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No doubt lingers: senior health care to be transformed

WASHINGTON (AP) - Although Congress still has disagreements to resolve about changes to Medicare, one thing is certain: Senior citizens' health care is about to be transformed.

President Clinton and House lawmakers may hold back senators who want to raise the eligibility age for Medicare from 65 to 67 and make the wealthy pay more.

According to a June 27 poll by the Pew Research Center, 65 percent of Americans oppose raising the Medicare eligibility age, though 60 percent think increasing out-of-pocket costs for the affluent is a good idea.

But other dramatic changes are not in dispute.

Under plans endorsed by both Congress and the White House, more elderly Americans will get their health care through health maintenance organizations and other managed care plans.

The change is the biggest since Medicare's birth in 1965 and "it's going to put a lot more responsibility onto individual older persons to... be more aggressive consumers," said John Rother, legislative director for the American Association of Retired Persons.

Currently, only about 13 percent of Medicare beneficiaries are in managed care plans.

But the House, Senate and Clinton this year have all supported opening Medicare to a much wider variety of plans willing to take on the government's risks and responsibilities for a standard per-patient fee.

Besides HMOs, which have offered Medicare in parts of the country for years, new options will include plans run by doctor-hospital alliances instead of insurance

companies and plans tailored to the needs of the very frail or chronically ill.

Changes in how the government sets payments also will give managed care companies incentive to open shop in rural America, which they have not found lucrative enough to do before.

And senior citizens will be encouraged to try managed care during an "open season" each fall, when the government will get involved in marketing.

Traditional fee-for-service Medicare, in which the government pays senior citizens' medical bills as they come in, will continue to exist.

But doctors and hospitals operating independently - and receiving lower-than-expected payments from Medicare - will face increasing competition from managed care.

The changes, part of the balanced-budget deal between Clinton and Congress, will save \$115 billion over the next five years and keep the Medicare program from going bankrupt for a decade, mainly by shifting financial pressure to - and increasing competition in - the private sector.

By tightly controlling services, managed care has proved it can stretch government dollars. It also has attracted seniors by offering such benefits as prescription drugs and fitness programs that Medicare doesn't normally cover.

"People should be free to select the program they feel will provide them with the best service their hard-earned money can buy," said Rep. Bill Thomas, R-Calif., one of those in Congress most determined to change Medicare.



Sidewalk stitch in time

Earl Warrick, owner of Warrick Shoe Service at 140 W. 3rd St., recently chose a roomier location on the sidewalk in front of his shop to re-stitch a tarp for a local farmer. Warrick said he averaged about five of these jobs a year, taking them on when the shoe repair business slows down during the summer.

Bush draws fire of state's organized labor after veto of welfare bills from Legislature

HOUSTON (AP) - Gov. George W. Bush has given organized labor a few more things to hold against him.

Bush recently angered worker groups by vetoing three welfare bills. The items were designed to regulate privatization and to protect public- and private-sector employees as Texans leave the welfare system for the work force.

"Unfortunately, we're seeing

more and more instances where the governor is putting winning a war with labor over what is good for the state," said Richard Levy, legal director for the state chapter of the AFL-CIO in Austin.

One of the bills would have barred employers from replacing existing workers with government-subsidized welfare recipients.

Another would have required the

Stocks rise in early trading

NEW YORK (AP) - Stocks were mostly higher this morning, pushing some measures into record territory, but trading was restrained with Federal Reserve officials concluding a key meeting on interest rate policy.

At 11 a.m. on Wall Street, the Dow Jones industrial average was up 1.58 at 7,723.91.

Broader measures were mostly positive, but smaller-company stocks were struggling for the second straight day. Technology issues were

among the strongest groups this morning, led by computer networking shares.

Advancing issues outnumbered decliners by a 7-to-5 margin on the New York Stock Exchange, where volume came to 155.49 million shares.

The Standard & Poor's 500 list was up 4.33 at 895.36, and the NYSE composite index was up 2.02 at 468.03, threatening to beat June 20's record close at 467.84.

companies that administer state job-training programs to give their workers pay and benefits comparable to those that state employees receive.

The third would have temporarily blocked private companies from administering day-care funds for welfare workers.

Both worker-related bills were overwhelmingly passed by state lawmakers. Bush, however, said they would have hindered the state in moving people off welfare and into jobs, as new state and federal laws require.

Bush, a Republican, added that the plans would have hamstrung efforts to turn over to private companies the running of local job-training and welfare-to-work programs.

"My veto is consistent with my philosophy," Bush told the Texas

Journal of The Wall Street Journal for today's editions. "There were a lot of people at the local level saying this would have hurt their capacity to perform."

Bush and labor parties haven't gotten along for some time.

Two years ago, Texas AFL-CIO President Joe Gunn accused the governor of breaking a promise to appoint a labor-backed candidate to the new Texas Workforce Commission, formerly the state Employment Commission. Gunn went so far as to show a painting depicting Bush as Pinocchio.

The latest spat comes while the state tries moving about 50,000 adults annually off such assistance as Aid to Families with Dependent Children and food stamps.

Hospital board director submits resignation at special meeting

Larry Watts submitted his resignation as a director of the Deaf Smith County Hospital District board during a special meeting Tuesday night.

Watts said he would be moving out of the district, and his resignation is effective Aug. 1, 1997. His second two-year term expires in May 1998. The board "reluctantly" accepted the resignation and made no decision about a replacement.

Purpose of the special meeting Tuesday night was to hear a presentation from a planning process consultant, and to meet in executive session to discuss the Rural Health Clinic operations.

Paul McGinnis, president of

McGinnis & Associates Community Planning, outlined his experience in community health development and described a five-step process the firm uses in long-range planning for industrial and governmental bodies.

The board went into closed session at 7:31 p.m. to discuss the Rural Health Clinic operations and a three-year grant for the program. Dr. Jesse Perales met with the board. He and Jim Robinson, hospital administrator, were requested to submit an action plan on improving financial operations of the clinic.

When the board returned to open session at 8:50 p.m., President Mal Manchec read the letter of resignation from Watts.

Police reinstate STEP seat belt program

Drivers in Hereford over the coming holiday weekend, beware! Hereford Police Department will once again participate in STEP, Selective Traffic Enforcement Program, during the Fourth of July weekend.

STEP is a zero tolerance policy on seat belts, child safety seats and unrestrained children.

The program will be implemented Thursday and continue through Sunday.

The city will be divided into

four quadrants with extra officers patrolling each quadrant.

"We could have as many as eight extra officers on duty," said Cpl. Terry Brown.

According to Brown, 79 percent of Hereford drivers were in compliance with the seat belt law during the last STEP operation over Memorial Day weekend; however, there was only a 53 percent compliance with child safety seats.

"Seat belt usage is at the state

average, but we are shooting for 90 percent compliance," Brown said.

STEP is not a revenue making program, but rather a health and safety issue, according to Brown.

"Every weekend we have worked STEP there has not been an accident with injuries," he said.

Questions about STEP may be referred to Corporal Brown or Lt. Bennie Barrick at the Hereford Police Department.

Highway safety over the

holiday weekend also is encouraged by the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Trooper Wayne Beighle, public information officer, reminds that the July Fourth period is high on the list of dangerous travel time.

He points out that the root of most fatal fatalities is alcohol abuse.

Beighle offers this admonition: "Observe laws, stay alert to traffic around you and use safety belts."

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Local Roundup

Hot as a firecracker

The mercury exploded to 103 degrees Tuesday but relief is in sight. Thursday's temperature is expected to range from 90 degrees to 95 degrees but July Fourth should be pleasant with a high in the lower 80s. The low Wednesday morning was a cool 63 degrees and the forecast calls for similar morning readings the next few days. A 20 percent chance of thunderstorms is in the forecast for Thursday. Wind will be 10-20 mph from the south.

News Digest

World/Nation

BEIJING - Having triumphantly claimed Hong Kong as China's own, President Jiang Zemin turns now to the serious business of ensuring the former British colony remains a success story. Hong Kong's return to China dovetails nicely with the Communists' effort to devise a new, nationalistic creed to replace a Marxist-Leninist-Maoist ideology practically defunct after decades of political upheavals followed by capitalist reforms.

WASHINGTON - American goods are prized in many parts of the world, but the most popular product of all may be cold, hard cash. Government officials estimate that two-thirds of the \$405 billion in U.S. currency that is now in circulation is held outside the country. About three-quarters of that \$270 billion cache of hoarded cash is in \$100 bills.

ATLANTA - The nation's largest teachers union is considering endorsing a policy that once would have been unthinkable: letting teachers help schools get rid of bad instructors.

LOS ANGELES - Robert Mitchum's road to Hollywood was as rough-and-tumble as any of the mavericks he played in over 100 Westerns, war movies and dramas. After being arrested for vagrancy as a young man, he dug ditches, cleared swamp brush and built roads while serving time on a Georgia chain gang. He escaped shortly after going to work there. Mitchum died in his sleep Tuesday after a yearlong battle with emphysema and lung cancer.

WASHINGTON - Bearing children and taking birth control pills can lower the risk of ovarian cancer by reducing the lifetime number of ovulations, or menstrual cycles, experienced by a woman, according to a study published today.

WASHINGTON - When the CIA secretly put a \$150,000 price on Fidel Castro's head in the early 1960s, American mobsters made the spy agency an offer it couldn't refuse: They'd kill the Cuban leader for free.

State

SAN ANTONIO - Several ambulances and fire trucks were dispatched, and police cordoned off four blocks after a lawn-mowing crew apparently set off thousands of angry, swarming bees. At least eight people suffered stings.

HOUSTON - Union Pacific Resources Group Inc. said it is not giving up after its \$4.2 billion hostile takeover offer for Pennzoil Co. was rejected by Pennzoil's board of directors.

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ANSON - Three prison guards have been indicted on manslaughter charges in the death of an inmate who died a day after scuffling with two of them.

BEAUMONT - Eight years ago while on a cruise in the Hawaiian islands, a Beaumont man stuffed his business card into a sealed cognac bottle and tossed it overboard. It showed up this week thousands of miles away off the Oregon coast.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Those who know me know that I am rarely at a loss for words. However, when it comes to thanking all the people who made Hereford's first Relay for Life the huge success it was, I don't even know where to begin.

I feel I must start with the volunteers who worked so hard to pull this all together. It's people like Dempsey Alexander, Jane Eggen, Debbie Holmes, Lanell Kendrick, Ray and Betty Quillen, Jan Reeve, Kee Ruland, Adam Treff and Patty Urbanzyk who worked tirelessly to see that everything was taken care of and went over as well as possible.

It is also the many businesses, groups and individuals who donated their time, items and money to help raise over \$28,000 for the American Cancer Society.

Many thanks go to the hundreds of walkers who stayed on the track for 24 hours and to the many townspeople who sponsored them with their donations. I was amazed at the way the entire town of Hereford embraced this project.

While everything went smoothly, it was also a learning experience. Hopefully we can take what we learned this year and use it to make next year's Relay even bigger and better.

The Relay for Life committee is already making plans for next year's event and hopes to hold it June 5-6. We've also set a goal of increasing the number of teams from the new state record of 40 (which we set!) to 50. Thank you again to everyone who contributed.

Jennifer Eggen, Chair,
Relay for Life

Dear Editor:

The Make-A-Wish Foundation of the Texas Plains would like to express our sincere gratitude to Northwest Primary, Shirley Intermediate, Aikman Primary, Tierra Blanca Primary, West Central Intermediate and Bluebonnet Intermediate for participation in the Kids for Wish Kids campaign during the 1996-97 school year.

The children at the schools raised close to \$5,000 for the foundation. Hereford area has approximately 12

kids who have received a wish from Make-A-Wish over the past year. The money that is raised in Hereford stays in Hereford.

Make-A-Wish grants wishes to children under the age of 18 who suffer from a terminal illness or life threatening condition creating the probability the child will not survive his or her 18th year. We have granted 441 wishes since 1984. We are working on 36 more wishes to be granted in the near future.

Bernadette Wright

Dear Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the entire community of Hereford for supporting the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life on June 6-7. It is amazing how the community took up the fight in the battle against cancer. Raising over \$25,000 in a 24-hour time period is incredible!

