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FAA reports Kennedy's plane found

AQUINNAH, Mass. (AP) — The wreckage of John F. Kennedy Jr.'s plane was located off the coast of Martha's Vineyard with Kennedy's body still aboard, and the Navy readied a recovery mission, government officials and family sources said today.

"They've got the fuselage and John Kennedy's in it," a government source with first-hand knowledge of the investigation told The Associated Press. The White House confirmed that Kennedy's plane and a body had been found.

A source close to the scene said federal officials did not want to provide an identity of a badly mangled body aboard until a coroner could examine the body. He said there were no immediate reports of the bodies of Kennedy's wife and sister-in-law, who also were on board the plane when it crashed Friday night.

Jim Hall, chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board, and Coast Guard Rear Adm. Richard Larrabee, who was overseeing the search, canceled a round of morning TV appearances and went to the USS Grasp, the ship where the wreckage was to be deposited after being raised from the ocean floor.

The heightened activity took place after ships from the Navy, Coast Guard and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration spent Tuesday night scouring a site 71/2 miles southwest of the Martha's Vineyard coast, a spot that investigators had speculated was the likely splash point for the plane.

It crashed while carrying Kennedy, 38, his wife, Carolyn Bessette Kennedy, 33, and her sister Lauren Bessette, 34.

The fuselage was first spotted at 11:30 p.m. Tuesday, according to a statement issued by the safety board, and subsequent investigation confirmed that it was Kennedy's airplane.

White House spokesman Joe Lockhart said the discovery was made with remote cameras. The Grasp was being repositioned so divers could go down and assist with the recovery, a senior administration official said.

"The highest priority remains locating and recovering the remains of all three," Lockhart said.

The Bessette family had no comment on the discovery of Kennedy's body, said Grant Stinchfield, a family friend.

The Kennedy family was notified of the discovery in the early morning hours, a family source said. They have discussed a range of options for handling the remains, including the possibility of a burial at sea.

No dates or details have been completed, said a family source.

"Several options are being discussed. No decisions have been made," the family source said. Stinchfield said the Bessettes were working with the Kennedys on plans for a service. Nothing has been finalized, he said.

Several experienced pilots who flew into the Vineyard on Friday night said the hazy skies and darkness were challenging even for them. Kennedy obtained his pilot's license in April 1998.

At a briefing Tuesday, Robert Pearce, who is heading the investigation for the NTSB, gave a more detailed explanation of the approach.

All seemed fine about 34 miles from the airport, with the plane descending from 5,600 feet to about 2,300 feet at a slightly faster-than-normal rate of 700 feet per minute.

About 20 miles from the airport, the plane started turning to the right and climbing back to 2,600 feet. After leveling off, it flew for a short time before beginning another turn to the right and starting "a rapid rate of descent" that may have exceeded 5,000 feet per minute, or about 10 times faster than normal.

The descent was 3,000 feet per minute faster than what would be a stressful approach for even the most experienced flier, experts said.

Pearce would not speculate on the damage caused by such a crash, but said: "I'm sure you can draw a conclusion by the debris we've been bringing in, which is fragmented."

On the fourth full day of the search, the FAA acknowledged it was asked in a phone call from an intern at the Martha's Vineyard airport to help locate the plane Friday night.

The caller, 21-year-old Adam Budd, expressed no great urgency as he telephoned an FAA station in Bridgeport, Conn., at 10:05 p.m. Friday, FAA officials said.

He said he called at the request of an unidentified couple who had come to the airport to meet Lauren Bessette. Kennedy and his wife had planned to drop her off on their way to Hyannis Port, Mass., for his cousin's wedding.

Budd asked if the agency could track the airplane, but the person at the FAA station questioned him about who he was and finally said: "We don't give this information out to people over the phone."

Budd gave up, saying, "It's not a big deal."

The plane had gone down about 9:40 p.m. Nothing was done until a much more urgent call was made to the Coast Guard at 2:15 a.m. by a Kennedy family friend.

An FAA spokesman said the person who took Budd's call acted appropriately. But an unidentified FAA source said in today's Boston Globe that the agency was considering disciplinary action against the employee for not coming forward about the call when it became clear the plane was missing.



SONAR SEARCH— Massachusetts State Police divers search an area off Martha's Vineyard for the wreckage of John F. Kennedy Jr.'s airplane. An FFA official reported today that Kennedy's body and wreckage have been located. (AP Photo)

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "A gossip will never tell a lie when the truth will do more damage."

All relationships get tested – and marriages even more often. And it doesn't take much.

In you really want to experience strain – create a plumbing problem, just before company is scheduled to arrive for dinner. It ain't pretty.

It was ole what's-her-name's fault. She mentioned that the toilet near the guest bedroom wouldn't quit running. The first art of trouble-shooting on a stubborn toilet is to jiggle the handle. The stubborn john wouldn't respond.

Next step is to remove the tank cover and check the float. In the old days you could bend the arm of the float just a little. In the old days, the arm was made of metal.

But the new and improved version is made of plastic. We can report first-hand that they break easily, causing the tank to overflow and flood the bathroom.

The taskmaster checked on the commotion just as the doorbell sounded. The scene became more ugly causing us to respond, "Yes, we did it on purpose."

The next problem was to keep flushing each time the tank filled up while attempting to get the cutoff value to become unstuck. Finally, the initial crisis had ended.

The situation, however, did provide dinner conversation – not polite and pleasant conversation – just conversation.

The next morning, when speaking terms were restored, the instructions included calling a professional and a vow to never again attempt to repair anything – not necessarily in that order.

One plumber never returned our telephone call. But another arrived late that afternoon.

Next evening, the burning bathroom light was evidence that the professional had in deed arrived on the scene. And the toilet was again in working order.

Placed on the lid was an extensive warranty for a commode float. We were impressed, it wasn't just any warranty, but one that was printed in three languages. We now must consider a bank lock box for safekeeping.

We checked on the cost, but first may have to float (pardon the pun) a loan for the plumber.

But we'd rather face a frowning banker, than an angry roommate. And things are now calm, until the next crisis.

Refinancing of water, sewer bonds will save city dollars

Snyder's city council approved on second reading an ordinance which will pave the way to refinance water and sewer bonds at a savings to the city of over $48,000 annually.

Joe T. Smith of First Southwest of Abilene told the council that the city would not realize that much savings this first year, but would in the future.

"Some of this year's savings will be used in the refinancing process," said Smith.

Smith said industry standards reflect that a savings of five percent on refinancing is considered sound business practice.

"The city will be saving almost triple that amount," said Smith.

The money from the bonds which will be refinanced was used to construct water and sewer lines to the Price Daniel Unit.

The only action item was the consideration of the ordinance, but the city's director of customer service, Carolyn House, reported on a grant application for replacing water lines in the northeast part of Snyder.

House said the city's grant application scored second out of 38 applications considered by the West Central Texas Council of Governments, and is expected to score well when considered by the state, she added.

The grant application was made to the Texas Community Development Program for $250,000. The city's portion of matching funds is $115,000.

The area where the grant money will be used if it is approved in Austin includes Northeast Elementary where bottled water is currently being furnished by the city due to the quality of water piped to the school.

DCOS meets Thursday

The Development Corporation of Snyder board of directors will meet for its regular monthly at 4 p.m. Thursday.

Only routine matters face the board this month as it will consider the financial statements and bills for payment.

Executive Director John DeLille will also present his monthly report.

The meeting will be held in the DCOS offices in the American State Bank.

Hydrogen leak causes delay in launching space shuttle

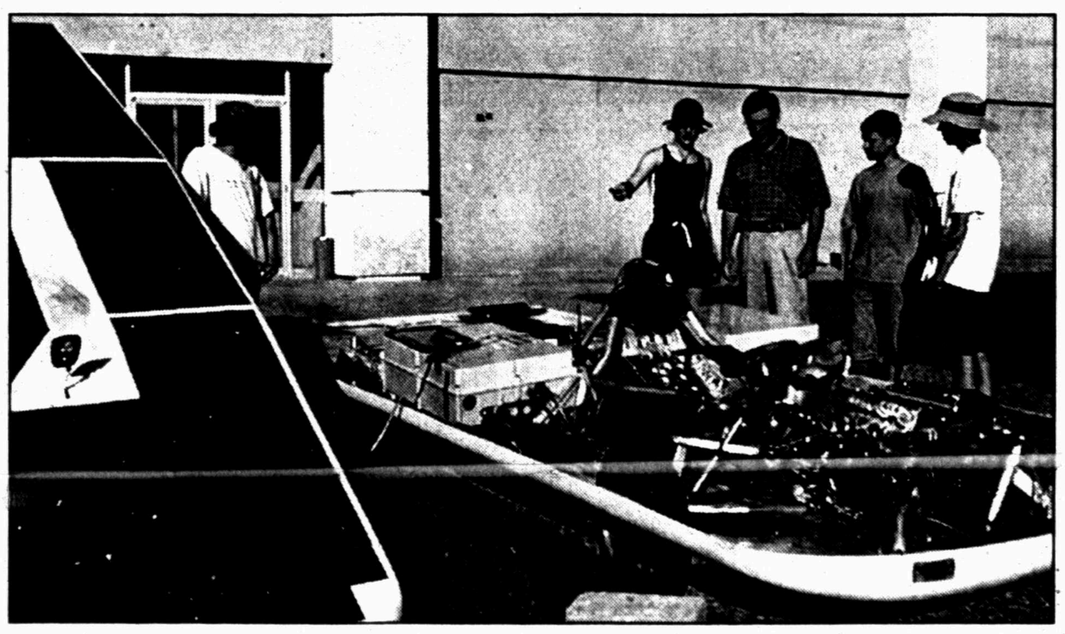
CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — A hydrogen leak scare halted the launch countdown for Columbia today, delaying Eileen Collins' debut as the first female space shuttle commander by at least two days.

The countdown stopped with just seven seconds remaining — less than a half-second before the shuttle engines were to ignite.

A launch controller detected what appeared to be a dangerous buildup of hydrogen gas in Columbia's engine compartment and ordered the cutoff. The reading from the gas detector turned out to be wrong and it would have been safe to fly, launch director Ralph Roe said.

"We are convinced this is not a real leak," Roe said, "and we have no serious concern with launch."

Roe said the launch team would try again Thursday.



SOLAR CARS — Daryl Thomas and his son, Bryan, talked with Sharon Taylor, a support team captain from Columbus, Ind., left, and team member Wyatt Smith, right, about their solar car during a rest stop at the Scurry County Coliseum today. The car is participating in the Winston Solar Challenge Race which started in Dallas Tuesday and will end in California. (SDN Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

ASK US

Q—Is it true the Ira school laid off five from the faculty/staff at the last board meeting?

A—Supt. Rick Howard reported to the board that he had released four teacher aides and one office clerk to save $90,653 in payroll costs.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Tuesday, 93 degrees; low, 71; 7 a.m. Wednesday, 72; no precipitation; total for 1999, 17.27 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy, widely scattered evening storms. Low around 70. SE wind 10-20 mph, then 5-10 mph before midnight. Rain chance: 20%. Thursday, partly cloudy, isolated afternoon storms. High, lower 90s. SE wind 10-20 mph.

Kelly Holdren
Slight Chance

Sunset:
8:47 p.m.
Sunrise:
6:55 a.m.
Of 201 days in 1999, the sun has shone 194 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

There are two ways of meeting difficulties: you alter the difficulties or you alter the way you meet them.

—Phyllis Bottome

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PROMOTED – Snyder National Bank board of directors, meeting Tuesday, named two veteran employees to the positions of assistant vice president. Paula Bond (left) is the head lobby teller, and Juanita Gambrell is head teller in the drive-in facility. Mrs. Bond, a native of Snyder and 1976 graduate of Snyder High School, has been an SNB employee for 17 years. Mrs. Gambrell, a native of Vashon, Wash., has been employed at SNB for 19 years. (SDN Staff Photo)

Family coping with Kosovo tragedy

DeSOTO (AP) — He was the wild-eyed kid zooming through Dallas streets on his bicycle. He was the grinning groom carefully spooning cake into his bride's mouth.

But after the disastrous rollover of an armored personnel carrier near U.S. bases in Kosovo, Spc. Sherwood Brim, 30, will be remembered quite differently.

Spc. Brim and Sgt. William Wright, a 27-year-old Californian, were the first U.S. soldiers to die since NATO troops pushed into Yugoslavia to enforce a peace accord. About 5,000 U.S. troops are stationed in Kosovo.

"He was never afraid of anything," Valreasia Brim said of her only son.

Still numb from the weekend's tragedy, Ms. Brim sat in her son's apartment in the Dallas suburb of DeSoto, sorting through photographs, certificates and other tokens of a life cut short.

"See, this is when he graduated from high school," she murmured. "Yes. And see, here he's already in the Army. See his uniform?"

A visit to the snug apartment evokes another image of the young soldier.

