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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

THURSDAY

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Home of Patsy Sitton

Dr. Frank Thomas...

Surgeon to locate here

The Snyder medical community was increased by one this morning as Cogdell Memorial Hospital CEO George Parsley announced that Dr. Frank Thomas has signed a letter of intent to locate his medical practice here.

Dr. Thomas is a general surgeon who is currently practicing in Hobart, Okla.

Dr. Thomas and his wife, Carol, have made several trips to Snyder including a visit on Monday for an open reception at the Martha Ann Woman's Club. Several members of the community were in attendance to meet the doctor and his wife.

Parsley said that Thomas would begin his practice here as soon as he receives his Texas medical license.

"The process of licensing can take up to around 120 days, so we could be looking at October or November before he is licensed in Texas," Parsley said.

Thomas graduated from the University of Florida College of Medicine as president of his medical school class in 1972. He began his medical career with an internship and residency in general surgery at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Md., that same year.

Since then, Thomas has served as a surgeon in Florida, Maryland, and Connecticut. He is currently a staff surgeon at Elkview General Hospital in Hobart.

Thomas also served as a Naval officer for eight years during the 1960s. He was an operations officer and navigator on the USS Hollister, an engineer officer on the USS Sailfish and a weapons officer on the USS Henry Clay.

The Thomas' have four sons, none living at home.

In other business, the board reviewed a preliminary audit report from Condley & Company, an accounting firm from Abilene. The final report will be available for approval when the cost report adjustment is finalized.

The board also discussed the upcoming renovation and expansion of the hospital's emergency room. Parsley outlined some probable costs of the project and estimated that the total amount would fall around $2.2 million.

Parsley also announced the resignation of Cathy Boden, director of nurses. Sheryl Chance will serve as interim director of nurses until the position can be filled, added Parsley.

Board president Jim Bob Cave presided and members present were Dink Foree, Stanley Martin, Nan Swanson and Terry Williams. E. D. Walton was absent.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Middle age is when you don't need a room full of antiques to be able to sit on something 50 years old."

Every time police officers are involved in a shooting, the do-gooders come out of the woodworks and start to point fingers of blame.

No, deadly force isn't pretty or pleasant, but unfortunately it's often necessary. A deputy district attorney on the West Coast said it even better.

He came up with a five-point plan to help citizens avoid being shot by the police. While it may not prevent all shootings, it would go a long way in reducing them.

Here are the rules:

1. Don't commit violent crimes. Elementary, but the rule is lost on many. They do the crime, get shot and then wonder how it could possibly happen. They whine that it is unfair. But violent crime is like jumping in front of a moving car, a high-risk endeavor. And committing violent crimes makes police officers think you may not be a good person.

2. If you ignore rule one, and the police confront you, don't run away. It may be hard to believe, but that may make them think you're guilty. Hiding in the bushes or closets makes officers very nervous. They might even foolishly conclude that you're up to no good.

3. If you disregard rules 1 and 2 and are apprehended, don't make fast movements with your hands. It may sound silly, but grabbing a shiny beer can, a dark-colored wallet or one of those snazzy real-looking replica guns may make police mistakenly believe you are about to hurt them.

4. If you disregard rules 1 through 3, and manage to get what looks like a deadly weapon into your hands, don't point it at a cop. They all know you are basically a nice person, but that may be missed by the officer confronting you. In their paranoia, they may even believe they need to protect themselves.

5. If you disregard rules 1 through 4, don't be astonished if the cops do not instantly turn into your personal confidante. They may be too preoccupied to realize that you are normally a splendid individual and that you are just having a bad day. They may be too preoccupied to see that pointing a weapon at them is just your way of crying out for help.

It is accepted that the whole problem can be traced to the fact that your mother didn't breast feed, but some police officers are too cynical to see that.

So there you have it. If you really apply yourself and obey even some of the rules listed here, your chances of avoiding police gunfire are greatly enhanced.

Makes sense!

New captain named at Price Daniel Unit

The Price Daniel Unit will soon have a new captain as Carolyn Stephens is relocating to the local prison.

She will take the place of Randy Lewis, who has been named chief of classification.

Stephens' new position will be effective June 1. She is currently working at the Garza West Unit in Beeville, where she has been a lieutenant since October 1997.

Stephens began her career with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice in June 1990 at the Estelle Unit in Huntsville.

In 1991, she moved to the Beto I Unit in Palestine before transferring to the McConnell Unit in Beeville in 1994. She was promoted to sergeant there in August 1995.

In October, 1997, she was promoted to lieutenant at Garza West.

Warden Wilhelmenia Howard said one additional change is expected at the local unit, but cannot be released at this time.

"We can't make that announcement because it is not official," she said.

Holiday for some Monday

The Memorial Day holiday on Monday will prompt a number of closings, including all financial institutions in town.

West Texas State Bank, Texas Savings Bank, Snyder National Bank, First American Bank and American State Bank will all be closed on Monday.

City and county employees will have the day off Monday with the exception of city landfill workers. The landfill will be open Monday, but closed Saturday.

Western Texas College will be closed Monday, and the Scurry County Museum, located on the WTC campus, will be shut down Friday through Monday for the holiday weekend while the Scurry County Library will be closed Saturday through Monday.

Snyder Post Office will not be open Monday, but mail will be placed in post office boxes. There will be no home delivery.

The Texas Workforce Commission, also located on the WTC campus, takes Monday as a holiday as well.

Roscoe man found guilty

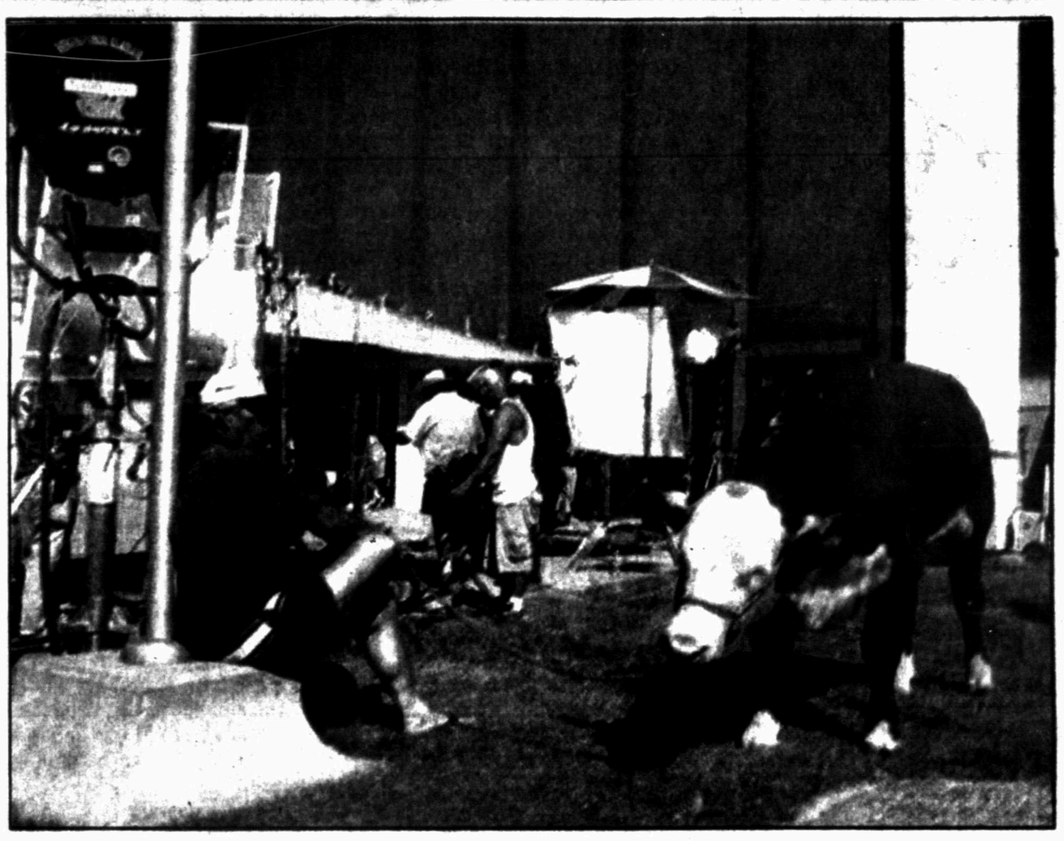
SWEETWATER — A 42-year-old Roscoe man was convicted Wednesday afternoon of first-degree murder for the shooting death of Snyder resident George Larralde in April 2000 in the K-Mart parking lot.

A four-man, eight-woman jury found Torivio Zapata guilty of shooting Larralde twice with a 9mm semi-automatic pistol.

Testimony in the punishment phase was underway this morning and could continue into Friday, the Nolan County district attorney's office said.

Zapata faces a maximum of life and a minimum of five years. He also could be assessed a fine not to exceed $10,000.

Defense attorney Kenneth Maxwell of Sweetwater is expected to raise a "sudden passion" issue as Larralde was with Zapata's wife when he was shot.



ROLL CAMERAS! — In the top photo, Hokey the steer waits for his role in the movie, Grand Champion. The cast and crew of the movie are filming at the Scurry County Coliseum this week. Snyder native Barry Tubb wrote the movie script. The producers have put out a call for extras to appear in the movie.

Movie extras needed

If you have always wanted to be in the movies, now is your chance.

Extras are needed for *Grand Champion*, currently filming in Snyder under the direction of former resident Barry Tubb. The casting call began at 8 this morning at Scurry County Coliseum and will continue at 8 a.m. on Friday and Saturday.

Those wanting to be extras should wear attire appropriate for rodeos and stock shows. That includes boots, cowboy hats, jeans, western shirts and rodeo belts. Non acceptable attire includes black or white shirts, shirts with logos or bright colors.

Potential extras should have a note card with their name, telephone number, address and age listed to be turned in at the end of each day.

A drawing from the cards will be held Saturday night. The winner will get a specific speaking part created for him or her, and will be paid industry scale.

Those interested are asked to bring a sack lunch and something to do because it is an all day event.

For more information, call the extras casting line at 573-8751.

Power shifts in Senate

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a seismic shift of power, Democrats will gain control of the Senate for the first time since 1994 after Vermont Sen. James Jeffords abandoned the Republican Party and declared himself an independent today.

Jeffords said he found himself increasingly at odds with President Bush and Republican leaders on issues from abortion and education to tax cuts. He said it had become difficult in recent months for Bush and other party leaders "to deal with me and for me to deal with them."

"Looking ahead, I can see more and more instances in which I will disagree with the president on fundamental issues," he told a news conference in Burlington, Vt.

Jeffords' move not only cost Republicans the fragile control they held over a 50-50 Senate but also the ability to move Bush's agenda through Congress and ratify his judicial nominees.

The White House took exception to Jeffords' lament about it becoming increasing difficult to work with Republicans. Aides pointed to Wednesday's House vote on education and Senate passage of the tax cut as proof that Bush works with both parties.

Bush "emphatically disagrees" with Jeffords, said White House spokesman Scott McClellan. "The president is going to proudly promote his agenda."

Jeffords' announcement sent a wave of jubilation through Senate Democrats. Sen. Harry Reid of Nevada, the party's whip, encountered Sen. Patty Murray of Washington just outside the Senate chamber. "Congratulations," she said with a smile. He replied with a hug.

Republican senators marched somberly into a closed-door meeting — and political uncertainty. "We need to take some inventory here," said Sen. Chuck Hagel of Nebraska, "... and maybe make some adjustments."

The impact of Jeffords' switch was unprecedented. Never before in the nation's history has control of the Senate changed parties other than through an election.

Jeffords, 67, said he promised Bush to delay the switch until after Congress completes work on the tax cut. House and Senate negotiators are working on a compromise version that could be written and win approval as early as Friday.

In an attempt to keep Jeffords in the party, Senate Republican Leader Trent Lott had promised more money for Jeffords' favored education programs and a waiver of term limits to let him remain chairman of the Education Committee beyond the end of next year.

But Democrats also dangled offers, including chairmanship of the Environment and Public Works Committee.

ASK US

Q—Are Julia Roberts and Renee Zelweger here in Snyder for the filming of Grand Champion?

A—Renee Zelwerger is not. Julia Roberts is here with her niece who has a part in the movie.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Wednesday, 73 degrees; low, 53; 7 a.m. Thursday, 64; no precipitation total for 2001, 6.91 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly cloudy, low 50-55, E wind 5-15 mph. Friday, partly cloudy, 20% rain chance, high near 80, SE wind 5-15 mph.

Eduardo Arellano
Partly Cloudy

Sunset:
8:39 p.m.
Sunrise:
6:43 a.m.
Of 143 days in 2001, the sun has shone 131 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

We may not always see eye to eye, but we can try to see heart to heart.
—Sam Levenson

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With gas prices high, green vehicles enjoying spotlight

PITTSFIELD, Mass. (AP) — When the "Tour de Sol" started in 1989, its message of fuel efficiency fell largely on deaf ears.