I am very grateful to Hereford. Because of your support, the American Cancer Society will be able to invest into cancer research to find a cure, educate millions of people about this terrible, and help cancer patients right here in Deaf Smith County and the rest of Texas. Cancer patients everywhere will be helped because of your efforts.

Thanks again for supporting this event! The rumor has it that I didn't believe this event would do as well as it did. But, I knew inside that the good people of Hereford would come through. I was only bluffing to see what Jennifer Eggen and Adam Treff were made of. You are all greatly appreciated!

Sincerely,
Chris Hurt, Amarillo,
ACS Field Rep.

Dear Editor:

I'm writing to you from Deaf Smith County Jail just to share an experience I recently had. I had received a phone call from a relative informing me that my father was seriously ill in the county hospital and was being transferred to Amarillo.

In the Amarillo hospital, my father was diagnosed as having pneumonia and things didn't look so good because he also has emphysema. After my folks talked with Sheriff Joe



Rotary officers

Officers of the Rotary Club of Hereford have been installed to serve the next year. Pictured, from left, front, are Becky Walls, secretary; Lupe Chavez, president; Chris Strowd, president-elect; back, from left, Steve Wright, song leader; Don Cumpton, program chairman, and Alex Schroeter, treasurer and immediate past president. Not pictured is vice president for the year, Gene King.

Proper use of air bags, switches to be subject of AAA campaign

WASHINGTON (AP) - The American Automobile Association promises a national education campaign on the proper use of air-bag on-off switches if federal regulators allow consumers to install the devices.

In a letter Tuesday to the Clinton

Benefit fund announced

Friends have established a benefit fund for Kerry Tooley of Hereford, who is undergoing treatment for a rare form of cancer.

Tooley, 34, and his wife are parents of three small children. They have health insurance but extra expenses are created by the situation. He is employed at Arrowhead Mills and the family is active in Community Church. Tooley, a native of Hereford, has also been active in Kids, Inc.

Friends have asked persons interested in helping the family to make deposits in the "Kerry Tooley Benefit Fund" at Hereford State Bank.

administration's Office of Management and Budget, the group said it supported manual cutoff switches for air bags and would inform its 40 million members and other motorists about how to use them.

In response to a public outcry over deaths from deploying air bags, officials at the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration are considering allowing the retrofitted cutoff switches.

Federal regulators also have proposed allowing mechanics to disconnect an air bag for any consumer who wishes it.

Air bags have been blamed for the deaths of 40 children and infants and 27 adults in low-speed accidents they otherwise should have survived, according to government records.

AAA President Robert L. Darbelnet said cutoff switches would give consumers the flexibility of turning the air bag on or off depending on who is in the front seat.

Automakers are split on whether they support the idea. Some companies favor it as a flexible option; others argue the switch might

be misused or cost too much.

Automakers agree any decision on how to deactivate air bags should be left up to individual companies.

The AAA announcement comes at a time when auto industry officials and insurers are appealing to Clinton administration officials to drop the plan to allow consumers to disconnect air bags.

Industry groups argue air bags are beneficial for the vast majority of passengers. The devices have saved more than 2,000 lives, according to government estimates.

Sally Katzen, head of the section of the OMB that is reviewing the agency rule before it becomes final, met Tuesday with automakers, dealers, insurers, consumer groups and air-bag suppliers.

Interest groups want the government to permit deactivation only in

special cases, such as a child with a medical problem who needs monitoring in the front seat.

HAC change announced

A change in management of the Hereford Aquatic Center has been made with the departure of Sandra Kilanowski, who joined the City of Hereford staff in 1995.

City Manager Chester Nolen said Tuesday that the pool manager and her husband, Danny Kilanowski, had submitted their resignations, effective at the end of August. Danny Kilanowski has been a city employee since last October and had served as director of the parks and recreation department.

Replacing Sandra Kilanowski as HAC manager is Shawn Gonzales, who has been employed at the facility for a year and a half and has been assistant manager since February.

Nolen said the parks and recreation spot will not be filled until a later date.

The city manager said his decision to release both Sandra and Danny Kilanowski was made to allow them to pursue other interests.

"I understand they want to go to England to visit with his family and may eventually move to Australia," said Nolen.

He said Sandra Kilanowski was instrumental in getting the aquatic center open almost two years ago.

"She helped get it off the ground," Nolen added.

Former Hereford man promoted by Energas

Acie Boyd, former district manager in Hereford, has been named to the position of Lubbock Operations Manager for Energas Company.

Boyd, who attended Clarendon College, joined the company in 1978. He has been active in civic and community organizations throughout his career with Energas. Currently he is a member of Kiwanis Club in Hereford, and he also served as a director of Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce.

Boyd will be responsible for the overall operations in the Lubbock area, according to Anthony Looney, Energas senior vice president.

Boyd and his wife, Margo, will relocate to Lubbock. They are the parents of two daughters.

Emergency Services

Activities reported by law enforcement agencies:

POLICE DEPARTMENT

--An 18 year old male was arrested for driving without insurance.

--Charges of "felony possession of a firearm" are expected to be filed against a 22 year old male.

--Indecent exposure was investigated in the 200 block of North Kingwood.

--An air conditioner pump was stolen at a business located on East 16th Street.

--Vandalism was reported in the 200 block of East 3rd Street.

--Loud music reported in the 100 block of Avenue B.

--Two women were reported to be fighting in the 800 block of South Texas Street.

--Several persons were reported to be drinking alcohol in the 600 block of Irving Street.

--A dog barking loud was reported in the 300 block of Avenue J.

--Domestic dispute over the ownership of a car in the 100 block of Avenue D.

--Fireworks being discharged in the area of 6th and Schley Street.

--Welfare concern of a child being left alone at home was reported at a residence located in the 300 block of Star Street.

--Cars were reported to be going to fast in the 200 block of Lake Street.

Buffalo Blitz to make tour; Hereford is July 10 stop

A stop in Hereford will be included on a nine-city, three-day Buffalo Blitz July 8-10 planned by a contingent of West Texas A&M University administrators, faculty, staff, coaches and alumni.

The Panhandle tour begins Tuesday morning with a breakfast stop at the Borger Country Club, followed by lunch at K-Bob's Steak House in Perryton and dinner at Dyer's Bar-B-Que in Pampa.

The WTAMU vans will make stops on Wednesday at Clarendon College's Bairfield Activities Center Shamrock's Irish Inn and the Amarillo Club, respectively.

Thursday's schedule includes a 7 a.m. visit to the Western Sizzlin in Dumas, an 11:30 a.m. stop at K-Bob's in Dalhart and a 6 p.m. final blitz stop at K-Bob's in Hereford.

WTAMU alumni, former students and friends are invited.

"The Buffalo Blitz is a time for us to travel to central locations in the Texas Panhandle," Misty Price, Alumni Association director, said. "We are looking forward to visiting with old friends and making some new one along the way."

President Russell C. Long, athletics director Ed Harris and football coach Stan McGarvey are expected to be among the contingent that will join Price and other WTAMU representatives on the Panhandle tour.

Each of the breakfast meetings is scheduled from 7-8:30 a.m. Complimentary coffee and donuts will be served. Lunches, Dutch treat from the respective restaurant menus, will begin at 11:30 a.m. and will conclude at 1 p.m. Dinner presentations in Pampa and Hereford, also Dutch treat, are scheduled from 6-7:30 p.m.

There is no admission or registration fee, and reservations are not required at these eight Buffalo Blitz sites.

For more information, contact Price at 806-656-2311 or Bob Beumer, coordinator of external activities for the intercollegiate athletics department, at 806-656-2125.

The Buffalo Blitz is sponsored by the Alumni Association, the Buffalo Sports Association and the WTAMU Foundation.

Emergency Services

--Welfare concern of an elderly person reported in the 400 block of Jack Griffin.

--Domestic disturbance reported in the 400 block of Avenue D.

--Fireworks being discharged in the area of West Park and South Texas Street.

--11 traffic citations issued: --one motor vehicle accident without injuries:

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

--A 25 year old female was arrested on a warrant for surrender of surety. Her original charge was possession of marijuana.

--A 50 year old male was arrested on a warrant for theft by check.

--A 20 year old female was arrested on a warrant for assault.

--A 45 year old female was arrested on a warrant out of Randall county for bond forfeiture.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

--At 4:30 pm the department responded to a grass fire in the 200 block of Avenue J.



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

10-13-22-25-38
(ten, thirteen, twenty-two, twenty-five, thirty-eight)

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

6-1-2
(six, one, two)

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Lifestyles



AMBUCS

New officers for the American Business Club of Hereford were installed recently by past District Governor Floyd Clark of Amarillo, pictured above at right.

New officers are, from left, Pat Michael, secretary/treasurer; Oscar Williams, chaplain and Big Hat; Todd Gray, past president and sergeant of arms; George Pacheco, first vice president; and Nancy Buchanan, president.

Second vice president, Austin Hutton, is pictured at left with Alva Lee Peeler of Big Brothers/Big Sisters and Ryan Buchanan, a Little. Hutton presents tickets on the Snapper self-propelled lawnmower with mulcher to Peeler.

Tickets for the annual AMBUCS lawnmower give away are \$2 each or six for \$10. The drawing will be held during the Fourth of July celebration in Veterans Park.

For tickets or additional information, contact Nancy Buchanan at 364-7311.

Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: The letter from "Under 25 and Single in Michigan" about adultery and male infidelity inspired me to write to you. When I went through marriage counseling with my wife, the counselor asked the group what each of us thought was the most common reason for divorce. Adultery, of course, was No. 1 in this survey of young adults.

Imagine our surprise when the counselor told us that forgiveness is essential in a marriage and that if we are unable to forgive each other when we make mistakes, we should think twice about making a lifelong commitment.

My parents got a divorce when I was 12, and it was the most traumatic experience of my life. I knew what affairs and divorce can do to a family, and yet I risked taking that same road. A woman I worked with paid

attention to me when my wife did not. We had an affair. My wife found out about it and got even by having an affair with this woman's husband. My wife and I had three children under 10 at the time.

Thanks to the wisdom of our counseling group leader, we were able to forgive each other, and it saved our family. The lesson to be learned is that true love does not always travel over calm water. No marriage is perfect. We must accept the fact that there will be problems of one kind or another. Being able to forgive is the glue that holds many marriages together. -- The Voice of Experience in Portland

Dear Portland: Well said. Not only is it important to forgive, we must be able to put behind us what it was that we forgave. That's the hard part.

Dear Ann Landers: I read the letter in your column from the woman whose ex-husband was invited to a family wedding and reunion. I recently faced this problem with interesting results. Perhaps this letter will help others.

My son called to say I would be getting an invitation to his daughter's wedding soon and he wanted me to know that my ex-husband's widow also had been invited. During the 40 years that "Gladys" had been married to "Alfred," I had decided she wasn't my type, even though I never had met her. It upset me that my son thought Gladys needed to be invited to the wedding. After all, Alfred had been dead for several years, and this was another generation. Upon reflection, I decided not

to let Gladys' presence spoil the occasion for me or my granddaughter.

When we arrived at the church, I asked someone to point out Gladys. I then went over and introduced myself. She seemed ill at ease. I made a point of sitting next to her at the dinner that followed, and I finally worked up the courage to ask her about Alfred. I said I had found him brilliant but eccentric. She said he hadn't changed and mentioned some of his strange habits, and we both laughed. I decided Gladys must have been quite a woman to have put up with Alfred's idiosyncrasies for 40 years. I found myself admiring her for it.

After our long conversation, I regretted that I had avoided meeting her years before. I discovered that Gladys was intelligent, attractive and interesting and we probably would have been good friends had we not lived so far apart. -- Surprise Ending in Corvallis, Ore.

Dear Corvallis: You've made an excellent point, which is as follows: It's always a mistake to judge people before you get to know them. And P.S. If you liked Gladys, you can be reasonably certain that Gladys liked you.

What can you give the person who has everything? Ann Landers' booklet, "Gems," is ideal for a nightstand or coffee table. "Gems" is a collection of Ann Landers' most requested poems and essays. Send a self-addressed, long, business-size envelope and a check or money order for \$5.25 (this includes postage and handling) to: Gems, c/o Ann Landers, P.O. Box 11562, Chicago, Ill. 60611-0562.



