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LIGHTNING DISPLAY – Scurry County residents were treated to an intense lightning display Friday night. Although there was much thunder and lightning, the city's water plant only recorded .07 of an inch of moisture. Forecasters were keeping a slight chance of rain in the forecast for the entire weekend. (SDN Staff Photo by Wade Warren)

CEO search begins...

Cogdell board meets Monday

Cogdell Memorial Hospital's board of managers will begin the search for a new chief executive officer Monday when it meets at 8 a.m.

The board's agenda calls for the meeting to be in executive session.

Jeff Reecer, chief executive officer of the hospital since March 1994, has submitted his resignation to the board and will be leaving his post around the first of August.

Reecer and his family are moving to the Metroplex area.

Reecer said he is considering "a couple of opportunities in that area."

Also, he said there would be more opportunities for his wife, Dena, to continue her law practice.

"I think I am leaving Cogdell Hospital better than I found it," said Reecer. "And the next administrator will say the same thing about my tenure here.

"I feel good about what we have accomplished here," said Reecer.

Reecer is a native of Lockney and served as administrator of his hometown hospital before moving to Snyder.

While the hospital board is meeting Monday to begin the search for Reecer's successor, board president Jim Bob Cave has emphasized that the board will not rush into finding a replacement.

"We will find a person who we are really enthused about," said Cave.

Cave said Covenant Healthcare Systems could provide an interim administrator once Reecer leaves.

While Cogdell Hospital and Covenant are operating on a month-to-month management contract, Cave emphasized that the choice of a new CEO will be made by the local board.

"Our board is the one who will select the CEO. Covenant will not make the decision as to whom the new administrator will be," said Cave.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "A good parent is not a person to lean on, but a person to make leaning unnecessary.

For as long as we can remember (and that's a long time), we've been an avid newspaper reader.

We read it all, especially the obituaries. We have long contended that stories about the people who have died are not only important newsworthy events, they should and can be interesting.

In journalism school, students are taught that there are some people who only get their names in the paper three times – when they are born, when they get married and when they pass on.

Fortunately in a small community, there are numerous other times, even if you stay out of trouble with the law.

There has been a trend in the newspaper industry to charge families of the departed for obituaries. We continue to resist that trend because we consider it news.

Over the past 25 years, the SDN has run probably fewer than 25 paid obituaries. This has occurred only when the family has insisted on specific content that includes what is called editorial comments or other tributes such as poetry.

We think that obits should be interesting. A reader should get the idea what was important in the life of the individual – family, work, education, church, or maybe all of the above.

We like obituaries that include a list of pallbearers. Knowing a person's close friends tells a lot about an individual.

We've been asked why obits are published more than once. The reasons are varied.

Sometimes services are pending, but the SDN feels it important to tell readers of the death and where arrangements are being made.

Also, because of the difficult circumstances, survivors often will forget to initially provide funeral directors with important details and will later add, update or correct information.

Things that make a good obituary - we believe - are age, place of birth, education, military service record, occupation, civic work and memberships, as well as family ties.

One fact that sometimes is difficult to obtain is cause of death, but that information should be included in all complete obits.

We don't particularly like euphemisms in obituaries. Rather than use the word die they might use:

—went over the rainbow.
—crossed the finish line.
—lost the final tennis match.
—passed into Texas history.

What makes a really good obituary is what is called the "defining line." That is simply the one thing that distinguishes that person from anyone else.

We guess our defining line can be "he read - and wrote - obituaries.'

List of vendors growing for Fourth of July in the park

Vendors are still needed for the annual Fourth of July celebration in Towle Park.

Thus far, 15 vendors have reserved a space in the armory, according to chamber of commerce officials.

Spaces are available in both the armory and the park area for food and arts and crafts booths.

Booth rental fees are $55 with electricity and $45 without.

Donations are also needed to offset the $10,000 cost of the annual celebration. The fireworks display itself costs $8,500.

Booths open Monday, July 3, from 4 to 8 p.m. and Tuesday, July 4, from 8:30 a.m. until after the fireworks display.

For information on reserving a vendor space, call 573-3558.

Independence Day activities include the annual prayer breakfast, which is scheduled for 8 a.m. It will be followed by the flag raising ceremony at 9 in front of the National Guard Armory.

Parade lineup begins at 9 a.m. at Moffett Field and anyone interested in being in the parade should show up then. The parade begins at 10 a.m.

Other activities include washer and horseshoe pitching and volleyball tournaments.



Registration for washer pitching begins at 8 a.m. with a $5 entry fee. The tourney starts at noon July 4th, south of the pond.

Registration also begins at 8 a.m. for horseshoe pitching. Entry fee is $5, and the tourney starts at 9 a.m. at the tennis courts.

The volleyball tournament will be co-ed with an eight-player roster. Entry fee is $70 per team. For more information, call Louis Alaniz at 573-7321 or Chad Welch at 573-6058.

The Pride of Texas Shows will return this year. The carnival will be in town June 29 through July 4 and is sponsored by the Snyder Lions Club.

Drive for funds for mammography unit is coming to an end

There is one week left to make donations to the Cogdell Memorial Hospital Foundation to meet challenge grants for the purchase of a new mammography machine.

The total cost of the machine is $73,000, and two Texas foundations have each made grants of $25,000. The foundations are the Abell-Hanger Foundation of Midland, and the Meadows Foundation of Fort Worth.

In addition, local donations have totaled $11,300, and the Ladies Auxiliary has also donated $5,000.

The mammography machine will be replacing one purchased in 1988.

Brian Moffett, Radiology Manager, said the machine is expected to be delivered in mid-July, and be operational in mid-August.

Moffett said the new machine would provide excellent diagnostic capabilities for Snyder's physicians.

Moffett added that breast cancer is the leading cause of death for women between the ages of 40 and 49.

Donations for the new machine can be mailed to Cogdell Memorial Hospital, c/o Christy Brown, 1700 Cogdell Blvd., Snyder, 79549.

Scurry County cotton outlook is looking excellent right now

The outlook is good for cotton in Scurry County, according to Greg Gruben, county extension agent.

"Basically, most of it appears to be coming up and it looks like we're doing pretty well," he said.

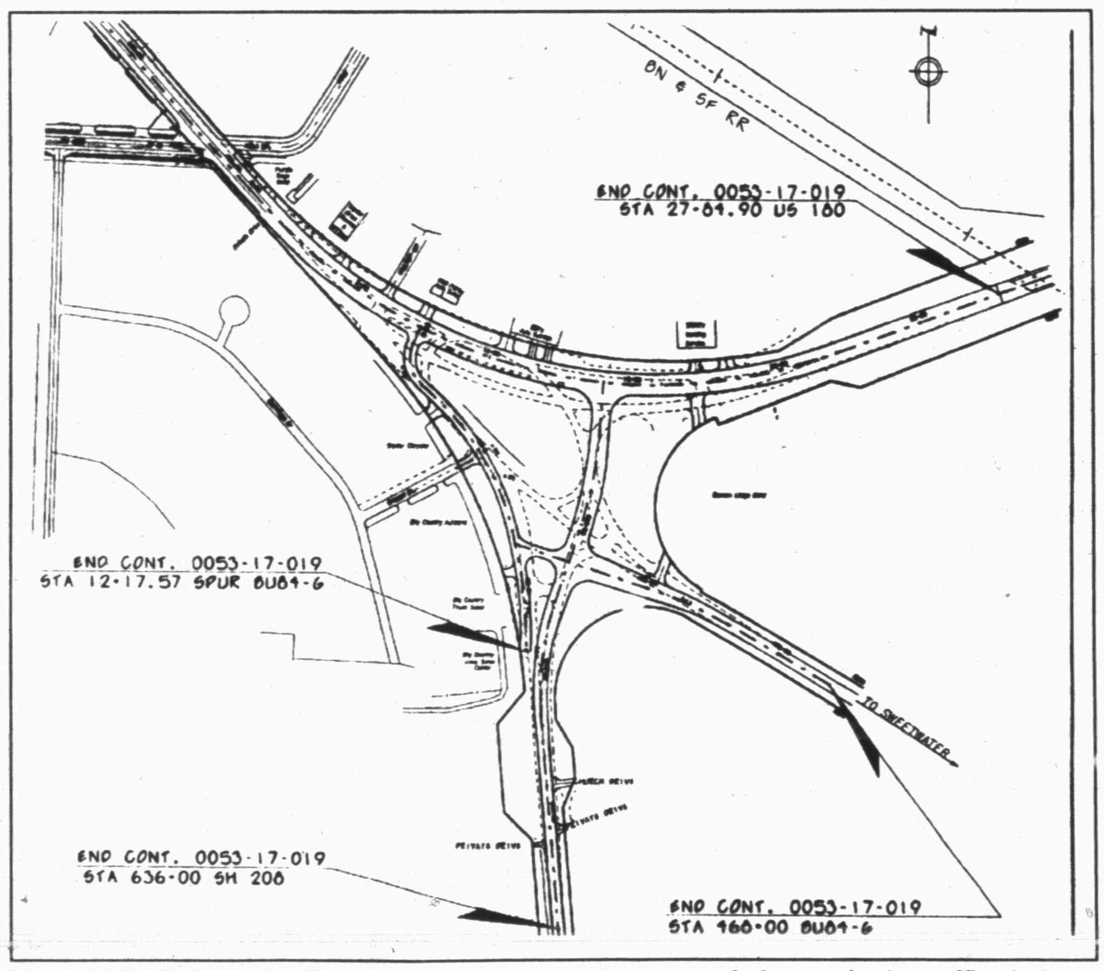
The recent rains have definitely been beneficial.

"As much moisture as we have in the ground, the cotton should really perform and do really, really good."

Gruben said he thinks just about everyone has planted.

Another rain will be needed in a couple of weeks, he added.

"In the next two to three weeks, we will really need another rain to keep the crop progressing through the season," he said. "We should be in really good shape until then. The outlook is very optimistic."



NEW INTERSECTION — The above drawing portrays proposed changes in the traffic circle on East Highway 180 and Highway 208. The dotted lines represent the existing circle while the solid lines are the proposed changes. The bid has not officially been awarded, so a construction start-up date has not been set. But Department of Transportation officials said work should begin sometime in the next 60 days. (TxDOT Drawing)

ASK US

Q—What college player is featured on this year's Texas Football magazine cover?

A—For the first time, the magazine features a high school player — Cedric Benson of Midland Lee.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Friday, 90 degrees; low, 72; 7 a.m. Saturday, 73; .07 of an inch precipitation; total for 2000, 11.82 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy; slight chance of storms; low, near 70; SE wind, 5-15 mph; Sunday, partly cloudy; slight chance of storms; high 90-95.



Kadrian Doolittle
Partly Cloudy

Sunset:
8:52 p.m.
Sunrise:
6:42 a.m.

Of 175 days in 2000, the sun has shone 172 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Confidence is the inner voice that says you are becoming what you are capable of being.



T'Leah Eicke

T'Leah Eicke in Who's Who again

T'Leah Eicke has been nominated to be included in the 34th annual edition of "Who's Who Among American High School Students." She received the Multiple Year Award because she has received the recognition for consecutive years.

Eicke is a senior at Snyder High School. She is the daughter of Johnny and Fairy Eicke of Snyder and the granddaughter of Bill and Lewana Graham of Aspermont and the late J.N. and Wanda Eicke.

Squiers graduates

LUBBOCK — Monica Squiers of Snyder was one of 178 graduates who participated in commencement exercises for Lubbock Christian University on May 6.

Squiers received a bachelor of science in interdisciplinary studies in elementary education. She is the daughter of Roy and Susan Rosson of Snyder.

Greenlaw pleased

PORTLAND, Maine (AP) — Linda Greenlaw doesn't know what to expect, but she's pretty sure she won't be disappointed by Mary Elizabeth Mastrantonio's portrayal of her in "The Perfect Storm."

Mastrantonio, an Academy Award nominee for best supporting actress in the 1986 film "The Color of Money," plays Greenlaw in the film adaptation of Sebastian Junger's best-selling book about a fishing boat that disappeared during a 1991 storm.



Rad Eicke

Eicke on Nat'l Dean's List

Rad Eicke has been nominated to be included in the 23rd annual edition of "The National Dean's List. Only one-half of one percent of our nation's college students receive this award.

He will be a sophomore (Third Class Cadet) at the United States Coast Guard Academy in New London, Conn. He also plays for the academy's Bear football team.

Eicke is the son of Johnny and Fairy Eicke of Snyder and the grandson of Bill and Lewana Graham of Aspermont and the late J.N. and Wanda Eicke.

Meningitis claims one passenger

NEW YORK (AP) — A sick passenger on an El Al flight that landed at Newark International Airport has died of meningococcal meningitis, the Port Authority says.

Joseph Ferraro, of Rochester, N.Y., died Friday evening, about two hours after he arrived in Newark, N.J., on flight 17 from Tel Aviv, said Steve Coleman, a spokesman for the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey.

Port Authority police took Ferraro, 20, to Beth Israel Medical Center in Newark — where he died — after being notified that he needed assistance, Coleman said.

Meningococcal meningitis is a bacterial infection of the membranes around the brain and spinal cord. The symptoms include fever, neck stiffness and headache.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta was notified of the cause of Ferraro's death, as were the state health agencies of New York and New Jersey, Coleman said.

Authorities were trying to track down others on the flight who they said may be at risk. The jet carried 416 passengers and 19 crew members.

Coleman said medical experts stressed that there was no danger to the general public, adding that meningitis is transmitted only through close contact, such as transmission of saliva.

SISD sets Family Outreach Program



FAMILY OUTREACH PROGRAM — This group of volunteers is assisting with the Snyder Independent School District's Summer Family Outreach Program. Back row, from left, Seth Rosson, Cozy Jones, Ryan Gibson, Layne Scott, Colin Jones, Patsy Benitez. Seated, from left, are Amy Juarez, Erika Ynguanzo, Ryan McAnally. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

The Snyder Independent School District is hosting a Family Outreach program, which began June 12 and will conclude on Aug. 4.

The Family Outreach program involves high school students who go to the homes of families and work on activities from the Bowdoin Method Family program.

Funded by the Texas Education Agency's Investment Capital Fund grant, the program focuses on the parent as a partner in the teaching process. It assumes that all parents can be effective teachers of their child if they are motivated and directed in how and what to do.

Parents will be taught how to use the natural resources of the home and community for teaching tools. The program targets families of children between the ages of 3-7. Another level of the program targets families of children between the ages of 5 and 13, and is presented at Northeast Elementary every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. during the school's Summer Family Reading Nights. The program is also presented during the regular school year at Stanfield, East, Northeast and West Elementary Schools.

Home visits will involve working directly with families and going over a series of hands-on activities. The activities are simple, direct, forceful and complete. They are easily understood so that parents may continue these lessons with their children throughout the summer and during the school year. Each family involved in the program will receive a series of activity books and an activity kit.

High school students involved in the program have been undergoing a series of training sessions and are well prepared to present these activities in the homes targeted for visitation. They will schedule their visits to the same home each week, during the same designated day and time.

At present, 15 families are involved in the program. Mary Ann Juarez, SISD's home and community liasion, said, "It is our hope to visit 40 or more homes each week during the six weeks of the program." Anyone interested or for more information call her at 574-6012.

Four killed when two airplanes collide

BOCA RATON, Fla. (AP) — A Lear jet and a small stunt plane collided and crashed into a golf course community, killing the three people aboard the jet and the pilot of the second craft.

No one on the ground was injured when the planes crashed in one heap and burned inside the gated Boca Grove Plantation community and on the adjoining golf course, said Paul Miller, spokesman for the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Department.

The cockpit and an engine from the Lear jet landed within feet of a three-story condominium and the building was damaged by the ensuing fire. Residents, mostly elderly, were evacuated.

Smaller debris landed on roofs and in yards in an area authorities said spanned about one mile.

The Lear jet had just taken off from Boca Raton Airport when it apparently hit the second aircraft, an Extra 300 one-seater coming from Willis Flight Port in Boynton Beach, about 10 miles north.

The pilot of the stunt plane, a member of the U.S. Aerobatics team, apparently tried to jump from his aircraft after the collision, and his body was found wrapped in a parachute, Miller said. It is not clear whether his parachute had deployed. Pilots flying stunt planes are required to wear parachutes, Miller said.

The larger plane "looked like it split in half, the front half of the plane buckling underneath it and the thing basically dropped out of the sky like a rock," said Dean Kallan, who works in an office complex across the street.

Jack Shoenfelt, the Boca Grove Golf Course's pro, said there were about 30 players on the course when a large section of the plane crashed near the 17th tee.

Golfer and subdivision resident Edward Brill said a man and woman were about to tee off when the planes fell.

"They said they didn't know which way to run," Brill said. "It's unbelievable no one on the ground got hurt."

The Lear 55, a twin-engine jet that can carry up to 13 people, is owned by Universal Jet Aviation Inc., a Boca Raton company, federal records show.

The jet carried three Universal Jet employees — pilot Richard Smith, co-pilot Kevin Reyer and passenger William Bradley Moncrief. It was headed to Fort Pierce, about 80 miles to the north, to be painted, Miller said.

Berry's World



Embattled Mattel to allow users to get rid of company software

WASHINGTON (AP) — In response to public complaints about privacy, Mattel Interactive announced that the company would provide a tool that removes software that was surreptitiously placed on customers' computers and is designed to transmit and receive information to Mattel.

The software, known as "Brodcast," can be found in many of Mattel Interactive's popular children's educational software, including the "Reader Rabbit" series and games featuring the cartoon characters "Arthur" and "Little Bear."

Several published reports and consumer complaints prompted Mattel to allow users to uninstall the software, but a Mattel Interactive spokeswoman said the company decided to stop using the software in April, when the federal Children's Online Privacy Protection Act went into effect. That law prohibits Web sites or online services from collecting personal information from children under 13.

Mattel maintains that its software doesn't fall under the act because the company is not a Web site or online service and the information transmitted isn't personal. Instead, it sends a product identification number and some technical information and downloads advertising products targeted toward the user.

Still, the company decided to stop.

"Due to public concern around the privacy issue, and as part of our ongoing effort to meet consumer interests, we made a decision to revise the existing program last year and then later eliminated it altogether," Mattel Interactive said in a statement.

Last year's revision consisted of modifying the product to make sure that the user knew it was being installed and offered an option not to install it at all. In April, Mattel's servers stopped communicating with Brodcast.