Gas was cheap, alternative-fuel vehicles weren't available to the general public, and the ones being designed looked more like space ships than cars. It was mostly engineering buffs who came to see the annual parade of student-designed vehicles.

Things have changed considerably now that gas prices are soaring and average folks are paying more attention to the energy-efficient vehicles traveling through the Northeast this week for the tour, now called the Great American Green Transportation Festival.

Several automakers have also joined the tour this year, and a few have alternative vehicles already on the road. Honda's Insight, a gasoline-electric hybrid, gets 70 miles to the gallon compared to the average 24.5 miles for 2001 models, and Toyota's Prius, also a hybrid electric, gets about 50 miles per gallon.

Darryl Dowty, a professor whose Central Connecticut State University students created a truck and motorbike powered by batteries, solar energy and propane, said he's pleased to see the automakers involved.

"That's our job, to get people who do this for a living to build these things," Dowty said.

Other vehicles in the tour run on various combinations including solar power, battery power, ethanol and hydrogen. The Department of Energy is sponsoring a separate cross-country race for solar cars, the American Solar Challenge, in July.

Organizers and participants say the green tour, which finishes in Boston on Saturday, is about teaching the public and cultivating a new generation of fuel efficiency engineers.

The technology is so young even the big carmakers need all the new ideas they can get, said Honda spokesman Michael Tebo.

"What I see this year is much more diverse entrants," Tebo said. "We're in transition in terms of what the next big technology is going to be, and these guys are trying all sorts of different things."

Among the 50 entries are a two-seat electric car that can reach 90 miles per hour and an assortment of neighborhood vehicles that could be used for short trips at lower speeds. The entries come from high schools, colleges and companies.

Some vehicles still have the space ship look, with a solar "sail" or an odd aerodynamic shape, but increasingly the vehicles look like average cars.

That's important to Rita Dorgan, a local resident who visited the festival this week in Pittsfield.

"Now with this gas problem that seems to be a perennial thing, we're now considering a more efficient vehicle," she said.

This year's tour began just after President Bush unveiled his new energy plan, which calls for $4 million in tax credits to spur sales of hybrid gas-electric vehicles. Environmentalists have been cool to the plan, saying it emphasizes increasing energy supplies over conservation.

Despite the progress in design and bringing down cost, widespread use of vehicles that run on electricity and fuels other than gasoline is still years away. Cost and range are factors, though the Insight is down to about $19,000, and alternative fuels aren't always widely available.

Organizer Mary Hazard, of the Northeast Sustainable Energy Association, said such concerns are valid, but she points to progress made in the 12 years since the tour began.

"The quality of the vehicles is light years beyond the quality of what we saw in the beginning," she said.

On the Net:
Tour: http://www.nesea.org/transportation/index.html
American Solar Challenge: http://www.formulasun.org/asc/

FDA committee to hear heart drug complaints

BETHESDA, Md. (AP) — A group of patients is petitioning the federal government to force Pfizer Inc. to issue a safety warning about Cardura, a cardiac drug that has been linked to increased heart failure in studies comparing it to a cheaper medication.

Lawyers representing patients who have taken Cardura were to ask today that a Food and Drug Administration advisory committee recommend "an emergency safety notification" to patients and that the approved uses of the heart drug be changed.

The petition also asked that Pfizer be required to include a warning in the label instructions for Cardura.

An FDA spokesman said the advisory committee will consider scientific studies of the drug and could make a recommendation to change the way the drug is prescribed. The FDA is not required to follow advisory committee recommendations, but often does.

Salvatore J. Graziano, a New York lawyer representing the patients, said the action was prompted by a National Institutes of Health study last year that showed patients using Cardura were twice as likely to be hospitalized for congestive heart failure as were patients using a cheaper diuretic drug.

Later, the American College of Cardiology issued a clinical alert advising physicians to stop prescribing Cardura or to reassess its use for treatment of high blood pressure.

Despite these actions, said Graziano, Pfizer has not modified the recommended uses for Cardura and the FDA has not issued orders affecting the drug.

"None of the agencies have required Pfizer to take any action," said Graziano.

On behalf of two men who represent a class of patients taking the drug, Graziano filed suit last year in U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York, asking that Pfizer be ordered to send a safety notice to Cardura patients.

Graziano said that the suit also asks that label instructions for Cardura be changed so it can no longer be used as a "first line drug" for treating heart disease.

Instead, Judge Lawrence M. McKenna instructed Graziano's clients to seek relief from the FDA.

In January, Graziano filed a citizen's petition with the FDA asking "an emergency safety notification to persons who are at immediate risk of death or graver personal injury."

Vanessa McGowan, a spokeswoman for Pfizer, said the company took no action following the NIH study because it was not required to do so by the FDA.

"We believe that Cardura does not cause congestive heart failure and that the label is appropriate," said McGowan. She declined other comment because, she said, of the lawsuit.

Cardura has been on the market for 10 years and is among the top 50 prescriptions filled in the U.S. Graziano's law firm claims Pfizer has worldwide Cardura sales of about $800 million, but McGowan put the 2000 worldwide figure at $243 million.

On the Net:
Food and Drug Administration: http://www.fda.gov/

NRC says criminal charges are possible

WATERFORD, Conn. (AP) — The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has launched an investigation into the disappearance of two fuel rods from a nuclear power plant that's been out of operation since 1995.

In documents filed with the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board, commission staff attorney Norman St. Amour wrote that the investigation could lead to criminal charges.

Misplacing the fuel rods, characterized as high-level radioactive waste, is unprecedented in the nuclear industry.

Each rod is 13 feet long and the width of a pencil. Engineers doing an inventory of the Millstone One Nuclear Power Plant's nuclear waste storage pool in November noticed they were missing. The plant, one of three at the Millstone complex southwest of New London, is being decommissioned.

The slightly damaged rods were removed in 1972 and placed in the storage pool. The last reference to the rods was in a 1979 report.

Plant officials have been conducting their own investigation, and workers are going through paperwork to determine whether the rods were transferred to nuclear storage sites or to General Electric laboratories for study.

With the exception of nuclear plants and military facilities, there is no authorized storage site for high-level radioactive waste in the country.

The Millstone complex was sold in April to Dominion, which has ultimate responsibility for the rods. The former owner, Northeast Utilities, is paying for the search.

On the Net:
Nuclear Regulatory Commission: http://www.nrc.gov/
Millstone: http://www.dom.com/operations/station-nuc/millstone.html

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RESULTS

Lotto Texas

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

The ticket was worth an estimated $4 million.

The numbers drawn from a field of 54 were: 3-11-13-21-24-35.

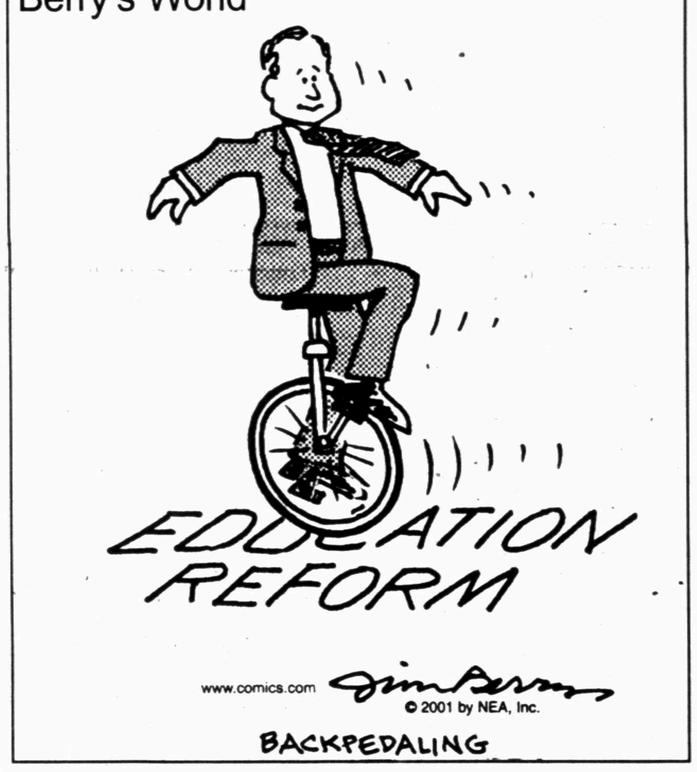
Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $6 million.

Pick 3

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

3-4-9

Berry's World



Date Book

Thursday, May 24, 2001

Today is the 144th day of 2001 and the 66th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1775, in Philadelphia, John Hancock was elected president of the Continental Congress.

On this day in 1918, in Russia, the USS Olympia anchored at Murmansk to protect refugees fleeing from the chaos of the Russian Revolution.

On this day in 1960, Midas 2, the first successful U.S. spy satellite, was launched.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Victoria (1819-1901), British queen; Benjamin N. Cardozo (1870-1938), Supreme Court justice; Samuel Newhouse (1895-1979), publisher; Lilli Palmer (1914-1986), actress; Joseph Brodsky (1940-1996), poet; Bob Dylan (1941-), singer-songwriter, is 60; Priscilla Presley (1945-), actress, is 56; Paul Weller (1958-), musician, is 43; Joe Dumars (1963-), basketball player, is 38.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1986, the Montreal Canadiens won their 23rd Stanley Cup by defeating Calgary 4-3.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "We are what we believe we are." — Benjamin N. Cardozo

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (May 22) and first quarter (May 29).

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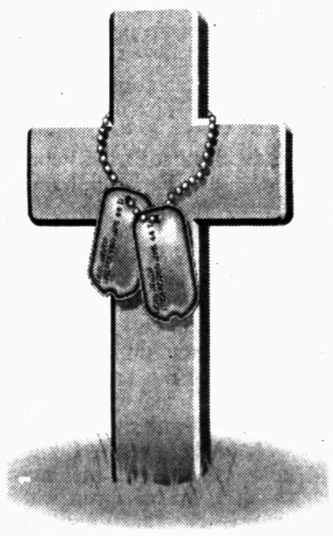

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Texas Savings Bank
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West Texas State Bank
Snyder National Bank

NEW MEMBERS — Initiated into Delta Kappa Gamma at the Founder's Day meeting at Martha Ann Woman's Club included (from left) front row, Meloney Early, Beth Bowen, Penny Perry; top row, Amanda Herrera, Lisa Hartzog, Kitty Gunn, Virginia Lomax, Becky Johnson and Susan Sims. (Contributed Photo)

DKG initiated new members at last meeting

Founder's Day and initiation of new members highlighted the Delta Kappa Gamma's last meeting of the season held May 7 in Martha Ann Woman's Club.

Presiding officer, Carmen Carpenter, gave a Founder's Day slide presentation honoring 12 women, beginning with Dr. Annie Webb Blanton who first had the idea for Delta Kappa Gamma. It was founded in Austin on May 11, 1929.

Jean Sealy gave the meditation from "Plum Jelly and Stained Glass," by Joe Carr and Imogene Sorley.

Nine members initiated were each given a red rose. They were Beth Bowen, Penny Perry, Virginia Lomax, Amanda Herrera, Becky Johnson, Susan Sims, Kitty Gunn, Lisa Hartzog and Meloney Early.

Hosting were Carol Eiland Trulock, Janeen Patterson, ElWanda Nall, Leslie Murphy and Jean Baugh.

NURSES RECOGNIZED — Snyder Healthcare Center honored nurses with a reception recently at the facility. Pictured from left are, first row, Jayne Petska, LVN; Jackie Cunningham, LVN, ADON; Sharon Wadley, RN, DON; Gloria Mann, administration; second row, Kellie Babb, LVN; Darla McCarter, LVN; John Shults, LVN; and not pictured, Dollie Shults, Joetta Girvin, Dywone Stokes and Tonya Nobles, all LVNs; Pam Watson, RN; and Tonya Richards, LVN. (SDN Staff Photo)

Rockfish sculptures cropping up in Richmond

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Something fishy is going on in Richmond.

Rockfish sculptures decorated by area artists are cropping up in a variety of wacky ways as part of an outdoor exhibit, dubbed Go Fish!

The 5-foot sculptures began popping up around the city May 9, and the last are scheduled to go up June 1.

"It's a fun idea," said Dave Nichols, 47. "It'll be very depressing when they take them all down."

The exhibit is modeled on a 1999 cow exhibit in Chicago and is a tribute to the resurgence of the rockfish in the James River.

The sculptures run the gamut, from a Marilyn Monroe fish sporting a blond wig and covered in diamonds to one covered in images and stamps from India that is a tribute to Rudyard Kipling.

An Elvis Presley fish moves around all the time and could be spotted anywhere — a pun on Elvis sightings, said Susan Jamieson, who conceived and chaired the project.

And people are talking.

"I saw one with a monkey on its back on a truck going down the street the other day," said Amie Patrick, 20, a student at Virginia Commonwealth University. "So I e-mailed a friend and said I saw a fish with a monkey on its back, and she said.

Robbers should check their pockets

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. (AP) — Memo to bank robbers: After a stickup, don't forget to check your clothes before sending them to the cleaners.