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Having babies can decrease risk of ovarian cancer, study shows

WASHINGTON (AP) - The risk of ovarian cancer is directly related to a woman's lifetime number of ovulations, or menstrual cycles, according to researchers who found that bearing children and birth control pills provide protection from the disease.

A high number of ovulations can increase by nine times the chances of producing cells with a genetic flaw that often leads to ovarian cancer, said Dr. Andrew Berchuck, professor of gynecologic oncology at the Duke University Medical Center.

A statistical link between the number of ovulations and ovarian cancer has been known for some time, but the new study suggests the reason: A high number of ovulations increases the chances a tumor suppressor gene called p53 can be mutated, Berchuck said.

"We show that in women with ovarian cancer there is a very strong association between having a lot of ovulatory cycles and an alteration in the p53 gene," he said. "The majority of ovarian cancers have this p53 mutation and these mutations occur because of ovulation."

Anything that lowers the number of lifetime ovulation cycles thus reduces the risk of ovarian cancer, Berchuck said.

"If you have one baby, it decreases your risk by about 13 percent," he said. "If you have three babies, your risk is about half that of women who had no babies."

The study also clearly shows that birth control pills, which control ovulation, protect against ovarian cancer, he said. If the pill is taken for a year, it gives a 10 percent protection, while its use for five to 10 years cuts the risk in half.

Nursing a newborn also reduces the number of ovulations.

The study will be published Wednesday in the Journal of the National Cancer Institute. In an editorial, Dr. Alice S. Whittemore and Dr. Valerie McGuire of the

Stanford University School of Medicine note the information could create new research possibilities about a deadly cancer that is still poorly understood.

Ovarian cancer is diagnosed in about 27,000 American women annually, most of them near age 60.

About 15,000 women die of the disease every year.

The disease is only one-sixth as common as breast cancer, but it is far more lethal. Only about 30 percent of ovarian cancer patients survive five years, compared to about 70 percent of breast cancer patients.

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Today in History

By The Associated Press
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On this date:
In 1566, French astrologer, physician and prophet Nostradamus died in Salon.

In 1881, President Garfield was shot by Charles J. Guiteau at the Washington railroad station; Garfield died that September.

In 1890, Congress passed the Sherman Antitrust Act.

In 1926, the U.S. Army Air Corps was created.

In 1937, aviator Amelia Earhart and navigator Fred Noonan disappeared over the Pacific Ocean while attempting to make the first round-the-world flight at the equator.

In 1947, an object crashed near Roswell, N.M. The Army Air Force later insisted it was a weather balloon, but eyewitness accounts gave rise to speculation it might have been an alien spacecraft.

In 1961, author Ernest Hemingway shot himself to death at his home in Ketchum, Idaho.

In 1964, President Johnson signed

into law a sweeping civil rights bill passed by Congress.

In 1976, the Supreme Court ruled the death penalty was not inherently cruel or unusual.

In 1994, a USAir DC-9 crashed in poor weather at Charlotte-Douglas International Airport in North Carolina, killing 37 of the 57 people aboard.

Ten years ago: 18 illegal immigrants were found dead inside a locked boxcar near Sierra Blanca, Texas, in what authorities called a botched smuggling attempt; a 19th man survived.

Five years ago: The Labor Department reported that the nation's unemployment rate the previous month had risen to an eight-year high of 7.8 percent, compared to 7.5 percent in May. President Bush vetoed the so-called "motor-voter" registration bill; President Clinton later signed a revised version into law.

One year ago: Electricity and phone service was knocked out for millions of customers from Canada to the Southwest after power lines throughout the West failed on a record-hot day. Seven years after they shot their parents to death in the family's Beverly Hills mansion, Lyle and Erik Menendez were sentenced

to life in prison without parole.

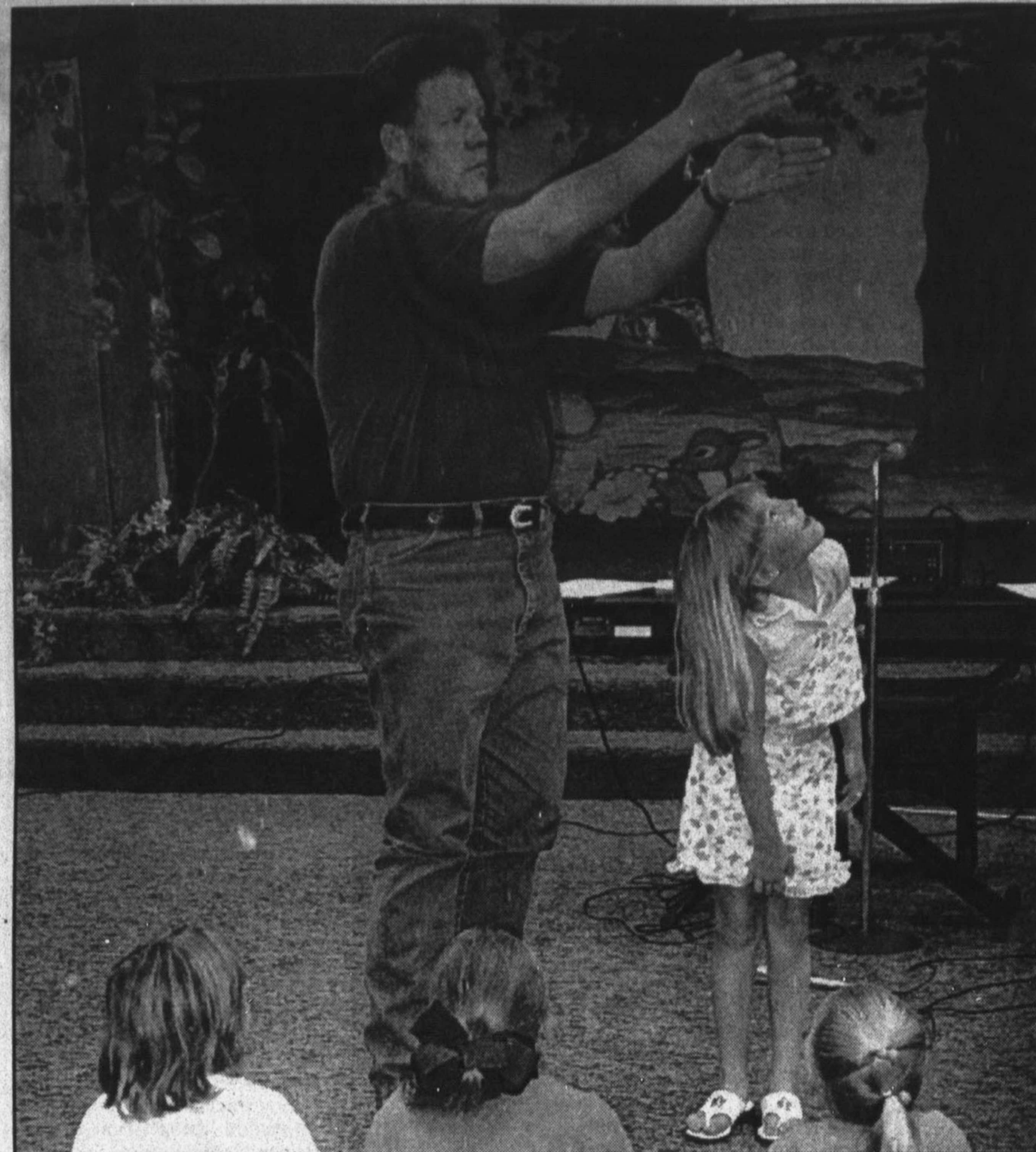
Today's Birthdays: Actor Brock Peters ("To Kill a Mockingbird") is 70. Former Philippine first lady Imelda Marcos is 68. Actress Polly Holliday is 60. Former White House chief of staff John Sununu is 58. Actor Ron Silver is 51. Luci Baines Johnson Turpin, daughter of President Johnson, is 50. Rock musician Roy Bittan (Bruce Springsteen & the E Street Band) is 48. Actress Cheryl Ladd is 46. Actor Jimmy McNichol is 36. Actress Vanessa Lee Chester ("The Lost World: Jurassic Park") is 13.

Thought for Today: "The instinctive feeling of a great people is often wiser than its wisest men." - Louis Kossuth, Hungarian statesman (1802-1894).

Boyd family to hold reunion

The descendants of the late Robert and Nettie Boyd, former longtime residents of Hereford, will gather for a family reunion July 5-6 at the Nita Lea Camp Fire Lodge, 903 14th Street in Hereford.

Children of the couple are Bobbie Boyd Adams, Mary Kathryn Boyd Brown, Frances Boyd and Frank Boyd.



Flame Fellowship to meet

Hereford Flame Fellowship will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in Hereford Community Center. Guest speaker will be Brenda Landers.

Landers and her husband, Shane, recently graduated from Rhema Bible Training Center in Broken Arrow, Okla. They now make their home in Lubbock. Landers served as president

of Hereford Flame Fellowship from August 1994 to August 1995. She and Shane then enrolled in Rhema Bible Training Center to fulfill the ministry call on their lives.

Landers desires to minister to people and see their faith grow and their needs met.

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Brand Lifestyle editor recognized

Becky Camp, Hereford Brand lifestyle editor, holds a first-place plaque for feature writing that she won from the Texas Press Association. The TPA contest winners were announced over the weekend in a state convention held in Amarillo. Camp's winning feature was a Mother's Day page, "M is for Mommy," which had photos of local children along with quotes about their mothers.

How tall?

Hannah Valdez helped to illustrate how tall 16 hands are when Canyon storyteller Tim Lewis entertained Summer Reading Club participants Tuesday at the Deaf Smith County Library. Lewis told stories of Texas history and legend including an original song about "Steel Dust", a very large and famous Texas race horse. Summer Reading Club continues through July 12.

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Tigers use long ball to blast Mets, 14-0

Rangers, Astros come up on short end of scores during interleague games

By The Associated Press
Call it dialing long distance. Or going yard. Or playing long-ball.

Whatever the latest slang for a home run, the Detroit Tigers hit five Tuesday night and 11 in two victories over the New York Mets.

Detroit won 14-0 Monday night and took an 8-0 lead Tuesday night before settling for an 8-6 victory that ended with the bases loaded with Mets.

Bobby Higginson led the homer barrage, hitting three Monday night and tying a major league record with his fourth in four at-bats in the first inning Tuesday night.

Brian Hunter was on base for each of Higginson's four homers, setting the stage for big innings.

"It's hard to believe Hunter's a .240 hitter and Higginson's not going for the home-run title," Mets manager Bobby Valentine said.

Higginson's streak ended when he took a called third strike in the third inning from Mets starter Bobby Jones (12-5).

"I was just looking for the perfect pitch," Higginson said. "I was aware of it (the record). I just couldn't do it."

The Mets scored four in the eighth and two in the ninth before Todd Jones finally got Bernard Gilkey to hit a game-ending flyout with the bases loaded.

"That wasn't too good," Tigers manager Buddy Bell said. "For a while, we couldn't stop the bleeding. And when that happens, the hitting becomes contagious."

Hitting was certainly contagious for the Tigers early as Travis Fryman homered immediately following Higginson's first-inning homer. Bob Hamelin hit a three-run homer in the

third inning. Damion Easley hit a solo homer in the fourth and Curtis Pride hit a solo homer in the sixth.

The major league record for homers by a team in two games is 13.

Brian Mochler (6-6) won his second straight start, allowing three unearned runs and seven hits in 7 1/3 innings.

Mariners 15, Giants 4

Rookie Jose Cruz Jr. drove in a season-high five runs with a pair of homers as Seattle buried visiting San Francisco.

Cruz, the third pick overall in the 1995 amateur draft, has eight homers in 26 games since he was brought up from the minors May 31. Alex Rodriguez hit a three-run homer and Russ Davis added a two-run shot for the Mariners, who have homered four or more times in eight games this season.

Braves 3, Yankees 1

Atlanta won for the first time in six tries dating back to last year's World Series as Ryan Klesko, benched for most of the Fall Classic, hit a two-run homer in support of Denny Neagle (12-1).

The Braves, who dropped the final four to New York last October and lost 1-0 in 10 innings at Yankee Stadium on Monday night, improved their interleague record to 3-5. The Yankees are 4-4 going into today's series wrapup, a matchup of Greg Maddux and Dwight Gooden.

