system as a way of responding to social problems in a way that's unprecedented."

Rocha reports for Marines

Marine Corps Cpl. Alfred J. Rocha, son of Helen and Alfredo Rocha of Snyder, recently reported for duty with 1st Stinger Battery, Marine Air Control Group 18, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing in Okinawa, Japan.

Rocha is a 1997 graduate of Snyder High School.

State IDs leading investment fraud

WASHINGTON (AP) — Scams involving unscrupulous stockbrokers and financial analysts with conflicting interests are for the first time among the top 10 investment frauds listed by state securities regulators.

Fraudulent oil and gas investments and schemes involving charitable gift annuities also joined the annual list, the North American Securities Administrators Association said today. The group, known as NASAA, represents securities regulators in the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Canada and Mexico.

"Record-low interest rates and a bear market on Wall Street have created a bull market in fraud on Main Street," said Joseph Borg, NASAA president and director of the Alabama Securities Commission. He said con artists take advantage of nervous investors, pitching scams as safe alternatives with high returns — an impossible combination.

The regulators ranked the frauds and risky investments they are fighting by how often they occur and their impact.

The top-ranked scam for 2002 involved unlicensed individuals, such as independent insurance agents, selling securities. Borg said most agents are honest, but too many are lured by high commissions into selling high-risk or fraudulent investments.

The regulators ranked deceptive stockbrokers at No. 2, saying "the declining stock market has caused some brokers to cut corners or resort to outright fraud."

Last year, North Dakota's securities commissioner yanked the licenses of two brokers, saying they squandered millions by making speculative investments without their clients' permission. The brokers were affiliated with H.D. Vest Investment Services Inc., an Irving, Texas, firm that in December settled with regulators and agreed to repay customers more than $3.2 million.

Analyst research conflicts came in third on the regulators' list. State investigators are probing whether some analysts issued glowing research reports and made buy recommendations to win investment-banking business, NASAA said.

Merrill Lynch & Co., the nation's biggest brokerage, agreed in May to pay a $100 million fine and revamp its stock research practices in a settlement with the New York attorney general's office, which had charged that the firm's analysts were misleading investors for personal gain.

The other seven top investment frauds, in order, are:

—Promissory notes, which typically involve loans to companies made by investors in exchange for a fixed amount of periodic income. Legitimate corporate promissory notes are not usually sold to the public and some schemes are fraudulent.

—Prime bank schemes that promise investors risk-free, triple-digit returns on debt notes said to be guaranteed by the world's biggest banks.

—Viatical settlements, which, when done legally, involve buying into the insurance policies of the terminally ill, who get a portion of the money to help with medical bills. The investor is supposed to get paid when the person dies, but in some fraudulent cases the policyholders aren't really dying or don't even exist.

—Affinity fraud investing schemes that target religious, ethnic and professional groups and are performed by members of the groups who use their common backgrounds to gain trust.

—Charitable gift annuities, in which a donor gives cash or stock to a charity in return for lifetime fixed payments based on age — the older the donor, the larger the payment. Regulators said investors should be cautious of little-known organizations offering such investments.

—Oil and gas schemes, including investments in fraudulent operations or wells that don't produce.

—Leasing scams involving telephones, automated teller machines and Internet kiosks.

Last endangered turtles to be released on Tuesday

GALVESTON (AP) — Biologists plan to release the last group of endangered Kemp's Ridley sea turtles, raised in captivity here, into the wild.

Officials say 27 Kemp's Ridleys and two hawksbill turtles will be set free Tuesday 17 miles offshore by the National Marine Fisheries Services Sea Turtle Captive Research Facility.

Biologists on Friday weighed and measured the turtles for the last time. The Kemp's Ridleys were pushed to the brink of extinction in the 1970s by commercial fishing and human raiding of their eggs from their nesting beaches in Mexico.

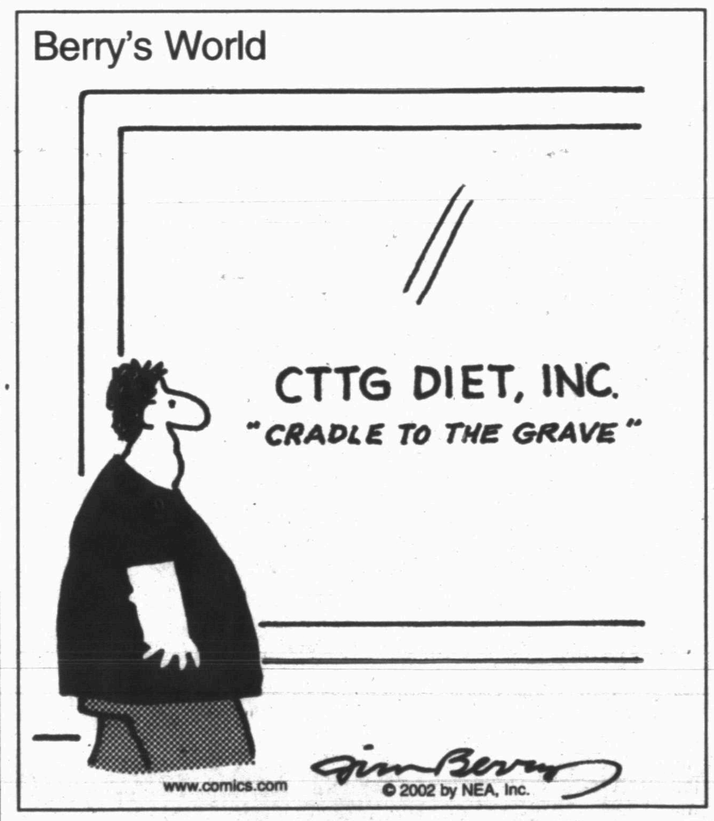
The Mexican government responded by protecting the nesting beaches and the U.S. Congress passed legislation requiring turtle-excluder devices on shrimp nets. The lab's role in the effort was to raise Kemp's Ridleys.

The two-year-old turtles are the final graduates of the laboratory, which since 1978 has raised and released about 24,000 Kemp's Ridleys.

"There's not a lot we know about sea turtles," Shanna Baker, a fisheries biologist at the lab, told The Galveston County Daily News in today's online edition. "The more we know about them, the more we can do to help."

The lab, during a Head Start program to jump start the recovery, raised and released up to 2,000 a year. Head Start ended in 1992. The lab has since raised only enough Kemp's Ridleys to test excluder device designs, tracking systems and help in other research.

Berry's World



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Date Book

Monday, Aug. 26, 2002

Today is the 238th day of 2002 and the 67th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1920, the 19th Amendment, which grants women the right to vote, was formally adopted into the U.S. Constitution.

On this day in 1974, Charles Lindbergh died.

On this day in 1985, the Yugo, a popular Yugoslavian automobile, went on sale in the United States.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Christopher Isherwood (1904-1986), writer; Albert Sabin (1906-1993), microbiologist; Ben Bradlee (1921-), journalist, is 81; Macaulay Culkin (1980-), actor, is 22.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1939, W2XBS of New York became the first television station to broadcast a major-league baseball game. The game was between the Brooklyn Dodgers and the Cincinnati Reds.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "You never monkey with the truth." — Ben Bradlee

TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (Aug. 22) and last quarter (Aug. 30).

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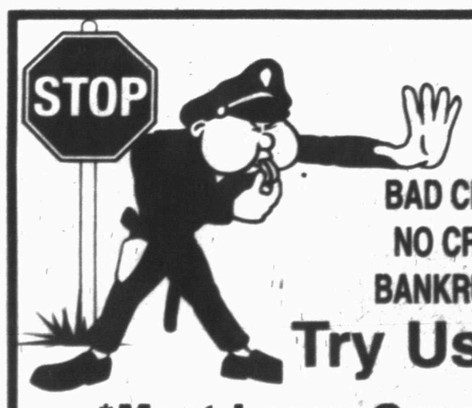

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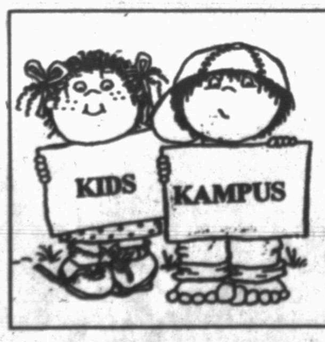

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Presidents still preach from the bully pulpit

WASHINGTON (AP) — For Theodore Roosevelt the presidency was "the bully pulpit," the ultimate high ground in a constant campaign for the public's ear and eye.

President Bush stepped into bully pulpit territory this month when he stood before Mount Rushmore's stone-carved presidential images and assailed the Senate for binding his hands in red tape with its version of a new Department of Homeland Security.

The granite face of Theodore Roosevelt rose on the mountainside above him as Bush let the cameras drink in the presidential images and told the country: "I need the flexibility to be able to protect the homeland against an enemy that hates us."

Senate Democratic Leader Tom Daschle, an invited guest as South Dakota's senior senator, seized the moment to mount his own pulpit. Congress, he told reporters nearby, "should not give this president or any president the dictatorial powers that I think compromise the checks and balances that our Founding Fathers recognized."

Nonetheless, the focus of the moment was on the president and his message, not on the majority leader and his.

Skillful use of the bully pulpit is one reason Theodore Roosevelt, TR to the headline writers, got his place on the mountain next to Washington, Jefferson and Lincoln. And at Mount Rushmore it was clear the 43rd president was playing from the book written by the 26th.

Many other presidents have used Roosevelt's pulpit and used it well.

—Franklin Delano Roosevelt, TR's distant cousin, adopted it in his 1933 inaugural address when he injected a fear-not burst of optimism into a nation beset by the Great Depression. FDR, who called the presidency "pre-eminently a place of moral leadership," perfected its use in his nationally broadcast "fireside chats."

—John F. Kennedy showed his skill in Berlin as he told a cheering crowd that he stood with them in their Cold War struggle because "Ich bin ein Berliner!"

—Ronald Reagan, dubbed "the great communicator," proved he had mastered the form when he returned to Berlin, stood before the concrete and steel barrier separating East Berlin from the West and exclaimed, "Mr. Gorbachev, tear down this wall!"

Not all attempts are as successful.

Woodrow Wilson stumbled on the bully pulpit as he sought after World War I to rally support for American membership in the League of Nations but failed to crack the Senate's stony opposition.

Theodore Roosevelt not only named the bully pulpit, he used it as often and as effectively as any of them.

TR used it symbolically when he sent the American fleet around the world as signal that the United States had joined the family of great powers. He used it with similar effect when he was photographed operating the controls of a steam shovel helping dig the Panama Canal.

Roosevelt was in the bully pulpit when he inveighed against "malefactors of great wealth" and when he advised his country to "speak softly and carry a big stick."

Widely considered the first truly modern president, Roosevelt galloped into office after William McKinley's assassination in 1901 and never stopped running. He used his office to express his strong opinions on literature, art, morals, marriage, divorce and his vision of "the strenuous life." He used it to promote the program of reforms he called "the Square Deal." And he used it to shape public opinion and push legislation through Congress.

A leader of flashing teeth and sparkling personality, TR retained so much of his youthful exuberance that a friend once cautioned friends to remember that the president is "about 6" years old.

"Bully" was a muscular word he used all his life, referring to a "bully" time or a "bully" trip.

But while everyone knew that TR had coined the phrase "bully pulpit," few were able to pin down exactly when he first used the phrase. New York Times columnist and word sleuth William Safire found one such use.

In 1982, with the aid of his readers, Safire discovered an account of a conversation between the president and friend George Haven Putnam, who accused Roosevelt of a tendency to preach.

"Yes," Roosevelt agreed. "Most of us enjoy preaching, and I've got such a bully pulpit."

Sierra says logging program too costly

HOUSTON (AP) — Environmentalists are disputing a major plank of the U.S. Forest Service's logging program — that helping the timber industry cut more trees is a moneymaking effort.

Sierra Club activists in East Texas have released results of a 10-month economic study showing taxpayers lost more than $300 million on the logging activities from 1987 to 1999. That contradicts USFS claims that it makes large profits from the logging, they say.

"This report looks at the damage, both economic and environmental, from the commercial logging program on Texas' national forests," Sierra Club organizer Ayelet Hines said in Lufkin. "It's time to end this program by which private timber companies can log our national forests and have taxpayers foot the bill for the construction of thousands of miles of logging roads."