Terrance Levar Starkey has admitted to robbing three banks in two cities after an employee at Champion Cleaners in Chattanooga found a holdup note in laundry the suspect dropped off last week.

One of the shirts found by the dry cleaner on May 15 was black with a white pinstripe — matching one worn by the man who robbed the SunTrust Bank in Murfreesboro on May 4.

The shirt probably wouldn't have been identified if a note written with black ink on yellow paper demanding money hadn't been found with Starkey's clothing.

Starkey, 23, was charged Monday with robbing two Chattanooga banks in March and April, said Scott Nowinski, an FBI spokesman. Charges were pending on the Murfreesboro robbery, said Matthew A. Hennessee, a Chattanooga police officer assigned to an FBI task force.

Starkey was arrested at his home in Chattanooga and confessed to all three robberies.

Community Calendar

THURSDAY

Horseshoe Pitching For Fun; horseshoe courts located at the coliseum; everybody welcome, for further information call 573-9762.

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

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

Snyder Chapter 450 Order of the Eastern Star; Masonic Hall, 1912 35th Street; 7:30 p.m.

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

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

FRIDAY

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

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

ABCL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.

Hermleigh Community Center Family Night; 6:30 p.m.

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointment, call 573-0538 or 573-0770.

Scurry County AA closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-9458; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

Just For Today NA open meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-0949 or 573-8018; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County AA open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-9458; 10 a.m.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: May 23-Pamela Black and Ruby Reeves.

DISMISSALS: Bertha McQueen, Idolina Ocanas, Eva Garcia and Andrea Peters.

CENSUS: 33 (Med,./Surg.-6, Long-term Care-24, ICU-1, OB-1 and Nursery-1)

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 05-24-01
♠ K J 6
♥ K Q J 10 8 5
♦ 6 2
♣ 8 2

West
♠ 7 4
♥ 6 3
♦ K J 7 5
♣ Q J 10 7 4

East
♠ Q 10 5 3
♥ 4 2
♦ 10 9 8 3
♣ 9 6 3

South
♠ A 9 8 2
♥ A 9 7
♦ A Q 4
♣ A K 5

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Neither

South	West	North	East
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3 ♥	Pass	5 ♥	Pass
6 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♣ Q

Thursday, May 24, 2001

Humor and tough deals

By Phillip Alder

If you've read either of David Silver's earlier books, you will know what to expect from "Bridge the Silver Way" (Master Point Press, 2000). This time, the deals are more advanced because many were supplied by Australian Tim Bourke. Silver parodies well-known fiction and movies. My guess is that Silver's humor will have you either laughing regularly or staring at the page knowing the author was trying to be funny but not succeeding with you.

In this deal, how would you try to land six hearts against a club lead? Trumps are 2-2.

Three diamonds was a transfer, showing at least five hearts. The jump to five hearts invited a slam showing at least a six-card suit.

Professor Silver won with the club ace, drew trumps, cashed the spade ace, and finessed dummy's spade jack. It lost to the queen, and a diamond came back. After some thought, he finessed the queen: one down.

Silver was consoled when he saw that the spades weren't 3-3, but North pointed out the correct line. Before broaching spades, declarer should take the club king and ruff his club loser in the dummy. Then he cashes the spade king and continues with the spade jack. If East covers, South wins and drives out the spade 10, establishing a discard for dummy's diamond loser on his fourth spade. However, if West has the queen, he will capture the spade jack but be endplayed, forced to lead back into declarer's spade or diamond tenace, or to concede a ruff-and-discard.

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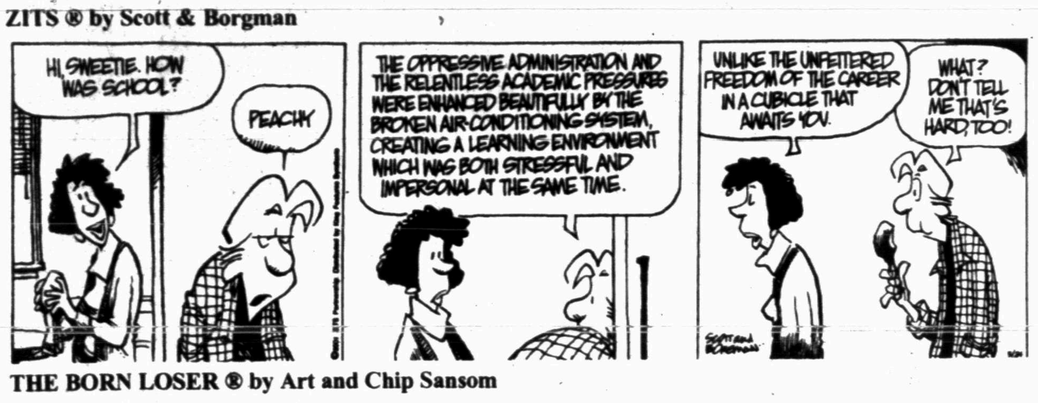

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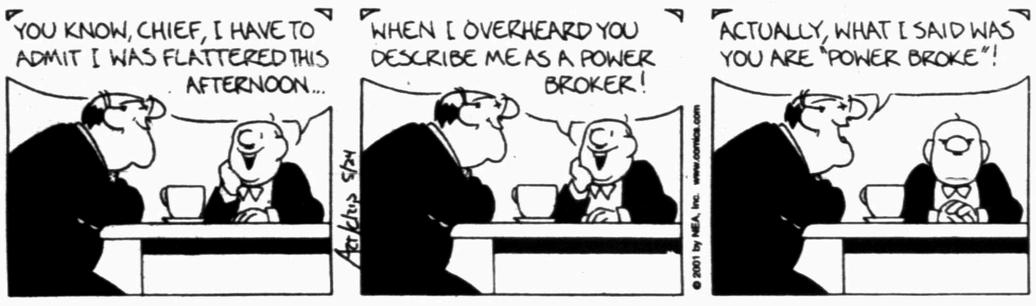

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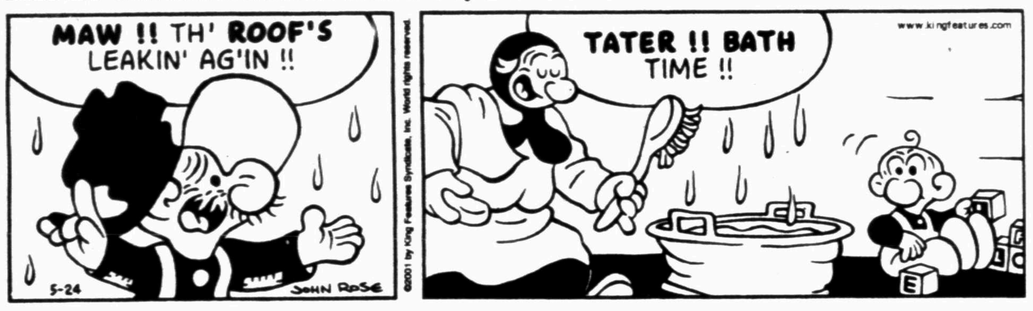

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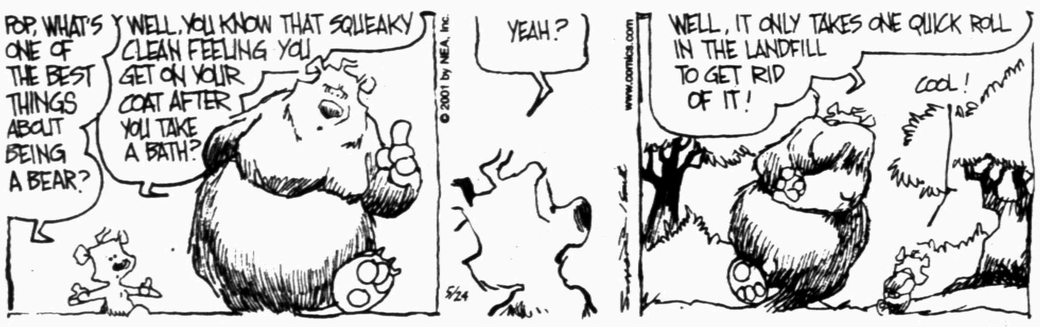

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ACROSS

1 Lamb cries
7 Quick to learn
13 Of medicine
14 Charge with gas
15 Punctual (2 wds.)
16 Is unable to
17 Jackie O's sister
18 — "King" Cole
20 Compass pt.
21 Sensation
25 Singer Manchester
28 Cities
32 Fragrant
33 Passed out the cards
34 — Hawkins Day
35 "Understand?" (2 wds.)
36 Hard rock
37 Grows molars
39 Female ruler
41 Type of bran
44 Grease
45 Call — — day
48 Long, loose garment
51 1970 Oscar movie
54 Bear witness
55 Boxing strategy
56 Awakens
57 Claws

DOWN

1 Sci. class
2 Narrow thoroughfare
3 "Major" finish
4 Jackie's 2nd mate
5 Robbins or Conway
6 Play segments
7 Desert plants
8 Grassy area
9 "East" end?
10 Wind-direction indicator
11 English school
12 Nerve network
19 Pie — — mode
21 Having limits
22 Respect
23 Pushes gently
24 Halls
25 Tufted plant
26 Israeli airline (2 wds.)
27 Mother of Castor and Pollux
29 Tub activity
30 Tennis player Nastase
31 Units of Siamese currency
37 "Pod" start
38 Fish trap
40 Sulks
41 Actor Sharif
42 Ford or Lincoln
43 "Swan Lake" costume
45 "Leave — — Beaver"
46 Word that follows home or down
47 Years (Sp.)
49 Intermediate (pref.)
50 Bring into play
52 Literary collection
53 — Aviv

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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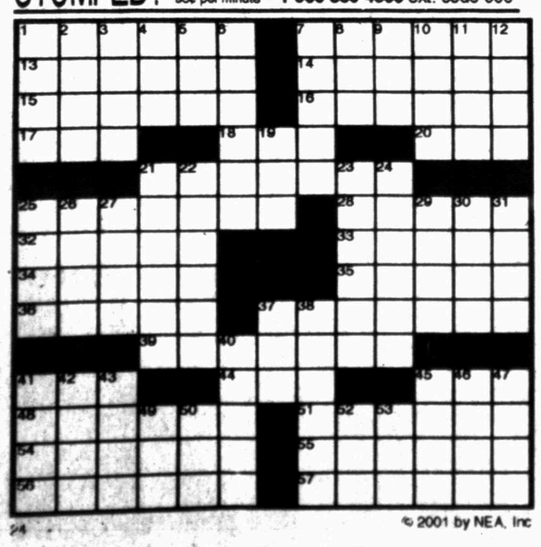

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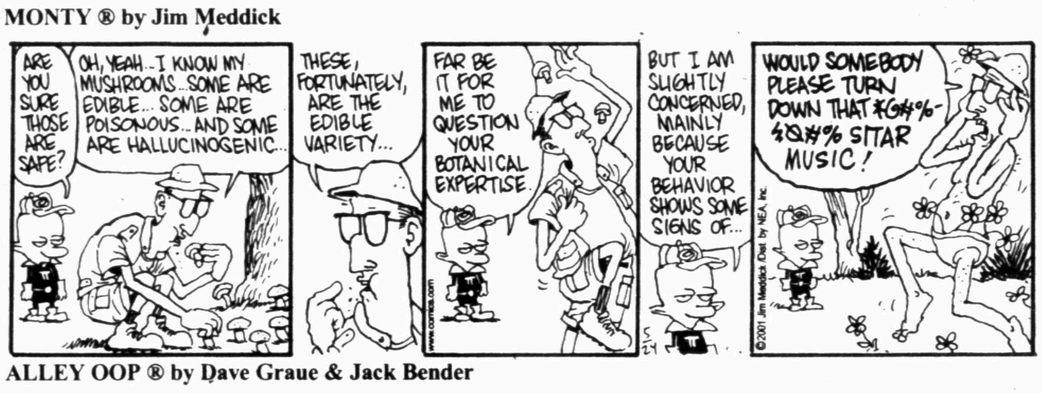

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SPORTS

At Moffett Field...

Iowa Park, Monahans square off

Iowa Park squares off with Monahans at 7:30 tonight at Moffett Field in a Class 3A regional semifinal contest.

Iowa Park is 22-10 on the year, while Monahans carries a 19-11 mark. The winner advances to face the Perryton-Abilene Wylie winner in next week's regional finals.

In other playoff action at Moffett Field, Tahoka faces Olney at 2 p.m. Saturday in a 2A regional semifinal.

Rangers fall to lowly Rays

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — This time, a slow start didn't doom the Tampa Bay Devil Rays.

"It was ugly there for a while. Real ugly," manager Hal McRae said Wednesday night after watching his club, with the worst record in the majors, rally to beat the Texas Rangers 10-6.

"One game doesn't mean you're playing better. One game doesn't mean you got momentum. One game doesn't mean you are out of the woods ... But it was a positive step, and hopefully we're headed in the right direction."