Neagle gave up one run in 7 2/3 innings before giving way to Mark Wohlers, who recorded his 18th save.

Orioles 4, Phillies 1

Randy Myers got his 300th career save in relief of Scott Erickson as Baltimore handed Philadelphia its eighth consecutive loss.

Myers became the ninth pitcher in

major league history with 300 saves. Myers, who has 26 saves this season, joined John Franco as the second left-hander with 300.

Lenny Webster and Rafael Palmeiro homered for the Orioles, who lost four straight before beating the visiting Phillies twice.

The only run off Erickson (11-3) in 7 1/3 innings was unearned.

Pirates 3, White Sox 0
Jose Guillen's two-run triple in the seventh broke a scoreless tie and Steve Cooke pitched eight shutout innings, lifting Pittsburgh over visiting Chicago.

Cooke (6-9) gave up five hits and didn't allow a runner past second base. He was lifted after Frank Thomas' leadoff single in the ninth, and Rich Loiselle got three outs for his eighth save.

White Sox starter James Baldwin (5-9) took a shutout into the seventh inning for the second consecutive start.

Reds 9, Brewers 1

Joe Oliver homered for a third straight game and Terry Pendleton hit a grand slam during a seven-run seventh inning that carried Cincinnati over visiting Milwaukee.

Dave Burba (5-8) pitched a three-hitter to get his first victory since May 18 and end the Reds' distinction as the only major league team without a complete game. Burba also had two hits, including an RBI single.

Oliver's two-run homer off Jose Mercedes (3-4) snapped a 1-1 tie in the seventh inning.

Cardinals 2, Twins 0

Todd Stottlemyre struck out 10 and allowed five singles in seven scoreless innings, and Tom Lampkin hit a two-run homer as host St. Louis beat Minnesota. Stottlemyre (7-5) allowed no Twins

runner past first base until Ron Coomer and Roberto Kelly singled with two outs in the seventh. Lampkin homered in the fourth after LaTroy Hawkins (1-3) hit Royce Clayton with a pitch.

Indians 8, Astros 6
Sandy Alomar Jr. extended his hitting streak to 27 games, and Matt Williams and Tony Fernandez hit two-run singles in the seventh inning for Cleveland.

Alomar's 27-game streak tied John Flaherty for the second-longest hitting streak for a catcher in major league history. Benito Santiago holds the record of 34 straight games in 1987.

Manny Ramirez, who let Tim Lincecum's hit down the right-field line become an inside-the-park homer earlier in the game, made it 8-6 with the eighth homer into the upper deck in Astrodome history.

Dodgers 6, Rangers 3

Eric Karros had his second two-homer game in interleague play, leading host Los Angeles over Texas.

Karros' second homer of the game and 18th of the season - after Mike Piazza's ground-rule double - put the Dodgers up 4-3 in the sixth. Raul Mondesi hit his 17th homer two pitches later off Julio Santana (3-4).

Karros also homered twice when the Dodgers played at Seattle on June 14.

Darren Dreifort (3-0), pitching in relief of Tom Candiotti, blanked the Rangers on two hits for three innings before Todd Worrell worked a scoreless ninth for his 17th save.

Red Sox 9, Marlins 2

Troy O'Leary was 3-for-4 with three RBIs as Boston bounced back from its error-filled opener against visiting Florida.

A night after the Red Sox

committed four errors to help the Marlins win the first meeting between the two teams, the Red Sox had 14 hits and 11 walks.

Expos 2, Blue Jays 1

Jeff Juden took a no-hitter into the eighth and finished by giving up two hits in 8 1/3 innings as Montreal edged Toronto in front of the first sellout at SkyDome since 1995.

Juden (10-2) outdueling Roger Clemens, allowing a leadoff homer to Shawn Green and a one-out single by Orlando Merced in the ninth before Ugueth Urbina got the last two outs for his 15th save.

Clemens (12-3) gave up an RBI double to David Segui in the first and a solo homer to Rondell White in the second.

Angels 4, Rockies 1

Chuck Finley won his first game since May 31, Tim Salmon went 4-for-4 and Jim Edmonds homered for Anaheim at Colorado.

The Angels, who snapped a six-game losing streak in interleague play, also got a solo homer from Luis Alicaia.

Finley (4-6) stopped the Rockies on three hits through six innings before giving up a run in the seventh.

Cubs 6, Royals 1

At Chicago, Shawon Dunston had three hits and Ryne Sandberg drove in two runs as the Cubs handed Kansas City its fourth consecutive loss.

Doug Glanville added a solo homer for Chicago, and Frank Castillo (5-9) gave up an unearned run and five hits in eight innings for the victory.

Athletics 8, Padres 6

At Oakland, Dave Magadan, Jason

Piazza leads NL All-Stars

NEW YORK (AP) - Mike Piazza once again got the most votes in fan balloting for the NL All-Star team. Barry Bonds got the biggest surprise - he was left out of the starting lineup.

"I'm just really honored, and it really is exciting," Piazza said after final voting was released Tuesday.

Piazza wasn't sure why he's so popular.

"I guess there are a lot of Italians out there," he said Tuesday after he became the National League's leading All-Star vote-getter for the second straight season.

The Los Angeles Dodgers catcher, the MVP of last year's All-Star game, received 2,626,213 votes, 888,127 behind the AL's leader, Seattle outfielder Ken Griffey Jr.

For the first time ever, the leading vote-getters in each league repeated their titles. Piazza will be appearing for the fifth consecutive year, his fourth straight as a starter.

"I'm really looking forward to this one just as much as any one I've ever been to," he said. "It never gets old for me."

Tony Gwynn, San Diego's seven-time NL batting champion, overtook Bonds in the final week of voting to win the third outfield spot by 44,417, the smallest victory margin of any NL starter.

He will be on the NL team for the

ninth straight season, his 13th overall, but missed last year's game because of injury.

"I told Barry in San Francisco (last week), 'I don't think I can catch you, man.' This is a shocker for me," said Gwynn, voted to the starting lineup for the 10th time.

Elected to the NL infield for the July 8 game at Cleveland were Houston first baseman Jeff Bagwell (1,494,752), Astros second baseman Craig Biggio (1,161,610), Cincinnati shortstop Barry Larkin (1,160,651) and San Diego third baseman Ken Caminiti (1,438,736).

Larkin, selected for the ninth time in 10 years, will miss his third All-Star game because of an injury. He strained his left calf June 16.

"I have flexibility. I just don't have the strength," Larkin said after taking batting practice Tuesday. "I can't hold my body weight on it."

Atlanta's Kenny Lofton (2,174,613) and Colorado's Larry Walker (1,732,886) were selected along with Gwynn (1,603,730) in the outfield.

Lofton, an AL starter the past three seasons when he was with Cleveland, is disabled because of a pulled left groin muscle, but is eligible to be activated Friday.

"I'd love to be out there for the

fans, but the Atlanta Braves are first and foremost," he said. "If I don't play this weekend, I'm not feeling right, not feeling up to par, the All-Star game is secondary right now."

Walker, the major league's leading hitter at .402, said he would play even if Randy Johnson is pitching for the AL. When Johnson pitched for Seattle against Colorado on June 13, Walker took himself out of the lineup so he wouldn't have to face Johnson, perhaps the toughest pitcher for left-handed hitters.

"If I'm going to show what I can do, it is going to be in a Rockies uniform in a regular-season game," Walker said. "I'm going there to do my best, and I'm not going to worry if it's good or bad. I'm not going there pressing."

Biggio will be on the team for the sixth time in seven years. Bagwell and Caminiti will be making their third appearances, while Walker will be making his second with the first in 1992.

"I'm definitely not having a great year, but I'm not complaining. I'll take it," said Caminiti, hitting just .246 with six homers following his MVP season.

Caminiti gets a \$50,000 bonus, while Bagwell, Biggio, Gwynn, Lofton and Walker get \$25,000 each.

WNBA averages 10,369 per game

NEW YORK (AP) - The WNBA averaged crowds of 10,369 for its first 16 games, the league said Tuesday.

The high point was the largest attendance ever for a women's professional game - a crowd of 17,780 on Sunday for the New York Liberty's home opener at Madison Square Garden against the Phoenix Mercury.

WNBA spokeswoman Alice McGillion said the Liberty's ticket sale was not bolstered by giveaways or block purchases by corporate sponsors. She told The New York Times fewer than 1,000 such tickets were distributed.

The Mercury also was involved in the second- and third-largest draws. More than 16,000 attended both the Mercury's game at Houston and its home opener against Charlotte.

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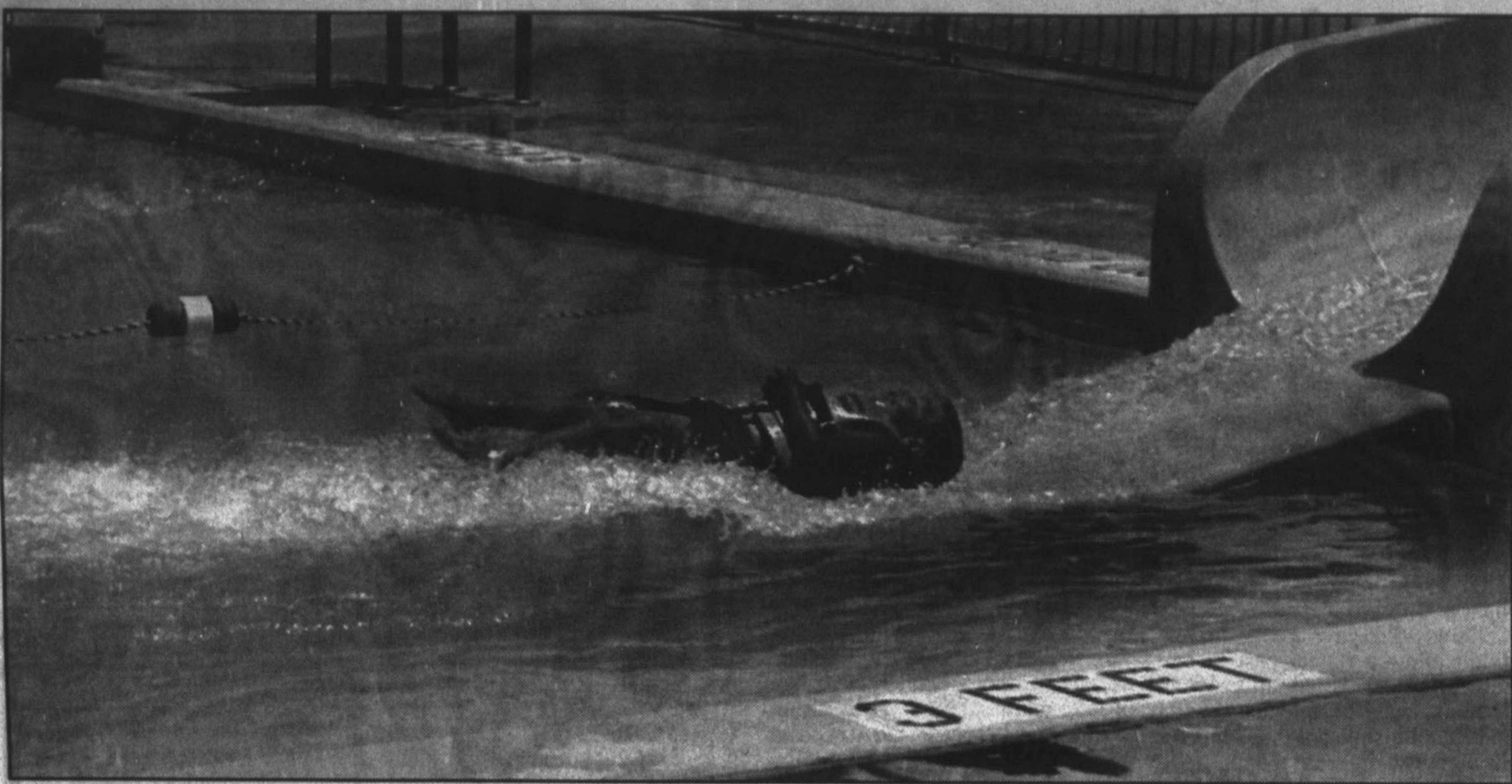
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Cooling off

A young swimmer closes his eyes tightly in anticipation of dropping off the end of the super slide at Hereford's water park.