Economists from New Mexico, working with the Texas Committee on Natural Resources and Sierra Club, concluded from Forest Service records that "creative accounting" was used to conceal the timber cutting program's true cost.

"The accounting system as practiced by the National Forests in Texas kept hidden and off the books major categories of timber sale program costs which strongly suggest the timber sale program has done far more economic damage than good," the report stated.

The report showed that, instead of earning more than $87 million during that period, the government's direct costs exceeded revenues by as much as $32 million. Also, taxpayers took another $300 million hit "because of lost recreational uses" and lost benefits to surrounding property that pristine forests provide.

"I found it very interesting to say the least," Ronnie Raum, supervisor of Texas national forests, told the Houston Chronicle in today's editions. "They included a number of costs not associated with the timber sale program. Soil and water restoration is one. That's done on the grasslands, not the forests."

Other costs cited in the study, such as boundary line markings and fire programs, would be incurred by the Forest Service without the logging.

In Texas' four national forests, 675,658 acres are at stake in the logging debate. Environmentalists say logging in Angelina, Davy Crockett, Sabine and Sam Houston national forests will increases fire risks while USFS officials say culling the forests reduces fire risks.

"They are going to use the emotional tragedy of the fires to obtain something the public otherwise wouldn't support, increasing the amount of logging on our public lands," said Chris Mehl, a spokesman for the Wilderness Society.

Environmentalists, by questioning the economics of logging, hope to pressure the Forest Service to require private timber companies to pay the full cost of cutting on public lands.

Engineering school shrugs off unhappiest college tag

ROLLA, Mo. (AP) — R.J. Agee says the University of Missouri-Rolla is a great place, no matter what you read about it.

Citing "dungeon dorms," bad food and poor community relations, The Princeton Review's latest college survey says Agee and his classmates at the university should be the unhappiest students in the country.

But many who attend the school, where 70 percent of the students study engineering, just scoff.

"A lot of people don't understand it. The facts have no basis. It's a joke," said Agee, a senior and the student council president.

The review, which surveyed 100,000 students nationwide, placed Missouri-Rolla last in the quality of life ranking of its "Best 345 Colleges" guide — the bottom of the heap in a section called Purgatory.

The publication said Missouri-Rolla also suffered from inaccessible professors and political apathy. The school took more lumps for its tiny size and supposedly bad food — it ranked 20th in the food ranking, making it the best of the bad.

Many students at the predominantly male college say they're content: Classes are rigorous, Internet access is top notch, and there's free cable in every dorm room.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Couple worries that absence won't make hearts grow fonder

DEAR ABBY: I have been with my boyfriend, "Hoyt," for just under two years. I am 17 and he is 19. We have a wonderful relationship. We laugh, cry, fight, and every day seem to grow together as a couple. We love each other very much and want to be together for the rest of our lives. But there's a problem.

We are at a point where we need to focus on our futures. Ideally for me, I'd spend four years at an East Coast art school. Hoyt needs to stay on the West Coast and develop his musical career. We want to be together, but we also know it's important for each of us to develop our talents to the fullest.

Hoyt wants me to go to art school, and I want him to be the professional musician he dreams of being. However, the thought of being 3,000 miles away from each other for four years scares and depresses us both.

Abby, do you think it is possible for us to follow our dreams without losing the love we have for each other? — **FOUND TRUE LOVE IN OREGON**

DEAR FOUND TRUE LOVE: I certainly do. With your level of maturity and concern for each other's futures, you can make a long-distance romance work. You can communicate via e-mail, phone calls and letters, and see each other on vacations and holidays. Sharing how you are each progressing toward your dreams will draw you closer.

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DEAR ABBY: My fiance's 13-year-old daughter, "Cameron," stays in our home one night a week and every other weekend. She has decided to hang in her bedroom a huge-framed picture of her parents taken on their wedding day. (Her mother has since remarried.)

I suggested to my fiance that perhaps Cameron could put the picture up in her room at her mother's, since seeing it every day is annoying for me.

My fiance says I am out of line even to suggest such a thing — that it's Cameron's bedroom, and what's the big deal, anyway?

No doubt her mother wouldn't allow it being displayed in her home, as it would be disrespectful to her current husband. Well, I don't want it up in our home, because I consider it disrespectful to me.

Am I out of line, Abby? Please help settle this. — **TICKED OFF IN SPRINGFIELD, MASS.**

DEAR TICKED-OFF: I agree with your fiance. Cameron's bedroom is her private refuge, and as long as it's kept clean, it should be the way she wants it. And that includes the picture of both of her parents taken in happier days. I urge you to rethink your stance on this, and to develop a more loving and tolerant relationship with your fiance's daughter.

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DEAR ABBY: I am an older bachelor who recently moved into a new home. I invited my neighbors — a young married couple — over for a home-cooked meal. They brought with them a lovely bottle of wine.

I plan my dinners down to the last detail — including selecting just the right wine to go with the meal. To make a long story short, I did not serve the wine my guests brought for our dinner.

After thanking me for a wonderful meal and a delightful evening, they took the bottle of wine they had given me and went home! I didn't say anything, but am I wrong to be appalled by their rude behavior? — **MR. NICE GUY IN TULSA**

DEAR MR. NICE GUY: Give your neighbors the benefit of the doubt. Although you were under no obligation to serve their wine with the meal you carefully planned, they are a young couple and may have thought you didn't like their selection.

Yes, they should have left the bottle as a house gift — but please don't let that ruin a budding friendship.

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Tuesday, Aug. 27, 2002

In the year a head you may willingly take on more responsibilities or duties where your work or career is concerned. You'll be motivated by the fact that the rewards may be quite sizeable and will give you a fatter paycheck.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Once you've analyzed and accurately assessed your present conditions today, the biggest bugaboo facing you could be continued self-doubt. Think positive and act. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — To be on the safe side today, deal only with persons with whom you've previously dealt and had have successful results. The odds are greater for success than if you deal with strangers.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Even if you are a slow starter today, you are quite capable of quickly slipping into full gear and making the sparks fly. It might be harder, but you will make up for lost time.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Planning ahead will be your best ally today for bringing something you want to fruition. You may still have to put in a lot of time, but it will make your work easier in the long run.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — There is no reason for you to feel funny about taking advantage of a situation that a friend of yours lacks the talent to exploit properly. It's up for grabs for anybody to have, why not you?

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Today could be the right day to bring an issue up for discussion that has been difficult to deal with. It can be harmoniously resolved if everybody gives it their all.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — There are no free rides today, but if you want something badly enough and are willing to do what it takes to achieve your ends, you're capable of attaining successful results.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — There is no reason why you can't direct some of your energies toward having a little fun today, so long as you first take care of the responsibilities placed solely in your charge. Work, then play.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Insecurity comes from either poor planning or making unwarranted changes today. Set a course for yourself and adhere to it until everything that needs tending to is taken care of.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Due to hard work and a lot of cultivating on your part, something good may develop for you today that should please you considerably. Share your good fortune with others.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Provided you operate along practical, hard lines today, your possibilities for fulfilling you high ambitions look exceptionally good. Stay on course and don't take any foolish gambles.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — It's important to first do your homework while continuously keeping your objectives in sight. If you lack knowledge or focus, your attention could be diverted with little progress being made.

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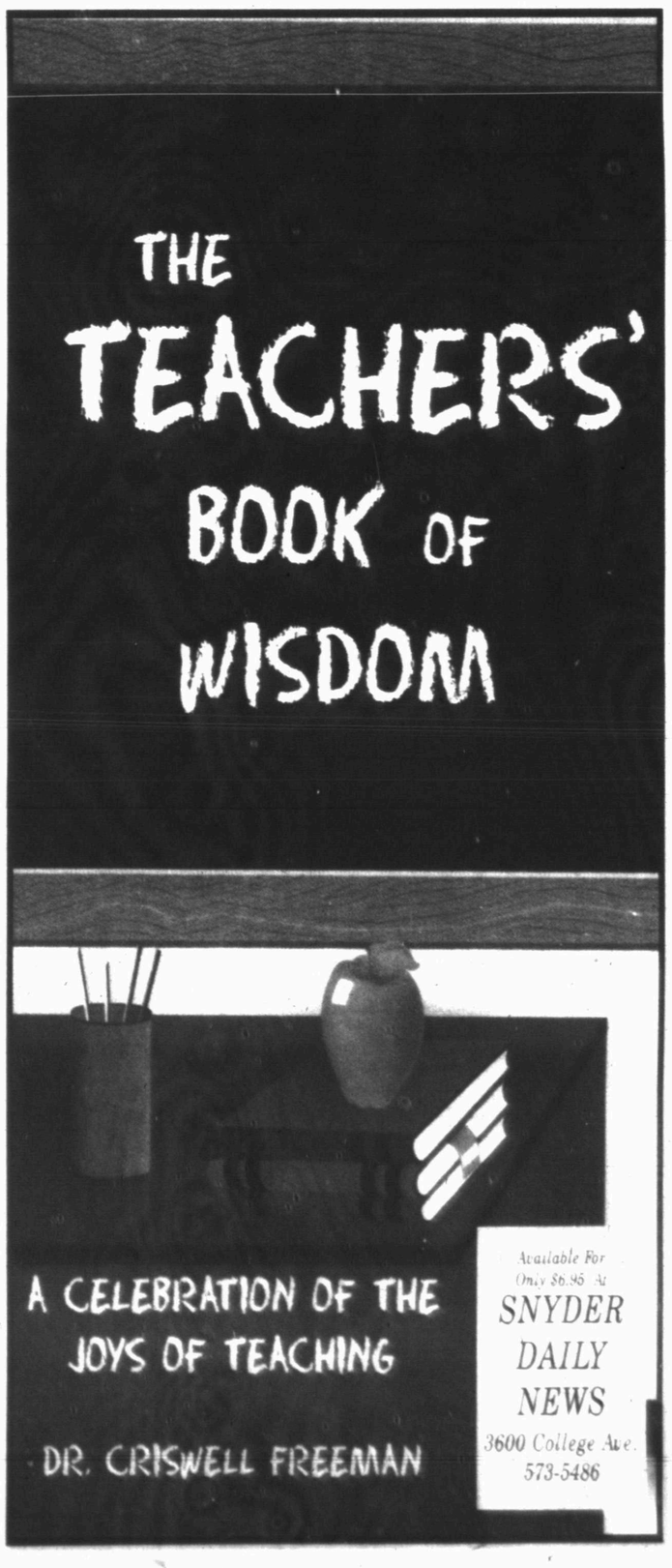

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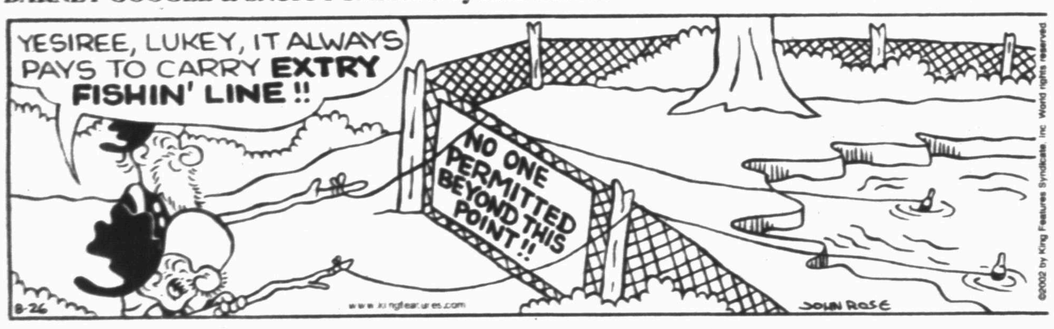

