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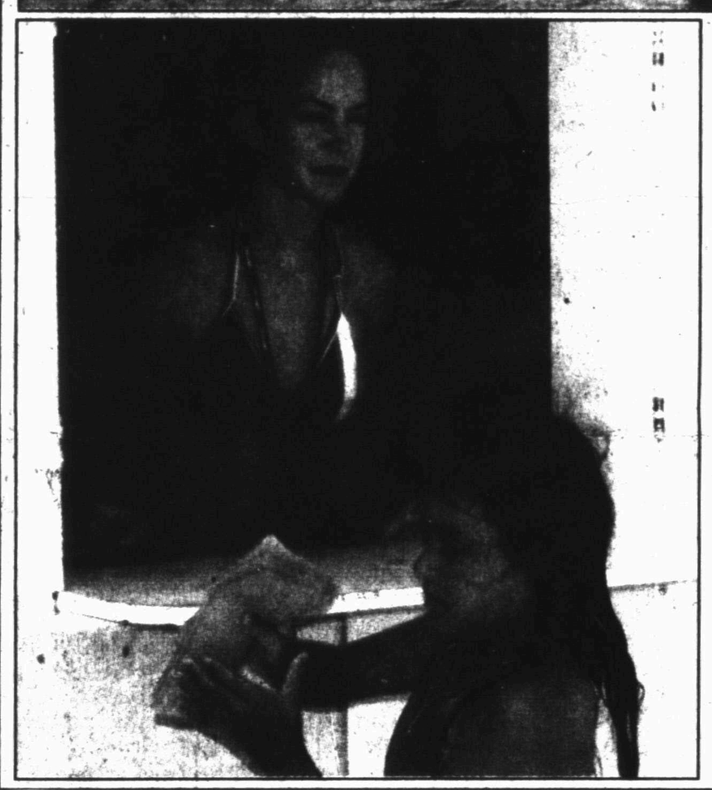
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Keepin' Cool...





...at Towle Park Pool

HEAT BEATER — Rudy Perez (top photo) gets ready to make a splash at the Towle Park Pool. In the lower photo, pool attendant Afton Schwertner assists patron Crystal Flores. (SDN Staff Photos by Bobby Allen)

28.7 acres after closed session...

County acquires land near Winston Field to continue leak cleanup

By Bobby Allen
SDN Staff Writer

After returning from a 30-minute closed session, Scurry County commissioners' court unanimously voted to purchase 28.7 acres adjacent to Winston Field at a cost of $400 per acre. The court had originally planned to purchase roughly 100 acres.

The county will be responsible for surveying and fencing the land which is to be used as part of a remediation project caused by a leaking fuel tank buried on airport property.

In other business, the court heard a request from Vicki Mahoney and Leslie Cooley of the Snyder office of CADA to rent space in the Diamond M courthouse annex building on 25th Street.

Mahoney told the court the current lease on the building on the west side of the square is due to increase 10 percent next year.

She also said the use of the courthouse annex will help meet the five percent matching funds from the community the state requires to continue to fund substance abuse program. No action was taken on the request.

The court heard the final comprehensive financial report for Scurry County from Larry Dodson and Lane Petty of Condley and Company, LLP. Dodson and Petty also gave a preliminary report on Cogdell Memorial Hospital's audit.

Judge Ricky Fritz said the court would take no action on the reports until the final report from Cogdell is received.

One agenda item — a request for repair of a county road — was withdrawn over the weekend by the citizen making the request.

The court unanimously approved two line-item transfers, including $3,000 from the Hermleigh water department's construction of new lines account to the repair line and an $800 request from juvenile probation from the repair line to the travel and expenses line.

Commissioners also unanimously okayed two budget amendments. A request for $4,510.80 from the sheriff's department to replace fuel pumps was okayed, as was a $1,000 request from the board of county development to help fund the Best of Texas Livestock Show.

Commissioners Howard Limmer, Roy Idom, Ralph Trevey and Chloahne Lindsey were present. Judge Fritz presided.

Council to view budget; water, sewer rates to rise

The Snyder City Council will consider proposed budget presentations from the staff when it meets at 6:30 this evening at city hall.

The proposed $9.6 million budget — up $300,000 from the current spending document of $9.3 million — is predicated on the effective tax rate and calls for a 2.7 percent salary increase for all city staffers.

An effective tax rate is the rate needed to raise the same amount of money as the previous year. The current tax rate is .4246 per $100.

The council is recommending a seven percent increase in water and sewer rates for the coming fiscal year, as well as a 10 percent increase in sanitation rates for commercial, contracts and residential services. A residential utility bill would increase by $2.99 per month for water, sewer and sanitation.

The budget workshop originally scheduled for June 18 was cancelled due to an anticipated lack of a quorum.

Council members will consider the approval of the quarterly investment report in the other item of new business.

The council also will look at several bids for equipment and materials for various city departments.

Council members will hear recommendations on bids for track-type tractor for the landfill, aggregate and asphalt for the street department, a pneumatic drive-in tube system for the utility department, a sewer machine for the sanitation department and will consider bids for employee health insurance.

The council will hear monthly reports on personnel, cash disbursement and water distribution line improvement.

Part-time firefighter arrested for starting Arizona wildfires

SHOW LOW, Ariz. (AP) — A part-time firefighter spurred by the desire for steady summer income allegedly used matches to ignite a blaze that has evolved into the largest wildfire in Arizona history.

Leonard Gregg, 29, was charged Sunday with starting one of the two wildfires that merged into a monstrous blaze in eastern Arizona that has consumed at least 423 homes.

Gregg worked under contract as a firefighter for the Bureau of Indian Affairs and allegedly told an investigator he set grasses ablaze to earn money as part of a fire crew.

Gregg is the second person employed to fight wildfires who is accused of setting blazes during one of the country's most destructive fire seasons. Terry Barton, a former U.S. Forest Service employee, was charged in June with setting Colorado's largest-ever wildfire.

That fire, about 40 miles southwest of Denver in the Pike National Forest, has burned about 137,760 acres and was 90 percent contained Sunday. Barton has pleaded innocent to the federal charges.

Authorities said Gregg, who made $8 per hour fighting fires for the Bureau of Indian Affairs, was among the first people called to fight the Arizona blaze.

"This fire was started with a profit motive behind it," U.S. Attorney Paul Charlton said.

Sunday plane crash claims lives of four

GORMAN (AP) — The National Transportation Safety Board is investigating a single-engine plane crash that killed four people in rural West Texas.

"We really don't speculate on the cause yet," said Lisa Block, an Austin spokeswoman for the Texas DPS.

The dead were identified Dawson County farmer Ronald Raney, 64, of Welch, the plane's pilot and owner; his wife Sharon Raney, 63, also of Welch; and grandchildren Rodney Aslin, 13, of San Angelo; and Samantha Raney, 16, of Dublin.

The 1965 Piper Comanche crashed near the intersection of two county roads about 12:30 p.m. Sunday, Block said. The rural site is about 5 miles northwest of Gorman in Eastland County.

Authorities at the scene said it appears the plane broke up in flight. A wing was found about a quarter of a mile from the crash site.

Skies were cloudy, and light rain was falling at the time of the crash, authorities said.

Gorman is about 71 miles southeast of Abilene.



CLOWNING AROUND — Rodeo clown Gizmo McCracken exits the arena in his modified "ambulance" during a performance of the Scurry County Rodeo. The annual event wrapped up Saturday night at the coliseum. (SDN Staff Photo)

ARB to elect new officers at Tuesday meet

The Scurry County appraisal district review board will hold an organizational meeting at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday at the appraisal district office.

The review board is scheduled to elect officers, correct prior year's rolls and cover organizational procedures and rules. Elected and appointed officers also will give statements and take oaths of office.

The review board hearings are scheduled for next week, with mineral and industrial reviews on July 10 and real estate and personal property reviews scheduled for July 11.

Grand opening delayed again at AHNTECH site

It's a moving target!

ANTECH, the Air Force contractor for B-1 bomber training, has again rescheduled its open house in Snyder.

The open house of the training scoring facility located at Winston Field was first set for July 19. Last Friday the date was changed to July 26 and the same day the event was reset for Aug. 2.

The new date is Aug 9, according to Donna Fowler, chamber of commerce executive director.

The facility, which employs 33 civilian employees, opened last month at Winston Field. Air Force pilots from Dyess AFB in Abilene train over an eight-county area that includes Scurry.

The open house remains scheduled to begin at 10:30 a.m. with a fly-over.

ASK US

Q—When is the WTC truck giveaway and how many tickets have been sold?

A—The truck will be raffled at 8 p.m. July 4 at the Phi Theta Kappa booth across from Towle Park Barn. Approximately 400 tickets have been sold.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Saturday, 92 degrees; low, 67; high Sunday, 88; low, 67; 7 a.m. Monday, 72; no precipitation; total for 2002, 11.51 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy; low around 70; SE winds 5-15 mph. Tuesday, high 85-90; SE winds 10-20 mph. Tuesday night, partly cloudy; low 65-70.



Brandon Scott
Windy

Sunset: 8:52 p.m.
Sunrise: 6:42 a.m.
Of 181 days in 2002, the sun has shone 174 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

One of the most time consuming things is to have an enemy.

—E.B. White

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Small planes enter restricted airspace

WASHINGTON (AP) — Air Force jets scrambled twice over the weekend to intercept small airplanes making what turned out to be at least three harmless intrusions into the airspace over Camp David while President Bush was at the Maryland mountain retreat.

In addition, the Secret Service said a light plane slipped slightly into the 30-mile-diameter restricted airspace over downtown Washington before correcting itself and continuing on a proper course.

The most dramatic incident occurred at about 10 a.m. Saturday when two fighters thundered in low circles above Winchester, Va. — a city of 25,000 about 60 miles south of Camp David — until an errant, four-seat Beech A-23 that had failed to heed radio calls landed.

"There was a lot of concern when they saw the F-16s flying over Winchester" said Serena Manuel, executive director and manager of Winchester Regional Airport. "There were a lot of people calling about it."

Almost exactly 24 hours later, the pilot of a small Cessna plane that ventured into restricted airspace around the presidential retreat in the Catoctin Mountains of Maryland was told to land — and did so at Frederick, Md., without a military escort, the Secret Service said.

In a third incident, one or two ultralight planes got too close Saturday afternoon and prompted a visit by fighters. However, the military pilots were not able to see anything when they arrived. Authorities determined upon questioning that the ultralight pilot they saw land at the Carroll Valley airport in southern Pennsylvania probably was not the same one tracked flying low and slow over the restricted zone surrounding Camp David.

Secret Service spokesman Jim Mackin said Sunday evening that the recreational ultralight flights are common in the scenic area — at the northern end of the Shenandoah Valley — and that authorities were still trying to determine what became of the one that got away.

The three pilots who were questioned by Secret Service agents all were determined to have made inadvertent intrusions and were sent on their way, Mackin said, albeit not without the possibility of facing administrative sanctions by the Federal Aviation Administration.

Mackin emphasized that none of the incidents are taken lightly and that every pilot involved in an intrusion is questioned. But he estimated that at least a couple of dozen incidents have occurred around Camp David and Washington since Sept. 11, although most have gone unreported and have not resulted in fighter jets being scrambled.

The incident Saturday morning came less than three hours after Bush had undergone a routine colon screening and was getting ready for a walk. But there was no suggestion of any threat to the president, nor was it known whether he was even aware of the straying planes.

The president and first lady Laura Bush returned to the White House on Sunday afternoon.

FAA spokesman Hank Price said the Beech A-23 aircraft was intercepted at 4,500 feet about 15 miles from Frederick, Md., and escorted to Winchester, where airport officials said they understood the aircraft had entered deeply into the restricted airspace around Camp David.

"We can't verify that," Price said.

Likewise, the Secret Service declined to say how close the plane came to the presidential compound.