The odd name, Brodcast, refers to Broderbund, a software company bought by The Learning Company. Broderbund designed the original software as a marketing technique.

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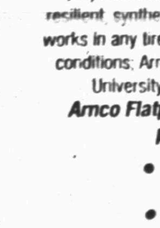
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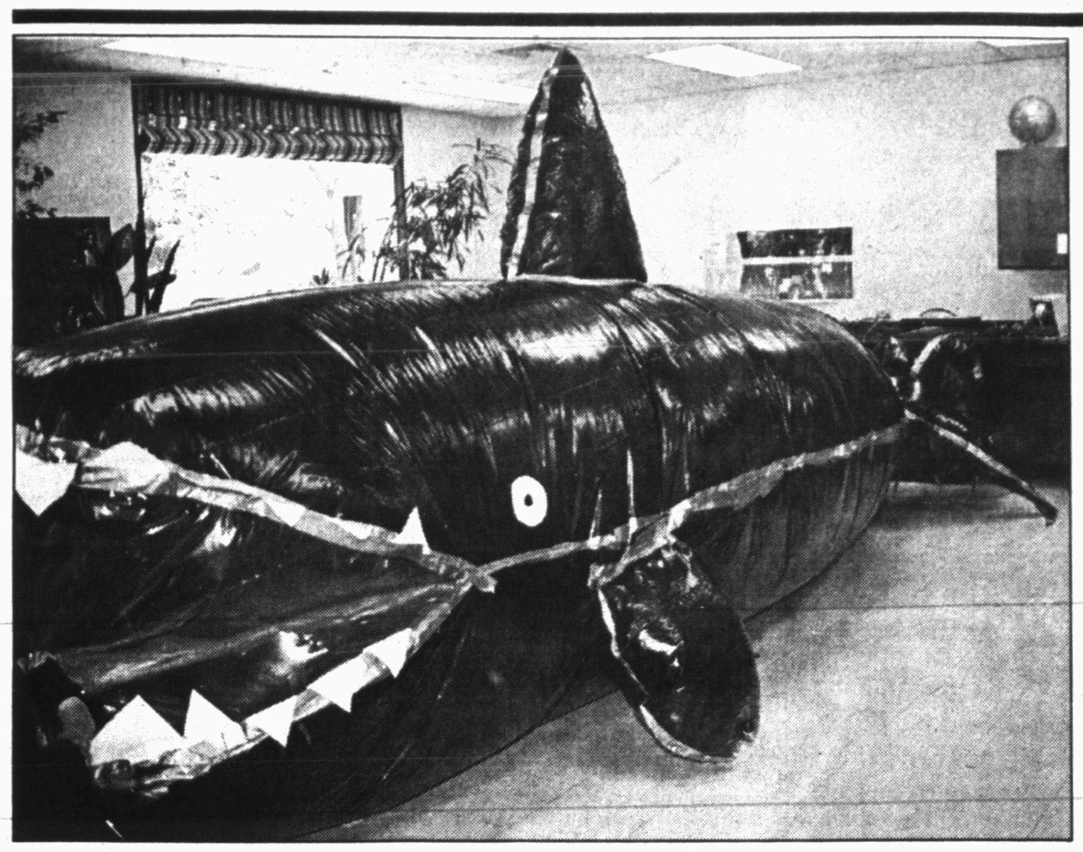
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NOAH'S ARK — These three girls made a killer whale during the Noah's Ark class which was part of Kids College which ended Thursday. From front to back are Nicole Means, Tatum Norwood, Jordan Smith. John Rawlings was the teacher. The 25-foot whale was made from painter's drop cloth and duct tape. The design was modified from a large space station. The whale is currently on display at the Scurry County Museum. (Staff Photos by Shirley A. Gorman)

Sotheby's to auction Teletype report of Pearl Harbor attack

HONOLULU (AP) — The weighty words flashed over the Teletype on Dec. 7, 1941: "President Roosevelt said in a statement today that the Japanese had attacked Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, from the air."

Like other radio announcers, WTCN's Roger Krupp didn't hesitate to read to his Minneapolis listeners The Associated Press news flash about the attack that plunged the United States into World War II.

Now the tattered Teletype message — bearing Krupp's initials, editing marks and the words he read — is expected to fetch up to $5,000 when it is auctioned Monday at Sotheby's in New York.

"What makes it so exciting and worth offering for sale is the particular bit of world-changing news that it contained," said Selby Kiffer, a Sotheby's senior vice president.

Kiffer says Krupp's reading of the news flash is "traditionally thought to be the first" broadcast of the attack — a claim met with skepticism by some media experts and historians.

Journalism historians have long credited Len Sterling of the Mutual Broadcasting Company with being the first to broadcast the news.

The two-hour air assault began at 7:55 a.m. in Hawaii — 12:25 p.m. CDT in Minnesota. Krupp read the news flash 58 minutes later, Kiffer said.

But "The Press and America" by Edwin Emery and Michael Emery notes that Sterling broke into his national broadcast of a football game in New York to read the report 57 minutes after the attack began.

There's nothing in standard journalism history texts about any broadcast before then, said Eric Newton, a historian at the Newseum, a news museum in Arlington, Va., operated by the Freedom Forum.

Even in Honolulu, it wasn't until 65 minutes after the attack began — at 9 a.m. in Hawaii — that Webley Edwards of KGMB radio notified residents of what most of them already could see and hear, according to Gordon Prange's classic tome on Pearl Harbor, "At Dawn We Slept."

"This is not a maneuver. This is the real McCoy," Edwards announced before being shut down by military censors.

Kiffer conceded Sterling's broadcast would have to be considered the first to air but only if those times were "dead accurate." Regardless, Kiffer said the Krupp document has the same value.

The message was brought to Sotheby's by a Minneapolis collector whose family knew Krupp, Kiffer said. Krupp died in 1987.

"As the World War II generation is growing older and dying, these documents are coming to light which have been held by veterans or held by their families," Kiffer said.

San Antonio...

'Suicide by cop' increases

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Officials have labeled the second shooting in less than a week a possible "suicide by cop," in which suicidal people force police to pull the trigger.

Some are so determined to end their lives in a blaze of glory they would rather provoke a cop to shoot, police psychologist Kelly Shannon, said in Saturday's editions of the San Antonio Express-News.

Most suicides by cop are committed by men who don't want their deaths portrayed as a weakness, or by individuals who feel suicide is against their religion, Shannon said.

So far this year the San Antonio Police Department has been involved in eight shootings, one more than all of last year. The city averages seven to 10 police-involved shootings per year.

No one knows for certain how many shootings are cases of suicide by cop.

"Often times you just can't determine what intentions a person had when they threaten a police officer," police spokesman Gabriel Trevi said.

Sgt. Anthony Linson shot and killed a man who apparently wanted to commit suicide and pointed a pellet gun toward the then-patrolman in 1991.

"I was certainly concerned at first. But I got angry later on because here's a man who could've solved his problems in a different way," Linson said. "Instead, he decided he was going to put my life in danger."

Recent studies suggest the aftermath of a shooting is a type of post-traumatic stress disorder and liken it to emotions combat veterans may experience after a war.

On one occasion of suicide by cop, an officer was found frantically trying to patch his suspect's gunshot wounds with cellophane wrap.

Other officers have quit even though their shootings were determined to be "clean" and some officers develop nervous conditions or say they have trouble sleeping.

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Anti-death penalty Europe outraged by latest execution

BERLIN (AP) — Europeans, who have mounted furious anti-death penalty campaigns, reacted with outrage but little surprise Friday to news that the state of Texas had executed death row inmate Gary Graham.

Opposition to the death penalty is unanimous among European governments, and the issue is increasingly one on which Europe has asserted its independence from America. Because Europeans feel they share so many values with the United States, they are even more perplexed that it won't abandon capital punishment.

"It does not fit: The United States presents itself on the one hand as the world police defending human rights, and on the other side it carries out the death penalty," said German lawmaker Sabine Leutheusser-Schnarrenberger.

She called on the German government to "make this detestable topic the object of discussions with our American friends."

European anti-death penalty activists are pinning hopes for change in America on the presidential campaign that has made capital punishment a national debate. In the wake of the Graham case, presumptive GOP nominee and Texas Gov. George W. Bush was taking the brunt of their attacks.

Italy's Communist newspaper Il Manifesto took a direct swipe at Bush, featuring a photo covering a third of the front-page under the headline: "The executioner doesn't let up." The head of Italy's Democratic Left party, Walter Veltroni, called Bush "cold and bureaucratic" after the governor commented that "justice was done."

The outrage was amplified by a study published last week by Columbia University that found two-thirds of all death penalty appeals from 1973-95 were successful. The study's authors said that fact indicates serious flaws in the capital punishment system.

"It is an important step that this knowledge can't be set aside anymore — not even in Republican circles," said Sina Vogt, a spokeswoman in Germany for the European Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty. "We think it is absolutely necessary that Bush joins his colleague in Illinois in a moratorium on the death penalty while the system is reviewed. That is the first step."

While the opposition to Graham's execution was widely expressed on general principle, critics in Italy, Germany, Britain and at the United Nations said it also violated international law because Graham was 17, a minor, at the time of the crime for which he was sentenced to die.

Fiery minister plans to move to Dallas

DALLAS (AP) — A popular evangelist believed to have led one of the largest and longest Pentecostal revivals in America has announced he is moving to Dallas.

During his five years at the Brownsville Assembly of God in Pensacola, Fla., Steve Hill drew 3 million people to his six-hour services in which worshippers leaped over pews to repent their sins.

The so-called "Pensacola Outpouring" led people from all over the world to flock to the church, according to Saturday's editions of The Dallas Morning News.

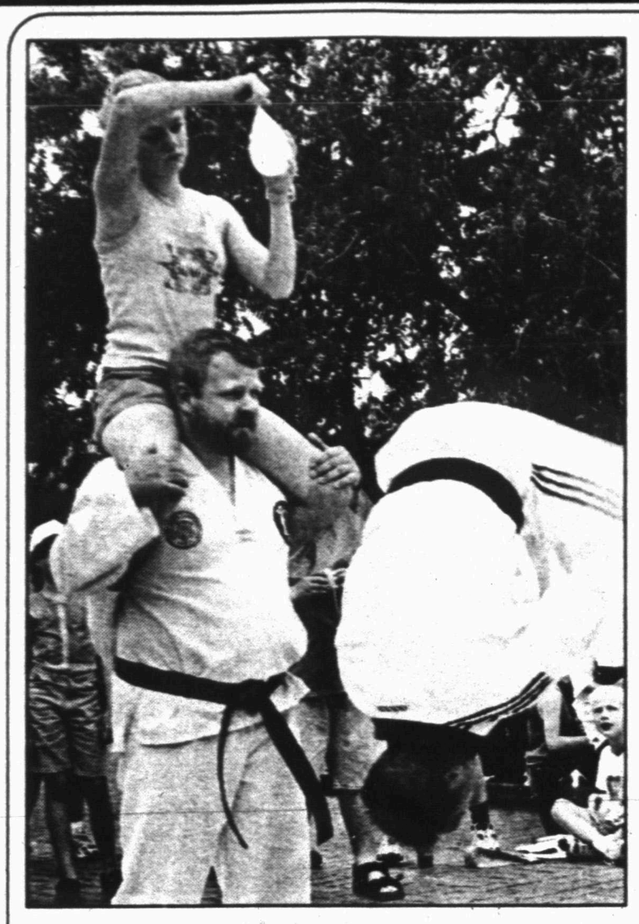
Though Hill wasn't available for comment, the 46-year-old evangelist reportedly is choosing Dallas as a headquarters because he wanted access to a large airport to make traveling easier.

"Steve feels like the Lord has spoken to him to spread the message beyond Brownsville," said the Rev. Darius Johnston, senior pastor of Christ Church Assembly of God in Fort Worth.

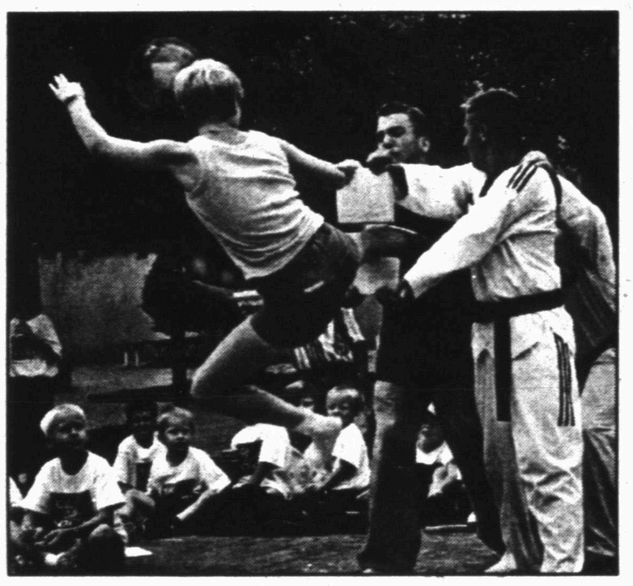
Hill is scheduled to lead an "Awake America" crusade Sept. 1-3 at Johnston's church.

Over the years, Hill has faced criticism within Pentecostal circles.

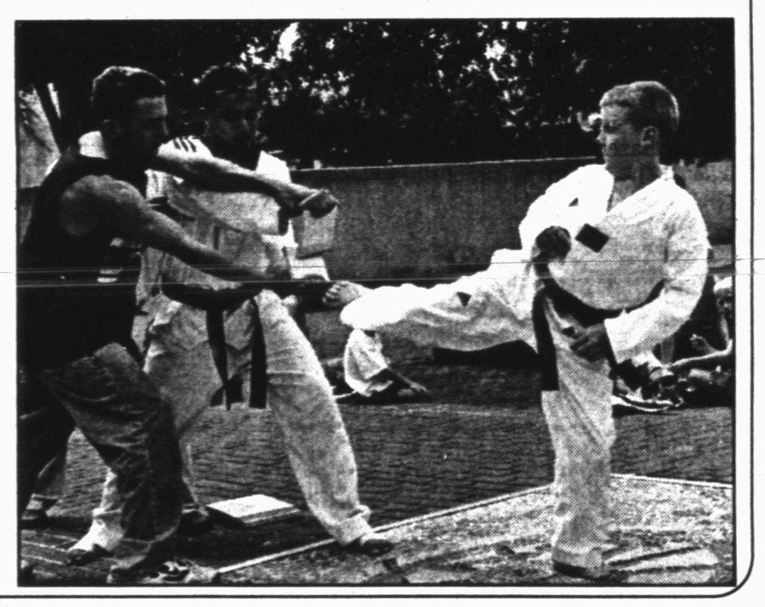
Hank Hanegraaf wrote in his 1997 book, Counterfeit Revival, that the Pensacola Outpouring duped followers through hypnosis and hysteria, a charge Hill vehemently denied.



Tae kwon do!







TAE KWON DO DEMONSTRATION — David Miller's tae kwon do students demonstrated some moves Thursday afternoon during the Kids College follies at Western Texas College. Top left photo: Ronnie Martinez tries to break the water balloon Melissa Jones is holding. Miller is also pictured. Bottom left photo: Jones breaks a board with a flying leap. It was held by Andrew Bane, Miller and Martinez. Top right photo: Bane breaks a board being held by Miller, Martinez and Jones. Middle right photo: Miller's students at Kids College demonstrate some defensive maneuvers. Bottom right photo: Jordan Gafford uses his foot to break a board held by Bane and Martinez.

(SDN Staff Photos By Shirley A. Gorman)

Financial Focus

Pay Attention to Long-term Care Policy Provisions

Over the past several months, Congress has started paying attention to an issue that's already on the minds of millions of Americans — long-term care insurance. Some legislators have proposed ways in which the government could provide tax breaks for individuals purchasing long-term care policies.

As with any new laws, however, those pertaining to long-term care may take years to enact. You may want to act sooner to protect yourself and your family from the potentially devastating costs of an extended nursing home stay. On average, a year in a nursing home costs $40,000, and it can cost twice that much in some major, metropolitan areas, according to the Health Insurance Association of American.

Of course, you may never need any long-term care services. But why take a chance on incurring costs that can deplete your financial resources and possibly cause great hardships to your family? An appropriate long-term care policy can give you the protection you need. And the earlier you purchase such a policy, the lower your annual premiums will be.

When you shop around for coverage, look for the following important features:

**Inflation protection* — Long-term care costs are expected to rise to ensure adequate coverage, look for a policy that offers inflation protection. Some policies allow you to increase coverage every few years, while others do so automatically.

**Appropriate benefit period* — Few people need lifetime benefits. In fact, less than 2 percent of nursing-home residents stay in a facility more than five years, although some conditions, such as Alzheimer's, obviously warrant longer stays. When choosing a policy, you'll probably want three to six years' worth of coverage.

**Waiver of premiums* — This provision allov to stop paying premiums during the time you receive benefi you carefully read the policy for any restrictions, such minimum stay.

**Non-forfeiture benefits* — this benef pay- ments if you drop your coverage. Y nd in cash, usually as a percentage of elect to continue your coverage, amount. Keep in mind that a non-forfeit le, can significantly add to your policy cost

**Home health care* — Not everyone needs to go ir me to receive long-term care assistance. Look for a polic ene- fits for home health care as well as for a nursing home.

These are only some of the key provisions to watch for in a long-term care policy. You may want to consult with a financial professional to help you pick the right policy for your specific needs.

One final thought: Consider talking to your parents about long-term care, too. It's not an easy subject to discuss, but it could benefit everyone.

Teen programmers develop Web sites

BOSTON (AP) — One of the webmasters of the future is an 18-year-old from California with a knack for losing things.

That's why Ara Anjargolian created Secondsaver (www.secondsaver.com), an online calendar for people who can't seem to remember where they're supposed to be, when they're supposed to be there — or even where they put their calendar.

The Glendale, Calif., youth's Web site took first place in the annual ArsDigita Foundation contest for teen programmers, winning him $10,000.

"Someday, even your refrigerator is going to be connected to your computer, and will let you know when you're out of milk," he said. "I want to be a part of that."

Anjargolian was one of 11 teen finalists from around the world honored by ArsDigita on Friday for creating and maintaining useful, unique, nonprofit sites.

Eight finalists each won $1,000. Two who led teams won the grand prize for group efforts, taking home $5,000 each.