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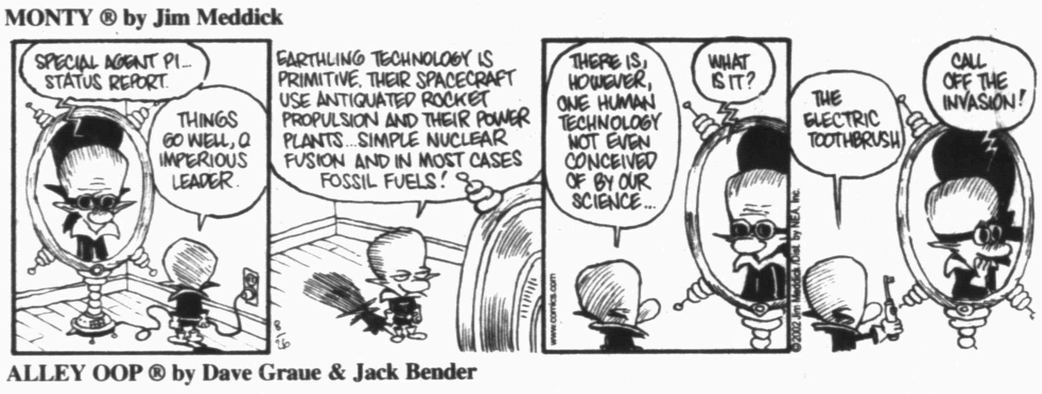

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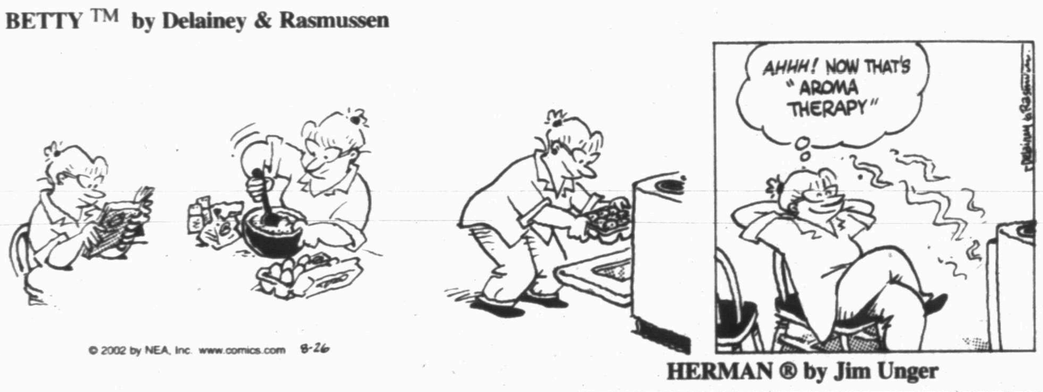

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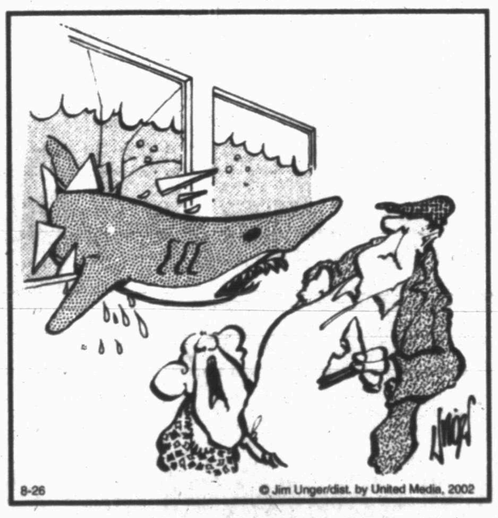

"I told you not to bring tuna sandwiches in here!"

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1 Crowd
4 That girl
7 Turf
10 Author – Tan
11 Vitamin lead-in
13 Aunt, in Mexico
14 House pet
15 Ticked off
16 And, for Hans
17 Strikes back
19 Tugs hard
21 Time divs.
22 Wily
23 Mural undercoat
26 Softens
30 Brown-and-white snack
31 Know- –
32 Still
33 Yea, to a matador
34 Jillian or Miller
35 Early movie dog
36 Subtracts
39 Frozen rain
40 Lawyer's charge
41 Univ. degree
42 Kitchen wear
45 Nag at
48 Sundial number
49 Outline
51 Islet
53 Telepathy
54 Planted
55 Mouths, in zoology
56 Scale notes
57 Authorizes
58 – of the iceberg

DOWN

1 Rain parka
2 Actor – Sharif
3 Computer data unit
4 Feels sore
5 Lodge members
6 Roadmap abbr.
7 Throw for a loop
8 Hog sound
9 Family men
11 Prefix for small
12 Flirtation
18 Chan rejoinder (2 wds.)
20 Reply to the captain
22 Basted together
23 Honorable
24 Whodunit name
25 Tournament favorite
26 Howard and Guidry
27 Wall St. inst.
28 Monsieur's pate
29 "On the double!"
31 Shrink from
35 TV's Hawkeye
37 Sci-fi craft
38 Dollar fractions
39 Make coleslaw
41 Tempos
42 Skating jump
43 Galileo's home
44 Splits
45 Dove's opposite
46 Kilt wearer
47 Calcutta attire
50 Aussie jumper
52 Puppy's cry

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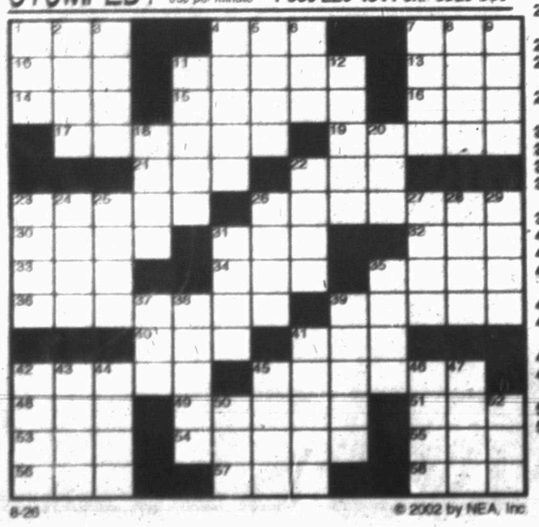

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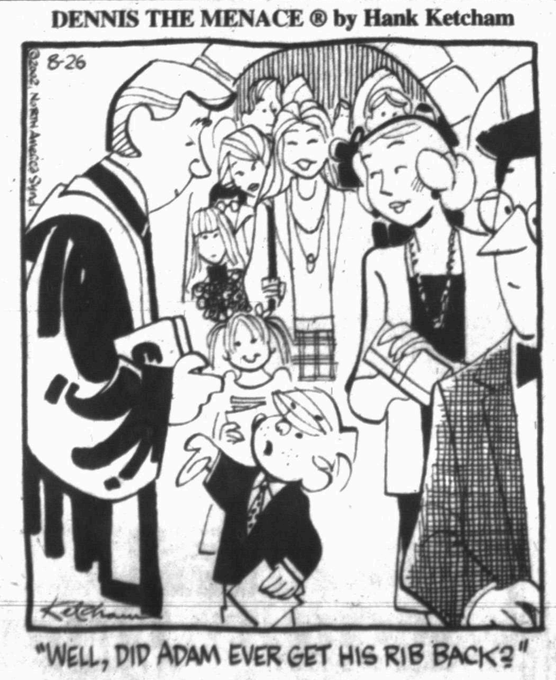

SPORTS

Strike just days away

NEW YORK (AP) — Four days before the strike deadline, baseball players and owners were taking tiny steps toward each other.

A day after criticizing players, owners made a new economic proposal Sunday that moved toward the union in an effort to head off a strike later this week.

Players, who have set a Friday deadline for a walkout, called the economic plan slight progress, and union head Donald Fehr said "the differences continue to be narrowed."

Owners raised their thresholds for a luxury tax and lowered their proposed tax rates, and also slightly decreased the amount of local revenue they want teams to share. They also made a new proposal on testing for steroid use, where the sides remain apart on details.

So baseball remains faced with its ninth work stoppage since 1972, one that could further antagonize angry fans.

Lady Tigers win 3rd

The Snyder Lady Tigers were on the road again this weekend for the Bev Ball Classic in Abilene and brought home the third place trophy in the Challengers bracket.

First-year head coach Laura Moses said her team played well in the tournament.

"The girls did some good things this weekend and they're learning to make adjustments according to what their opposition throws at them," she said. "We need a little more teamwork and a little more confidence, but those things come with time and we have a lot of games to play."

Snyder defeated Mineral Wells, 15-6, 15-3, to advance beyond the quarterfinals.

In the semi-finals the Lady Tigers narrowly dropped their first game to Brownwood, 13-15, and defeated the Lady Lions in the second, 15-5, to force a third game. But Snyder came up short in the final game of the match, 9-15.

The Lady Tigers took care of Copperas Cove in short order, 15-6, 15-4 to claim the third place trophy.

Coach Moses said she had several players perform well.

"Everyone on the team played good strong defense," she said. "And my subs did a wonderful job. I'm very satisfied with the way the team played."

The Lady Tigers will travel to Monahans Tuesday to take on three opponents. Beginning at 4:30 p.m., Snyder will play Monahans, Fort Stockton and Odessa High.

Also this weekend the Snyder freshman captured second place honors in the Lubbock Trinity Christian tournament. The freshman squad fell to Lubbock Trinity in the championship game, 15-11, 7-15, 4-15.

Rookie hurler leads Rangers to 6-3 victory over Yankees

NEW YORK (AP) — Rookie Joaquin Benoit followed up a strong start in Boston with an even better one against the New York Yankees.

Benoit held baseball's most prolific offense scoreless until the seventh inning, leading the Texas Rangers to a 6-2 victory over New York on Sunday.

After getting pounded by the White Sox, Benoit has given the pitching-challenged Rangers two straight quality starts against two of the top teams in baseball. He has allowed four runs in 12 2-3 innings the past two starts at Boston and New York.

"I just like the improvement we've seen," manager Jerry Narron said. "We all knew that he had a good arm, but we wanted to see improved concentration. He's had good back-to-back outings in two places that a lot of guys get nervous pitching in."

Alex Rodriguez drove in his major league-leading 113th run, Michael Young had two RBIs and Herbert Perry homered for the last-place Rangers, who won for the seventh time in 10 games.

Texas improved to 7-6 against the Yankees the past two seasons after winning just 13 of the previous 55 meetings — including nine straight losses in the playoffs.

Benoit (3-2) looked sharp against the Yankees, who lead the majors in runs scored and homers. He allowed two runs and seven hits in 6 2-3 innings.

"It feels good doing this against two of the top teams in this league," Benoit said. "It's a relief. It makes me much more comfortable."

Benoit shut the Yankees down earlier this season as well, allowing one run in 4 2-3 innings of relief on July 29.

"He had a little element of surprise, but he's got a good young arm," Yankees slugger Jason Giambi said. "He pounded the strike zone."

Benoit didn't permit a runner to reach third base until Alfonso Soriano's RBI double with one out in the seventh.

"He showed us what we can be excited about for the future," Rodriguez said. "He has a lot of potential. If he keeps doing this, we'll be very happy. He threw the ball well and asserted himself early."

Derek Jeter followed with an RBI groundout that cut Texas' lead to 6-2 and end Benoit's outing. Rich Rodriguez came on and retired Giambi on a flyout with a man on third to end the inning.

The Rangers, who entered with a major league-worst 5.18 ERA, have held the Yankees to seven runs in winning two of the first three games in the series.

"We're struggling right now offensively," Yankees manager Joe Torre said. "We're probably not up there with as much confidence as we normally have."

Texas broke out to an early lead against Andy Pettitte (8-5), scoring twice in the first inning and once in the second. Pettitte allowed six runs — five earned — and nine hits in 5 1-3 innings to end a four-game winning streak.

Bernie Williams had one hit for the Yankees, extending his hitting streak to a season-high 16 games.

Kevin Mench led off the game for Texas by hitting a hard grounder that third baseman Robin Ventura booted for an error. Young and Rodriguez followed with singles to give Texas a 1-0 lead. Rafael Palmeiro added a sacrifice fly in the inning.

Young hit an RBI single in the second and Perry hit his 17th homer leading off the fourth to make it 4-0.

Pettitte left with runners on first and second and one out in the sixth and Ramiro Mendoza came in and allowed an RBI single to Mench and a run-scoring double by Young.

"I was good in the bullpen," Pettitte said. "You just get out there and aren't able to make the adjustment. That's frustrating because usually I can do that."

Tech sputters; Nebraska only winner in Big 12 grid openers

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Maybe Nebraska coach Frank Solich can sleep a little more soundly now.

