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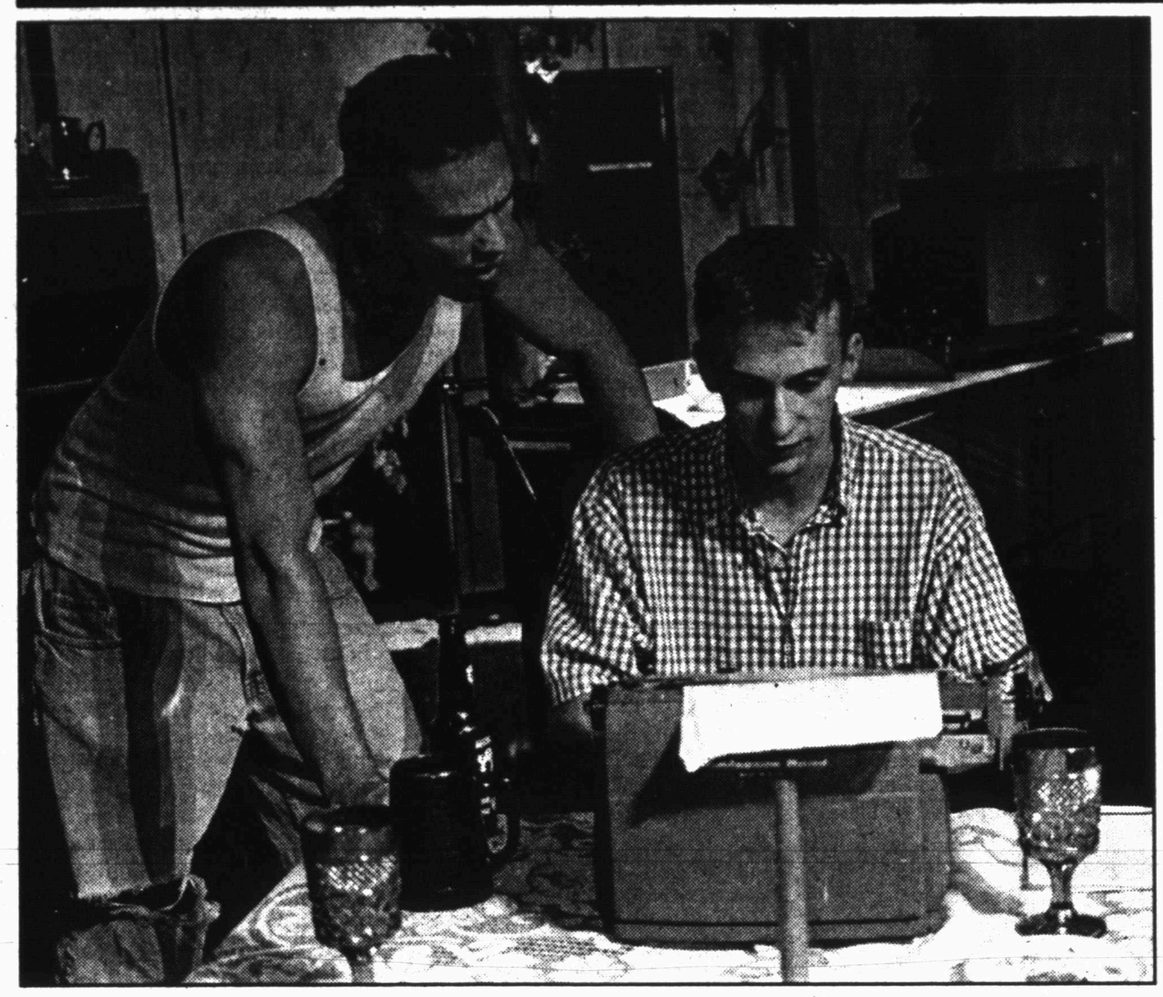
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TRUE WEST — Two Snyder High School graduates perform a scene from "True West," a contemporary realism play that will debut at 8 p.m. Friday in the Worsham Auditorium. Lee, played by Kevin Alejandro, left, is looking over the shoulder of his brother Austin, played by Stephen Taylor, as he writes an outline for Lee's screenplay. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Local bank deposits reveal slight decline

All but one reporting financial institution in Snyder revealed a slight drop in mid-year deposits.

Combined deposits at the fours banks on June 30 were $216.8 million compared to $220.1 million at the same time last year, a decline of $3.3 million.

Reporting financial institutions are West Texas State Bank, Snyder National Bank, American State Bank and Texas Savings Bank. First American Bank, with a branch in Snyder, does not report individual branch figures.

Snyder National Bank was the total deposit leader with $85.2 million, a drop of $3.6 million when evaluated against the close of the second quarter of 1999 or the first quarter of the current year when deposits were $88.8 million at the end of each period.

Deposits at West Texas State Bank were $75.8 million, a drop of $2.5 million compared to the same time last year when deposits totaled $78.3 million. Compared to the 2000 first quarter-ending total of $80.6 million, deposits declined $4.8 million.

Texas Savings Bank's deposits were $33.1 million, a drop of $1.3 million based on last year's June 30 total of $34.4 million. TSB deposits were unchanged from the close of this year's first quarter.

American State Bank reported total deposits of $22.7 million, an increase at mid-year of $4.1 million when compared to the same period in 1999 when deposits were $18.6 million. When evaluated against the first-quarter report of $22.1 million, the second-quarter increase was $600,000.

Combined loans totaled $101.2 million, a jump of $4 million when compared to the 1999 mid-year total of $97.2 million.

WTSB reported loans totaling $43.2 million on June 30, an increase of $2.4 million at the same period in 1999. Compared to the first quarter report, WTSB loans were reduced $100,000.

Loans at Snyder National totaled $26.3 million, a drop of $300,000 compared to the mid-year total last year, and a decline of $1.1 million since the close of the first quarter of 2000.

Texas Savings Bank total loans were $31.7 million, an increase of $1.9 since the same period last year, and an increase of $1.1 million compared to the close of the first three months of 2000.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "The height of stupidity depends on how tall you are."

We've been doing some neighborhood detective wor' and think we've discovered the secret of having edible home-grown 'maters.

Only once in 25 years have we produced a crop worth remembering. However, the water and fertilizer made 'em cost $5 each, and that was before city water got hiked to encourage conservation.

Two years ago, we inherited a garden space where a 90-plus-old neighbor for years seemed to effortlessly grow anything.

We toiled the spot, cultivated, watered and planted under the right moon. But the only county fair prospect was a world-class careless weed.

Blaming our brown thumb on the intense summer heat, we decided to move those 'mater plants to be protected from the late-afternoon sun. Last summer's hail foiled that idea.

This year - in the same spot – exist extremely healthy vines – sans the fruit.

This year, next-door neighbor Bill Lyon took over the garden spot that had been so kind to our predecessor.

Today, the garden area looks much like a picture you'd expect to find in Finer Homes and Nifty Gardens. There's no mildew, no shriveling squash and no insect-infected okra.

But the impressive thing is there are no weeds. It seems like growing a garden without the challenge of weeds is like fishing and using a telephone.

We thought at first it might have been the Mircul Grow, secret compost or even fertilizer.

But our spying revealed the real reason for Lyon's bounty. You've heard of talking to the plants. Lyon, retired SHS choral director, takes talking to plants for inspiration to a new height.

We actually heard Lyon singing to the plants. He quit just as we approached. So we only know half the secret – do 'maters prefer country and western, rock or a good hymn?

Since much of the soil in our part of town is hard, we decided a little hard rock might work. Two blooms bit the dust.

A few strains of "Wacked Between the Eye with the Two-by-Four of Love" also failed to perk up those plants. We called the Garden Perfessional to see if he'd ever seen any evidence of music improving production.

"Happens all the time," the pro said. "It starts indoors. If a guy is in the habit of singing or humming in the house, it won't be long before the missus will suggest it's time to go outside for long periods – and while outside, he might as well till the garden.

SHS grads will present play for Worsham scholarships

Two Snyder High School graduates are putting the finishing touches on "True West," a contemporary realism play, that will be staged at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday at Worsham Auditorium. The play runs about one hour and forty-five minutes and there is a 10-minute intermission.

Tickets are $5 each. Proceeds will benefit the Jerry Worsham Scholarship Fund.

Through their fledgling company, Kast Productions, Kevin Alejandro and Stephen Taylor, produce, direct and star in the play, which centers on sibling rivalry.

Alejandro's character Lee is a drifter who lives in the desert. Taylor portrays Austin, a Hollywood screenwriter who is married and has children.

Two other characters are Carl Strelecki who plays a Hollywood producer named Saul, and Charlotte Wadleigh (Taylor's real-life mother) who plays the mother of Lee and Austin.

Alejandro graduated from SHS in 1995 and Taylor in 1996. Both live in Austin, but decided to take a few weeks off to bring "True West" to their alma mater's high school stage. It is their way to give something back to Worsham who helped them and encouraged them to pursue acting, they both said.

Worsham died in May after a two-year battle with leukemia. The scholarship fund was started soon after.

About three weeks after "True West's" two-day local run, Alejandro and Taylor plan to move to California where they will pursue acting.

In Austin, Alejandro performed in several plays by Shakespeare and Taylor's work included an independent film.

Texas man pleads guilty to killing mother of six

SARASOTA, Fla. (AP) — A San Antonio man pleaded guilty Thursday to fatally shooting and stabbing a woman in November 1997 as her 2-year-old quadruplets played nearby.

In the courtroom, Jose Luis Del Toro Jr., 24, sang a song, asking for forgiveness. He faces a mandatory life sentence after pleading guilty to first-degree murder and armed burglary in the slaying of Sheila Bellush.

The plea came while jurors in San Antonio are deciding whether Bellush's millionaire ex-husband, Allen Blackthorne, planned her Nov. 7, 1997, killing.

Blackthorne, 45, is charged with interstate conspiracy to commit murder-for-hire and interstate domestic violence. Prosecutors contend that Blackthorne wanted Bellush killed because of a custody dispute over their teen-age daughters.

Wearing a blue shirt and khaki pants, Del Toro answered a few routine questions by Circuit Court Judge Paul Logan, such as his full name and age, before entering his plea.

After the plea, Bellush's widower addressed Del Toro and held up photos of his wife's bloody body.

"I'd like to show them to your family. Does your family realize that when you stabbed her, that the blade of the knife bent on her spinal column?" Jamie Bellush bellowed.

"Mr. Del Toro you're a worthless coward," he said. "Cowards like you attack defenseless women who weigh 107 pounds.... Cowards run from their crimes, like you did like a scared little child.

"It's unfortunate that I could not stand and watch you take your last breath with a needle in your arm," Bellush said.

Del Toro, speaking softly, then told Bellush that he agreed with him — "I do deserve to die" — then began a 35-minute speech to his victim's family, that included his song.

"Beautiful. That's how mercy saw me," Del Toro sang, standing at the podium facing widower Jamie Bellush. "I was broken and so lost. Mercy looked past all my faults. The mercy of God saw what I had done ... not what I was, but how I would be. That's how mercy saw me."

WTC sign-up set next week

Registration for the second summer session at Western Texas College will be from 8 a.m. to noon and from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

ASSET testing (TASP equivalent) will be at 1:30 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday in the Counseling Center.

Various classes in mathematics and psychology will be offered. For more information, call the counseling office at 573-8511, ext. 313 or toll-free at 1-888-GO TO WTC (468-6982).

Watercolor exhibit continues at museum

The 51st annual exhibit of the Texas Watercolor Society will remain at the Scurry County Museum through July 22.

There are 29 paintings in the exhibit and a catalog is available to museum visitors.

The catalog includes 18 color photographs of award-winning paintings in the exhibit.

The best-of-show award went to "Big Bend Dunes," a painting by Ann Hardy of Colleyville.

This exhibit was previously in Houston and San Antonio, and will next be in Plainview. It will also be in the Heritage Museum in Big Spring in December.

It will end its tour in April in Marshall.

Additional information about the museum exhibit can be obtained by calling 573-6107.

Rodeo queen candidates selling tickets

Advance tickets for the annual Scurry County Rodeo are now available from four queen candidates.

Randi Herrington and Brandy Shafer are selling tickets to earn points for the crown of Miss Scurry County Rodeo Queen, while Ciara Latta and Cassie Mhoon are vying for the Little Miss Scurry County Rodeo Queen title.

Information on purchasing tickets from the girls may be obtained from Theresa Singletary at 573-0475.

LET'S RODEO



The 64th edition of the Scurry County Rodeo will be held July 13-15.

The first "official" souvenir program was printed for the 16th annual rodeo in 1952. The program's cover featured brands from Scurry County ranchers.

Brands represented on the cover were from Alvis Koonsman, J.S. Creswell, Alice M. Jones, Clyde Miller, Jesse Koonsman, G.C. Taylor, Dennis Bros., Alvin Koonsman, A.A. Browning, F.G. Sears, Homer Robinson, J.W. Voss, Fred Bullard, J.J. Belem, Uda Wasson, L.A. Berry, John Keller, Bessie Perkins, Billy Boren, W.D. Sims, Johnnie Herod, John Koonsman, Wayne Boren and C.W. Huckabee.