Manuel and David Foley, operations supervisor at the Winchester airport, said they believed the Beech plane had entered deeper into the restricted airspace than two other aircraft that had been directed to Winchester since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

"I don't know if he got right over," Foley said. "I think he knew he messed up pretty badly." He said he believed the pilot and passenger were en route from New York City to Las Vegas.

Manuel added that the pilot was thrown off course by cloud cover.

On June 19, a pilot flew a single-engine Cessna into restricted airspace a few miles from the White House. He was escorted to Richmond International Airport and faces FAA sanctions, but was not charged with a crime.

New York City becomes first to roll back rules on recycling

NEW YORK (AP) — New Yorkers are being asked to forget about separating out glass bottles and milk cartons from regular trash — the first significant roll-back of a recycling program in the nation.

Starting today, sanitation workers were to collect only paper and metal for recycling. Glass and plastics, which previously were recycled, were to be mixed in with ordinary trash.

"It's unprecedented," said Laura Haight, senior environmental associate of the New York Public Interest Research Group. "No other big cities have taken a step back like this and I'm not even familiar with any smaller cities taking out elements of their recycling programs."

Mayor Michael Bloomberg said the change will save the deficit-ridden city $40 million in the coming fiscal year. Critics said it will cause widespread confusion, dirty streets and will threaten the future of a program that took more than a decade to establish.

Recycling of plastics is being suspended for one year and recycling of glass is being suspended for two years while the city examines whether its inefficient, labor-intensive recycling program can be more cost-effective.

"Our commitment to recycling is just as strong as ever. We're just trying to be practical," Bloomberg said last week.

City Councilman Michael McMahon, head of the committee on sanitation and solid waste, said the change was foolhardy. Trash and recyclables that aren't properly sorted will not be collected.

"People are going to put out the trash and it's not going to be picked up and they're going to be angry. It's going to cause buildups of trash and overall chaos," he said.

The move comes ahead of any publicity campaign to inform residents of the change.

The mayor and sanitation commissioner said that because the budget was passed only about a week ago, they simply have not had time to put out fliers on the changes, although they plan to do so.

Vicente Alba, a spokesman for Local 108, a union representing workers in the city's private recycling industry, said the new rules will cost more than 200 of the city's 1,000 private recycling jobs. One plant already has said it will close, according to Alba.

Bloomberg, facing a multibillion-dollar city budget deficit, originally proposed a suspension of all recycling except for paper. His final budget, which seeks to close the deficit through various cost-cutting and revenue-generating moves, eliminated only plastic and glass.

One in four fake weapons undetected

ARLINGTON, Va. (AP) — Screeners at 32 of the nation's largest airports failed to detect fake weapons in 24 percent of undercover tests by the Transportation Security Administration last month, USA Today reported.

Citing documents it obtained, the paper said the tests, the first since the agency started overseeing checkpoint screening in February, were done by agents who did little to try to conceal the items as they passed through checkpoints.

It said screeners at Cincinnati, Jacksonville and Las Vegas failed to detect fake weapons in at least half of the tests. At Los Angeles International Airport, there was a 41 percent failure rate, the paper said.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Tuesday, July 2, 2002

The year ahead may not be without its normal share of difficulties, but if you keep plugging and don't lose heart, things will have a way of working out to your advantage.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — If you are bold and determined enough to do so, even a difficult objective can be achieved today — albeit not without challenges. The ball is in your court; you can make the shot. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Should you be forced to work with or against someone who is known for not playing by the rules, don't sink to this person's level of conduct. You can triumph through being upright.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Trouble may be stirred up today by someone who misquotes you, but you can quickly nip things in the bud by immediately going to those it affects and telling your side of the story.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — You may end up being the fall guy today if you get involved in a rift between two associates. Let them sort out their differences.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Follow to the letter any instructions you get for performing a certain job for another today. Trouble is likely to ensue if you deviate in any way without consultation.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Trying to force square pegs into round holes never works out, so don't attempt to do so today. Let events transpire in their natural way and everything will come out as you like.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Even if someone you love disappoints you by behaving in an unreasonable manner, try to respond with kindness and forgiveness. This always smothers the fires of agitation.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Guard your temper today should you inadvertently make an error that affects your work. Everyone makes mistakes, and you're no exception. Remaining calm allows for corrections.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Because it is not in your nature to do so, it might be difficult to believe that another would deliberately take advantage of someone else. Recognize when to be trusting and when not to be foolish.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — If you have some kind of problem with a member of your family today, don't let your frustration spill over into your associations with others. The temptation to do so may be strong.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Follow your instincts today in your assessment of another and don't let someone who has an axe to grind convince you to treat this person as if s/he had the plague. You're too kind to do so.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Giving others the benefit of the doubt is not necessarily wrong, but before putting yourself in a vulnerable position, scrutinize every aspect thoroughly.

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Council for the blind suing 'Treasury' over currency

HOUSTON (AP) — As the Treasury Department gears up to reformat the look of U.S. currency, the blind have a message for all greenback designers: Don't forget us.

The American Council of the Blind, which seeks to improve conditions for the visually impaired, has sued the Treasury Department to force its way into the currency revamping process.

"They are going to redesign the money next year," said Melanie Brunson, the council's advocacy director. "We felt that since this process already is under way, when you do that, remember us."

The Treasury Department did not comment on the lawsuit when it was filed in Washington, D.C., on May 3. Government attorneys have until Aug. 15 to respond to the suit, Brunson said.

In the last redesign of the nation's paper currency, Benjamin Franklin, whose face is on the $100 bill, got the first makeover in 1996. He was followed by Ulysses S. Grant on the $50 bill in 1997 and Andrew Jackson's $20 bill a year later. Bills for $5 and $10 followed.

But council spokesman Ralph Sanders, who is blind, said some of his visually impaired friends consider the new money even harder to make out than the old bills.

"It's incredible the United States remains this bastion of indiscernible currency where the Brits and Europeans have been doing this for decades," he said.

"Time has come in this country where blind people should not have to ask, 'What bill is this?' or 'What bill is that?'" said Chris Gray, the council's president, in his report to the group's board at its national convention Saturday at a west Houston hotel.

The group is not promoting a specific change that would help blind and sight-impaired Americans sift through their money, but hopes the government will study an array of options that would be helpful.

A major step could be offering denominations in different colors or sizes with large-print features, like many other countries, Brunson said.

On the Net:

American Council of the Blind: http://acb.org

U.S. Treasury Department: http://www.treas.gov

Date Book

Monday, July 1, 2002

Today is the 182nd day of 2002 and the 11th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1874, the first U.S. zoo opened in Philadelphia.

On this day in 1911, Polish chemist Casimir Funk published a paper in which he used a word he had coined for certain substances in the diet that are necessary for health: "vitamins."

On this day in 1994, Yasser Arafat returned to Palestine for the first time after being deemed a sworn enemy of the State of Israel 33 years earlier.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: George Sand (Amandine Aurore Lucile Dupin, Baronne Dudevant) (1804-1876), writer; Charles Laughton (1899-1962), actor; Olivia de Havilland (1916-), actress, is 86; Sydney Pollack (1934-), director, is 68; Twyla Tharp (1941-), dancer and choreographer, is 61; Debbie Harry (1946-), singer, is 56; Dan Aykroyd (1952-), actor, is 50; Diana (1961-1997), former Princess of Wales; Carl Lewis (1961-), track-and-field great, is 41.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1859, the first college baseball game ever played matched Amherst against Williams. The final score was 66-32.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "There is only one happiness in life, to love and be loved." — George Sand

TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (June 24) and last quarter (July 2).

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A tomato is the fruit of the tomato plant. However, in 1887 the U.S. Supreme court ruled that tomatoes are vegetables because they are eaten as a principal part of a meal, rather than for dessert.

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Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Lotto Texas numbers drawn Saturday by the Texas Lottery:

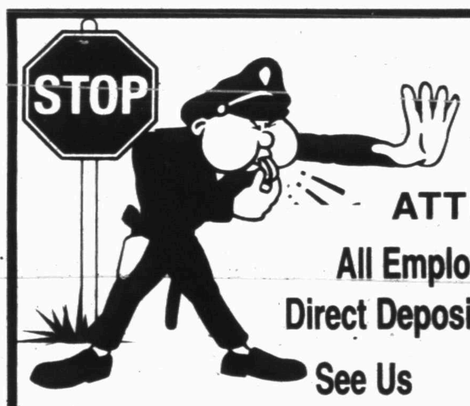
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Estimated Lotto Texas jackpot: $6 million

Pick 3

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

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Policies changed at cancer center after possible conflict

HOUSTON (AP) — The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center is now telling patients if its doctors have a stake in experimental drugs after 195 people tested a medication without being told the hospital's president was a shareholder in the company that made it.

The Houston center, among the nation's largest and most prestigious cancer research institutes, said Sunday it did not inform patients in a test of Erbitux that Dr. John Mendelsohn was a director and stakeholder in manufacturer ImClone Systems Inc.

The story first was reported by The Washington Post in Sunday's editions.

"The problem here is that, unlike many of the things we do, there are no federal guidelines on conflict of interest," Dr. Leonard Zwelling, vice president for research administration, said Sunday. "In this area, there hasn't been anything."

The Erbitux tests occurred from 1997 to 2001 on extremely sick patients who had no conventional alternatives. While results have been mildly positive, most of the patients have died.

Erbitux, which was developed personally by Mendelsohn before his arrival in Houston, was rejected by the Food and Drug Administration in December and is still being tested. ImClone investor Martha Stewart and others are under investigation for selling stock shortly before the announcement, which sent shares skidding.

Mendelsohn reported selling no shares last December and retains a large stake in the stock, which have shed nearly 90 percent of their value in recent months. Until May, Mendelsohn also was a director of Enron Corp. and sat on the bankrupt energy trader's audit committee.

The Post reported that, through interviews and research of documents, it found no evidence any patients were harmed by the drug.

One current and one former M.D. Anderson researcher who worked on Erbitux under Mendelsohn told the newspaper they received no undue pressure or interference from the president's office.

James Abbruzzese, chairman of gastrointestinal oncology at the center, reported Erbitux had "moderately favorable," results on pancreatic cancer, then declined a larger study on colon cancer because he disagreed with ImClone's methodology.

Mendelsohn said he rejected the company's request that he intervene, and Abbruzzese confirmed he was not prodded to reverse field.

Mendelsohn told the Post that M.D. Anderson enrolled patients in competing drugs, but nevertheless decided last year to begin disclosing possible conflicts to patients.

"I'm not sure it's necessary even today," Mendelsohn said. "But I think you move with the times. I don't want to take any chances that a patient will feel they've been deceived at M.D. Anderson."

Mendelsohn also recently revised the center's ethics rules to prohibit doctors who have a financial stake in an experimental drug from having direct clinical care responsibilities for a patient using it, Zwelling said.

The center maintains a database of stakes held by M.D. Anderson doctors and checks it regularly against new and ongoing studies to avoid conflicts, he said.

Evangelist disrupts funeral, insults mourners, dead man

LOXLEY, Ala. (AP) — An evangelist who was asked to sing at his wife's uncle's funeral claims he had a revelation from God that led him to insult mourners and say that the dead man was damned.

Orlando Bethel said he spoke words that "the Lord revealed to me." Preaching over a microphone at the Greater Pine Grove Baptist Church, he told some 100 mourners they were "fornicators" and "whoremongers." He said the deceased, Lish Devan Taylor, had gone to hell.

The microphone was abruptly disconnected. Bethel then reached into a gym bag for what apparently was a bullhorn. Some thought he was reaching for a gun. About half the crowd fled, with a few dragging Bethel out a side door.

"Those boys picked him up when the preacher said he wanted him out of there," said Glenita Andrews, a cousin of Taylor.