His mother told tales of his high school escapades, the pranks he'd lure his younger sisters into performing with him. Those were the days when the clan played baseball behind a modest brick house and attended Baptist services every Sunday.

And it was in this apartment that Ms. Brim first learned of her son's death.

Unaware her son had been killed half a world away, Ms. Brim spent Sunday evening at the apartment with his wife, Danna.

"Danna was very worried, and Sherwood asked me to take care of her," she said.

The two women watched a movie to avoid evening news reports about the death of John F. Kennedy Jr., his wife and her sister. As the credits rolled, a knock sounded. Three uniformed strangers stood at the door.

"I knew right away exactly what they were coming for," the mother recalled. "I said, 'Don't say anything, I know why you're here.'"

But Ms. Brim insists her son would have wanted the family to celebrate his death.

"He asked once, 'Mom, if something happened to me, would you cry?'" she said. "And I said no. And that's when he built up his courage."

Spc. Brim entered Kosovo five weeks ago. Before that, he was stationed in Germany.

Before joining the Army, Spc. Brim was a boisterous, untamed young man, his mother said. He loved baseball and tinkering with cars. From early childhood, he had a history of tearing around Dallas and "getting into things," she laughed.

"He was so funny, always keeping everybody entertained," said Spc. Brim's sister, Erica Evans. "He really would have loved this today, all this attention."

Spc. Brim enlisted in the Army in 1994 after dropping out of college two semesters shy of a degree. Around that time, a man thumped on Ms. Brim's front door. He introduced himself as an Army recruiter.

"I knew it was just what Sherwood needed," his mother said. "Oh, he was proud of being in the Army."

Spc. Brim was not the first in his family to be shipped abroad by his country. His father, Robert, served two years in Vietnam.

Rylander says auction to sell abandoned items set for Saturday, Oct. 2

AUSTIN — Close to 90,000 items from abandoned safe deposit boxes will be sold to the highest bidder on Saturday, Oct. 2, at the state's next unclaimed property auction, Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander announced.

Jewelry, coins and currency stamps, historical documents and a wide variety of other collectibles and curosities will go on the auction block.

The next unclaimed property auction was not expected until the summer of 2000, but the Comptroller's unclaimed property vault has filled so rapidly that an earlier sale is needed.

"The state is receiving more and more unclaimed property — not only abandoned items from safe deposit boxes, but also forgotten money, such as bank accounts, utility deposits, paychecks and investment dividends," Comptroller Rylander said.

"There are two key reasons for the increase in unclaimed property. First, we live in a very mobile society. People move frequently and it is easy to leave money behind. Also, banks and businesses that are holding unclaimed money and other valuables are becoming more aware that the law requires them to turn those assets over to the state if the owners cannot be located," Rylander said.

The Comptroller's office tries to locate owners of unclaimed property by placing their names in an annual newspaper insert and one the Comptroller's Window on State Government Internet site at www.window.state.tx.us. There is no time limit for owners to claim their properties, however, in the case of safe deposit box contents, the items are auctioned after about one year. If the owners turn up, they may claim the proceeds from the sale of their property.

The Oct. 2 unclaimed property auction will be held in Austin at the Travis County Exposition Center, 7311 Decker Lane. The sale begins at 10 a.m. Interested bidders may preview the sale items on Sept. 30 and Oct. 1 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Auction catalogs will be available in late August. To receive a copy, send a check or money order for $5 to Comptroller of Public Accounts, Attn. Auction Catalog Sales, Room 223, 200 East 10th Street, Austin, Texas 78701.

Beginning in late August, the auction catalog can also be found on the Internet at www.window.state.tx.us.

Grand jury into 6th month of civil rights investigation

HOUSTON (AP) — The investigation into the fatal shooting of a man in a botched drug raid enters its sixth month as a federal grand jury continues its probe.

Pedro Oregon Navarro, 22, was shot to death July 12, 1998, when Houston police officers entered his home because they believed he kept and sold drugs. The belief was based on bad information supplied by an informant, police said.

The man was shot to death when, according to police, he pulled a weapon and pointed it at the officers who burst into his bedroom. The officers fired about 33 rounds at him, striking him 12 times.

A source told the Houston Chronicle that the six officers involved in the shooting, all of whom were fired, "were invited to appear before the grand jury but were not subpoenaed."

It was not clear Tuesday whether any of the six have testified, but attorney Robert Thomas, who represents four of them, said none of his clients has testified.

It may be "several weeks" before the grand jury decides if the officers violated Oregon's civil rights, another source told the newspaper.

The U.S. Justice Department began a civil rights investigation after a state grand jury cleared five of the former officers of wrongdoing. The sixth, James Willis, was acquitted of a misdemeanor criminal trespass charge in March.

A civil lawsuit filed against the city of Houston and the former officers by the man's family is still pending.

The civil case is expected to go to trial next summer.

Bilano enlists in Marine Corps

DALLAS — Zack Bilano of Fluvanna enlisted in the Marine Corps June 18.

Bilano is now in the Marine Corps Delayed Entry Program while continuing his education at Snyder High School.

He is scheduled to undergo recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego in June of 2000.

Zack is the son of Joe and Marian Bilano of Fluvanna.

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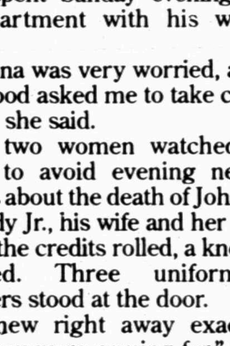
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Last Week's Photos: 1. Faye Patterson 2. Helen Bowen 3. James Lay 4. Ray Sterling 5. James Nettleton 6. Marguerite Nettleton 7. Orlene Lay 8. Juanita Benbenck 9. Fae Rinker 10. Glen Robinson

FCC says most broadcast, cable networks use ratings

WASHINGTON (AP) — As television manufacturers equip their new sets with "v-chips" to meet a government deadline, broadcast and cable networks are doing their part by adopting a ratings system that the chips can read to block out objectionable programming, federal regulators say.

A study released Tuesday by the Federal Communications Commission found that among the broadcast networks, ABC, CBS, Fox, NBC and UPN transmit the encoded information that enables viewers, namely parents, to block out shows based on age and content ratings.

PBS, PaxNet, Univision and Telemundo and WB plan to come on board in the next two months to a year.

Except for BET, QVC and the Home Shopping Network, all of the top 40 basic cable networks are using, or plan to use, the ratings in the near future.

"It's really in good shape," said FCC Commissioner Gloria Tristani, who heads the v-chip task force, about network compliance. "Frankly, it's better than I had anticipated this early."

Thirteen cable channels, including CNN, ESPN and Court TV, fall into exempted categories provided for news or sports programmers.

Of the top five premium cable networks, three already encode their programming. The others plan to start at the beginning of the year.

All major syndicators have indicated that they plan to encode their programming by the end of the year, according to the FCC. However, only Paramount currently is encoding both its first run and library programming.

Rep. Edward Markey, D-Mass., who has actively supported the v-chip, urged those who have been slow to adopt the ratings system to catch up.

"WB needs to step up," he said in a statement. "It is a full network that makes a practice of programming to young people."

Markey also took aim at NBC for failing to use the same content indicators as other cable and broadcast networks, and the syndicators, some of whom have said they are awaiting equipment arrival before they can begin encoding the ratings.

"These sluggish syndicators must speed up compliance immediately," Markey said.

Most television and cable networks use letter designations or age-based ratings to flag violence, sexual situations, crude language and suggestive dialogue. The electronically coded TV ratings are essential for the v-chip technology — which must be in all new TV sets 13 inches and larger by the end of the year — to work.

Broadcast and cable networks voluntarily committed to rate their programming through a ratings system created by industry groups.

Just last week, the head of the Senate Commerce Committee expressed concern that a substantial number of television programming remained unrated.

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., had asked the FCC to study what percentage of broadcast and cable programming used the ratings. Tristani said the commission has yet to respond to McCain's queries.

One question raised by the senator, for example, is which types of news shows go unrated and how broadcasters determine whether certain shows qualify as news programs. Another issue is whether broadcasters are consistent in how they rate their shows.



QUILT WINNERS — Jo Terrell and Janell Davis had the winning tickets for two queen-size quilts made by the women at North College Avenue College Baptist Church. Terrell chose the friendship quilt and Thad Davis picked up the angel quilt for his wife. Also pictured are Barbara Radican and Brenda Capps. Proceeds will be used for remodeling of the church located at 208 N. College Avenue. (SDN Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

6 countries could be subject to punitive tariffs on steel

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. steel industry got a third victory this week as the government announced that six countries could be subject to punitive tariffs on thicker grades of steel plates.

The Commerce Department said Tuesday that some steel producers in those countries showed signs of engaging in illegal pricing practices, namely selling their products in the United States at prices below production costs or home-market prices.

"These actions underscore our commitment to vigorous enforcement of the trade laws," Commerce Secretary William Daley said.

The industry blames low-priced steel shipments for thousands of layoffs across the country and has vigorously sought steel tariffs despite reductions in foreign shipments since November.

This week's three preliminary rulings cover two steel products that together accounted for 15 percent of imports in the first five months of 1999.

Earlier, the United States imposed tariffs on Japanese shipments of another product, hot-rolled carbon steel.

Industry complaints have been filed targeting several other products as well, and the Commerce Department said Tuesday it also will pursue steel's cases on seamless pipes used in the oil and gas industries. It was the first step before the industry can obtain tariffs.

The main ruling Tuesday centered on shipments of cut-to-length plates, used in agricultural and construction equipment, bridges, ships, rail cars and buildings. The six countries targeted are France, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan and South Korea.

The Commerce Department proposed tariffs ranging from 4 percent to 59 percent against the six countries, although one company in South Korea was tentatively exempted. The highest tariffs were proposed against India and Japan.

The tariffs would come on top tariffs of 1 percent to 23 percent proposed Monday against all those countries except Japan, which was not targeted in a companion complaint filed by the industry. The Commerce Department ruled that those five countries may have given subsidies that artificially lowered prices.

As a result of both rulings, the U.S. Customs Service will collect a bond or deposit on some cut-to-length shipments in case tariffs are later applied retroactively.

Final rulings are due this year.

On Monday, the U.S. steel industry also won a ruling on higher-grade, cold-rolled steel. The U.S. International Trade Commission found evidence of harm to the industry, a decision that could lead to tariffs against up to a dozen countries.

In Tokyo, Nippon Steel Corp., the world's second-largest steelmaker, said today its exports are not harmful to U.S. producers. And the Japanese trade minister, Karou Yosano, called the U.S. finding "politically incomprehensible."

Clinton signs new Y2K bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton has signed into law legislation limiting lawsuits related to the Y2K computer problem.

In a statement accompanying the signing Tuesday, Clinton expressed reservations about the act and noted that his administration fought for several changes.

The bill passed overwhelmingly in the House and Senate as one of U.S. business leaders' top legislative priorities this year. Under the law, a business will have 90 days after its officers learn of a computer-related Year 2000 problem to repair the problem before lawsuits can be filed.

The law is aimed at limiting frivolous lawsuits by setting a ceiling on punitive damages that small businesses face; narrowing the extent of an aggrieved class in a class-action lawsuit; and ensuring that most defendants will be held liable only for the share of any damages that they cause.

The Y2K problem refers to the possibility that some older computers, designed to read years as two digits, might fail when New Year's Eve changes to Jan. 1 because they might mistake the year 00 as 1900 rather than 2000.

Dear Abby



By Abigail Van Buren

Son's Ex-Wife Finds Way Around His Mother's Will

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: My ex-wife, who continued to be a friend to my mother after our divorce, has, in my opinion, recently overstepped her bounds. On the day of my mother's funeral, my ex-wife arrived early at Mom's house and commenced to help herself to several pieces of personal property! I found out later that all of the personal property was wiled to me.

Where does this kind of behavior fit in the realm of manners or etiquette — or maybe even criminal activity? My mother had specific items listed in her will to give to certain people.

CONFUSED
IN ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

DEAR CONFUSED: The kind of behavior your ex-wife displayed does not fit into the realm of manners or etiquette, but it certainly qualifies in the category of criminal activity. Have your attorney demand (in writing) that the stolen items be returned immediately, or the police will be notified and a theft report filed.

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DEAR ABBY: A number of years ago my husband's sexual interest stopped. Initially, because I begged him, he consulted a few doctors and we went to several therapists. Nothing worked. There are no indications that there is another woman. The only other "woman" he seems to be interested in is "Mary," as in "Bloody Mary."

I recently met a much younger man (I'll call him Joel), and there is a strong mutual attraction. He will be working in this country only a couple of months, after which he will return home to his fiancee. In light of my imposed celibacy, would a tryst with Joel really be adultery? For many reasons I will never divorce my husband.

UNTOUCHED TAMALE

DEAR UNTOUCHED: Yes, a tryst with Joel would really be adultery. A short fling won't quench your thirst — it will only stimulate your appetite and create more problems. I'd advise against it.