Others were J.W. Green, Joe York, Mrs. Zack Taylor, George Maule, Miller Ranch, Gray Ranch, Clayton Ranch, Edith McKanna, Earl Abercrombie, Hugh Taylor, Dwight Monroe, Weldon Johnson, Warren Sturgeon and Sterling Williams.

ASK US

Q—When did the Texas Lottery begin?

A—The scratch-off games began on May 29, 1992, while Lotto Texas debuted on Nov. 7, 1992.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Wednesday, 94 degrees; low, 67; 7 a.m. Thursday, 68; no precipitation; total for 2000, 14.24 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly clear. Low around 70. SE wind 5-15 mph. Friday, mostly sunny. High, mid 90s. SE wind 10-20 mph.



Zane Berryhill
Sunny

Sunset:
8:52 p.m.
Sunrise:
6:47 a.m.

Of 187 days in 2000, the sun has shone 184 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

The law of culture is to let each of us become all that we are capable of being.

Airline employees rally around globe for friendly skies

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Airline employees rallied around the globe Thursday to send a message to lawmakers and passengers: Keep the friendly skies friendly.

Unions representing flight attendants and ground crews declared a "day of action" against so-called air rage, saying inappropriate behavior is potentially dangerous and is on the rise.

"Airline workers have a right to come to work and go home in the same condition," Capt. Trevor Jenson said in Sydney, Australia, where staff from Qantas and Ansett airlines called for stronger measures to counter air rage.

Figures provided by the International Transport Workers' Federation, an umbrella organization for the unions, said air rage incidents have increased from 1,132 in 1994 to 5,416 three years ago.

The union also said U.S. air crews have reported a huge increase in unruly passengers, with more than 500 last year after just 66 in 1997.

The union wants governments to sign an international convention that would close loopholes to ensure prosecution of air-rage offenders. It also wants airlines and airport authorities to provide training and restraint equipment, and to introduce coherent security policies.

On Tuesday, a Continental Airlines flight returned to Anchorage, Alaska, after a passenger allegedly threw a can of beer at a flight attendant and bit a pilot on the arm.

Incidents like that are on the rise, said San Francisco airport spokesman Ron Wilson. San Francisco has had 111 in the last 18 months, from refusing to put out a cigarette in an airplane bathroom to being noisy to grabbing a flight attendant.

"If you're interfering with crew members in the performance of their duties, that's air rage," Wilson said.

The fine for assaulting a crew member is $1,100, Wilson said, although the FAA is considering increasing it to $25,000. Disrupting a flight can carry a sentence of 20 years in prison and a $250,000 fine.

While some unruly passengers simply disturb the peace, others threaten the lives of passengers and crew.

On the Net: ITF: http://www.itf.org.uk
Flight attendants union: http://www.flightattendant-afa.org

Thousands rally, allege racial profiling

DEARBORN, Mich. (AP) — Some shoppers at Fairlane Town Center say personal experience leaves no doubt that a man who died during a struggle with mall security guards was targeted because he was black.

"It's something about Dearborn," said Detroit resident Patrece Dates, 29. "I don't feel comfortable in Dearborn."

Dates, who is black, said mall security guards often follow her as she shops.

About 10,000 protesters led by the Rev. Al Sharpton rallied Wednesday outside the Lord & Taylor mall store where Frederick Finley died. Some carried signs with messages such as "Racism is alive and well. We kill for $4 in Michigan" and "God is watching you."

No charges have been filed in the June 22 death. The 32-year-old was in the store with friends and family when surveillance cameras allegedly recorded some members of the group shoplifting. Security guards accused Finley's 11-year-old stepdaughter of stealing a $4 bracelet.

The guards followed the group to the parking lot and tried to detain Finley's stepdaughter and a family friend. Finley punched one of the guards before he was put in a choke hold, according to the police report.

Two autopsies showed Finley died of asphyxia due to suffocation.

At least some of the guards who were involved are black. Protesters accused Lord & Taylor of having black security workers watch minority shoppers to avoid the appearance of discrimination or racial profiling.

Store spokeswoman LaVelle Olexa declined comment, citing an ongoing police investigation and a $600 million law suit by Finley's family against the store's parent, May Department Stores Co.

The American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan routinely fields complaints by minority shoppers who say they were subjected to unreasonable force and detention in stores because of their race, said Michael Steinberg, the agency's legal director.

"It's a major problem in the malls or suburbs, where African-Americans feel they're suspect the minute they walk into a store," he said. "Every once in a while, there's a high-profile case like this one which raises awareness of the problem."

He said he was not aware of any such complaints relating to Fairlane or its Lord & Taylor store before Finley's death.

About 0.4 percent of Dearborn's 89,286 residents are black, according to the 1990 U.S. Census. Many of Fairlane's customers are black, many coming from mostly black Detroit.

Rhodia Gill, 31, said she usually feels scrutinized while she shops in Fairlane but that feeling is not isolated to Dearborn. She said Finley "didn't deserve to die in the parking lot."

"I think if he would have been a white man or a man of a different culture, they would have handled the situation better," said 28-year-old Katrina Anderson of Detroit, who is black. "It's just sad about what they did to him in front of his kids and his family."

In a news conference before the protest, Sharpton demanded action in resolving the matter.

Columbine High 911 tapes are released

GOLDEN, Colo. (AP) — A 911 dispatcher reached by frantic students trapped inside Columbine High School told them to "encourage" wounded teacher Dave Sanders as he lay bleeding to death from gunshot wounds.

"Don't let him close his eyes," the dispatcher said.

"We're having a hard time keeping him alert," an adult told the dispatcher, who responded by saying help was on the way and later added: "Make sure he stays warm."

SWAT teams reached Sanders nearly four hours after the shooting started April 20, 1999. Twelve students were also slain by Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold before they killed themselves.

The exchange involving Sanders is on 22 edited audio tapes, each 90 minutes long, released to the public Wednesday. The tapes of 911 and dispatch audio originally were sought by parents of two slain students and were released under a court order.

Missing from the tapes is a complete version of the 26-minute call placed by teacher Patti Nielson from the library, where most of the victims were killed.

Her call included the gunmen taunting students, screams and gunshots which a judge likened to gruesome crime scene photographs that did not need to be released.

"I can't believe he's not out of bullets; he just keeps shooting and shooting and shooting," Nielson said in a portion of her 911 call released Wednesday.

Families of at least 15 slain or wounded students have filed lawsuits accusing the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office of negligence in its handling of the massacre. Some families have criticized the sheriff's official report of the massacre and have called for the release of raw investigative material.

Radio traffic from five police channels did not immediately address whether deputies were denied permission to fire at the gunmen. Angela Sanders, the slain teacher's daughter, contends in a lawsuit that a sharpshooter on the roof of a nearby house had a "clear view" of Klebold through a library window, but was told not to fire.

A sheriff's dispatcher on the tapes asks deputies on the scene if anybody had "long arms," or rifles. One deputy answered that he did, but the conversation turned to SWAT teams and a supervisor on the way.

One deputy reported seeing a gunman appear briefly in the library window at about 11:32 a.m., but he did not ask for permission to fire.

On another portion of the tape, an out-of-breath deputy reported exchanging gunfire with one of the two student killers.

"It was a big gun," he said.

Most of the 911 calls came from parents asking about their children's whereabouts and from students trapped inside the school.

Some of the information released Wednesday had already been released May 15 as part of the official report.

Judge R. Brooke Jackson has also ordered the sheriff's office to release a Littleton Fire Department training tape, raw television footage shot from a helicopter, surveillance tapes and the ballistics report.

Education official sides with student

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — Two years after a student was sent home from school for wearing a rock band T-shirt with the numerals 666, a state Education Department official ruled Wednesday that the school was wrong to do so.

Robert Parker, 18, was a sophomore at Westerly High School when school officials sent him home and ordered him never to wear the T-shirt to school again, saying it posed a threat to school order. He graduated last month.

On Wednesday, Hearing Officer Paul Pontarelli ruled that Parker had not caused any disruption warranting being excluded from school.

He ordered any mention of punishment related to the T-shirt the now-defunct rock band — expunged from Parker's educational record.

Host committee rejects tobacco funds

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The host committee for the Democratic National Convention is not accepting tobacco industry funds for the $35 million meeting, an official said Wednesday.

The policy is a first for any host of a political convention and has been in place since fund raising began 15 months ago, said Noelia Rodriguez, chief operating officer of LA Convention 2000, the nonpartisan group hosting the Aug. 14-17 event at the Staples Center.

"Los Angeles is a healthy city and we focus on the well-being of our community," she said. "We're going to show that we are on the cutting edge of new policies and new decisions."

The decision follows a policy of Vice President Al Gore, the expected Democratic presidential nominee, not to take campaign funds from tobacco interests. Los Angeles also is the country's largest smoke-free city, having barred smoking in restaurants, bars and enclosed public places.

The host committee also is rejecting money from gun makers and their lobbyists, foreign companies without U.S. subsidiaries or Los Angeles-area operations, and adult entertainment.

Rodriguez declined comment when asked about one tobacco maker, Philip Morris, being among supporters of the host committee for the Republican convention July 31-Aug. 3 in Philadelphia.

Date Book

Thursday, July 6, 2000
Today is the 188th day of 2000 and the 17th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1885, Dr. Louis Pasteur, a French scientist, carried out the first test of his experimental anti-rabies treatment on a child who had been bitten by a rabid dog. The child grew up to be the head the Pasteur Institute.

On this day in 1905, the St. Louis, Mo., police department and the United Kingdom's New Scotland Yard carried out the first exchange of fingerprints between the United States and Europe.

On this day in 1948, Frieda B. Hennock, the first woman to be a member of the Federal Communications Commission, was sworn in by President Harry S. Truman.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: John Paul Jones (1747-1792), U.S. naval hero; Beatrix Potter (1866-1943), children's writer; Nancy Reagan (1921-), first lady, is 79; Merv Griffin (1925-), entertainer-businessman, is 75; Janet Leigh (1927-), actress, is 73; Della Reese (1931-), singer-actress, is 68; Ned Beatty (1937-), actor, is 63; Sylvester Stallone (1946-), actor, is 54.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1983, the American League defeated the National League 13-3 in the 50th all-star game.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "For poetry there exists neither large countries nor small. Its domain is in the heart of all men." — Giorgos Seferis

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (July 1) and first quarter (July 8).

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Hard drive magic in Los Alamos

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Friday, July 7, 2000
In the year ahead, some significant changes could occur that will produce beneficial, peripheral benefits. Interestingly, none of these shifts are likely to be initiated by you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Express your artistic and creative talents today in ways that could beautify your surroundings. Others will appreciate your handiwork as much as you'll enjoy them. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that'll govern you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) A conversation you have today with someone you met recently could cause you to undergo a constructive change of opinion regarding this person. You'll have much to share together in the future.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) This is an excellent time to go shopping for all those little items you've been wanting. Chances are you'll find everything you've been looking for.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) What makes you such a popular person today is the positive way you treat everyone you encounter, no matter who they are or where they come from. People will appreciate your friendliness.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Think good thoughts today, and good things will automatically happen for you. By being hopeful and expectant, you'll magnetically attract to you the best that's out there.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Someone you meet today may turn out to be a friend in more ways than one. She or he could become an excellent business contact, as well as a social one.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Even though you're noted for being a high achiever for things that are personally important to you, today you might utilize these attributes on behalf of someone else.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Some exciting last-minute changes could be in the offing today, so try to keep your plans as flexible as possible. They may include people with whom you truly enjoy spending time.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Should you find yourself with someone who is having a hard time working out a critical situation, assume an assertive role today and help this person out with his or her dilemma.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) The least likely thing for you to do would be to let another make an important decision for you. Yet today someone in your midst might do a better job at that than you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Do as much meaningful work of importance that you can today, because you're now in a highly productive cycle. An industrious performance will give you great satisfaction.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) What will stimulate your thinking and bring out the best in you today is to be with optimistic friends who can generate and store enough assurance in you to last you the entire weekend.

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BRIDAL SHOWER — Kara Gowin, bride-elect of Chris Fuentes, was honoree at a bridal shower on June 17. The couple will marry on July 15 in Colonial Hill Baptist Church. From left are Jessie Scarbrough, grandmother of the future bride; Shae Gowin, the honoree's sister; Barbara Gowin, her mother; the honoree; Becky Fuentes, the prospective groom's mother; and Veronica Fuentes, his sister. (Contributed Photo)

AWSOME AIRPLANES — United States Air Force Captain Steven Myers from Dyess Air Force Base in Abilene talked to a room full of children and other interested persons about training and flying the B-1 Bomber and other aircraft. He showed a video and answered questions. On July 12, the library staff has planned the annual watermelon seed spitting contest and prizes will be given for the longest distance in each division. Children will also do chalk art. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

HALBERT XERISCAPED YARD — Bill and Janet Halbert, 4506 Galveston, received the small yard of the month for June. Snyder Beautification Committee and the Snyder Garden Club sponsor the project and judges were Gertrude League and Anna Sears. The Halberts' front yard is attractively designed using natural accessories and native plants. Xeriscape landscaping conserves water and protects the environment plus savings in cost of traditional landscaping. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Episcopal church renames relief agency

NEW YORK (AP) — The Episcopal Church has renamed its Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief, now called Episcopal Relief and Development.