Stephen Taylor, who came from California for his uncle's funeral, said it appeared Bethel had planned to denounce Taylor and his family at the June 14 funeral.

Taylor, 56, who died of prostate cancer, was eulogized fondly by other ministers before Bethel took the microphone, mourners said. They said Taylor had gone to "a better place."

"They were lying," Bethel said recently.

Andrews said she thinks Bethel's outburst stemmed from a dispute over property inherited by Bethel's wife, Glynis.

"The Taylor family is large. Orlando and Devan had some problems," Andrews said.

Bethel moved from Miami to rural Alabama about 18 months ago, settling on an acre of land his wife inherited from her grandfather. The couple live in two campers beside their big, blue-striped gospel tent in the Ellisville community off U.S. 90.

Glynis Bethel said her deceased uncle had runins with the law and was "so mean he would toss shotgun shells into a burning fire and yell, 'Run!'"

She defends her husband, saying he was mobbed by "unbelievers," one of whom followed Bethel from the church back to the gospel tent and tackled him on the sandy road. The Bethels contend they've been denied justice because no one has been arrested.

Loxley police Chief Cliff Yetter said Friday that he's still investigating, but no one has been charged. He said three officers responded to a 911 call at the church, but did not enter the church during the funeral.

Yetter said Bethel's only apparent injury was a scrape on his shoulder. Bethel was examined at a hospital emergency room five days after the funeral.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Sister cannot remain silent about brother's cheatin' heart

DEAR ABBY: For the past two years, my 21-year-old brother, "Bill," has been dating a wonderful young lady I'll call Katie. Bill has been living with Katie and her family for the past year, until she finishes high school. She's only 18, but very mature for her age.

Katie is now pregnant. She claims it was an accident — but those of us close to her know it wasn't. Bill has proposed and is planning to marry her next month. After that, he has to travel out of the country for eight months because he's in the military reserves.

My best friend, "Tammy," works with Bill. She recently confided to me that after Bill found out about Katie's pregnancy, he told three of his female co-workers — including Tammy — that he wasn't sure if he was making the right decision by marrying Katie. He told all of these gals that he needed to "be with other women" before he gets married.

To my astonishment, each of them ended up performing sexual favors for Bill, and he has made it clear to all of them that he wants to do it again. I am torn. I love my brother, but I'm upset that he cheated on Katie. I'm also sick about the fact that my best friend took part in this.

I don't want to create a family feud, but I can't keep silent about this mess. Should I talk to my brother about it? Should I tell Katie about Bill's unfaithfulness? Or should I keep my mouth shut and let the wedding go on as planned? — **TORN IN PENNSYLVANIA**

DEAR TORN: This does not sound to me like a couple who are ready for marriage. Talk to your father or an older male family member whom Bill respects about what you have discovered, and then tell Katie. Katie must disclose to her obstetrician the fact that she needs to be tested for STDs, because if she has one, it could affect the health of her and her baby.

Bill is overdue for a "father/son talk" about the facts of life. These include the dangers of unprotected sex and the responsibilities of a family man. As it stands, your brother understands neither.

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DEAR ABBY: My mother-in-law died in January. It is now mid-May, and my husband has not yet sent thank-you cards to the family and many friends who offered their condolences and support. I say it is not too late — he says it is. What say you, Abby? — **STILL GRIEVING IN WASHINGTON STATE**

DEAR STILL GRIEVING: Your husband has my sympathy. Perhaps he is procrastinating because he feels it's the last tie he has to his mother. When the task is finished, his mother really WILL be gone. It would be a kindness if you would offer to write the thank-you notes with him. Not only will it give him a sense of closeness and support, it will bring closure.

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DEAR ABBY: In this period of renewed patriotism, could you please tell me the proper etiquette for listening to our national anthem? I attend many sporting events and have noticed a variety of responses when the anthem begins.

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Threats force priest to leave

DALLAS (AP) — A priest who apologized to parishioners last week for posting a sexually suggestive message on an Internet site for gay priests will no longer serve at an East Dallas Catholic Church after receiving threats "against his life."

The Rev. Clifford Garner, an assistant pastor at St. Pius X Catholic Church, was threatened twice last week and police were informed shortly thereafter, Monsignor Lawrence Pichard said at the end of Sunday's morning service.

"(Garner) will no longer be here at St. Pius again," said Pichard, the church's pastor. Garner, 36, couldn't be reached Sunday night for comment.

Church officials said that he was staying at an undisclosed location for his own safety. Pichard would not comment on Garner's future with the church.

"He's taking time off," Monsignor Pichard was quoted as saying in today's editions of The Dallas Morning News.

Pichard wouldn't give any details about the threats. The Dallas Police Department said a complaint from Garner, filed Thursday, said he received a message from an unknown caller threatening to beat him up.

Last week, Garner apologized to the congregation for making a sexually suggestive comment about Hispanic men on a Web site for gay priests about two years ago.

"I do have a very special place in my heart for those Latin blooded ones," Garner's message said.

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Bridge

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	North 07-01-02 ♠ K Q J ♥ A J 10 7 6 2 ♦ K Q 5 ♣ 6	
West ♠ 10 3 ♥ Q 9 5 ♦ J 8 ♣ 10 9 8 5 4 2		East ♠ 8 7 6 4 2 ♥ 4 ♦ 10 9 6 4 3 ♣ 7 3
	South ♠ A 9 5 ♥ K 8 3 ♦ A 7 2 ♣ A K Q J	

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
2 NT	Pass	4 ♣	Pass
4 NT	Pass	5 ♣	Pass
5 ♠	Pass	7 NT	All pass

Opening lead: ♣ 10

Monday, July 1, 2002

It is lucky to count to 13

By Phillip Alder

Robert Browning wrote this intriguing trio of lines: "Our interest's on the dangerous edge of things. / The honest thief, the tender murderer, / The superstitious atheist."

Today's topic for discussion over breakfast: Are all three oxymorons?

Bridge isn't ideal for the superstitious. Everyone starts with 13 cards, and counting to 13 during the card-play is often beneficial. How did South work out a guaranteed line to 13 tricks in this deal?

North did well in the bidding. Judging his long suit to be worth a couple of extra points, he used two doses of Gerber before selecting seven no-trump. North realized that if his heart suit was worth six tricks, South would have 14 top tricks: three spades, six hearts, three diamonds and two clubs. However, if South had to find the heart queen, he could delay the decision if the contract is played in no-trump.

Outside hearts, declarer saw 10 winners, so knew that he had to find the heart queen to bring in the required three hearts tricks.

Correctly leaving the key suit until last, declarer took those other 10 tricks. Carefully watching the discards, South learned that West had started with exactly two spades, two diamonds and six clubs. Therefore, he had three hearts. So, declarer cashed his heart king and, when East didn't drop the queen, finessed dummy's heart jack.

Note that in seven hearts declarer has to guess the trump suit immediately, and the odds slightly favor cashing the ace and king.

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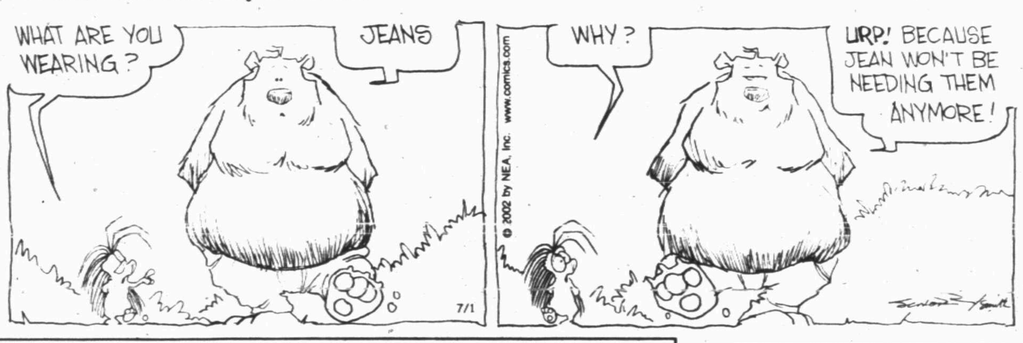
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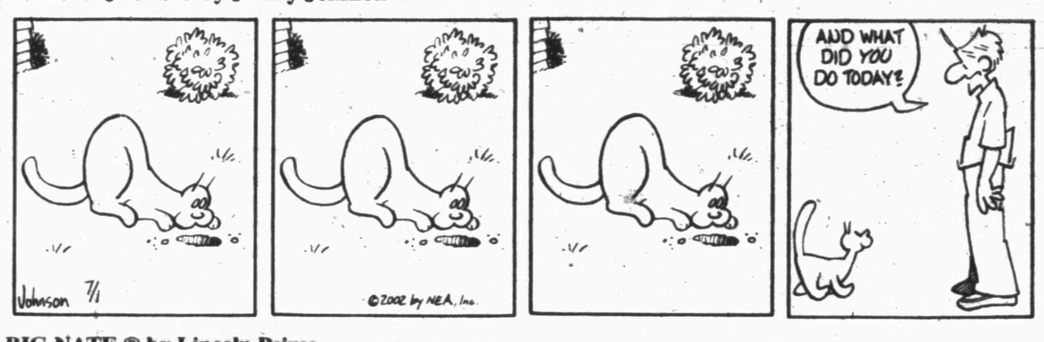
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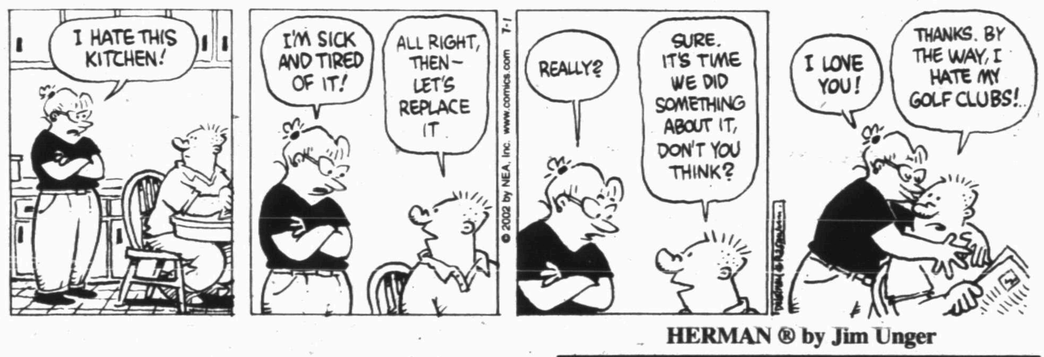
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ACROSS

1 Songbird
5 Winter mo.
8 Auto
11 Seep
12 Mil. branch
14 Poker card
15 Governess Jane —
16 Famous volcano
17 Highchair wear
18 Anwar — of Egypt
20 Sterilizes
22 Fleur-de- —
23 Stares at
24 Gourmet mushroom
27 Umpire's call
29 Livy's hello
30 Roofing sheet
34 Steer
37 Jump
38 Tagged along
39 Light bender
41 Mirth
43 Exploit
44 Not in a whisper
46 Friendlier
49 Cereal grain
50 Fleming and Smith
52 Skater's leap
54 Hwy.
55 Manitoba tribe
56 Glazier's unit
57 Snake shape
58 Mail-motto word
59 Air pollution

DOWN

1 Misery
2 Acuff and Bean
3 "Rabbi Ben —"
4 Knitting tool
5 Some piano pieces
6 MA clock setting
7 Tomato containers
8 TV hook-up
9 Harsh chemicals
10 Yanks' foes
13 Like a card played
19 Run a fever
21 Jean Auel heroine
24 Uncle or granddad
25 Eggs, in biology
26 Clergy mem.
27 Destiny
28 Blast-furnace input
30 Beret cousin
31 Frat letter
32 Dawn goddess
33 LP speed
35 Frosted
36 Irish tongue
39 Air-pump abbr.
40 News summaries
41 Billy and nanny
42 Kin of altars
43 Indy 500 racer Al —
44 Folk teachings
45 Wild tale
47 Checkup
48 Nevada town
51 Paleo opp.
53 Chair part

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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SPORTS

Snyder squads in action tonight at LL tourneys

The Little League tournament season gets underway tonight with Snyder squads set for a pair of games.