"The programming abilities of these kids is just off the charts," said Barbara Link, director of the ArsDigita Foundation. "If this group is any indication of what's to come, the most innovative Web technicians are still yet to be seen."

ArsDigita, based in Cambridge, is a software company that produces free applications that allows people to navigate the World Wide Web.

To be eligible for the competition, the sites had to be free of advertisements, and include source codes on the site to allow others to learn from what the youths created.

Winners and finalists were flown to Cambridge for lunch with top Internet officials, including Tim Berners-Lee, developer of the World Wide Web Consortium, an Internet standards group.

Emily Boyde, 17, of Newcastle, Australia, was the only female finalist. Her Web site, MatMice (www.matmice.com), allows kids to create their own Web sites and view sites made by their friends.

She taught herself to write HTML, the language used to create Web sites.

"I don't know a lot of other females who do this sort of thing," she said. "But after I saw the Internet, I liked the look of it. So I decided to learn to use it myself."

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Elian's relatives to fight decision

MIAMI (AP) — Relatives of Elian Gonzalez are vowing to continue their battle to keep the 6-year-old in the United States despite a federal court decision that brings him one step closer to Cuba.

"They are confident they are doing the right thing. They will keep fighting for what his mom died for," Armando Gutierrez, spokesman for the boy's Miami relatives, said Friday after the 12-member 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Atlanta denied a request for a custody rehearing and emphatically said it would not look at the case again.

"Any further requests for stays or for injunctive relief should be directed to the Supreme Court," said the ruling, written by Circuit Judge J.L. Edmondson. He said the appeals court will not grant any further motions for a stay — even putting the word "not" in boldface and large letters.

The court said its earlier stay requiring Elian's father, Juan Miguel Gonzalez, to keep Elian in the United States will dissolve at 4 p.m. Wednesday.

In Washington, Gregory Craig, attorney for Juan Miguel Gonzalez, said he would meet with his client over the weekend to talk about his plans for the coming week.

"Juan Miguel is grateful that the 11th Circuit has denied the petition for the hearing and has lifted all stays and all injunctions as of Wednesday afternoon of next week," Craig said.

Attorney General Janet Reno said: "Now that the court has conclusively upheld our decision, I am hopeful that this father and son will soon be able to move on with their lives together."

A three-judge panel of the Atlanta-based court had ruled against the relatives earlier this month. The decision to grant a rehearing before the full court had to be approved by seven of the 12 judges; none of the 12 even asked for a vote on the question.

Gutierrez said the relatives will file an appeal with the U.S. Supreme Court on Monday. Although the Supreme Court hears about 1 percent of the appeals it received, he said the family is not daunted by the long odds.

"The family is very hopeful God will save Elian," the spokesman said.

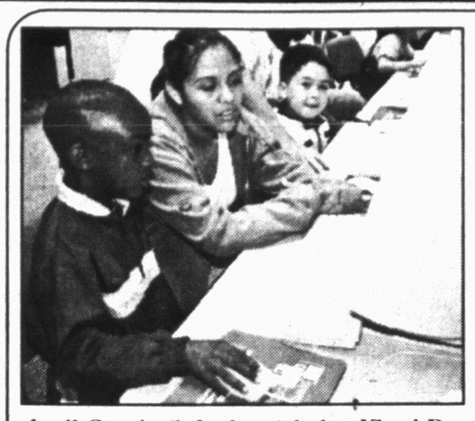
Four of the nine Supreme Court justices must agree to hear an appeal. A single justice can grant a stay, or can opt to refer the question of a stay to the full court. Justice Anthony M. Kennedy is the justice assigned to hear emergency matters from the 11th circuit.

Elian was rescued off the Florida coast on Thanksgiving Day after his mother and 10 other people drowned when their boat sank en route from communist Cuba to the United States.

The Miami relatives argue that the three-judge panel was wrong to uphold an Immigration and Naturalization Service decision that Elian should return to Cuba with his father. They said INS decisions are not necessarily law and can be overturned by the courts.

But Bernard Perlmutter, a University of Miami law professor, said it is highly unlikely that the Supreme Court would overturn the appellate decision or even grant a hearing. He said the 11th Circuit's earlier decision was based on a Supreme Court decision in another case and it is not likely to reverse its course.

"This country is a disgrace," said Reinaldo Martinez, a Miami painter who arrived within an hour of the court decision.





April Garcia (left photo) helps Khari Powell. B.J. Rodriguez is also pictured. Marcos Gutierrez (right photo) is assisting Tamron Wesley.

High school Summer School students help kindergartners

Ninth and tenth grade Summer School English students are doing a lot more than making up missed work or improving their grades.

They are also helping kindergarten students use the Internet, teaching them to play computer games and write stories.

The Internet's funbrain.com offers computer generated games for kindergarten through twelfth grade students. Oddball is one of the games the kindergarten students in Margie Martinez' class plays.

Through another program, Searsportrait.com, the older students help the younger ones write a story. The program allows students to insert their name and then creates a story for that student.

The older students later read those stories to the kindergarten students.

Another project is assisting each kindergarten student to write a book, complete with pictures and a computer print out. When completed, they will read the books to their younger students.

In addition, the high school English students also read to the kindergarten class for 30 minutes each day.

Cindy Herridge teaches the Summer School English class. The session began June 5 and will conclude on July 20. The kindergarten session will end on July 13.





Bonnie Pesina (left photo) helps Mercedes Navaretta find the right program. Priscilla Rodriguez, assists Daniel Shlezinger.

SDN Photos By Shirley A. Gorman)

New one-stop place for government info announced by Clinton

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A new computer system will offer one-stop shopping for online information about the federal government, President Clinton said Saturday.

Logging on to one Web site, firstgov.gov, will yield links to all federal information available publicly over the Internet, Clinton said during a special "Webcast" that is similar to his weekly radio addresses.

"When it's complete, firstgov will serve as a single point of entry to one of the largest, perhaps the most useful collection of Web pages in the entire world," Clinton said during the Web speech, taped in Los Angeles.

The site, which should be up and running within 90 days, will also offer individuals, small businesses and others a single source for information about roughly $500 billion in government grants and contract opportunities, the president said.

"Whether you want crucial information in starting a small business, or you want to track your Social Security benefits, you can do it all in one place, 24 hours a day, seven days a week," he said.

The system is being developed by private sources and will be given to the government at no cost.

"It will uphold the highest standards for protecting the privacy of its users," Clinton said.

The site now features information about the coming service.

The president also announced a competition for new ideas in electronic government service. The nonprofit Council for Excellence in Government will award up to $50,000 for the best ideas, he said.

On the Net: http.www.firstgov.gov

FlashNet plans to move to Austin

FORT WORTH (AP) — High-tech start-up FlashNet Communications has announced that it is moving to Austin to be with its new parent company, Prodigy Communications.

Prodigy, which bought the Fort Worth-based Internet service provider less than a month ago, announced Friday that it is also moving to Austin by the end of 2001, from White Plains, N.Y.

FlashNet employs about 300 people in Fort Worth. While the company's data center will remain in Fort Worth, most other functions are likely to move to Austin, Denise Fraser, a Prodigy spokeswoman, told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram for Saturday's editions.

Exactly how many jobs will move to Austin is undetermined, she said.

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Sadly missed by
children and family

Ringling circus has a black ringmaster

NORTH LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — As a little boy in New York, Johnathan Lee Iverson would make his own costumes, line up a few friends and put on a show for mom.

Iverson's garb is a little more elaborate these days, his friends bring animals along and instead of just his mother, "The Greatest Show On Earth," draws thousands of people each night.

At 24, he is the youngest ringmaster for the Ringling Bros. and Barnum and Bailey Circus — and the show's first black man to introduce children of all ages to the fantasy world of trapeze artists, wild animals and death-defying feats.

"I don't see a big deal about it," Iverson said. "If I were, like, lime green, I could see the point of it.

"It's like performing in anything else — except your coworkers are clowns and elephants," he said.

Although circuses have long used performers of varying nationalities, there were rarely blacks under the big top, said Fred Dahlinger, director of collections and research at the Circus World Museum in Baraboo, Wis.

"There have been black perfomers in circus history back to the 1810s, but never in large numbers," he said. And even in the audience, blacks used to be segregated from whites.

Circuses in America date to 1768, Dahlinger said. Early on, blacks were used as horse riders and animal trainers, but in the mid-1900s the number of blacks in circuses declined. In the 1960s, Ringling had troupes of black unicyclists and aerielists, but that was about it, he said.

Philip McKinley, who discovered Iverson at a Wisconsin dinner theater, said he was looking for a showman; race didn't matter.

"I'm always moved by talent first, all the rest is secondary," said McKinley, who is Ringling's director. "In the world of the circus, we're all multicultural anyway."

However, Dahlinger said, multiculturalism usually refers only to Europeans and Asians.

"Blacks are probably the least represented as far as the numbers," he said.

For that reason, an Atlanta-based circus founded in 1996 features mostly performers of black and Hispanic descent. UniverSoul Circus spokeswoman Paula Witt said the group wanted children of color to see performers who look like them.

"It's an urban circus," she said. "It's not your traditional circus."

Iverson gave his first public performance at age 11 with the Boys Choir of Harlem. He attended the Fiorello H. La Guardia High School of Music and Art and Performing Arts in Manhattan (the "Fame" school) before heading to Connecticut's Hartt School of Music, where he graduated in voice.

McKinley discovered Iverson in Fort Atkinson, Wis., where McKinley was directing a dinner theater Christmas show during the off-season.

"I didn't think I'd be good at it, because I didn't think I was the 'Ladies and Gentlemen type,'" Iverson said.

But McKinley saw how Iverson, who stands at 6-foot-3, would fit into the spangling red vest and black topcoat that marks him as the leader of the show.

"When he walked in the door I knew there was something special about him," McKinley said. "The first thing I noticed about him was his manner, then he opened his mouth and sang and it was amazing."

McKinley had his proof at Iverson's first rehearsal with the circus: the sound of Iverson's voice brought the practice to a halt.

"Even the animals stopped and were listening," McKinley said.

Howard Hughes completed a flight around the world in 1938 in four days.

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SPORTS

At Slingin' Sammy Baugh tournament...

Celebrities enjoy golf, friendships

The first day of the Slingin' Sammy Baugh Celebrity Golf Tournament went off without a hitch Friday, with participants heaping praise on the event and the man for which it is named.

"I had never got the chance to meet Sam until today, and it was really nice to finally get to talk to him," said former Green Bay Packer and Dallas Cowboy running back Don McIlhenny. "That's the reason I came down here, to show my respect for Sam and all of the other former players and coaches that I don't get to see all the time."

A total of 37 celebrities are on hand for the tournament, which continues Saturday at Western Texas College. Proceeds from the two-day event benefit the Panhandle, Plains, Permian Basin Sul Ross Ex-Students Association Scholarship Foundation.

While the two rounds of golf are the main activities of the event, they aren't the fundamental reason most of the celebrities attend.

"I don't play much golf," said Jack Pardee, former Texas A&M standout and NFL coach. "But when they called and invited me, I couldn't pass up a chance to see Sammy and all of these other guys.

"All of us old players and coaches like to keep in touch, but we don't get to see each other very often. Like Larry Grantham, I haven't seen him since 1974, so it's really enjoyable to see all of your old friends again."

Reminiscing was the most popular past time on Thursday, as former college and pro stars rehashed old times and compared football of their era to the current game.

"Things are different now, for a number of reasons," said former University of Texas coach Darrell Royal. "Money plays more of a factor now, because sports are a big money maker for colleges.

"When I started at Texas, my salary was $15,000, and my assistants made less than $10,000. Now, money comes into account in everything, scheduling, hiring, the whole process."

Former Ole Miss coach Johnny Vaught, now 91, agreed with Royal.

"When they offered me the job at Ole Miss, I told them that I wasn't going to take it unless we could get our recruiting program together," Vaught remembers. "Back then, some schools didn't recruit that hard. The really good ones have always been good at recruiting, but a lot of schools only recruited in their immediate area. Nowadays, everybody recruits players from all over the country."

With so many ex-players on hand, some conversations centered on former coaches.

During his NFL career, McIlhenny played for Vince Lombardi and Tom Landry, and the former ball carrier remembered their differences.

"They were totally different," the current Dallas resident said. "To use cars as an analogy, one was a tank and the other was a BMW. Both wanted perfection, but Lombardi was fiery, while Landry was stoic, even in his early years."

In the between the tales of old times, 18 teams managed to fit in 18 holes of golf.

The team featuring Pardee and former San Francisco 49er Pierce Holt fired a 14-under-par 56 to win Friday's round. Joining Pardee and Holt were Wade Hatter, Dutch Stehley, Robert McFaul and Randy Weaver.

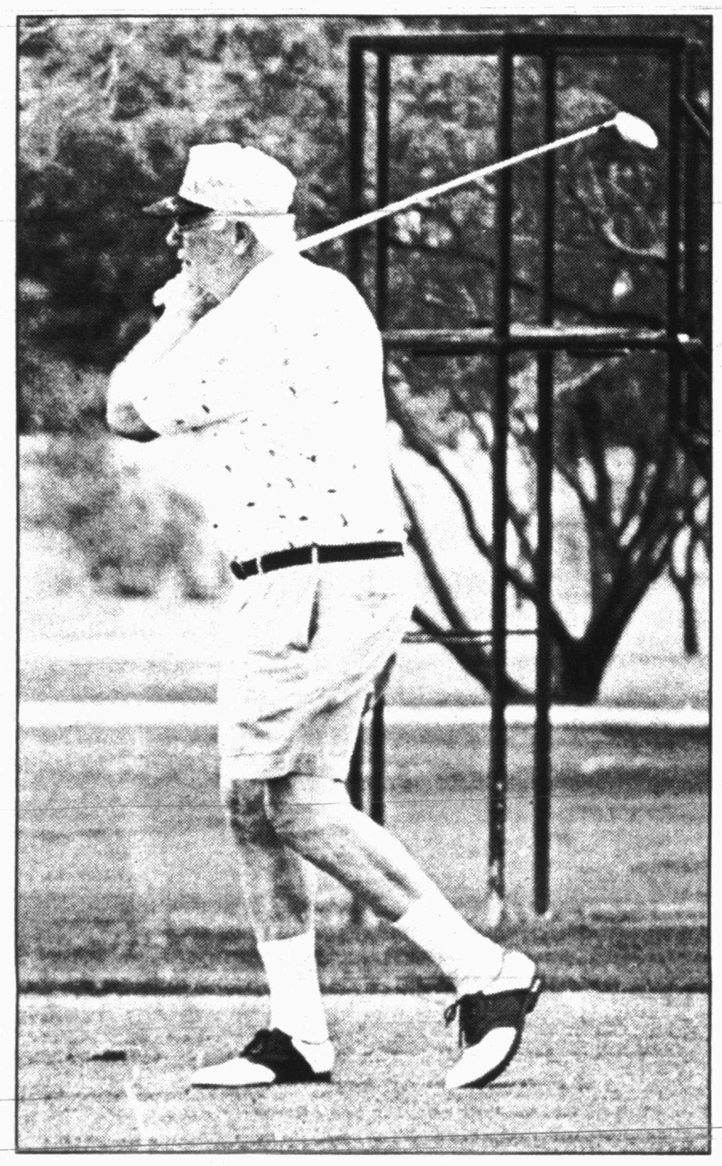
One stroke back in second place were Don Maynard, Larry Grantham, Russ Rutledge, Tom Rutledge Jerry Dudley and John Rutherford.

Third place, with a score of 58, went to Ruffin McNeil 'Dean Weese, Mark and Lorraine Sullivan, Jim Nobles and Doug Dugger.

The team of McIlhenny, Bill Grimes, Eric Drennan, Kenny Dierschke, Chris Henson and Robert Weaver secured fourth place with a round of 59.

Members of the top-four teams received footballs autographed by Baugh.

Eighteen more teams were to have teed off Saturday morning for the final day of the tournament.



RIGHT DOWN THE MIDDLE — Former Green Bay Packer Bill Grimes hits his tee shot Friday on the fourth hole of the Slingin' Sammy Baugh Celebrity Golf Tournament at Western Texas College. (SDN Staff Photo)

Other celebrities on hand include John David Crow, Spike Dykes, E.J. Holub, Walt Garrison and Bobby Joe Conrad.

SLINGIN' SAMMY BAUGH CELEBRITY TOURNAMENT at Western Texas College

1. Jack Pardee, Pierce Holt, Wade Hatter, Jim Stehley, Robert McFaul, Randy Weaver, 56.

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10. Walt Garrison, E.J. Holub, Paul Thompson, Billy Harris, Ricky Daniell, Max Hildebrand, 61.

10. John David Crow, Bobby Joe Conrad, Dalton Walton, Mike Tyrrell, Ed Schulz, Wade Lancaster, 61.

13. Dennis Gentry, Art Briles, Sam Robertson, Dayton Robertson, David Holt, David Harrell, 62.

14. Yale Lary, David Baugh, Jake Dukes, Linda Dukes, Jay Guelker, Esther Guelker, 63.

15. Bud McFaddin, Delnor Poss, Billie Jones, Kendall Robertson, James Baucom, Denny Porter, 64.

15. Cotton Davidson, Jeff Ireland, Don Vest, Steve Vest, Howie Irwin, Rich Haaf, 64.

17. Sam Baugh, Darrell Royal, Jim Hoffpauer, Frances White, Sam Vick, Rob Christensen, 66.

17. Jerry Norton, Hayseed Stephens, Earl Plagens, Douglas Plagens, Drew Plagens, Gerold Plagens, 66.

Pate shares slim lead

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Steve Pate never imagined that the TPC at Southwind course would help rejuvenate his game.

This is where he missed the cut in five of his previous eight visits and hasn't finished better than 16th despite a built-in fan base of family who live in the area. Southwind has no store of good memories for Pate, who has struggled since being named the tour's Comeback Player last year.

But Pate turned in his best round ever on Friday, a 6-under-par 65, and split a 1-stroke lead with Bob May after 36 holes of the St. Jude Classic.

"I have never played very well at all here," Pate said. "I feel pretty fortunate. It is nice being in the position I am in. I am not real concerned about whether or not it is leading or not after two days. It is just nice to shoot a good score."

Russ Cochran (66) and Joe Ogilvie (68) were tied at 133. David Toms, who shared a 1-stroke lead with David Peoples and Ogilvie after the first round, had the lead by himself at 11 under before he fell apart with two double bogeys. He finished with a 69 to match Chris DiMarco (68) at 134.