The No. 10 Cornhuskers beat Arizona State 48-10 on Saturday night in the Black Coaches Association Classic, showing Solich that his new starting quarterback can play well and that his defense has recovered from two embarrassing losses at the end of last season.

"I probably slept less before this game than any game in my coaching career," Solich said. "There's a lot of new faces."

Nebraska is replacing half its starters and among those making their debut Saturday night was quarterback Jammal Lord, who was a pleasant surprise to Huskers fans.

Lord threw his first career touchdown pass and ran for 103 yards and did not turn the ball over.

Nebraska: (1-0). Arizona St.: (0-1).

Ohio St. 45, Texas Tech 21

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Even though it was an unprecedented game for an Ohio State freshman tailback, Maurice Clarett acted as if it were no big deal.

"I just wanted to do my job and everything just fell its own way," Clarett said after becoming the first true freshman to ever start at tailback in an Ohio State season opener.

Clarett more than did his job. He rushed for 175 yards and three touchdowns as the No. 13 Buckeyes beat Texas Tech 45-21 on Saturday in the Pigskin Classic.

Clarett scored on runs of 59, 45 and 2 yards — and set up two other short touchdown runs by Lydell Ross as the Buckeyes rolled up 318 yards on the ground.

"There's no question that Maurice has great ability," Ohio State coach Jim Tressel said.

Ohio St.: (1-0). Texas Tech: (0-1).

Florida St. 38, Iowa St. 31

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — If they'd all been this scary, Bobby Bowden might never have stuck around to win 324 games.

Kendyll Pope and Jerel Hudson stopped Iowa State's Seneca Wallace at the goal line on the final play Saturday night, giving No. 3 Florida State a wild 38-31 victory and nudging Bowden past Bear Bryant on the career victory list with 324.

"I feel like we lost this game," said Bowden, who trails only Penn State's Joe Paterno (327) on the Division I-A victory list. "That's how I feel right now."

Houston Astros nip Cincinnati by 1-0

HOUSTON (AP) — Pedro Borbon wouldn't mind finishing more games.

Borbon struck out three batters in the ninth and got his first save since Aug. 20, 2000, when he was with Toronto as the Houston Astros defeated the Cincinnati Reds 1-0 Sunday.

"It was a good feeling," Borbon said. "I had my adrenaline pumping with the crowd standing for the last out. That was a lot of fun.

"I see now why a lot of guys like to close. The most exciting thing is to get those last three outs."

Rookie Kirk Saarloos (6-3) allowed four hits in seven innings. He struck out five and walked two, winning for the first time in three decisions since Aug. 10.

Borbon usually faces left-handers, who have a .247 batting average against him, and normally pitches in the middle innings, often facing only one or two batters. But the Reds lineup, laced heavily with left-handers, afforded him the opportunity to stay in for two innings Sunday.

Borbon gave up a double Austin Kearns and struck out lefties Ken Griffey, Adam Dunn and Sean Casey in the ninth for the save. But he doesn't think he's going to take the job of closer Billy Wagner, who wasn't available Sunday because he pitched in the last two games.

"I'm not a closer," Borbon said. "I'll take any opportunity I can get. But everyone knows I'm not that kind of pitcher. They just had several lefties in there. I was thinking Dunn was due against me. He's a great hitter who can change a game any time.

"The crowd really pumped me up. You hear those cheers occasionally as a middle-reliever but there's nothing like being a closer."

It was the eighth shutout of the season for the Astros, all at hitter-friendly Minute Maid Park.

"If somebody had told me we'd have eight shutouts and all of them here I wouldn't have believed it," manager Jimy Williams said. "So it's not the park."

Lance Berkman hit his 35th home run of the season, a career high, but said the number isn't that special.

"I guess a career high would mean more if I was in my seventh year or something," Berkman said. "But I've just been playing fulltime for two years, so it's not that big a deal.

"They are just numbers anyway. Helping the team win is the name of the game. On a day like today when the home run turns out to be huge, hitting one is much more important. A career high home run doesn't mean as much as one like this."

Except for the home run, Ryan Dempster (7-13) was very effective. He allowed only two hits and four walks in seven innings. After the homer, Dempster allowed only one hit, a fifth-inning double by Craig Biggio.

"It's always frustrating," said Dempster, who is 2-5 in nine starts since Cincinnati acquired him from Florida on July 11. "When you lose 1-0 and we're in the heat of something here, it's tough. We need to win games and regardless of how you lose, anything hurts right now."

Louisville wins LL series title for U.S.

SOUTH WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. (AP) — Aaron Alvey put the United States back on top at the Little League World Series.

Alvey hit a 250-foot home run in the first inning, set two pitching records and tied a third as Louisville, Ky., beat Sendai, Japan, 1-0 on Sunday night in the championship game.

"It was 68 mph down the middle," Alvey said of the homer. "It was belt-high, so it was going to get crushed."

Then, with two outs in the sixth, a clearly nervous Alvey walked Yoosuke Katoh. That brought up Tatsuhiko Numakura, who had three home runs in the series. But Numakura's line drive was caught by first baseman Casey Jordan to end the game.

Alvey let out a huge sigh of relief, and even Jordan wasn't sure he'd made the catch.

"I was like, 'Have I got it? Have I got it?'" Jordan said. "I just had to pull it down, see it first."

Alvey struck out 11 on his way to setting World Series records for strikeouts (44) and scoreless innings (21) and tying the mark for consecutive no-hit innings (12).

"Me and my teammates worked really hard since it started," Alvey said. "Me and my teammates are really, really happy that this happened."

Louisville is the first U.S. team to win the title since Toms River, N.J., beat Kashima, Japan, 12-9 in 1998.

Riley wins at Reno

RENO, Nev. (AP) — Chris Riley has admired Tiger Woods' game since their days playing junior golf together in San Diego. Now, he's impressed with his skills as a prognosticator.

As Woods predicted, Riley claimed his first PGA Tour victory Sunday, beating Jonathan Kaye with a par on the first playoff hole at the $3 million Reno-Tahoe Open.

Riley, a 28-year-old Las Vegas resident who finished third last week at the PGA Championship, two-putted from 8 feet on the extra hole — the 429-yard, par-4 18th — to claim the $540,000 first-place prize.

"This is something you dream about," said Riley, who starred at UNLV and saw his confidence soar by matching Woods' score of 72 when they played together in last Saturday's round at the PGA.

Local Sports Briefs

Volleyball booster club

The Lady Tiger volleyball booster club meets at 7 this evening at the SHS gym. Parents of all high school volleyball players are urged to attend.

Bowling league

The Men's Commercial Bowling League will hold a rules meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday at Snyder Lanes. For more information, call 573-6761.

Snyder booster club

The Snyder Tiger football booster club meets Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the SHS film room.

Meet the Cardinals

Hermleigh cheerleaders host Meet the Cardinals at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at the school cafeteria. A hamburger supper will be served for $5 and door prizes will be awarded.

Friday swingers

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

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

WGA weekly play day

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

Major League Baseball

American League
By The Associated Press

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	80	48	.625	—
Boston	73	55	.570	7
Baltimore	63	66	.488	17½
Toronto	56	73	.434	24½
Tampa Bay	43	87	.331	38
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	78	54	.591	—
Chicago	61	69	.469	16
Cleveland	56	73	.434	20½
Kansas City	53	78	.405	24½
Detroit	49	81	.377	28
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Oakland	80	51	.611	—
Anaheim	77	52	.597	2
Seattle	78	53	.595	2
Texas	57	71	.445	21½

Saturday's Games
Cleveland 5, Seattle 3
Anaheim 2, Boston 0
Toronto 4, Baltimore 1, 1st game
Toronto 8, Baltimore 3, 2nd game
Minnesota 6, Kansas City 5
N.Y. Yankees 3, Texas 2
Oakland 12, Detroit 3
Chicago White Sox 5, Tampa Bay 2

Sunday's Games
Anaheim 8, Boston 3
Texas 6, N.Y. Yankees 2
Seattle 12, Cleveland 4
Toronto 5, Baltimore 2
Oakland 10, Detroit 7
Kansas City 4, Minnesota 2
Chicago White Sox 8, Tampa Bay 3

Monday's Games
Texas (Rogers 12-6) at N.Y. Yankees (O.Hernandez 6-3), 1:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Ortiz 10-9) at Boston (Burkett 10-7), 7:05 p.m.
Detroit (Sparks 8-12) at Cleveland (R.Rodriguez 0-1), 7:05 p.m.
Oakland (Lidle 7-9) at Kansas City (May 3-8), 8:05 p.m.
Toronto (Halladay 14-6) at Chicago White Sox (Parque 1-3), 8:05 p.m.

Tuesday's Games
N.Y. Yankees at Boston, 7:05 p.m.
Detroit at Cleveland, 7:05 p.m.
Seattle at Minnesota, 8:05 p.m.
Baltimore at Texas, 8:05 p.m.
Oakland at Kansas City, 8:05 p.m.
Toronto at Chicago White Sox, 8:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Anaheim, 10:05 p.m.

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East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	81	47	.633	—
Montreal	65	65	.500	17
Philadelphia	64	65	.496	17½
Florida	63	67	.485	19
New York	60	69	.465	21½
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	71	57	.555	—
Houston	69	61	.531	3
Cincinnati	64	65	.496	7½
Pittsburgh	58	73	.443	14½
Chicago	54	74	.422	17
Milwaukee	44	85	.341	27½
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	83	47	.638	—
Los Angeles	75	54	.581	7½
San Francisco	71	58	.550	11½
Colorado	61	69	.469	22
San Diego	55	75	.423	28

Saturday's Games
Cincinnati 5, Houston 3, 11 innings
Montreal 7, San Francisco 2
Los Angeles 4, Atlanta 3
Chicago Cubs 4, Arizona 0
Pittsburgh 17, Milwaukee 10
N.Y. Mets 5, Colorado 2
Philadelphia 4, St. Louis 0
Florida 8, San Diego 4

Sunday's Games
Pittsburgh 3, Milwaukee 2
Philadelphia 5, St. Louis 3
Houston 1, Cincinnati 0
N.Y. Mets 7, Colorado 4
San Francisco 8, Montreal 4
Arizona 7, Chicago Cubs 0
Florida 7, San Diego 6
Atlanta at Los Angeles, 8:10 p.m.

Monday's Games
Chicago Cubs (Prior 6-4) at Milwaukee (Sheets 7-15), 8:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Rueter 11-7) at Colorado (Cook 0-0), 9:05 p.m.
Arizona (Schilling 21-4) at Los Angeles (Daal 10-6), 10:10 p.m.

Tuesday's Games
St. Louis at Cincinnati, 1:10 p.m., 1st game
St. Louis at Cincinnati, 7:10 p.m., 2nd game
Atlanta at Pittsburgh, 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets at Florida, 7:05 p.m.
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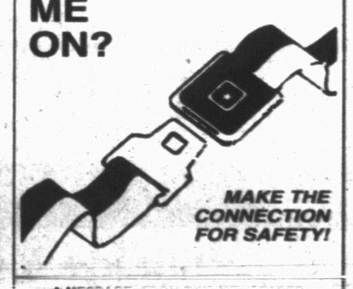

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Patrolling Iraq's no-fly zones gives pilots practice for any future war

WASHINGTON (AP) — A decade of patrolling the no-fly zones over Iraq has given coalition pilots intelligence and practical experience that could be helpful should the United States decide to go to war against Saddam Hussein.

U.S. and British pilots daily play a dangerous cat-and-mouse game as Iraq tries to shoot them down and they retaliate. The effort requires a commitment of crew, aircraft and $1 billion a year.

But the two operations — in a northern zone and a southern zone — have gone a substantial way toward checking any planned Iraqi aggression against neighboring countries and Iraqi dissidents, defense analysts say.

"They've been a cost-effective way of keeping (Saddam) in the box," the Brookings Institution's Ivo Daalder said, adding that the zones also have curtailed training by Iraq's air force.

Together, the zones cover some two-thirds of Iraq.

"I think the zones are problematic," said the Cato Institute's Chuck Pena. He noted, as Saddam has long complained, that the zones seek to hamper his activities in large pieces of his own sovereign territory.

"But they obviously, in combination with sanctions and other actions, have pretty much kept Saddam Hussein at bay," said Pena.