Snyder's 9 and 10-year-old all-stars host Colorado City at 6 p.m. at Logan Field. The first round of the 9 and 10-year-old District 5 tournament is scheduled for Logan Field.

In 11 and 12-year-old competition, Snyder squares off with Sweetwater at 8 p.m. at Merkel.

Tournament action continues through next week at both sites. The winner of the first round of round-robin play advances to the second round at Abilene.

Sports Briefs

Golf tournaments

A July 4th scramble will be held at the country club with a shotgun start at 10 a.m. Cost is $20 for members and $40 for non-members.

Also, the Golfers' Memorial Partnership is set for July 13-14. Format is lowball the first day and scramble for the final round. Cost is $150 per team. For more information, call the pro shop at 573-7101.

SISD athletic physicals

Physicals are required for students wishing to participate in SISD athletics. Those needing physicals are all incoming seventh and ninth grade athletes, students new to SISD athletics, athletes in their third year of high school, and all students who answered "yes" to questions 1, 4, 5, 6 or 7 on their medical history form.

The school district pays for physicals through Aug. 2 with the following doctors: Raykov, Burleson, Cooper, Thompson, Wolboldt and NP Beth Ashley. Incoming seventh and ninth graders can pick up physical forms in the doctors' offices.

Volleyball tournament

Our Lady of Guadalupe Church youth group hosts a July 4th volleyball tournament. For information and registration, call Luis Alaniz at 573-7321.

Tennis events

Snyder Tennis Camp, hosted by SHS coach Ted Phillips, will be held July 22-25. Incoming fourth through seventh graders are eligible and cost is $30. Registration forms can be picked up at the SHS principal's office.

Snyder Tennis Booster Club is hosting a tournament July 19-21. There will be singles and doubles competition in five age divisions, 12-under, 14-under, 16-under, 18-under and open. There will also be mixed doubles in the open division.

For more information on either event, contact Ted Phillips at 573-2525.

Friday swingers

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

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

WGA weekly play day

The SCGA Women's Golf Association holds a weekly play day each Tuesday at 9 a.m. Format is all irons on the back nine. A luncheon and business meeting will be held after play.

WTC Men's Golf Association

The Men's Golf Association of Western Texas College holds a weekly event Tuesdays at 6 p.m.

SCGA weekly events

The Scurry County Golf Association holds a weekly scramble Tuesdays at 5:30. The Men's Golf Association holds an all-day MGA event each Thursday.

Brazil wins World Cup, 2-0

YOKOHAMA, Japan (AP) — Ronaldo scored both goals to lead Brazil to a 2-0 victory over Germany for the team's record fifth World Cup title, capping a superb tournament that helped erase bad memories of his knee injuries and the team's 1998 World Cup final.

Germany's Oliver Kahn was given the Yashin Trophy, awarded to the tournament's best goalkeeper.



GOING FOR A RIDE — Odessa's Brandon Weathers competes in the bareback riding during the Scurry County Rodeo at the coliseum. The rodeo wrapped up Saturday night. (SDN Photo)

Locals finish strong at 67th county rodeo

The 67th annual Scurry County Rodeo provided entertainment for local fans and competition for local cowboys. Neither group was disappointed.

Snyder competitors finished near the top in a couple of events during Saturday night's final performance at Scurry County Coliseum.

Snyder's Terra Bynum split second place in the breakaway roping when her time of 2.4 seconds from Friday night held up.

Former WTC cowgirl Sequin Downey won the breakaway roping with a 2.3. Post's Emily Smith was tops in the barrel racing at 13.335.

Locals also fared well in the team roping with a pair of Snyder duos finishing high in the standings.

Toby Trammell and Jody Holt, both of Snyder, were runners-up with a time of 5.5. Snyder's Dusty and Cory Hatley were only two spots back in fourth with a 6.9

In the bareback riding, Shannon Miller's score of 75 points held up to give the Hobbs, N.M. cowboy the victory. Burkburnett's Chris Bradley maintained his lead in the steer wrestling from Thursday night to take top honors.

Jeremy Hennigh's effort of 9.1 seconds gave him the buckle in the calf roping.

Vernon's Tate McMullen tallied 80 points to secure the win in the bull riding, and Matt McCloy was tops in the saddle bronc riding with a 70.

Bareback riding: 1. Shannon Miller, 75. 2. Luiz Moreira, 73; 3. Yancy Cody, 70; 4. David Browder, 64.

Calf roping: 1. Jeremy Hennigh, 9.1. 2. Kody Curry, 9.2; 3. Bruce Tackett, 9.5. 4. Guy Miller, 9.9; 5. Matt Carlson, 10.3; 6. Camron Fambro, 10.4.

Breakaway roping: 1. Sequin Downey, 2.3; 2. (split) Anna Bader, Terra Bynum and Kelly Slavin, 2.4; 5. (split) Emily Smith and Jamie Standifer, 2.5.

Saddle bronc riding: 1. Matt McCloy, 70. 2. John Jones, 68; 3. Bill Herbert, 66.

Steer wrestling: 1. Chris Bradley, 5.3, 2. Stephen Seibold, 6.6; 3. J.O. Duke, 7.9; 4. Cody Charmason, 9.1; 5. Marty McFall, 9.4 6. Trent Johnson, 9.6.

Barrel racing: 1. Emily Smith, 13.335; 2. Kortni Connell, 13.377; 3. Tibba Smith, 13.436; 4. Tara Timms, 13.442; 5. Leslie Edens, 13.451; 6. Terra Bynum, 13.477.

Team roping: 1. Smitty Smith-Zane Bowers, 5.1; 2. Toby Trammell-Jody Holt, 5.5. 3. Cody Benevedes-Zachary Riggan, 6.3. 4. Dusty Hatley-Cory Hatley, 6.9; 5. Jason Senior-Wade Clayton, 10.5; 6. Joe Baker-Cole Benedict, 11.0.

Bull riding: 1. Tate McMullen, 80. 2. Cole Brittain, 74; 3. Mitchell Rogers, 71. 4. Joe Pierce, 60.

Rodriguez, Berkman earn all-star honors

ARLINGTON (AP) — Here's a good indication of how poorly the first half of the season has gone for the Houston Astros and Texas Rangers: Each will have just one player in the All-Star game.

An even better indicator: There's no talk about anyone being snubbed.

Texas shortstop Alex Rodriguez was voted in as an AL starter while Houston outfielder Lance Berkman was named an NL reserve. The teams don't really deserve more considering the Rangers are last in the AL West for a third straight year and the Astros have gone from NL Central champs to third, 6½ games back.

The sixth and final game of their Lone Star Series was rained out Sunday night. It will be made up as an afternoon game on Labor Day.

With no games on the field, the focus shifted to the selection of the All-Star starters and reserves that were announced Sunday for the July 9 game in Milwaukee.

The closest thing to a controversial omission on either team was Texas catcher Ivan Rodriguez, who had been an All-Star the last 10 years and a starter the last nine.

"It's going to be strange because I've been there every year," said Rodriguez, who was a 19-year-old rookie just up from the minors the last time he didn't go. "But I'm going to spend the time with my family."

Pudge missed 45 games with an injury and even he admitted New York's Jorge Posada deserved to start. Minnesota's A.J. Pierzynski was picked as the backup and Rodriguez wasn't among the five finalists for an online poll to determine the 30th All-Star spot.

"It's disappointing that Pudge hasn't been healthy or he'd definitely be starting the All-Star game," Texas manager Jerry Narron said. "I know he's smart enough to know you can't miss most of the first half and still get elected."

A-Rod doesn't like being the only Ranger All-Star.

"This is the first time in my career that I've been the only guy, so that's not a lot of fun," said Rodriguez, the top vote-getter at shortstop for a sixth straight year. "But I have a responsibility as a Ranger and I want to have fun."

Berkman is leading the NL in RBIs with 68 and is second in homers with 25. This is his second straight All-Star appearance.

"If anybody on this team deserves to go, he does," said closer Billy Wagner, a two-time All-Star. "He's had a great first half and hopefully it'll continue."

Berkman is excited this time after being nervous last year. Going a second time also solidifies that he deserves to be considered one of the NL's best.

"I think that's something you strive for, to be considered an All-Star on a yearly basis," Berkman said. "That consistency is what every player is after."

WNBA Glance

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	11	4	.733	—
Orlando	7	6	.538	3
New York	8	8	.500	3½
Charlotte	6	6	.500	3½
Cleveland	6	7	.462	4
Indiana	6	8	.429	4½
Miami	4	9	.308	6
Detroit	1	13	.071	9½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	12	2	.857	—
Houston	12	3	.800	½
Utah	9	4	.692	2½
Phoenix	7	5	.583	4
Seattle	7	7	.500	5
Portland	7	8	.467	5½
Minnesota	5	8	.385	6½
Sacramento	2	12	.143	10

Sunday's Games
Washington 56, Charlotte 55
Houston 60, Los Angeles 58
Portland 54, New York 44
Detroit 71, Sacramento 60
Miami 65, Indiana 59
Utah 79, Cleveland 62

Monday's Games
Phoenix at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Minnesota, 8 p.m.

Tuesday's Games
Portland at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
Seattle at New York, 7:30 p.m.

Major League Baseball

National League
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East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	51	30	.630	—
Montreal	42	38	.525	8½
Florida	41	40	.506	10
New York	40	40	.500	10½
Philadelphia	36	43	.456	14

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cincinnati	43	37	.538	—
St. Louis	42	36	.538	—
Houston	36	43	.456	6½
Pittsburgh	36	44	.450	7
Chicago	33	46	.418	9½
Milwaukee	29	52	.358	14½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	50	31	.617	—
Arizona	48	32	.600	1½
San Francisco	45	35	.563	4½
Colorado	39	43	.476	11½
San Diego	34	48	.415	16½

Saturday's Games
Atlanta 2, Boston 1
N.Y. Mets 11, N.Y. Yankees 2
Chicago White Sox 5, Chicago Cubs 4
Toronto 5, Montreal 4, 10 innings
San Francisco 5, Oakland 3
Florida 3, Tampa Bay 2
Milwaukee 10, Minnesota 2
Arizona 4, Cleveland 2
Detroit 2, Pittsburgh 1
Baltimore 11, Philadelphia 1
San Diego 8, Kansas City 4, 10 innings
Houston 8, Texas 5
Cincinnati 4, St. Louis 2
Seattle 8, Colorado 1
Anaheim 7, Los Angeles 0

Sunday's Games
Atlanta 7, Boston 3, 10 innings
Toronto 7, Montreal 5
Arizona 5, Cleveland 2
Tampa Bay 6, Florida 5, 12 innings
Philadelphia 8, Baltimore 5
Minnesota 4, Milwaukee 3
Pittsburgh 6, Detroit 2
Kansas City 13, San Diego 1
Chicago Cubs 9, Chicago White Sox 2
Cincinnati 12, St. Louis 8
Oakland 7, San Francisco 0
Colorado 4, Seattle 3
Houston at Texas, ppd., rain
Anaheim 5, Los Angeles 1
N.Y. Yankees 8, N.Y. Mets 0

Monday's Games
Chicago Cubs (C.Zambrano 0-0) at Florida (Tejera 3-1), 7:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (J.Wright 1-6) at Pittsburgh (K.Wells 9-4), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Estes 3-5) at Philadelphia (Duckworth 4-5), 7:05 p.m.
Houston (C.Hernandez 5-3) at Cincinnati (Haynes 8-6), 7:10 p.m.
Montreal (Vazquez 5-4) at Atlanta (Glavine 11-3), 7:35 p.m.
San Diego (Ol.Perez 2-0) at St. Louis (W.Williams 5-3), 8:10 p.m.
San Francisco (Rueter 7-5) at Colorado (Chacon 3-5), 9:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Nomo 8-5) at Arizona (Johnson 12-2), 10:05 p.m.