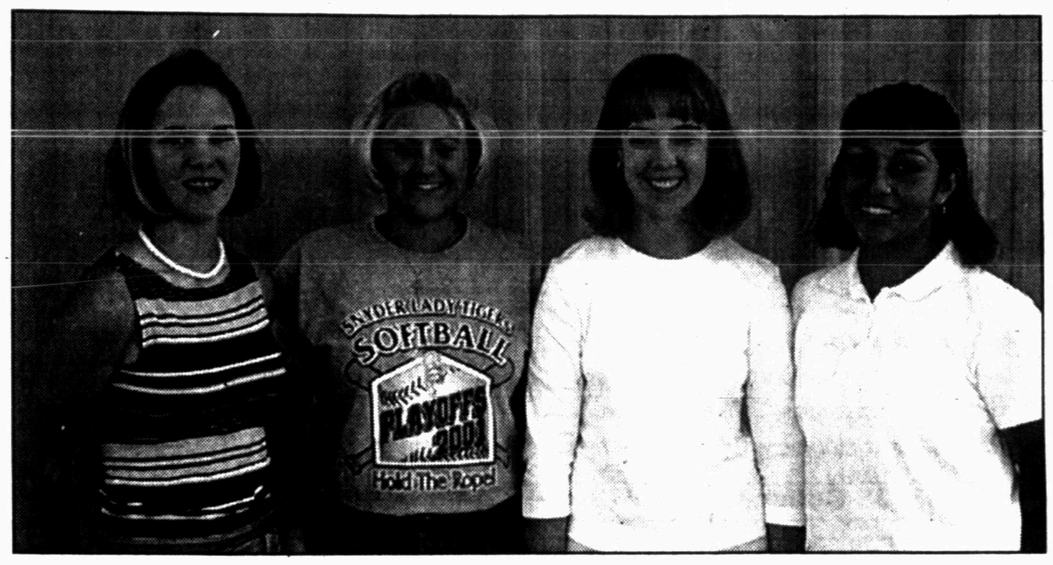
Texas scored two runs in the first, two in the second and one in third to build a 5-1 lead. It was 6-3 after Andres Galarraga homered in the fifth to extend the Rangers' club-record streak of consecutive games with at least one homer to 16.

But it was all downhill for Texas after that, beginning with Alex Rodriguez striking out with the bases loaded to end the fifth.

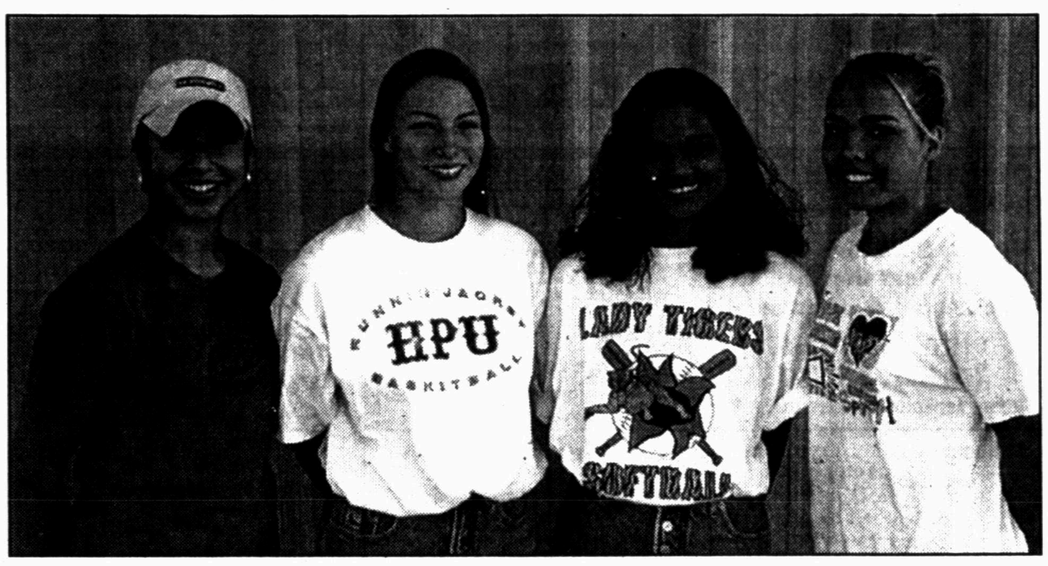
"That was key," McRae said of Dan Wheeler (1-0) retiring Rodriguez. "Because if he had gotten a hit and drove in two more runs, I think the game would have been over."

Instead, the Devil Rays rallied for three runs in the bottom of the fifth to make it 6-6. Gerald Williams led off the sixth with a double against Tim Crabtree (0-3), then scored for a 7-6 lead when rookie Juan Moreno balked twice.

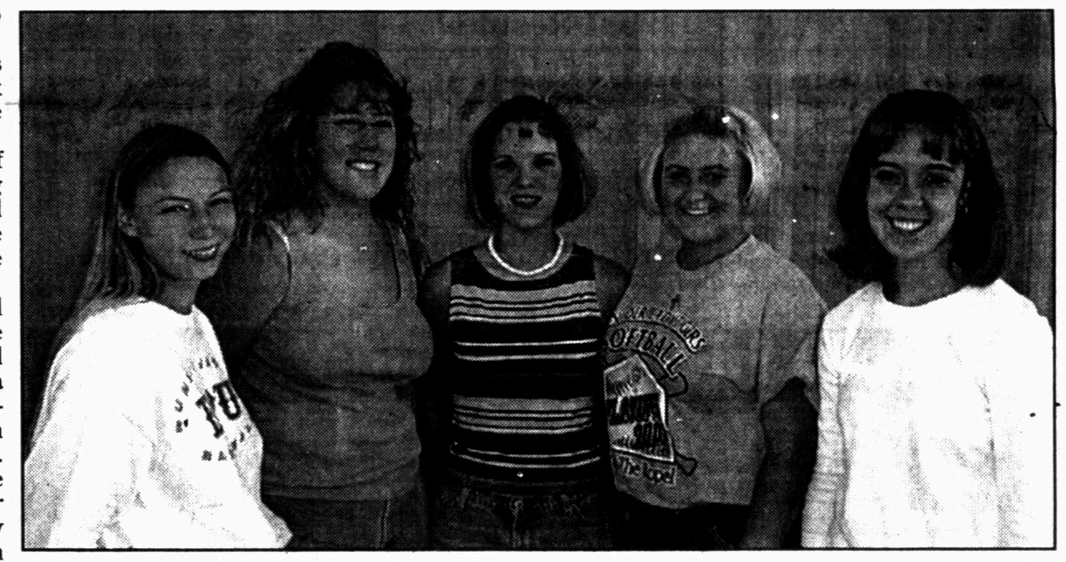
The Devil Rays added three runs in the seventh on rightfielder Ruben Sierra's error, Andy Sheets' sacrifice fly and Damion Rolls' first major league home run. Sheets also delivered a pair of singles.



SOFTBALL STANDOUTS — Earning all-district softball honors were, from left, Shelley Fisk, first-team short stop; Whitney Webb, first-team outfielder; Jennifer Newman, first-team first baseman; and Ashley Martinez, newcomer of the year. Not pictured is offensive player of the year Cameron Mackey. (SDN Staff Photo)



SOFTBALL HONORS — Receiving all-district honorable mention were Valerie Hernandez, Chaelyn Robinson, Jacque Alvarez and Kelsi Johnson. Not pictured are second-team selections Kira Diaz and Vanessa Freeman. (SDN Staff Photo)



AWARD RECIPIENTS — Snyder High School softball awards went to, from left, Chaelyn Robinson, Amber Alexander, Shelley Fisk, Whitney Webb and Jennifer Newman. Not pictured are Vanessa Freeman, Kira Diaz and Cameron Mackey. (SDN Staff Photo)

Lady Tigers earn softball honors

After their most successful season in recent years, the Snyder Lady Tigers were rewarded for their efforts on the softball diamond.

Eleven Lady Tigers earned recognition on the 4-4A All-District Softball Team.

Freshman Ashley Martinez was named newcomer of the year, while senior Cameron Mackey garnered offensive player of the year honors.

Martinez anchored Snyder's pitching staff, while Mackey led the squad in home runs.

Garnering first-team honors were senior Jennifer Newman at first base; sophomore Shelley Fisk at short stop; and senior Whitney Webb in the outfield.

Second-team honorees were sophomore Kira Diaz at third base, and junior catcher Vanessa Freeman.

Sophomores Chaelyn Robinson, Valerie Hernandez and Jacque Alvarez and freshman Kelsi Johnson received honorable mention.

The Lady Tigers also handed out their own team awards recently. Newman earned the MVP award, while Freeman and Amber Alexander received the Tiger Heart award.

Gold Glove awards went to Fisk and Diaz in the infield and Webb in the outfield. Mackey and Robinson garnered the Big Stick award.

4-4A All-District Softball

Coach of the year: Dan Arista, Big Spring

Most valuable player: Christina Gwynn, Soph., Big Spring

Newcomer of the year: Ashley Martinez, Fr., Snyder

Offensive player of the year: Cameron Mackey, Sr., Snyder

Defensive player of the year: Amy Jackson, Sr., Big Spring

First Team

Pitcher: Courtney Pool, Sr., Andrews; Josie Jungman, Jr., Lake View; Kristina Day, Jr., Frenship

Catcher: Lindsey Marshall, Soph., Levelland; Amanda Milam, Soph., Frenship; Traci Harp, Sr., Lake View; Erica Stewart, Fr., Big Spring

First base: Jennifer Newman, Sr., Snyder

Second base: Bridget Cain, Jr., Big Spring

Short stop: Shelley Fisk, Soph., Snyder; Cristi Clift, Jr., Frenship; Annette Garcia, Soph., Estacado

Third base: Jennifer Hill, Jr., Lake View

Outfield: Whitney Webb, Sr., Snyder; Lindsey James, Sr., Andrews; Candica Minatra, Sr., Andrews; Leina Braxton, Fr., Big Spring

Second Team

Pitcher: Vanessa Rodriguez, Soph., Plainview; Carina Metsgar, Sr., Levelland; Jannie Urrutia, Soph., Estacado

Catcher: Vanessa Freeman, Jr., Snyder

First base: Marcie Jones, Sr., Frenship; Laura Olague, Fr., Big Spring

Second base: Farrah Lightfoot, Soph., Andrews

Short stop: Whitney Hufford, Fr., Big Spring; Mandy Waldron, Fr., Andrews

Third base: Kira Diaz, Soph., Snyder; Nikki Baeza, Jr., Andrews

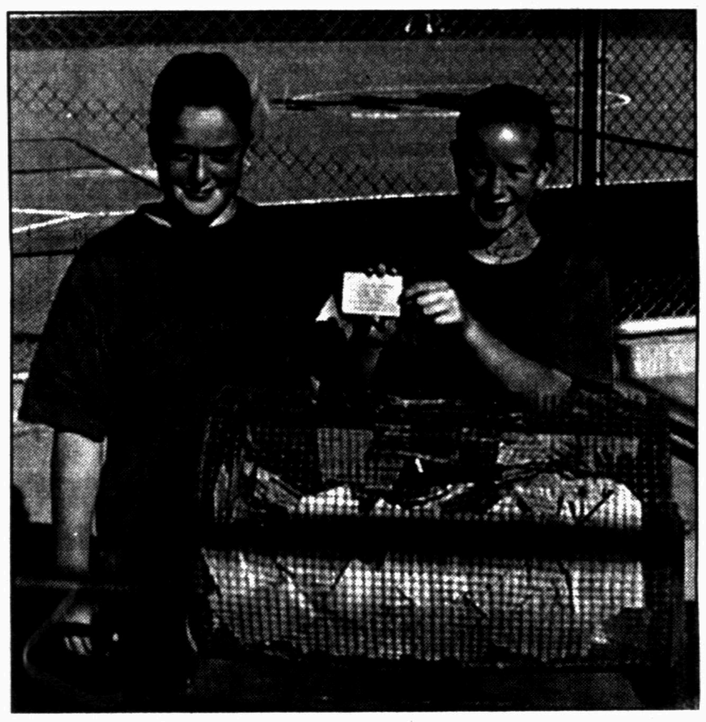
Outfield: Christian Bencomo, Jr., Levelland; Carnotta Baker, Jr., Lake View

Utility player: Alesha Robertson, Soph., Plainview

Designated hitter: Trista Casey, Jr., Big Spring

Honorable Mention

Snyder: Chaelyn Robinson, Soph.; Jacque Alvarez, Soph.; Valerie Hernandez, Soph.; Kelsi Johnson, Fr.



RAFFLE DRAWING — Shaela Thompson, left, and Erin Hogan draw the winning ticket in the Snyder Girls Softball Association raffle. Juan Ramos was the lucky winner of a new television. Top ticket sellers were Heather Newton, Shawnee Williams and A'Lex Koonce. (SDN Staff Photo)

Sports Briefs

Volleyball camp

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

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

Men's softball

Registration for Snyder Men's Softball League begins today and runs through June 1. For more information, call 573-8842, 573-6862 or 573-4332.