Kurds in the north and Shiite Muslims in the south tried to revolt against Saddam at the end of the Persian Gulf War but were brutally put down.

So a humanitarian zone was set up in the north from 1992 through 1996, followed by the no-fly zone there in 1997 to protect the Kurds. The much larger southern zone was set up in late August 1992 to protect the Shiites.

Patrols for the northern zone fly from Turkey. Those in the south have flown from aircraft carriers in the gulf or from Saudi Arabia or Kuwait.

In a challenge to the coalition, Saddam last year redirected commercial passenger flights into the zones. His forces also have been trying to shoot down coalition planes since 1998.

Coalition aircraft only retaliate a fraction of the time. But so far this year they have bombed Iraqi air defense facilities eight times in the north and 19 times in the south.

Pentagon officials say Iraq's chances of hitting an aircraft are slim.

The Iraqis are so afraid of U.S. anti-radar missiles that they usually fire their missiles without turning on their short-range targeting radar, giving them little chance of hitting a plane, officials say.

No American or British planes have been shot down, but it's a constant worry.

"Ultimately, if you fly enough missions into harm's way, statistically, at least you are likely to suffer a loss at some point," the Cato Institute's Pena said.

He said the decade-long effort has benefited coalition forces in some ways: "It's good for observing troop movements and things like that."

Nearly 300,000 flights have been flown in the zones, including some 265,000 in the south since 1992 and 33,000 in the north since 1997.

New-home sales jump 6.7 percent in July

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sales of both new and previously owned homes posted solid gains in July as low mortgage rates motivated buyers to lock in good deals.

New-home sales shot up by 6.7 percent last month to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1.02 million, the highest monthly level on record, the Commerce Department reported today.

Existing-home sales, meanwhile, rose 4.5 percent in July from the previous month to a rate of 5.33 million units, the National Association of Realtors said in a second report.

One of the consistent bright spots of the spotty economic recovery has been the housing market, which even performed well during last year's recession. The driving force behind the solid activity: low mortgage rates.

In July, the average rate for a 30-year fixed-rate mortgage was 6.49 percent, down from 6.65 percent in June, and well below the 7.13 percent rate for July a year ago, according to Freddie Mac, the mortgage company. Last week, rates on 30-year mortgages edged up to 6.27 percent, after dipping to a 32-year low in the prior week.

"Mortgage interest rates were historically low in July. Combined with other strong market fundamentals, this is keeping the housing market on track for another record year," said David Lereah, NAR's chief economist.

The association is projecting existing-home sales for all of 2002 to reach 5.44 million, a 2.7 percent increase from last year's record.

In addition to low mortgage rates, there's been another factor motivating buyers: Solid appreciation in housing values. That offers people an attractive investment, especially as the stock market has been volatile.

Worried about the strength of the economic recovery, Federal Reserve policy-makers have held short-term interest rates at 41-year lows all year long. Policy-makers have signaled they are willing to cut rates in the future if economic conditions worsen.

'Signs' reclaims box-office crown

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The signs are everywhere that summer blockbuster season has ended.

The alien-invasion tale "Signs" climbed back to the No. 1 spot at the box office with a $14.4 million haul in its fourth weekend, while the espionage thriller "XXX," the top film for the last two weekends, came in a close second with $13.7 million, according to studio estimates Sunday.

The weekend's three new movies debuted weakly. Elizabeth Hurley and Matthew Perry's romantic comedy "Serving Sara" was No. 6 with $6.1 million; the Wesley Snipes-Ving Rhames prison boxing drama "Undisputed" was No. 8 with $4.7 million; and Al Pacino's Hollywood satire "Simone" came in at No. 9 with $4.1 million.

And the overall box office was down for the sixth straight weekend. The top 12 movies grossed $63.9 million, off 22 percent from the same weekend last year, when a stronger crop of holdover movies such as "American Pie 2" and "Rush Hour 2" led the way.

"Summer's definitely over," said Paul Dergarabedian, president of box-office tracker Exhibitor Relations. "The difference is the last six weeks of last summer were incredibly strong. This year, this group of films is not standing up to that level."

The thinning film lineup has smoothed the way for smaller independent films.

The summer's biggest sleeper hit, "My Big Fat Greek Wedding," expanded to 1,329 theaters, up 269, and grossed $7.6 million to bring its total to $64 million. Nearly five months after its release, the film climbed to No. 4, its highest rank yet, up from sixth place last weekend.

In limited release, Robin Williams' "One Hour Photo," in which he plays a dreary photo clerk who dangerously obsesses on a family of customers, took in $315,000 at just seven theaters in five cities to average a whopping $45,000 per theater.

Jennifer Aniston's "The Good Girl" expanded to 188 theaters in its third weekend and grossed $1.55 million for an impressive average of $8,245.

Hollywood is still on track to slightly edge last summer's revenue record of about $3 billion from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day, Dergarabedian said. But factoring in higher admission prices, summer 1999 remains the modern record holder for tickets sold, he said.

"Signs," starring Mel Gibson, debuted at No. 1 in early August and then slipped to second place the last two weekends, behind Vin Diesel's "XXX."

"Anytime a film jumps back into first place, it's got to be about the film. People have got to be giving it great, positive word of mouth," said Chuck Viane, head of distribution for Disney, which released "Signs."

"Signs" now has taken in $173.2 million, while "XXX" climbed to $106.7 million, the 13th movie released this year to top $100 million.

Both "Signs" and "Austin Powers in Goldmember," now at $194 million, are on their way to topping $200 million. They will join "Spider-Man" and "Star Wars: Episode II — Attack of the Clones" in this year's $200 million club.

"Spider-Man" and "Attack of the Clones" opened before Memorial Day, once the start of Hollywood's summer season. Studios now get a jump on summer by opening major movies in early May or even late April, potentially leaving August a lighter month as the summer films peter out.

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at North American theaters, according to Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc. Final figures will be released Monday.

Ask Hollywood by Holly Wood

The Grants are not related

Q: I have been enjoying Bravo's presentation of "The Scarlet Pimpernel." Is Richard E. Grant, who plays the leading role, Hugh Grant's brother? — **C.H., Cedar Falls, Iowa**

A: No. They come from very different backgrounds. Richard E. Grant's real name is Richard Grant Esterhuysen, and he was born in 1957 in Mbabane, Swaziland (in South Africa). He moved to London in 1982. Hugh Grant's full name is Hugh John Mungo Grant, and he was born in London in 1960. He graduated from Oxford University with a B.A. in English.

Q: I want to know about two of my favorite character actors, whom I haven't seen in movies lately. What happened to James Tolkan from "Top Gun" and the "Back to the Future" movies? And is Billy Barty still acting? He was great in "What's Up, Doc?" and "Willow." There are no bets involved. I just want to know. — **R.R., Murfreesboro, Tenn.**

A: If you have cable, you might have seen Tolkan in many episodes of A&E's "A Nero Wolfe Mystery." This summer, he taught acting classes at the Lake Placid (N.Y.) Film Forum.

Unfortunately, Billy Barty died in 2000 of heart failure. He was 76. He acted right up to the end of his life, appearing in the 2000 movie "The Extreme Adventures of Super Dave."

Q: Was there a TV series or a movie called "Fame is the Name of the Game"? I believe it co-starred Susan Saint James as a young secretary at a magazine-publishing company. If there was, who else starred in it? — **M.H., Lake Success, Calif.**

A: "Fame is the Name of the Game" was a TV movie that aired in 1966 and starred Anthony Franciosa, Jill St. John, Jack Klugman, Robert Duvall and Saint James. It's about an investigative reporter trying to solve the murder of a prostitute. There was a TV series in the late '60s called "The Name of the Game," which starred Franciosa and Saint James and had a similar theme. The series ran for 76 episodes.

Q: What is "7th Heaven" star Jessica Biel doing in her movie career? And I love reruns of "Full House." What are the girls doing in their movie careers? Also, I love Alan Alda. Has he ever done any other military shows or movies? — **B.B., Galesburg, Ill.**

A: You can see Biel in "The Rules of Attraction," scheduled to be released later this year, with James Van Der Beek and Clare Kramer. In 2003, she will star in "The Texas Chainsaw Massacre."

Candace Cameron Bure produced and starred in a film called "The Krew" last year, and Jodie Sweetin hasn't appeared in anything lately. She has withdrawn from acting for the moment to focus on college. Mary Kate and Ashley Olsen have been the most high-profile stars from the show. They've starred together in many movies, the most recent of which are "When in Rome" and "Getting There." They've also done several CDs and music videos.

As for Alda, "The Extraordinary Seaman" is one military movie, and I suppose you could consider "Canadian Bacon" another. "To Kill a Clown" isn't a military movie, but Alda does play an officer.

TRIVIA: Richard E. Grant is the son of Swaziland's minister of education.

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Markets

Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP)

	High	Low	Last	Chg
AMR Corp	11.38	10.55	10.67	—.47
AOL TimeWrn	12.77	11.88	11.91	—.85
AT&T Corp	12.35	12.06	12.14	—.08
Albertsons	28.16	27.89	27.98	—.09
Alltel	43.95	43.10	43.16	+.16
AmEl Pw	36.18	35.20	35.94	+.77
AndarkPtr	44.29	43.57	43.98	—.03
ATMOS Egy	21.70	21.40	21.48	+.06
Avaya	12.20	11.71	11.98	—.03
BP PLC	48.20	47.61	47.72	—.22
BakerHughes	29.20	28.50	29.06	+.18
Bank of Amer	71.50	69.91	70.12	+.72
BellSouth	25.35	24.58	24.82	—.47
BurlNoSFe	29.14	28.50	28.83	—.30
Caterpillar	44.95	44.40	44.51	—.34
ChevronTex	78.42	77.61	77.79	—.64
Citigroup	34.09	33.00	33.64	—.36
CocaCola	53.14	52.69	52.79	+.09
ColgatePal	53.70	52.85	52.93	—.84
CmclMetals s	19.41	19.10	19.36	+.05
Cooper Inds	32.06	31.70	31.70	+.03
DaimlrChry	44.88	43.86	43.89	—.71
DeltaAirl	19.57	18.52	18.63	—.34
Dillards Inc	27.50	26.80	26.82	—.22
DowChem	29.78	29.35	29.43	—.06
DuPont	41.15	40.37	40.52	—.60
EastmanChem	45.02	44.68	44.71	
EstKodak	31.74	31.23	31.49	+.01
EDS Corp	41.75	40.27	40.31	—1.14
Entergy	44.25	43.50	44.14	+.60
ExxonMobil	36.48	35.95	36.08	—.07
FstBksAm	40.35	40.30	40.30	+.10
FootLocker	10.30	10.06	10.06	—.16
GenDynam	78.53	73.50	74.55	—3.69
GenElec	32.72	31.60	31.63	—.52
GenMills	41.83	41.40	41.41	—.31
GenMotors	48.62	47.77	47.77	—.15
GaPacific	21.45	20.80	20.89	—.21
Goodrich	21.39	20.78	20.82	—.41
Goodyear	14.88	14.58	14.70	—.08
GtAtlPac	12.56	11.84	11.84	—.21
Halliburtn	14.70	14.44	14.67	—.01
Hanson ADS	32.12	31.80	32.10	+.25
HarteHanks s	21.00	20.65	20.67	+.02
HomeDepot	34.16	33.54	33.59	+.06
HoneywellInt	30.65	29.90	29.91	—.44
IBM	80.89	78.18	78.47	—1.93
IntlPaper	38.49	37.69	37.74	—.17
JohnsonJn	55.30	54.35	54.53	—.29
vjKmart	.75	.67	.68	—.01
KinderMorg	42.69	42.30	42.40	—.21
Kroger Co	20.30	20.01	20.08	+.10
LockheedM	61.20	59.50	60.57	+.86
Lowes Cos	43.22	42.41	42.79	—.03
Lubys	5.23	5.08	5.08	—.07
LucentTech	1.65	1.48	1.53	+.03
MarathonOil	24.59	24.20	24.35	—.10
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Pharmacia	46.00	44.30	44.90	—.64
PhelpDodge	33.65	33.30	33.46	+.23
PhilipPet	52.00	51.28	51.35	—.46
PilgrmPrd.B	10.00	9.85	9.90	+.04
Praxair	56.60	55.75	55.86	—.15
ProctGamb	90.50	89.40	89.40	—.85
RadioShack	23.51	23.15	23.39	—.05
ReliantEngy	12.10	11.49	11.89	+.50
RoyalDut	46.25	45.47	45.60	—.38
SBC Comm	26.50	25.46	25.62	—.68
SaraLee	19.30	18.85	18.90	—.17
Scripps EW	74.56	74.23	74.33	—.13
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SherwinW	28.67	28.25	28.31	—.07
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SwstAirl	14.95	14.41	14.43	—.25
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SprintPCS	5.14	4.80	4.83	—.03
Sunoco Inc	37.00	36.44	36.58	—.06
TXU Corp	49.24	48.70	49.06	+.51
Templeinland	52.99	52.10	52.21	—.01
Textrnd	28.70	28.51	28.58	—.02
Texasinst	22.00	21.18	21.28	—.52
Textron	40.25	39.20	39.26	—.51
Trinityinds	18.25	17.90	18.04	—.06
TylerTech	3.29	3.07	3.20	+.13
UnionPacif	63.36	62.30	62.74	
USSteel	14.15	13.81	13.95	+.05
UnitedTech	60.61	58.51	58.60	—1.88
Unocal	33.80	33.15	33.40	—.09
VerizonComm	31.89	31.08	31.35	—.29
WalMart	53.50	52.45	52.54	—.65
WellsFargo	52.20	51.50	51.70	+.06
WstnGasRs	34.15	33.95	33.95	—.19
WinnDixie	17.85	17.59	17.59	+.09
Xerox Cp	6.90	6.80	6.80	—.05
YumBrands s	31.05	29.95	29.99	—.54

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Franklin Graham takes different approach

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — As the son and ministerial heir of the most famous evangelist in the United States, Franklin Graham is stepping into one of the tallest pulpits in Christianity.