Executive Director Sandra Swan said "increasingly we are coming to view relief and development as intertwined — disaster relief as a prelude to development, and development as a way of preventing disaster."

The agency raised a record $10.2 million last year. About half the grants go to U.S. causes, including aid to victims of hurricanes, floods, fires and tornadoes. Overseas, it supports projects in 40 countries.

Retriever named town hall dog

ASHBY, Mass. (AP) — No dog days of summer for Dylan.

The 7-year-old golden retriever, already a well-known furry face around town, is the new town hall dog.

Last week, the Board of Selectmen officially appointed him to the position for the fiscal year 2001. It's a position he's held unofficially since 1997, when his owner, town administrator Linda Sanders, began her job.

Perks include a listing in the phone book under the town clerk's office staff.

Dylan has also worked with geriatrics as a therapy dog, helped out the Red Cross disaster services team, and even acted in community theater, starring as Sandy in a production of "Annie."

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By Phillip Alder

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♥ J 4
♦ 10 8 6 5
♣ 7 5 4

West
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♥ Q 9 8 5 3 2
♦ K 2
♣ J 9

East
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♥ 10 7 6
♦ A 4
♣ K 10 8

South
♠ 4
♥ A K
♦ Q J 9 7 3
♣ A Q 6 3 2

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: South

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2 ♣	Pass	3 ♦	Pass
3 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♥ 5

More cards, fewer tricks

When you are in no-trump, there is a general guideline that you should play on the suit containing the greatest number of cards to establish the tricks you need. That's often right, but you should still count your winners carefully and look at all four suits, not just one.

In this deal, how would you try to make three no-trump? West leads a heart to your king.

North's second-round jump to three diamonds was invitational, showing 10-12 points. South did well to go for the nine-trick game. In five diamonds, South should lose two diamonds and one club.

In no-trump, always count your top tricks first. Here, there are six: three spades, two hearts and one club. So, three more tricks are needed. Clearly, they could come from the suit with the greatest number of cards, diamonds. However, if you play on diamonds, you will surely fail. The defenders will establish and run the heart suit first.

Instead, you must try to collect four club tricks, which requires finding East with the king supported by one or two more clubs. It looks tempting to play off dummy's spade winners, take the club finesse, and continue clubs. However, with this layout that should lead to defeat. When in with the club king, East will cash two spade tricks, then the defenders can take two diamond tricks as well.

You should lead a low club from hand at trick two. Win the heart return, cash dummy's spade tricks, and play a club, finessing the queen when the king doesn't appear from East. Here, everything is for the best in the best of all possible worlds.

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Births

Joey and Sherri Noyola of Snyder announce the birth of their son, Kye Joey Noyola, at 2:44 a.m. on June 30 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. He weighed five pounds, 11½ ounces.

Maternal grandmother is Darlene Smith of Snyder, Martha Noyola and Junior Gonzales of Snyder and the late Rufio Noyala. Paternal grandparents are Manuel and Connie Prado of Big Spring, Cha les Ray Shaw of Odessa and Faye Jean Shaw of Snyder.

Rabbis to marry

DOYLESTOWN, Pa. (AP) — What do you get when two rabbis marry in the presence of another two?

A wedding party, at least to Ari Goldstein and Hanna Yerushalmi.

The couple met about eight years ago while studying at Hebrew Union College, a rabbinical school in Cincinnati.

On Friday, they plan to wed in front of their rabbi fathers.

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WAL-MART DONATION — Wal-Mart Foundation presented a bonus involvement grant to Calvary Baptist Church, accepted by Steve Highfield, right. They received $495, matching funds from a car wash. Barbara Messenger, assistant manager, center, also presented $1,078 to the First Baptist Church, accepted by Brady Traywick, left. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Community Calendar

THURSDAY

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.

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; for information call 573-8268, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

Nuestra Nueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 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.

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 573-8268, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 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 573-8268, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 10 a.m.

Best Sellers

HARDCOVER FICTION

1. "The Indwelling: The Beast Takes Possession" by Tim LaHaye and Jerry Jenkins (Tyndale)
2. "Cradle and All" by James Patterson (Little, Brown)
3. "Easy Prey" by John Sandford. (Putnam)
4. "The Brethren" by John Grisham (Doubleday)
5. "The Search" by Iris Johansen (Bantam)
6. "Before I Say Goodbye" by Mary Higgins Clark (Simon & Schuster)
7. "The Empty Chair" by Jeffrey Deaver (Simon & Schuster)
8. "The Bluest Eye" by Toni Morrison (Knopf)
9. "White Teeth" by Zadie Smith (Random House)
10. "Anil's Ghost" by Michael Ondaatje (Knopf)

NONFICTION/GENERAL

1. "Who Moved My Cheese?: An Amazing Way to Deal with Change in Your Work and in Your Life" by Spencer Johnson (Putnam)
2. "Ten Things I Wish I'd Known — Before I Went Out into the Real World" by Maria Shriver (Warner)
3. "Body for Life: 12 Weeks to Mental and Physical Strength" by Bill Phillips and Michael D'Orso (HarperCollins)
4. "Flags of Our Fathers" by James Bradley with Ron Powers (Bantam)
5. "Tuesdays with Morrie" by Mitch Albom (Doubleday)
6. "Soul Stories" by Gary Zukav (Simon & Schuster)
7. "In the Heart of the Sea" by Nathaniel Philbrick (Viking)
8. "The Greatest Generation Speaks" by Tom Brokaw (Random House)
9. "Me Talk Pretty One Day" by David Sedaris (Little, Brown)
10. "Duty" by Bob Greene (William Morrow)

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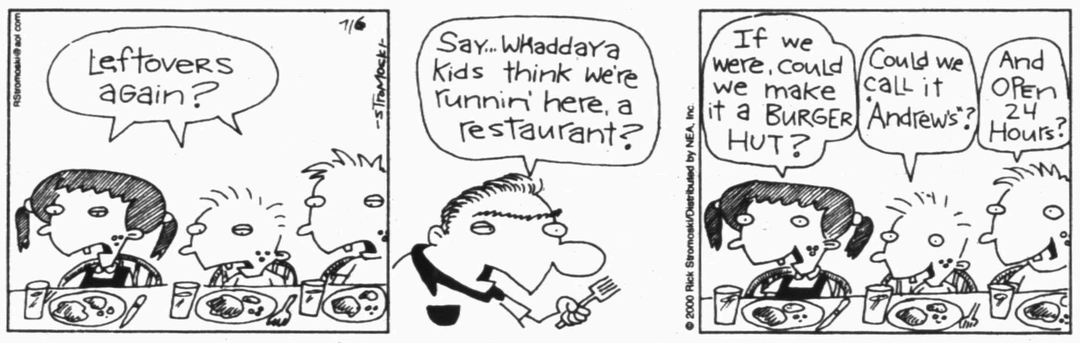
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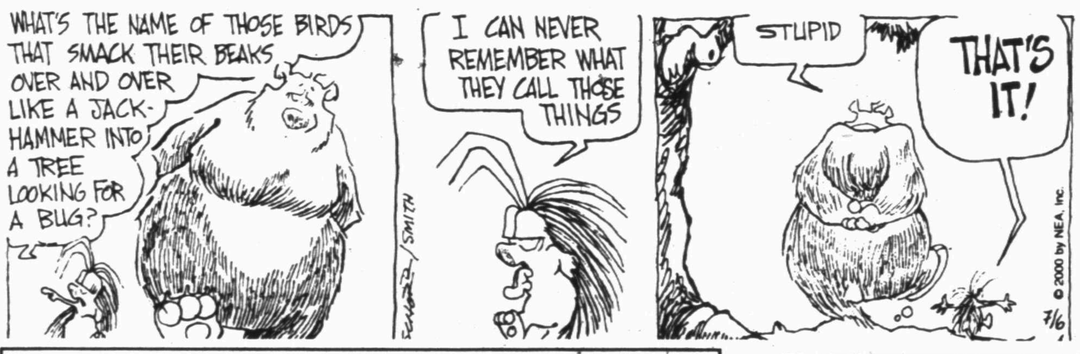
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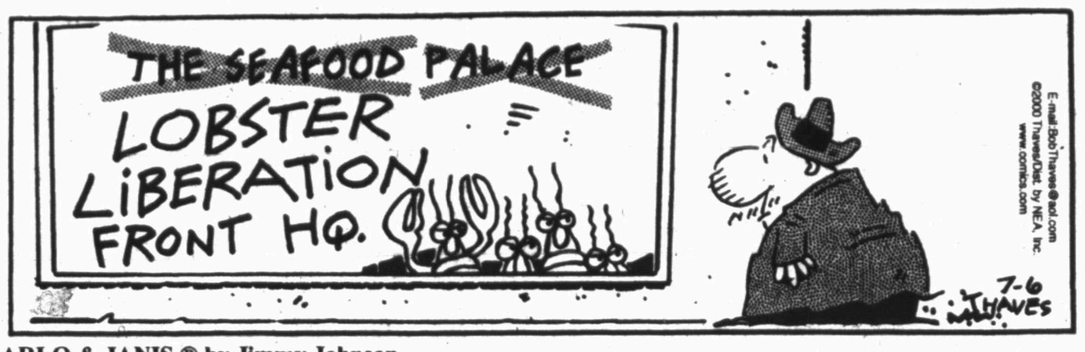
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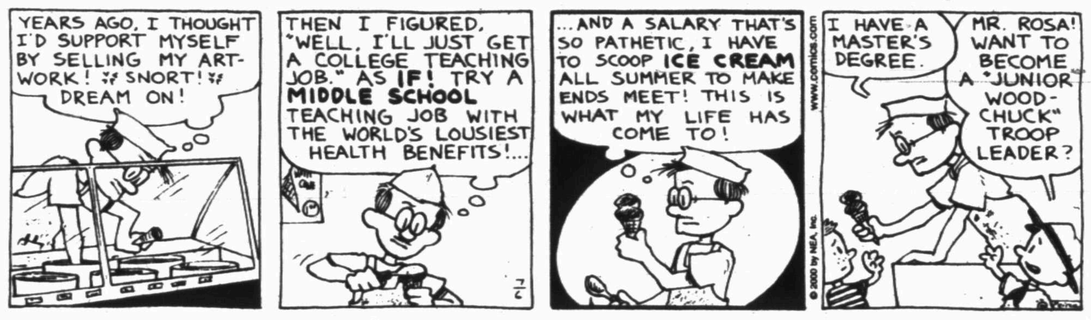
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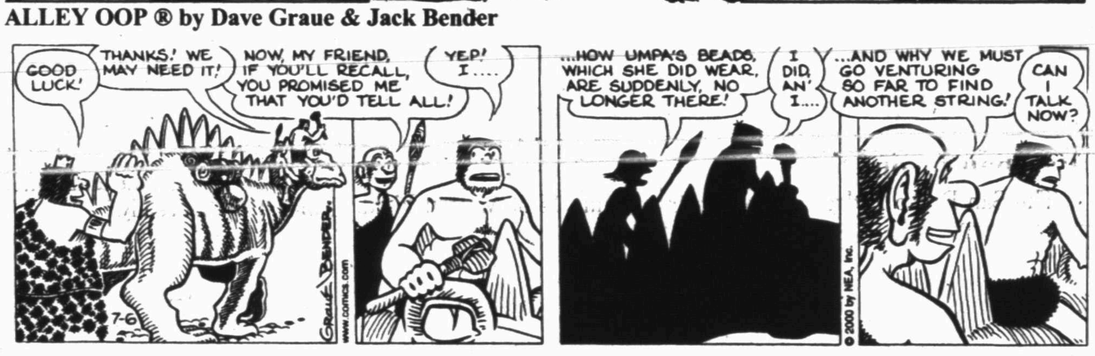
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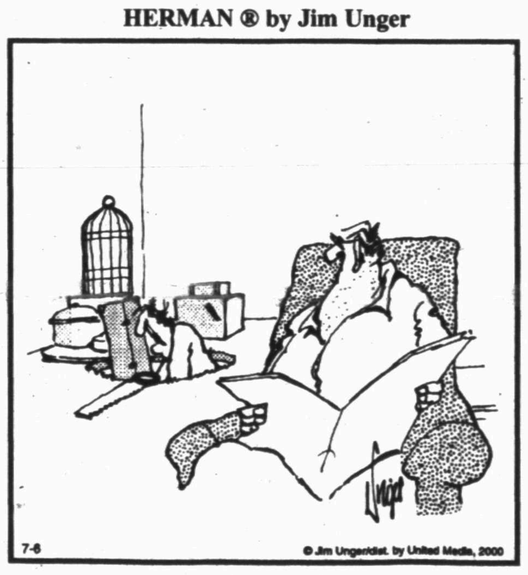
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7 Impede
13 Shuns
14 Not ready for eating
15 Most recent
16 Closed up tightly
17 Tint
18 Noah's ship
20 Zodiac sign
21 Crafty person?
25 Countless
28 Fonda or Ustinov
32 Actor Nick —
33 PR campaign
34 Angler's basket
35 Egg-shaped
36 Silly
37 Small French bagpipe
39 Boutique items
41 Existed
44 Peer Gynt's mother
45 Small compact heap
48 Lifts
51 Useless
54 Hook — —
55 Loan shark
56 Waver
57 Triangular sail