Strength, conditioning camp

Snyder Tiger strength and conditioning camps are scheduled for this summer at the SHS field house. Sessions are slated for June 4-29 and July 2-31.

Incoming 10th-12th graders meet at 7:30 a.m., followed by incoming 7th-9th graders at 10:30. Cost is $25 per session, or $40 for both. For more information, call the SHS field house at 574-6039.

Block party

The Boys and Girls Club will hold a "block party" Friday from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. at the athletic field behind the club. All first through 12th graders are welcome.

Various games and contests are scheduled, and cost is five cents per event. Hot dogs, hamburgers and lemonade will be provided. One-day club memberships are available for $7.50.

Memorial Day tourney

The Memorial Day Scramble will be held at 10 a.m. Monday at Snyder Country Club. Cost is $20 per player. Call the SCC pro shop at 573-7101 to sign up.

Volleyball tournament

A volleyball tournament to benefit SHS tennis player Horacio DePaz is scheduled for June 2 at Towle Park. Cost is $50 per team, and T-shirts will be awarded to the top two squads.

DePaz is raising money to participate in the People to People Sports Ambassadors Program tennis tournament in Australia. For more information, call 573-0889 or 573-5248.

Major League Baseball

National League
All Times EDT

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	27	17	.614	—
Atlanta	22	24	.478	6
Florida	21	23	.477	6
New York	19	27	.413	9
Montreal	19	28	.404	9½
Central Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
St. Louis	25	19	.568	—
Chicago	25	20	.556	½
Milwaukee	25	20	.556	½
Houston	24	21	.533	1½
Cincinnati	19	26	.422	6½
Pittsburgh	15	29	.341	10
West Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Arizona	25	21	.543	—
San Diego	25	21	.543	—
Los Angeles	25	22	.532	½
San Francisco	24	22	.522	1
Colorado	23	23	.500	2

Wednesday's Games

Chicago Cubs 4, Cincinnati 2
Los Angeles 6, Colorado 4
San Diego 7, Houston 6
Philadelphia 4, Pittsburgh 0, 1st game
Philadelphia 5, Pittsburgh 2, 2nd game
N.Y. Mets 4, Montreal 2
Milwaukee 7, St. Louis 3
San Francisco 5, Arizona 1
Atlanta at Florida, ppd., rain

Thursday's Games

St. Louis (Matthews 1-0) at Milwaukee (Sheets 4-3), 1:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Fernandez 5-2) at Chicago Cubs (Lieber 3-3), 2:20 p.m.
Arizona (Batista 1-3) at San Diego (Serrano 1-1), 5:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Anderson 3-3) at Philadelphia (Person 4-4), 7:05 p.m.
Florida (Burnett 2-1) at N.Y. Mets (Appier 2-5), 7:10 p.m.
Colorado (Thomson 0-2) at San Francisco (Estes 3-2), 10:15 p.m.

American League
All Times EDT

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	25	19	.568	—
New York	25	20	.556	½
Toronto	24	21	.533	1½
Baltimore	21	24	.467	4½
Tampa Bay	13	32	.289	12½
Central Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Minnesota	30	14	.682	—
Cleveland	29	14	.674	½
Detroit	21	22	.488	8½
Kansas City	18	28	.391	13
Chicago	14	29	.326	15½
West Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Seattle	33	12	.733	—
Oakland	22	23	.489	11
Anaheim	20	24	.455	12½
Texas	16	29	.356	17

Wednesday's Games

Seattle 5, Minnesota 4
Baltimore 12, Anaheim 5
N.Y. Yankees 7, Boston 3
Cleveland 4, Detroit 3, 10 innings
Toronto 9, Chicago White Sox 6
Tampa Bay 10, Texas 6
Kansas City 4, Oakland 1

Thursday's Games

Boston (Martinez 6-0) at N.Y. Yankees (Mussina 4-4), 1:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Ortiz 3-3) at Baltimore (Johnson 3-2), 7:05 p.m.
Detroit (Santos 1-0) at Cleveland (Burba 6-2), 7:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (K.Wells 0-1) at Toronto (Carpenter 4-1), 7:05 p.m.
Texas (Helling 1-6) at Tampa Bay (Sturtze 1-3), 7:15 p.m.

Friday's Games

Toronto (Loaiza 4-4) at Boston (Nomo 4-3), 7:05 p.m.
Texas (Mahomes 3-2) at Baltimore (Mercedes 0-6), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Hernandez 0-4) at Cleveland (Wright 0-0), 7:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Baldwin 2-3) at Detroit (Holt 4-3), 7:05 p.m.

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Thursday, May 24
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Friday, May 25
San Antonio at L.A. Lakers, 9 p.m.

Saturday, May 26
Philadelphia at Milwaukee, 5:30 p.m.

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San Antonio at L.A. Lakers, 5:30 p.m.

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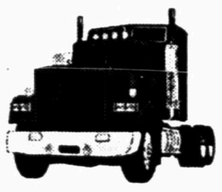

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Government releases latest results for tests on rollovers

WASHINGTON (AP) — The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's latest rollover risk ratings give no more than three stars to a number of sport utility vehicles tested.

Cars typically get four- or five-star ratings on a scale ranging from one star to five.

In ratings released Wednesday, four four-door SUVs got a two-star rating: the Chevrolet Tahoe 4x2, Ford Expedition 4x4, GMC Yukon 4x2 and Lincoln Navigator 4x4.

Three-star ratings were given to nine four-door SUVs and two pickups: the Chevrolet Suburban 4x2, GMC Yukon XL 4x2, Honda Passport 4x4, Infiniti QX4 4x4, Isuzu Rodeo 4x4, Lexus RX300 4x2, Lexus RX300 4x4, Nissan Pathfinder 4x4, Pontiac Aztek 4x2, and the Ford F-150 4x2, and Nissan Frontier 4x2.

The agency plans to test more 2001 vehicles in coming months.

The rating system, which is available to consumers on the agency's Web site, does not predict the likelihood of a crash, but estimates the risk of rolling over in a single-vehicle crash.

The ratings are based on an arithmetic formula using the vehicle's center of gravity and width. SUVs and pickup trucks are more top-heavy and thus more likely to get lower marks than a car or van.

The auto industry has criticized the rating, saying that driver behavior and road conditions are the primary cause of rollovers. Consumer groups do not like the measurements because they believe driving tests should determine the ratings.

Regulators contend the ratings correspond to real-world accidents — more than 60 percent of fatalities in SUVs and more than 40 percent of deaths in pickups happen in rollovers. By comparison, 22 percent of car deaths involve rollovers.

Under a new law, NHTSA must begin conducting rollover driving tests for the 2003 model year.

On the Net:
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration:
http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov

On Nutrition By Ed Blonz, Ph.D.

Are fatty food better than nothing?

DEAR DR. BLONZ: I know it's best to eat a well-balanced meal for breakfast. But, in a pinch, with no other choices, is it better to eat a pastry for breakfast or have no breakfast at all? — **T.B., Santa Barbara, Calif.**

Dear T.B.: You ask for the lesser of two undesirables. Granted, some people do not eat or enjoy breakfast, opting instead for some variation of "coffee and a pastry" for their morning sustenance. It is irrelevant whether they eat this way out of real preference, habit, poor time management or a combination thereof. The bottom line is that the body hasn't received a supply of nutrients since dinner the night before. We depend on food for energy, but food also provides the vitamins, minerals and other nutrients the body needs to maintain good health. Many nutrients do not hang around for very long, which is why it is best to eat healthful foods periodically throughout the day. Research has demonstrated how breakfast can encourage alertness, enhance mental performance and help stabilize our blood sugar level.

Your pastry breakfast is not a problem if it is an occasional situation. The nature of the "pastry" is also a factor. I say this because I find it difficult to give a thumbs-up to a breakfast consisting solely of sweetened bread deep-fried in partially hydrogenated fat and frosted with sugary goop. (Sweet roll and donut eaters beware!)

It is better if your pastry is a muffin, perhaps made with whole grains and dried fruit. Toss in a glass of juice and/or milk, and you have some nutrients to tide you over for a while.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: My mother has just been diagnosed with thyroid cancer, and I am concerned about her getting the correct care. We belong to a managed-care plan that is provided through my father's job, but I was hoping you might know how we could go about getting a second opinion. I realize that you are not a cancer doctor, but my friends are telling me different things. My mother and father seem content to go with whatever the HMO doctor says, but I am torn. Do you have any advice? - **F.E., Bronx, N.Y.**

Dear F.E.: I do not have training in the medical diagnosis and treatment of cancer, so I am responding to your letter more as an individual. I am doing so because I sympathize deeply with your situation. Getting a second opinion is an important part of any approach to cancer. This goes for the diagnosis as well as the treatment. As you have read in this column, cancer is not a singular entity with consistent features. Likewise, the diagnosis of cancer can depend on an interpretation of medical evidence when indicators are not always clear cut. Doctors differ in their approach to cancer in that some are conservative, while others are more aggressive.

The idea is not to ignore or deny the situation if a cancerous growth is indeed present. Rather, it is best to take steps to verify that the diagnosis is correct and that the treatment strategy makes sense. If you feel it is appropriate, speak with your mother and father and with the physician involved with your mother's case.

Ask for a second opinion. Doctors should not view it as an insult, and many HMOs will cover it. Ideally, you should get the second opinion from a doctor at a different medical office. If you are unable to find one, I know of at least one patient resource for diagnostic second opinions, called Find Cancer Experts (http://www.findcancerexperts.com). This no-fee service ties you into a national network of pathology consultants. Good luck.

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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Two men sentenced to life in prison

LONG BEACH, Calif. (AP) — Two men convicted of murder and robbery in a 1998 restaurant holdup were sentenced to life in prison for killing a chef because the man couldn't open the restaurant's safe.

Jerrell Jones, 24, and Roderick Lipsey, 26, were found guilty in March of murder, robbery, attempted robbery and assault with a handgun. Jones also was convicted of raping a female restaurant customer.

Chef Galdino Venegas died six days after his throat was slashed in the robbery at a Harbor City restaurant. Other customers and workers were beaten during the robbery.

Prosecutors had sought the death penalty for both men, but the judge on Wednesday followed a jury's recommendation of life sentences.

A third man involved in the robbery was sentenced to life in prison without parole last month.

Markets

Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP) -

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	38.50	37.85	37.92	—.63
AOL TimeWrn	55.48	54.51	54.59	—.69
AT&T Corp	21.85	20.66	20.77	+.02
Albertsons	28.61	28.24	28.49	+.39
Alltel	57.34	56.85	57.00	+.15
AmEl Pw	50.96	50.60	50.95	+.03
AndarkPtr	65.00	64.07	64.40	—.60
ATMOS Egy	23.25	23.10	23.15	—.10
Aviall	10.60	10.32	10.40	—.23
BP PLC	53.42	53.14	53.21	+.31
BakerHughes	39.45	38.30	38.45	—1.05
Bank of Amer	59.90	58.95	59.16	+.55
BellSouth	41.43	40.90	41.00	—.05
Beth Steel	3.30	3.14	3.18	—.09
BurlNoSFe	31.73	31.35	31.39	—.50
Caterpillar	55.25	54.40	54.48	—.52
Chevron	94.71	93.98	94.14	—.04
Citigroup s	52.97	52.11	52.55	+.54
CocaCola	48.97	48.50	48.75	+.05
ColgatePal	56.95	56.50	56.66	—.12
ComclMetals	26.20	26.00	26.00	—.25
Cooperin	39.40	38.92	38.98	—.62
DaimlrChry	48.95	48.32	48.39	+.14
DeltaAirl	47.78	47.25	47.31	—.55
Dillards Inc	17.14	17.00	17.01	+.03
DowChem s	37.22	35.88	35.98	—1.40
DuPont	47.14	46.42	46.43	—.96
EastmanChem	52.52	51.46	51.47	—1.25
EstKodak	47.92	47.30	47.30	—.10
EDS Corp	63.11	60.87	61.05	—3.73
Entergy	43.65	42.95	43.40	—1.08
ExxonMobil	87.90	87.30	87.49	+.22
FstBksAm	29.30	29.02	29.30	+.26
GenDynam	80.35	78.91	79.52	—.49
GenElec	51.93	51.25	51.40	+.05
GenMills	42.45	41.95	42.34	+.58
GenMotors	55.65	55.21	55.23	+.05
GaPacGP	35.57	34.30	34.46	—.97
GlobalMar	26.50	25.66	25.87	—.85
Goodrich	43.55	43.25	43.35	+.10
Goodyear s	29.35	28.89	29.12	—.38
GtAtlPac	11.89	11.60	11.62	+.06
Halliburtn	46.65	45.56	45.92	—.70
Hanson ADS	36.80	36.40	36.65	+.55
HarteHanks	25.20	24.95	25.20	
HomeDepot	52.95	51.80	52.50	—.12
Honeywellintl	52.15	51.40	51.55	—.06
IBM	119.36	117.50	118.26	+.86
IntlPaper	39.13	38.18	38.22	—1.08
JohnsonJn	98.40	97.09	97.14	—.59
JohnsonJn wi	49.25	49.00	49.00	+.10
K mart	11.66	11.29	11.40	—.13
KinderMorg	57.80	57.30	57.70	+.38
Kroger Co	24.21	23.90	24.21	+.30
Litton	79.95	79.92	79.95	+.02
LockheedM	39.15	38.11	38.26	—.74
Lowes Cos	70.97	69.50	70.11	+.11
Lubys	8.60	8.37	8.40	—.10
LucentTech	9.65	9.21	9.23	—.43
MayDeptStr	34.00	32.89	32.95	—.70
Medtronic	42.74	41.00	42.38	+.62
Motorola	16.24	15.76	15.80	—.35
NCR Corp	48.50	47.85	47.92	—.76
Navistar	28.45	28.17	28.22	+.04
Penney JC	21.59	20.81	20.88	—.46
PepBoys	8.95	8.65	8.86	+.21
PepsiCo	44.86	44.30	44.73	—.02
Pharmacia	49.20	47.76	47.80	—.94
PhelpDodge	46.80	45.90	46.05	—.36
PhilipPet	66.59	65.90	66.00	—.33
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Polaroid	5.60	5.30	5.45	+.10
Praxair	50.09	49.40	49.80	—.88
ProctGamb	64.59	63.88	63.89	—.30
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RadioShack	33.10	32.25	32.85	+.20
ReliantEngy	47.80	47.35	47.42	—.05
RoyalDut	60.80	60.35	60.54	+.25
SBC Comm	43.37	42.55	42.72	—.13
SaraLee	19.78	19.65	19.75	+.10
Scripps EW	67.22	66.73	66.75	—.47
SearsRoeb	40.98	40.30	40.44	—.43
SherwinW	21.40	21.10	21.10	—.35
SouthernCo s	23.14	22.90	23.01	+.06
SwstAirl s	19.15	18.96	19.00	—.11
SprintFON	20.31	20.16	20.22	+.02
SprintPCS	22.78	22.01	22.14	—.32
Sunoco Inc	40.61	40.16	40.51	—.11
TXU Corp	47.43	47.28	47.42	+.15
TempleInland	53.75	52.56	52.56	—1.40
Texaco	70.73	70.00	70.20	—.14
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TritonEngy	27.04	26.37	26.87	+.48
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USX-USS	19.75	19.13	19.26	—.42
UnionPacif	57.86	56.59	56.94	—.91
UnitedTech	85.68	84.44	84.50	—.05
Unocal	38.90	38.18	38.26	—.50
Veritor Grp	14.25	13.90	13.91	—.19
VeritonComm	54.18	53.34	53.48	—.22
WalMart	53.24	52.15	52.31	—.21
WellsFargo	48.20	47.72	47.85	—.09
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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