There were long lines of swimmers waiting for their chance to take their turn on the slide.

Senior PGA tour gets older

By RON SIRAK
AP Golf Writer

The senior tour is getting old. What started as a welcome chance to see Arnie, Jack, Lee and Chi Chi win one more time has now become a weekly opportunity to watch guys named Gibby, Bud and Gil take home the top prize.

The problem with the PGA Senior Tour is that it is either dominated by the youngest guys on the circuit — Hale Irwin and Gil Morgan have won a combined eight times this year — or a little-known player with little fan appeal.

Maybe what is needed is not a senior tour but simply a senior Grand Slam series that gives the fans four chances a year to remember the glory days of some of golf's greatest players.

Instead, fans are given a weekly

reminder of the cruel passage of time.

The steady growth of the senior tour through the 1980s was entirely personality driven. Just witness the bump in popularity Tiger Woods has given the PGA Tour.

When the senior tour started in 1980, Arnold Palmer was there. Few athletes in any sports have been as compelling and charismatic as Palmer. The King hadn't won on the regular tour in seven years and everyone embraced the chance to see him once again charging to victory.

And Palmer didn't let his fans down, winning nine times in his first six years as a senior player.

Palmer was joined in 1985 by Gary Player and Chi Chi Rodriguez. Lee Trevino, another captivating personality, turned 50 in 1989 and the remarkable Jack Nicklaus came along a year later.

Consider this: Palmer hasn't won on the senior tour since 1988. Player has won twice since 1991. Rodriguez last won in 1993 and Trevino won twice in '95, once in '96 and has yet to win this year.

Nicklaus has won at least once every year as a senior since 1990 except for '92, yet ominously has not won this year.

And consider this: The average age of the winner on this year on the senior tour is 52.38 years. Since 1980, the average age of the player with the most victories each year is 50.7 years.

The average age of the leading money winner is 51.4 years and the average age of the scoring leader is 52.05 years.

The tour is getting old but its top players are staying the same age.

John Bland, last year's rookie of the year among the seniors, had his best finish on the PGA Tour in the 1978 World Series of Golf when he finished 20th.

And TV viewers seem to have noticed the bland nature of the seniors. Five events so far this year were on network TV and the ratings for all of those were down dramatically.

The average weekend rating for the Legends of Golf was 1.1, down 37 percent from last year. The PGA Seniors had a 1.8 rating, down 18 percent and the Ameritech was 1.4, a little better than half of what it was last year.

The BellSouth held the same at a 1.7 and the Tradition, with a 1.6, was on ESPN last year and a comparison could not be made.

The regular PGA Tour has average network ratings of about 3.3.

Clearly sponsors such as Cadillac still feel the small, affluent audience is worth reaching. People who watch senior golf drive Cadillacs it seems.

While the senior tour will have new dominant golfers coming along — those guys who will win a lot when they are 50 until they hit 53 — it is a few years until some true fan favorites come down the pike.

Larry Nelson, who won the PGA twice and the U.S. Open once, turns 50 in September. But it's not until 1999 that fan favorites Tom Watson and Tom Kite turn 50. Fuzzy Zoeller joins the seniors in 2001 and Ben Crenshaw the next year.

For those who really like to plan ahead, Greg Norman comes along in 2005 and Tiger Woods in 2026.

Maybe that will give it the same pizzazz it had when Arnold Palmer was winning. Until then, the senior tour will just continue to get old.

Cowboys Haley announces plans to retire from football

STRAFFORD, Mo. (AP) - While the Dallas Cowboys are preparing for training camp, defensive end Charles Haley is getting ready to retire.

Haley, a winner of five Super Bowls, said Tuesday he will make his retirement official before the start of the season because of back injuries.

"Nah, I'm not playing," he said before taking part in a tribute to Pat Jones, father of team owner Jerry Jones, at a tourist attraction in southwest Missouri.

Asked when it would be official, the 33-year-old defensive end said: "The boss has to tell me."

"Something has to be done," Haley said. "I think they have a game plan for me, they just probably haven't told me."

The boss, Jerry Jones, refused to confirm Haley's decision.

"We have not had a meeting,"

YMCA now registering for church softball

Registration is now underway for the Y.M.C.A. Church League Co-ed softball season.

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Jones said Tuesday. "There's no doubt in my mind he could go out there and play a few games. But it would probably get him some back surgery, too."

And that's something Haley would like to avoid.

Haley, described Tuesday by coach Barry Switzer as "the greatest defensive rushing end in pro football," has had three back operations in four years, forcing him to miss 16 games.

He is signed through 1999 and could save the Cowboys \$2 million in base salary if he retires. When pressed about his retirement during a news conference, Haley stammered until teammate Herschel Walker interjected, "He's just old."

No matter his future status, Tuesday he was still a Cowboy when he joined Jones, Switzer, Walker, two cheerleaders and 150 well-wishers in a tribute to Jones' father.

The elder Jones, 76, was given a small donkey and several plaques for his contributions to tourism in the Ozarks region of southwest Missouri. The ceremony was held at the Exotic Animal Paradise, which Pat Jones founded in 1971.

Before the ceremony, Walker said the team would miss Haley, who won two Super Bowls with San Francisco and three with Dallas. Haley brought his rings Tuesday at Jerry Jones' request.

"Charles is a player. He works hard," Walker said. "He's one of the best pass rushers that plays this game, so you're going to miss somebody like that."

Bagwell, Biggio first Astros twosome in All-Star contest

HOUSTON (AP) - First baseman Jeff Bagwell and second baseman Craig Biggio became the first Houston Astros twosome to be voted into the All-Star game as starters.

Bagwell entered Tuesday night's game against the Cleveland Indians second in the NL with 22 home runs and 72 RBIs. Biggio ranked second in the NL with 69 runs fourth with 101 hits.

"To me, the thing that separates them from the other players is their all-around games," Astros manager Larry Dierker said. "A lot of times you just look at the numbers, but in general they are two of the best

fielders, best base runners and best all around players around."

Biggio made the NL All-Star roster for the sixth time in seven years, earning him a \$50,000 bonus. He received 1,161,610 votes.

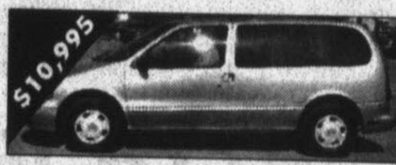
"To me, it never is old hat getting to that game, that's for sure," Biggio said. "It's something you appreciate so much. It's special and it always will be special."

Added Bagwell: "It's an incredible honor to be on that team. The entire weekend is kind of crazy but it's something you remember for a long time."

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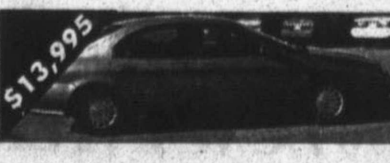
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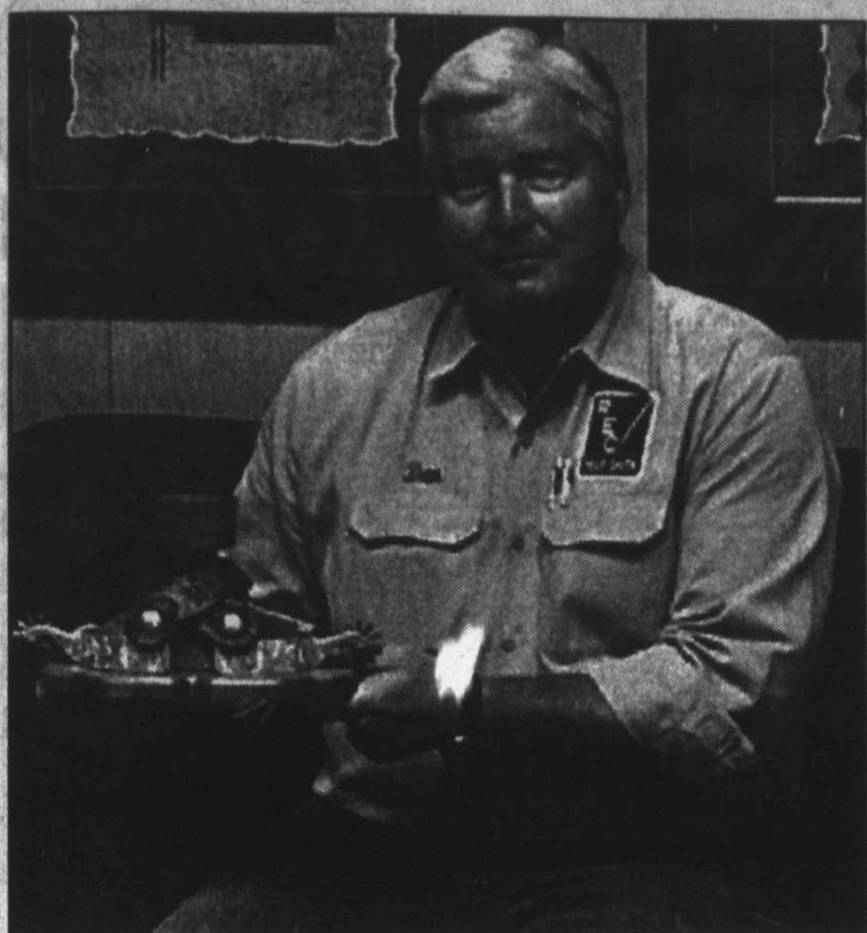
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Decorative spurs

Dan Higgins displays a pair of gold and silver spurs contributed by an anonymous donor which will be included in the auction to be held in conjunction with the annual King's Manor Barbecue on July 12.

Tanker oil spill threatens Japan

YOKOHAMA, Japan (AP) - A supertanker ran aground today and dumped an estimated 3.9 million gallons of crude oil in Tokyo Bay, the worst spill in Japanese history.

Authorities feared that a spark could set the 3 1/2-mile-wide slick on fire. A dozen coast guard boats patrolled the fouled bay, warning fishermen to keep their distance and avoid using cigarette lighters or matches.

The spill released noxious fumes that sickened more than a dozen people on shore, mostly children.

The 147,012-ton, Panamanian-registered Diamond Grace ran aground about 22 miles southeast of Tokyo, less than four miles off Yokohama. Officials said the oil apparently had stopped leaking by noon, about 1 1/2 hours after the accident.

By nightfall, the tanker had been dislodged with the help of two tugboats and was moving under its own power to nearby Kawasaki, where its remaining oil was to be removed.

"This is the worst oil spill Japan has ever experienced," Transportation Minister Makoto Koga said.

The slick was drifting north toward Tokyo, having moved about 6 miles from the accident site by late afternoon.

About 40 boats were throwing absorbent mats onto the water to soak up the crude. A helicopter sprayed solvents on the water to break up the oil and workers used everything from barrels to ladles to scoop it up.

Coast guard helicopters hovered over the bay. The oil sparked on the water, with the silhouette of Mt. Fuji in the distance.

The Maritime Safety Agency, Japan's coast guard, said the tanker dumped nearly twice as much as Japan's previous worst spill in 1974, when 2 million gallons poured from a storage tank in southwestern Japan.

The Exxon Valdez tanker spilled

11 million gallons in Alaska in 1989.

The Kyodo News agency said the tanker scraped a reef in shallow waters, tearing holes in two oil tanks near the starboard bow. Officials were questioning the captain, Kyodo said.

U.S. cash popular outside country

WASHINGTON (AP) - American goods are prized in many parts of the world, but the most popular product of all may be cold, hard cash.

Government officials estimate that two-thirds of the \$405 billion in U.S. currency that is now in circulation is held outside the country. About three-quarters of that \$270 billion cache of hoarded cash is in \$100 bills.

Not only is U.S. currency valued for its anonymity and compactness, it's also popular for the same reasons people once held gold coins, said Richard D. Porter of the Federal Reserve's division of monetary affairs.

"In addition to the dollar's virtues as cash, dollars are held and used because of their liquidity and stability relative to most of the world's currencies," he and an associate, Ruth A. Judson, explained in a recent issue of the monthly Federal Reserve Bulletin.

The study described dollars as "a safe asset in an unpredictable world" that "often flow into a country during periods of economic and political upheaval and sometimes remain there well after the crisis has subsided."