His recent comments on Islam, however, show he won't be the ecumenical bridge-builder that his father, Billy Graham, often tries to be.

In a nationally televised service three days after the Sept. 11 attacks, Billy Graham preached a message of tolerance for Muslims. Two months later, Franklin Graham called Islam "a very evil and wicked religion" during an interview with NBC's "Nightly News."

He said more of the same in a new book and during its recent promotional tour.

Some in the Christian community credit Graham with speaking uncomfortable truths. Others say he's painting an unfairly monolithic picture of a diverse faith.

Graham says he wants to focus on his mission of promoting Christianity.

"I have declined dozens of interviews on the subject of Islam recently, yet I continue to be portrayed as waging an ongoing attack on Islam. That is not the case," Graham said in a statement late last week.

"My primary mission in life is to tell everyone I possibly can about the person of Jesus Christ."

Graham's words carry added weight because he is the named successor to his 83-year-old father, who spoke of religious tolerance Sept. 14 at a National Day of Prayer and Remembrance service at Washington's National Cathedral.

"We come together today to affirm our conviction that God cares for us, whatever our ethnic, religious or political background may be," Billy Graham said. "The Bible says that he is the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles.'"

In November, as many, including President Bush, urged tolerance, Franklin Graham was criticized for his remarks during the NBC interview. In a subsequent Wall Street Journal column, Graham wrote that he does not believe Muslims "are evil people because of their faith. But I decry the evil that has been done in the name of Islam, or any other faith — including Christianity."

But he also wrote that "the persecution or elimination of non-Muslims has been a cornerstone of Islam conquests and rule for centuries."

Graham's next brush with controversy came after a radio interview this month in which he said: "The silence of the (Islamic) clerics around the world is frightening to me. How come they haven't come to this country, how come they haven't apologized to the American people, how come they haven't reassured the American people that this is not true Islam and that these people are not acting in the name of Allah, they're not acting in the name of Islam?"

In his new book, "The Name," Graham writes that "Islam — unlike Christianity — has among its basic teachings a deep intolerance for those who follow other faiths."

Graham declined several requests last week by The Associated Press for a phone interview, instead issuing a statement through Samaritan's Purse, his Boone, N.C.-based relief agency.

Corwin Smidt, director of the Henry Institute for the Study of Christianity and Politics at Michigan's Calvin College, is among those concerned about Graham's comments.

"Since we know so little about Islam, we need to be very careful about labeling it simply as one component," Smidt said. "We have to be careful about characterizing a diverse group of people as all being the same."

However, Richard Land, president of the Southern Baptist Convention's Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission, said that even if Islam is the "many-splintered thing" described by Canadian theologist James Beverley, Graham is simply pointing out an obvious reality.

"If you look at all the splinters, you look at everywhere in the world where you have a nation that is dominated by Islam, there is no freedom of religion," Land said.

Boston residents get to tour 'Big Dig'

BOSTON (AP) — Officials opened a window into Boston's underbelly Sunday, allowing hundreds of thousands of people to stroll along a segment of the huge underground tunnel dubbed the "Big Dig."

Visitors said they couldn't give up the chance to get their feet on a stretch of history in the making.

"I just say to myself, gee, what if I could have told my grandchildren I could have walked on the Brooklyn Bridge just as it was being built," said Richard Brody, 49, who descended a cavernous entryway called Glory Hole 52 with his 8-year-old son.

"You have a historical perspective, and that's a benchmark in time."

The tour had the ambiance of a summer festival, as a massive line of visitors snaked past a jazz band, between pylons festooned with balloons and volunteers hawking commemorative mugs.

The endeavor, officially known as the Central Artery/Third Harbor Tunnel Project, will sink two miles of Interstate 93 beneath the city at a cost of about $14.6 billion.

Intended to relieve congestion on Boston's urban corridor, the project will tear down the existing elevated highway, open up valuable downtown property and reconnect Boston's waterfront with its downtown.

"The green monster separated the city, and now we're going to put the city back together again," said Mayor Thomas M. Menino, referring to the seaweed green highway that once was Boston's most prominent eyesore.

"They've really performed a miracle."

The northbound tunnel open for Sunday's tour is scheduled to open to traffic in December, while southbound lanes are to be completed the following December.

The entire project is expected to be completed in late 2004 or early 2005.

Big Dig's official Web site calls it "the largest, most complex and technologically challenging highway project ever attempted in American history."

But the tunnel has its skeptics.

David Guterman, who hoisted his 8-year-old daughter onto his shoulders for a view over the crowd, said he was impressed but doubted the new expressway would solve traffic congestion.

"I don't know if they'll have any more room for cars than they did before," he said.

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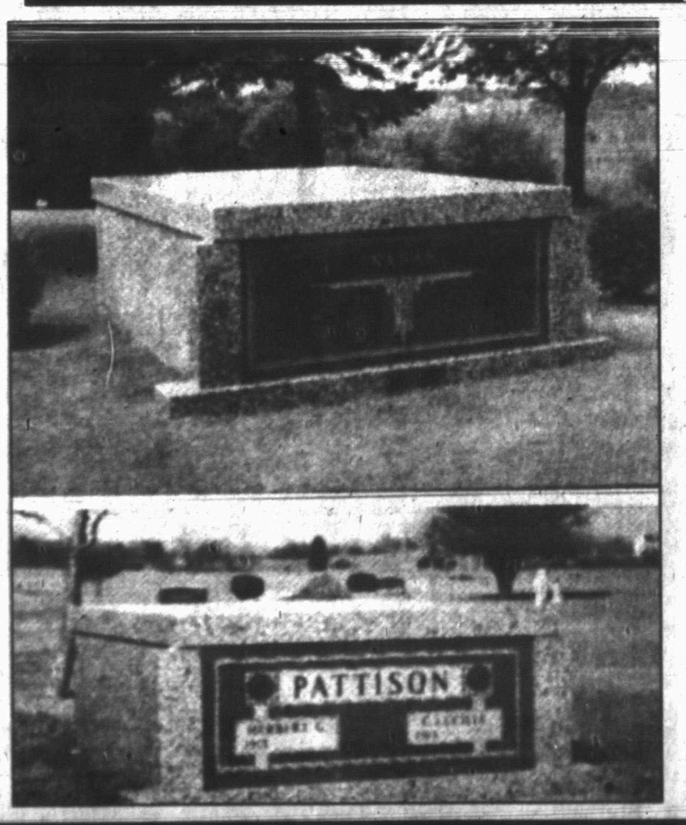

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Stricter visa process could delay arrival of Egyptian dad

DALLAS (AP) — The father of 1-year-old Egyptian conjoined twins awaiting separation surgery could face delays in traveling to the United States because of new immigration rules imposed after Sept. 11, officials say.

Ibrahim Mohammed Ibrahim is scheduled to apply for a visa with the U.S. Embassy in Cairo on Sept. 2. If approved, the visa would normally take up to three weeks to be issued.

But young foreign men hoping to travel to the United States now must get their visa applications approved in Washington D.C. — and 30-year-old Ibrahim falls in that category.

That could hold up his arrival for a long time, said officials at the Dallas-based World Craniofacial Foundation, which brought the twins to the United States.

The issue is pressing because doctors at the North Texas Hospital for Children won't go ahead with the surgery on Mohamad and Ahmed Ibrahim until they meet the father in person.

Ibrahim has said he supports the surgery. But specialists led by foundation founder Kenneth Sayler insist he be fully informed of the risks before they operate, said foundation director Sue Blackwood.

"It's vital that the father be here," Blackwood said. "Dr. Salyer said he won't do anything until he can speak to the father eyeball to eyeball."

Mohamed and Ahmed Ibrahim were born June 2, 2001, by Caesarean section in a remote village in Egypt. They arrived in Dallas in June.

Tests show that the boys' attachment at the crown of their heads is extensive and includes the connection of blood vessels. Each has part of his own brain, but separating them could cause one or both to die.

Religious considerations in predominantly Muslim Egypt made the issue of separating the twins controversial.

But Egypt's top government-appointed cleric gave written approval for separation as long as doctors believed at least one twin would survive and the surgery wasn't experimental.

The foundation is paying for the twins' trip and hospital stay.

Inmates assured of privacy despite monitoring of talks

DALLAS (AP) — Despite monitoring of some prison inmates' conversations with their attorneys, state officials say prisoners will be assured of their privacy.

But the American Civil Liberties Union contends that any such monitoring deprives inmates of a fundamental legal right.

The Texas Department of Criminal Justice's own directives recognize "an absolute right to privacy" during legal visits, Huntsville-area lawyer Yolanda Torres contended in a letter sent to prison officials.

Torres, litigation director for the American Civil Liberties Union of Texas' Prison and Jail Accountability Project, asked that the department voluntarily evaluate its visitation practices and respond to the concerns by Wednesday.

Carl Reynolds, general counsel for the Texas criminal justice agency, responded to accusations that correctional officers listen in on attorney-client conferences and other complaints about the agency.

"We hope and believe that these instances are isolated," said Reynolds. "This is clearly contrary to policy, and we intend to place greater emphasis on the issue in training line-level staff."

Reynolds said the practice of officers listening in on telephone calls between attorneys and their clients is contrary to a recently amended policy. However, he acknowledged it "may not be such an isolated problem" and said that the agency intends to "strongly reinforce the change in policy through training and through the chain of command."

The ACLU's letter also discussed the need for more visitation booths for attorneys and their clients and the lack of "pass-through slots" for documents in visitation booths, particularly in older prison units.

Reynolds responded that the Texas agency is committed to policies governing attorney visitation "and to the importance of permitting confidential and successful attorney-client interactions."

The head of the Texas ACLU's prison project, Meredith Rountree, said Friday that she was encouraged by Reynolds' response.

"I really appreciate the fact that TDCJ clearly shares our sense about what minimal requirements are for attorney-client meeting conditions," she told The Dallas Morning News in today's online edition. "I felt gratified that they take our concerns seriously and 1/8that3/8 they are clearly committed to their policies."

But she said that, because some disagreement existed on what occurs in some prison units, the project plans to continue discussions with prison officials so that those areas of dispute can be resolved.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 08-26-02
♠ J 10 8 7 3
♥ K 5
♦ 7 4
♣ A Q 8 3

West
♠ 5
♥ Q J 9
♦ K Q 10 9 5
♣ 9 7 6 4

East
♠ A 2
♥ 10 8 7 6 4 3
♦ A 8 3 2
♣ 5

South
♠ K Q 9 6 4
♥ A 2
♦ J 6
♣ K J 10 2

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Neither

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	3 NT	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♦ K

Monday, Aug. 26, 2002

Sidestep the dangerous by taking control

By Phillip Alder

The Discovery Channel broadcasts some wonderful programs, but earlier this year it had one strangely entitled "Lethal and Dangerous."