Robert Damron (64) was tied at 135 with Craig Parry (65) and Doug Dunakey (65).

John Daly was among those missing the cut of even-par 142. He was at 1 under with three holes left when he added a triple-bogey 7 to a round that included four bogeys, a double bogey, four birdies and an eagle. He finished with a 74 for a 144 total.

It hasn't been a good year at all for Pate, a two-time member of the Ryder Cup team.

Mavericks ponder trade

DENVER (AP) — With the NBA draft less than a week away, the Denver Nuggets and Dallas Mavericks reportedly were discussing a trade involving several second-string players.

The Nuggets have offered backup forward Popeye Jones and Chris Gatling in exchange for journeyman point guard Robert Pack, center Sean Rooks and forward John "Hot Rod" Williams, according to the Dallas Morning News, the Denver Rocky Mountain News and The Denver Post.

Kim Hughes, Denver's director of player personnel, acknowledged that the Nuggets have talked to the Mavericks, "but we've also talked to 27 other NBA teams."

He said Dallas and Denver are not close to finalizing a deal, despite a Morning News report that said the deal will be completed during Wednesday's draft.

"We don't negotiate in the press," Hughes said. "Whether it's an agent, a fan or (Dallas owner Mark) Cuban. But it's amusing to me that Dallas is talking, which I don't know, about a trade before the Denver Nuggets know about it."

Gregg Elkin, Mavericks spokesman, would only say that the team is discussing potential trades with many teams.

"That's very common this time of year," said Elkin, who said the newspaper reports were the first he heard of certain players being traded.

"We don't talk about trades until they're completed," Elkin added.

Gatling, who has been traded five times in nine seasons, found nothing amusing about the trade talks. He is set to make $5.4 million during the final year of his contract next season and was open to a contract extension with Denver.

"If you want to trade me, call me and let me know," he said. "Just don't go behind my back and then say, 'We're talking about doing an extension and this and that.' And then you're trying to trade me? Be a man."

The trade would do little to fill Denver's need for a physically imposing center. Rooks is an adequate backup center with limited defensive ability.

Sports Briefs

Jr. tennis camp scheduled

The Tiger Junior Tennis Camp will begin Monday and run through Friday at Snyder Tennis Complex behind the junior high.

All incoming sixth through ninth graders are eligible to participate, and cost of the camp is $100.

For more information, call Brad Wikse at 573-5420.

Snyder volleyball camp set

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

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

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

Basketball tourney slated

The Boys and Girls Club will host a 5-on-5 basketball tournament July 14-15. Incoming seventh, eighth and ninth graders are eligible to participate.

Format will be double elimination, with teams divided into boys' and girls' divisions. Entry fee is $100 per team. Registration deadline is Tuesday.

For more information call the boys club at 573-3344.

Dates set for basketball camp

The Bubba Edwards Basketball Camp will begin next Tuesday and run through Friday for incoming third through seventh grade boys and girls.

The camp will meet from 9 a.m. until noon each day at the Ira High School gym. Cost is $40 and includes a camp T-shirt.

For more information, contact Coach Edwards at 573-2628 or 573-2227.

Ladies' Pumpjack upcoming

The Ladies' Pumpjack Golf Tournament will be Tuesday at Snyder Country Club.

To register call the SCC pro shop at 573-7101, or Martha Fagin at 573-2545.

SCC holds weekly events

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

Horseshoe pitching held weekly

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

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

Volleyball event set four July 4th

A co-ed volleyball tournament will be held on July 4th. Teams will consist of eight players, and entry fee is $70 per team. For more information, call Louis Alaniz at 573-7321, or Chad Welch at 573-6058.

Influential tennis figure dies

PARIS (AP) — Philippe Chatrier, one of the most influential figures in international tennis and the man responsible for returning the sport to the Olympics, has died at 72.

He had Alzheimer's disease for several years and died in the Brittany town of Dinard, the French Tennis Federation said.

Chatrier, a former junior French champion, was a former president of the FTF and the International Tennis Federation, the sport's governing body.

He worked toward the creation of what is known today as Open tennis. The format, in which professionals and amateurs play together, began in 1968 at Roland Garros stadium in Paris.

Hingis reaches final

DEN BOSCH, Netherlands (AP) — Martina Hingis rallied from a 4-1 deficit in the first set to beat Jennifer Capriati 7-5, 6-2 and advance to the Heineken Trophy final.

The top-ranked Hingis will play Ruxandra Dragomir in the grass-court tuneup for Wimbledon. Dragomir, the 1997 winner, beat defending champion Kristina Brandi 6-2, 6-3.

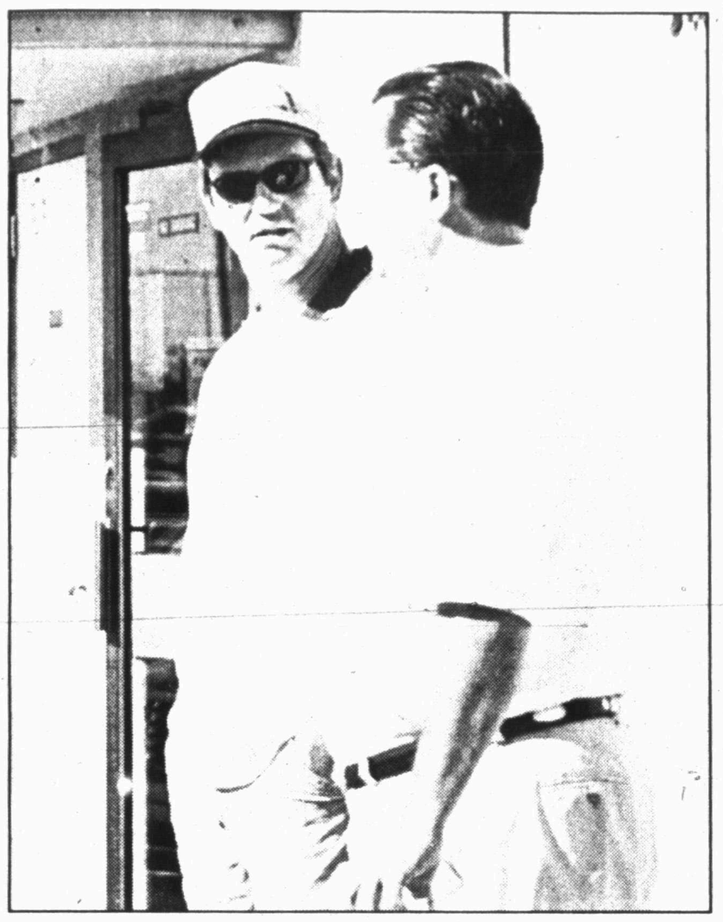
Two-time defending champion Patrick Rafter beat Karim Alami 6-3, 3-6, 6-3 in the men's quarterfinals.

In the semifinal, Rafter will play Magnus Gustafsson, who beat Martin Damm 6-3, 3-6, 7-5.

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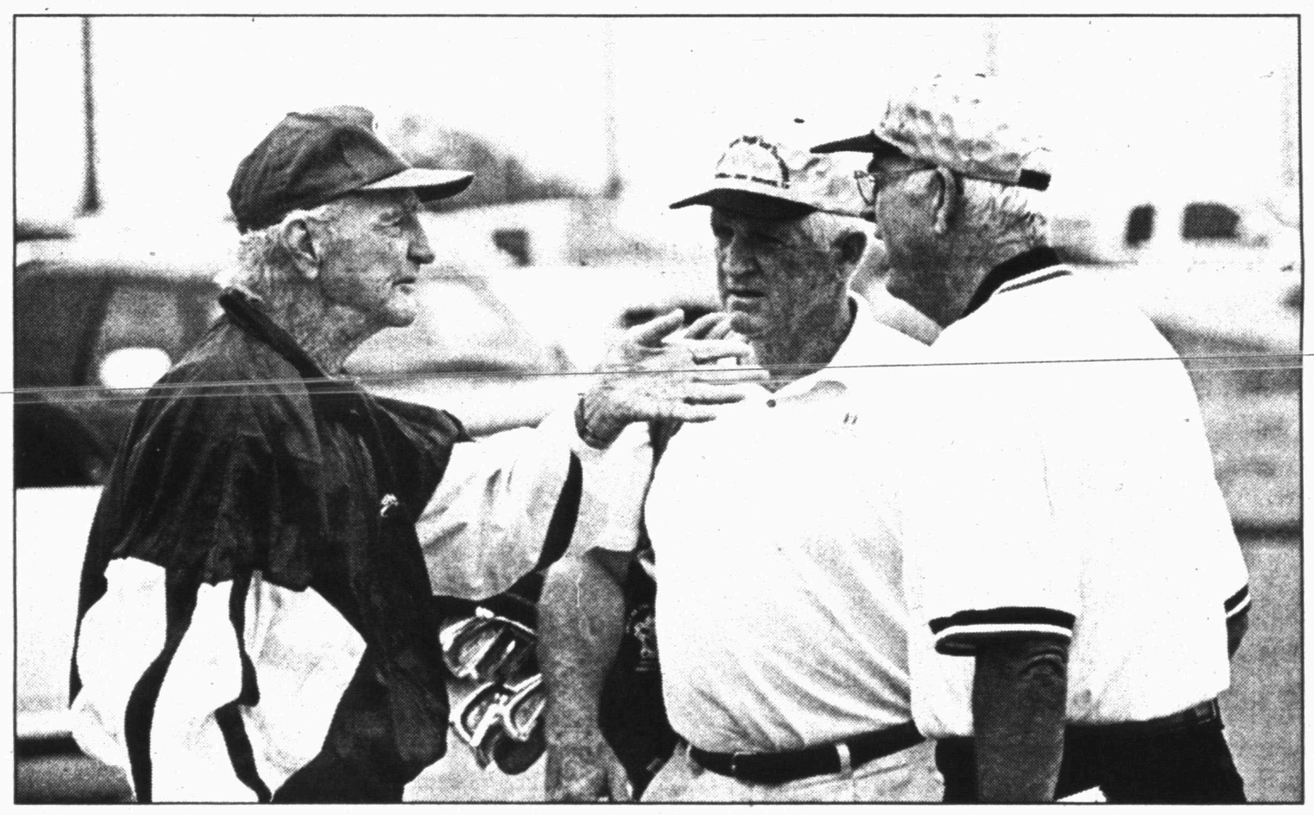
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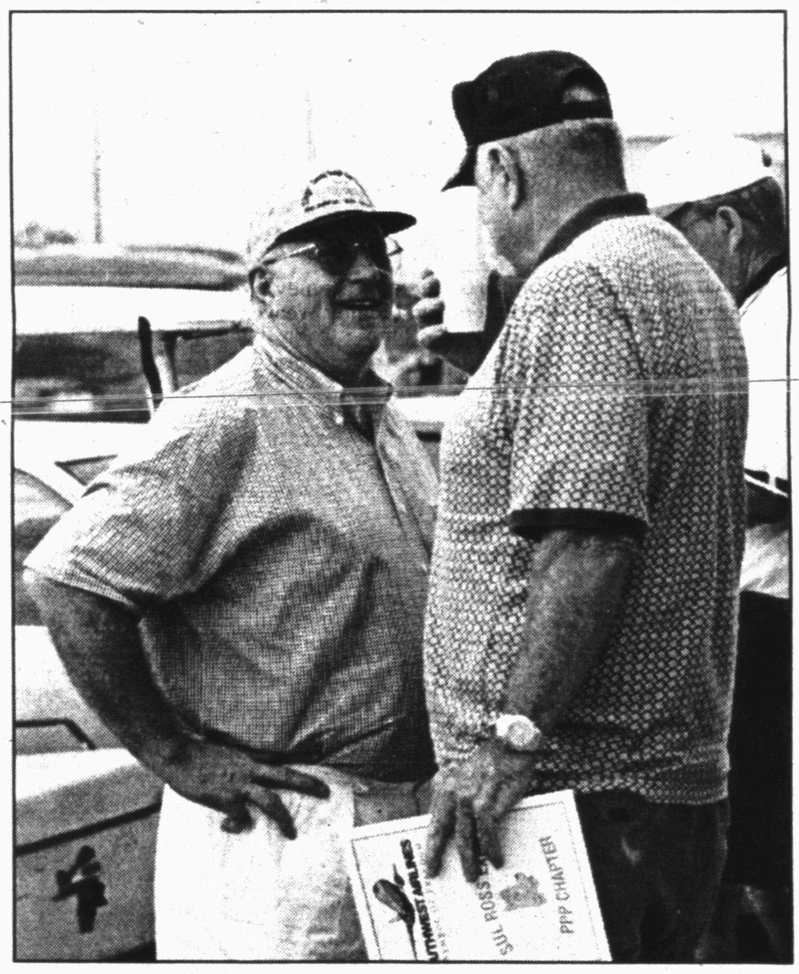
PRE-ROUND CHAT — Art Briles (left), who coached Stephenville to consecutive state championships before becoming an assistant coach at Texas Tech earlier this year, visits before teeing off at Western Texas College. (SDN Staff Photo)



SPANNING THE GENERATION GAP — Former Ole Miss football coach Johnny Vaught, 91, signs a football for a youngster prior to Saturday morning's round at the Slingin' Sammy Baugh Celebrity Golf Classic. At age 91, Vaught was the oldest player in the field. (SDN Staff Photo)



SWAPPING STORIES — Legendary Hall of Famer Sammy Baugh (left) gestures while spinning a tale with former Green Bay Packer and Dallas Cowboy running back Don McIlhenny (center) and tournament director Bob O'Day. (SDN Staff Photo)



I REMEMBER THAT — Former Texas A&M standout and Houston Oilers coach Jack Pardee (left) enjoys visiting with an old friend Friday outside the WTC pro shop. (SDN Staff Photo)



A COACHING TRIO — Frances White (left), daughter of Sammy Baugh and a coach at Snyder Junior High, visits with her brother and Snyder High School coach David Baugh (far right) and former University of Texas coach Darrell Royal on Friday. (SDN Staff Photo)



AN AUTOGRAPH FOR EVERYBODY — Don Maynard (center) fills autograph requests from children and adults, before hitting the links. Maynard was a Hall of Fame receiver with the New York Jets. (SDN Staff Photo)

SPORTS



ALL-STARS — Snyder's 13 and 14-year-old all stars will begin tournament play July 5 in Abilene. Members of the team are, front row from left, Isaac Ramon, Mikey Martinez, Bradley Price, Boicy Martinez and Jason Ramos. On the middle row are Cody Wall, Zach Cain, Tye Collier, Jess Wall and Matthew Vasquez. On the back row are Coach Paul Faulkenbery, Alex Neal, Justin Boyd, Blake Grimmett, Teddy Vasquez and Coach Steve Grimmett. (SDN Staff Photo)

San Francisco whips Houston; Astros can't produce offense

HOUSTON (AP) — Livan Hernandez has turned his season around, winning six times in his last eight decisions after opening the season with four straight losses.

"He's got a real good string going," San Francisco manager Dusty Baker said after Hernandez pitched the Giants to a 10-3 victory over the Houston Astros on Friday night.

Hernandez (6-6) beat Houston for the second time in six days, scattering nine hits in eight innings and allowing two runs. He struck out six and walked one while recording his first road victory since Aug. 21 of last season at Milwaukee.

"I started slow, but I'm making a comeback. I'm throwing better now," Hernandez said. "I didn't change nothing. I knew my day would come."

The key to pitching well in Houston's cozy Enron Field is keeping the ball down, Hernandez said.

"I threw the ball down. My slider was down and it was working good. In a small park like this, you have to keep the ball down," Hernandez said.

Hernandez has earned the respect of Houston's Jeff Bagwell.

"He didn't make any mistakes. He changed speeds real well. He changed speeds with his curve and slider, that's what Livan does," Bagwell said.

In less than half a season, there have been 120 home runs hit over Enron's short fences, two more than were hit last year at the Astrodome.

"The ball I hit to right wouldn't have gone out of any other ballpark in baseball," Barry Bonds said after hitting his 27th homer of the season in the third inning. "I'll take this ballpark over the Astrodome any time. I just can't believe Bagwell's not leading the league in home runs. After being short-changed in the Astrodome all those years, here if you get the ball in the air it will go out."

Bonds left the game in the sixth inning with mild cramping in his right hamstring. He expects to play Saturday.

Marvin Benard, who went 4-for-6, lost his 11th straight decision and gave up two homers, increasing his league lead for home runs allowed to 24.

"He has pitched some good games lately, but he went back to his old problem," manager Larry Dierker said of Lima, who tied the Astros' record for consecutive losses, set by Dick Drott from May 26-Sept. 4, 1963. "He was leaving pitches up and over the plate.

"He did that in the Astrodome and it hurt him, but it'll kill him here."

The 10 runs scored by the Giants are the most runs scored at Enron Field since April 27, when the Chicago Cubs defeated Lima 12-3.

J.T. Snow's bases-loaded walk put San Francisco ahead in the first, and Bonds connected in the third, leaving him tied with Mark McGwire of the St. Louis Cardinals for the major league lead in home runs.

It was the first homer off Lima in 22 1-3 innings.

Benard hit a two-run homer in the fourth, but Glen Barker's RBI grounder made it 4-1 in the fifth.

Bobby Estalella homered in a three-run sixth that also included Ellis Burks' two-run single.

Houston rookie Chris Truby hit his first major league home run, a solo sho in the ninth.

"Truby's first major league home run was our only bright spot," Dierker lamented.