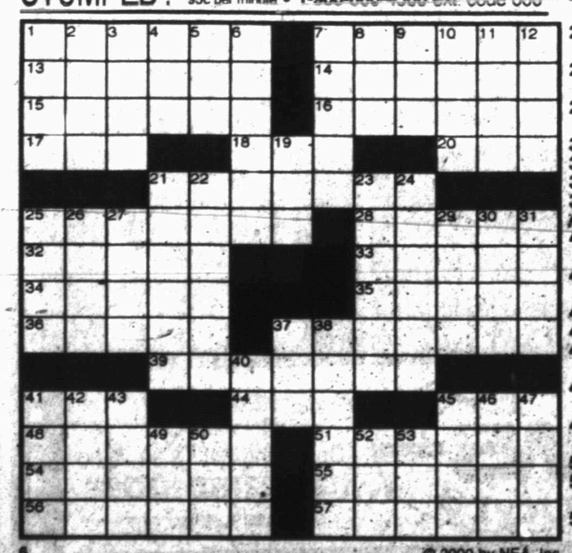
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2 Actress Judith —
3 Actor Rob —
4 Fib
5 Psyche parts
6 Fourth — (journalists)
7 Corn coverings
8 Like (suff.)
9 Gun grp.
10 Type of pickle
11 Fencer's sword
12 Make over
19 — Tin Tin (movie dog)
21 Be present
22 Thread-winding machine
23 Place in proximity
24 Jitters
25 Hooklike parts
26 Early part of the day
27 Fervent appeal
29 Whistle sound
30 Exude
31 Went by car
37 Future bks.
38 Helpful
40 Loom bar
41 "— did you say?"
42 First-rate (2 wds.)
43 Facet
45 Tightrope
46 Sheltered from the wind
47 Actor Bruce —
49 Series of games
50 Nautical rope
52 Between Can. and Mex.
53 King —

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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SPORTS

Rangers capitalize on A's error

ARLINGTON (AP) — On a night when Kenny Rogers wasn't at his best, he and the Texas Rangers benefitted from an early miscue by the Oakland Athletics.

Texas converted a first-inning fielding error by Oakland starter Mark Mulder into seven unearned runs and went on to beat the Athletics 9-4 Wednesday night and complete a three-game sweep.

The first-inning rally provided plenty of leeway for Rogers (9-5), who won his sixth straight game.

"It didn't throw my rhythm off because I didn't really feel like I had a rhythm out there. I was just fortunate," Rogers said. "I never gripe about getting seven runs in an inning. It was huge for me. I had room to make an error."

Rogers struck out four, walked three, and allowed 10 hits, the most since May 11, before being pulled after Jeremy Giambi led off the ninth with a homer.

The Athletics closed to 7-3 against Rogers after Giambi hit a two-run single in the second, and his brother, All-Star first baseman Jason, had an RBI single in the third. Oakland had the bases loaded with one out in the sixth when Ramon Hernandez grounded into a double play.

"He's just been a very professional guy. Kenny's only had one or two bad outings. Tonight might have been his second-worst game all year," Texas manager Johnny Oates said. "The seven runs helped him because he was really overthrowing early, pitching behind a lot and couldn't get his curveball going."

The error against Mulder (5-4) came on a questionable call. First base umpire Brian Gorman ruled the pitcher never touched the base when taking a throw from second baseman Randy Velarde after Rusty Greer's high chopper.

Oakland manager Art Howe didn't argue much, even though Mulder beat Greer to the base by a couple of steps, and a television replay indicated his foot did slide along the base.

"It's a shame that it had to come down to that," Howe said. "He missed it by a quarter of an inch, if that. He learned a valuable lesson."

Mulder said he did get the base with the side of his foot, but believes the bad call came because he reached back for a second touch to make sure.

"I thought I'd go back and get it for sure," Mulder said. "Obviously, when the umpire sees me going back, he is going to think that I missed it."

Mulder didn't have a 1-2-3 inning until the fifth, but he didn't give up another run until after Texas loaded the bases and he was pulled with two outs in the seventh. Rafael Palmeiro then greeted reliever Jeff Tam with a two-run single.

The 15 hits he allowed were the most by a major league pitcher this season. He struck out seven and walked three in 6 2-3 innings.

After the first-inning error, seven of Texas' next eight hitters reached base before Greer ended the first with a popout.

Palmeiro followed with a single, then Ivan Rodriguez hit a fly ball to right, which instead of being the third out of the first, was a sacrifice fly that scored Greer.

After Chad Curtis hit an RBI double and Gabe Kapler was intentionally walked to load the bases, Mike Lamb hit a two-run single and Scott Sheldon hit a two-run double that bounced out of the glove of right fielder Jeremy Giambi. Luis Alicea, who struck out to lead off the inning, then had an RBI double.

Snyder all-stars fall to Sweetwater, 3-2

SWEETWATER — In a typical Snyder-Sweetwater showdown, Wednesday night's 11 and 12-year-old all-star game came down to the wire.

Snyder got a two-run homer from Cade Simpson, but couldn't manufacture any offense after the opening frame to fall to Sweetwater, 3-2.

The setback puts Snyder on the diamond at 7:30 tonight in an elimlnation game against Colorado City. Snyder knocked off Colorado City, 10-2, in the tournament's opening round. Tonight's winner advances to face Sweetwater on Friday.

In Wednesday's setback, Snyder got another strong pitching performance, this time from Dustyn Williams. Williams handed out only one walk, and registered eight strikeouts.

But Snyder struggled against Sweetwater ace Kendal Carrillo who posted 14 strikeouts.

Snyder grabbed the lead in the first inning when Garrett Pinson singled, before Simpson blasted the first pitch offered to him over the outfield fence.

Sweetwater knotted the tally in the second on a two-run home run by Carrillo, then grabbed a 3-2 lead in the third on a pair of doubles.

The third-inning run by Sweetwater wound up being the game winner.

Snyder was retired in order in the third, fourth and fifth innings, before trying to mount a rally in the final frame.

Back-to-back singles by Eric Martinez and Caleb Gutierrez put runners on first and second, before Carrillo settled down to record the final three outs.

Simpson, who pitched all six innings in the win over Colorado City, is the scheduled starter for tonight's contest.

Colorado City earned a spot in this evening's game by staving off elimination Wednesday night with a 17-4 victory over Rotan.

In other all-star action, Snyder's 9 and 10-year-old squad faces Abilene Lone Star at 6 tonight in Merkel.

Venus eliminates younger sister

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — Advantage, big sister.

Venus Williams won the battle for family supremacy Thursday, beating kid sister Serena 6-2, 7-6 (3) to reach her first Wimbledon final.

It was the first time since 1884 that sisters had played each other so late in a Grand Slam tournament, and one of the most eagerly anticipated Wimbledon matches in recent years.

It failed to live up to expectations, turning into a straight-sets affair dominated by errors rather than spectacular winners.

The fifth-seeded Venus appeared much less tentative than No. 8 Serena, who made repeated mistakes off her forehand, lost the last six points of the tiebreaker and finished the match with her sixth double fault. She cried on the sideline.

After Serena plunked her second serve into the net on match point, Venus showed no sign of happiness. With a glum expression on her face, she walked slowly to the net, shook hands with Serena, then put her right arm around her sister's shoulder.

Venus Williams will play the winner of Friday's other semifinal between defending champion Lindsay Davenport and unseeded 17-year-old Australian Jelena Dokic. The women's championship is Saturday.

The 18-year-old Serena was in tears after she shook the chair umpire's hand. It was her fourth loss in five matches to her 20-year-old sister.

"It's not really so much fun," Venus said. "If it was a final it would have been different, but it was a semifinal and I hate to see Serena go."

It will be Venus' second appearance in a Grand Slam final. She was runnerup at the U.S. Open in 1997.

"I just didn't play well today, it just didn't go right for me," she said. "Venus played pretty well today and she brought out her best game against me and I guess I wasn't all that ready."

The men's semifinals are set for Friday, with top-seeded and six-time champion Pete Sampras facing qualifier Vladimir Voltchkov, and No. 2 Andre Agassi playing No. 12 Patrick Rafter.

Voltchkov, a 22-year-old from the former Soviet republic of Belarus, is the lowest-ranked player ever to reach the semifinals at Wimbledon and the first qualifier to make the men's final four since John McEnroe in 1977.

Speedway to add CART event

FORT WORTH (AP) — The Texas Motor Speedway will add a Championship Auto Racing Teams open-wheel race to its 2001 schedule, according to a published report Thursday.

An industry source told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram on Wednesday that CART's interim president and chief executive officer was scheduled to attend a news conference Tuesday.

The addition would make TMS the first track to host both the FedEx Championship Series and the rival Indy Racing Northern Light Series.

A "major announcement" was planned Tuesday by TMS regarding next season at The Movie Studios at Las Colinas in Irving. Bruton Smith, TMS owner and chairman of Speedway Motorsports Inc., was scheduled to attend along with Bobby Rahal, CART's interim president and chief executive officer.

"A couple of weeks ago, I said the next time I had anything to say on the record (about CART), it would be that they're either coming or not coming here," Eddie Gossage, TMS vice president and general manager, said. "So, we'll be on the record Tuesday."

The Indy Racing League has competed at TMS since its inaugural season of 1997.

Gossage and IRL founder Tony George in June signed a sanctioning agreement that will continue to give TMS the first race after the Indianapolis 500 in June and the season finale each year through 2004.

"We already have one of the busiest schedules in the country that any superspeedway has," said Gossage. "As we sit here, we already have announced our Winston Cup weekend (for 2001), two IRL dates and the American Le Mans Series."

Currently, CART races on a temporary 1.527-mile street circuit in downtown Houston.

Sports Briefs

Baseball tryout

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

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

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

MGA monthly tourney

The Men's Golf Association of Western Texas College will hold its monthly tournament at 1:30 p.m. Saturday. Format will be two-man low-ball, and entry fee is $6.

Athletic physicals

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

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

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

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

Snyder volleyball camp

Snyder Volleyball Camp will be held July 17-20 at the SHS gym. All incoming fifth through ninth grade girls are eligible.

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

Cost is $40, and includes a camp T-shirt. Registration deadline is July 15. To sign up call Patty Grimmett at 573-9416.

Weekly scramble, Thursday MGA

The Men's Golf Association of Snyder Country Club holds a Tuesday evening scramble and a Thursday MGA event. Play starts at 5:30 both days.

Horseshoe pitching

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

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

Martinez not on AL roster

NEW YORK (AP) — Boston ace Pedro Martinez was left off the American League All-Star team, apparently at the request of the Red Sox.

Martinez, the MVP of last year's game at Fenway Park, is on the disabled list with a strained muscle on his left side but is ready to be activated after the All-Star break.

He has said he would be ready to pitch in Tuesday's All-Star game at Atlanta's Turner Field, but he was omitted from the AL roster after Red Sox manager Jimy Williams spoke with Joe Torre of the Yankees, the manager of the AL team.

Martinez is not on the AL's 31-man roster, but he will be introduced as if he were an All-Star and will sit on the AL bench during the game.

Armstrong slashes lead

VITRE, France (AP) — Laurent Jalabert held onto the lead at the Tour de France, but defending champion Lance Armstrong almost cut it in half.

Germany's Marcel Wust won the fifth stage in a sprint finish, but the overall standings were affected by events behind him: Armstrong ended in 25th place, 34 spots ahead of Jalabert, to cut the lead from 24 seconds down to 14.