American League
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East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	50	31	.617	—
Boston	46	31	.597	2
Baltimore	38	41	.481	11
Toronto	33	45	.423	15
Tampa Bay	28	51	.354	21

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	46	36	.561	—
Chicago	40	42	.488	6
Cleveland	37	43	.463	8
Kansas City	31	47	.397	13
Detroit	27	52	.342	17

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	51	30	.630	—
Anaheim	47	33	.588	3
Oakland	46	35	.568	5
Texas	35	45	.438	15

Monday's Games
Toronto (Parris 0-1) at Boston (P.Martinez 9-2), 7:05 p.m.
Kansas City (May 2-4) at Seattle (Moyer 7-3), 10:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Lohse 7-5) at Oakland (Harang 3-2), 10:05 p.m.

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10:00-11:00 Arts & Crafts	10:00-11:00 Guess Who!	10:00-11:00 Arts & Crafts	CLOSED	CLOSED
11:00-1:00 Lunch	11:00-1:00 Lunch	11:00-1:00 Lunch	CLOSED	CLOSED
1-2 p.m. Bingo	1-2 p.m. Jump for Joy	1-2 p.m. Bingo	CLOSED	CLOSED
2-4 Pool Tournment	2-4 Ping Pong Tournament	2-4 Checker Tournment	CLOSED	CLOSED
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San Antonio PD has worst clearance rate

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Police union officials say a staff shortage is responsible for records showing that San Antonio police has the worst crime-solving rate of all major departments in Texas.

The rate dropped so low this year that federal officials kicked back the figures for review. While San Antonio's clearance rate has been sinking since 1995, it grabbed administrators' attention in March when the FBI rejected the department's 2001 statistics because they were too far below the national average, according to an internal memo obtained by the San Antonio Express-News.

For the past two years, San Antonio's clearance rate was 9 percent, a record low among Texas' largest cities in seven years. Statewide, the average rate in 2001 was 18 percent. A national average for cities of San Antonio's size last year was not available, but in 2000, the rate was 18 percent.

That means that since 2000, San Antonio police failed to solve 91 percent of serious crimes tracked by the FBI, while law-enforcement agencies elsewhere were unable to crack about 80 percent of all cases.

Police officials blame poor record keeping this year for triggering a federal response and say they have partly corrected their reports, bringing San Antonio on par with other big cities.

But police union officials see the issue as evidence that detectives are faced with impossible workloads.

"They're not working with enough staff to investigate these crimes," said Rene Rodriguez, president of the San Antonio Police Officers Association. "The public and the department have got to ask themselves: 'What is an acceptable amount of crime to tolerate?' This is something you can't ignore."

Criminologists say clearance rates, the percentage of crimes cleared by arrests, can be a meaningful measure of the effectiveness of police, but only when they are calculated correctly.

"Until they get the statistical gathering system properly calibrated, then we really can't tell how effective they are," said James Calder, a criminologist with the University of Texas at San Antonio. "It's sort of like working with a broken tool."

Police administrators say errors in the way the department tracks arrests, outdated computer systems and the failure of detectives to record closed cases have skewed the statistics.

"We're doing all the work. We're making the arrests and doing a good job. We're just not taking credit for it," said Assistant Chief Tyrone Powers, who is in charge of calculating the department's arrests for the FBI's Uniform Crime Reports.

When officials with the Texas Department of Public Safety, which gathers the statistics from across the state, refused to accept San Antonio's statistics for 2001, they gave police here five weeks to fix the problem.

"They thought there must be an error, or we wouldn't be so low," Powers said.

He checked the numbers and found about 6,000 arrests were not counted in the department's clearance rate. But Powers had time to add only about 1,500 arrests to the count. The correction, which the FBI later accepted, bumped up the department's overall clearance rate by slightly more than 1 percent.

If all 6,000 arrests had been included, the overall clearance rate would have spiked to about 14 percent, which would have placed San Antonio within the range of other big cities in Texas last year.

In many cases, detectives neglected to fill out paperwork to report they had closed a case, Powers said. In other cases, judges charged suspects with crimes that did not directly match the offense described in the initial police report, so detectives were not notified that arrests were made in their cases, he said.

"I feel confident our officers are out there doing the best they can," Police Chief Albert Ortiz said. "The message I've been trying to get to the detectives is: 'Give yourselves credit.'"

Native Texan rises to hero status among some people

SANTA CRUZ, Calif. (AP) — President Bush and former New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani may be the new post-Sept. 11 heroes for most of the United States, but in liberal pockets across the nation, Congresswoman Barbara Lee — the Oakland Democrat who was the lone dissenter against the war on terrorism — is the leader du jour.

"There's no doubt she's a national figure now," said Scott Lynch, a spokesman for Washington D.C.-based Peace Action. "She's a hero to the entire progressive side of the electorate."

Saturday was declared "Barbara Lee Day" in Santa Cruz where a sold-out crowd packed the aisles of a revamped movie theater. Supporters jumped to their feet, hooting and cheering, when she told them part of democracy is questioning authority.

"It must not be unpatriotic to question a course of action, it must not be unpatriotic to raise doubts. I suggest to you it is just the opposite," she said.

Santa Cruz Mayor Christopher Krohn gave Lee a key to the city.

"She's become a national moral leader in awakening the movement for justice, peace and a thorough re-examination of United States foreign policy," said Krohn.

The compliments have been echoed across the country.

In Eugene, Ore., she's been named winner of the Wayne Morse Integrity in Government Award for 2002.

Kimberly Ead, director of the Peace and Human Rights Project in Burlington, Vt., said in her community, Lee "means hope for our political system."

Nationally, the most admired people in the United States these days are George and Laura Bush, Colin Powell and Rudolph Giuliani, according to a CNN-USA Today-Gallup poll.

Lee didn't even make the top 20 women's list, which included Madonna and Christine Whitman. The poll of 1,019 adults was taken in December and has an error margin of plus or minus three percentage points.

But Michael Carrigan, program director of Salem-based Oregon Peace Works, said national polls don't necessarily reflect the views of the peace movement.

"We certainly don't see Bush as a hero. The people we admire are people like Barbara Lee, who had the courage to take a stand," he said.

Lee's profile among the left rose dramatically after her Sept. 14 vote against a resolution giving sweeping war powers to the president.

"It was giving the president unlimited authority to wage war against any country as long as it was being excused with September 11," she said.

Before then, said Carrigan — a longtime peace activist — he had never even heard of her.

"It's like night and day," he said.

While the high profile vote drew Lee cheers from anti-war activists, it prompted death threats and vehement hatred from other Americans who felt she was unwilling to stand up for her country.

Council Nedd, a member of a Washington D.C.-based network of conservative African-Americans called Project 21, said Lee doesn't deserve to be called a hero.

"She gets a lot of attention for her wild rhetoric and vapid platitudes, but I wouldn't say she's an effective legislator, and that's what she was elected for," said Nedd.

Jerald Udinsky, a Republican financial economist who is running against Lee for her congressional seat this fall, said Lee's anti-war vote was what motivated him to challenge her.

"I was outraged," he said, "that she didn't support America defending itself from a direct attack."

Udinsky said he's been unable to raise anywhere near the $500,000 Lee has collected for her campaign from labor organizations, peace groups and others, according to data from The Center for Responsive Politics in Washington D.C.

"The national party feels there is a relatively low probability of success here, so it's hard to get funding," said Udinsky. "She's going to be hard to beat."

Born in El Paso, Texas, Lee is a self-described army brat — her father is a retired lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army.

Sandler's 'Mr. Deeds' earns top weekend movie honors

LOS ANGELES (AP) — "Mr. Deeds" went to town in a big way as the Adam Sandler comedy debuted as the No. 1 weekend film with $37.6 million.

Last weekend's No. 1 film, "Minority Report," slipped to third place with $21.6 million, according to studio estimates Sunday. "Lilo & Stitch," which opened just $400,000 behind "Minority Report" last weekend, remained the No. 2 movie with $22.2 million.

The weekend's other new wide release, the animated TV adaptation "Hey Arnold! The Movie," opened a distant sixth with a weak $6 million.

With the strong premiere of "Mr. Deeds" and solid staying power for "Lilo & Stitch," "Minority Report" and other holdover films, the industry scored another rising weekend. The top 12 films grossed $131.9 million, up 12 percent over the same weekend last year.

Movie revenues are running more than 20 percent ahead of last year, when Hollywood took in a record $8.4 billion. The industry should get a fresh box-office jolt over the Fourth of July holiday, with likely blockbuster "Men in Black II" debuting and many Americans taking a five-day weekend.

"This weekend was excellent, but I think next weekend with 'Men in Black,' we could be looking at some record-breaking numbers," said Paul Dergarabedian, president of box-office tracker Exhibitor Relations.

A remake of Frank Capra and Gary Cooper's "Mr. Deeds Goes to Town," Sandler's film overcame generally bad reviews and played well among his core audience of young males, a group that pays little heed to critics.

"With that audience, he's four stars," said Jeff Blake, head of distribution and marketing for Sony, which released "Mr. Deeds." "I think the audience went a little older than his usual given the romantic comedy subject matter, but it still played to his strength, the teens and young adults."

Sandler plays a goodhearted small-town guy who inherits $40 billion and winds up clashing with cynical city dwellers over his homespun values. Winona Ryder co-stars as Sandler's love interest.

The debut of "Mr. Deeds" was on par with his two biggest hits, "Big Daddy," which took in $41.5 million over opening weekend, and "The Waterboy," which did $39.4 million. Both films went on to top $160 million.

Since those movies, Sandler had bombed with the satanic comedy "Little Nicky," whose total gross was just a couple of million dollars more than "Mr. Deeds" took in over opening weekend.

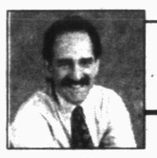
"A lot of people were wondering after 'Little Nicky' if Sandler still had the goods," Dergarabedian said. "Obviously, he still does. The guy's sold a lot of tickets over the years, and he still has his core audience."

"Spider-Man," the year's top-grossing film, fell out of the top 10 in its ninth weekend, taking in $3 million. Its total has climbed to $395.7 million and should pass $400 million by Fourth of July weekend.

The year's No. 2 film, "Star Wars: Episode II — Attack of the Clones, came in at No. 10 with $3.56 million, lifting its total to $286.1 million.

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

1. "Mr. Deeds," $37.6 million.
2. "Lilo & Stitch," $22.2 million.
3. "Minority Report," $21.6 million.
4. "Scooby-Doo," $12.2 million.
5. "The Bourne Identity," $10.8 million.
6. "Hey Arnold! The Movie," $6 million.
7. "The Sum of All Fears," $4.8 million.
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9. "Windtalkers," $3.6 million.
10. "Star Wars: Episode II — Attack of the Clones," $3.56 million.



On Nutrition by Ed Blonz, Ph.D.

Can tofu replace meat?

DEAR DR. BLONZ: I like the idea of using tofu as a substitute for meat. How much tofu do I need to do this? I am about 5 feet tall, and I weigh 104 pounds, so the most I can consume without gaining weight is 1,000 calories per day. I use tofu in a shake in the morning as well as adding it to soups and salads. I scramble it, etc., so I am familiar with its uses. How much should I eat on a daily basis? — **W.C., Ramona, Calif.**

Dear W.C.: You raise several issues. First, one serving of meat is approximately 3 ounces, equivalent in size to a pack of playing cards. Trimmed of all visible fat, such a serving contains about 25 grams of protein. One cup of extra-firm tofu contains an equivalent amount of protein. The recommended daily value for adults and children over the age of 4 is 50 grams of protein per day. (The typical American diet is well over this amount.) You mention making considerable use of tofu in your diet. Enjoying tofu is fine, but it's unwise to make any single food the focus of your diet. Be sure to include other sources of protein. If you're a vegetarian or trying to limit meat in your diet, some protein sources are nuts, seeds and gluten. A well-balanced diet that includes grains and legumes will provide all the essential amino acids the body needs to make protein. For nonvegetarians, there is fish, poultry and dairy. Eating red meat occasionally does not pose a health problem. The issue is not so much the source of the protein as the other foods that comprise the diet.