Major League Baseball

American League
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East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Toronto	40	34	541	—
Boston	37	32	536	1/2
New York	36	32	529	1
Baltimore	30	41	423	8 1/2
Tampa Bay	29	42	408	9 1/2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Chicago	47	26	644	—
Cleveland	37	33	529	8
Kansas City	34	37	479	12
Minnesota	31	43	419	16 1/2
Detroit	28	40	412	16 1/2

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Oakland	43	29	597	—
Seattle	41	30	577	1
Anaheim	38	34	528	5
Texas	33	38	465	9 1/2

Thursday's Games

Toronto 7, Detroit 4
Boston 4, N.Y. Yankees 2
Chicago White Sox 6, Cleveland 0
Minnesota 3, Texas 2
Seattle 11, Baltimore 4
Anaheim 4, Kansas City 3
Only games scheduled

Friday's Games

Toronto 5, Boston 4
Detroit 7, Cleveland 6
Tampa Bay 7, Texas 4
Chicago White Sox 4, N.Y. Yankees 3
Anaheim 8, Minnesota 3
Seattle 8, Baltimore 3
Oakland 10, Kansas City 6

Saturday's Games

Detroit (Sparks 0-0) at Cleveland (Colon 6-4), 1:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Mendoza 6-3) at Chicago White Sox (Wells 4-5), 1:15 p.m.
Baltimore (Rapp 4-4) at Seattle (Halama 6-3), 4:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Reichert 3-4) at Oakland (Heredia 9-4), 4:05 p.m.
Boston (Rose 3-4) at Toronto (Halladay 2-4), 4:05 p.m.
Detroit (Mlicki 2-8) at Cleveland (Rigdon 1-1), 7:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Lopez 4-4) at Texas (Glynn 1-0), 8:35 p.m.
Minnesota (Milton 6-2) at Anaheim (Bottenfield 4-5), 10:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Detroit at Cleveland, 1:05 p.m.
Boston at Toronto, 1:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees at Chicago White Sox, 2:05 p.m.
Kansas City at Oakland, 4:05 p.m.
Baltimore at Seattle, 4:35 p.m.
Minnesota at Anaheim, 8:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Texas, 8:05 p.m.

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East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	45	28	616	—
New York	39	31	557	4 1/2
Montreal	36	34	514	7 1/2
Florida	36	38	486	9 1/2
Philadelphia	30	41	423	14

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
St. Louis	42	30	583	—
Cincinnati	34	37	479	7 1/2
Pittsburgh	31	41	431	11
Chicago	30	42	417	12
Milwaukee	30	43	411	12 1/2
Houston	26	46	361	16

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Arizona	42	30	583	—
Colorado	38	30	559	2
Los Angeles	38	33	535	3 1/2
San Francisco	35	34	507	5 1/2
San Diego	32	39	451	9 1/2

Thursday's Games

Atlanta 6, Chicago Cubs 4
Montreal 6, Pittsburgh 5
Milwaukee 6, Florida 1
N.Y. Mets 5, Philadelphia 4
Cincinnati 5, Colorado 3
Houston 6, Los Angeles 3
St. Louis 11, San Francisco 10
Only games scheduled

Friday's Games

Florida 6, Chicago Cubs 1
N.Y. Mets 12, Pittsburgh 2
Atlanta 3, Milwaukee 2
Philadelphia 13, Montreal 6
San Diego 10, Cincinnati 7, 10 innings
San Francisco 10, Houston 3
Arizona 2, Colorado 0
St. Louis 9, Los Angeles 6, 12 innings
Only games scheduled

Saturday's Games

Los Angeles (Hershiser 1-3) at St. Louis (Kile 10-4), 1:15 p.m.
Philadelphia (Wolf 6-4) at Montreal (Pavano 8-3), 1:35 p.m.
San Francisco (Nathan 3-1) at Houston (Reynolds 6-3), 4:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Valdes 1-1) at Florida (Smith 0-1), 7:05 p.m.
San Diego (Clement 6-6) at Cincinnati (Villone 6-4), 7:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Silva 5-2) at N.Y. Mets (Reed 4-1), 7:10 p.m.
Milwaukee (Wright 3-1) at Atlanta (Maddux 9-1), 7:10 p.m.
Colorado (Yoshii 2-7) at Arizona (Johnson 11-1), 10:05 p.m.

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Timely hitting escapes Rangers in 7-4 setback

ARLINGTON (AP) — Cory Lidle settled down after a shaky first and finally won as a starter in the major leagues for the Tampa Bay Devil Rays.

After giving up three first-inning singles, including a run-scoring hit by Ivan Rodriguez that tied the game at 1-1, Lidle (1-2) retired 12 straight batters and survived one more bad stretch as the Devil Rays beat the Texas Rangers 7-4 Friday night.

"He started out a little bit rough, battled through that and came back and got some quick outs for us, settled in and did a good job," Tampa Bay manager Larry Rothschild said. "It takes a lot to stay out there in the first inning. He was struggling and he never gave in. He just made his pitches."

Lidle, making his eighth start in his 72nd appearance in the majors, struck out four with no walks in six innings. He gave up four runs on six hits, including unconventional back-to-back home runs.

"That first inning, my ball was over the middle of the plate, and after that I was more hitting the corners, I just settled down and made better pitches," Lidle said.

Like Texas starter Rick Helling (7-7), who lost his sixth straight start, Lidle settled down after the first. Lidle's streak of 12 outs in a row ended with three straight Texas hits in the fifth.

Gabe Kapler singled on an 0-2 pitch with two out. Royce Clayton, who had just 15 hits his previous 90 at-bats, then hit an 0-2 pitch for his 11th homer before Luis Alicea hit a full-count pitch for an inside-the-park homer.

"He made one mistake and that was the 0-2 home run. It looked like a big mistake at that point, but he came back and battled and did what he had to do," Rothschild said.

Gerald Williams led off the game with a homer and later broke a tie with a sacrifice fly for the Devil Rays.

Helling retired 14 batters in a row after the Williams homer, but was chased from the game after the first four Devil Rays in the seventh got hits, including an RBI double by Steve Cox and an RBI single by Bobby Smith.

"The first six innings, I was getting quick outs and quick innings. The seventh, I left the same, but I left the ball up to the first two batters and they got hits," Helling said. "The next think you know, I go from cruising to being out of the game. I don't ever remember a start like that."

Felix Martinez greeted reliever Jeff Zimmerman with an RBI single that tied the game at 4-4. Williams followed with his sac fly to deep left that capped the four-run outburst.

Smith, who had three hits and is 13-for-33 (.394) in eight games since being recalled from Triple-A Durham, added a two-run homer in the eighth.

Roberto Hernandez pitched the ninth for his ninth save in 14 opportunities.

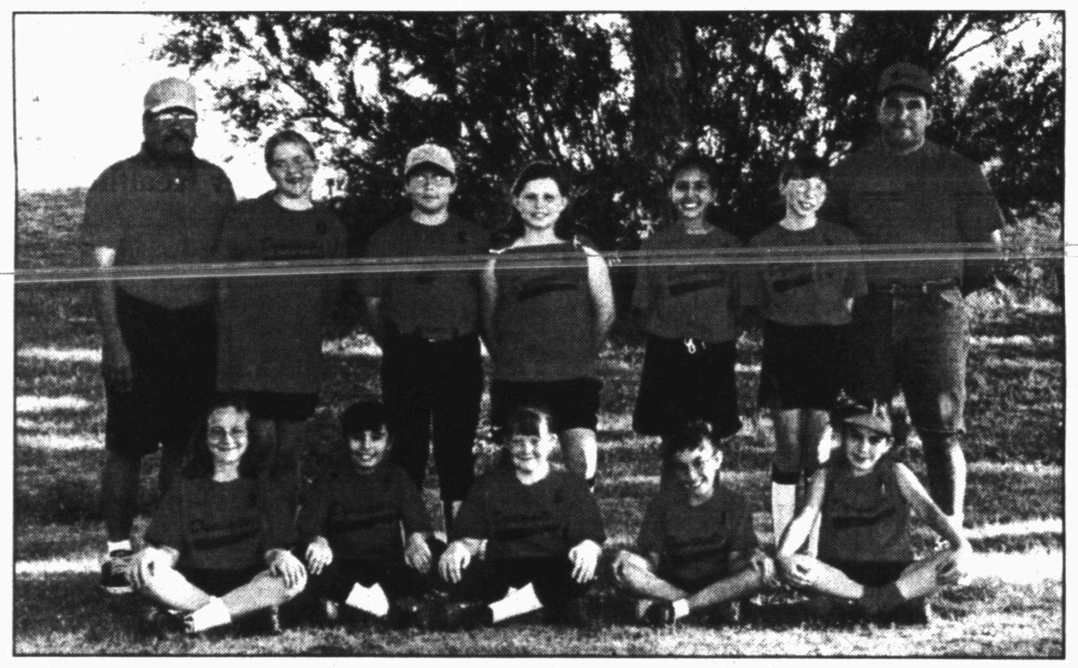
The Rangers led 4-1 in the fifth after Clayton hit a two-run homer and Alicea followed by becoming the first Texas player to hit an inside-the-park homer at The Ballpark in Arlington.

The rarity by Alicea caromed off the concrete bottom of an angled wall in the right-field corner and past Bubba Trammell. The ball rolled parallel to the wall on the warning track and wasn't retrieved by the right fielder until Alicea was already rounding third base.

"What it did was unbelievable," Trammell said. "I'd play that ball the say way 100 times. It hit the perfect spot and shot by me."

That wasn't enough for Helling, who hasn't won since May 23 when he beat Kansas City to improve to 7-1. He gave up seven hits — just three the first six innings — with one strikeout and one walk.

Rodriguez has a 27-game hitting streak against Tampa Bay, a streak that began June 2, 1998. The longest streak by an active player versus an opponent is Bobby Bonilla's 28 games in a row with a hit against Detroit. Bonilla, now with Atlanta, hasn't played against Detroit since 1997.



SOFTBALL CHAMPS — The Dynamites captured first place in the 10-under division of the Snyder Girls' Softball Association. Members of the team are, front row from left, Jordan Derryberry, Cassi Hernandez, K'Leigh Jackson, Ashley Casas and Jodi Guerrero. On the back row are Coach Lupe Lopez, Heather Derington, Ashlei Lopez, Brittany Mitchell, Alex Urias, Chelsea Castillo and Coach Jesse Hernandez. Not pictured are Kendra Tidwell and Michelle Garcia. (Contributed Photo)

Tyson, Savarese set for Saturday's bout

GLASGOW, Scotland (AP) — Lou Savarese hopes Michael Tyson's mind is not completely on boxing.

A distracted Tyson might be Savarese's best chance of springing an upset in Saturday night's 10-round outdoor bout at Hampden Park.

There were rumors that Tyson wanted out of the match, already postponed once, because of the murder last week of close friend Darell Baum. His trip to Britain was delayed four days until Sunday so Tyson could attend the funeral.

Tyson, however, said he is a professional, and besides, Baum would have wanted him to fight. So maybe his friend's death will spur Tyson to a top performance. He also has a good reason to concentrate on the task at hand because a loss would derail a chance to challenge heavyweight champion Lennox Lewis.

Another distraction could be Tyson's falling out with promoter Frank Warren over $650,000 owed on jewelry the former heavyweight champion bought when he was in London before he stopped Julius Francis in the second round Jan. 29.

Tyson has publicly denied reports that he hit Warren and threatened to throw him through a window. Warren declines comment, but he did not accompany Tyson to Glasgow from London on Wednesday night or attend a news conference Thursday, and he is not expected to attend the fight.

The 6-foot-5 Savarese, who weighed in Friday at 241 1/4 pounds, has a distinct size advantage over Tyson, 222, who appears shorter than his listed height of 5 11 1/2. But Tyson, who will be 34 next Friday, appears to be too quick for Savarese, even though he has slowed with age and inactivity (12 fights in 10 years.

Tyson also is a harder puncher than Savarese, who will be 35 July 14.

Tyson (47-3, 41 knockouts) has two losses to Evander Holyfield, one in the infamous Bite Fight, a fifth-round knockout of Francois Botha, a one-round no-contest in which he knocked down Orlin Norris after the bell and the quick win over Francis.

An upset would put Savarese (39-3, 32 knockouts) in position for a possible challenge to Lewis, even though it would be only his fourth win in the last seven fights. A loss probably would end his career.

One of the wins was a first-round technical knockout in 1998 of a faded James "Buster" Douglas, who became heavyweight champion in 1990 when he stopped Tyson in the 11th round of one boxing's greatest upsets. The losses were on a 12-round decision to George Foreman, a fifth-round knockout by David Izon in 1997 and a 10-round decision to Michael Grant June 19, 1999, in which he was knocked down twice.

The fight, which is expected to be attended by at least 40,000 fans, will be televised by Showtime on a delayed basis in the United States. It will start about 11 p.m. local time (6 p.m. EDT). The U.S. telecast will begin at 9:30 p.m.

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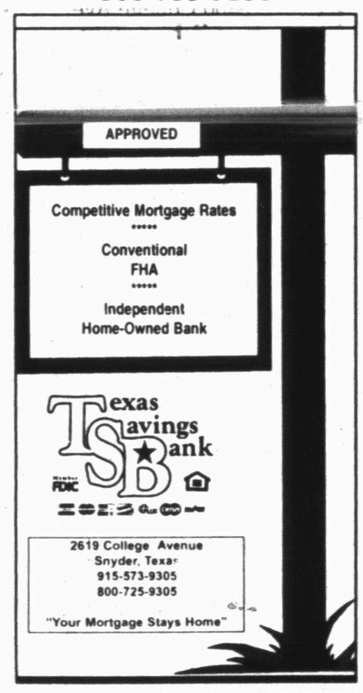
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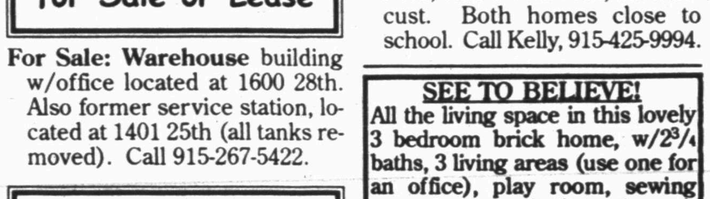

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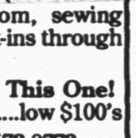

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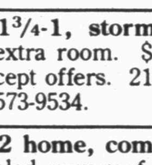
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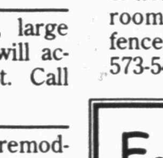


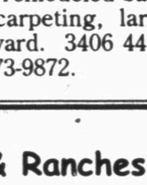
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Saturday, June 24, 2000
Today is the 176th day of 2000 and the fifth day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1647, Margaret Brent demanded a seat and a vote in the Maryland Assembly.

On this day in 1894, M.F. Sadi-Carnot, the president of France, was assassinated by Italian anarchists at Lyons.

On this day in 1947, a pilot named Kenneth Arnold reported seeing nine UFOs over Mount Rainier, Wash.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Henry Ward Beecher (1813-1887), clergyman; Jack Dempsey (1895-1983), boxer; Norman Cousins (1915-1990), editor-writer; John Ciardi (1916-1986), poet-critic; Billy Casper (1931-), golf great, is 69; Mick Fleetwood (1942-), musician, is 58; Michele Lee (1942-), singer-actress, is 58; Jeff Beck (1944-), musician, is 56.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1952, Eddie Arcaro became the first American-born jockey to win 3,000 races.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Life is an adventure in forgiveness." — Norman Cousins

TODAY'S MOON: Last quarter.

Sunday, June 25, 2000
Today is the 177th day of 2000 and the sixth day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1876, Gen. George Custer and 265 men of the 7th Cavalry were killed at the Battle of the Little Big Horn, in Montana.

On this day in 1938, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt signed the Wage and Hours Act, which established a minimum wage of 25 cents per hour and a maximum work week of 44 hours.

On this day in 1977, park ranger Roy Sullivan was struck by lightning for the eighth time in his life.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Henry "Hap" Arnold (1886-1950), U.S. Army Air Force general; George Orwell (1903-1950), writer; Sidney Lumet (1924-), director, is 76; June Lockhart (1925-), actress, is 75; Willis Reed (1942-), basketball great, is 58; Carly Simon (1945-), singer-songwriter, is 55; Phyllis George (1949-), sports broadcaster, is 51; George Michael (1963-), singer, is 37.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1930, Maxie Rosenbloom won a 15-round decision against Jimmy Slattery, winning the world light heavyweight championship.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The great enemy of clear language is insincerity." — **George Orwell**

TODAY'S MOON: Day after last quarter (June 24).

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Ivana Trump sues

NEW YORK (AP) — Ivana Trump is suing an Italian television station for $3 million, alleging that employees of a show on which she appeared dropped a large quantity of water on her as part of a stunt for the program.

Trump says in court papers that the dousing made her sick, ruined her $3,000 dress and made her lose a pair of $25,000 earrings made by jeweler Harry Winston. She said she spent $400 on emergency medical treatment.

"She was not treated with respect on that show," said Trump's lawyer, Dan Harrington. He would not elaborate on the incident or the lawsuit, filed Wednesday in Manhattan's State Supreme Court.

According to the lawsuit, Trump appeared July 8, 1999, on a program called "Scherzi A Parte," a show similar to "Candid Camera."

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Your Birthday

Sunday, June 25, 2000

Give top priority to your ambitious goals in the year ahead. With enough solid thought and planning, you have excellent chances of fulling your aspirations.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Believing only your opinion is what counts when involved with friends or family will label you intolerant. Accept the fact that everyone is entitled to his/her opinion. Cancer, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper. P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) There is a competitor lurking in the wings who would love to know your game plan. Be extra careful what you say and to whom you reveal anything that should remain under wraps.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Be careful taking to heart something an associate says today that may be questionable. This person's intentions may be good, but she or he could be way off base and give you erroneous information.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Let your cohort do most of the talking today when discussing a partnership involvement. You'll better understand how to deal with it once you know his or her stance.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Achieving your ambitious and practical objectives today looks pretty good. However, you may first have to get past several petty stumbling blocks on your road to victory.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) It'll serve no useful purpose to call the flaws of others to their attention today, no matter how painfully aware of them you are. Work on your own shortcomings, instead.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Sometimes it is necessary to make small concessions first in order to reap larger gains. This might be the case for you today. Don't expect optimum conditions.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Have others check your performance today if what you're doing involves critical care. This will be true with any project you're working on, but especially written statements.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) There are some deals out in the marketplace today, but you may have to ask for them. Don't take for granted that the only items for sale are all out on the floor.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) It could be quite harmful in ways you may not suspect if when conversing with other family members you address subjects that are too personal for either you or them.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Self-defeating thoughts could be your greatest obstacles to get past today. Let your tenacity prevail and remember that you can do anything you set your mind to.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) There's a chance a misunderstanding could arise with a friend today over something rather petty and insignificant, such as a gambling bet or splitting a tab. Keep cool.