Bad partners and excellent opponents are dangerous at the bridge table. Often, there is nothing you can do about either, but sometimes you can control the outcome — as in today's deal.

You are sitting East, defending against four spades. Your partner, West, leads the diamond king. How would you plan the defense?

North, by partnership agreement, made a game-forcing spade raise. With only 10 high-card points, you might think this was aggressive, but a hand with five trumps, two doubletons, a king and an ace-queen combination is strong enough. (If this would be too rich for you, respond three-and-a-half spades!)

Which four tricks will your side take? Hopefully, two diamonds and the spade ace, but where is number four? Maybe West has the heart ace, but that isn't likely. Instead, how about a club ruff? However, if you discourage with the diamond two at trick one, will West find the shift? Here, there's no chance. He will switch to the heart queen.

Don't leave to partner what you can do yourself. Overtake the diamond king with your ace and return the club five. Then, win the first spade play and put partner on lead with a diamond. He should get the message and return a club for the contract-killing ruff. If he doesn't, your partner has set a new standard for lethal and dangerous.

Are any creatures lethal but not dangerous? I suppose there are if one is nowhere near them.

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Ranchers face tough land decisions in drought years

BILLINGS, Mont. (AP) — When the grass he needed to feed his cattle didn't grow well because of an extended drought, rancher Steve Roth faced a tough decision: Hope for rain, or sell some cows in order to spare his land.

He sold some cattle.

"It was just sort of my flying by the seat of my pants to decide, 'We're going to take care of the resource and try not to push it,'" said Roth, who estimated the forage production from his Big Sandy operation at about one-third normal in 2000 and 2001.

"We went on the assumption that the worst is going to happen, went ahead and sold down."

That's the kind of realism Montana ranchers need to manage their rangeland better in times of drought, a federal researcher in Miles City suggests.

Rod Heitschmidt, superintendent at Fort Keogh Livestock and Range Research Laboratory, said the region's ranchers typically know by July 1 just what their native rangeland will produce. They can decide then to wean calves or cull cows rather than waiting for late fall — the more traditional time — when they've exhausted forage.

"You can't get around drought. It's always going to cost you," Heitschmidt said. "The question is, how much and how does it cost you? You can plan for and manage for drought instead of reacting to it."

Heitschmidt draws from more than a decade of research at the lab, which examines effects of precipitation and climate variations on native grass production over rangeland in eastern Montana, northern Wyoming and the western Dakotas.

Oil Patch News

Mitchell County

BC Operating Inc. has completed the No. 42-E Brown in the Iatan East Howard field, nine miles southwest of Westbrook. The venture was finaled to produce 10 barrels of oil and 1,467 barrels of water. Perforations were from 2,689-3,000 feet, and location is in Section 11, Block 29, T1S, T&P survey.

BC Operating has completed the No. 80 W.W. Watson in the Iatan East Howard field, nine miles southwest of Westbrook. The well was completed to produce 45 barrels of oil and 63 barrels of water. Perforations were from 2,516-623 feet, and location is in Section 19, Block 29, T1S, T&P survey.

Garza County

Palmer Oil Properties will drill the No. 2 Sullivan in the Garza field, four miles southeast of Post. Planned for a depth of 3,500 feet, drill site is in Section 3, Block H, S.E. Harper survey.

Fisher County

Sinclair Oil Corp. will drill the No. 2 Jimmy Wright in the Rough Ride field, 10 miles southwest of Roby. Planned for a depth of 62,00 feet, location is in Section 4, Block N, J.W. Posey survey.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Urine color varies

DEAR DR. GOTT: Should I seek medical attention for yellow urine?

DEAR READER: Possibly. But let me first put this question in perspective.

As part of their excretion of waste products, the kidneys release a substance called urochrome, a yellow pigment that is a product of metabolism. The excretion of urochrome is relatively constant. However, if the urine is dilute (because of extensive fluid intake), the yellow color will also be diluted, leading to a pale urine.

In contrast, when the body is dehydrated, the concentration of urochrome is increased, causing the urine to be a darker yellow — even light orange. This is normal, common and affects us all from time to time.

However, the kidneys will also excrete other waste products, including the substances in bile, which can darken the urine if there is a liver problem. Consequently jaundice (from liver or gallbladder disease) will frequently cause yellow or brown urine.

Here is where I have a problem answering your question. If your unusually yellow urine is secondary to a trivial degree of dehydration, it should return to its natural, pale yellow characteristic if you consume generous amounts of fluids for a day or so.

On the other hand, a liver a gallbladder problem will not respond in this way; even with hydration, your urine will remain brown or amber — clearly a tip-off that something serious is occurring.

My advice to you is this:

For the next 48 hours, consume an additional amount of fluid — three 8-ounce glasses of water should do. If your urine returns to normal, problem solved. Relax. In contrast, if your urine remains darker than deep yellow, seek medical attention.

DEAR DR. GOTT: You recently published a column from a woman in her 60s who started having urinary incontinence at night and was asking for help.

I had the same problem when I reached 80. After the urinary incontinence became associated with bowel incontinence, I became too ashamed to address this with my doctor.

In conjunction with discharging waste from my bowels and bladder at unexpected times during the night, I noticed a feeling of weightlessness and lightheadedness.

Then, one night after going to the bathroom, I fainted. My husband called 911.

In the emergency room, my pulse rate was in the 30s. After appropriate testing, the doctors discovered that I suffered from Stokes-Adams attacks. Therefore, they placed a pacemaker in immediately and I have had no symptoms — including incontinence — since. Perhaps your readers would be interested in learning about this.

DEAR READER: Unquestionably, they would. I'm particularly interested in your experiences of incontinence that were associated with the actual low pulse rate (bradycardia). Stokes-Adams attacks are defined as heart block characterized by "sudden attacks of unconsciousness." Therefore, your diagnosis, albeit unusual, is certainly appropriate; I wonder how many aging adults suffer from the same malady.

Therefore, based on your experiences, I recommend that any senior (man or woman) with urinary/bowel incontinence at night be tested for heart-rhythm abnormalities. And I would be extremely interested in receiving reports about such testing, which I would be delighted to publish. Incontinence in seniors is certainly a major problem for which I'd be honored to contribute a solution.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Bladder and Urinary Tract Infections." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Newsletter, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092-0167. Please be sure to mention the title.

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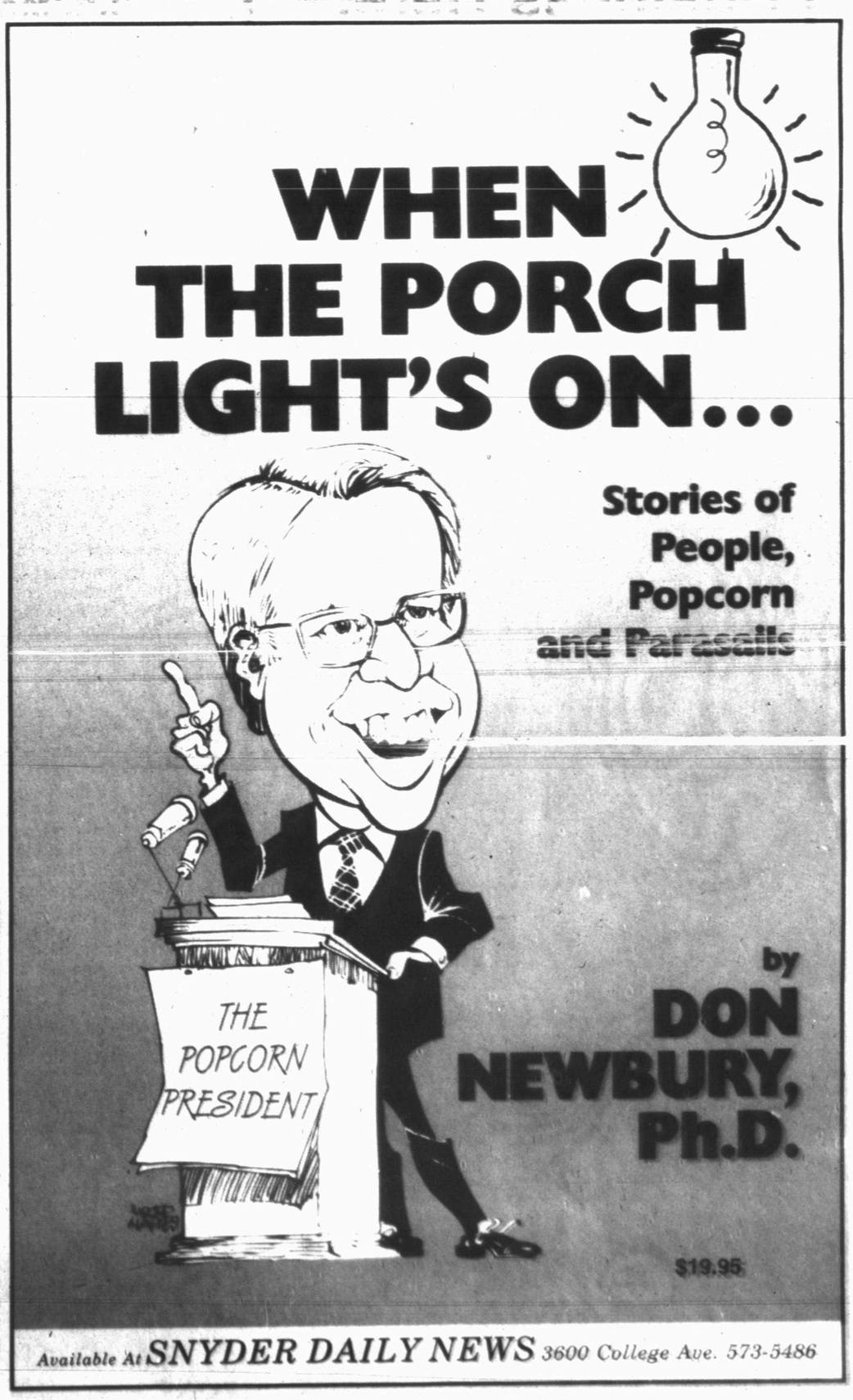
Report says world's coral reefs are in serious decline

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Scientists say the first global survey of the health of the world's coral reefs shows they are in serious decline, with overfishing worsening a crisis situation.

Scientists and volunteers found that overfishing has affected 95 percent of the more than 1,000 coral reefs monitored since 1997. At least four species of reef fish, hunted as food or to adorn aquariums, face extinction, further threatening the biodiversity of the marine ecosystems.

The results of the five-year study are presented in report being released today by the Institute of the Environment's Reef Check program at the University of California, Los Angeles. More than 5,000 scientists and volunteers in about 60 countries contributed to the survey, possibly the largest ecological study ever undertaken.

"What we have seen is coral reefs have been damaged more in the last 20 years than they have in the last 1,000. Suddenly, the pressures of overfishing and damaging types of fishing — dynamiting fish and poisoning fish, particularly in Southeast Asia — have taken off," said Gregor Hodgson, a UCLA marine ecologist and founder of Reef Check.



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GOP debate over Iraq heats up

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans sounded a mixed message Sunday for President Bush about whether, when and how to use military action to remove Saddam Hussein from power.

Invade right away, after telling Congress, was one course. A second would have Bush wait for a better assessment of the Iraqi president's danger to American security, then hold off until lawmakers gave their approval.

Some Republicans want Bush to get U.N. authorization before moving, probably after giving Saddam an ultimatum to allow more inspections for weapons of mass destruction, which he would be expected to refuse.

Bush did not expect such divergence among leading Republicans, which broke into the open in recent weeks from lawmakers including Sen. Chuck Hagel of Nebraska, the top Republican on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and Rep. Dick Armey of Texas, the House majority leader.

The Bush administration's policy is that Saddam is trying to develop weapons of mass destruction and is refusing to allow international inspectors to find and destroy them, as Iraq agreed to do after the 1991 Persian Gulf War.