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DEAR ABBY: I am 26 and have been engaged for two years. The problem is that my fiance doesn't want to make a life for us. He is 28, and still lives at home with his divorced 51-year-old mother and her 38-year-old live-in boyfriend.

My fiance has no living expenses and operates his own business. He talks about finding a place for us, but it's just talk — he never makes any effort. I have tried everything to motivate him, but nothing seems to work.

Abby, his living arrangements and his procrastination about finding us a place to live together don't seem normal. Should I just throw in the towel?

UPSET IN MISSOURI

DEAR UPSET: Not yet. Since your fiance hasn't moved forward in finding the two of you a place to live, begin looking on your own. If you find something affordable, take him to see it so you can sign a lease together. If he starts making excuses — then it's time to throw in the towel.

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Wednesday, July 21, 1999

Today is the 202nd day of 1999 and the 31st day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1861, the first significant battle of the Civil War began — the Battle of Bull Run Creek.

On this day in 1971, Carole King earned a gold LP for her album "Tapestry."

On this day in 1988, Michael Dukakis, the governor of Massachusetts, accepted the Democratic presidential nomination at the party's convention in Atlanta, Ga.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Hart Crane (1899-1932), poet; Ernest Hemingway (1899-1961), writer; Marshall McLuhan (1911-1980), mass-media expert; Isaac Stern (1920-), violinist, is 79; Don Knotts (1924-), actor, is 75; Norman Jewison (1926-), producer-director, is 73; Robin Williams (1952-), comedian-actor, is 47; Jon Lovitz (1957-), comedian, is 42; Tom Chambers (1959-), basketball player, is 40.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1963, Jack Nicklaus won the PGA golf tournament in Dallas, Texas.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Much learning does not teach understanding." — Heraclitus

TODAY'S MOON: Day after first quarter (July 20).

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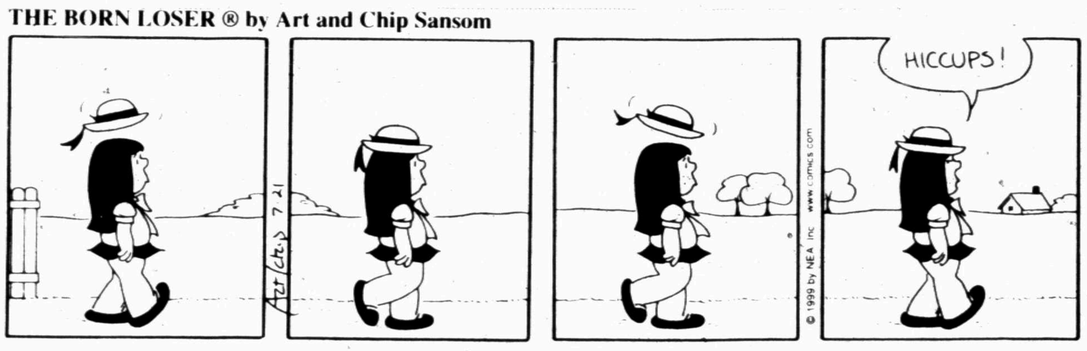
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6 Gravel ridges
10 Fastened
12 Gradual slope
14 Drink alcoholic beverages
15 Most peculiar
16 Nonprofit TV
17 Delay
19 — fixe (obsession)
20 Table centerpiece
23 Fiber plant
26 — de France
27 Crusted dessert
30 Lasso ends
32 Football coach Weeb —
34 Imaginary
35 Mock
36 Youth org.
37 — Paulo
39 Farm buildings
40 Having made a will
42 Norway's capital
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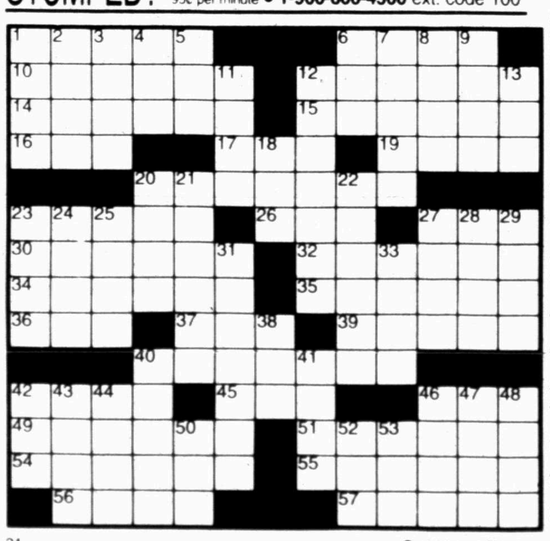
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2 Poetic foot
3 Teases
4 Yalie
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6 Ancient
7 — Hawkins Day
8 Served perfectly
9 Stand
11 Editor's note
12 Bulged the eyes
13 Fr. holy woman
18 Jackie's 2nd mate
20 Facilitate
21 Polite word
22 Most recent
23 Slight intentionally
24 Charged particles
25 Bird found in swamps
27 Bucket
28 — -China
29 — out (stretches)
31 Long, deep cuts
33 Soft cheese
38 Ear (comb. form)
40 Hot brandy drink
41 Vast period of time
42 Single
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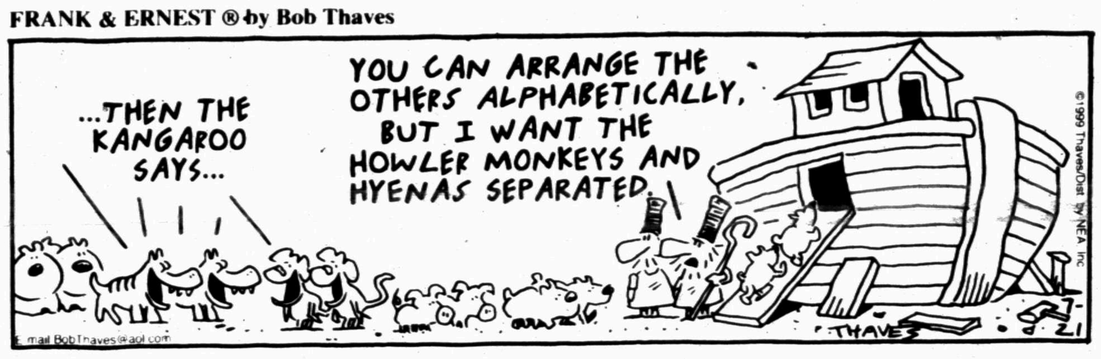
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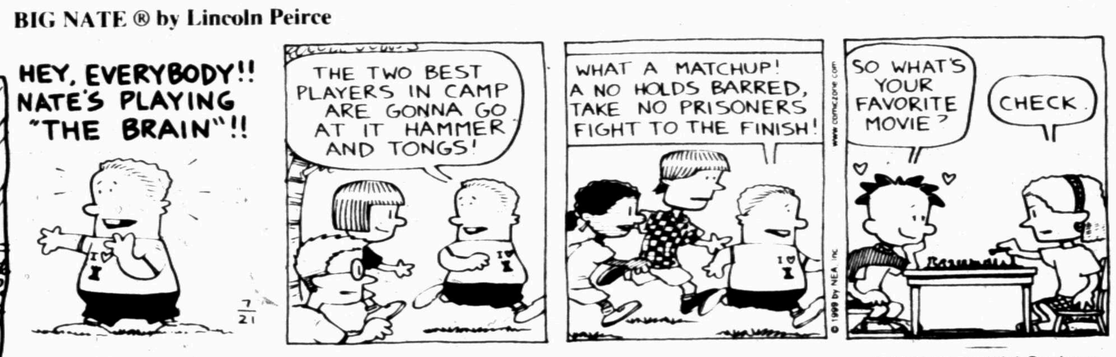
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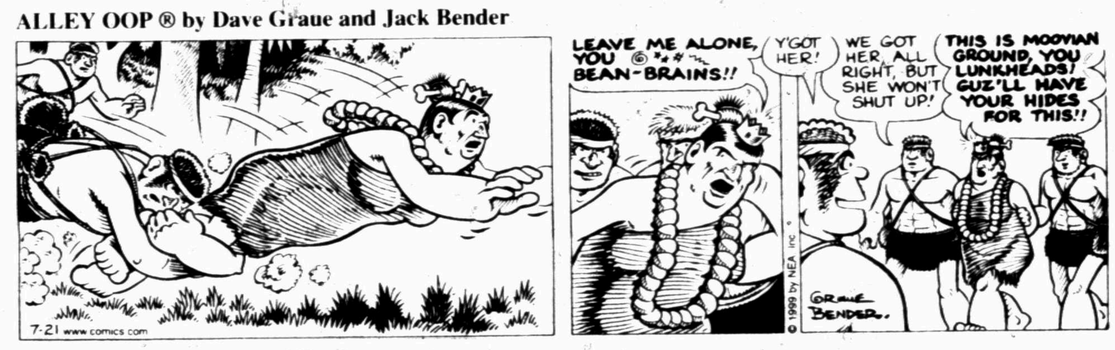


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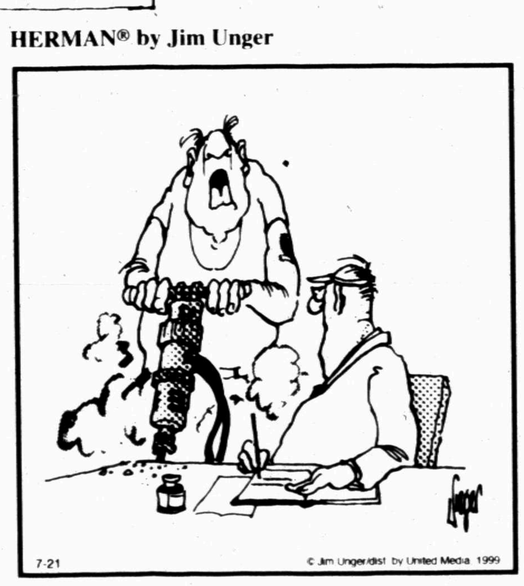
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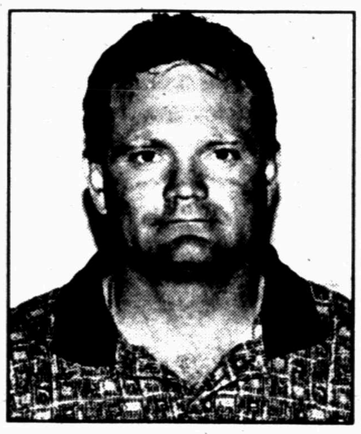




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SPORTS

Las Cruces coach fills SHS vacancy


Robert Rogers

The task of completing Snyder High School's varsity football staff took less than a week.

Robert Rogers, an assistant coach at Mayfield High School in Las Cruces, N.M. for the past 10 years, has been selected to replace Matt Gutierrez who accepted the offensive coordinator's position at Fort Stockton last weekend.

Rogers, who played at Kansas Wesleyan and Panhandle State, will be the Tigers' secondary and running backs coach.

During his 10-year tenure at Mayfield, the 4A New Mexico high school won four district titles, advanced to semifinals five times, and won three state championships.

Rogers has a wife, Leanne, and two children, Samantha, 6, and Chance, 3.

Rogers joins Chris Henson as newcomers to the Tigers' varsity staff. Henson, who coached at SJHS before serving as freshman coach, replaced Bob Wood last month. Wood was named the new head coach and athletic director at Coahoma High School.

Charlie Bollinger, a Snyder High School graduate, was moved from the junior high to take over Henson's freshman duties. Derek Price was promoted to junior high athletic coordinator.

SHS still has two positions to fill, both of them on the Lady Tigers' staff. Girls' athletic coordinator Sam Tipton is looking for a head softball coach and an assistant basketball coach. Those openings were made when Carmen Bohannon took the softball job at Midlothian, and Vanessa Gutierrez accepted a position in Fort Stockton.

Spurs' Elliott needs transplant

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Sean Elliott needs a kidney transplant, and knew of his worsening condition before the San Antonio Spurs made their championship run.

Dr. David Schmidt said today that Elliott consulted with his family before deciding on the transplant.

Elliott has had kidney disease for some time, and Schmidt said there has been a serious deterioration of the 31-year-old forward's renal function.

He could be operated on as early as next month, or as soon as a match is found. Family members underwent blood screening Monday to see if they qualify as donors.

The doctors said they don't know a precedent for a professional athlete returning to competition after such an operation. Elliott, a 10-year NBA veteran, said he doesn't think his career is over.

"I would rather go out the way I want to go out," he said. "I think every athlete feels that way. ... I feel like I am going to play again."

"It depends on when I could have the surgery done and how I come back from it."

Dr. John Reinieck, a kidney specialist, said Elliott needs the transplant by late this year or he will require dialysis to avoid such symptoms as exhaustion, nausea and weight loss.

Elliott averaged 11.9 points and four blocks in the playoffs as the Spurs won their first championship. He had 14 points and four assists in a 96-89 victory over the New York Knicks in Game 4 of the Finals.