Major League Baseball

American League
All Times EDT

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Toronto	45	40	.529	—
New York	41	37	.526	½
Boston	41	39	.513	1½
Baltimore	36	46	.427	7½
Tampa Bay	33	49	.402	10½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Chicago	54	30	.643	—
Cleveland	43	39	.524	10
Kansas City	38	44	.463	15
Detroit	37	44	.457	15½
Minnesota	37	49	.430	18

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Seattle	49	33	.598	—
Oakland	46	37	.554	3½
Anaheim	43	41	.512	7
Texas	40	42	.488	9

Wednesday's Games

Cleveland 15, Toronto 7
N.Y. Yankees 12, Baltimore 6
Tampa Bay 4, Detroit 1
Chicago White Sox 6, Kansas City 3, 13 innings
Boston 11, Minnesota 8
Texas 9, Oakland 4
Seattle 6, Anaheim 4

Thursday's Games

Baltimore (Ponson 5-4) at N.Y. Yankees (Yarnall 0-0), 12:05 p.m.
Toronto (Carpenter 6-7) at Cleveland (Burba 8-3), 7:05 p.m.
Boston (Crawford 0-1) at Minnesota (Radke 5-9), 8:05 p.m.
Seattle (PAbbott 5-2) at Anaheim (Washburn 4-2), 10:05 p.m.
Only Games Scheduled

Friday's Games

Chicago White Sox (Sirotka 8-6) at Chicago Cubs (Wood 3-6), 3:20 p.m.
Atlanta (Glavine 8-5) at Boston (Schourek 2-7), 7:05 p.m.
Toronto (Escobar 6-9) at Montreal (Santana 0-1), 7:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Lopez 4-6) at Florida (Dempster 9-4), 7:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Mays 4-10) at Pittsburgh (Ritchie 5-5), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Hernandez 7-6) at N.Y. Mets (Leiter 10-1), 7:10 p.m.
Baltimore (Mussina 5-7) at Philadelphia (Schilling 4-4), 7:35 p.m.
Cleveland (Finley 7-5) at Cincinnati (Neagle 7-2), 7:35 p.m.
Detroit (Moehler 5-4) at Milwaukee (Haynes 8-7), 8:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Stein 0-0) at Houston (Elarton 7-3), 8:05 p.m.
San Diego (Williams 3-2) at Texas (Perisho 2-2), 8:35 p.m.
Los Angeles (Perez 4-4) at Seattle (Sele 10-3), 10:05 p.m.
Arizona (Reynoso 5-6) at Oakland (Hudson 5-3), 10:05 p.m.
Colorado (Jarvis 2-3) at Anaheim (Belcher 2-2), 10:05 p.m.

National League
All Times EDT
East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	50	34	.595	—
New York	47	35	.573	2
Florida	43	42	.506	7½
Montreal	40	40	.500	8
Philadelphia	38	44	.463	11

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
St. Louis	50	33	.602	—
Cincinnati	40	43	.482	10
Pittsburgh	36	47	.434	14
Milwaukee	34	50	.405	16½
Chicago	33	50	.397	17
Houston	28	55	.337	22

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Arizona	49	35	.583	—
Colorado	45	36	.556	2½
San Francisco	43	38	.531	4½
Los Angeles	42	40	.512	6
San Diego	37	46	.446	11½

Wednesday's Games

Pittsburgh 9, Chicago Cubs 6
San Francisco 4, Colorado 2
N.Y. Mets 11, Florida 2
St. Louis 4, Cincinnati 3
Arizona 12, Houston 9
Montreal 6, Atlanta 5
Philadelphia 5, Milwaukee 2
Los Angeles 7, San Diego 5

Thursday's Games

Montreal (MJohnson 3-3) at Atlanta (Burkett 6-3), 1:10 p.m.
Colorado (Arrojo 5-6) at San Francisco (Ortiz 4-8), 3:35 p.m.
Los Angeles (Brown 7-2) at San Diego (Meadows 7-5), 5:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Byrd 2-6) at Milwaukee (D'Amico 3-4), 8:05 p.m.
Arizona (Guzman 0-0) at Houston (Holt 3-9), 8:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Fernandez 2-2) at St. Louis (Ankiel 6-3), 8:10 p.m.

Friday's Games

Chicago White Sox (Sirotka 8-6) at Chicago Cubs (Wood 3-6), 3:20 p.m.
Atlanta (Glavine 8-5) at Boston (Schourek 2-7), 7:05 p.m.
Toronto (Escobar 6-9) at Montreal (Santana 0-1), 7:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Lopez 4-6) at Florida (Dempster 9-4), 7:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Mays 4-10) at Pittsburgh (Ritchie 5-5), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Hernandez 7-6) at N.Y. Mets (Leiter 10-1), 7:10 p.m.
Baltimore (Mussina 5-7) at Philadelphia (Schilling 4-4), 7:35 p.m.
Cleveland (Finley 7-5) at Cincinnati (Neagle 7-2), 7:35 p.m.
Detroit (Moehler 5-4) at Milwaukee (Haynes 8-7), 8:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Stein 0-0) at Houston (Elarton 7-3), 8:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Reuter 6-4) at St. Louis (Stphenson 9-4), 8:10 p.m.
San Diego (Williams 3-2) at Texas (Perisho 2-2), 8:35 p.m.
Los Angeles (Perez 4-4) at Seattle (Sele 10-3), 10:05 p.m.
Arizona (Reynoso 5-6) at Oakland (Hudson 5-3), 10:05 p.m.
Colorado (Jarvis 2-3) at Anaheim (Belcher 2-2), 10:05 p.m.

12-under wins July 4th event

Billy Wayne Harris, Johnny Reed, Missy Jones and Steve West teamed up to capture the top spot at the July 4th Scramble at Snyder Country Club.

The winning foursome fired a 12-under-par 60 to hold off two teams by two strokes.

Taking second place was Joe LaRoux, John Greene, Bear Hardin and Judy Moss with a round of 62.

Also finishing with a 62 was the third-place team of Harley Bynum, Alan Martinez, Jason Bynum and Damon McNichols.

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Wednesday's Games

New York 62, Portland 45
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Seattle 67, Minnesota 60
Los Angeles 76, Sacramento 61

Thursday's Games

Indiana at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
Seattle at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Detroit at Phoenix, 10 p.m.
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Cleveland at Miami, 7 p.m.
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A new law, signed Friday by President Clinton, gives electronically signed documents the same legal validity as paper documents. It opens the door to a market potentially worth billions of dollars.

"Eventually, we're all going to have digital signatures," said Brad Harvey, signOnline's cofounder. "You're going to see the whole world transformed. This really does change the world."

The new law certainly promises to change online commerce. Electronic signatures can be used for online transactions as simple as routine credit card purchases. The real lure for companies that provide the technology are high-value transactions such as home purchases, online stock trading, government procurement and big corporate contracts.

Digital signatures are based on encryption techniques that verify the identities of the buyer and seller in an electronic transaction and prevent documents from being altered after the deal is completed.

It requires consumers to have a digital certificate — the electronic equivalent to a tamper-proof ID card that proves you are who you say you are — and two digital "keys" used to sign documents and read the certificate. Each key has a set of unique numbers.

Digital certificates issued by banks and other companies would be stored in the memory of home computers. A consumer would then use one digital key to attach their "signature" to the document. The document would be sent back, along with the second "public" key, which allows another computer — at the bank, say — to check the authenticity of the signature.

Any exchange would include a backstop to ensure nobody changes the documents while the transaction is in process. Completed documents would likely be stored in a secure hard drive maintained by a third party.

Most transactions could be completed in a few mouse clicks.

Some companies provide hardware that allows users to record their actual signature using an electronic pen and pad. The pad not only measures the signature pattern, but also how much force is used and how quickly the signature is written for comparison with the original.

Sony offers a product that digitally records a user's fingerprints. The user then can access his digital signature only after placing a finger or thumb on a scanner for comparison.

Before the federal law was signed, digital signatures already were legal in more than 40 states, and a number of companies are using them. Since March, online brokerage ETrade Securities Inc.'s customers have had the option of using digital signatures to open accounts, bypassing the hassle of signing and mailing paper documents.

In a Florida pilot program earlier this year, Baltimore-based eOriginal Inc. claimed to have shaved $750 from the cost of processing a home loan by eliminating paperwork fees.

Courts in Salt Lake City have accepted digitally signed documents since March through a system set up by Utah-based iLumin Inc.

UPS launched an e-signatures business in 1998 on the expectation that digital technology would pinch its document delivery business. Because e-signatures were not legal in every state, customers were reluctant to use it, said Kim Marchner, who ran the service before becoming manager of UPS's small business unit.

She expects the federal legislation to change things.

"I think we have the opportunity to make the standard," she said. "We're not sitting back to wait and see."

Officials at Federal Express declined to comment on whether they are developing an electronic signatures business.

Alliance considered between Episcopalians and Lutherans

DENVER (AP) — Episcopal Church members are considering an alliance with the country's largest Lutheran denomination, a move leaders said would be a big step forward for Christians.

Pamela Chinnis, president of the House of Deputies, and Frank Griswold, presiding Episcopal bishop, said they want the vote taken soon during the 10-day 73rd General Convention, which began Wednesday.

The plan must be approved by the church's two-chamber legislative body, one composed of about 300 bishops and the other composed of about 800 priests and lay members.

If approved, the Episcopal and Evangelical Lutheran churches would recognize and share each other's sacraments and clergy and cooperate in missionary projects and other ventures. The churches would have a combined 7.5 million members, including the 2.4 million Episcopalians.

"I think if it's approved, it would be very significant to the ecumenical community," Griswold said.

The churches have been discussing an alliance for about 30 years, said Episcopal Church spokesman Jim Solheim.

"The theologians have discussed it and say there is very little that separates us and why don't we move into a full, formal relationship," Solheim said.

Episcopalians approved the proposal at their 1997 convention, but the measure failed to get the required two-thirds vote at the Lutheran assembly the same year. Last year, Lutherans narrowly approved a rewritten version.

Griswold said "full communion" would allow the churches to share resources and enrich each other by sharing traditions.

"It invites us to yield some of ourselves and the uniqueness of our tradition, and to make some adjustments in our tradition for the sake of unity," he said.

Lutherans may have problems agreeing with the Episcopalian method of ordaining bishops through the "historic episcopate." Each Episcopal bishop is installed by a laying-on of hands by three predecessor bishops from a line believed to extend back to Christ's apostles.

Man is charged

DALLAS (AP) — A 31-year-old San Antonio man has been indicted for murder for the death of a Texas A&M student who forced a face-to-face rendezvous with a woman he met on the Internet.

Kenney Wayne Lockwood faces up to life in prison if convicted of luring 20-year-old Kerry Kujawa, of Richmond, to San Antonio and shooting him in the head during the second weekend of April, according to The Dallas Morning News on Thursday.

Police say Lockwood, an unemployed 6-foot-2 nurse, posed as "Kelly," a female Texas A&M prelaw student, on the Internet. Lockwood's alter ego was so convincing that Kujawa asked to see her, which led to his death.

Police believe Kujawa went to the Lockwood home and may have been killed because he discovered Lockwood was posing as "Kelly."

Lockwood was arrested April 28 at a San Antonio hospital, where he was a patient. He remains in Hays County jail in San Marcos on $500,000 bond.