New therapy for eczema

DEAR DR. GOTT: For years, I have been plagued by eczema. For no apparent reason, I tend to break out frequently with an itchy, scaly, peeling rash on various parts of my body, particularly the front of my elbows and my face. Cortisone creams have not been effective. Is there any hope for me?

DEAR READER: Fortunately, yes.

Although topical steroid creams have been the traditional treatment for eczema, a skin eruption of unknown cause, these medicines are often ineffective and, worse yet, can cause chronic problems such as thinning skin, appearance of stretch marks and glaucoma. Consequently, many eczema-sufferers have been frustrated in their attempts at therapy.

Recently, however, scientists reported on a new and astonishingly useful medication: topical tacrolimus ointment, which is the first in a novel class of drugs called topical immunomodulators. In studies reported this year in the Journal of the American Academy of Dermatology, tacrolimus led to a 67-percent to 83-percent improvement, depending on the strength of the preparation. Most importantly, the medicine is appropriate for use in children, is bereft of significant side effects, and has recently been approved by the Food and Drug Administration for the treatment of certain skin disorders.

I have had no experience with this new product, so I cannot comment further on it. But the initial rave reviews herald a real breakthrough in the management of a common and unpleasant skin disorder. Ask your dermatologist about it.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I worry that those oil-based scented Plug-Ins could release tiny, oily droplets that would be dangerous if inhaled. Am I overly concerned?

DEAR READER: No, you're not. In theory, if the devices release an oily mist into the room, this material could cause lung disease or worsen pulmonary disorders. I've worried about the same issue for several months, all the while being bombarded by TV ads touting the product. So, eventually I called the manufacturer's consumer hotline. I was put off and never given an answer. Perhaps if a company rep sees this response in the newspaper, my request for information will not be disregarded. If and when I hear something, I'll print an update. In the meantime, I advise readers not to use oil-based, scented Plug-Ins.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have chronic swimmer's ear. Do you have any suggestions for a solution?

DEAR READER: Otitis externa (swimmer's ear) is a recurring, painful infection of the ear canal, usually caused by a combination of bacteria and yeasts. Several topical ear drops are available for treating the infection.

Prevention is a major consideration. The microorganisms that cause otitis externa thrive in a dark, warm, moist environment. Because people who swim in fresh water usually get their ears wet, this moisture can remain in the ears overnight, providing an ideal situation for infection to develop. (Salt-water swimmers almost never get swimmer's ear.)

I've used an easy and inexpensive method to solve the problem. I instruct patients to pour about a third of a capful of rubbing alcohol into each ear at night, wait a few moments and then allow the alcohol to drain out. The alcohol attracts water and then evaporates, leaving a dry canal. Also, the alcohol has antiseptic qualities. By using this technique during the swimming season, many of my patients have been able to avoid the pain and nuisance of swimmer's ear. If the alcohol method is ineffective, patients should be examined by an ear specialist.

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McDonald's issues apology in dispute over beef flavoring in U.S. french fries

OAK BROOK, Ill. (AP) — McDonald's Corp. has issued an apology for any confusion surrounding the beef flavoring in its U.S. french fries, a practice that prompted a lawsuit this month by some Hindus and vegetarians.

"Because it is our policy to communicate to customers, we regret if customers felt that the information we provided was not complete enough to meet their needs," McDonald's said in a statement on its Web site. "If there was confusion, we apologize."

McDonald's spokesman Walt Riker did not know when the statement was posted on the Web site, and said it simply reiterates what the company has said throughout the fry controversy.

"This isn't anything new," he said today morning.

McDonald's has acknowledged that a small amount of beef flavoring is added to its french fries during potato processing before they are shipped to restaurants in the United States.

It's something that apparently surprised some vegetarians. McDonald's announced in 1990 that its restaurants would no longer use beef fat in cooking french fries and that only pure vegetable oil would be used.

On May 1, a lawsuit against the fast-food giant was filed in Seattle on behalf of two Hindus who don't eat meat and one non-Hindu vegetarian. They have asked that the suit be certified as a class action on behalf of any vegetarian who ate McDonald's fries after 1990 in the belief that they contained no meat.

McDonald's says it never claimed the fries it sells in the United States are vegetarian.

In India, the Seattle lawsuit was front-page news, and a McDonald's in a Bombay suburb was vandalized. Eighty-five percent of India's population are Hindus, many of whom consider cows sacred. The company has said that no beef or pork flavorings are used in its fries in India or in Muslim countries, a claim repeated in the Web site.

Report: Environment, health suffering

WASHINGTON (AP) — Thanks to economic progress and high-consumption lifestyles, people in developed countries are generally eating more and living better, but their health and the environment are suffering, the Worldwatch Institute said today.

While developed countries enjoy "all-you-can-eat" economies, people living in the Third World are often left behind, Worldwatch concluded in a report, "Vital Signs 2001: The Trends That are Shaping Our Future."

"We're finding more and more evidence that the developed world's consumption-filled lifestyle choices are often as unhealthy for ourselves as for the planet we inhabit," said Michael Renner, director of the project.

Worldwatch, a Washington-based organization that researches global trends in economics and the environment, this year teamed up with the U.N. Environment Programme to produce the report, its 10th since 1992.

Aided by the U.S. economy's 5.2 percent growth in 2000, the global economy grew 4.7 percent. Still, 1.2 billion people live in severe poverty and more than 1 billion do not have enough to eat, according to the report.

World grain harvest declined 1.6 percent from 1999 to 2000, but at 1.84 billion tons it remains almost three times as high as it was in 1950. One billion people are eating too much, contributing to a "global epidemic of obesity," the report said. The United States leads the world in population of overweight men and women — 61 percent of the country's adults, Worldwatch found.

Increasing use of cars — 532 million in 2000 — has led to less active lifestyles and harmed the environment, according to the report. While world carbon emissions from fossil fuels dropped for the third year in a row, the United States' emissions are about 13 percent higher than they were in 1990. America is responsible for 24 percent of the world's total carbon emissions, more than any other country.

Meanwhile, the ecosystem is under attack, Worldwatch said.

"Decimating forests, damming rivers, draining wetlands, spreading copious amounts of toxic and long-lived materials, and destabilizing the climate have all contributed to an unraveling of Earth's complex ecological safety net," according to the report.

Despite the growth of the pharmaceutical industry — from $132 billion in 1983 to $337 billion now — about one-third of people do not have access to necessary medications, Worldwatch found.

Worldwatch blames the discrepancy on the industry's focus on the First World, which has the money to pay for drugs. "Seeing a market without much purchasing power, pharmaceutical companies have tended to neglect the health needs of large chunks of the planet," the report says.

Worldwatch also found that:

— The world population increased by 77 million from 1999 to 2000, with 95 percent of that growth in developing countries.

— China has 350 million smokers — more than any other country — and leads the world in cigarette production.

Worldwatch points to socially and environmentally responsible investing and more consumer awareness of potentially unhealthy products as possible solutions to global problems. Others include promoting use of bicycles and other energy efficient and environmentally friendly forms of transportation, and focusing on solar electricity and wind power as alternative sources of energy.

On the Net:
Worldwatch Institute:
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Actor gives up normal life for celebrity

NEW YORK (AP) — Ben Affleck knows he must give up certain aspects of normal life for his celebrity.

"I'm absolutely OK with it. I have to be — it's sort of a Faustian bargain, and I recognize it, there are a lot of sacrifices," Affleck said during an interview Tuesday on ABC's "Good Morning America" while promoting his new film, "Pearl Harbor," which opens Friday.

Being famous makes dating difficult, for example. The 28-year-old actor had a much-publicized romance a couple of years with Gwyneth Paltrow, with whom he co-starred last year in the romantic drama "Bounce."

"You know, most people don't have normal romantic lives. ... For one thing, normal being a relative term," Affleck said.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Friday, May 25, 2001

Your self-esteem could undergo a marked improvement in the year ahead because almost anything you take on you'll handle with skill and aplomb, garnering more success than ever before.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Make those managerial changes today which you feel need stabilizing. The direction you'll take will prove to be beneficial to all involved and may even be retained for years to come. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that'll govern you in the year ahead.

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CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Follow your instincts today because they could put you in the right spot at the right time to take advantage of something exceptionally good in a new area you've not explored.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — The only thing that could hold you back today is the limitations you put on your own thinking. Be optimistic, expectant and by all means reach high.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Your charisma is peaking today, so if you'd like to influence someone in a high place who can help advance your interest, now's the time to touch base with this person.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Because you've profited from some past mistakes, you're not likely to fall prey to the same debilitating blunders others make today. You'll keep your wits about you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Explore other options for adding to your resources today, because there seems to be something out there that not only is perfect for you, but can also make you some real money.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — It might be wise today to be open to the suggestions of others. Once you've heard their reasoning, you might agree that what they have to say is better than your thinking on an important matter.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Having several goals for which to aim won't put you at a disadvantage today. In fact, it'll be the other way around. You'll have more chances at hitting a mark.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — This is a good day to put your house in order, if not literally, than figuratively. If your affairs haven't been running smoothly, reorganize them today to function more effectively.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — What you do for your family today will be long remembered. It won't be merely the act itself that endears them to you, it'll be the way you go about it as well.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Wow! The innovative ideas are still flowing from you like a gusher again today. What you conceive will have excellent chances for long-term success.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Because you take life seriously, you're particular in what you cultivate. Today, you might take on a new project that shows signs of long-term dividends.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Lesbian who felt lost found peace and hope in gay church

DEAR ABBY: After reading the letter from "Hurting in Houston," the gay man whose parents told him he and his partner were no longer welcome in their home, I felt the need to speak to him from my heart. Abby, I would be honored if you would print my message to him:

Dear Hurting: I am a lesbian. I want you to know that you are not alone. I sympathize with how you feel. My father is homophobic. Need I say more? What people like your parents and my father don't realize is that the gay community is much larger than they think. Chances are, most people in this country have some connection to someone who is gay.

Is there a PFLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) near your parents? That would be a good place for them to express their concerns among people from their side of the fence.

There is nothing "horrible" about being gay. God didn't "goof" when he made us. He wanted us this way, and no matter what other people might tell you, God loves us just the same as he loves anyone else. I don't know how you feel about God, but I know that I would not be alive today if he were not walking through life right beside me.