His biggest shot of the playoffs was a game-winning 3-pointer with nine seconds left in Game 2 of the Western Conference finals against Portland.

The off-balance shot came with Elliott on his tiptoes and almost out of bounds. It ranks with some of the toughest game-winning shots in NBA playoff history.

Schmidt said the shot was nothing compared to the grit Elliott showed in playing with his condition.

"It is a true testament to him, not only as a player but as an individual," Schmidt said.

Elliott was drafted out of Arizona by the Spurs in the first round in 1989. He was traded to the Pistons for Dennis Rodman, Isaiah Morris and future considerations in 1993. The Pistons tried to deal him to the Rockets in 1994 but the agreement fell through when Elliott failed his physical.

The Pistons ended up sending him back to the Spurs later that year for the rights to Bill Curley and a 1997 second-round draft choice.

Controversy surrounds U.S. rider

PARIS (AP) — Fueling a nagging controversy over Lance Armstrong, currently leading the Tour de France, Le Monde newspaper again reported today that traces of a banned anti-inflammatory drug had been detected in the American's urine.

A doctor on the medical commission of the International Cycling Union, however, repeated that no cases of improper drug use had been uncovered, which could mean that any rider who tested positive for such a drug has a medical waiver for it.

The daily said Armstrong was tested July 4, the day after he won the race prologue, and that traces were found of a corticosteroid.

Corticosteroids, anti-inflammatory and painkilling drugs which are not classed as steroids, but are considered banned substances unless prescribed by doctors for specific medical conditions such as asthma. Asthma inhalers, for instance, contain the drug.

If the report is confirmed, the next question would be whether he has a medical certificate allowing him to take the drug.

On Tuesday, Le Monde reported that a number of riders had been found to have traces of corticosteroids in their urine, including Armstrong, who has made a remarkable comeback from testicular cancer.

Rangers hitting stride at home

ARLINGTON (AP) — The Texas Rangers' second-half schedule is loaded with home games. Of their final 74 games, 45 are at The Ballpark in Arlington.

Now they're cashing in, winning five of six at home after the All-Star break following Tuesday night's 6-3 victory over the San Francisco Giants.

Texas has been getting strong pitching and defense, and the Rangers have been manufacturing runs without the long ball, their trademark.

"We're pitching well, we're playing good defense, but we're playing as well offensively as we have all year," Texas manager Johnny Oates said. "We're not hitting the home runs, but we're having good, patient at-bats and working the pitchers."

The Rangers didn't have a home run as they completed a three-game sweep of the Giants, but they drew seven walks and put the ball in play.

"We're getting timely hitting with two outs and runners in scoring position," Rangers left fielder Rusty Greer said. "Homers are nice, but we'll take runs any way we can get them."

The Rangers got their first-ever interleague sweep, and have needed to play well to maintain their lead in the AL West since the Oakland Athletics also have put together a nice run after the All-Star break.

"We're starting to get a lot of confidence," shortstop Royce Clayton said. "The Giants are a good club that doesn't quit. We may have made it look easy, but it wasn't. It's nice to come back with a good stretch at home."

Rick Helling gave the Rangers a strong pitching performance, breaking a stretch of four straight no-decisions with 6 2-3 strong innings for his first win since June 16.

Helling (7-7) broke a string that included a loss in addition to the four consecutive no-decisions.

Jeff Zimmerman got the final two outs. He extended his club records to 21 scoreless relief appearances and 24 2-3 scoreless relief innings.

Shawn Estes (6-6) allowed six runs and eight hits in 5 2-3 innings. He struck out three and walked six.

The Giants were unable to get a runner past first until Barry Bonds' two-run homer in the seventh.

Texas took a 6-0 lead into the seventh when Jeff Kent singled, the Giants' fourth hit against Helling. Bonds followed with his 11th homer, a drive down the right-field line.

Helling sandwiched a walk and a single around a flyout, and was replaced by Mike Venafro, who allowed a run-scoring single to Scott Servais that made it 6-3. Venafro retired Marvin Benard on a popup to end the rally.

Helling allowed three runs and six hits, struck out four and walked two.

"He battled back from 2-0 counts and made some big pitches when he had to," Oates said.

Todd Zeile and Ivan Rodriguez drove in two runs each for the Rangers.

San Francisco has lost five of six overall and dropped seven of its last eight in interleague play.

"We ran into a hot club," Estes said. "I threw some good pitches and they hit them. Against a team like this, you can't make mistakes. I'm just glad interleague is over."

Texas took a 2-0 lead in the first against Estes on Zeile's two-run single. The Rangers extended the lead to 4-0 in the fourth on Clayton's RBI double and Rodriguez's sacrifice fly.

The Rangers added two runs in the sixth to make it 6-0. Luis Alicea doubled, went to third on Roberto Kelly's groundout and scored when Rodriguez beat the throw on a potential double-play ball. After Greer walked and Estes was removed from the game, Juan Gonzalez greeted reliever Jerry Spradlin with a single to drive in Rodriguez.

Tribe ends skid, trips Astros 7-1

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston manager Larry Dierker figured sweeping the Cleveland Indians was unrealistic, even with Shane Reynolds on the mound for the Astros.

He was right.

"With Shane going, I thought we had a chance (for a three-game sweep)," Dierker said. "But the way Bartolo Colon was pitching, it was obvious early on that it was going to be very tough to do."

With Colon (9-3) stopping the Astros on one run and five hits through eight innings, the Indians ended Houston's eight-game winning streak and avoided a sweep with a 7-1 victory Tuesday night.

Manny Ramirez hit a three-run homer and became the first player this season to reach 100 RBIs, and Jim Thome drove in three runs for the Indians, who finished interleague play 9-9.

Colon's fastball averaged 95 mph. Eight pitches were clocked at 100 mph on the radar gun, including two in the eighth inning.

Cleveland ended a four-game losing streak, its longest since last Sept. 22-25.

Colon improved to 4-0 in July with a 2.67 ERA. He's pitched eight innings in each of his last two starts and has allowed one run and a total of eight hits and 14 strikeouts.

Colon struck out six and walked none, and Mike Jackson finished the six-hitter.

Ramirez, who has 101 RBIs, hit his 26th homer in the third inning off Reynolds (10-7) following two-out singles by Omar Vizquel and Roberto Alomar.

"We'd been getting Ramirez out with fastballs away," Reynolds said. "I gave him a fastball low and away on 3-2, figuring he'd hit it to the deepest part of the park, but he he hit it out."

SDN Sports Briefs

Couples golf tourney

The 25th annual Raggedy Ann and Andy golf tournament will be held July 31 and Aug. 1 at Snyder Country Club. Entry fee is $200 per team, not including cart.

Prizes, based on a full field, will be $500 for first place, $400 for second and $300 for third in each pre-flighted division. Free food and beverages will be provided on the course, with a dinner slated for Saturday night.

Only the first 60 paid teams will be accepted, and deadline to enter is Wednesday. For more information, contact the SCC pro shop at 573-7101.

WTC junior golf clinic

A junior golf clinic for ages 10-17 will begin Monday at Western Texas College. Cost is $75 per student for the week.

Covered during the clinic will be the short game, putting, trouble shots, etiquette and rules, with video swing analysis also provided.

The first 50 golfers to register will be accepted. For more information, call the WTC pro shop at 573-9291.

Tennis camp

The Snyder Tiger Competitive Edge Tennis Camp will begin Monday for junior high through college-level athletes.

Allen Lee and selected instructors will train players in mechanics and strategies. Registration is limited to the first 40 entries. To register, contact Alan Lee at 863-2305.

Athletic physicals

All athletes needing to take a physical should do so prior to Aug. 3. SISD will pay for physicals through Aug. 3 only. 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 wishing to participate 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, athletic director's office, or Steve Krueger.

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

SCC scramble and MGA

A members' scramble is held each Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at Snyder Country Club. At 5:30 each Thursday, the Men's Golf Association hosts a 9-hole event. Thursday's format varies.

WGA couples play

The Women's Golf Association of Snyder Country Club will hold a mixed foursomes event Friday evening at 5:30.

Kiwanis golf tourney

The Snyder Kiwanis Club Hubert and Mary Cargile Memorial Golf Tournament will be held Aug. 7 at Western Texas College. All proceeds will benefit the Kiwanis Cargile Scholarship Foundation at WTC.

There will be drawings for merchandise, and cash prizes for the top four teams. Hole-in-one prizes are $10,000 and Top-Flite Tour Irons.

Entry fee is $120 per team. Players can register by calling Brenden McNeil at 573-1432, Russell Fisk at 573-3438 or 573-3267, and Melanie or Linda at American State Bank, 573-4041. Sign-ups will also be taken at the WTC pro shop.

Major League Baseball

American League
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East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	55	37	.597	—
Boston	52	42	.553	4
Toronto	51	45	.531	6
Tampa Bay	41	53	.436	15
Baltimore	40	53	.430	15½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	58	35	.624	—
Chicago	44	47	.484	13
Kansas City	38	55	.409	20
Detroit	38	56	.404	20½
Minnesota	37	55	.402	20½

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Texas	53	40	.569	—
Oakland	48	45	.516	5
Seattle	45	48	.484	8
Anaheim	42	50	.457	10½

Tuesday's Games

Tampa Bay 5, Philadelphia 4, 13 innings
Chicago Cubs 8, Kansas City 7
San Diego 2, Anaheim 1
Oakland 4, Colorado 3
Cincinnati 5, Detroit 2
Boston 7, Florida 1
Baltimore 4, N.Y. Mets 1
Toronto 11, Atlanta 6
N.Y. Yankees 7, Montreal 4
Milwaukee 5, Chicago White Sox 4
Cleveland 7, Houston 1
Minnesota 4, St. Louis 2
Texas 6, San Francisco 3
Anzona 6, Seattle 0

Wednesday's Games

Kansas City (Appier 3-8) at Detroit (Thompson 8-8), 7:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Mussina 12-4) at Boston (Saberhagen 6-3), 7:05 p.m.
Toronto (Hentgen 6-7) at Cleveland (Burba 7-6), 7:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Witt 5-5) at New York (O.Hernandez 10-6), 7:35 p.m.
Chicago (Navarro 7-8) at Minnesota (Milton 3-8), 8:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Olivares 8-7) at Texas (Sele 8-6), 8:35 p.m.
Oakland (Heredia 6-5) at Seattle (Fassero 4-10), 10:35 p.m.

National League
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East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	57	38	.600	—
New York	54	41	.568	3
Philadelphia	50	42	.543	5½
Montreal	34	56	.378	20½
Florida	35	59	.372	21½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	55	38	.591	—
Cincinnati	52	39	.571	2
Milwaukee	46	46	.500	8½
Pittsburgh	46	47	.495	9
St. Louis	46	48	.489	9½
Chicago	44	47	.483	10

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Francisco	51	43	.543	—
Anzona	50	45	.526	1½
San Diego	48	44	.522	2
Los Angeles	43	49	.467	7
Colorado	41	51	.446	9

Wednesday's Games

Pittsburgh (Cordova 5-4) at Chicago (Lieber 8-3), 2:20 p.m.
New York (Reed 7-3) at Montreal (Smith 1-4), 7:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Maddux 10-5) at Florida (Springer 4-10), 7:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Jimenez 5-9) at Cincinnati (Villone 4-3), 7:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Person 3-2) at Milwaukee (Karl 7-7), 8:05 p.m.
Arizona (Reynoso 5-1) at Houston (Elarton 5-3), 8:05 p.m.
San Diego (Hitchcock 9-6) at San Francisco (Ortiz 11-6), 10:05 p.m.
Colorado (Astacio 9-8) at Los Angeles (Valdes 8-7), 10:35 p.m.

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Charlotte	8	8	.500	2
Detroit	8	8	.500	2
Orlando	8	9	.471	2½
Washington	5	12	.294	5½
Cleveland	4	14	.222	7

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	14	4	.778	—
Sacramento	12	6	.667	2
Los Angeles	11	6	.647	2½
Minnesota	9	6	.600	3½
Phoenix	6	10	.375	7
Utah	5	11	.313	8

Monday's Games

Orlando 77, Washington 52
Charlotte 73, Utah 66
Minnesota 76, Sacramento 69
Phoenix 60, Houston 48

Tuesday's Game

New York 61, Orlando 56

Wednesday's Games

Cleveland at Washington, 11:45 a.m.
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Minnesota at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

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Congress wants to axe F-22 stealth fighters

WASHINGTON (AP) — After controlling the skies over Yugoslavia and Iraq with impunity, the Air Force now finds itself locked in a high-flying political dogfight: a fierce battle to keep the F-22 stealth fighter from being gunned down by Congress.

Acting Air Force Secretary F. Whitten Peters told a Senate committee today the critical weapons program would have to be terminated if a House panel's proposal to suspend production prevails.

While it's extremely unusual for Congress to terminate a major weapons program, the politics in play suggest the Pentagon won't have an easy time saving its prized next-generation aircraft.