Monday, June 26, 2000

Although you may start out with only a minor role in a promising endeavor in the year ahead, you could end up with your position substantially elevated through diligent effort and initiative.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Your feisty nature today makes you more responsive than usual to challenging situations. Properly applied, this could help you climb to the top more readily. Major changes are ahead for Cancer in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) It'll be your mental prowess that can effectively implement plans that require clear, precise thinking today. Utilize your skills and knowledge where bold measures are called for.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Becoming involved today in an endeavor someone else has masterminded is a strong possibility today. It'll be what you can contribute to the enterprise that makes you so inviting.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Don't be afraid to stand your ground today if you believe conditions are unacceptable with something another may be putting undo pressure on you to join.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Keep pace with your duties and responsibilities as they befall you today, because if you get behind, your workload could be too heavy for you to bear tomorrow.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) It doesn't take a lot of money to have fun and enjoy yourself today. What it takes is imagination, innovation and initiative. You have all of these attributes, so utilize them.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) This could be a very productive day for you, provided you don't attempt more than you can handle and that you schedule your assignments sensibly.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Don't structure your thoughts too tightly today if you have to make some kind of presentation to others. You'll be a better performer if you work from an outline instead.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Although the financial market may be mixed today, you can come out ahead if you hover somewhere between where the gains and loses are found.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) There is no sign more enterprising or resourceful than yours, so today you should find yourself in your own element as the aspects influence you towards being an entrepreneur.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Events could be running a bit swifter than you may like today, but flow with the tide, since it'll speed you toward achieving a secret objective you didn't think you could reach.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Happenings connected with social elements should work out quite well for you today, but this includes dealings with commercial associates as well. Treat everyone as a friend.

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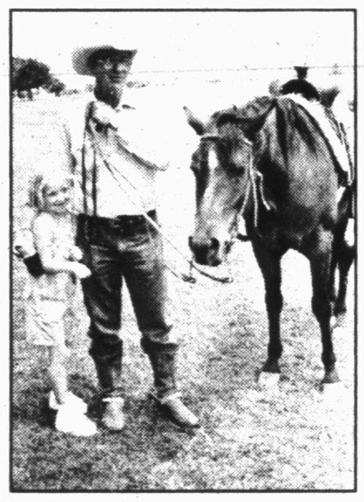
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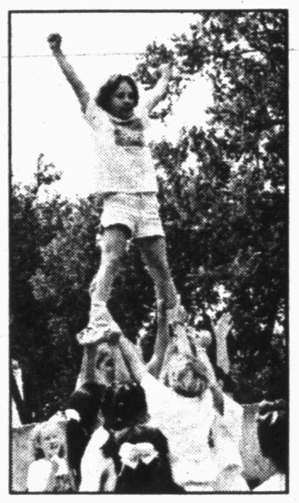
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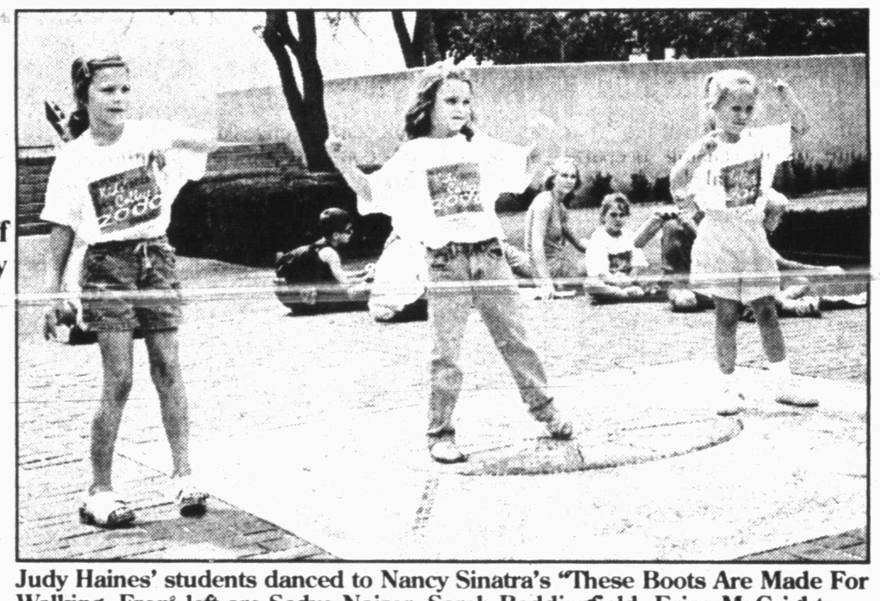
Lori Sealy's Jamboree students performed a song about Kids Kollege during Thursday afternoon's closing program at Western Texas College. From left are Dillon Randolph, Sealy, Kristen Miller, Erin Graham, Annie Ezell, Sarah Beddingfield, Sadye Naizer.







Billy Ray Browning and his horse, Patsy, (left photo) visited with Kids College students. Taylor Freeman was too shy to pet the horse which is a descendant of the mare that J.Wright Mooar gave to Browning's parents, Jim and Ruby Browning. Nicole Molter (center photo) was at the top of the pyramid formed by cheerleading students Alexandra Hook, left, and Emma Nunley. Bailey Stoker, instructor, and Stormi Stevens are pictured in back. Stormi (right photo) was at the top of another pyramid the cheerleading students formed.



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Judy Haines' students danced to Nancy Sinatra's "These Boots Are Made For Walking. From left are Sadye Naizer, Sarah Beddingfield, Erica McCright.

Essentially completed map of human genes offers hope

WASHINGTON (AP) — An essentially completed map of the human genes, to be announced jointly on Monday by two competing groups, is just the beginning of a genetic revolution in medicine that may take a century to complete, experts say.

President Clinton, speaking in anticipation of the announcement, said "the whole landscape of health care" will be changed forever by decoding the human genetic pattern.

But that change won't come easily or quickly, the experts said. It may take another two years to completely finish and double check the genome map, and even that will be only a beginning — just as learning to read simple words is only the beginning of an education. Whole libraries of new knowledge await medical researchers.

Ultimately, understanding the human genome will lead to new drugs, advanced treatment of genetically related diseases such as cancer and heart disease, and better techniques for diagnosing disease.

Some experts believe that people someday will have their unique genetic code on smart cards that will enable doctors to prescribe drugs and treatments tailor-made for each patient's gene pattern.

The human genome project — started 10 years ago by publicly financed agencies in four countries and more recently by a private Maryland firm — has been described by experts as the "Apollo moon landing program of biology."

"It will be like man on the moon, like the start of the industrial revolution," said Richard Gibbs, head of the gene sequencing center at the Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. "The impact eventually will be enormous in medicine."

Leaders of both a publically-funded project and a competing private company issued statements Friday that they jointly would announce the status of their work on Monday.

The international public project, led by an agency of the National Institutes of Health, said that it would announced completion of a "working draft", which officials said means the mapping is about 90 percent complete.

The private effort by Celera Genomics of Rockville, Md. may be farther along. A company statement said it would announce "the first assembly of the human genome."

For both projects, the goal is to sequence correctly the 3.1 billion DNA subunits that make up the human genome and put those sequences into the correct order within the 23 pairs of human chromosomes.

The publicly financed human genome project has already cost about $300 million and officials said it has identified about 50,000 genes with several thousand more still expected to be found. Computers reading DNA are sending more than 10,000 sequences an hour into a public data bank.

Gibbs said the "working draft" of the genome has been on the brink of completion for several weeks and was being "tuned up" in preparation for the announcement.

He and others admitted, however, that the final genome map, checked and rechecked repeatedly, will not be completed for at least two more years and even then gaps may remain that cannot be filled with present technology

Celera started its project later, but is using a faster method powered by the world's largest private assemblage of supercomputers. The firm announced earlier this year that it had sequenced all of the genes from one human being, an unidentified male, and that it expected in June to have those gene reassembled into the correct order and location on the 23 pairs of human chromosomes.

Gene sequences produced by Celera are not being made immediately available to other researchers, but company officials said the data eventually will be posted on a Web site and available to subscribing universities and pharmaceutical companies.

For months, the parallel public and private efforts were seen as competing and contentious, with bitter criticism and harsh words exchanged in public.

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Reno testifies via videotape in lawsuit

WACO (AP) — During the final day of the Branch Davidian standoff, federal agents had the discretion to do what needed to be done to remove sect members and insert tear gas into the compound, Attorney General Janet Reno said in a videotaped deposition played for jurors Friday.

"But the discretion would have to be exercised within the limits of the plan," Reno said of the FBI commanders at the Mount Carmel site near Waco.

The Reno-approved plan called for FBI agents to use tank booms to gradually insert tear gas in the building. The plan permitted systematic destruction of the compound only 48 hours after a determination that the tear-gassing plan had failed.

Reno's testimony was played during the $675 million wrongful death lawsuit brought by surviving Davidians and family members who claim the government is responsible for the deaths of some 80 people who died April 19, 1993, some from fire, others from gunshots.

Plaintiff's attorney Michael Caddell contends that federal agents violated the approved plan when they prematurely began tearing down a part of the building know as the gymnasium while agents in tanks launched tear gas into the compound.

"The plan of operation was to utilize chemical agents placed within the compound to bring the people out," Steve McGavin, an FBI supervisory agent who helped draft a proposal to remove the Davidians, told jurors.

He said an FBI contingency plan called for gassing the entire compound if agents' safety were ever compromised.

China increases short-range missiles

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Chinese military is increasing the number and accuracy of short-range missiles aimed at Taiwan as it focuses on a possible clash with the United States over Taiwan, the Pentagon said Friday in a new assessment of China's military power and strategy.

Without predicting a Chinese attempt to win control of Taiwan by force — or dismissing the possibility — the report says the People's Liberation Army is buying the kinds of weapons that could be used in a pre-emptive strike. These include cruise missiles and ballistic missiles of longer ranges and greater accuracy.

"The warning time for missile launches most likely will decrease as China expands its missile force opposite Taiwan," the report said. It is the latest in a series of assessments on China required by Congress.

The report concludes that despite its increasing preparations for a potential clash, Beijing is unlikely to attack Taiwan because the Chinese believe war would jeopardize their economic growth and world standing.

It says China is strengthening its military on a broad front but, despite having a far larger armed force, would still face "significant shortcomings" in a conflict with Taiwan, even a decade from now.

Over the coming five years, the 2.4 million-strong PLA will have "only a limited capability" to conduct offensive operations against Taiwan in a way that effectively combines air, sea and land forces, the report says. It says the PLA's naval, air and ground troops are not fully integrated into a cohesive combat force.

In the longer term — in the 2010-to-2020 period — China could gain a greater edge over Taiwan in both the quality and quantity of its military forces, the report said. At that point Taiwan's success in deterring Chinese aggression will depend on its ability to acquire and operate modern arms and technology.

The Pentagon released its report shortly after Secretary of State Madeleine Albright completed a visit to Beijing where she urged President Jiang Zemin to take up Taiwan's suggestion for direct talks on easing tensions.

On Friday, Taiwan said China began live-fire artillery tests off its southeast coast. Taiwanese and American officials called the exercises routine and not a threat to the island.

The communist government in Beijing views Taiwan as a renegade province and insists it not seek international recognition as a separate state. China has refused to renounce the option of using force against Taiwan and has said it might do so in any of three circumstances: if Taiwan declared independence, if a foreign power intervened to stop reunification on China's terms or if Taiwan gained nuclear arms.

U.S. policy is to view Taiwan as part of China, although the United States sells defensive arms to the island, which split from mainland China after the communist takeover in October 1949.

Philip Morris chief says firm never tried to mislead public

MIAMI (AP) — Philip Morris Inc. never intended to lie to or mislead the American public about the health consequences of smoking, a top company executive testified Friday in a landmark smokers' case.

Ellen Merlo, one of eight senior vice presidents for the nation's largest cigarette maker, rejected the jury's earlier verdict that found a pattern of fraud, lies, misrepresentations, conspiracy and concealment by the industry.

"I don't believe that," Merlo said. "It was never our intention to lie or to mislead anyone."

Philip Morris and four other tobacco companies are fighting payment of punitive damages to 300,000 to 700,000 sick Florida smokers in the first smokers' class-action case to go to trial.

The nation's five biggest cigarette companies want to pay nothing to smokers, arguing that a $254 billion commitment to state lawsuit settlements is enough. The industry expects to rest its case next week.

The jury already has decided the industry makes a deadly, defective product and awarded $12.7 million to three smokers with cancer. Smokers' witnesses have testified the industry can raise $150 billion to $157 billion to pay a punitive award.

Although Philip Morris CEO Michael Szymanczyk has gone no further than saying smoking is unhealthy, Merlo repeatedly said she believes smoking causes disease and is addictive.

"I do believe that smoking causes disease and therefore it is very possible that a member or members of this class contracted their disease as a result of smoking," she testified.

Philip Morris does not take the position that smoking causes disease and is addictive, but its Web site notes a public-health consensus on both subjects.

Merlo, senior vice president of corporate affairs, said she wished her company had stopped debating public health officials "much sooner" than it did in 1997 under provisions of a federal tobacco litigation settlement plan that fell through.

Her testimony focused on Philip Morris' mission statement, youth anti-smoking programs and advertising to illustrate changes adopted since 1998 to make Philip Morris a more responsible company.

"We make a product that is dangerous and has health concerns associated with it," Merlo said. "I believe if we act responsibly everything else will fall into place."

Tobacco witnesses have highlighted their efforts to keep young people from smoking, but smokers' witnesses have said the money is dwarfed by the industry's $6 billion annual advertising and promotion budget.

The other defendants in the case are Lorillard Tobacco Co., Liggett Group Inc. and the industry's defunct Council for Tobacco Research and Tobacco Institute.

On the Net:

Tobacco links:
http://www.umich.edu/(tilde)umtrn/websites.html

Trial transcript service:
http://www.engle.cc

Fed court OKs government plan to reduce air pollution

WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal court is allowing the government to implement a plan to reduce air pollution that drifts from the Midwest to the Northeast, the Environmental Protection Agency said Friday.

The regulation, designed to force more controls on coal-burning power plants, has been bitterly contested by states that contend the effect of traveling smog has been exaggerated and pollution controls to cut it back would cost too much.

It also was challenged by utilities, manufacturers and the trucking industry.

The ruling means that 19 states, all east of the Mississippi, now have four months to submit to the EPA plans for reducing nitrogen oxide, an ingredient in smog, by May 2003. Some of the states will have to impose tougher controls than others: Much of the traveling smog problem has been blamed on tall utility smokestacks in the Midwest, Ohio Valley and parts of the South.

Michigan was the lead plaintiff in the case.

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Israeli troops shoot 4 in border incident

MARJAYOUN, Lebanon (AP) — Israeli troops opened fire Saturday on a Jordanian delegation visiting the Lebanese-Israeli border, wounding four people, the head of the Jordanian Doctors Association said.

Tarek Tahboub said an official delegation of 14 Jordanian associations was visiting the Fatima gate separating Lebanon from Israel when Israeli soldiers opened fire and wounded three Jordanians and a Lebanese.

In Jordan, Saleh Armouti, head of the Jordan Bar Association, confirmed the incident, said Israeli troops fired rubber bullets at Jordanian unionists at the border, wounding three of them.

He said the Jordanians were chanting anti-Israeli slogans. Armouti told The Associated Press in Amman that the three wounded unionists are "in good condition and they will leave a South Lebanon hospital within one hour."

Israel's army radio said Israeli soldiers opened fire at three Lebanese who were trying to cut the border fence near Fatima gate, wounding one of the three. According to the radio report, it was not clear to the soldiers whether those they fired on were trying to cross the fence to carry out an attack.

Saturday's incident was the most serious since Israel completed its troop withdrawal from south Lebanon on May 24. Fatima gate, near the Lebanese town of Kfar Kila, has been a popular gathering spot for the curious and the angry, who've regularly let loose at the Israeli outpost 15 feet across the border.

Among the wounded was Ali Abu Sukar, secretary-general of the Engineers Union in Jordan, said Tahboub in an interview from Marjayoun hospital, where the wounded were being treated.

Tahboub said one of the members of the delegation stood along the border fence shouting "Allahu Akbar," or God is Great, when Israeli soldiers emerged from a border outpost. One of them opened fire at a crowd of about 150, injuring the four people, he said.

Abu Sukar also heads a committee opposed to normalization of ties with Israel under a peace treaty signed in 1994. The two others wounded were Ghassan Abu al-Haj and Rashid Ramah.

Felony DWI sends 29-year-old to jail

A 29-year-old man was arrested early Saturday morning for felony driving while intoxicated.

Officers took Exiquio Trevizo of 3408 44th Street into custody at 12:21 a.m. at Huffman and Old Post Road. In addition, a 51-year-old passenger in the vehicle was jailed for public intoxication.

Three subjects were also arrested Friday.

At 9:50 a.m., officers took a 31-year-old female into custody in the 3900 block of Eastridge on a warrant for failure to maintain financial responsibility (no liability insurance).

Driving while license suspended resulted in the arrest of a 22-year-old man at 6:02 p.m. Deputies picked the subject up in the 1800 block of Varsity Square.

An outstanding warrant on a charge of public intoxication sent a 19-year-old man to jail. Officers arrested him in the 2700 block of Avenue K at 8:44 p.m.

In other activity Friday, officers took a report for found property at 11:48 a.m. in reference to a bicycle that was found in the 900 block of 30th Street.

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Queen candidate fund-raiser

Our Lady of Guadalupe Church queen candidate, Bonnie Pesina, will have a fund-raiser at Our Lady of Guadalupe Center, 1311 Ave. K, until 5 p.m. Saturday. Brisket dinners are $5 for adults, and children $3.

Museum exhibits

Scurry County Museum will display the Nolan von Roeder African exhibit as well as Kids College projects Sunday through Wednesday night. A reception is planned Sunday afternoon from 1-3 at the museum.

First Baptist VBS

"Ocean Odyssey" is the theme for vacation Bible school at First Baptist Church. VBS will be held from 9 a.m. until noon Monday through Friday and is for grades K through 6th. The public is invited to family night on Wednesday.

American Legion officers

American Legion Post 181 will elect officers at their meeting Monday.

Volunteer training

Gateway Family Services will be offering a volunteer training class from 6-9 p.m. Monday at Gateway Family Service (formerly Noah Project). Please RSVP at 573-1822.

Bible study tapes

Bible study tapes air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "Bearing One Another's Burdens," followed by "Jews and Gentiles are One in Christ."

Genealogy meeting

The Scurry County Genealogy Society will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Scurry County Library.