Tofu is made from soybeans that have been soaked, crushed, cooked and filtered. Calcium sulfate is then added, causing the soy pulp to form a gel. The water is removed as the soy is pressed into cakes. Tofu has a relatively high content of polyunsaturated fat, the type of fat that will turn rancid when exposed to air — especially warm air. Fresh tofu must be kept refrigerated and under water. When you purchase fresh tofu, make sure it has been stored properly, and take it home in a well-sealed plastic bag that contains water.

There are other options, one of which is to buy tofu cakes in refrigerated, commercially sealed, water-filled packages. Another is to buy tofu that is vacuum-sealed in an aseptic carton.

Discard tofu if the storage water becomes cloudy, if a slippery film develops on the surface, or if you notice an unusual smell. Also, the tofu should be discarded if it takes on a pinkish tinge, usually the effect of exposure to air. If the water is changed every day, fresh tofu can last up to two weeks in the refrigerator.

Your 1,000-calorie-per-day diet is a bit on the lean side for someone your height and weight. According to the reference tables, an ideal body weight for someone your height is between 97 and 127 pounds. Your Body Mass Index is 20.3, which places you on the lower end of the scale, ideal being a BMI below 25. (For those with Internet access, there is a list of ideal weights for men and women and a BMI calculator on my Web site at http://www.blonz.com/bmi.htm. The tables indicate that you are not at risk for becoming overweight.

So, what is a reasonable number of calories to ingest every day? An adult who doesn't move all day needs about 10 calories per pound of body weight. A sedentary adult who is up but sits around most of the day burns about 12 calories per pound. One who is lightly active needs 13 to 14 calories, while moderate activity requires about 15 calories per pound, and those who are very active burn about 18 calories per pound. Understand that these are averages, and the greater the muscle mass, the more energy the body uses — even if you are sitting around doing nothing.

Send questions to: "On Nutrition," Ed Blonz, c/o Newspaper Enterprise Association, 200 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10016. For e-mail, address inquiries to: ed@blonz.com. Due to the volume of mail, personal replies cannot be provided.

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Alltel		47.15	46.60	46.92—.08
AmEl Pw		40.37	39.57	39.82—.20
AndarkPtr		49.36	48.70	48.96—.34
ATMOS Egy		23.45	23.35	23.45 + .01
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Two children die in hot car; mother now faces charges

SOUTHFIELD, Mich. (AP) — A mother accused of leaving her children to die inside her sweltering car while she went to have her hair done has been charged with first-degree murder.

Tarajee Maynor, 25, of Detroit, remained jailed without bond early today. She faces life in prison without the possibility of parole if convicted.

Acacia D. Maynor, 10 months, and Adonnis D. Maynor, 3 years, died Friday after being left alone in her black compact car for more than three hours, police said.

"We treat animals better than that," said Southfield police Chief Joseph Thomas. "It's our full intention to put her behind bars for the rest of her natural life."

"This is a hideous crime, a horrific crime," Thomas said.

Maynor was arraigned Sunday before District Court Magistrate Eugene Friedman on two counts each of first-degree murder and felony child abuse.

The Southfield magistrate ordered her held without bond at the Oakland County Jail.

Maynor, who is due back in court on July 10, was not represented by an attorney.

"Those children really suffered," said Oakland County Assistant Prosecutor Deborah Carley. "The mere image of her sitting in that salon, getting her hair done, reading a magazine while they were suffering makes me sick."

Thomas said the windows on the car, a Dodge Neon, were rolled up when the children were left. He said Maynor's hair appointment apparently took longer than expected.

The weather was sunny on Friday afternoon, with afternoon highs in the 80s, according to the National Weather Service. The temperature inside a parked car likely would be much hotter because of the greenhouse effect.

Rosemary Clooney is dead at age 74

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Tony Bennett recalled the warmth in her voice. Michael Feinstein remembered a joyful soul. And Bob Hope's wife spoke of her courage.

All were saddened at the passing of Rosemary Clooney, the mellow-voiced singer who died Saturday at age 74 in her Beverly Hills home. She had been hospitalized earlier in the month for a recurrence of lung cancer.

In a ceremony on Sunday, flowers were placed on Clooney's star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. Web sites devoted to the singer were flooded with comments from fans.

"She was one of America's finest pop vocalists, with a clear, pure voice filled with warmth and sincerity," Bennett said in a statement. "She was a wonderful person."

Clooney co-starred with Bing Crosby in "White Christmas" and was known for her version of the song "Come on-a My House" by Armenian-American author William Saroyan.

"For over 50 years she has brightened our lives with the richness of her personality and her voice," Dolores Hope, a fellow singer and wife of entertainer Bob Hope, said in a statement. "Her courage and love have been an inspiration to all who called her friend."

Clooney's younger brother, Nick Clooney, an entertainer and former television news anchor in Cincinnati, told The Cincinnati Enquirer that he spoke with her Thursday and she had talked enthusiastically about returning to her hometown of Maysville, Ky., for the fourth annual Rosemary Clooney Music Festival in September.

"She was very feisty," Nick Clooney said. His son is actor George Clooney.

Rosemary Clooney started singing with her younger sister, Betty, on WLW radio in Cincinnati in 1945.

Bandleader Tony Pastor heard the girls when he was touring Ohio and hired them, and the Clooney Sisters made their debut with the band in Atlantic City in 1947.

Two years later, Betty tired of the life and Rosemary headed for New York, where she played a few dates on radio and early television shows and recorded for Columbia. One day in 1951, Mitch Miller, the mentor of Columbia Records, offered her "Come on-a My House."

"I really hated that song. I hated the whole idea, and my first impression was, what a cheap way to get people's attention," she later wrote in her memoirs.

When she refused to record the song, Miller threatened to fire her. She agreed, using an Italian accent instead of Armenian "because it was the only kind of accent I knew."

The song became a huge hit and catapulted Clooney to stardom.

She signed a contract with Paramount Pictures in 1952 and the next year married Jose Ferrer, the Puerto Rico-born, Academy Award-winning actor and director. Their first son, Miguel, was born in 1955, followed in rapid succession by Maria, Gabriel, Monsita and Rafael.

Clooney also starred in two TV variety series, and the difficulty of maintaining a career and a home for her husband and young children began to trouble her.

She divorced Ferrer in 1961. After a three-year reconciliation, they divorced for the final time in 1967.

For years she had taken pills to assuage personal grief and maintain her life as a singing star and a single mother. Overeating caused her to gain 60 pounds. Her children and associates became alarmed at her irrational behavior.

After four years of therapy, Clooney return to performing in 1972 at Copenhagen's Tivoli Gardens. For the first time in years, she found joy in entertaining an audience.

"Then at Christmas in 1975 Bing called me," she said in a 1985 Associated Press interview. "He said he was going to do a concert at the Los Angeles Music Center. Would I appear with him?"

She agreed, thinking it would be a one-time benefit. But the pair continued on to Chicago, New York and London. Clooney's career was reborn. She won a new record contract, and singing dates poured in.

In 1996, Clooney married Dante DiPaolo, a Hollywood dancer she had dated before meeting Ferrer.

In addition to her husband and five children, Clooney is survived by her brother; a sister, Gail Clooney Darley; and 10 grandchildren.

Services were to be held in Beverly Hills and Kentucky; details were pending. Clooney was expected to be buried in Maysville.

"Her music was an extraordinary extension of this joyful soul," her longtime friend, singer and pianist Michael Feinstein, told the Los Angeles Times. "She was an earth mother, a heart person, and that quality came through in her music."

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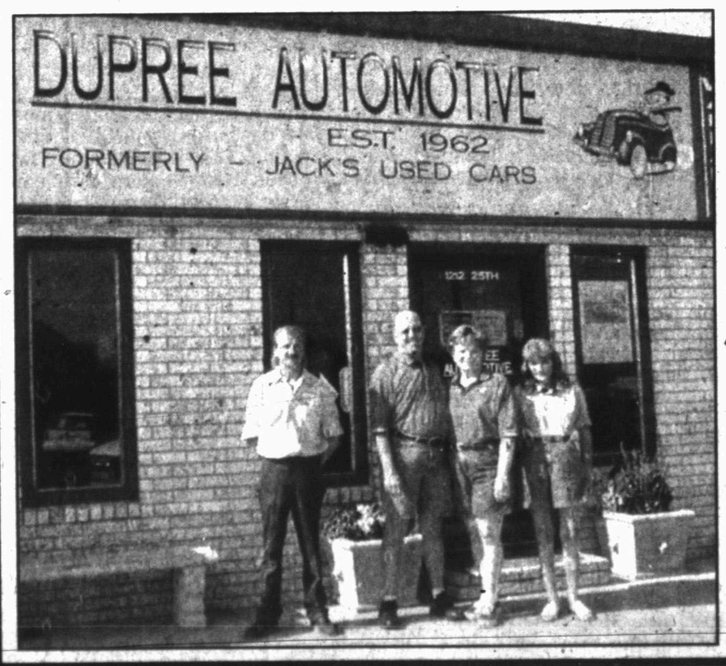
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Spotlight

Dupree Automotive is owned by Richard and Donna Dupree. Know previously as Jack's Used Cars, the business was established in 1962 by Jack Dupree. Richard has been proprietor for 17 years since his father's death. In that time many improvements and expansions have taken place, including a 6 bay repair shop, and separate washbay. A recent name change reflects the diversity of the business.

Richard hand selects the vehicles that go on display at Dupree Automotive. Primarily, late model, one owner, lease and company cars, trucks and SUV's with maintenance records are sought. Vehicles are serviced through the shop and given a full detail before they are placed on the front line. Their goal is to offer the cleanest quality vehicle available at affordable prices. Usually under $10,000. Financing is available on site, with approved credit and the dealership provides a free, limited warranty with most purchases.

Dupree Automotive has a full service repair shop, Grahame Kerry is available 5 days a week and has over 20 years experience. Services include but are not limited to, brake jobs, tune ups, oil changes, computer diagnostics, AC, transmission, and engine service and repair. Grahame also operates a licensed State Inspection Station.

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Telemarketers prepare for state no-call lists

FORT WORTH (AP) — It strikes fear in the hearts of families sitting down to dinner, night-shift workers trying to catch some afternoon shuteye and new parents whose fussy baby is finally asleep.

It's the ringing telephone — or, more specifically, that a pesky telemarketer might be on the other end.

"When I run to pick up the phone and it's somebody trying to sell me something, I get so mad," said Maria Jones, a Fort Worth homemaker.

Telemarketers have become so despised that more than half a million Texans have registered for a no-call list, similar to those in more than two dozen states. A new Texas law requires companies to abide by the state list starting today.

Telemarketing is a $662 billion industry nationwide — nearly 6 percent of the gross domestic product — and has 6 million employees, according to the Direct Marketing Association.

"I think folks at the state and federal levels had in their mind that this was kind of a small business that kind of annoyed people, so it's OK to revile it," said Louis Mastria, spokesman for the New York-based DMA. "But those things don't match up with the economic reality."

An estimated 185 million Americans purchase goods or services by phone each year, including many older residents who don't feel comfortable doing business over the Internet, according to industry records.

For every 19 people who yell at or hang up on telemarketers, there's at least one who's receptive to the sales pitch, according to industry statistics.