Markets

Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP) -

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp s	28 7-16	27 13-16	28 1-16	— 5-16
AT&T Corp	33⅝	33 1-16	33 5-16	— 5-16
Albertsons	34⅝	33 11-16	34½	+ 13-16
Alltel	62¾	62	62 1-16	— ⅛
AmerOnline s	54 15-16	53⅞	54½	— ⅜
AndarkPtr	46⅝	46	46 5-16	+ 1 3-16
ATMOS Egy	18 13-16	18⅜	18 11-16	+ 3-16
Aviall	5 5-16	5⅛	5¼	+ 5-16
BP Amoco s	54 15-16	54 9-16	54¾	+ ⅞
BakerHughes	32 7-16	31 7-16	32 5-16	+ 1 13-16
Bank of Amer	46 1-16	44¾	45¼	— 1-16
BellSouth	43 1-16	42½	42⅝	— ⅞
Beth Steel	3 11-16	3⅝	3 11-16	+ 1-16
BurlNoSFe	26¼	25⅛	26	+ 11-16
Caterpillar	35⅝	35 3-16	35 7-16	+ ¼
Chevron	85	82 13-16	84 15-16	+ 2 7-16
Citigroup	63	61⅝	62⅛	— 1⅛
Coastal	58⅞	58 3-16	58¾	+ ⅝
CocaCola	58½	57 13-16	58½	— ¼
ColgatePal	60¼	59	59⅛	— 3-16
ComclMetals	28¼	27 15-16	27 15-16	+ ⅛
Cooperin	33⅞	33⅜	33⅜	— 7-16
DaimlrChry	53 7-16	52 15-16	53	— 7-16
DallSemicn s	39 15-16	38¾	39⅛	+ 9-16
DeltaAirl	53 9-16	52 5-16	52 11-16	—11-16
Dillards Inc	14 3-16	13½	13 13-16	— 3-16
DowChem s	33⅜	31 9-16	31¾	— 1⅛
DuPont	45 3-16	44 5-16	44 5-16	— ¾
EastmanChem	48 5-16	47⅛	47¼	— 2¼
EstKodak	60½	60⅛	60⅜	+ 1-16
EDS Corp	41	39 13-16	39 13-16	— ⅜
Entergy	28¼	27 11-16	28 3-16	+ 7-16
ExxonMobil	79 1-16	77 9-16	79	+ 2 1-16
Flowers	20	19 11-16	19¾	— ⅜
FordMotor	45 15-16	45⅛	45 15-16	+ 1⅛
GenDynam	53	52⅛	52⅛	— ⅜
GenElec s	50⅝	49 13-16	50 9-16	+ ⅝
GenMills s	38 11-16	38	38 5-16	— 1-16
GenMotors	60⅞	59¼	59⅜	— ⅝
GaPacGP	27	26 5-16	26⅜	—11-16
GlobalMar	28 1-16	27 3-16	27⅞	+ 1 1-16
Goodrich	35 1-16	34 1-16	34 1-16	— 1
Goodyear s	21⅜	20 11-16	20¾	—11-16
GtAtlPac	16 9-16	16⅜	16½	
Halliburtn	46⅛	45	45 11-16	+ 1⅛
Hanson ADS	33 15-16	33 11-16	33⅞	— ¼
Hartel-Hanks	25½	25	25 1-16	
HomeDepot s	51 13-16	50	51 5-16	+ 1⅛
HoneywellIntl	34 3-16	33⅝	34 3-16	+ 3-16
IBM	105⅛	100	100⅜	— 2⅞
IntlPaper	31 1-16	30 7-16	30½	— ⅝
JohnsonJn	100⅜	99 5-16	100	— 1
K mart	6¾	6 9-16	6⅝	
Kroger Co	22¾	22	22 11-16	+ ¾
Lilton	45½	44¾	45 1-16	+ ⅜
LockheedM	25⅜	24½	25⅛	+ ⅛
Lowes Cos	42½	41⅝	42 5-16	+ ⅜
Lubys	7¾	7 9-16	7 9-16	— ¼
LucentTech	58 13-16	53 5-16	53 9-16	— 2⅞
MayDeptStr	25 5-16	24 13-16	24 15-16	— ⅛
Medtronic s	48	47½	47 11-16	— 5-16
MorganJP	115 11-16	112	112 13-16	— 2½
Motorola s	30¾	30	30 5-16	+ 3-16
NCR Corp	38	37½	37½	— 3-16
Navistar	34	32⅜	32¾	—15-16
Penney JC	19 1-16	18⅜	18½	+ 1-16
PepBoys	6 3-16	6 1-16	6 1-16	
PepsiCo	43⅞	43	43 13-16	+ 7-16
Pharmacia	54⅞	53 11-16	54	+ ½
PhelpDodge	37¾	37 3-16	37 3-16	— 5-16
PhilipPet	50 5-16	48⅝	50⅛	+ 2⅞
PilgrmPrd B	7	6 13-16	6 15-16	— 1-16
Polaroid	17 15-16	17 3-16	17 9-16	— ¼
Praxair	38⅛	37 1-16	37⅛	— 1¼
ProctGamb	56	55 7-16	55 9-16	— 1-16
PubS NwMx	15 11-16	15 9-16	15⅝	+ 3-16
RadioShack	49	47⅛	48⅞	+ 2 7-16
ReliantEngy	29 15-16	29 11-16	29⅞	
RoyalDut	62 1-16	61¼	61⅞	+ 13-16
SBC Comm	45 11-16	45	45¼	— 3-16
SaraLee	19 5-16	18⅞	19	— ¼
Scripps EW	48⅛	47 15-16	47 15-16	
SearsRoeb	35 3-16	34¼	34 9-16	+ ¾
SherwinW	22 3-16	22	22 3-16	+ 7-16
SmithIntBchm	67⅛	66 7-16	66 13-16	+ 19-64
SouthernCo	23 15-16	23 11-16	23 13-16	
SwstAirl	20 1-16	19¾	19 13-16	— 5-16
SprintFON	54¾	53 15-16	54¼	+ ¾
SprintPCS s	60	59½	59 15-16	+ ½
Sunoco Inc	29 13-16	29	29¾	+ 1¼
TXU Corp	31 11-16	31⅛	31⅝	+ 5-16
TempleInland	42 13-16	41¾	41⅞	— ¾
Texaco	53 9-16	51¾	53⅛	+ 1¼
TexInd	29 11-16	29⅜	29 7-16	— ⅛
TexasInst s	66	64⅝	65	+ 1¼
Textron	58⅝	57⅝	58	+ ⅝
TriconGlbR	29⅝	29 1-16	29 3-16	+ ⅛
TrinityInds	19 1-16	18⅞	18⅞	+ 1-16
TritonEngy	38 3-16	36 15-16	37 1⁵ ⁄16	+ 1⅝
TylerTech	3 1-16	2⅞	3	+ 3-16
USX-Marathn	25 3-16	24⅞	25 3-16	+ 11-16
USX-USS	19¼	18 9-16	18¾	— 7-16
UnCarbde	51⅝	49 5-16	49¾	—1 11-16
UnionPacif	40⅛	39½	40⅛	+ ¾
UnitedTech	59⅛	58 5-16	58⅝	— ⅛
Unocal	32 15-16	32	32¾	+ 1¼
Venator Grp	10 15-16	10⅝	10⅝	— ⅛
VerizonComm	55 15-16	54¼	55 11-16	+ 1 5-16
WalMart	58 7-16	57 7-16	57⅞	+ ⅞
WellsFargo	41 13-16	40⅝	40⅞	— 9-16
WstnGasRs	21 5-16	20 15-16	21 5-16	+ ⅝
WinnDixie	14 7-16	14¼	14 5-16	
Xerox Cp	20 3-16	19 9-16	19 11-16	— 9-16

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STOCKS

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Dell	46 5/8	-13/16
Wal Mart	58 1/8	+1 1/8
Compac	24 11/16	-5/16
Dol. Gen.	19 1/8	+5/8
GTE	62 1/4	+3/16
SBC Comm.	45 1/16	-3/8
BJ Services	61 1/4	+1 1/2
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By Greg Gruben, County Extension Agent

Where do seedless watermelons come from?

The seedless watermelon is now a reality. Seedless watermelons — sweet inside but without the numerous seeds found in conventional watermelons — are the ultimate in convenience food.

The obvious question asked about growing a seedless watermelons is: So, where do the seeds come from?

Simply stated, the chromosomes number (thread-like bodies with cells that contain the inheritance units called genes) of a normal watermelon plant is doubled by the use of the chemical colchicine. Doubling a normal (diploid) watermelon results in a tetraploid (have four sets of chromosomes) plant. When the tetraploid plant is bred back or pollinated by a diploid or normal plant, the resulting seed produces a triploid plant that is basically a 'mule' of the plant kingdom, and produces seedless watermelons. Seeds of seedless varieties are available form most major seed companies.

Seedless watermelons are a warm-season crop, preferring high temperatures for optimum growth. Daytime temperatures of 80-95 degrees F and night temperatures of 60 to 70 degrees F are best. When temperatures are lower, plant growth is slowed considerably. With favorable weather, seeded fields can produce ripe fruit in 85 to 100 days.

PLANTING: Poor seed germination is the main problem with growing seedless watermelons. When direct seeding, the soil temperature should be a minimum of 70 degrees F at a depth of 4 inches. Sol temperature below 70 degrees F will reduce germination and emergence. Soak the planting medium thoroughly, and let drain 4 to 6 hours before sowing. Plant one or two seeds per cell or pellet. The greenhouse temperature should be 75 degrees F during the germination period.

Do not allow the growing medium to become dry, but do not over-water during initial germination. Begin watering as needed, after 10 to 15 percent of the seedlings have emerged. Plants should be ready for transplanting in 3 to 5 weeks.

Transplanting should have not more than three true leaves when set in the field. Use of older, larger transplants can cause slow, stunted growth and poor yields. In-row and between-row spacing generally are 48x80 inches.

POLINATION: The male and female flowers are born separately on the watermelon plant. Female flower must be pollinated for fruit to set. Also, cross-pollination must occur between a seedless and regular type watermelon for seedless fruit to be produced. This is best accomplished by planting a standard watermelon variety in the garden, along with the seedless variety.

Approximately one-third of the plants in the garden should be of the standard of 'pollination' variety. Honeybees are the principal insects that pollinate watermelons. Pollination is a must, and poor or partial pollination may result in misshapen fruit and no seedless melons.

HARVESTING: The lower side or 'ground spot' of the fruit should be cream or yellowish colored. Thump fruit to check for ripeness. Results will vary. Generally, a solid sound indicates ripeness, while a sharp echoing sound indicates a greener fruit.

The tendril, or 'tail' which occurs in the axils (where the leaf attaches to the vines) of leaves along the stem, can be used as an indicator of ripeness. Experienced harvesters indicate that if the two tendrils nearest the fruit are dry, the seedless watermelon is ripe.

It is important to note that the first few mature melons in the garden may frequently contain small seeds. This condition is most prevalent under stressed conditions, such as low soil moisture, insufficient fertilizer, temperature extremes, or disease pressure, which affect the normal plant development.

Each planting of seedless watermelons actually produces three different types of watermelons.

*The regular seeded watermelons (from pollinator plants).

*The true seedless melons,

*And a light-green tetraploid melon that produces a very limited number of seeds from which next year's planting can be made.

Lubbock auction

The Lubbock Stockyards, Inc. had a run of 712 head of cattle for the Thursday, June 29, sale. Cows were steady. Yearlings and calves were steady. Trading and demand were good.

Slaughter cows
(High dressing — cutters — utilities: 42-49
Canner and low cutters: 32-40
Slaughter bulls: 50-62
Feeder steers — choice:
300-400: 110-130
400-500: 100-115
500-600: 88-100
600-700: 84-92
700-800: 77-87
Feeder heifers:
300-400: 95-115
400-500: 85-105
500-600: 82-90
600-700: 78-85
700-800: 75-80
Feeder Bulls — good and choice:
500-600: 85-100
700-800: 72-80
Cow and calf pairs:
Good: 700-980
Grade: 500-675
Springers: 475-695
Baby calves: 100-175
Doodlers: 150-250

GOP appointee gets disbarment case

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — After four colleagues excused themselves from the case, a recently appointed judge says he has not decided whether to preside over President Clinton's disbarment trial.

The other judges — all Democrats — cited distant political connections to Clinton in exercising their options to pass on the case. The lot fell Wednesday to Pulaski County Circuit Judge Leon Johnson, appointed June 2 by a Republican governor to fill the term of a judge ousted by the state Supreme Court.

"I don't think I have to make a decision right away," he said.

Clinton's case was assigned to Johnson after Judge Chris Piazza stepped aside. Piazza said Clinton, as governor, had once named him to a panel that hammered out state ethics laws.

The lawsuit filed June 29 by the Supreme Court Committee on Professional Conduct says Clinton is unfit to be a lawyer because of his deceptive testimony in the Paula Jones sexual harassment case about his relationship with former White House intern Monica Lewinsky.

Minnesota zoo exhibit provides glimpse of reality

APPLE VALLEY, Minn. (AP) — The Minnesota Zoo's newest exhibit introduces visitors to the harsh realities of family farming, complete with cloned animals, cattle locked up in tiny pens and the inevitable end, the slaughterhouse.

The $4.3 million Wells Fargo Family Farm is aimed toward reintroducing Minnesotans to farming — and to the controversial issues that sometimes surround it.

"Without doubt, people are going to be upset with some of what they see," said Jim Streater, who is in charge of the zoo's biological programs.

That's intentional.

When the Children's Zoo closed in 1994, plans to construct an idyllic "Old MacDonald" farm with child-friendly animals gradually matured to a more realistic portrayal of farming, Streater said.

"In Old MacDonald's farm nothing ever dies," he said. "Real farming is about birth, nurtured life and death."

So along with friendly goats that children have fed at the zoo's "My Backyard" exhibit for years, the zoo farm will feature rare breeds, cutting-edge technology and a large dose of reality.

By letting visitors see a sow restrained to a constricting farrowing pen and cloned heifers racing each other across open fields, zoo officials hope agricultural issues will become less abstract to many Minnesotans long divorced from the land.

"We often take for granted the things that used to be most familiar," said Lars Erdahl, who directs the zoo's education programs. "What we're trying to do is not advocate for a certain position, but show people what our source of food is."

When zoo officials met with Twin Cities-area schoolchildren several years ago while planning the farm, they found many had a "grocery-store mentality," and didn't connect neatly packaged foods with farm animals like calves or chicks.

"This is our first opportunity to talk about death at the zoo," said Kim Thomas, who managed the zoo farm project.

Many animals born and raised at the zoo farm will be sold to slaughterhouses. And with displays in every barn and pen that show what products come from each animal, the reality of a working farm will not be hidden from visitors.

Of course, accommodating 1 million visitors annually has required concessions.