You wrote that you're having trouble sleeping at night. I've been there, too. My advice to you is to find somewhere you and your partner feel comfortable to worship God. There are gay and gay-friendly churches in this country. I know going has helped me. A month ago, I wasn't sleeping well, and I didn't feel like eating as much as I normally do. I was depressed, and I knew it; but I didn't know what to do about it. Then I heard about a gay church near where I live. I went one day. By experiencing God's unconditional love, I feel that life is better. I'm sleeping at night now, and my appetite has returned.

If God can give me peace, he can do the same for you. I'll be praying for you. — **HOPEFUL IN HESPERIA, CALIF.**

DEAR HOPEFUL: I'm sure your words of encouragement will bolster the spirits of more hurting individuals than the young man who wrote. Not all families reject or fear their gay relatives. And your message that while some churches teach homophobic doctrine, others are gay-friendly is an important one. Some of them even have membership that is primarily gay and lesbian. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I are dismayed over "Hurting in Houston's" problem with his parents.

We have lots of love to give and would like "Hurting" to know that we would be happy to be his parents. Whether it be a legal adoption or a spiritual one, we would like to be his family.

He will get a mom and dad who will love him, worry about him, respect him and accept that he is gay. He will gain two brothers who have been taught to love and treat others with kindness. He and his partner can openly come to our home and all family functions. We will brag about him, call him often, and bore him with our stories. In short, we will make him and his partner feel very much a part of a REAL family.

We are serious, Abby. Please pass this letter on to him. — **FROM LONG BEACH, WITH LOVE**

DEAR FROM LONG BEACH: If I hear from him, I will. And that's a promise.

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

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Abby shares her favorite recipes in two booklets: "Abby's Favorite Recipes" and "Abby's More Favorite Recipes." To order, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $7.90 ($9 each in Canada) to: Dear Abby Cookbooklets, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included in price.)

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These East Elementary students recently spent 100 of their Accelerated Reader points to play miniature golf at Westerner Golf Land. Clay Hirt, left, putts the ball while Jonathan Wallace waits his turn.

Carson Matthies (top photo) and Clay Hirt (bottom photo) line up their shots. Jonathan Wallace and Carson Matthies wait their turn (bottom photo)

Charles Velasco putts the ball.

SDN Photos By Shirley A. Gorman

Smithsonian unveils 'new' Triceratops

WASHINGTON (AP) — Thanks to a computerized facelift, Triceratops is looking good — for a 65-million-year-old.

The wraps come off today as the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History returns the three-horned dinosaur to public display after more than two years being refurbished.

The new display, a full-size cast of the 23-foot-long animal, shows "how really easily Triceratops could do its job. ... It just looks like a very good animal that happens to have a whopping big head," said museum paleontologist Ralph E. Chapman.

When it first went on display in 1905, the museum's Triceratops may have been the first horned dinosaur to be shown publicly. By 1998 the fossilized bones were deteriorating, Chapman explained.

Not only did it need repairs, but over the years scientists had learned more about the dinosaur's posture, and they had realized that the original display contained bones from other animals.

It was time for some restoration.

Triceratops was a 5- to 6-ton plant eater and was one of the last dinosaurs to live before they became extinct 65 million years ago.

While the fossilized bones had lasted all that time in nature, the rigors of museum life — heat, cold, vibration, humidity — had not been kind. There were cracks, making them fragile, and pyrite disease, a condition in which the mineral pyrite begins growing inside the fossils and breaks them.

So the giant new skeleton going on display is a polymer casting.

Never fear, though, the real bones aren't hidden away.

The exhibit "is chock full of real material," Chapman said. It's just displayed in plexiglass cases to protect it from changes in heat and humidity.

"We put the real head out there and the real humeri (arm bones) and so forth," he said.

And what a head it is.

Apparently used for protection, and possibly fighting with each other, the museum's Triceratops had a head that would have weighed 700 pounds in real life. It displays two horns on top and a third on its nose, capping a powerful jaw.

They were plant eaters, "and boy, I'll tell you, they had strong jaws ... they were overachievers when it came to chomping," he said.

The animal's posture is also changed a bit, with its front legs slightly splayed.

It's what Chapman calls a "best guess" at how they looked. It's a guess that owes a lot to modern technology.

In the process of developing the new display, the bones were scanned with lasers so they could be reproduced with pinpoint accuracy.

Once the details were in a computer, the researchers used them to construct a one-sixth scale model — a more convenient size for them to study.

When the skeleton was first displayed, the legs were shown widely splayed, much like a lizard, Chapman said. But in the 1960s and '70s scientists decided the legs should be more straight up.

With the one-sixth scale model, Chapman and the other researchers could hold the bones in their hands and see how the joints fit together. They worked out the new slightly splayed posture using rubber bands to simulate muscles and tendons and manipulating the bones to see how each joint could move.

Essentially, they built the new Triceratops from the inside out, "letting the joint talk," he said. You couldn't do that with the full-size bones, he added, or "you'd need a forklift."

The effort cost $2.2 million, all but $250,000 of which was donated, museum officials said.

Teen-agers want accurate information

By Martha Irvine
AP National Writer

Take a look at some of the spicy fiction novels aimed at readers as young as 12. Tune into any number of TV shows popular with young viewers and try finding the characters who haven't had sex.

Ever hear the "Thong Song" or the recent No. 1 "It Wasn't Me," a tune about a couple getting caught "banging on the bathroom floor"? Many elementary school students have.

Officially — from President Bush on down — young people are being told to just say no to sex. Yet they are bombarded with images that, they say, make the mantra difficult to take seriously.

Frustrated with mixed messages, many teens say they would make better choices for themselves if they had more information about sex — and less hype.

"How can you expect teens to be abstinent when all they see is sex?" asks DeVoia Stewart, a 16-year-old student at New York's Frederick Douglass Academy. "It's a little hypocritical."

Through the 1990s, biennial surveys from the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found fewer high school students saying they had had sexual intercourse — from just over 54.1 percent in 1991 to 49.9 percent in 1999. The number of teen-age mothers giving birth also dropped, although there are still about a million teen pregnancies each year.

But health officials say sexually transmitted diseases are a big concern for teens — among them HIV, chlamydia, herpes, gonorrhea and human papilloma virus, which can develop into cervical cancer. They also say that, instead of intercourse, some teens are having other kinds of sexual contact, like oral sex, that can easily spread disease.

The statistics have only heightened the debate about what to tell young people about sex, even among young people themselves.

"In my school, there are people who adamantly preach about waiting for sex, and there are also people who love to recount their own racy experiences," says Alessa Thomas, a 16-year-old from Gladstone, Mich.

For adults, a flash point is the debate over whether to distribute condoms and other forms of birth control to teens.

This spring, Planned Parenthood distributed "Prom Survival Kits," including condoms, to students in Minneapolis and other cities.

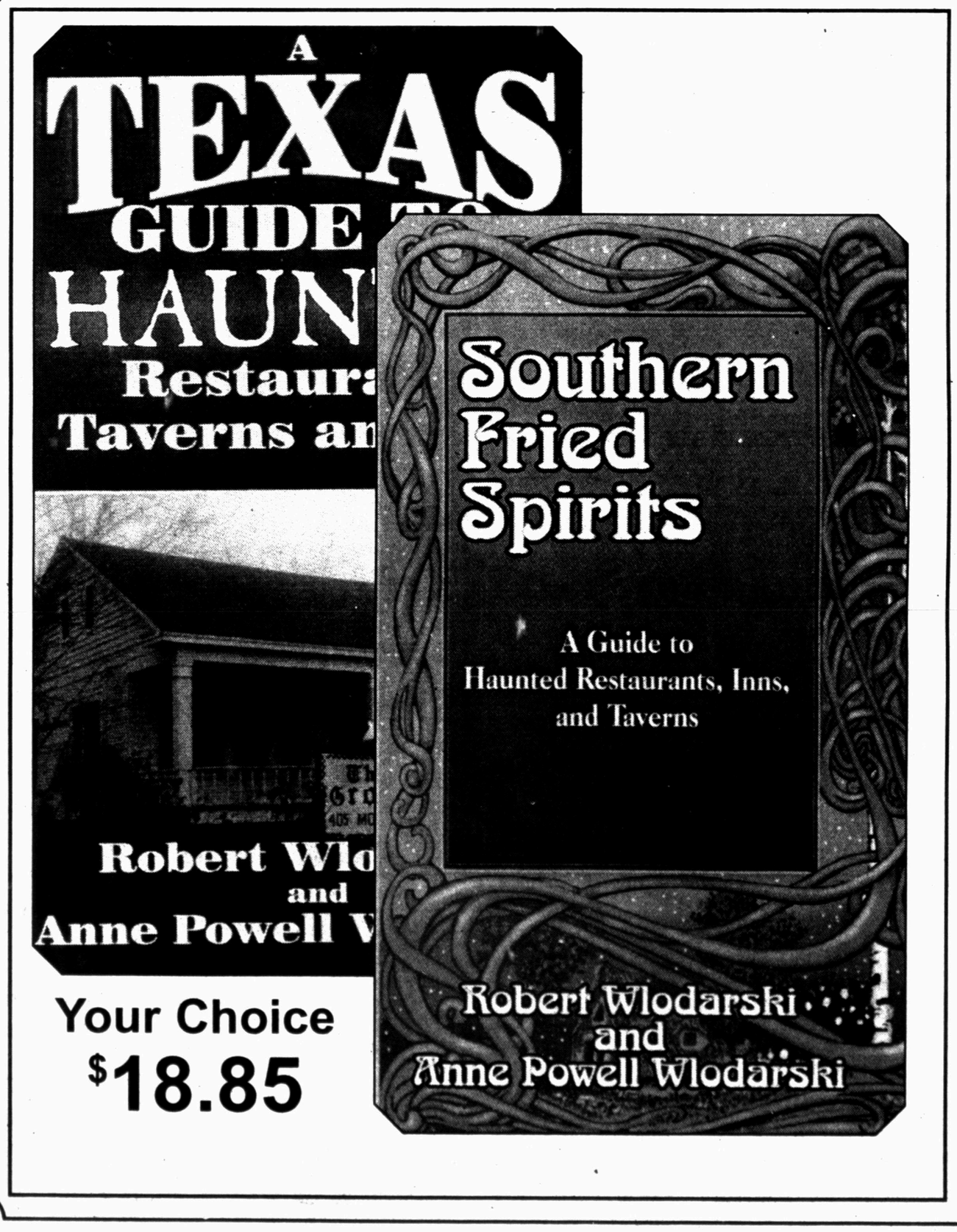
About the same time, a health board in northern Kentucky decided to change its sex education curriculum to "abstinence only," seeing any talk of safer sex or condom distribution as lessons in "how to."

"We're talking about young people who can't remember to bring their homework to school or set their alarm clock — and yet we want them to remember to use a condom every time they engage in sexual intercourse?" says Addia Wuchner, a Florence, Ky., resident who oversees the board's human sexuality committee.

But many young people say they should be trusted to handle more information — the more, the better.

Christopher Batu, a 20-year-old sophomore at George Mason University in Fairfax, Va., agrees that abstinence education is important, but he still wishes he had known more about "the reality of what could happen" because of sex when he was younger.

He says "sex isn't evil," but it carries a load of responsibility with it.



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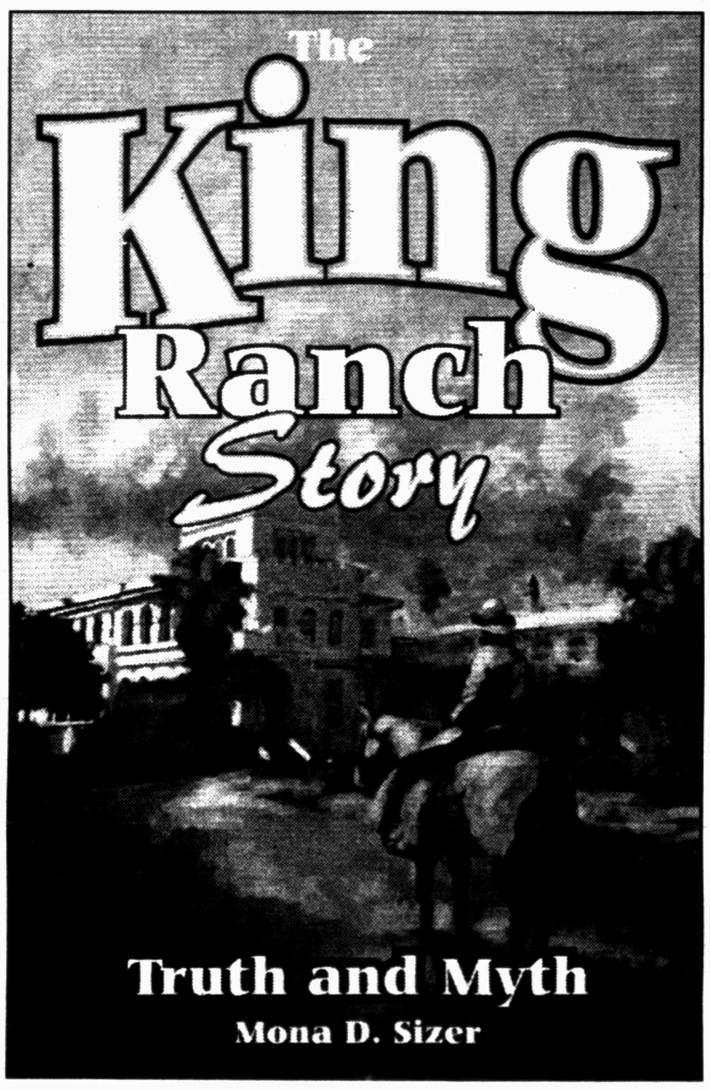

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14 abandoned border crossers die

WELLTON, Ariz. (AP) — Fourteen illegal immigrants have died and at least two others were missing today, five days after smugglers abandoned them in the blistering heat of the Arizona desert.