Aside from the fear of counterfeiting, Porter said there is little reason for concern about the hoarding of dollars in other countries. In fact,

Champion poet brings crowd to feet

Gorman youth realizes dream in winning state 4-H title

By LORETTA FULTON
Abilene Reporter-News
GORMAN, Texas - Spurs jingling, legs bowed, tall, lanky Tommy Seay swings off his horse and reads himself for his next chore at the cattle pens - reciting poetry.

He tilts his over-sized hat back on his head, the one with the "reach and grab" crease, crooks his body just so, and transforms himself from cowboy to cowboy poet. The transformation is so good that Seay is the State 4-H Champion Cowboy Poet, a poet laureate with a lariat.

He re-enacts his awarding winning recitation of the poem, "The Bra," made famous in cowboy poetry circles by Waddy Mitchell, a well known cowboy bard.

The 17-year-old never blushes as he spins the rhyming yarn of the old cowboy who's sent by his wife to buy her a bra.

It's a funny tale, one that was interrupted numerous times with giggles and applause at the state 4-H Roundup held at College Station earlier this month.

It's a tale that stirred 4,000 people in the audience to rise to their feet with a thunderous ovation at its conclusion.

It was the performance of a lifetime for the Eastland High School junior who lives in Gorman.

"That has been his goal since going down to Roundup," said Tommy's mother, Vicki Seay.

4-H rules prohibit the state champion from competing again in the same contest, so that's the end of the road for Tommy in 4-H competition. But it may be the beginning of something bigger.

Big name performers such as Mitchell bring in \$5,000 per performance. And, Tommy's parents, Vicki and Thomas, are eyeing the lucrative scholarships made available through 4-H and FFA.

Already Tommy has won several thousand dollars at livestock shows, both from the sale of animals and because of his performance abilities.

Tommy seems born to be a cowboy poet.

"Yes ma'am, I reckon," is his concurring response.

Tommy has spent his life in a world that ended for most people at the end of the last century.

"We put him on a horse when he was six weeks old," his mother said, which explains the bowed legs. "He should have been born about a hundred years ago."

But Tommy is trying his best to make up for the poor timing. His summer days are spent mostly atop Blue Duck, a handsome steed that carries Tommy around the pens at the Ranger Auction Co. which his parents co-own with another man.

Tommy's living his dream the best he can approaching the 21st century. "If the money permitted I'd like to cowboy all my life," he said. "But it's hard to do nowadays."

Tommy's turn toward poetry

began in the fourth grade when he entered a talent show at school and proved to be entertaining to his classmates.

Later that year he went to a gathering of cowboy poets at the Western Heritage Classic in Abilene and bought a Waddy Mitchell tape. It was better than kissing a horse. Tommy was in love with cowboy poetry.

"I just kind of hung with it," he said. "I feel it's kind of a part of me."

Tommy has become so proficient that when his idol Mitchell heard him at another Western Heritage Classic, he invited Tommy to Chicago to do an opening act for him.

Since then Tommy has performed at the Lubbock Cowboy Symposium and the State Fair. He has his aim on the "granddaddy of them all," Mitchell's gathering at Elko, Nev.

Besides the thrill that comes with performing, Tommy appreciates what cowboy poetry can teach him.

"There's so much history that goes with cowboy poetry," he said.

The poetry developed on the long

cattle drives of the 1800s. At night cowboys would sit around the campfire telling tales.

"To make the stories more interesting, they would put them to rhyme," Tommy said. The listeners would "just want to hear them over and over again."

Tommy's teachers like to hear it over and over again, too. So much so, in fact, that the English teachers invite him to their classes to help other students learn the beauty of poetry, even though Tommy admits he "just tolerates" poetry not spoken with drawl.

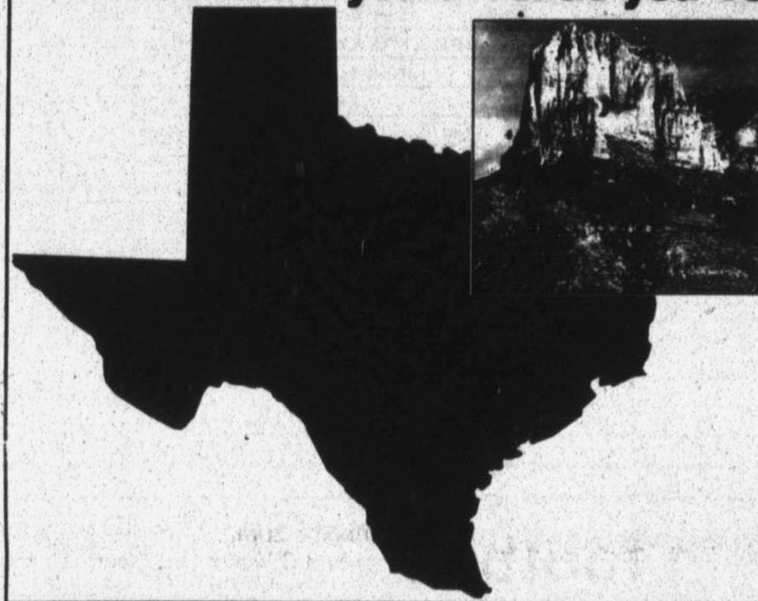
With about 30 poems in his repertoire, Tommy is in demand just about anywhere cowboys and gathered. He hopes that one day that gathering will be in Elko, Nev., alongside Waddy Mitchell. Whether Tommy can make a living as a cowboy poet remains to be seen. He's planning on college just in case.

But it doesn't hurt to dream. "I'll just have to see where my poetry takes me," he said.

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Chip 'n' Dale	Marmalade	Pooh	Katie-Orbie	Mickey	Wonderland	GummiB	Madeline	Marmalade	Pooh	Ducktales
Today				Mary		Geraldo Rivera	Jenny Jones	Wimbledon		
Government	Puzzle Place	Sesame Street	Station	Mr Rogers	Storyline	Reading	Arthur	Barney	Smart	
Gilligan	Bewitched	Little House on the Prairie	3's Co.	Mama	Griffith	Griffith	(-05) Matlock	Movie:		
Good Morning America				Live - Regis & Kathie Lee	Montel Williams	Medicine Woman	News			
BugsDaffy	Animaniacs	Bewitched	Bewitched	Empty Nest	Charlie's Angels	Geraldo Rivera	News			
This Morning				Ricki Lake	Price Is Right	Young and the Restless	News			
Quack Pack	Bobby	Mask	Bobby	Fox After Breakfast	Paid Prog.	Murphy	K. Copeland	Paid Prog.	Gunsmoke	
Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter
Father Dowling Mysteries	Waltons			700 Club	FitTV	Rescue 911	Home			
Movie: Modern Problems	Chevy Chase	(-35) Movie: An Affair to Remember	Cary Grant	***	Movie: Fraternity Row	Peter Fox	'PG'	Movie:		
Movie: Fast Forward	John Scott Clough	*** PG'	Movie: Date With an Angel	Michael E. Knight	*** PG'	Movie: Black Sheep	Chris Farley	PG-13		
Movie: Vengeance-Fu	(-15) Movie: Legends of the North	Randy Quaid	'PG'	Movie: The Elephant Man	John Hurt	*** PG'	Movie:			
Movie: Allegheny Uprising	Movie: Johnny Angel	(1945) ***	Movie: Best of the Badmen	(1951) ***	Movie: Key Largo	(1948) ***	Movie:			
(Off Air)	Wildhorse Saloon	VideoMorning		Dallas	Alene's Crafts	Am. Country				
Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Cuisine	Graham K.	Home Matters	Housesmart!	Start	Interior Mot.	Home		
Columbo				Cosby Mysteries	Mike Hammer	Quincy	Law & Order			
Baby Knows	Kids These	Sisters	Handmade	Gourmet	Our Home	Living	Main Ingrid.	Supermkt		
FOX Sports News	FOX Sports News	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.
Scoby Doo	Scoby Doo	Flintstones	Flintstones	Gilligan	Gilligan	Spencer: For Hire	Outer Limits	Twilight Z.		
Looney	Rugrats	Little Bear	Blue's Clues	Rupert	Muppets	Allegro	Gullah	Little Bear	Blue's Clues	Busy World
(6:00) Despierta America				Chespirito	Maite	Dos Mujeres Un Camino	La Culpa			Sombra
Classroom	History Showcase	Real West				Movie: The Alamo: 13 Days to Glory	(1987) James Arness	***		
Flex Appeal	Bodyshape	Crunch	Training	Perfect	Crunch	Gotta Sweat	Fitness	Flex Appeal	Bodyshape	ESPNNews

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12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4:30	5 PM	5:30
Donald	Flight of Dragons		Goliath II	Tale Spin	Ducktales	Chip 'n' Dale	Goof Troop	Flash	Torkelsons
(12:00) Wimbledon Tennis Women's Semifinal						Oprah Winfrey	News	NBC News	
Body Elec.	Painting	Keeping Up	Kitchen	Adventure	Adventure	Wishbone	C. Sandiego	Science Guy	Magical Bus
(12:05) Movie: *** Legend	(1965)	Flintstones	Flintstones	Looney	Brady	Videos	Saved-Bell	Saved-Bell	Saved-Bell
Jeopardy!	One Life to Live	General Hospital	Port Charles	Extra	Rosie O'Donnell	News	ABC News		
News	Streets of San Francisco	Beauty and the Beast	Beverly Hills, 90210	Fam. Mat.	Dreams	Saved-Bell	Saved-Bell	Saved-Bell	Saved-Bell
Bold & B.	As the World Turns	Guiding Light	Dating	Newlywed	Hard Copy	News	CBS News		
Gunsmoke	Little House on the Prairie	In the Heat of the Night	Batman	Spider-Man	Big Bad	Rangers	Fresh Pr.	Simpsons	
Volleyball	Brooklyn Dodgers	Brooklyn Dodgers	Sr. PGA	Inside PGA	NFL Great	NFL Great	Up Close	Sportsctr.	
(12:00) Home & Family		ShopDrop	Shopping	Animal	Animal	Carol Bnt.	Carol Bnt.	Luau: Home & Family	
Movie: Duchess & Dintwater Fox	(1:55) Movie: Hard Times	*** PG'	Movie: Robin of Locksley	Devon Sawa	Movie: Modern Problems				
Movie: Crimewave Louise Lasser	'PG-13'	Movie: A Family Divided	Faye Dunaway	Tracy	Wimbledon Tennis Women's Semifinal				
(12:00) Movie: Dreamer	Movie: Lucas Corey Haim	*** PG-13'	(-15) Movie: Sylvester Richard Farnsworth	*** PG'	Movie: Author! Author!	***			
Movie: Two Weeks in Another Town	(1962) ***	Movie: To Catch a Thief	(1955) Cary Grant	***	Movie: Please Don't				
Am. Country	Wildhorse Saloon	Alene's Crafts	Dallas	Club Dance	Dukes of Hazzard				
Home	Housesmart!	Interior Mot.	Start	Great Chefs	Great Chefs	Travelers	Movie Magic	Bey. 2000	
Law & Order	Columbo			Cosby Mysteries	Mike Hammer	Quincy			
Debt	Movie: Swimsuit	(1989) Catherine Oxenberg	***	Comish	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Supermkt	Debt	
Thoroughbred	Cycle World	Motorsports Hour	This Week in NASCAR	Speed	Drag Racing	Baseball			
Twilight Z.	Movie: Keep the Change	(1992) William Petersen	***	Movie: Tall Man Riding	(1955) Randolph Scott	***	In the Heat of the Night		
Papa Beaver	Looney	Beetlejuice	Tiny Toon	Muppets	Chipmunks	Gadget	You Afraid?	Rocko's Life	Clarissa
(12:00) Movie: *** Born on the Fourth of July	(1989) Tom Cruise	PGA Golf Western Open - First Round			Renegade				
Sombra	Soi De Tentacion	Cristina	Primer Impacto	Dr Perez	Noticiero				
Movie: Air Combat		Real West	Movie: The Alamo: 13 Days to Glory	(1987) James Arness, Brian Keith	***				
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Movie: Robin Hood	(1973) Andy Devine	(-25) Movie: The Secret Garden	*** PG'	(-10) Movie: Summer Magic	Hayley Mills	*** PG'	Movie:			
News	Ent. Tonight	Friends	Men-Badly	Sinfeld	Suddenly	ER	News	Wimbledon	Tonight	
NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	Around the World	Mystery!	Imaging America	Charles Rose	World					
Fam. Mat.	Major League Baseball Atlanta Braves at Montreal Expos			Movie: Tank	(1983) James Garner, G.D. Spradlin	***				
News	Wh. Fortune	High Incident	Vital Signs	Turning Point	News	Sinfeld	Nightline			
Major League Baseball Chicago Cubs at Philadelphia Phillies				News	Witeguy	Heat				
News	Home Imp.	Diagnosis Murder	Moloney	48 Hours	News	(-35) Late Show				
Roseanne	Mad-You	Movie: Avalanche	(1994) Michael Gross	***	Star Trek: Deep Space 9	Mad-You	Cops	Real TV		
Sportctr.	WNBA Basketball: Sparks at Rockers	Up Close Special	Baseball	Sportscenter	Baseball					
Super Night of Rock and Roll	Hawaii Five-0	700 Club		Three Stooges	Carson					
Movie: Modern Problems	Movie: Airplane! Robert Hays	*** PG'	Movie: Lap Dancing	Lorissa McComass	Movie: Trauma Christopher Rydell	*** PG'				
(4:00) Wimbledon Tennis	Movie: Black Sheep Chris Farley	'PG-13'	Movie: Stag Mario Van Peebles	'NR'	Shock Video 4	Arliss				
Movie: *** Author! Author!	Movie: Painted Hero Dwight Yoakam	*** PG'	Movie: Die Hard With a Vengeance	Bruce Willis	'R'	Movie:				
Movie: Please Don't	Movie: Gabriel Over the White House	Movie: Beast of the City	(1932) ***	Movie: Night Court	(1932) ***					
Dukes of Hazzard	Evening of Country Greats	Today's Country	Dallas	Dukes						
Wings	Wild Discovery	Mysterious	Movie Magic	Airpower Showdown	Wild Discovery	Mysterious				
Law & Order	Biography	Ancient Mysteries	Unexplained	Law & Order	Biography					
Day With...	Unsolved Mysteries	Movie: When the Bough Breaks	(1993) Ally Walker	***	Homicide: Life	Mysteries				
Sports	Major League Baseball Florida Marlins at New York Mets	Sports	FOX Sports News	Sports						
Kung Fu: Legend Cont.	Movie: Toy Soldiers	(1991) Sean Astin, Wil Wheaton	***	Movie: Taps	(1981) Timothy Hutton	***				
Doug	Rugrats	Alex Mack	Happy Days	I Love Lucy	Bewitched	I Love Lucy	Van Dyke	St. Elsewhere	Elsewhere	
Highlander: The Series	Murder, She Wrote	Movie: Escape From Alcatraz	(1979) ***	Movie: Born on the Fourth of July	(1989)					
Luz Clarita	Te Sigo Amando	Tu y Yo	Bienvenido	Operacion	P. Impacto	Noticiero	Al Ritmo			
Air Combat	Pageantry of the Corps	Civil War Journal	Independ. Day	Year by Year	Year by Year	Year by Year	Year by Year	Year by Year	Year by Year	Year by Year
RPM 2Night	Strongest Man	Strongest Man	Thrill-Spill	Auto Racing: NASCAR - Qualifying	RPM 2Night	Auto Racing				