"I don't think people mind being called at home. Most consumers are bothered by the volume of calls," said Kevin Brosnahan, spokesman for the Washington, D.C.-based American Teleservices Association.

It's too soon to tell whether the no-call laws will prompt companies to cut back on telemarketing, industry officials say.

But the additional costs — registering with the state, buying no-call lists several times a year, hiring people to input the lists and paying hefty fines for violations — likely will be passed on to consumers.

"It will force legitimate telemarketers to pay for the sins of the 20 percent of the industry that give us all a black eye," Mastria said.

State Rep. Roberto Gutierrez, D-McAllen, said he cosponsored the Texas no-call bill because federal laws didn't have enough teeth, and his constituents were complaining. Now, he said, Texans can turn in rogue telemarketers to the state's Public Utility Commission, which sponsors the no-call list.

Gutierrez said the $1,000-per-violation fine is appropriate. New York fines telemarketers $5,000 per violation.

"No-call lists don't put anybody out of business," said Rep. Burt Solomons, R-Carrollton, the Texas bill's other co-sponsor.

Telemarketers last year sold goods and services worth $48 billion in Texas, where 432,600 people work in the industry, according to the Direct Marketing Association.

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram employs about 20 telemarketers who sell about 40 percent of the newspaper's new subscriptions, said Weldon Whiteman, vice president of circulation.

Downloading the new no-call list wasn't a problem, and he doesn't expect the law to cause problems for the paper, he said.

"A lot of people on the list are subscribers, and we don't call them anyway," Whiteman said.

The Texas no-call list effective today includes people who signed up before March 27. An updated list Sept. 1 will include those who registered between March 28 and June 26, and another list Dec. 1 will include people who sign up between June 27 and Sept. 26.

Texans can register toll-free at 866-896-6225. Signing up costs $2.25 and guarantees three years on the list.

But the marketing and teleservices associations say the federal Telephone Consumer Protection Act of 1991 and the Telemarketing and Consumer Fraud and Abuse Prevention Act of 1994 are stringent enough.

They say keeping up with different state laws can be difficult.

For example, telemarketers are banned from calling Mississippi residents on Sundays. In Illinois, telemarketers aren't allowed to "rebut" when a resident says he or she isn't interested.

Some states prohibit telemarketers from blocking their numbers. But technology, not intentional blocking, at many large call centers causes numbers not to show up on a resident's caller ID system, Brosnahan said.

Crossing in Big Bend area closed after BP crackdown

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The informal Big Bend area border crossing at Lajitas, where vehicles and people were ferried across the Rio Grande for visits to Mexico, remains closed after a federal crackdown.

The third-generation Mexican boatman who had ferried people across the river for years now awaits deportation after his arrest in a raid. Businesses in Mexican towns linked by economy and tradition to Big Bend communities are closed.

Petitions are circulating in the border area communities of Terlingua, Study Butte and Lajitas to reopen the unregulated crossing, with some residents angry about the way that it had been closed after years of uneventful commerce.

"They came down in force, with unmarked vehicles and a helicopter, and it was ugly, very ugly," Rick Page, who operates the Lajitas Trading Post, told the San Antonio Express-News in today's editions. "We called it the invasion. They came at check-cashing time and rounded people up.

"It was very intimidating," he said. "What we don't know is why. Is it terrorism? Is it drugs?"

Mexican children who until recently attended the Terlingua school have an uncertain future.

"We can't even go over there to buy food or go to school," said Manuel Benavides, 14, last week as he and some buddies huddled on the Mexican bank. "Paso Lajitas is almost empty. The people have all gone. Everyone thinks it is unjust."

But the U.S. Border Patrol agent who wanted to close such unregulated crossings, including several in the nearby Big Bend National Park, said the actions were overdue.

"I don't make the laws. I enforce them, and if I had had the resources five years ago, I would have closed every illegal crossing in the sector," said Simon Garza Jr., chief of the Marfa Border Patrol Sector. "I do feel for the people in these communities, but the overriding factor is security for my country. The world is a different place now, and now I am able to respond."

New federal funding has provided Garza with 20 new agents, some new patrol vehicles and a helicopter have extends his reach to the smaller crossings. The agency has been stretched thin for years along the 420 miles of river, with the fewest agents of any sector along the Mexican border.

Garza did not cite any specific drug or terrorist threat centered at Lajitas, but said daily traffic had grown to where it could no longer be overlooked.

"In times past, the biggest threat in Lajitas may have been a few tourists going back and forth, but that evolved to where there were 150 to 175 people crossing a day, and that's something we could not tolerate," he said.

Also, he said since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, threats that once might have seemed improbable must now be taken seriously.

Since the May 10 raid, a metal cable blocks vehicles from making the Lajitas crossing. Green and white Border Patrol vehicles regularly monitor the site.

Survey: Overweight children may frustrate many doctors

CHICAGO (AP) — Many children are not being adequately treated for weight problems because pediatricians and other health workers often lack expertise in helping them slim down, a survey suggests.

Though faced with an increasing number of overweight children, many pediatricians and nurse practitioners say they need more training to overcome weight-loss obstacles including a lack of patient motivation, insurance and parental involvement, according to the survey.

The eight-page survey involved 940 pediatricians, pediatric nurse practitioners and dietitians nationwide. Several reports about it are published as a supplement to the July issue of Pediatrics.

The 1999 survey is part of an effort by the federal Maternal and Child Health Bureau to examine the growing problem of obesity in children and to assess how doctors are dealing with it.

National data indicate that about 14 percent of children age 6 through 19 are severely overweight, a near-tripling since the 1960s.

"A lot of pediatricians around the country don't feel confident that they know how to treat this problem — so they don't (treat it)," said Dr. William Dietz, who chaired a committee convened by the bureau that initiated the survey.

"It is a hard problem to treat," especially if doctors don't start addressing it until their patients become obese, said Dietz, director of the division of nutrition and physical activity at the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Most survey participants said weight problems in children are a serious medical issue, putting patients at risk for chronic diseases including diabetes and heart ailments later in life. The bad news is that many may be inadequately addressing it, said St. Louis University's Dr. Sarah Barlow, one of the researchers.

"It's a very sensitive topic for pediatricians to bring up. They worry about offending the family" and causing self-esteem problems in the child, she said.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Post-menopausal hot flashes should be addressed

DEAR DR. GOTT: I am a female, age 80, with a history of heart attack and breast cancer. My current problem is hot flashes. I am taking Lopressor for hypertension. My doctor does not seem to take my symptom too seriously. What would you advise?

DEAR READER: It would help to know how long you have had "hot flashes" because this symptom may, in the elderly, be confused with recurring fever. If you have experienced hot flashes for years, I suggest that you see a gynecologist. Obviously, you're way past menopause; yet I have seen an occasional patient with vascular instability (the cause of hot flashes) that responded to low-dose estrogen therapy. In your case, this treatment is contra-indicated because of your history of breast cancer that could be aggravated by hormone supplements.

If, on the other hand, your hot flashes appeared weeks or months ago, I'd worry that the cause might be a hidden infection or, worse, a recurrence of your breast cancer. I urge you to check with your primary care physician or gynecologist.

I doubt that the Lopressor, a beta-blocking agent for hypertension, is playing a role in this scenario. Nonetheless, if your hot flashes appeared shortly after you began it, you could be experiencing an idiosyncratic reaction to the drug. Your family doctor should be able to sort out these issues.

A NOTE TO READERS: For an updated and revised Health Report on "Diabetes Mellitus," send a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope and $2 to Newsletter, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092-0167. Be sure to mention the title. Also, be on the lookout for more updated Health Reports.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have read that in case of a nuclear attack, there is a medication that might help with survival. What is the name of it? Is it safe? Where can it be purchased?

DEAR READER: As a result of nuclear attack or accidental disaster (such as occurred in Chernobyl), the immediate massive radiation kills most living creatures. There is no medical antidote for this.

However, when the radioactive cloud disseminates downwind, it may be dilute enough to prevent immediate fatalities. In such an instance, it can — over time — be harmful because environmental substances, such as food and livestock, will become contaminated. This is especially true of iodine compounds. Iodine is selectively taken up and used by the thyroid gland. Consequently, radiation to the gland is a major cause of thyroid cancer.

In order to protect their thyroid glands in the presence of radiation, survivors are urged to take prophylactic doses of non-radioactive iodine. This harmless substance will saturate the thyroid, thereby preventing it from absorbing dangerous amounts of the radioactive variety.

This medicine, in the form of potassium iodine (KI), is widely available in most pharmacies, both here and abroad. In fact, it was widely utilized in Scandinavia, following the Chernobyl incident, with excellent results.

If you are concerned about the potential effects of disseminated radioactive fallout, ask your physician to prescribe a supply of KI tablets.

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Oil Patch News

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Kinder Morgan will drill the No. 1698 SACROC unit in the Kelly-Snyder field, five miles northwest of Snyder. Planned for a depth of 7,200 feet, drill site is in Section 253, Block 97, H&TC survey.

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Kinder Morgan will drill the No. 1512-A SACROC unit in the Kelly-Snyder field, five miles northwest of Snyder. The venture is also planned for 7,200 feet, and location is in Section 293, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Kinder Morgan will drill the No. 1184-A SACROC unit in the same field, five miles northwest of Snyder. The well will be drilled to a depth of 7,200 feet, and location is in Section 293, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Kinder Morgan will drill the No. 1488 SACROC unit in the Kelly-Snyder field, 7.5 miles northwest of Snyder. Also planned for a depth of 7,200 feet, drill site is in Section 293, Block 97, H&TC survey.

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Garza County

Palmer Oil Properties has completed the No. 1 Sullivan in the Garza field, four miles southeast of Post. The well was finaled to produce 14 barrels of oil and 250 barrels of water. Perforations were from 2,754-765 feet, and location is in Section 3, Block H, S.E. Harper survey.

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Flood waters sweep Austin man away

By The Associated Press

Flood waters that swept away an Austin man during weekend thunderstorms in Central Texas also closed some Hill Country roads and sent rivers out of their banks.

Up to 10 inches of rain fell over the weekend in Central Texas, which remained under a flash flood watch until early today.

Law officers said 18-year-old drowning victim Gregory Lorea had slipped Sunday night while hiking with friends by the Spyglass Drive entrance to Zilker Park in a rocky area made more treacherous by recent rains. His body was recovered a half-mile downstream in Barton Creek near Barton Springs about 1½ hours later.

After Lorea slipped, two friends jumped in the creek and tried to pull him out, then went to a nearby convenience store to call for help, said Warren Hassinger of Austin-Travis County Emergency Medical Services.

Austin Fire Department spokesman Matt Cox said the man's friends told emergency workers that he was swimming after he fell into the creek, but the swift current swept him away from the popular hiking spot along the creek's greenbelt area.

Cox said the Barton Creek greenbelt area is a popular hiking spot.

"It is a very dangerous area when it is muddy, which is why we tell people not to go near the water when it has been raining," he told the Austin American-Statesman in today's editions.

Meanwhile, residents of Comfort awoke Sunday morning to the sounding of alarms warning of rising water along the Guadalupe River.

"Comfort was hit the worst," said Betty Tejeda, a communications dispatcher with the Kendall County Sheriff's Department.

"It was bad. It's been a long time since it was this bad," said Hazel Petty, who owns a service station and other businesses in Comfort.

WorldCom continues to review records

WASHINGTON (AP) — WorldCom Inc., already facing charges over nearly $4 billion in disguised expenses, told the government today, that it is investigating possible irregularities in its reserve accounts.

The embattled telecommunications company submitted a sworn statement to the Securities and Exchange Commission, which had demanded a report after filing the civil fraud charges on Wednesday.

WorldCom's woes deepened, meanwhile, as it received notice from the Nasdaq Stock Market that its shares would be removed from trading starting Friday. The delisting could be put on hold if WorldCom requests a hearing to object to the move.