The death toll was a record for immigrant smuggling in Arizona.

Rescuers using helicopters and four-wheel-drive vehicles found one survivor early today and, based on footprints, believed two Mexican immigrants remained missing. They had earlier found 11 survivors, some unconscious, who were hospitalized for heat exhaustion and severe dehydration.

Searchers had found 11 bodies Wednesday, and one immigrant died en route to a hospital. Two more bodies were found overnight, Border Patrol spokesman Maurice Moore said in Yuma.

"We intend to work this until we've made sure that there's no one left out there," Moore said. "It's in the middle of nowhere there."

Survivors said the immigrants, including some said to be from the Mexican state of Veracruz, were smuggled into the United States on Saturday east of Yuma, in the rugged terrain of the Cabeza Prieta National Wildlife Refuge.

The smugglers left them there, promising to return with water and instructing them to walk for "a couple of hours" to a highway. But they never came back. The highway was more than 50 miles from where they were abandoned.

The Border Patrol began its search Wednesday after five sunburned survivors found agents and sought help. Temperatures climbed as high as 115 degrees.

FBI turns over hundreds of documents

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hundreds more pages of FBI investigative documents have been turned over to Timothy McVeigh's attorney, who said the Oklahoma City bomber's defense team was continuing to weigh options following the belated disclosure of the papers.

Nathan Chambers, McVeigh's lawyer, said he received several hundred pages Wednesday and had received 600 to 700 pages in the previous several days.

McVeigh's lawyers already have been looking over 3,135 pages that federal prosecutors turned over earlier this month after the FBI said it found documents that should have been given to defense attorneys before McVeigh's trial but weren't because of computer and record-keeping blunders.

The discovery led the Justice Department to postpone McVeigh's execution for one month to June 11.

The documents delivered Wednesday could be ones located in a final records search ordered by FBI Director Louis Freeh on May 11. Freeh told lawmakers that additional documents had been found but didn't say how many. FBI officials have for several days declined to specify the number of new documents found.

FBI spokesman Mike Kortan referred questions about the documents to the Justice Department. Officials there could not be immediately reached.

Chambers declined to say whether he would seek more time to go over the new information. "We have several options under consideration," he said.

Government attorneys asked a federal judge in Denver if the newly discovered documents could be turned over to prosecutors handling Terry Nichols' state trial in the April 1995 bombing of the federal building in Oklahoma City that killed 168 people and injured hundreds more.

Conference committee will consider gun amendment

AUSTIN (AP) — A measure approved by the Senate that could prevent cities and counties from banning concealed firearms in public places will be sent to a conference committee, where the provision could be removed, the bill's author said.

The amendment was added to a House bill by Rep. Pat Haggerty, R-El Paso.

Haggerty said he is sympathetic to the provision that reasserts the Legislature as the sole authority on where licensed gun owners may carry their weapons. The amendment could block cities and counties from banning firearms in places like parks and on buses.

Opponents of the provision say municipalities always have been allowed to decide whether to go further than the state rules in banning concealed weapons.

"It erodes local government's authority to govern their own property," said Frank Sturzl of the Texas Municipal League. "The beauty of the current law is that cities and counties get to decide for themselves."

Haggerty's original bill prohibited firearms from being carried within 1,000 feet of a state execution.

Sen. Todd Staples, R-Palestine, added the concealed weapons provision as an amendment, describing it as the codification of an attorney general's opinion that regulated firearms.

The amendment passed without comment or opposition.

On Wednesday, some senators objected belatedly, saying they felt Staples should have better explained the ramifications of his amendment. Staples said his explanation was fair and accurate.

Opponents say they believe they can kill the provision in the joint House and Senate committee.

Haggerty said he decided to call for a conference committee because the gun provision added a technical problem to the bill, meaning that if he brought it to the House now for a final vote, it could be killed by any member raising a parliamentary point of order.

No agreement yet on return of spy plane

BEIJING (AP) — China said today that the United States can take back its stranded U.S. Navy spy plane — in pieces. U.S. officials, however, said there was still no agreement on the plane's return.

China's Foreign Ministry spokesman said the two sides were discussing details and dates for the return of the plane, stranded at an air base on the southern island of Hainan since a collision April 1 with a Chinese fighter jet. Zhu Bangzao said talks included whether the pieces of the $80 million aircraft would be sent home by cargo plane or ship.

In Washington, a government official close to the situation said today there is no agreement on how the EP-3E Aries II would be returned and that the Bush administration was puzzled by China's announcement.

The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said that several days ago U.S. negotiators reluctantly proposed — as an alternative to repairing the plane and flying it off the island — to take its wings and tail off and ship it out aboard a chartered cargo plane. The Chinese replied that this was not possible because the airfield on Hainan island could not accommodate such a large cargo plane.

China said the EP-3E would have to be cut up into smaller pieces, but this is not acceptable to the United States.

Police investigate injury to disabled woman Wednesday

• ***Woman injured***

Snyder police were called to Cogdell Memorial Hospital at 3:24 p.m. Wednesday in reference to injuries to a 35-year-old disabled woman. An offense report was filed, and the case is under investigation.

According to the report, the woman suffered injuries to her upper arms and elbow area, and she was admitted for observation.

• ***Harassment***

A woman contacted police at 2:54 p.m. to report that she was being harassed by telephone and in person by subjects in a brown vehicle. The subjects were located and advised that charges would be filed if the harassment continues.

• ***Water balloons***

A complaint was made at 11 p.m. Wednesday of two juveniles throwing water balloons at traffic in the 100 block of 37th Street. An officer contacted several juveniles in the Kingswood Apartments parking lot who advised the kid throwing the balloons had left the area.

• ***Arrests***

At 7:45 a.m., a Department of Public Safety trooper arrested a 25-year-old man on Highway 84 at Dermott. The subject had a misdemeanor Terry County warrant for bond forfeiture on an original charge of driving while license suspended.

Jesus Alva, 25, of 3901 North Golder in Odessa was booked into custody Wednesday morning on a Reeves County felony warrant revoking his probation on an original charge of possession of a controlled substance.

Officers took a 53-year-old man into custody at 5:42 p.m. for failure to identify, no Texas driver's license and failure to maintain financial responsibility (no liability insurance).

A Scurry County warrant for misdemeanor theft by check landed a 39-year-old man in jail at 10:42 p.m.

events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

York Rite festival

Scurry Masonic Lodge will hold a York Rite festival beginning at 7 a.m. Saturday at the Masonic Lodge. Chapter/Council degrees will be conferred. The cost is $100. (regularly $175). Contact Masonic members prior to Saturday to fill out the petition and pay fees.

Farewell reception

Students and friends will hold a farewell reception for Judy Haines from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday at the Ritz Theatre. Everyone is welcome.

Pot luck dinner

Snyder Church of Nazarene will hold a pot luck dinner after the morning worship service on Sunday. The dinner is in honor of the memory of Ethel Herrington.

Youth rally

Ira First Baptist Church will host a youth rally starting at 6 p.m. Sunday. The rally will feture music by Macy Hill and Mark Winn as the featured speaker.

Genealogical society

The Scurry County Genealogical Society will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the children's room in the Scurry County Library. Dave Hanes will speak on Native American legends and war. Visitors are welcome and dues are $12.50 per person or $15 per couple per year.

Late registration

Late registration for Western Texas College's Kids' College will continue through June 6. However the classes to make will be decided by Friday, June 1. Classes will be held June 11-21. For more information call 573-8511, ext. 223.

Colonial Hill VBS

Colonial Hill Baptist Church will hold Vacation Bible School from 8:30-11:45 a.m. on June 4-8 for grades K-6.

Vacation Bible School

The 37th St. Church of Christ has set its "Jesus to the Rescue" Vacation Bible School for June 4-6, from 9 a.m. to noon. It is for ages two years through the sixth grade. For more information, call Kinney Mabry at 573-0154.

CPR provider course

Western Texas College has set a CPR Provider Course for Monday and Wednesday, June 4-6, at the Vocational Nursing Building, 7C, from 6-10 p.m. Cost is $45. Register early as space is limited. For more information call, 573-8511, ext. 390.

Presbyterian VBS

Children ages 3-12 are invited to Vacation Bible School June 4-8 at the First Presbyterian Church, 2706 Ave. R. Hours are 9 a.m. until noon and theme is "The Ark." For information, call 573-6915.

WTC swimming pool

The WTC swimming pool will open Monday, June 4, for public use. Lap swimming: M-TH 6:30-8 a.m. Open swimming: M-TH 2-5 p.m. Cost is $3 per person or $50 for a semester pass. The pool is also available for parties on Fridays and Saturdays. For more information, contact Mike Harrison at 573-8511, ext. 279.

Winston Field fly-in breakfast

The first Winston Field fly-in breakfast will be held from 8-10:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 16. The public is invited to the event and can eat breakfast with the pilots for $3. There will be numerous airplanes on display, including antique aircraft.

Biker Sunday

The second annual Biker Sunday will be Sunday, June 24, at Colonial Hill Baptist Church. Services start at 10:45 a.m. and there will be bike rodeo games, door prizes, free food and a live band.

Discovery school

Discovery School at First United Methodist Church is open for the summer, taking ages up through 8 years. Drop-ins are welcome. For more information, call 573-4770.

Cancer treatment transportation

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

White House pressures House to accept a bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush is eager to sign an 11-year, $1.35 trillion tax cut that mirrors most of his own goals. Now, it's up to House and Senate negotiators to agree on details of the largest tax cut in 20 years.

The two sides planned to continue closed-door meetings today in hopes of reaching a compromise in time to send the tax bill to the White House before Congress embarks on a weeklong Memorial Day recess.

"We're planning on getting it done before we get out of here," said Sen. Don Nickles, R-Okla., the assistant Senate Republican leader.

The key to a deal is finding a way to keep enough of the tax breaks added by the evenly divided Senate to keep moderates of both parties from jumping ship while moving a bit closer to the House cuts favored by conservatives who are more in line with Bush's original plan.

"They can pass a partisan Republican bill with 51 votes, but they will send a strong signal that they don't want to work with Democrats in the future," said Sen. Robert Torricelli, D-N.J.

The White House is putting pressure on the House to accept a bill similar to that passed by the Senate to gain a quick victory, said a Senate aide speaking on condition of anonymity. But House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., told reporters today that the House position must be reckoned with.

"We're not going to cave in, but we are not inflexible either and we are going to find something that is right for everybody," Hastert said.

The stage for final action was set Wednesday when the Senate voted 62-38 in favor of its version of the tax relief package.

Obituaries

Lentie Clark

1923-2001

Lentie Bell Clark, sister of O.P. Tate of Snyder, died Friday, May 18, at her home in Temple.

Funeral service for Mrs. Clark, 78, will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Paul A. Tate will officiate, and burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Born on March 14, 1923 in Jayton to O.P. and Nellie Gallagher Tate, she married Wellborn F. Clark Sr. on July 29, 1939 in Post. He died in 1999.

Mrs. Clark worked as an accountant and was a member of the First Baptist Church in Belton.

She also was preceded in death by one son, W. Frank Clark Jr. in 1996; and one grandson in 1986.

Survivors include one daughter, Paula L. Johnston of Temple; another brother, Curtis Tate of Belton; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Family visitation will be held from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

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Ofelia Solano

1912-2001

SWEETWATER – Ofelia Solano, the aunt of Benito Ortegon of Snyder, died Tuesday, May 22, in the Abilene Regional Hospital.

Graveside service for Mrs. Solano, 88, is set for 9:30 a.m. Friday in the Sweetwater Cemetery with the Rev. Allen Brooks officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of McCoy Funeral Home.

Born Sept. 8, 1912 in Williamson, Tex., she married Luciano Solano on Nov. 25, 1942 in Amarillo. He died in 1991.

A resident of Sweetwater since 1962, Mrs. Solano was a Methodist.

Survivors include a brother, Ross Lopez of Norwalk, Calif.; a sister, Lillie Hernandez of Amarillo; three stepbrothers, Joe Hernandez of Amarillo, Raymond Hernandez of Dallas and Luis Hernandez of El Paso; and another nephew, Leonard Hernandez of Sweetwater.

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