FRIDAY

JULY 4

7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30	12 PM
Chip 'n' Dale	Marmalade	Pooh	Katie-Orbie	Mickey	Donald	Goofy	Pluto	Goofing	Mickey's Adventures	
Today				Mary		Geraldo Rivera	Jenny Jones	Wimbledon Tennis Men's Semifinal		
Turning	Puzzle Place	Sesame Street	Station	Mr Rogers	Storyline	Reading	Arthur	Barney	Lamb Chop	
Gilligan	Bewitched	(-05) Movie: Clash of the Titans	(1981) Laurence Olivier	***	(-35) Movie: Rocky IV	(1985) Sylvester Stallone	***			
Good Morning America				Live - Regis & Kathie Lee	Montel Williams	Medicine Woman	News			
BugsDaffy	Animaniacs	Bewitched	Bewitched	Empty Nest	Empty Nest	Charlie's Angels	News	Baseball		
This Morning				Ricki Lake	Price Is Right	Young and the Restless	News			
Ducks	Bobby	Mask	Bobby	Fox After Breakfast	Paid Prog.	Murphy	K. Copeland	Paid Prog.	Gunsmoke	
Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter
Movie: The Three Stooges Meet Hercules	(1962) ***	700 Club		FitTV	Neighborhood Beets	Home				
(6:30) Movie: *** Jefferson in Paris	Nick Nolte	'PG-13'	Movie: Never Too Late	Olympia Dukakis	(-45) Movie: Julia Jane Fonda	*** PG'				
Movie: The Amazing Panda Adventure	Alexander	Movie: Think Big David and Peter Paul	Movie: Independence Day	Will Smith	*** PG-13'					
(-15) Movie: Dangerous Moves	Michel Piccoli	*** 'NR'	Movie: The Journey of August King	Movie: The Gods Must Be Crazy	Marius Weyers	'PG'				
Movie: All Fall Down	(1962) Eva Marie Saint	***	Movie: The Sandpiper	(1965) Elizabeth Taylor	***	Movie: Yankee Doodle Dandy	(1942)			
(Off Air)	Wildhorse Saloon	VideoMorning	Dallas	Alene's Crafts	Am. Country					
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(6:30) Columbo				Cosby Mysteries	Guide to Historic Homes of America					
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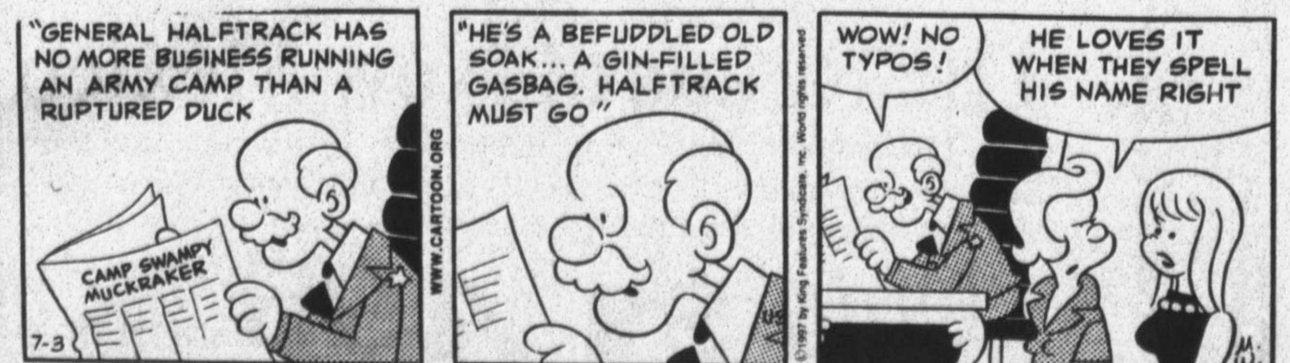
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Former Air Force officer finds great pleasure in soaring

Glider pilot craves winds to keep him aloft; travels 802 miles in 12 1/2 hours in recent trip

By MICHAEL RAPHAEL
Associated Press Writer
PATTON TOWNSHIP, Pa. (AP)—The 30 mph gusts are rattling the old fire tower to its foundation and somehow the man in the terry cloth hat appears not to notice.

Wham!
Another blast hits the observation deck 40 feet up and the 60-year-old man stands steady, without so much as a quiver in his knees. He looks up at the gauge near the roof and urges the wind on, faster, faster. He removes the windows of his glider, and the wind dashes inside, drowning out his voice.

Karl Striedieck doesn't fear the wind. He craves it, using lazy breezes and sultry thermals to set international flying records - nine at last count. For three decades, he's cruised the world on a motorless glider, stretching the boundaries of what most flyers considered impossible.

His most recent standard may be his most impressive. Striedieck left his private airstrip atop central Pennsylvania's Bald Eagle Mountain one chilly April morning. He landed 802 miles and 12 1/2 hours later in Selma, Ala., his target.

"Some part of Karl in a previous life must have been a bird," said Larry Sanderson, the president of the Soaring Society of America, the record-certifying agency for glider pilots. "(His record) is kind of like starting on the North Pole and finishing on the South Pole. It's huge."

Glider pilots have flown farther - but only by bending to the forces of nature and going wherever the wind took them. Striedieck set out to land in Selma and used a host of flying techniques to get there.

A New Zealand pilot had held the old record, 780 miles, for a decade. "It looked like it could be done," Striedieck said. "I thought 'No one's

Even the harrowing part of his record-breaking flight - a snowstorm over Virginia - comes out with reticence.

His stoic nature speaks to his military background.

Striedieck joined the Air Force after high school but quit a few years later to attend college. He then joined the Air National Guard.

After studies at Penn State University, he took a job flying to South America for PanAm, but he quickly got bored and quit.

Enter his hobby, gliders.

"You're never bored," he said. "I've flown everything there is: Jets, commercial aircraft, Cessnas. There's nothing like a glider."

ever done that before.' So I did."

Striedieck is clearly proud, but when he talks about his accomplishments in his customary simple sentences, the stories come across more like journal entries than boasts.

Since leaving the active service, he's lived on 270 acres near the Bald Eagle summit with his wife, Iris, and a collection of cats. Iris launches him with the family Suburban on their private airstrip.

"She just gets in and floors it," he said.

On April 19, Mrs. Striedieck watched as her husband cruised off on his \$80,000 glider toward Alabama, almost 20 years to the day he first attempted the long-distance run.

From central Pennsylvania, he rode the ridge that runs along U.S. Route 220. As he approached Covington, Va., the route led him directly into a snowstorm.

Striedieck and several companions went into a holding pattern near Peters Mountain, hoping the storm

would break. "If you can't see through it, you can't fly through it," Striedieck said.

After a short delay, the snow cleared and the pilots continued their journey. Around Knoxville, Tenn., the ridge ended and Striedieck began to use a different flying technique - riding thermals.

Pilots use the columns of hot, rising air to hopscotch from place to place.

"Glider pilots are always coming down. The trick is to find air that's going up. It's a little like surfing," said Striedieck, who must have caught the big wave. The last of his flying buddies landed 50 miles short.

It's his talent for "seeing" the best thermals or riding them just the right way that makes Striedieck one of the world's best windrunners,

colleagues say. He's ranked first in his class of gliders, according to the Soaring Society of America.

"It's more than practice," said Tom Knauff, co-owner of the Keystone Gliderport in nearby Julian, Pa. "What we're doing is such an abstract thing. Someone once attributed it to playing chess but not knowing where the squares are. It takes a different kind of intellect."

The ever-changing challenges of flying a motorless plane are partly responsible for keeping Striedieck up in the air.

But mostly the retired lieutenant colonel flies to compete.

"I need a mission," he said, then quickly changes the subject and talks about the next one - beating his most recent record. "I think I can reach New Orleans."

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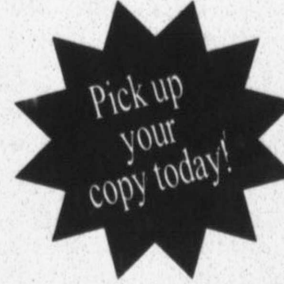
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Red Cross display

Genevieve Miller, right, and Tonya Kleuskens are pictured with historical items from the American Red Cross which they are currently displaying at the Deaf Smith County Library. This year marks the 80th anniversary of the Tri County Chapter (formerly Deaf Smith County Chapter). It also marks 50 years of service to the chapter, both as volunteer and former director, for Mrs. Miller. Display items include a 1919 membership pin and an invitation to the public to attend the anniversary celebration to be held in August.

Lack of warning questioned

MARBLE FALLS, Texas (AP)—When flood waters from Lake Marble Falls reached Albert Wade's home last week, there wasn't much time to salvage his belongings and help his daughter, who depends on an oxygen machine to breathe.

He wants to know why. "I was awakened by my neighbor at 1:30 a.m., and I barely got out in time," Wade said. "I have to have more explanation ... before I'm convinced you all didn't screw up royally."

Lower Colorado River Authority officials, who made the decisions that left some homes flooded, came under fire at a town hall meeting Monday as hundreds of Marble Falls residents voiced anger that more wasn't done to save their homes.