Action by House appropriators to suspend the $70 billion program caught the Pentagon by surprise. "Neither I nor anyone in this building — or anyone in the Air Force — was aware of the effort," Defense Secretary William Cohen complained.

Cohen, who was out of the country when the House Appropriations Committee acted last week, and Lockheed Martin Corp. have since launched a counteroffensive to save the plane.

"We need to stay a generation ahead of all the potential competition. ... The threat is constantly evolving," Cohen told the Senate Armed Services Committee on Tuesday. He said the workhorse F-15 that the plane is designed to replace represents the technology of the 1960s.

Peters, testifying before the same committee today at his nomination hearing to be Air Force secretary, said it would be more costly to suspend the program than to keep it going, because production capability and high-tech workers would be lost. He said it will take an additional $85 million per plane to keep the program going, far less than any viable alternative, while termination would lose a $24 billion investment.

The full House later this week will debate the Appropriations Committee's unanimous decision to take $1.8 billion the Pentagon wanted for six F-22s and to use it instead to buy more than 20 aircraft — including F-15s, F-16s, tanker and reconnaissance aircraft — and to boost bonuses for military pilots.

The F-22 reduction is part of a $266 billion military spending bill for the fiscal year that begins Oct. 1.

The Senate earlier voted to fully fund the F-22. But key senators including the Armed Services Committee chairman, Sen. John Warner, R-Va., hinted they might be having second thoughts.

"We can't be giving you a blank check to buy aircraft," Warner told Cohen.

One possibility: a House-Senate compromise that would keep the program alive but give the Pentagon fewer F-22s. The Pentagon plans to buy 339 of the planes and has already spent about $20 billion on the program.

But political realities suggest it will be hard to preserve a program to produce planes costing more than $200 million apiece, about four times the current cost of the F-15, which was used extensively and successfully in the Balkans campaign.

Dr. Gott by Peter Gott, M.D.

Doctor too dismissive of joint pain

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My 83-year-old mother has experienced progressively painful joints. She can barely go up and down stairs because of hip and knee pain. Her doctor's reaction was: "At your age, you've got to expect a few aches and pains." What do you think of a doctor who would tell a patient that?

DEAR READER: Your question is really composed of two parts: One is easy to answer, the other is difficult.

As people grow older, they universally exhibit signs of wear and tear. Weight-bearing joints — notably the hips and knees — are often prime targets for a degenerative type of arthritis called osteoarthritis. Such patients may have loss of joint space (with concomitant reduction in lubricating fluid), calcium deposits (which press on sensitive tissues), and irritation of the articulating surfaces. This condition almost always causes stiffness, pain on walking and loss of mobility.

At 83, after an active life, your mother is a prime candidate for one — or all — of the manifestations of osteoarthritis. In my opinion, she requires X-ray examination of her joints so that her physician can accurately assess the degree of deterioration. One of the many anti-arthritis medicines may help her. Her walking might be improved by cortisone injections or a course of physical therapy. As a last resort, she may want to consider surgery for knee or hip replacement. In my experience, all these techniques can be helpful.

The important fact to consider is that she need not become disabled. Although the elderly may not be made "whole" by treatment, they certainly can be aided to the point where they can continue to walk and enjoy independence.

The difficult portion of your question concerns the doctor's reaction to her predicament. She is surely experiencing more than run-of-the-mill aches and pains. I assume that she has made this plain to the doctor. If true, her concerns are being inappropriately disregarded by a physician who shows an unacceptable degree of insensitivity. If he is in his right mind, he should not react in such a callous and uncaring manner. Perhaps he is very young, or old and ready to retire, and cannot appreciate her degree of constant discomfort. Maybe he doesn't want her as a patient or is unaware of the treatable nature of her complaints. In any case, I say it's time for a change. Get her to another, more sympathetic doctor who will address her concerns. Keep looking until you find one who will behave.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Understanding Osteoarthritis." 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.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My 13-year-old daughter has blackheads in her ears. What can I do about this?

DEAR READER: I may be run out of town on a rail for suggesting this, but it's all right to pick at blackheads, which are plugged follicles in the skin. Make sure that your hands and your child's ears are clean, then take an ordinary bobby pin and firmly press the oval end over the blackhead. Usually, the material in the pore will be expressed out and up through the loop. If performed regularly, this ritual should alleviate the blockage that causes her blackheads.

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PETER GOTT, M.D.

Bush fund-raising team is powerhouse

WASHINGTON (AP) — The team helping Texas Gov. George W. Bush smash all campaign fund-raising records includes governors, members of Congress and corporate executives.

Many of Bush's "Pioneers" — volunteers who have raised $100,000 — have been supporters of the governor's two statewide campaigns in Texas. Others were supporters of his father, former President George Bush, or his brother, Florida Gov. Jeb Bush.

"A lot of friends had been encouraging him for months to consider a run for the presidency," Bush national finance chairman Don Evans said. "They indicated they would work to raise money for him and they are."

The money is pouring in. Bush already has raised $37 million in the first six months of his campaign — more money than the 1996 GOP nominee, Bob Dole, took in for his entire campaign. Bush already has raised nearly 27,000 donations of $1,000 — the maximum individual contribution allowed by law. In 1996, all of the Republican presidential candidates combined received 48,786 contributions of $1,000.

"When it comes to this kind of scant enthusiasm for joining the Pentagon's battle. Freeing up money to buy other planes and increase pilot compensation is a popular move in Congress, where strict spending caps don't leave a lot of leeway for finding extra dollars.

—The cut is endorsed by some of the most pro-military lawmakers, including the Appropriations Committee chairman, Rep. Bill Young, R-Fla.; Rep. Jerry Lewis, R-Calif., who chairs the defense subcommittee; and Rep. John Murtha, D-Pa.

—House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., and Minority Leader Dick Gephardt, D-Mo., both support the cutback. Some money saved from the F-22 program would be used to buy eight more F-15s, produced by Boeing in Gephardt's St. Louis district.

With former House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., gone, Lockheed lost a forceful advocate on Capitol Hill. The F-22 is built by Lockheed in Marietta, Ga., near Atlanta.

"Any time one body votes to kill a brand new weapons system, it's in trouble," conceded Sen. Max Cleland, D-Ga., a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee. He promised to fight to restore "every dollar I can" to the program.

Lockheed officials claim the aircraft is performing well in tests and is on track and within budget. But critics claim the plane is still too expensive.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



North 07-21-99
♠ Q 10 8
♥ Q 7 4 3
♦ A Q 10
♣ K 9 2

West
♠ J
♥ K 6 5
♦ 9 6 5 3 2
♣ J 8 6 3

East
♠ A 9 5 3 2
♥ ---
♦ J 8 7 4
♣ A 10 5 4

South
♠ K 7 6 4
♥ A J 10 9 8 2
♦ K
♣ Q 7

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: West

South	West	North	East
	Pass	1 ♣	1 ♠
2 ♥	Pass	3 ♥	Pass
4 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♠ J

Against four hearts, West leads the spade jack, which East probably wins with the ace. (If East ducks, it isn't fatal, but makes life more difficult for his side.) Having no reason to switch to a minor, East will continue with the spade two, his lowest card acting as a suit-preference signal for clubs. (If East wanted a diamond return, he would have led the spade nine, his highest spot.) West ruffs, switches to a club, and gets a second ruff for one down. No great sweat.

Three no-trump, though, is a much more difficult nut to crack. After the spade-jack attack, declarer waltzes home with at least nine tricks, and probably more. Yet there are two leads that overthrow three no-trump. West must start with the club jack or eight. (The three and six aren't good enough if declarer, using his seven to full advantage, guesses the distribution, which he probably would do, based on East's overcall.) However South maneuvers, the defenders can get one spade, one heart and three club tricks. Yet how would West ever find either of these leads? They do not refer to reality.

The opening comment was made by Albert Einstein.

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Reality and abstract

By Phillip Alder

Who said this? "As far as the laws of mathematics refer to reality, they are not certain, and as far as they are certain, they do not refer to reality."

Sounds like the introduction to a bridge deal built around percentages, but that's not the theme today! The normal contract is four hearts by South. How should the play go? Now consider an unlikely contract: three no-trump by South. Can the defenders defeat it?

Markets

Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP					
High	Low	Last			
AMR Corp		71¼	69 9-16	70¾+	¼
AT&T Corp s		59 9-16	54 3-16	54 11-16+	½
Albertsons		53 13-16	52 11-16	52 13-16	
AlldSignal		65	64½	64½+	½
Alltel		70 15-16	68¾	70¾+	1¾
AmOnline s		117¾	113¾	117	5-16+ 4¼
Ameritech		75¾	74 7-16	75 11-16+	11-16
AndrkPtr		34¾	34 5-16	34 5-16—	7-16
Armcolnc		6 11-16	6¾	6 11-16+	1-16
AtlRichfld		88 11-16	87 13-16	87¾—	2
ATMOS Egy		25 7-16	25 3-16	25 7-16+	1-16
Aviall		17¾	16¼	16¾—	5-16
BP Amoco		113¾	112¼	112 7-16—	2 5-16
BakerHughes		32¼	31¾	32 —	3-16
Bank of Amer		71 13-16	71 3-16	71½—	¼
BellAtl		66½	65¾	66¼+	15-16
BellSouth s		47 3-16	46¾	47 1-16+	¾
BethSteel		8 3-16	8⅜+	1-16	
BurlNoSFe s		32 15-16	32 9-16	32 13-16+	3-16
CBS Corp		45¾	45 7-16	45 9-16—	¼
Caterpillar		60 13-16	60¼	60 7-16+	¼
CenSoWst		21 13-16	21 11-16	21¾+	1-16
Chevron		92 15-16	91¾	92 5-16—	1
Citigroup s		49 11-16	48 11-16	48 13-16+	3-16
Coastal		39 9-16	39 3-16	39¼	
CocaCola		63¼	62 15-16	63¼+	9-16
ColgatePal s		52 7-16	50¼	51⅜—	7-16
ComclMetals		32¼	31½	32¼+	¼
CooperIn		54 7-16	54¼	54 5-16+	3-16
CyprusAmax		13 5-16	13 1-16	13 5-16+	⅛
DaimlrChry n		88 7-16	87 5-16	87⅛+	5-16
DallSemicn		51 15-16	51	51 3-16—	5-16
DeltaAirl s		63¾	61 11-16	63 3-16+	1 9-16
Dillards Inc		34½	34	34¼+	1-16
DowChem		125¾	124 7-16	124¼+	½
DuPont		71¾	70 9-16	71 3-16+	⅜
EastmanChem		53 1-16	52¾	53 1-16+	⅜
EstKodak		75	73 5-16	74 1-16+	13-16
EDS Corp		64 5-16	63 11-16	63⅜—	½
Entergy		30 3-16	29 15-16	30 3-16+	5-16
Exxon		77⅞	76½	77 1-16—	⅛
Flowers		17¾	17¼	17¾+	¼
[illegible]		54 5-16	52¾	54 1-16+	¾
GTE Cp		77 13-16	76¾	77⅜+	1⅛
GenDynam		66 11-16	66	66⅜+	9-16
GenElec		117¼	116¼	117⅜—	7-16
GenMills		85 9-16	84¾	85 1-16+	7-16
GenMotors		67	66¼	66 11-16+	3-16
GaPacGP s		51¾	51¼	51⅜—	3-16
GlobalMar		15¾	15 5-16	15⅜—	½
Goodrich		42¾	42	42½+	⅛
Goodyear s		57 7-16	55¾	56 11-16—	15-16
GtAtlPac		36 11-16	36⅛	36⅜—	⅛
Halliburtn		43 5-16	42 9-16	43⅛—	3-16
Hanson ADS		46¼	46 5-16	46 9-16+	⅜
HarteHanks		25½	25 5-16	25 7-16+	3-16
HomeDepot		66 15-16	65¾	66¾+	1⅛
IBM s		129½	127	129 7-16+	1 3-16
IntlPaper		55 7-16	54 1-16	54¾+	9-16
JohnsonJn		96½	95	96⅛—	5-16
K mart		16	15 13-16	15 15-16+	⅛
Kroger Co s		29¼	28¾	29 —	⅜
Litton		72¾	71	72 +	1¼
LockheedM s		38¼	37¾	38 3-16+	3-16
Lowes Cos		59¼	58 3-16	58¼+	5-16
Lubys		15¼	15	15 1-16	
LucentTech s		71	68 5-16	69 3-16—	⅜
MayDeptStr s		41 9-16	40 15-16	40 15-16—	⅜
MediaOne		74 5-16	73¼	74 3-16+	7-16
Medtronic		73 15-16	73¼	73 11-16+	¼
Mobil		101⅛	99 13-16	100 3-16—	1½
Monsanto		40¼	39 11-16	40 1-16+	⅜
MorganJP		134 11-16	133 11-16	134	
Motorola		93⅜	90½	93¾+	2¼
NCR Corp		50 13-16	49¼	49¼+	7-16
Navistar		47¾	47¼	47½	
Penney JC		46¼	46¼	46 9-16+	1-16
PennzEnergy s		15 15-16	15¾	15 13-16—	¾
PepBoys		18	17 13-16	18 +	1-16
PepsiCo		41½	40	40¾+	1⅛
PhelpDodge		63¾	61¾	61¾—	2 3-16
PhilipPet		53	52 7-16	52¾—	¼
PilgrmPrd B		23¼	23	23¼+	3-16
Polaroid		22 13-16	22½	22¾+	3-16
Praxair		47 9-16	46½	47 9-16+	5-16
ProctGamb		90½	89 9-16	90 1-16—	3-16
PubSNwMx		21¼	21¼	21 3-16+	3-16
ReliantEngy		28	27½	28 +	7-16
RoyalDut		62¼	61 9-16	61 13-16—	15-16
SBC Comm		58 11-16	57 15-16	58 9-16+	7-16
SaraLee s		22¼	22 11-16	22¼	
Scripps EW		51¼	51¼	51½—	3-16
SearsRoeb		44 3-16	43	43 1-16—	15-16
SherwinW		29½	28 15-16	29 —	¼
SmithklBchm		61 9-16	60¾	60 13-16—	9-16
SouthernCo		27 5-16	27	27⅛+	⅛
SwstAirl s		21¼	20¾	21 1-16+	11-16
SprintFON s		53¾	52 13-16	52 15-16+	¼
SprintPCS n		58 13-16	57¾	57 7-16—	15-16
Sunoco Inc		33¾	33¼	33¼	
TNP Ent		38¼	37¾	38¼+	1¼
Tandy s		53¾	51¾	53¼+	1¾
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Tenneco		24 3-16	23 3-16	23 3-16—	1
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TylerTech		5¾	5¾	5¾—	1-16
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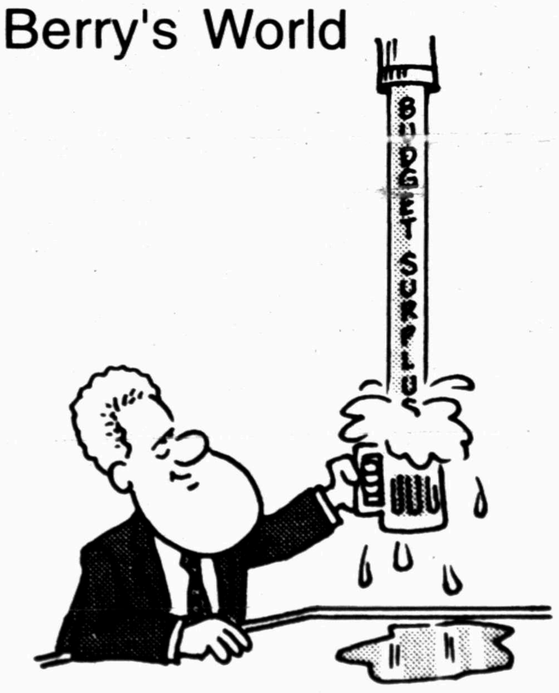
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Scurry County Country