Rep. Tom DeLay, the heir apparent to Armey in the House, who has urged military action, "the sooner, the better," said Sunday the decision to act is the commander in chief's, but he expects Bush to consult with Congress first.

"The president says he's going to consult with the Congress, and he has. The president has taken the advice of many of us in Congress; he wants input from Congress," DeLay, R-Texas, said on "Fox News Sunday."

"He has said he's going to come to Congress when he decides what needs to be done and when it needs to be done, and I expect him to do that."

While saying Bush properly "is trying to keep the (anti-Iraq) coalition together," DeLay rejected a suggestion by former Secretary of State James A. Baker III that Bush first get a resolution of support from the U.N. Security Council.

Judge throws out 1984 conviction

DETROIT (AP) — A judge today freed a man who had been found guilty of raping and murdering a teenage girl in the 1980s. The man had confessed but recent DNA tests showed he couldn't have been the killer.

Upon hearing his conviction was overturned after 17 years in prison, Eddie Joe Lloyd thrust his arms forward and gave an emphatic "Thank you."

"I want to run the 50- or 100-yard dash with my grandbabies," he said afterward.

Lloyd was in a mental hospital and on medication when police say he confessed to raping and murdering 16-year-old Michelle Jackson in 1984.

DNA tests just completed show Lloyd didn't commit the crime, and Detroit police and prosecutors joined today in calling on Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Leonard Townsend to release Lloyd from prison. The case has bolstered calls for a probe into Detroit police methods.

While throwing out the conviction, Townsend, who was the original trial judge, put part of the blame on Lloyd.

"Even though he may have lied about what he did, the fault falls on him," Townsend said. "I never heard this gentleman say he didn't do it."

Lloyd becomes the 110th convicted person in the United States and the first in Michigan to be exonerated by DNA testing, according to the Innocence Project, which seeks to use DNA evidence to help innocent prisoners.

The DNA break could lead to even more scrutiny of the Detroit Police Department, which has been the target of an investigation by the U.S. Justice Department since 2000 for fatal shootings by officers, claims of prisoner mistreatment and other alleged misconduct.

At a late morning news conference, Lloyd burst into tears after taking the podium.

He said that the efforts that led to his freedom "did what she (Jackson) couldn't do, speak from the grave."

"Lady Justice is blind. Sometimes, she's deaf," he said. "Sometimes the wheels of justice grind very slowly, sometimes they grind in reverse."

After the news conference, he hugged family members and told them, "It's going to be all right."

Barry Scheck, an attorney with the Innocence Project, and Saul Green, former U.S. attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan, will ask federal officials to investigate Detroit police in the Lloyd case.

FBI set to renew search for anthrax at Florida building

BOCA RATON, Fla. (AP) — The FBI plans this week to go back into an anthrax-contaminated building owned by tabloid publisher American Media Inc., where an employee was fatally infected last fall, officials said today.

In the first search of the building since it was quarantined and sealed last fall, agents will use newly developed techniques to search for anthrax spores and other evidence throughout the entire building in an effort to determine who was responsible for the attack.

Previous searches inside the building concentrated on a mailroom and workstations used by infected employees.

"We hope this investigation will bring to justice the person or persons responsible for this horrific act," said Hector Pesquera, the FBI's special agent in charge of the Miami division.

Pesquera stressed that the operation "has nothing to do" with Dr. Steven J. Hatfill, a biowarfare expert who has been called a "person of interest" by Attorney General John Ashcroft in the anthrax investigation.

Pesquera said the two-week operation inside the building should be under way by Wednesday.

AMI has had to use other offices in the area to publish its six supermarket tabloids, including The National Enquirer, Globe and Weekly World News.

The building has been under federal quarantine since October, when photo editor Robert Stevens died after becoming infected at his desk. He was the first person to die during the anthrax attacks last fall, which killed five people.

Spores delivered by mail also hit media outlets in New York and a congressional building in Washington.

While transmission by mail was suspected at AMI, investigators have never determined for sure how anthrax spores entered the building. The original investigation did not locate a "dissemination device" or large quantities of spores of the deadly bacteria.

Obituaries

Ruby Smith

1935-2002

COLORADO CITY — Ruby Jewell Smith, a nurses' aide, died Friday, Aug. 23, in Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene.

Funeral service for Mrs. Smith, 67, is set for 2 p.m. Tuesday in the St. James Baptist Church in Colorado City with Sammy Contreras and Terrilyn Faye Green-Gonzales officiating. Burial will follow in the Mitchell County Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Wright Colonial Funeral Home.

Born April 16, 1935 in Milam County, she was married to Henry Smith who preceded her in death. She also was preceded in death by a son, Dennis Smith.

A resident of Colorado City, Mrs. Smith was a member of the St. James Baptist Church.

Survivors include three sons, David Smith, Danny Smith and Douglas Smith, all of Colorado City; two daughters, Brenda Smith and Shirley Smith, both of Colorado City; a daughter-in-law, Kathy Green of Colorado City; a brother, Sylvester Rogers of Dallas; and three grandchildren, Kim Russell of Denton and Dustin Smith and Diesha Smith, both of Colorado City.

Elijah Spradlin

Infant

FORT WORTH — Elijah Brandon Spradlin, infant son of Justin and Brandy Spradlin of Azle, died Friday, Aug. 23, in Fort Worth.

Elijah Spradlin

Elijah was born June 25, 2002 in Fort Worth.

Funeral service is set for 11:30 a.m. Tuesday in the Greenwood Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow in the Greenwood Memorial Park.

Survivors also include; a brother, Jacob of the home; two sisters, Jordyn and Gabrielle of the home; maternal grandmother, Carletta Mercer of Fort Worth; maternal grandfather, Wilber Mercer of White Settlement; paternal grandparents, Bob and Deborah Spradlin of Roby; uncles, Jason Spradlin and wife Tammy of Snyder, Brian Dixon of Snyder, Damon Dixon of Snyder, Kyle Shipp of Roby, Chad Bradford of Fort Worth and Tommy Mercer of Fort Worth; great-aunt and uncle, Nick and Carolyn Labus of Haltom City; and a host of cousins.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to Cook Children's Hospital in Fort Worth.

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17-year-old male arrested

Arrest

Police arrested a 17-year-old male in the 2500 block of Avenue O at 1:27 a.m. Sunday for no driver's license, no liability insurance, and consumption of alcohol by a minor.

Family violence

A woman contacted police Sunday evening to report her husband had assaulted her. A report for family violence was filed.

Attempted burglaries

Geraldine Anderson reported Sunday morning that someone had removed the bars from the windows at her residence in the 1400 block of Avenue K.

Becky Buchanan requested police at 7:30 p.m. Sunday in reference to an attempted break in of her home in the 2700 block of 37th Street. Officers advised light damage to a door caused by someone trying to pry it open.

Bicycle theft

Brenda Sullenger at 10:50 a.m. Sunday reported the theft of her son's bicycle from the residence in the 200 block of 36th Street.

Criminal mischief

Just before 7 a.m. Sunday, Leslie Riggins reported the driver's side window broken out on a vehicle in the 400 block of 32nd Street.

David Boyd reported damage to a fence at 6:25 p.m. Sunday at Big Country Electric Coop.

BB guns

At 7:09 p.m. Sunday, Ray Wright requested officers concerning juveniles shooting BBs into his neighbor's yard in the 2300 block of Avenue I.

An employee with Cogdell Hospital requested police at the emergency room at 9:27 p.m. Sunday regarding a juvenile being shot in the head with a BB gun. Police contacted the mother who advised it was the juvenile's 10-year-old brother who accidentaly shot him and no reported was submitted.

Accidents

Police responded to a three-vehicle accident at 6:14 p.m. Saturday at the intersection of College Avenue and 27th Street. Involved were a 2003 Mitsubishi driven by Krystal Lee, 19, of Gail, a 1995 Chevrolet driven by Maria Guerrero, 22, of 1538 Ave. R and a 1995 Ford truck driven by Jason Smith, 21, of 3602 Hill. Lee was taken to Cogdell Memorial by Snyder EMS where she was admitted for observation and later released.

At 6:53 p.m. Saturday, officers responded to a minor two-vehicle accident at the intersection of College Avenue and 37th Street. The mishap involved a 1996 Ford driven by Diego Hernandez, 16, of 3021 Iowa St. and a 2002 Honda motorcycle driven by David Hoke, 30, of Allen.

Births

Jimmy and Samantha Campbell of Allen announce the birth of their son, James Collin Campbell, at 7:09 p.m. on Aug. 20 in Presbyterian Medical Center in Allen.

Also welcoming Collin were his grandparents, Jim and Becky Campbell and Eva Lane of McKinney, Gaylon and Deborah Boyd of Snyder, and his great-grandparents, Ottus and Dorothy Boyd and Elois Pruitt, all of Snyder.

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events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Tigers Lair yearbook arrives

The SHS yearbook is being distributed at the high school from 8–8:10 a.m. and 3:30–4 p.m. daily through Friday. Bring receipt.

Band booster club meeting

There will be a meeting at 7 tonight in the SHS band hall for parents of all high school, junior high and sixth grade band students.

Snyder Tigers baseball boosters

Snyder Tigers baseball booster club will meet at 7 this evening in the athletic film room. Parents of all high school players are urged to attend.

Hermleigh Masonic Lodge

The Hermleigh Masonic Lodge will hold its monthly stated meeting at 7:30 tonight with a meal to follow. All Master Masons are welcome.

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 this evening is "The Journey We'll All Travel," followed by "The Way of Truth."

Central parent orientation

Central Elementary parent orientation for kindergarten and first graders will be at 3 p.m. Tuesday in the classrooms. Third grade parents will meet at 7 p.m. in the auditorium. Childcare will be provided.

4-H Kickoff

The annual Scurry County 4-H Kickoff will be held at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday in the fellowship hall of First United Methodist Church. Hot dogs will all the fixin's will be served. Bring own soft drink. Parents and youth, third through 12th grades, are encouraged to attend.

Cub Scout pack meeting

Cub Scout pack meeting will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Christian Student Center at WTC.

Adult basic education classes

Adult basic education classes at WTC start Tuesday and are held Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8 a.m. until noon, and from 6-9 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday. Classes include E.S.L., GED and refresher courses. Certified teachers and Spanish-speaking aides teach these classes. Call 573-8511, ext. 322.

Tiger Pride cards

Snyder Junior High students will be selling Tiger Pride cards for $10 starting Tuesday through Monday, Sept. 9. Contact any junior high student or call the school at 573-6356. The money goes to the activity fund.

Gateway Family Services

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

Adopt- a- school brunch

The back-to-school brunch for SISD adopt-a-school partners will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday in the boardroom.

Genealogical meeting

The Scurry County Genealogical Society will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Scurry County Library to plan the coming year. Visitors are welcome.

FBC services televised

First Baptist Church services are televised on channel 2 at 3 p.m. each Thursday.

2002 Ira annuals

The 2002 Ira Bulldog annuals have arrived and have been delivered to the students. There are a few extras available for $22 each.

Fish Fry

The American Legion will have its fish fry from 4-7 p.m. Sunday. Adult tickets are $7 each and the fee for 10-16 year olds will be $3.50. Children under nine eat free.

Museum exhibit

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

SISD family literacy

SISD's Family Literacy Program will begin Tuesday, Sept. 3. Classes will include ESL, beginning computers and basic reading. Call Mary Ann Juarez at 574-6012 for more information.

Social Security reps

Representatives of the Social Security office has rescheduled regular trips to Snyder. Reps will next be at the Senior Citizens Center on Thursday, Sept. 5.

Cub Scout rally and registration

Anyone wanting to join the Cub Scouts is invited to the Cub Scout rally for boys in grades 1-5 at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 5 in the West Elementary cafeteria. Call 574-2532, or 573-5183 for more information.

Enchilada dinner

Discovery School will have its annual enchilada dinner from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 8, at First United Methodist Church. Tickets are available at the school office or by calling 573-4770.

Trains and things

Scurry County parks department is looking for loans of model trains and railroad-related items to be displayed during the Oct. 12 White Buffalo Festival. Items are needed by Oct. 7.

FBC support groups

Support groups dealing with divorce, death, cancer or caring for elderly parents meet at 6:30 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at the First Baptist Church educational building. A special group for students facing these problems is held at the same time.