MAWC game day

Martha Ann Woman's Club luncheon and game day will be held Wednesday. Serving will begin at 11:30 a.m. and games of choice will follow. Reservations are needed by Tuesday. Call 573-3427.

FBC worship service

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

Northeast reading night

Northeast Elementary will host a parent-student reading night from 6:30 to 8 each Thursday throughout the summer. There will be refreshments and door prizes. Spanish classes also will be available. All students and families are welcome.

55 Alive defensive driving

A state certified 55-Alive defensive driving course will be offered at the Senior Citizens Center Thursday and Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Call 573-4035 to pre-register.

Rotary installation

Snyder Rotary Club's officer installation and awards banquet will be held at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, at the Wagon Wheel Ranch.

Joint Masonic installation

All Scurry County Masonic Lodges – Ira, Hermleigh and Scurry – will hold a joint installation of officers following a 5:30 p.m. meal of hamburgers and ice cream on Saturday, July 1, at the Scurry Lodge Hall. All Masons, family and friends are invited to attend.

LVN class testing

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

GED exams

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

Computer courses

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

WTC basic education classes

Adult basic education classes at Western Texas College are taught Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8 a.m. until noon during June. Classes include G.E.D., E.S.L. and refresher courses. For additional information, call 573-8511, ext. 322.

Cancer treatment transportation

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

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
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AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery:
14-15-17-34-36

Texas Million

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Texas Million numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery:
34-56-61-91

Hartford sergeant convicted of civil rights violation

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — A police sergeant was convicted Friday of violating the civil rights of two prostitutes he took in his patrol car to secluded spots where he forced them to watch while he exposed himself and urinated.

Albert Beauchamp, 35, was one of six police officers indicted last year after an investigation into allegations of sexual misconduct within the Hartford Police Department.

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Mumps can cause complications

DEAR DR. GOTT: When I had mumps at age 18, one of my testicles became very swollen and painful, then it shrunk. I've been married now for five years and have yet to father a child, although we've tried. I do have a low sperm count. Can I become a father?

DEAR READER: With help, absolutely. All it takes is one sperm in the right place at the right time. However, you are operating at a disadvantage. Mumps orchitis (testicular infection) can be an unfortunate complication in men who develop mumps after puberty. It can destroy testicular tissue and cause infertility.

However, in your case, the remaining testicle appears to be functioning — albeit at a low level — so you have the potential of starting a family. But you and your wife should be under the care of a fertility expert. Your problem may be solved by a simple issue of timing: having relations at precisely the time your wife ovulates. Or you may require more sophisticated techniques, such as artificial insemination or in vitro fertilization. In any case the specialist should be able to assist you.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My neighbor is so fed up with his dog's amorous advances to other canines that he is going to feed him saltpeter. What is this drug?

DEAR READER: Saltpeter is either potassium nitrate or sodium nitrate, a harmless mineral that legend claims lowers the sex drive. Your neighbor is evidently under the misapprehension that by liberally dosing his pet with saltpeter, the animal will lose interest in dogs of the opposite sex.

This false pharmacy has been the subject of eons of prep-school jokes in which saltpeter was said to be added indiscriminately to food at boys' boarding schools — for obvious reasons. However, it didn't work for the boys and it won't work for dogs.

Your neighbor would be better off checking with a veterinarian to discover more effective ways of dealing with his canine's ardor.

DEAR DR. GOTT: What is claustrophobia and how is it treated?

DEAR READER: Claustrophobia is an intense and unrealistic fear of being trapped in closed spaces. Victims often feel panicky in elevators, small rooms — even large buildings. Modern technology has also had its effect: Many patients who are scheduled for MRI examination have to bow out because they are so apprehensive about the closed gantry used in the testing that they cannot cope with the shut-in feeling.

Although no one knows the cause of claustrophobia — or any other phobia, for that matter — some experts believe that this fear dates back to traumatic childhood events. Consequently, psychological counseling may help to relieve the feelings of panic. In addition, behavioral modification is a technique frequently recommended for claustrophobia. A doctor can advise a phobic patient about what resources are available for this sometimes-disabling condition.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My husband takes a certain pill for hypertension. We've noticed that the pill is excreted, unchanged in appearance, in his stools. Should this concern us?

DEAR READER: You bet it should. Any medication that passes through the intestine unchanged is not being absorbed and is not doing its job. Raise this issue with your husband's physician. In my opinion, a change in prescription is long overdue. To give you related information, I am sending a copy of my Health Report "Hypertension." 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: What causes us to age? What are the physical consequences of aging?

DEAR READER: A century or two ago, scientists subscribed to the homunculus theory: the belief that children are really just diminutive adults. We now know this to be false; childhood is a special and unique stage of development. Youngsters are not simply undersized grownups. Rather, their biological systems act, in many ways, quite unlike those of adults.

Similarly, until recently, old age was viewed merely as a gradual wearing-out of the body. This is a gross oversimplification. In truth, old age — like childhood — appears to have its own novel characteristics. The elderly are not just older versions of the healthy middle-aged.

To begin with, no one knows precisely what causes aging — although some cynics believe that it is caused just by living. Scientists debate about the factors that program our bodies to become less capable of responding appropriately to the internal and external environments. Some experts have proposed the presence of genetically controlled "death proteins," genes that are designed to switch off in sequential fashion during the aging process. In the fetus, tissues constantly undergo revision and reformation by a force called cell activation. This remodeling, a feature of young organs, is not present in older cells.

Other experts believe that aging is due to alterations in DNA transcription. In other words, DNA (a basic constituent of all cells) becomes unable to repair itself. In young cells, natural mechanisms identify and correct random mistakes in DNA synthesis. In old tissue, inappropriate molecules form and are not identified; repair does not take place. Thus, aging could well be caused by an inability of the body to repair itself on a molecular level.

A third concept, also based on DNA synthesis, is called "error theory." During the formation of biological systems, distortions and slips occur frequently. These abnormalities can be catastrophic if they affect DNA, which carries genetic information. (Of course, such "abnormalities" could also be extremely beneficial if they improve an organ system and lead to a favorable mutation!) Nonetheless, each of our cells appears to require accurate genetic information to thrive. If the information is incorrect (and it may become increasingly so as we age), tissues and organs will be shortchanged and unable to carry out fundamental metabolism.

Whatever the molecular reasons for aging, scientists are increasingly able to differentiate the consequences of old age from normal tissue wear-and-tear. Advancing years are marked by several changes in organ systems. These include:

— Decrease in connective-tissue water content. Connective tissue is the glue that holds organs together and in place. As we age, it dries out, causing calcium deposits, joint stiffness, loss of skin elasticity and decreased muscle mass that begin to occur at about age 35.

— Shrinkage of the lungs. The physical work capacity of a 70-year-old is half that of a 20-year-old due, in part, to reduced lung volume and elastic recoil of both the lungs and the chest wall. This means that more energy is required for breathing, respiration becomes less efficient, less oxygen enters the lungs, and the work of breathing increases.

— Appearance of collagen in muscle and heart. Collagen is to normal muscle what crabgrass is to a putting green: a non-functioning nuisance that takes up valuable space. No one knows why or how collagen, an amorphous protein substance, is formed. However, once deposited between muscle cells, it interferes with normal function and reduces the strength of contraction. For example, cardiac output (a measure of the heart's efficiency in ejecting blood) falls 1 percent per year in sedentary persons, starting at age 20. Collagen also reduces the elasticity of blood vessels (which are lined with muscle) to the point where arterial resistance is increased and the heart must work harder just to circulate blood. This is one reason why systolic blood pressure tends to rise with age.

— Decreased strength of smooth muscle contraction. This is separate from the collagen problem and affects the intestinal tract, which is supplied with muscle fibers that contract involuntarily. The result of decreased smooth muscle strength is digestive disturbances, seen as delayed stomach emptying, decreased colonic muscle tone, constipation and depression of the defecation reflex.

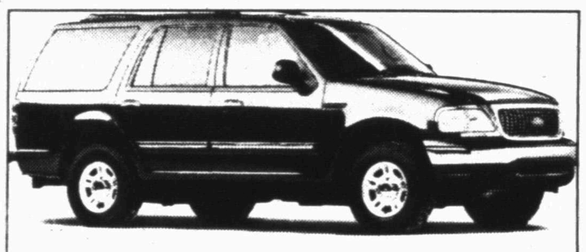
— Deposits of fibrous tissue in glands. Fibrous tissue is non-functioning material made up of tiny scars. For unknown reasons, it begins to appear in mid-life and causes deterioration of kidney efficiency, loss of hormone production, swelling of the prostate gland and reduction of digestive enzymes. Cataracts and retinal disease may also be related to fibrous degeneration.

— Decrease in blood flow to the brain. This contributes to progressively poor nerve functions in old age. Reflexes are slowed, nerve conduction delayed and brain activity diminished — particularly in the frontal lobes, which control memory and cognitive thinking.

At present, none of these changes can be altered by medical treatment. Until scientists can figure out ways to tinker with our aging DNA molecules, we'll just have to keep going, take good care of ourselves, treat our symptoms, joke a lot and wonder what the heck life has in store for us next. Also, it won't hurt to ponder our increasing awareness of our own irrelevance.

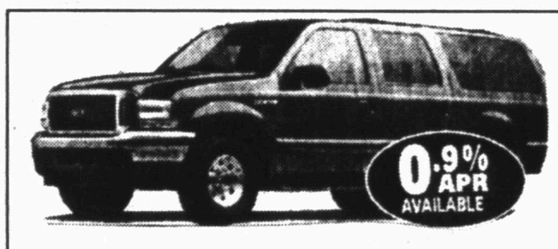
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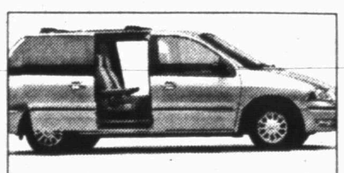
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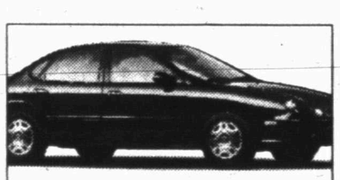
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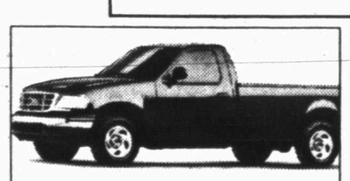
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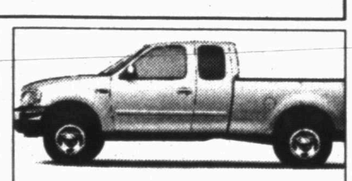
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Scurry County Folks

By Shirley A. Gorman

THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Barbara Granato enjoys working with children

Years ago, the idea of placing special needs children into mainstream classes was unheard of. In Brownfield, where Barbara Granato grew up, a girl with Down's Syndrome was not even allowed to attend school there. Her parents were wealthy, so they built a three-classroom complex at the school and the administrators picked Granato, then a fifth grader, to be her peer mediator. One to-one, they worked together for one year. As the girl studied her lessons, Granato studied hers. She didn't know it then, but that experience was the harbinger of things to come.

During 27 years in education, Granato has devoted many of those years to working on behalf of children with special needs. As she prepared to retire at the close of the 1999-2000 school year, she reflected on her career, including 11 years as the director of Snyder Independent School District's Special Programs Department.

"If I had thought about it, I might not have retired," Granato said. "One day I just decided it was time. I told everyone right away so I would not back out."

She loved her work but noted that she had passed many "sleepless nights worrying about things that didn't seem to have a solution. When you do that, it's time to let someone else take over."

And that is what she did. Dixie Haggard, who had served as assistant principal at Snyder Junior High School for the past two years, is the new director.

Granato described her tenure as director as "challenging, exciting, fun, and never dull." For the past 11 years, she has worked equally with students, teachers, paraprofessionals, school administrators and parents. She noted that she has encountered some very talented and skillful persons from whom she has learned a lot.

To Granato, "kids are neat, no matter what the media or TV says." She's convinced that the ones we usually hear about are "the few who get lost."

The Special Programs Department is made up of several programs which all tie together, including special education which receives the most emphasis.

Granato said her department also assesses students who may qualify for and benefit from the gifted and talented program.

The bilingual program also falls under the Special Programs' umbrella. The LPAC (Language Proficiency Assessment Committee) studies the data for bilingual students and places them according to their proficiency in English. ESL (English as a Second Language) is the secondary part of the bilingual program.

For the Migrant Program, Granato said she worked with Jolly Rosas. It was mainly a matter of applying for funding, but Rosas took care of the children and the recruitment.

Elementary counselors are also part of the program. Basically, Granato said she let them do what they needed to do.

School health services is another part of the Special Programs. Granato said the two school nurses, Chris Bane and Angel Duncan, do an excellent job of working with students throughout the school year.

She also noted that for its size, SISD has an unusually large population of students with more severe disabilities, including eight who are confined to wheelchairs.

"We have worked with these children in so many different ways because their needs are so different," Granato said. That has involved getting the right personnel to work with them on a one-to-one basis as well as working with the parents. "This has been something that has really had to gel," she said.

Snyder has a higher incidence of children with autism also. A large part of working with those students involves family training, Granato added. "It's been really challenging."

SISD has also had an increase in the number of students who come to school at the age of three because they have developmental delays such as language, motor skills or cognition. "That population has increased significantly since I've been here," Granato said. "The students begin going to classes as soon as they have their third birthday," she said.

A large part of the process of meeting a child's needs involves family training, she added.

She noted that children who have developmental delays probably "have always been there. Maybe we are just doing a better job of identifying them and working with early childhood prevention people."

Granato said she is proud that SISD has developed a very active and effective CRCG (Community

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ELEVEN YEAR DIRECTOR — Barbara Granato directed the Special Programs Department in Snyder for 11 years. She retired at the end of the school year and is looking forward to spending more time with family. (SDN Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

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It wouldn't feel like our nation's birthday if you didn't serve a classic **Flag Cake** to your family and friends on the Fourth of July. Begin by lining a glass dish with slices of golden pound cake. Spread a layer of Cool Whip whipped topping on top of the cake. Then, play Betsy Ross as you add stripes of strawberries and a field of blueberries to recreate Old Glory. With minimal effort, you have a dessert that looks terrific, tastes even better, and serves 15 people. Our Founding Fathers would be proud!

If your taste buds scream for ice cream, then create:

All-American Sundaes by putting scoops of vanilla ice cream on slices of pound cake, spooning over chopped fresh strawberries sweetened with jam, and crowning with dollops of whipped topping. Additional strawberries and blueberries provide the perfect garnish.

Another favorite strawberry treat—**Easy Strawberry Layer Cake**—certainly lives up to its name. Just stir crushed berries into whipped topping. The refrigerator does the rest in making this delicious dessert that makes a great ending to any summer meal.

The berries won't be around forever, so don't let the summer escape without enjoying all three of these colorful favorites.

FLAG CAKE

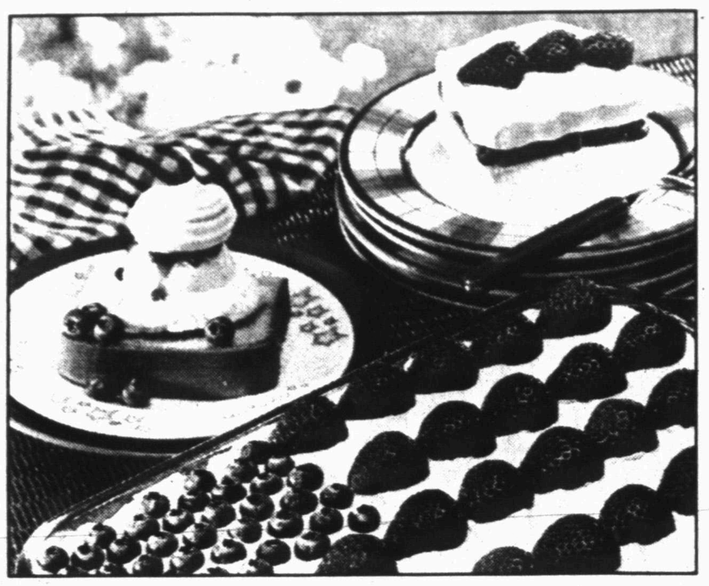
2 pints strawberries
1 pkg. (10.75 oz.) frozen pound cake, thawed, cut into 10 slices
1 1/3 cups blueberries, divided
1 tub (12 oz.) Cool Whip Topping, thawed

Slice 1 cup of the strawberries; set aside. Halve remaining strawberries; set aside.

Line bottom of 12x8-inch baking dish with cake slices. Top with 1 cup sliced strawberries, 1 cup of the blueberries and all of the whipped topping.

Place strawberry halves and remaining blueberries on whipped topping to create a flag design. Refrigerate until ready to serve. Makes 15 servings.

To prepare in 13x9-inch pan: Cut pound cake into 16 slices to line bottom of pan. Makes 15 servings.



Flag Cake

ALL-AMERICAN SUNDAE

Prep: 5 minutes

1 slice Frozen pound cake, thawed
1 scoop vanilla ice cream
½ cup finely chopped fresh strawberries
1 tablespoon prepared strawberry jam
Thawed Cool Whip

Stir jam into strawberries in small bowl.

Top pound cake with ice cream, strawberry mixture and whipped topping. Garnish with additional strawberries if desired. Makes 1 serving.

EASY STRAWBERRY LAYER CAKE

Prep: 10 minutes plus refrigerating

1 pkg. frozen pound cake, thawed
1 pt. strawberries, crushed
1 tub (8 oz) Cool Whip

Cut cake horizontally into 3 layers. Place 1 cake layer on serving plate. Stir crushed strawberries into 1 ½ cups of the whipped topping in large bowl.

Spread ½ of the strawberry mixture on cake layer. Repeat layers, ending with cake. Frost top and sides of cake with remaining whipped toping.

Refrigerate 1 hour or until ready to serve. Makes 12 servings.

Right planning makes a successful picnic

Summer is here, and that means throwing Frisbees, flying kites and gathering with families and friends for outdoor picnic fun. Many consumers regard picnicking as a gratifying activity, but often struggle to remember every detail-let alone bring the bug repellent.

"Summer is the ideal time to spend quality moments with friends and family while enjoying the outdoors," said Jan Jewell, party planning expert.

Jewell offers tips for a successful picnic:

Plan activities to keep children entertained: flying kites, throwing Frisbees, feeding ducks or simply gazing at the clouds.

Lighten cleanup work with disposable napkins, utensils and plates.