Some farmers battle grasshoppers in fields

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Producers in some parts of Texas are hopping mad about the high numbers of grasshoppers in their fields and crops, the Texas Agricultural Extension Service reports.

Dr. Cliff Hoelscher, extension entomologist in College Station, said the grasshopper problem started in early spring and will continue through the summer.

"We have about 63 counties that have very abundant grasshopper populations," Hoelscher said.

He said forage loss in pastures has not been severe because of the good rainfall the southeast Texas area has had lately.

"Last year was dry and the grasshoppers ate all the forage," Hoelscher said. "This year the grass is growing quickly and is replacing itself."

He said the real problem is the migration of adult grasshoppers into crops such as corn, sorghum and cotton and into home gardens.

"Homeowners and home gardeners in rural areas have experience difficulty in achieving control because of migration of the adult grasshoppers," Hoelscher said.

He added that it is fairly easy to kill grasshoppers that are in one area, but the reinfestation of grasshoppers into previously treated areas is a serious problem. Insecticide treatment with Sevin has proven effective, he said.

"To treat the area with Sevin costs about 8 to 9 dollars per acre," Hoelscher said.

He added that with the present low commodity prices, many producers are choosing not to treat.

He said the method of treatment will depend on the size of the area being treated.

"People trying to protect areas that are smaller than 30 or 40 acres will continue to experience problems because of adult migration," Hoelscher said. "You can kill the grasshoppers in an area today, but within three to five days the adults from untreated areas will move into the previously treated areas."

He said there are 147 species of different grasshoppers that infest Texas, so when environmental conditions are favorable, grasshopper outbreaks can and do occur.

"We normally get some natural control from a fungus disease that attacks the newly-hatched grasshoppers, but the fungus has not been active during the past two years," Hoelscher said.

He said insects occur in cycles and this naturally occurring fungus just has not built up. He added that there is no way to produce it in the laboratory and release it in the field.

Hoelscher said the way the insecticide is applied can determine how effective the treatment is.

"We have found some distinct advantages in treating fence-row areas where grasshoppers congregate," he said. "What we have been doing is treating these areas and strip-treating the adjoining pasture area."

Hoelscher said grasshoppers are not evenly distributed, so if heavily-infested areas are treated, there will be a reduction in numbers.

"You will not get total control of the grasshoppers, but you will reduce them by 75 percent to 80 percent," he said.

Hoelscher added that producers wanting to treat large areas can use a different method of application.

"We've been successful in treating large ranches by air," he said. "This is the cheapest and most cost-effective treatment for grasshoppers."

Emery Boring, extension entomologist in Vernon, said his area is beginning to dry up.

"When that happens, the grasshoppers are moving into the fields are around them that are green," Boring said. "And right now they are moving out of pastures and onto trees, shrubs and gardens."

He said producers are in better shape this year because there is more moisture and there are a lot more green areas, so the damage is not as severe as during a time of drought.

"However, in spots where they don't have much moisture, it is just as bad as it was last year," Boring said.

He said the treatment can be expensive.

"They move out of pastures into garden areas and you have to spray and spray again," he said. "The cost eventually builds up."

Boring said it is better for homeowners to spray a bigger area.

"A lot of the times that is ineffective because the homeowner does not control the area that the grasshoppers are moving in from," he said.

"If you own the pasture next to your garden, you can make two effective applications," Boring said. "But if you don't own the pasture next to your garden you can do little to prevent infestation."

In West Central Texas, District Extension Director Scott Durham in San Angelo said rains have been scattered over the area.

"Cotton is continuing to make good growth," he said.

Sorghum fields are being cut and baled for hay and forage is maturing.

"The wheat harvest is complete," Durham said, "and the production was poor to fair."

Livestock is in fair to good condition, but insect problems are increasing, he said.

"Pastures and range conditions are slightly above average due to the summer rains," Durham added.

The peach crop is light this year and later varieties are maturing, he said.

"The pecan crop load is heavy," Durham said.

In North Texas, District Extension Director Randy Upshaw in Dallas, said all crops could use some rain.

"Cotton is squaring and beginning to flower," he said.

Sorghum appears to be good, Upshaw said, but closer inspection reveals that quality and yields are lower than anticipated.

"Pastures are in good shape and ranchers are busy harvesting hay as quickly as possible," Upshaw said.

He added that grasshoppers continue to cause problems in crops and pastures.

The following specific livestock, crop and weather conditions were reported by district extension directors:

PANHANDLE: soil moisture is very short to adequate. Corn in silk and tassel stage; spider mites beginning to develop. Cotton squaring; fleahoppers and lygus bugs a problem. Peanuts pegging. Sorghum doing well. Cattle in good to excellent condition.

Colorado City

COLORADO CITY — Colorado City Livestock Auction had a run of 693 head of cattle for the Saturday, July 17, sale. Feeder steers and heifers steady to $2 higher. Slaughter cows and bulls were steady. Bred cows were $30 to $50 higher. Pairs were $25/pr. Higher. Trade was active and demand good.

Feeder steers:
400-500: 86-95
500-600: 82-88
700-800: 70-72.25
800-900: 67-74.25
Feeder heifers:
200-300: 95-105
300-400: 82.50-90
400-500: 77-83
500-600: 74-79
600-700: 71.25-75
Young cows: 570-715; aged 490-610
Pairs: 730-890
Slaughter cows high yielding: 41-45
Slaughter bulls: 47.25-52.50

Lubbock

LUBBOCK — The Lubbock Stockyards, Inc. had a run of 619 head of cattle for the July 15 sale. Cows were $2 to $3 cheaper. Yearlings and calves were steady. Trading and demand were good.

Slaughter cows:
(High dressing — cutters — utility 37 to 42.50
Canner and low cutters: 31 to 36.75
Slaughter bulls: 45 to 55
Feeder steers — choice:
300-400: 92-112
400-500: 80-95.50
500-600: 75-84.50
600-700: 72-81
700-800: 68-75
Feeder Heifers — choice:
300-400: 85-95
400-500: 75-87.50
500-600: 72.50-77.50
600-700: 69-74
700-800: 64-72.50
Feeder bulls — good and choice:
500-600: 75-82
700-800: 65-72.50
Cow and calf pairs:
Good: 650-850; Grade: 550-640
Springers: 425-650; baby calves: 100-175; doodlers: 150-240.

Retail stocks lead June Texas 100

AUSTIN — Led by a double-digit increase in the value of retail stocks and strong performances by high tech companies and non-high tech manufacturers, the Texas 100 Stock Index rose 6.9 percent in June, out performing the national indexes for the second consecutive month.

The Dow Jones Industries Average gained 3.9 percent during June, and the Standard and Poor's 500 gained 5.4 percent. During the last 12 months, however, the Texas 100 stocks have risen 15.9 percent, while the Dow has risen 22.6 percent.

Retail stocks rose 12.9 percent in June as consumer optimism remained high.

"Consumers recognize that the economy is strong, and their confidence that Texas will continue to see economic growth is reflected in retailers' profits," Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander said.

Share prices for high tech companies rose 9.9 percent. Texas Instruments Inc. is the star of this sector with a 31.7 percent gain. TI recently purchased Telogy Networks, an Internet telephone firm.

The Texas 100's other manufacturing (non-high) companies saw their stock prices rise 7.8 percent. Strong performances by Pilgrim's Pride (up 45 percent) and Bridgestone Corp. (up 16.6 percent) helped offset losses by other companies in the sector. General Motors Corp. stocks, for example, continues to suffer from slumping sales of GM vehicles.

The Texas 100 Stock Index tracks the stock values of Texas' 100 largest employers, with 93,000 workers and an annual payroll of more than $26 billion. The June index stands at 137.4, meaning that a $100 investment in the Texas 100 companies in December 1999 would have been worth $137 in June 1999.

ICA group sets college

SAN ANTONIO — The Independent Cattlemen's Association (ICA) will hold the first-ever ICA Cattlemen's College prior to its 25th annual trade show and convention to be held Aug. 1-3, at the San Antonio's Omni Hotel and Convention Center. Pfizer Animal Health will co-sponsor the event to be held on Sunday, Aug. 1.

The college's featured speakers include Pfizer's Quality Ambassador Dr. Cary Bielamowicz, who will show producers how to generate more cash for their product through his class on "Beef Quality Assistance." Dr. Lew Hunnicutt of Southwest Texas State University will add "Efficiencey Within Cow/Calf Production." Dr. Robert K. Lyons of the Texas Agricultural Extension Services will teach a class on "Range Management Decision."

After a break for the trade show and reception that all attendees are welcome to attend, the college resumes for the final two classes. Ken Weidenfeller, chief pesticide inspector for the Texas Department of Agriculture, will speak on "Laws and Regulations for Pesticide Control." Wrapping up the college will be Dr. Buddy Fairies, associate professor and extension veterinarian for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. Dr. Fairies will teach "Diagnosis of Common Cattle Diseases."

Cattle producers attending the college will receive two IPM-CEU credits toward their pesticide license re-certification. Both the "Laws and Regulations for Pesticide Control," and the "Range Management Decision" classes qualify for Continuing Education Until credits.

The ICA Cattlemen's College is free and runs from 1 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 1. Advance registration is not required to attend, but producers who RSVP to ICA by July 26, are eligible for numerous attendance awards drawn during the program.

All area cattle producers are encouraged to attend.

To RSVP, or for more information, contact Chara McMichael at (512) 836-1321.

Town & Country Topics



By Kathryn Roberts, county extension agent

Reading food labels

Information on the Nutrition Facts label can make it easier for you to know how a packaged food fits into your food plan. Of all the information given, four areas are critical to blood glucose and lipid control.

1. **Serving Size** — The amount or portion that contains the calories and nutrients that are listed on the label. This portion may be different from what you consider a serving. It's usually smaller!

2. **Total Fat** — Compare similar products and choose those that are lower in fat to help lose weight.

3. **Saturated Fat** — The type of fat that increases risk of heart disease. Everyone should choose products that are lower in saturated fat.