Using color charts and maps, LCRA General Manager Mark Rose attempted to explain to a skeptical and sometimes angry crowd how he decided when to begin opening floodgates on the rain-swollen lakes.

Because of the danger of flooding further downstream, the LCRA often has to hold off longer than lakefront residents would like before it opens floodgates to help control water levels.

Rose said one thing that could be improved is notifying people such as Wade. After the meeting, Rose said he would try to do more to improve the Personal Notification System, a computer that calls residents to alert them when there is an emergency.

Lake Marble Falls experienced the worst flood in its history, with waters peaking at a level of 752 feet above sea level.

About 49 homes in Marble Falls were flooded, the city's water treatment plant was damaged and a 13-year-old boy drowned in the lake while playing with his dog.

"This was a significant rain event," Rose told the crowd. "We

tried to get the water to Lake Travis. Our job is to get those flood waters through as safely and quickly as we can."

Many residents wanted to know why floodgates downstream from Marble Falls weren't opened sooner to relieve flooding on the lake.

Susan Prince, who lives in Channel Oaks, said she wished she had gotten

more notification.

"Nobody came to warn us," she said. "My father and a neighbor had to go door to door and wake people up, or they would have drowned. Everyone is angry, emotional and upset. We feel like we're insignificant to you, and all we get are excuses. It's heartbreaking."

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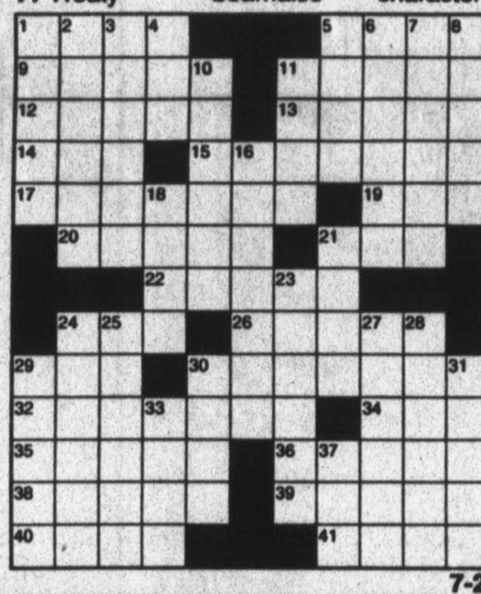
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--Don't be misleading. Think accurate and factual when you write. Be sure to include a phone number and the best times to reach you.



Ribbon-cutting "make-up" ceremony

Dr. Keith Norvell and his secretary, Cecelia Ramirez (center), cut the ribbon Tuesday in a formal welcome for Cross Chiropractic, located at 711 S. 25 Mile Ave. Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce's Hereford Hustlers and other guests joined in the event. Dr. Norvell has been here for some time, but he and the chamber had missed connections on holding a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Eight people attacked by wild swarm of bees

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - Officials say a lawn-mowing crew apparently set off thousands of angry, swarming bees that took police and firefighters two hours to subdue.

Several ambulances and fire trucks were dispatched during the emergency in a west San Antonio neighborhood Tuesday afternoon, and police cordoned off four blocks and warned everyone to stay indoors. Command

posts were set up on the side streets.

At least eight people, including a 12-year-old girl, were stung, but all sting victims were treated by emergency medical technicians at the scene. There were no serious injuries, officials said.

The bees came from an abandoned lumber yard near an alley on Cecilia and Calaveras streets, fire department officials said.

Yolanda Alvizo, 14, who lives across the street from a house where one attack took place, told the San Antonio Express-News that three men were using a lawn mower to cut the grass. She said they suddenly started swatting themselves and yelling.

"We were looking when all the bees were on the man. He was all freaked out. He was putting water on him. He looked scared," Alvizo said. "I don't know what happened, but all the bees came out."

The man who seemed to get the most stings was mowing grass, Alvizo said.

Angela Castillo Escobar, who lives down the street, said the man pushing the lawn mower took off his shirt and used it to swat the bees.

"I was outside when the man was stung," Ms. Escobar said. "I won't be afraid as long as I stay inside, but it's dangerous (outside)."

Julie Trujillo, 14, and several friends were walking on West Martin Street when they heard a loud buzzing sound, she said.

"We saw a man in a corner hitting himself. He had bees all over," Miss Trujillo said. "We went to check what was wrong with him. But it was buzz, buzz, buzz. They were big, huge."

Daniel Esparza said he rushed outside after hearing children yelling. He said 12-year-old Denise Talamantez ran to him crying for help.

He immediately applied mud to the sting on her forehead, he said.

Miss Talamantez said her harrowing experience began with a casual walk down the street. Then she "heard a buzz in my ear," she said.

Esparza said a man and woman were frantically running in the neighborhood.

"The lady collapsed right in front of me," he said. "She kept holding her throat and face."

As Esparza described the bee attack, an elderly couple was rushed out of their home by firefighters. As they ran, the man swang a tree branch to fend off bees.

At least twice, crews sprayed insecticide to control the swarming pests but it didn't seem to work.

Abortion group plans to offer free abortion pill

NEW YORK (AP) - A small abortion-rights group announced today that it will make the so-called abortion pill available free to 10,000 U.S. women in research trials as a stopgap measure until the drug can be distributed nationally.

The New York-based Abortion Rights Mobilization will expand its trials of mifepristone, the drug known in France as RU-486, said Lawrence Lader, president of the nonprofit group.

The group had already provided the drug to 1,000 women in clinical trials in Rochester, N.Y.; Bellevue, Neb.; Burlington, Vt.; Kalispell, Mont.; New York; San Francisco, and Seattle. With new funding from the John Merck Fund, it plans to announce additional sites in New York, Texas, Maryland and Florida.

"These new clinics will bring RU-486 within reasonable traveling distance of all U.S. women," Lader said in a telephone interview. He said none of the clinics has been a target of violence or economic boycott by abortion opponents.

The pill, sold in France, Sweden and Great Britain, causes uterine contractions that expel a fetus. About 200,000 women have ended pregnancies with RU-486 since its introduction in 1988.

The Food and Drug Administration gave the group permission to test the drug but does not allow it to charge a fee. In September, the FDA declared the drug safe and effective but withheld final approval to await

more information on manufacturing and labeling.

Lader said his group decided to supply the pill after learning in June that the Population Council would be unable to meet its target of distributing the drug by the end of 1997.

Ocean delivers message after eight long years

BEAUMONT, Texas (AP) - Eight years ago while on a cruise in the Hawaiian islands, a Beaumont man stuffed his business card into a sealed cognac bottle and tossed it overboard.

It showed up this week thousands of miles away off the Oregon coast.

"I thought it would get broken in the storms," Donald H. Taft, who runs a family-owned funeral parlor business, said. "I never even thought about it anymore."

Taft came home Sunday to a message on his answering machine that the bottle was a well-traveled survivor.

Steven Rice, a furniture store owner who lives in McMinnville, Ore., discovered the bottle earlier Sunday while fishing for halibut two miles off the coast of Pacific City, Ore.

Taft's laminated business card, with the date "July 15, 1989" scribbled on it, was resting in an inch of water in the barnacle-encrusted, greenish-brown bottle.

Robert Mitchum dead at 79; appeared in 100-plus films

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Robert Mitchum's road to Hollywood was as rough-and-tumble as any of the mavericks he played in more than 100 Westerns, war movies and dramas.

He drifted into acting from a gritty life similar to that of the characters he went on to play. He was arrested for vagrancy as a young man, and claimed to have dug ditches, cleared swamp brush and built roads while serving time on a Georgia chain gang. He escaped and eventually hopped a freight car to Los Angeles.

Mitchum, who was a star for a half-century but never won an Academy Award, died in his sleep Tuesday at his Santa Barbara County home after a yearlong battle with emphysema and lung cancer. He was 79.

Just a week earlier, he had begun radiation treatments.

From a menacing ex-con in 1962's "Cape Fear" to a private eye in "Farewell, My Lovely" in 1975, Mitchum was a prolific actor who earned his ticket to stardom. But he eschewed glitz and glamour.

"He was a legend, a giant, bigger than life," said Bruce Dern, who co-starred with Mitchum in 1982's "That Championship Season." "I was lucky enough to work with him. He was always at the top of his game."

On screen and off, Mitchum was hard-drinking and surly. Over the years, he told so many tall tales about his youth that it became hard to sort out the truth.

He was proud of his humble beginnings and talked of jobs as a prizefighter in Sparks, Nev., a coal miner in Pennsylvania and a laborer in Chico. Before he got into acting he

worked in an airplane factory.

His arrival in Los Angeles aboard a freight car in 1937 was just another scene in the drama he lived every day. He remembered getting off at the Santa Fe freight yards.

"Five Mexicans were under a water tower with 3 gallons of wine," he recalled years later. "They called me over, gave me some wine and told me how to get out of the yards. I thought, 'Jeez, a welcoming party for the bums! This is home!'"

He was born Robert Charles Duran Mitchum on Aug. 6, 1917, in Bridgeport, Conn.

In 1937, Mitchum headed for Long Beach and became involved in local theater at the urging of his sister Julie. In 1940, he married his childhood sweetheart, Dorothy Spence.

He was cast in eight Hopalong Cassidy Westerns. In 1943, he began appearing in war movies such as "Gung Ho!" "Corvette K-225" and "We've Never Been Licked."

He played a crewman in 1944's "Thirty Seconds over Tokyo" and a villain in a Laurel and Hardy feature. He even appeared in a musical Western.

His star rose in 1945 when he received his only Academy Award nomination, for his role of Lt. Walker in "The Story of G.I. Joe."

"After the war, suddenly there was this thing for ugly heroes, so I started going around in profile," he once remarked.

His hero status was in danger when he was arrested in 1948 for possession of marijuana at a friend's home.

After serving 60 days in an honor farm, he bounced back to say: "It's just like Palm Springs without the

riffraff."

His popularity with producers and the public soared after his return to film beginning with the 1949 film, "The Red Pony."

Mitchum's last picture, "James Dean: Race with Destiny," set for release on Sept. 30, also stars his granddaughter Carrie Mitchum. His scenes were shot in late 1995.

"I was impressed because you could tell he was weak even then, yet fire came to his eyes when the cameras began rolling," said writer-associate producer Dan Sefton.

Mitchum is survived by his wife of 56 years, Dorothy; his actor sons, James and Christopher; daughter, Petrine; five grandchildren and one step-grandchild.

The funeral will be private and Mitchum's ashes will be scattered at sea.

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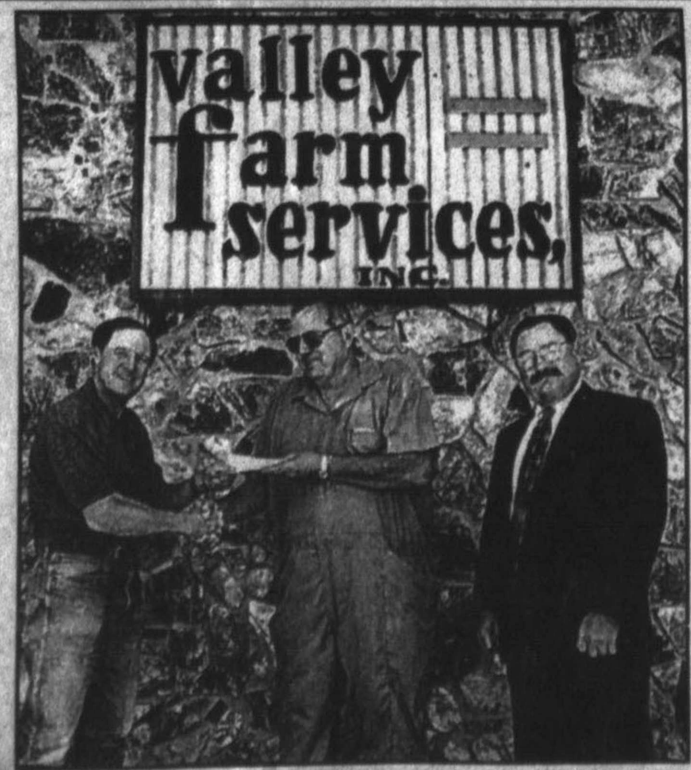
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