WorldCom stock plunged 90 percent to 6 cents a shares in early trading today after a three-day halt following its disclosure of accounting irregularities. More than 250 million shares changed hands in frenzied trading in the first 15 minutes.

In its statement, WorldCom said its audit committee is reviewing financial records for 1999 through 2001 because "questions have been raised" regarding significant changes in reserves against potential financial losses.

Obituaries

Martha Schiebel

1926-2002

Martha Zeck Schiebel, former long-time resident of Snyder, died Saturday, June 29, 2002, in Odessa's Hospice Home.

A memorial service for Mrs. Schiebel will be held at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, July 6, 2002, at Trinity Methodist Church in Snyder with the Reverend Gary Hubbard officiating. Judy Hubbard will lead the music.



Mrs. Schiebel

Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Mrs. Schiebel was born July 25, 1926, in Raton, New Mexico, to Frank and Margaret Whistler. The family moved to West Texas when Martha was ten. She graduated from Iowa Park High School in 1943, took RN training at Texas Christian University, graduated Midwestern University in 1948, and earned her master's degree from Texas Tech in 1964.

Martha married Ted Zeck of Iowa Park in 1945, moving to Snyder in 1952. She taught English, and later health, in Snyder schools for 35 years, first at the junior high level and later at Snyder High School. Recently attending First United Methodist Church, she was a charter member of Trinity Methodist, where she served in numerous service and leadership roles. She also enjoyed her work with American Field Service, Atheneum Study Club, and the Wesleyan Service Guild.

In 1979 Martha married Bill Schiebel with whom she enjoyed traveling, entertaining, and volunteering. She volunteered for short-term medical mission trips to Guatemala and Russia. She worked with the Alzheimer's program, the American Cancer Society, the local Blood Bank, the Cogdell Hospital Auxiliary, and was given the honor of being named Snyder's Humanitarian of the Year.

Mrs. Schiebel is survived by her three children and their families: Mark (and Doris) Zeck and children Deborah and Jonathan; Paul (and Gail) Zeck and Paul and Pam Patterson's children Julie (and David) Smithey and Emily Zeck; and Margaret (and Bill) Edwards and children Elizabeth (and Wally) Badley, Jason (and Masha) Edwards, and Caroline Thiessen Edwards. Her sister, Joan Noonkester (and husband Clyde) of Brownwood survive her, as well.

Additionally, she is survived by her stepchildren and their families: Cynthia Schiebel, John (and Sandy) Schiebel and daughters Katherine Schiebel and Kera and Kammi Newby; Barbara (and Billy) Knight and children J. R and Wendy.

Mark's family lives in Midland. Paul is in Point Blank, Pam is in Dallas, Julie is at the University of Michigan, and Emily is in New York City. Margaret's family all live near Seattle and include seven of Martha's great-grandchildren, Kathryn and Alan Badley, Claire and Emma Edwards, and Camille, Grant and David Thiessen.

Cynthia lives in Austin; John's family is in Naples, Florida; Barbara's family all lives in Amarillo and include two more great-grandchildren, Alexandra and Aaron Knight.

Memorials may be made to the TCU RN scholarship fund or to the Hospice House, 903 N. Sam Houston, Odessa, TX 79761.

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Robert Buzbee

1922-2002

LUBBOCK — Robert T. Buzbee, a former resident of Snyder, died Thursday, June 27.

Private graveside services for Mr. Buzbee, 80, were planned in Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park under the direction of Sanders Funeral Home.

Born March 3, 1922, he married Patsy Sue Petty in 1949 in Odessa. He was a graduate of Abilene High School and attended Hardin-Simmons, McMurry, Abilene Christian, University of Georgia and Northern Illinois School of Optometry.

A U.S. Navy fighter pilot during World War II, he owned and operated the Yellow Cab Co. and Snyder Finance Co. in Snyder for eight years and then opened a furniture store in Roswell, N.M. in 1960.

He was secretary of Shelton Warren Oil Co. in Roswell, was a car dealer and real estate agent. He moved to a ranch in New Mexico for five years before retiring in Lubbock.

Survivors include his wife, Patsy Buzbee of Lubbock; two daughters, Jan Ainsworth of Portales, N.M. and Teri Fairman of Lubbock; a sister, Jane Duval of Fort Collins, Colo.; and five grandchildren.

Odell Hilburn

1918-2002

LAMESA — Odell Frank Hilburn, the brother of Jean Godair of Snyder, died Saturday, June 29.

Military graveside service for Mr. Hilburn, 83, is set for 10:30 a.m. Tuesday in Lamesa Memorial Park with the Rev. Bruce Cotton officiating.

Born Dec. 29, 1918 in Stephenville, he attended Liberty community schools. A U.S. Army veteran of World War II, he served as a medic in the 95th Infantry Division.

He married Julia Hudak on Dec. 15, 1945 in Harrisburg, Pa. Mr. Hilburn was a member of the VFW in Lamesa and Lubbock and a life member of the Disabled American Veterans.

A resident of Lubbock, he owned and operated Hilburn Tree Service and Pest Control.

Survivors include his wife, Julia Hilburn of Lubbock; a son, Daniel Hilburn of Lubbock; three daughters, Suzanne Hilburn, Barbara Hilburn and Virginia Causer, all of Lubbock; three brothers, Buck Hilburn and Troy Haney, both of Abilene, and Valton Haney of Lamesa; three other sisters, Velkma Pearson of Portales, N.M., Maria Lybrand of Lamesa and Betty Kidd of Lubbock; and four grandchildren.

Sterling Jennings

1914-2002

SAN ANGELO — Sterling Edward Jennings, a former resident of Snyder, died Sunday, June 30, at his home in San Angelo.

Funeral service for Mr. Edwards, 88, is set for 9:30 a.m. Tuesday at Johnson's Funeral Home. Graveside service will follow at 1:30 p.m. at Resthaven Memorial Park in Midland.

Born June 13, 1914 in Collins, Ark., he married Blanche Watkins on Aug. 16, 1936. She died in 1971. He married Edith West in 1973 and moved to San Angelo.

A veteran of World War II, Mr. Jennings was a retired oilfield driller for Standard Oil Company and other companies in West Texas. He also worked for the Midland Public Schools and was a member of the First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Edith Jennings of San Angelo; two sons, Bill Jennings of Big Spring and George Jennings of Fort Worth; a stepson, Cleve West of San Angelo; and a sister, Marilee Mystrom of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.; eight grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Officers arrest three men here

Arrests

Officers arrested three men just after 8 p.m. Saturday on the Coliseum grounds for public intoxication.

Thefts

Linda Stack with Rip Griffin's reported at 9 a.m. Saturday morning the theft of DVDs valued at $329.78. An offense report for Class B theft was submitted.

David Ehret reported the theft of a bicycle just after 10 a.m. Saturday in the 1000 block of 29th Street.

Robin Crooks reported a stolen bicycle at 4:16 p.m. Saturday in the 400 block of 32nd Street.

At 8 a.m. Sunday Bill Parker reported the theft of an American flag and flag pole from his residence in the 2500 block of 36th Street.

Betty Clarady requested deputies at 4:20 p.m. Sunday in reference to the theft of a shotgun in the 4600 block of Pleasant Hill Road.

Valerie Lara requested police at 4:41 p.m. Sunday concerning the theft of a class ring and a necklace in the 1500 block of Ave. G

Family violence

A woman called 911 at 12:26 p.m. Sunday and reported her boyfriend taking her vehicle and being intoxicated. An offense report for felony assault and family violence was submitted.

Close patrols

A woman reported vandalism just before 6 p.m. Sunday in the 100 block of 34th Street. A close patrol was maintained.

A fight was reported at the Park Village Apartments at 8:40 Sunday evening. A close patrol was maintained.

Officers maintained a close patrol in the 600 block of 32nd Street after a report of fireworks at 11:16 p.m. Sunday.

Officers reported an open door at Lorber Industries at 1:44 a.m. today and maintained a close patrol.

Gas drive offs

A clerk with Town and Country east reported a gas drive off 1:07 p.m. Saturday worth $15.

At 1:55 p.m. Saturday another clerk with Town and Country east reported a gas drive off in the amount of $9.06. Another gas drive off worth $5 was reported from the same location 20 minutes later.

An employee with Town and Country east reported a gas drive off worth $11.01 at 12:39 a.m. Sunday.

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Auction items needed

Items are needed for the Historic Scurry County silent auction to be held July 4 at the Cornelius-Dodson House. Call 573-3822 to have items picked up.

Museum exhibit

A special exhibit of Harley-Davidson, Indian motorcycles and Cushman motor scooters continues through Aug. 22 at the Scurry County Museum on the Western Texas College campus. The free exhibit is entitled Ready To Roll and all bikes are owned by residents of Scurry County.

Medical fund

A medical fund has been established for James Weldon Buchanan at American State Bank to help with cancer treatment expenses. The account name is James Weldon Buchanan Medical Fund, #4802659.

VFW auxiliary meeting

The VFW auxiliary will meet at 7 tonight at the post home.

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 this evening is "How to Make a Life," followed by "The Case Against Gambling."

Snyder Lions Club

Snyder Lions Club will not meet Tuesday, but the club will sponsor the prayer breakfast at 8 a.m. July 4th at the park pavilion.

Masonic meeting

A stated meeting of Scurry Masonic Lodge No. 706 will be held at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Gateway Family Services

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

Dermott School July 4th

The Dermott School located on the coliseum grounds will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. July 4th for an art and book show and sale.

FBC services televised

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

Landfill closed Thursday

Snyder landfill will be closed Thursday in celebration of Independence Day. It will resume normal business hours Friday.

SHS class of 1987 reunion

The 1987 class of Snyder High School will have a 15-year reunion dinner Saturday at Snyder Country Club.

Healing service

A healing service will be held at Applin Ministries (Gentle Dove) at 7 p.m. Saturday. For information call 573-4882 or 573-8729.

Discovery School registration

Fall registration for Discovery School will be from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. July 8-12. The fall session begins Aug. 1. For more information, call 573-4770.

FBC support groups

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

Desert Reign Ministry

Desert Reign Ministry will perform at 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 17, at Trinity United Methodist Church. The public is invited to hear country gospel music with a southwestern flair.

SHS class of 1992 reunion

The 1992 class of Snyder High School needs addresses for classmates. Call Melanie at 573-4022, Julie at 573-1634 or Amy at 573-4793. The reunion will be held at the end of July.

Cancer treatment transportation

Transportation for cancer patients to Lubbock, Abilene or Midland is available free of charge. Call Sammie Jarrell at 573-5993 or Blakey Fargason at 574-8041. If not home, leave message on answering machine.

Tennessee government is partially shut down

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Tennesseans awoke today to find their government in a partial shutdown.

Lawmakers failed to meet the requirement of the state constitution to pass a balanced budget by the start of the new fiscal year, which began today.

During rare weekend sessions, the House and Senate approved a bill that gave Gov. Don Sundquist power to keep essential services funded through Friday while they continued to try and break their stalemate over the best way to resolve an $800 million deficit in next year's budget.

Sundquist held out to the last minute, and then signed the bill into law by midnight Sunday.

"We've been at this four years. Every day we put it off we do a little more damage to Tennessee families," Sundquist said. "We'll do everything we can to provide basic services for the health, security and welfare for the citizens of Tennessee" during this time.

Sundquist said he was discouraged that the Legislature had not made a decision on an income tax as a way to resolve the state's financial troubles, despite four regular and two special sessions. Tennessee is one of nine states without a broad-based personal income tax.

The shut down did not begin at midnight, according to the Senate, which turned back the clock to 11:45 p.m while it debated its next step. Eventually, members conceded the shut down.

Outside the Capitol, car horns blared and people shouted on bullhorns.