To keep the exhibit aromatic, some of agriculture's traditional byproducts will be carefully monitored.

"When poop hits the ground, somebody shovels it right up," Streater said. Until the zoo builds an onsite composting facility for the farm, a dump truck full of manure will be hauled out of the farm daily.

For understanding day-to-day reality and how vast those amber waves of grain are, nothing beats a true family farm, said Al Withers, a state employee who helps teachers find ways to teach their students about agriculture.

FACES FROM THE PAST

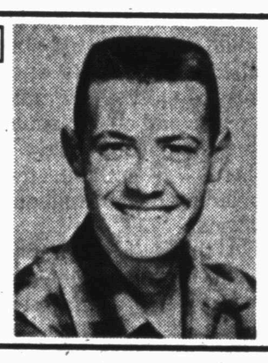
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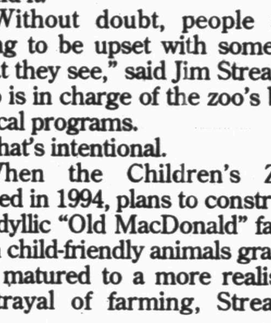
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Audit says IRS owes taxpayers $25 million

WASHINGTON (AP) —Thousands of taxpayers were sent IRS notices demanding taxes they'd already paid and thousands of others forfeited their rights to get money back from the government, an independent audit found.

The audit found that the agency did not credit or refund $25 million in income taxes overpaid by taxpayers who paid late, though still within the time allowed. Some faced federal liens because of the error.

And thousands of others forfeited their rights to refunds or credits, or were at risk of doing so, that totaled $335 million. These individuals, families and businesses failed to file late tax returns in time to qualify for the money.

The audit by the independent Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration, David C. Williams, examined 426,000 tax payments, totaling $360 million, from 240,000 taxpayers that had been transferred as of March 1999 to the IRS Excess Collections Account. Payments are deposited into this account when the IRS is unable to match them with a tax return, usually because it is late.

Of the $360 million, the audit found that:

—About $25 million, or 29,820 payments, immediately should have been refunded or credited to taxpayers who filed returns late but within the legal requirement of generally three years after the initial due date — usually April 15 of a given year. The audit did not break down how many taxpayers that involved. The IRS says it has now dealt with the problem.

—Taxpayers forfeited $162 million, or 191,700 payments, because they did not get a return to the IRS within the three-year window to claim a refund or to credit the payment toward another tax year.

—No tax return had been filed for $173 million, or 204,480 payments. But these taxpayers still could get their credit or refund if they took action quickly.

Tax law requires a taxpayer to file a claim for a credit or refund of an overpayment within three years after a return is filed or two years after the tax was paid, whichever is later. If no tax is due, the claim must be made within two years of the payment.

The chief culprit is the main IRS computer, which is not linked directly to computers in the agency's 10 service centers, where records of payment transfers to the excess account are kept.

When a late return is filed, the computer containing a taxpayer's main account has no record of the previous payments and the IRS sends out a notice demanding the money.

An IRS study from 1995 that was cited by auditors said it was "unproductive" to spend time tracking down people who failed to file tax returns if they did not owe taxes and that agents sometimes transferred payments to the excess accounts to reduce the number of unresolved cases.

As a result, the auditors found that "many taxpayers received inaccurate or erroneous balance due notices, sometimes taxpayers made additional payments in excess of their tax liabilities and, in a few instances, taxpayers were subjected to federal tax liens."

The IRS says it has now returned or credited the money cited in the audit and is fixing the problem.

In a response letter, IRS Commissioner Charles Rossotti said computers are being modified to prevent transfers into the excess payment account until the three-year refund limit has expired.

Rossotti also said the IRS will send "periodic letters to taxpayers with credits to remind them to file a return to receive a credit or refund."

He questioned the $25 million in credits and refunds estimated by the audit, saying an examination of two of the 10 service centers uncovered 1,398 payments due totaling about $1.7 million. If that rate held for the other centers, Rossotti said, the total credited back to taxpayers would amount to about $8.3 million.

The auditors said the discrepancy could be attributed to major differences between service centers in crediting taxpayer overpayments and responses by many taxpayers to inaccurate balance notices they received last year.

On the Net:
Tax inspector general: http://www.ustreas.gov/tigta
IRS: http://www.irs.gov

Power outages possible this summer

WASHINGTON (AP) — A New Hampshire nuclear power plant is out of business for a few days, and folks throughout New England are asked to conserve electricity.

A blistering heat wave is part of the problem. Another is the energy industry is beginning to deregulate.

Next week Congress will consider legislation aimed at speeding up the restructuring of the $220 billion electric utility industry, including provisions that would impose new requirements to help ensure reliability. The Senate last week approved a bill that would establish a new organization that would monitor and enforce reliability rules.

"The existing scheme of voluntary compliance with voluntary industry reliability rules is simply no longer adequate," says Sen. Frank Murkowski, R-Alaska, chairman of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources committee.

But even if Congress acts, it will come too late to ease power supply concerns this summer.

Power problems already have surfaced in New England and California and "could be an ominous sign" of things to come with the hottest months of the summer just ahead, said Energy Secretary Bill Richardson, who has toured the country for a series of electricity reliability meetings in recent months.

"The view (at these meetings) was unanimous. If we don't work together and fix the problem, we'll all end up sitting in the dark," Richardson said Wednesday. He said he was particularly concerned about potential power outages in the Southwest, California and parts of the Northeast, although other areas could be affected if there are unexpected breakdowns at power plants or an unusual heat wave.

Spurred on by the growing economy and increased reliance on computers and other electrical devices, electricity demand has been increasing about 2 percent a year, while generation capacity has lagged. The safety cushion between expected demand under normal circumstances and maximum electricity generation has been narrowing and now is less than 14 percent of capacity, according to industry figures. Not long ago it was nearly 25 percent, said a senior DOE official.

Signs of problems have already shown up this summer.

For most of last week, California was under a "stage II power watch" in which customers were asked to keep down electricity use and power was withheld from some commercial users because of tight supplies as temperatures soared in the 100-degree range. Two weeks earlier, rolling blackouts moved through the San Francisco Bay area after some power generators failed during a record 103 degree heat wave.

Although milder temperatures have eased the strain on the state's electricity system, the problem isn't over, said Patrick Dorinson, a spokesman for the California Independent System Operator, which manages the state's flow of electricity.

"Everything is on a day-to-day basis," he said. "We expect another heat wave next week."

In New England, a New Hampshire nuclear power plant went down for a few days last month, triggering an appeal throughout the region that users conserve electricity. The plant quickly resumed operation and cooler weather arrived, ending the threat.

Jim Sinclair, a spokesman for the agency that manages New England's electricity grid, said the region's reserve didn't have to be used but advisories went out to conserve electricity as a precaution. Still he predicts "there will be days this summer when we need to dip into the reserve tanks" for electricity.

Others do not rule out the possibility of rolling blackouts in New England should temperatures sore and some unexpected power outage — such as the Seabrook plant's brief shutdown in New Hampshire — strike in tandem.

Even areas such as the Midwest, which has more power plants this year and most of its nuclear plants operating, could have problems if they have a severe heat wave and some unexpected power problems, senior Energy Department officials said.

Meanwhile almost half of the states have moved toward adopting — or are planning to adopt — a more competitive electricity market, putting additional strains on the system, many industry experts believe.

On the Net:
Energy Department electricity statistics: http://www.eia.doe.gov

Appeals court orders new punishment trial for Tiede

LONGVIEW (AP) — A state appeals court has ordered a new punishment trial for Bernie Tiede, who was convicted and sentenced to life in the 1997 murder of wealthy Carthage widow Marjorie Nugent, whose body was hidden in a freezer for nine months.

The 12th District Court of Appeals in Tyler ruled Friday that an expert defense psychologist should have been allowed to testify in the trial. Lawyers did not receive the ruling in the mail until Wednesday.

Tiede's lawyer, Clifton "Scrappy" Holmes, argued last month that grounds existed for an appeal because the trial judge refused to allow his expert psychologist to testify.

Tiede, 40, was convicted in February and sentenced to life in prison. The trial was moved to San Augustine on a change of venue.

Panola County Assistant District Attorney Dana Whitmer said she was disappointed with the appeals court's decision, but was confident that Tiede would again be sentenced to life in prison.

"In hindsight, I wish the testimony had been allowed in the first trial," Whitmer told the Longview News-Journal. "But I also think that even had the jury heard the psychologists' testimony, they still would have given Tiede life in prison."

Whitmer said she does not know when the next trial will begin, but expects it will be just as lengthy as the first trial — possibly two weeks.



Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Village grows tired of raising neighbors' misbehaving child

DEAR ABBY: I can relate to "Had It in Houston" regarding their neighbor's unruly, undisciplined child.

"Tom," our neighbor's 6-year-old boy, has not only inappropriately touched our children on the school bus, but was caught touching the exposed genitals of a younger neighborhood boy on two occasions. He roams the neighborhood, uses foul language, openly hits his older sister — and his parents appear totally clueless. For two years they've allowed Tom's behavior to get worse. The mother is rarely home, and she pawns Tom and his siblings off on our neighbors and us.

We are on the verge of notifying Children's Protective Services, but we don't want to start a "hate thy neighbor" relationship. They are already a bit "chilly" toward us because their son's behavior has forced us to send him home a few times. His parents have said nothing directly to us, but they criticize us to the other neighbors, who are well aware of the problem.

We've considered moving, but why should we go through the expense of leaving a nice area because of this family's ignorance and irresponsibility? Abby, what should we do? — **FRUSTRATED IN FOREST PARK**

DEAR FRUSTRATED: Call Child Protective Services immediately. Don't put it off any longer. Talk to your other neighbors about your plan. There is strength in numbers. The boy needs psychological counseling, and the parents need parenting classes. All adults have a responsibility to save a child who is in trouble. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: In response to the inquiry posed by "Concerned in Pennsylvania," regarding adults who survived child abuse and how they managed: My siblings and I were verbally, emotionally and occasionally physically abused by both of our parents and a stepparent. I would like to share a bit of our story.

One of the most critical coping techniques for us was the love and stability provided by other family members, especially our grandparents, who offered us shelter, unconditional love, and bottomless encouragement and support. We were also very fortunate to have teachers, counselors and coaches who believed in us and lifted us up in ways that we can never thank them enough for. Finally, we had a deep-rooted, but sometimes hidden, faith in God, each other and ourselves. In other words, what some might call a "survival instinct."

In short, our survival and our thriving can be attributed to the willingness and kindness of adults who cared enough to help us in ways large and small. To those persons, we can never fully convey our thanks in words, but we can in deeds — by becoming normal, productive and kind adults who contribute positively to society. — **A GRATEFUL SURVIVOR IN CRETNA, LA.**

DEAR SURVIVOR: Your letter says it all. Thanks for writing.

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Talk to teacher about bathroom habits

DEAR DR. GOTT: My 6-year-old son will enter first grade in the fall. For the past year, he has had intermittent problems with frequent urination, sometimes as often as 12 times an hour. We've tried antibiotics, changing underwear and limiting fluids, to no avail. He has had kidney X-rays and examinations by two urologists, who cannot find anything wrong. Should I let him go to school? I can't imagine what will happen if he is required to sit in class for extended periods.

DEAR READER: I believe that the solution to your child's problem ought to be kept simple: Deal directly with the school authorities. Your son has been checked out medically and found to be normal. However, he sometimes has to urinate frequently, a tendency he will probably outgrow as his bladder enlarges and he gains more neurological control over elimination.

Tell your son's prospective teacher — and the principal, if necessary — that the boy may, on occasion, express a desire to go to the bathroom. He should be allowed this privilege without being singled out, made to feel ashamed or labeled abnormal. Sitting in school for prolonged periods would not be appropriate when he has to empty his bladder. The school personnel should be willing to flexible under the circumstances.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My husband makes milkshakes for himself and our 5-year-old son. He uses at least two ounces of vanilla extract in the preparation. Is this overdoing it?

DEAR READER: Yes. In my opinion, this amount of extract is more than most recipes call for. This flavoring has a high alcohol content — usually 35 percent, which is 70 proof — that, in quantities of two ounces or more, is not appropriate for youngsters. I suggest that your husband use just enough vanilla extract (on the order of a teaspoon per glass) to flavor the drink, without making it an alcohol beverage.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My neighbor's grandson has what she called "fifth disease." What is this?

DEAR READER: Fifth disease, erythema infectiosum, is a skin rash caused by a microorganism named parvovirus B19. It is marked by low-grade fever, an achy feeling and a blotchy rash on the exposed surfaces of the body. The ailment usually lasts about a week; it is not serious and requires no treatment. Fifth disease was so named because it used to be the fifth most common childhood infection, after chicken pox, mumps, measles and German measles.

DEAR DR. GOTT: What is a "trick knee"? Since I slipped and twisted my knee last winter, it swells up, hurts and prevents me from walking without a limp. My family claims I'm overreacting.