4. **Total Carbohydrate** — Used to figure how many "carbohydrate choices" are contained in a stated serving.

REMEMBER: 15 grams total carbohydrate = 1 carbohydrate choice.

Other important information on the label: Choose foods with more fiber. A healthy goal is to have 25-35 grams of fiber each day. Choose foods with less sodium. A simple food item such as canned vegetables or crackers should have less than 400 mgs of sodium. A prepared meal should have less than 800 mgs of sodium. Eating less than 2,400 mgs of sodium per day is a healthy goal for everyone.




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KLA surrendering weapons

PRISTINA, Yugoslavia (AP) — Ahead of a crucial deadline, NATO expressed satisfaction today that Kosovo's ethnic Albanian rebels were surrendering their heavy weapons and many of their small arms.

Under an agreement with NATO, the Kosovo Liberation Army must turn over most of its heavy weapons by midnight, including anti-tank and anti-aircraft weapons, grenades and other explosives. Also included are 30 percent of its submachine guns and automatic weapons, all of which must go into designated storage sites.

"Generally, yes, we're satisfied," with KLA compliance, Lt. Commander Louis Garneau, a NATO spokesman, said today.

The final deadline for demilitarization — which would see all weapons except hunting rifles and the like turned over — is Sept. 19. The first deadline in the process was June 28, when the KLA withdrew from front positions and set up storage sites. Midnight (6 p.m. EDT) is also the deadline for all KLA members not from Kosovo to leave the province.

Some Serb civilians in Kosovo are still thought to have illegal weapons, but the issue of Serb demilitarization was generally covered by Belgrade's withdrawal of Yugoslav army and Serb police units from Kosovo, as part of terms for the ending of NATO's 78-day airstrike campaign June 12.

Still, with ethnically inspired violence and general crime rife in Kosovo, illegal weapons possession remains a top NATO concern.

Garneau said Italian forces near Pec in western Kosovo on Tuesday swept through Gorazdevac, a Serb enclave, and nearby Posesce, a mainly ethnic Albanian village, and seized weapons, including rifle grenades, hand grenades, mines and rifles. There was no information on arrests.

On Tuesday, U.S. Gen. Wesley Clark, NATO's top commander in Europe, pledged that ethnic Albanians in the tense central Kosovo city of Orahovac would be safe. But Serbs in the town said they are under threat.

"We're going to take care of you," Clark told Kosovo Albanians who mobbed him in a central square. At the same time, he urged them to be tolerant of Serbs segregated in a small enclave of the town.

"It doesn't matter if you are Serbian or Albanian," he said. "If you are not guilty of any crime, you must be made to feel welcome."

As he spoke, smoke rose from a house in a nearby Serb neighborhood.

"Our houses are burning and (NATO) does nothing," said Novica Ulamovic, 40.

Five weeks after the alliance entered Kosovo and ended atrocities committed by Serb forces against the ethnic Albanians, it is now the dwindling Serb population that suffers most from daily incidents of arson, killings and abductions. Some are individual acts of revenge, others appear to part of an organized effort.

The leader of the Kosovo Liberation Army, Hashim Thaci, has denied his forces are engaged in such an effort. He has appealed to his followers to refrain from revenge, but repeats in speeches that there is no place in Kosovo for Serbs "with blood on their hands."

The rash of attacks has prompted appeals for the protection of Serbs by international bodies.

Mercury capsule has been recovered

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Like a ghost, the Mercury space capsule emerged from its 38-year-old grave at the bottom of the sea and came back to shore today to begin a new life as a monument to space exploration.

An underwater salvage team spent eight hours in darkness late Monday and early Tuesday reeling in the Liberty Bell 7 flown in 1961 by astronaut Gus Grissom, the second American in space.

The 71/2-foot aluminum-and-titanium craft arrived by ship at Cape Canaveral this morning, the 38th anniversary of its sinking after splashdown. A crane placed it on a dock where journalists and photographers were waiting.

Through the opening of the capsule's missing hatch could be seen dangling wires and a pile of corroded rubble, along with gray and green fabric straps that held Grissom in place during his flight.

"This is pleasure," Max Ary said as he sprayed water onto the capsule to keep it from deteriorating in contact with the air. "This spacecraft, there's not a day that's gone by in the last 20 years that I haven't thought about it."

Ary is president of the Kansas Cosmosphere and Space Center in Hutchinson, Kan., which will clean up and eventually house the capsule

Earlier, expedition leader Curt Newport, who watched the capsule complete its three-mile trip back to the surface, described the experience as similar to traveling through time.

"When we were diving on it, it was on the bottom, it was still 1961. When we got it up to the surface, all of a sudden it was 1999. So it was almost like having this thing punch to the surface through some type of time portal or something," he said in a ship-to-shore news conference.

Brain surgery over; rehabilitation ahead

WICHITA FALLS (AP) — Brain surgery that was completed to better control a teen-ager's seizures will now require several months of rehabilitation, but doctors hope the operation will provide a life that is free of the violent attacks.

Christopher Raines underwent the 51/2-hour operation to remove the right half of his brain Tuesday.

Raines, 13, was in stable condition today in the intensive care unit of Medical City Hospital in Dallas, where doctors said his surgery went smoothly.

Meanwhile, 10-year-old Leah Wellman from the Central Texas town of Aquilla was scheduled to have the left side of her brain removed today. That procedure was to be at Johns Hopkins University hospital in Baltimore.

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Two jailed Tuesday; offense report filed

Law enforcement activity Tuesday included two arrests, one offense report and two minor accidents.

At 9:20 a.m., a 25-year-old male was booked into jail on a misdemeanor charge of motion to revoke probation on an original charge of driving while intoxicated.

A 26-year-old male was taken into custody at 8:29 p.m. in the 1800 block of Scott on an outstanding Mitchell County warrant for bond forfeiture on an original charge of criminal trespassing.

Officers submitted an offense report for found property at 9:07 p.m. in the 200 block of 32nd Street in reference to a subject finding two bicycles. One of the bicycles was turned over to its owner at 10:57 p.m.

A minor two-vehicle mishap occurred at 11:35 a.m. in the 1300 block of 24th Street. Involved were a 1989 Pontiac Grand Am driven by Norma Jean Maldonado, 20, of 1305 24th Street and a 1982 Chevrolet Chevette driven by Norma Linda Medina, 29, of 1201 24th Street.

At 4:42 p.m., officers worked a two-vehicle minor accident in the 4600 block of Beaumont. Involved were a 1995 Cadillac Brougham driven by Jean Furrh Smith, 70, of 4708 El Paso and a 1997 Dodge Ram 2500 pickup driven by Daniel Alphonse Schlumpf, 23, of Wendthorst.

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Obituaries

Maurine Decker

1908-1999

Maurine Decker, a native of Scurry County, died Sunday, July 18, at her home in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Graveside service for Mrs. Decker, 91, is set for 11 a.m. Thursday in the Snyder Cemetery. A grandnephew, Dr. David Gibson of Granbury will officiate. Arrangements are under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born July 1, 1908 in Scurry County, she graduated from Snyder High School and attended Mary Hardin Baylor College. She returned to Snyder to teach in the public schools in the 1930s. She later taught school in Lubbock.

She married Herman Aweas on Dec. 28, 1938 in Snyder. He died in 1957. She married Stanley Decker on March 3, 1959 in Tulsa. He also preceded her in death.

Mrs. Decker had lived in Salt Lake City for approximately 35 years. She was a homemaker and a member of the First Baptist Church.

Survivors include a sister, Mattie Ross Consley of Salt Lake City; a sister-in-law, Marian Gibson of Dublin; three nephews, Dan Gibson Jr. of Granbury, Kenneth Gibson of Sidney and Bob Gibson of Rowlett.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 9:30 to 10:30 Thursday morning.

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Mollie Haley

1923-1999

LIVINGSTON – Mollie Haley, 76, died Monday, July 19, in Livingston Memorial Hospital.

Funeral service for Mrs. Haley is set for 3 p.m. Thursday in the Sterling Funeral Home Chapel in Dayton. Harold Isaacs will officiate and burial will follow in the French Cemetery in Kenefick.

Mr. Haley was reared in Kenefick and had lived in Livingston for the past 23 years. While living in Kenefick, she had owned Haley's Cabinet Shop and Choo Choo Lounge in Dayton. She was a member of the Beacon Bay Baptist Church.

Survivors include a daughter, Lillie Funderburg of Colorado City; three sons, Robert Majors of Jacksonville, Willie Noack of Livingston and James Haley of Houston; a brother, Willie Robert Parker of Segno; seven grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Jason Adams

1973-1999

WARREN, Ariz. – Jason Wade Adams, the son-in-law of Mike Wallace of Snyder, died Friday, July 16, in Warren, Ariz.

Funeral service was conducted Sunday in the Warren First Baptist Church.

Born May 3, 1973 in Alva, Okla., he married Heather Jannet Wallace on June 14, 1997. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, McKenzie Adams and Sierrah Adams, both of the home; his father and stepmother, Gary and Karen Adams of Alva, Okla.; his mother and stepfather, Martha and Tim Washburn of Denison; his paternal grandparents, W.L. and Edna Adams; his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Dillard Allen; two brothers, John Adams of Lamar, Colo., and Jeff Adams of Denison; two sisters, Jana Birenbaum of Dallas and Alana Adams of Alva, Okla.

Gerry Nunley

1950-1999

GRAHAM – Gerry Frank Nunley, the brother of Mickey Nunley of Snyder, died Tuesday, July 20, in a Shreveport, La., hospital.

Funeral services for Mr. Nunley, 49, are pending with Morrison Funeral Home. A native of Graham, Mr. Nunley was a resident of Bossier City.

Avery Highfield

Infant

BAYTOWN – Avery Shayne Highfield, infant great-granddaughter of Tommy and Mary Pherigo of Snyder, died Sunday, July 18, in a Baytown hospital.

Funeral service is set for 3 p.m. Friday in the St. Joseph Catholic Church with Fr. Stephen Mandry officiating. Burial will follow in the Cedarcrest Cemetery under the direction of Navarre Funeral Home.

Born June 23, 1999 in Baytown, she was the daughter of Shayne and Clarisse Highfield of Baytown.

Survivors also include a sister, Megan Burnett of Baytown; an aunt, Cindy Lee of Midland and formerly of Snyder; and grandparents, Vicki and Albert Highfield and Elvin and Cecile Burnett, all of Baytown; and other great-grandparents, Emile and Margarite Poier of St. Pierier, France.

events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Cheerleader camp

Registration for the 11th annual SHS Cheer camp will be from 5-6:30 p.m. today at Stars-R-Us. Camp cost is $40 and includes camp T-Shirts and halftime performance. For more information call 574-1293 or 574-1993.

Head Start registration

Scurry County Head Start registration continues until until 4 p.m. today at Snyder Day Care Center, 2800 2nd Street. The program is for children three years old on or before Sept. 1 and for four year olds. Birth certificates, immunization records and proof of income will be required. Call 573-7403 for more information.

Historical Commission

Scurry County Historical Commission will meet at 5 p.m. Thursday at the Scurry County Library to discuss plans for next month's unveiling of the new Santa Fe Railroad marker on the courthouse square.

Joy School

Joy School at East Side Church of Christ is now state licensed and will be open five days a week. The school is for ages 18 months to pre-kindergarten and begins Aug. 11. Parents may choose days wanted. Call 573-3554 for 575-1138 for more information.

King's Kids registration

First Baptist Church is currently registering for King's Kids, ages 1-5, and for Mothers' Day Out, six months to five years old. Call 573-2631 for more information.

Sonshine school registration

Enrollment is being accepted for the new Sonshine School for ages 2-5 to begin Monday at 37th Street Church of Christ. Call Lora Lord at 573-1700 or the church office at 573-0154 for more information or to register.

Seniors swimnastics

Swimnastics for senior citizens is held from 10 to 11 a.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays at Western Texas College.

Block party Friday

Boys and Girls Club end-of-summer block party will be held starting at 8 p.m. Friday on the athletic field behind the club. There will be volleyball, sack races, three-legged races, football, baseball, home run contest, free-throw shoot and three-point shootout. Bring towels and extra shorts for water sports. Age groups will be 7-10, 11-13, and 14 and over. There will be food and drink. Call 573-3344 for more information.

Healing clinic

A healing clinic will be held at 7 p.m. Friday at the Union Community Center, sponsored by the Road Back Ministries.

1989 class reunion

There is still time to RSVP for the 1989 SHS class reunion to be held Saturday. The public is invited and the charge is $7. For more information, call Christy Smith at 573-8392.

SHS Class of '79

The 20th reunion of the SHS class of 1979 will be held Saturday at the Wagon Wheel Ranch. Activities start at 10:30 a.m. with coffee and donuts for class members and their families. A 7 p.m. dinner will be served. At 9 p.m., the public is invited to dance to the music of Highway 208, at a charge of $5 per person. For more information contact Susan Blackard at 573-0989.

Rock and Roll quilting club

The quilting club meets every Monday from 8 a.m. until noon at Hermleigh Community Center for free quilting lessons. Everyone is invited. Call 863-2426 for more information.

Bible study tapes

Bible study video tapes air weekly on cable TV channel 2. The tapes to be shown at 7 p.m. Monday are "Being An Encourager," followed by "What Does God Do?"

Pre-registration

Pre-registration for Children's Day Out and Discovery School at First United Methodist Church will be held from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. next Tuesday at the church. The program is for ages one through four.

Garage sale items needed

Lighthouse Assembly of God, 1900 Trinity Blvd., is accepting items for their garage sale to benefit the church building fund. Furniture, clothes, appliances and other items are appreciated. Call 573-5124 or 573-2947 for pickup.

Road to Recovery program

Volunteers are needed to take patients to Abilene or Lubbock one day a week for cancer treatment. Following approval American Cancer Society, drivers will be provided liability insurance and can be reimbursed for fuel expenses incurred for the trip. For more information, contact ASC Road to Recovery volunteer coordinator Martha Schiebel at 573-8626 and leave a message, or Sammie Jarrell at 573-5993.

Support groups

Three different support groups meet at 6:30 the second Thursday of each month at the First Baptist Church. The groups include divorce recovery, cancer support group, and grief support group. Child care is provided.

Pick Three

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

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Cash Five

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

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Three gunmakers try to avoid lawsuit

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — Three major gun makers are in negotiations with New York state's attorney general to avoid being named in a lawsuit he plans to file.

The talks involve Colt's Manufacturing of Hartford, Conn., Smith & Wesson Corp. of Springfield, Mass., and Sturm, Ruger & Co. of Southport, Conn., a source told The Associated Press.

The negotiations with Attorney General Eliot Spitzer were first reported in today's editions of The New York Times.

House GOP pushes $792 billion tax cut to floor

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a risky roll of the political dice, House Republicans launched their $792 billion tax cut towards a showdown floor vote today with no guarantee there was enough support to pass it.

Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., met late into the night Tuesday with about a dozen shaky GOP moderates and said the votes needed for passage likely would be whipped up at the last minute on the House floor. Debate was expected to begin in the early afternoon.

"We never have them until right before the vote," Hastert told reporters. Earlier, he had appealed to GOP rank-and-file in a private caucus for party unity: "I need each and every one of you."

With only a wafer-thin majority in the House, GOP leaders could ill afford to lose their own members as long as Democrats remained virtually united in opposition — particularly on a bill so central to the Republican political agenda.

But the Republican moderates stood in the way.

Some questioned the accuracy of projected budget surpluses totaling $2.9 trillion over 10 years, while others wanted more of the money used to pay down public debt. Still others said it would eat up the money needed for Medicare and critical government spending — particularly if the economy turns sour.

"The votes are not there at this point," said Rep. Michael Castle, R-Del., who has offered a $514 billion alternative tax bill. "We need to have a smaller tax cut."

GOP leaders planned to offer moderates a chance to vote on a non-binding resolution stating that Congress would commit to reducing the $3.6 trillion debt to $1.6 trillion over 10 years, but many of them complained it had no teeth.

"It's being tossed out at the 11th hour and it has no meaning," said Rep. Ray LaHood, R-Ill.

In part to placate the moderates and in part to meet Senate budget rules, Archer on Tuesday reduced the bill's overall cost from $864 billion to $792 billion — the same level as a Senate GOP alternative. That means almost no significant tax relief would occur until 2001.

The Texas Republican said the savings would come by phasing in the 10 percent income tax cut slower, delaying the pace of repeal of both estate taxes and the alternative minimum tax, and by cutting corporate capital gains rates from 35 percent to 30 percent, instead of down to 25 percent.

The bill also would cut top individual capital gains rates from 20 percent to 15 percent, give new breaks for health care and education and raise the standard deduction for joint filers to ease the "marriage penalty" that hits millions of two-income couples.

Casting the bill as a hallmark of GOP smaller-government philosophy, the chairman of the tax-writing House Way and Means Committee, Rep. Bill Archer, R-Texas, told the Rules Committee that support for tax cuts "define the difference between Republicans and Democrats. ... This debate is about downsizing the power of Washington."

The Clinton administration and congressional Democratic leaders, meanwhile, presented unified opposition to the large Republican tax cuts as threats to the long-term solvency of Social Security and Medicare and to sufficient levels of government spending.

At a Capitol Hill news conference, Treasury Secretary Lawrence Summers warned that huge tax cuts also could have unwanted economic consequences, including higher interest rates, greater inflation and a larger public debt.

"The tax cuts that have been put on the table represent a reversal of course," Summers said. "Confidence is crucial. It is time for us to make the right and prudent decision."

President Clinton has proposed about $250 billion in net tax cuts and Summers spoke favorably of a $295 billion measure put together by Democrats on the Senate Finance Committee.

Clinton administration officials said the president would veto the large tax cut Republicans have proposed.

Friends of ex-SLA fugitive provide $1 million for bail

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Kathleen Ann Soliah, a '70s radical-turned-housewife, is returning to Minnesota after 250 friends and neighbors back home posted her $1 million bail.

In agreeing to have Ms. Soliah, 52, electronically monitored in St. Paul while awaiting trial on charges she planted bombs under police cars during the 1970s, Superior Court Judge Larry P. Fidler returned her to a life that had for years shielded her from an activist past.

The former member of the Symbionese Liberation Army had lived for 23 years as a fugitive, becoming Sara Jane Olson, a doctor's wife, local stage actress and mother of three girls. A tip after an "America's Most Wanted" segment led to her arrest in St. Paul last month.

Leaving jail on Tuesday, Ms. Soliah sounded every bit the housewife she had become, saying she was "just looking forward to going home and being with my family and experiencing with my daughters the trauma of everyday teen-age life, cooking food for my friends, saying hello to my dog Emma."

She is to return to St. Paul on Friday.

Ms. Soliah could face a life in prison if convicted of planting two bombs under two police cars in retaliation for a 1974 shootout with police that left six SLA members dead. The bombs never detonated.

Her attorneys say no evidence links Ms. Soliah to the plot, and say she disappeared for fear she would not receive a fair trial.

"I don't know if you realize what the '70s were like," said Susan Jordan, Ms. Soliah's attorney. "The war in Vietnam caused everybody to overreact. Nobody in that day and age wanted to be visible to law enforcement. This very prosecution, the origins of this prosecution, comes out of those times."

Prosecutor Michael Latin has acknowledged his is not "a slam dunk case," but said there is sufficient evidence to bring her to trial.

Ms. Jordan said it was unlikely her client would violate the trust placed in her by those who made her bail.

"If she absconded, one of these 250 people would know about it before the electronic monitoring people," she said.

The SLA was a radical group that kidnapped newspaper heiress Patricia Hearst, who was later imprisoned for taking part in an SLA bank robbery. Hearst has said she considers the Soliah case ancient history and does not want to testify.

Ms. Soliah's next court hearing is scheduled for Aug. 31.

Judge orders fen-phen maker to pay $125,000

SWEETWATER (AP) — A state judge has fined the maker of half the diet drug combination fen-phen $125,000 for breaching an agreement not to delay a June trial.

State District Judge Weldon Kirk last week ordered American Home Products to pay the fine to Esther Justice, who claims the diet drug fenfluramine caused an often-fatal lung disease. The Demotte, Ind., resident has sued the company for $25 million.

The judge also ordered American Home Products to reimburse Nolan County $1,065 for the expense of summoning a jury panel that was not used.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Thursday, July 22, 1999

Life could take on greater meaning for you in the year ahead especially in your social area. There's a good chance things will become far more active for you than you've experienced for some time.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) By the end of the day you should be feeling pretty good about yourself, because you could be sought out for advice, admired for your initiative and imitated for your effective methods. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Gentle measures, rather than push and shove, will work wonders for you today as you easily move others in the direction you'd like them to take. You're a good leader.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Luck favors you today in dealings you might have with large organizations or big groups, so if there's something special you wish to promote, now is the time to do so.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) The higher the stakes involved, the more apt you'll be at putting your shoulder to the wheel today. You'll be exceptionally responsive to material motivation.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Because your perspective could be rather expansive today, it could enable you to take small things and turn them into something grand. Take the initiative!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Chances are you'll have the wherewithal to be a major league coach when it comes to masterminding things for others today. The service you render could produce enviable rewards.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) If you should require a particular favor today, you'll probably not even have to voice your requests. Friends seem to be on the spot the moment you'll be in need.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) The achievement cycle you're in at the present moment has excellent potential to do something important, so don't waste your time on petty goals today. Aim for the stars.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Cupid might have some interesting changes in store for unattached Capricorns today, so be alert if romance should beckon you to come and participate.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) It's to your advantage today to finalize something on which you've been working. Once it's completed, it'll open up new avenues of opportunities.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Because your judgment is particularly keen today, now is the time to take on that tough decision you've been dodging. You'll correctly weigh the merits and disadvantages involved.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) To your credit, it doesn't look like you'll be using any red ink today when it comes to matters that pertain to commerce or finances. You'll be pretty shrewd in these types of negotiations.

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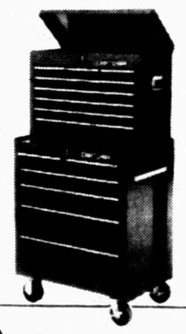
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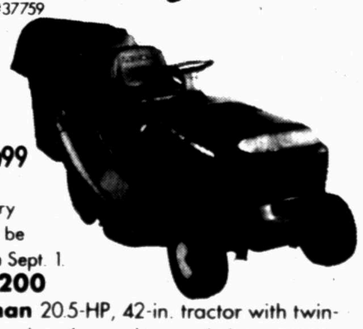
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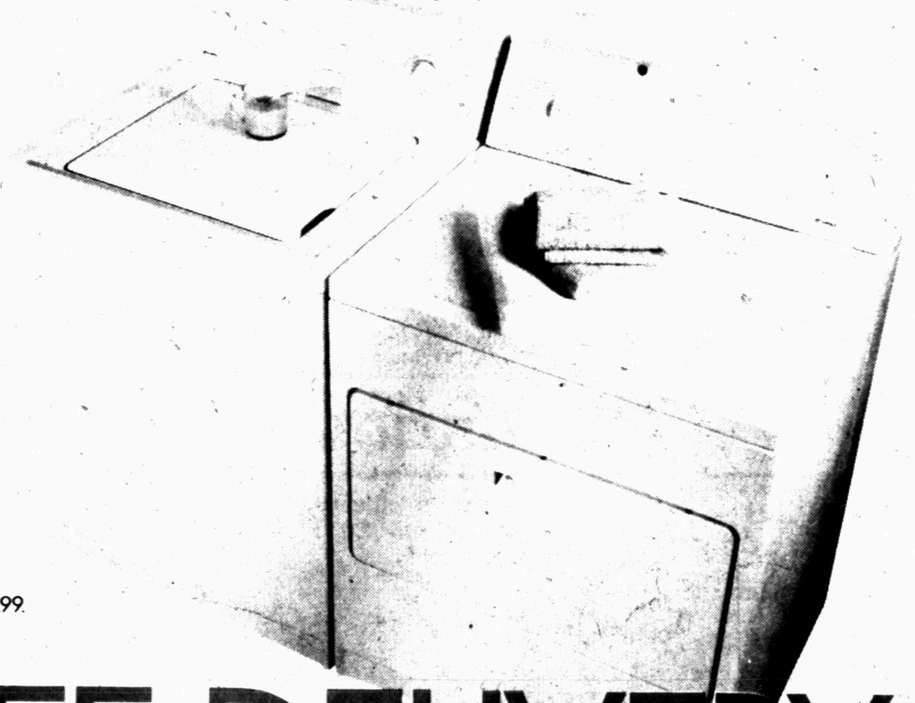
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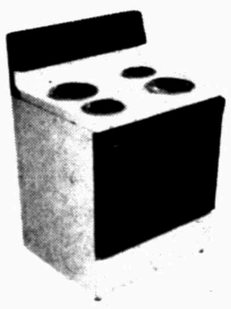
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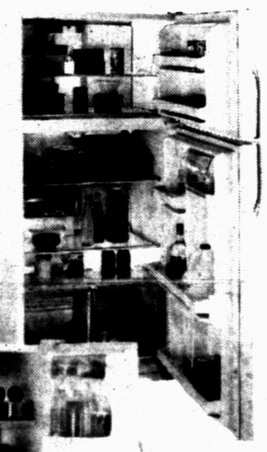
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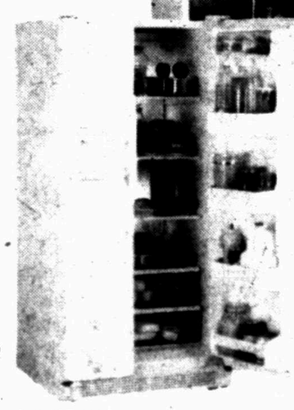


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