DEAR READER: "Trick knee" is a phrase used to connote a variety of disorders of the knee joint, all of which have a common characteristic: instability of the knee. Ligament damage, cartilage problems and bursitis may cause pain, swelling and a "giving way" sensation.

You should be examined by an orthopedic surgeon, who may advise you to have X-rays or an MRI scan. Depending on the diagnosis, you may need surgery or an extensive program of physical therapy and rehabilitation. I don't believe that you are overreacting to your symptoms. A specialist should be able to help you overcome your troublesome handicap. To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Managing Chronic Pain." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

300 weapons found, agent says

WACO (AP) — About 300 weapons were found in the charred remains of the Branch Davidian compound, including dozens of machine guns, hours after the structure burned to the ground more than seven years ago, according to a Texas Ranger who helped collect and examine evidence from the site.

Lt. James Miller testified Thursday the recovered weaponry included 60 M-16 machine guns, 60 AK-47 assault rifles, about 30 AR-15 assault rifles and numerous smaller pistols and unused bullets following the April 19, 1993, blaze.

Miller was the latest witness for the government, which is defending itself in a $675 million wrongful death lawsuit brought by Branch Davidian survivors and family members.

Government attorneys presented jurors with five burned weapons, including a machine gun, recovered at the site called Mount Carmel outside Waco. Some of the guns, charred black with smoke soot, appeared melted.

Miller said 85 weapons, including a .50 caliber rifle and several AK-47 assault rifles were found along the front area of the complex. Another 144 guns were found in a concrete vault built inside the building.

Some 80 Branch Davidians died from either fire or gunshots on the final day of a 51-day standoff with the federal government.

Plaintiffs say the government helped cause at least some of the three fires that engulfed the compound at the end of the siege; the government says the Branch Davidians started the fires.

Walking along the perimeter of the compound a few hours after the fire and snapping photographs, Miller said he observed "a lot of burned debris ... the site was still hot."

The standoff began Feb. 28, 1993 when agents with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms tried to search for illegal weapons and arrest sect leader David Koresh.

But a gunfight erupted and six Branch Davidians and four ATF agents were killed.

Israel's Barak in political peril

WASHINGTON (AP) — As Israel and the Palestinians jockey for position for next week's summit, political problems are piling up for Prime Minister Ehud Barak while the Palestinians are taking a tough line in their demands.

Barak's inclination to make concessions on West Bank land, Jerusalem and Jewish settlers prompted two parties to pull out of his government Wednesday, weakening his already shaky rule and impinging on his room to maneuver at Camp David, Md.

But the Palestinians, sensing the chance for a successful summit under President Clinton's supervision, are warning Israel that giving up only part of the land for a state would not be enough.

Yasser Arafat has his eye on virtually all peace" that has eluded the two sides for a half-century.

In announcing his risky move at the White House, Clinton allowed that staging a summit has its perils. But he said if Barak and Arafat "do not seize this moment, if they cannot make progress now, there will be more hostility and more bitterness, perhaps even more violence."

Clinton also registered his support for Palestinians "aspirations," for determining their own future on their own land — a thinly veiled message to Israel to give ground.

Barak is so inclined, prepared to give up far more land than even his peace-minded mentor, the late Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, was prepared to do as he secretly began the Israeli withdrawal from the West Bank and Gaza in 1993.

Seeing what was likely to unfold, two parties in Barak's ruling coalition said they would quit the government — and deprive the prime minister of the consensus he needs to make peace.

Natan Sharansky's immigrants party and the National Religious Party said they could not remain now that Barak appeared ready to make generous territorial concessions.

For them, the price of peace appeared to be too high.

New orders at factories increase

WASHINGTON (AP) — New orders to American factories shot up 4.1 percent in May, the largest increase since the end of 1992. A big jump in demand for electronics and other electrical equipment led the way.

In another report Thursday, many of the nation's biggest retailers in June reported weaker-than-expected sales for the fourth consecutive month.

The two reports appeared to offer mixed signals about the economy.

The bigger-than-expected increase in May's factory orders tracked by the Commerce Department suggested that the economy may not be slowing as much as some economists previously thought.

While the retail sales report hinted at some slowing in consumer spending, resulting from the Federal Reserve's six interest-rate increases over the past year. Soaring gas prices and some unseasonably cool weather, however, were cited as the biggest factors in dampening Americans' desire to shop in June.

The Fed's rate increases are designed to make borrowing more expensive and cool demand for big-ticket items, a move aimed at slowing the economy and keeping inflation under control.

On Wall Street, the Dow Jones industrial average was down about 67 points in morning trading as investors worried that rising interest rates could hurt corporate profits.

Factory orders rose to a seasonally adjusted $385.8 billion in May, up from $370.4 billion the month before. The 4.1 percent rise was the biggest jump since a 4.9 percent increase registered in December 1992.

In April, factory orders fell 3.8 percent, a smaller decline than the government previously estimated.

Dallas superintendent fired

DALLAS (AP) — The nation's highest-paid school superintendent is out of a job, but may not leave the district he's led for less than a year without a fight.

Dallas Independent School District trustees voted 7-to-1 Wednesday night to fire Superintendent Bill Rojas, the fourth district leader in five years, who had offered to resign last week. Board members claimed Rojas had violated a contract clause requiring him to maintain good relations with trustees.

The board, invoking the "good rapport" clause, cited poor communication between Rojas and the board members. Lengthy infighting had once again shaken public confidence in stability of the city's troubled school system.

Rojas, who had earned a base salary of $260,000 that led U.S. superintendents' salaries, threatened to sue the school board for wrongfully terminating his three-year contract.

"It is just vindictive behavior by a group of micromanagers who have been so accustomed to having their way," Rojas told The Dallas Morning News in Thursday's editions.

Trustees have battled with Rojas for months over the possibility of excessive spending in the next budget, including the hiring of the for-profit Edison Schools Inc. to run several schools. Rojas said he had hoped his resignation would end ongoing power struggles with board members and let the board concentrate on improving education.

Some trustees contend Rojas' spending commitments have created an estimated $52 million shortfall in the district budget.

The district, by firing Rojas, is liable for $90,000 in severance pay. Accepting his resignation could have cost the district $520,000 in pay for the remainder of his contract.

"We were very deliberate in our actions," said school board president Roxan Staff. "It was not something we did on the spur of the moment or maliciously."

Amtrak makes new committment

WASHINGTON (AP) — Amtrak introduced a new logo and a new commitment to customer satisfaction Thursday, promising to compensate riders unhappy with their experience on America's national railway.

Amtrak passengers who believe they did not receive a safe, comfortable and enjoyable trip will be entitled to a certificate good for future Amtrak travel at equal cost.

"We know of no other passenger transportation provider that offers anything of this kind," said Bill Schulz, Amtrak's vice president for corporate communications.

Schulz said the guarantee technically began Tuesday — Independence Day — although Amtrak officials announced it Thursday at a news conference in Union Station.

Amtrak President George Warrington said the company recognizes the need to counter its reputation for poor service.

"We're not tired, we're not worn out, we are not complacent," he said.

Amtrak also unveiled a new logo. Gone is the "pointless arrow" design that represented Amtrak since its creation in 1971. The new design depicts three parallel lines winding their way to a horizon.

"There's a new look to Amtrak that allows Americans to take a new look at Amtrak," Schulz said.

Formed by Congress from a collection of failing passenger railroads, Amtrak has struggled financially over the years. Facing a congressional deadline to wean itself from federal operating subsidies, the railway is working to recreate itself in image and substance.

Earlier this year, in a departure from past practices, Amtrak officials announced plans to add new passenger routes and expand into package delivery rather than make cuts to balance the books.

Amtrak also began a full-scale promotional campaign for new high-speed service beginning in the Northeast and spreading to other busy corridors throughout the nation.

The much-awaited "Acela Express" high-speed service between Washington and Boston, originally scheduled to begin at the end of 1999, still is not rolling. Federal watchdogs warn continuing delays threaten Amtrak's ability to reach self-sufficiency by the end of 2002, as ordered by Congress.

The watchdogs also question how Amtrak is using the money it has. Phyllis Scheinberg, associate director for transportation issues at the General Accounting Office, told a congressional panel in March that Amtrak is spending most of the federal tax dollars it gets to maintain equipment rather than invest in new equipment or better tracks.

Amtrak officials remain relentlessly upbeat about their ability to reach self-sufficiency and the prospect of attracting travelers frustrated with congestion on highways and in the air.

"This satisfaction guarantee represents our promise to travelers that Amtrak will treat you like a guest."

Assault, family violence reported

Reports of assault and family violence dominated police reports Wednesday.

Officers responded to a disturbance shortly after 10 a.m. in the 1200 block of 26th Street. A 52-year-old man was arrested for Class C assault/family violence and an offense report was submitted.

At 10:34 a.m., deputies took an offense report for Class C assault.

City officers filed a report for Class C assault/family violence by threat at 4:04 p.m., and a report for family violence at 7:56 p.m.

At 12:09 a.m. today, Laurel Dean contacted officers in reference to money being stolen out of her vehicle while it was parked at Pizza Hut. An offense report for burglary of a vehicle was submitted.

Department of Public Safety troopers investigated a one-vehicle rollover at 5:40 a.m. today some 3.6 miles north of Snyder on U.S. Highway 84 that sent two people to the hospital.

Johnnye Lavender, 53, of 1656 112th Street in Lubbock was westbound in a 1994 GMC van when the accident occurred.

She was flown by Aerocare to Lubbock's University Medical Center where she was listed in serious condition this morning.

A passenger in the van, 15-year-old Rickey Rowe who is Lavender's grandson, was thrown from the vehicle. He was transported by Snyder EMS to UMC and was listed in satisfactory condition.

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Bush headquarters has high-energy, high-tech feel

AUSTIN (AP) — From the walnut-paneled reception room to the hushed TV studio to the framed historic documents on strategist Karl Rove's wall, George W. Bush's headquarters stands apart from your usual scruffy campaign central.

It feels more like Bush Inc.

"This campaign is more like an energetic beehive than a college dorm, like some campaigns I've worked on," said Ray Sullivan, a member of the communications staff and veteran of several political races. "It is very well organized, very professional, fast-paced and forward-looking."

The Republican presidential campaign's downtown suite takes up the sprawling second floor of a granite-and-glass office tower, space previously home to a mortgage company. It's just down the road from the Texas Capitol, where Bush has his office as governor.

Visitors are greeted by dark wood, overstuffed couches and a crisply uniformed Texas state trooper who controls entry to the inner door and what some locals call "Bush World."

Inside, the walls are decorated with American flags and framed color photographs of the presumptive nominee and his wife Laura, as well as pictures of his parents, the former president and first lady.

Some 135 people work at the bustling office, which occupies 28,000 square feet. There are offices for Laura Bush and a few high-profile players, including campaign chairman Don Evans and chief strategist Rove, who decorated his domain with a Mexican saddle blanket, antique letters and a portion of an original Abraham Lincoln campaign banner.

Mostly, the space is filled with rank-and-file Bush devotees.

events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

SHS class of 1940

The SHS class of 1940 will have a meeting at Marion Cochran's home, 2802 32nd St., at 4 p.m. today to plan a class reunion.

True West

"True West," will be presented at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday at Worsham Auditorium. Tickets are $5 each. The play features Snyder High School graduates, Kevin Alejandro and Stephen Taylor, who are also directing and producing. Proceeds will benefit the Jerry Worsham Scholarship Fund.

Teen Center fundraiser cancelled

Teen Center of the Boys and Girls Club has cancelled a BBQ and dance planned for Friday. Refunds are available with a ticket stub at the club.

Discovery School fundraiser

Super Sub sandwiches will be sold Sunday from noon until 1:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall to benefit Discovery School. Tickets for advance orders can be purchased at the church office. For more information, call Barbara at 573-4770.

Bible study tapes

Bible study tapes air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "Why Did God Separate the Jews from the Gentiles?" followed by "What is Your Life?"

FBC worship service

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

Lighthouse garage sale

Lighthouse Assembly of God Church is in need of donations of kitchen items, appliances and furniture for a building fund sale to be held July 14-15. Call 573-5124 or 573-2947.

Class of 1980 reunion

The class of 1980 will have a reunion July 22 at Snyder Country Club. The deadline for reservations is Monday. R.S.V.P by calling 573-1731.

Social Security reps

Social Security representatives will be the Snyder Senior Citizens Center, 2603 Ave. M, on Tuesday, July 11. Hours are 10 a.m. until noon and 1-2 p.m.

LVN class testing

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

GED exams

GED examinations will be administered July 13 and July 27 in the testing center at WTC. Call Emily Hataway at 574-2112 or Molly Kattes at 573-2919 for more information.

Computer courses

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

Cancer treatment transportation

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

Pick 3

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

0-9-8

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 would have been worth an estimated $6 million.

The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 50 were: 8-26-33-38-46-48.

Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $9 million.