Pack bug repellent, sunscreen, handy-wipes and other necessities in a handbag.

Select foods that either need no preparation or can be prepared and stored in advance.

Have an ice chest handy for refrigerated items.

Don't forget old blankets for stretching out and relaxing.

Bring extra trash bags for quick cleanup.

And remember, the simplest things in life make for some of the fondest memories!

CelebrateExpress.com offers families picnic partyware, decorations, and planning tips for memorable gatherings. For more information on how to plan a picnic, or to order picnic party supplies, call (800) 424-7843.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 06-24-00
♠ Q J 10 9 8
♥ A 5
♦ A 10
♣ A K 9 3

West
♠ A K 4 3 2
♥ K 4 3
♦ 8 3
♣ 6 5 2

East
♠ 7 6 5
♥ ---
♦ J 9 7 6 5 4 2
♣ Q J 10

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

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
4 ♥	Pass	6 ♥	All pass

Opening lead: ♠ A

With everything on view

By Phillip Alder

William Shakespeare, in "Henry IV, Part 1," commented that clouds smother beauty from the world. Well, if you know about the smother play in bridge, it will help you to find the beautiful, cloud-free winning line in today's deal.

It was composed by Bruce Bell, MBE, who died in Auckland last Feb. 18 at the age of 89. Look at all 52 cards. Can you see how to make six hearts after West leads the spade ace?

At first glance, it appears as though declarer must lose one trick to West's heart king and a second to East's club queen. Yet there is a way home. Declarer ruffs the opening lead high. Then, he leads the heart two and finesses dummy's five! This generates a vital extra dummy entry. The play continues: spade ruff, club to dummy's ace, spade ruff, diamond king, diamond to dummy's ace, spade ruff, club to the king, and a spade ruff.

Everyone has three cards left. Dummy holds the heart ace and two low clubs. West has the king-four of hearts and a club. East has two diamonds and the club queen. Declarer retains two trumps and a club.

Exiting with a club endplays East. He must lead a diamond, but South ruffs. What does West do? If he underruffs, dummy's club is discarded, and the heart ace wins trick 13. However, if West overruffs, so does the dummy, and South's remaining trump is higher than West's.

The smother play is rare in composed deals, even rarer at the table.

Note finally that if West leads a minor-suit card or a low trump, the contract fails.

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Bridge Scores

Duplicate Bridge Club meets at the Snyder Country Club.

Friday, June 16

Monte West directed.

A group

1. Bette Byrd, Coleen Palmer.
2. TIE: Barbara Yorgesen, Margaret Birdwell and Billie Sue Stuard, Monte West.
3. Jane Hinton, Louise Thompson

B group

1. TIE: Mippy Brownlee, ElWanda Nall and Nona Morrison, Christine Stuard.
2. Maribeth Vestal, Martha Fagin.
3. Margaret Presswood, Pat Floyd.

Sunday, June 18

Jane Hinton directed.

Swiss Team

1. Margaret Birdwell, Mippy Brownlee, Jane Hinton, Christine Stuard.
2. Dot Casey, Martha Fagin, Louise Thompson, Barbara Yorgesen.

Tuesday, June 20

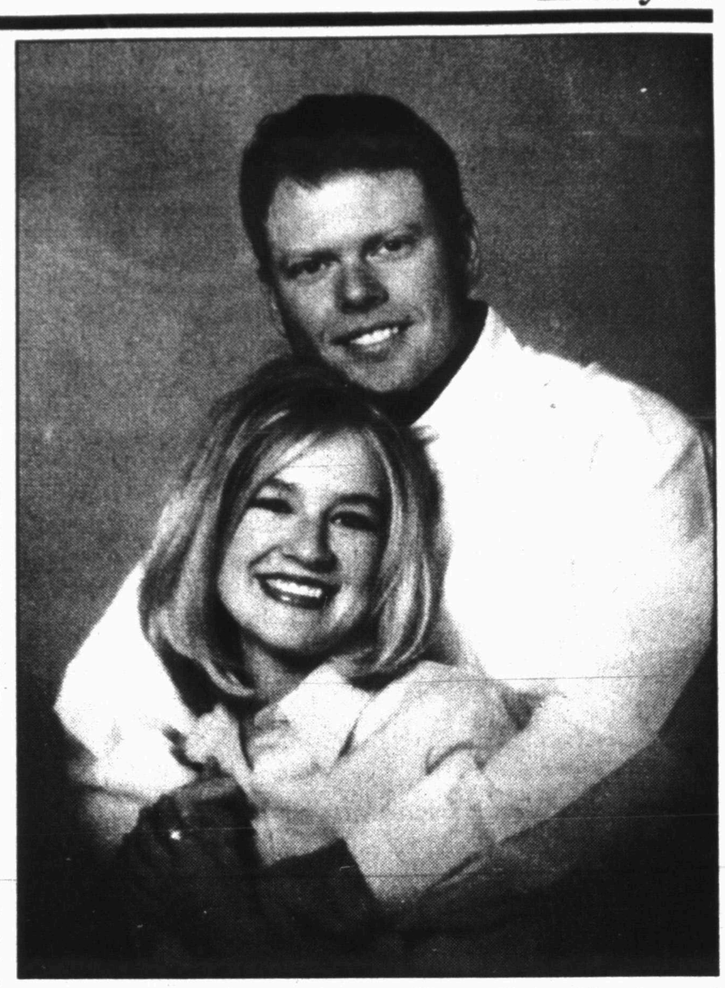
Monte West directed.

A group

1. Jane Hinton, Louise Thompson.
2. Margaret Birdwell, Monte West.
3. Dorothy Rosson, Betty Courtney

B group

1. Dorothy Rosson, Betty Courtney.
2. Christine Stuard, Nona Morrison.
3. Nonnie Ward, Martha Fagin.



ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED — Kinney Hart of Snyder and Sandra McClellan of Midland announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Kelly Hart, to Reid Stultz, son of Rex Stultz and Marty Stultz, both of Eden. Their wedding plans are for Aug. 19 in San Angelo. (Photo by Wadleigh Studio)

Community Calendar

MONDAY

Rock and Roll Quilting Club; Hermleigh Community Center; everyone is invited for free quilting lessons, and special projects are to help someone in need; call 863-2426 for more information; 8 a.m. to noon.

Weight Watchers meeting; Trinity United Methodist Church; for more information call Nathalie at 573-1868 during the evening; weigh-in is at 5 p.m.

Al-Anon Brown Bag Open Meeting, Snyder Park Club in Winston Park; noon.

Scurry County Museum's hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Manic Depression (Bipolar) support group; Family Life Community Church, 904 26th Street; 7 p.m.

Scurry County AA; closed meeting; Park Club; for more information, call 573-8268, 573-9458 or 574-1292, 8 p.m.

Nuestra Nueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; 8 p.m.

TUESDAY

ABCL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 7 p.m.

AA Beginner's Meeting-Open; Snyder Park Club, 1212 37th Street; 7 p.m.

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

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th and Ave. M; for more information call 573-4203, 573-8626, 573-2101 or 573-0695; 8 p.m.

TOPS TX56 (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5 to 6 p.m.; 2501 35th. For more information call Phillis Leatherwood at 573-6105.

WEDNESDAY

Storytime at the Scurry County Library for 4- and 5-year-olds; 10 a.m.

Martha Ann Woman's Club luncheon and game day; serving starts at 11:30; reservations necessary Tuesday evening.

Spiritual Solutions for Living Problems Book Study; Snyder Park Club; 6 p.m.

Just For Today NA, open meeting; Park Club; for information, call 574-1292 or 573-8018 p.m.

THURSDAY

Al-Anon brown bag; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 574-1292, 573-2101 or 573-0695; noon to 1 p.m.

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

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

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

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

Nuestra Nueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

Scurry County AA closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8268, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

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

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

Scurry County AA open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8268, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 10 a.m.

Mayor plans to declare July as 'Be Nice Month'

DES PLAINES, Ill. (AP) — As the temperature heats up and tempers get a little short, the city's acting mayor has a simple message to residents: Be nice.

Tony Arredia plans to declare July as "Be Nice Month" in the northwestern Chicago suburb. Aldermen will be asked to nominate people each week for recognition of nice behavior.

Such niceties could include anything from helping a neighbor with groceries to offering a simple "Hello."

"When I see something that I don't like, I will say, 'This is Be Nice Month,'" said Arredia, 63.

The idea came after Arredia noticed a carload of young people yelling out their window at a slower car in front of them.

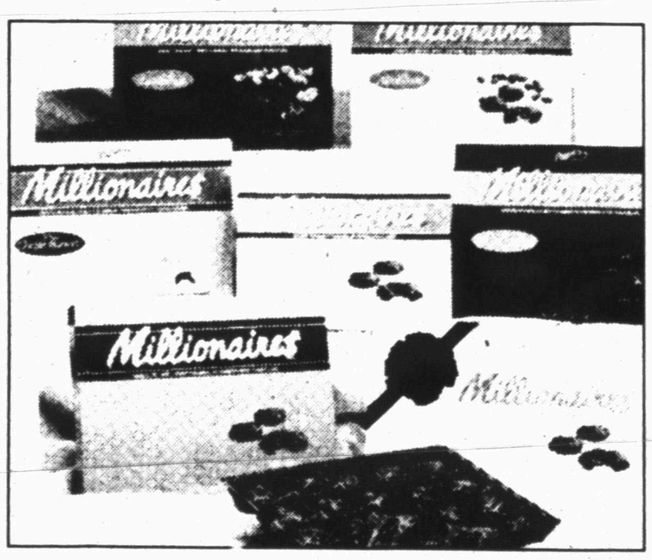
"I said, 'Why don't you guys just be nice?' And they just looked at me and drove away," Arredia said. "I'm not trying to be an apostle here. I'm just trying to get people to be nice."

Bridal Registry

Christa Rosson and Brett Littlejohn
Kate Phinizy and Ryan Davis
Angel Scarber and Robert Kee Patterson
Laura Collins and Matthew White
Kathryn Robbins and Scott Hall
Jamie Bass and Daniel Schlumpf
Amy Lewis and Chad Martin
Amanda Keils and Heath Porter
Karrah Griswold and Todd Iglehart
Karan McAnelly and Charles Kittles
Michelle Roemisch and Matthew Byrom
Tabitha Gilbreth and Chad Carter
Jackie Beck and Eric Robertson
Kristi Harris and Jeremy Howard
Felicia Castill and Freddie Martinez
Geneva Martinez and Tracy Loyola
Becky Straut and Brady Collier
Lisa Nix and Chris Bargas
Candace Barrow and Justin Stribling
Kara Gowin and Christopher Fuentez
Karomy Drum and Dave Purkey
Susan Shoults and Wes Everett
Amanda Sorrells and Jeff Streetman
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COGGINS HONORED BY ROTARY — Rotary Club presented Sgt. Patrick Coggins a plaque naming him outstanding law enforcement officer. Sgt. Coggins joined the Snyder Police Department in January of 1992. He was in the Air Force from 1985-1989, attended Basic Law Enforcement School in San Angelo, and began his law enforcement career in 1990 at Winters where he also served a short while as police chief. He is a member of the Snyder Police Association and a member of the Torch Running Team. In April, his peers selected him as employee of the month. He and his wife, Shawna, shown center, have a 12-year-old son, Patrick Coggins Jr. Rotarian Frank Miller, right, made the presentation. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunely)

Books that may help to solve sleep problems

FORT WORTH, Texas — A list of some helpful books for solving sleep problems.

1. "Understanding Your Child's Dreams" by Pam Spurr, Ph.D. (Sterling Publications, $14.95)

Colorful book that provides descriptions of real children's dreams. Glossary provides possible meanings of common dream themes. Aimed at parents of children ages 3-12.

2. "Solve Your Child's Sleep Problems" by Richard Ferber, M.D. (Simon & Schuster, $13)

Comprehensive book that covers a wide range of sleep problems. In addition to nightmares and night terrors, author provides information on bedwetting, insomnia, body rocking and refusing to go to bed. Aimed at parents of children ages 3-12.

3. "Baby & Toddler Sleep Program" by John Pearce, M.D. (Fisher Books, $9.95)

Easy-to-read book provides guidelines that establish a sleep routine for toddlers. Discusses normal sleep patterns for babies and children and gives effective tips to reducing nighttime stress. Aimed at parents of children 6 weeks to 5 years old.

4. "Healthy Sleep Habits, Happy Child" by Marc Weissbluth, M.D. (Fawcett Books, $12.95)

Father and pediatrician shares his step-by-step program to solving and preventing sleep problems. Points out several mistakes parents make when dealing with nightmares and other sleep problems. Aimed at parents of children 6 weeks to 5 years old.

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Alexander the Great may have had the world's first clean-shaven army. He ordered his armies to shave when it was realized his enemies had developed a battle tactic in which they grasped opponents by the beard and sliced off their heads.

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Scientist Marie Curie died in 1934.



ROTARY MAKES DONATIONS — Rotary Club president Julie Sentell, left, presented a donation at Thursday's meeting to Gateway Inc., (formerly called Noah Project). The donation was accepted by director Dee Wilson. The Rotary Club meets every Thursday at noon at the Martha Ann Woman's Club. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Scurry County Library News & Views

By Janie Romine

Those wonderful days of summer that we enjoyed as kids are here again!

As I watch young people enjoying their free time, memories return to give me a second taste of sweetness. The summers when my mother was home and was not teaching were full of rewards, especially after lunch each day. As preschoolers, my younger brother and I would fight over which one would lie on the extra arm while mom's other arm held the book. We giggled as she read the silly adventures of *Uncle Wiggly* or other favorites. After the story, it was rest time.

Unfortunately for us, or so we thought at the time, this practice continued until we were in high school. While the rest of our friends played outside after lunch, my mother refused to budge from her belief that the Texas summers were too hot to be outside right after lunch. We knew that meant we stayed in our rooms, usually on the bed with a good book. After all, if you have a choice between reading and hoeing cotton in 110-degree heat or ironing, what would you choose? I "hated' these after lunch confinements so badly that I passed them on to my sons, who have a great enjoyment of reading, and can relax with the best of them with a good book.

During the school year, it seemed every book I read had to be recorded as a book report, so when summers came, I read for pure enjoyment. It did not matter if I remembered the plot, the protagonist, or the dog's name in the book. Summer was "pleasure reading" time!

Of course, back then a Nancy Drew book cost 75 cents, but I did not often have that kind of change; however, I knew where to go to get my books! The Scurry County Library had been a weekly stop on our trip to town since the day it opened.

Each summer I filled my head with new ideas, and I traveled to places further east than Dallas! The summer before seventh grade, I tackled *Gone With the Wind* and I swooned as many others had. Another summer I was drawn to Russian literature, and I read *Ann Karenina, Crime and Punishment,* and *War and Peace.* After becoming greatly depressed, I moved past Russia.

I shudder to think what I would have done without the library facilities made available to a country girl who wanted to see places beyond West Texas. Next time your child says, "There's nothing to do," make a trip to the library! Enrich your summer, and tantalize your mind! You can find it all at the Scurry County Library. Encourage your child to attend this week's special activities:

Monday, June 26 — Preschoolers will have stories about dancing and a game.

Wednesday, June 28 — Grades K-6 are invited to meet and listen to United States Air Force Captain Steven Myers from Dyess Air Force Base.



GAME DAY — Martha Ann Woman's Club will have its monthly luncheon and game day Wednesday. Women who work but can't stay for games during the afternoon may attend the luncheon. The cost is $7.50 and reservations should be made by Tuesday afternoon by calling 573-3427. Linda Walton unloads cookbooks that will be available for $15. All proceeds go toward the upkeep of the woman's club. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Adult abuse prevention tips

What is elder abuse? It's taking money an elderly person needs to live. It's pushing them, shoving them. It's leaving them unattended when they cannot care for themselves. If you know of an elderly person who is being abused call Adult Protective Services at 1-800-252-5400. Elder Texans deserve honor and respect not abuse.

Birth

Gavian Hernandez announces the birth of his brother, Drevian Derek Hernandez at 12:31 p.m. on June 15 in Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene. Drevian weighed seven pounds, 15 ½ ounces. Parents are Harvey and April Hernandez of Snyder.

Grandparents are Alfonso and Anna Hernandez of Rule and Lupe and Mary Flores of Snyder. Great-grandparents are Johnny and Trinidad Lopez and Felecita Gallegos, all of Snyder.

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Senior Center Menu

Monday

Steak fingers w/gravy, fried potato rounds, Harvard beets, mixed fruit, chocolate chip cookie

Tuesday

King Ranch chicken, golden carrots, vegetable sticks, broccoli/cauliflower salad, apple crisp

Wednesday

Pork chops w/gravy, mashed potatoes, whole kernel corn, spicy peaches, gingerbread

Thursday

Goulash, English peas, stewed squash, pineapple flop cake, garlic toast

Friday

Fried fish, fried okra, butter beans, copper penny salad, brownie

Senior Center News

Some newcomers attended Senior Center activities last week. Anyone new to the community or a new retiree is encouraged to join. Whether you need assistance or want to volunteer, there will be a place for you.

The center offers numerous activities and congregate meals Monday through Friday. Home-delivered meals is another service. Call 573-4035 for more information. Suggestions for adding activities to the center's agenda are always welcome.

The Travis gym floor has been completed and seniors may resume walking. Please check in at the center before you walk. A treadmill and stationary bike is in the quilting room.

Due to the heat, the center encourages seniors to take advantage of the transportation that is available from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Monday

Bridge play begins at 9:30 a.m. Seniors interested in the nine ball tournament are encouraged to be in the center by 10 a.m., if they have not already registered. The competition consists of the best three of five games. There is no set time for matches, but competitors are allowed to set a time convenient for them.

All seniors are invited to participate. Seniors may participate in a moderate daily exercise program at 11 a.m. May of the exercises can be done while seated. All seniors are encouraged to participate according to their speed and ability.

Tuesday

Beginning at 10 a.m. seniors may join the water exercise class at Western Texas College or enjoy "88" at the center. The Golden K Kiwanis meets at noon. Newcomers are welcome. The senior center will open at 6:30 p.m. for dance/game night. Benny Benitez and his band will provide the music for the dance. The dance will be held from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Wednesday

The Kitchen Band has cancelled for this week and will be on vacation for the month of July; however, the Local Yokels will be entertaining at 11 a.m. Line dancers and cloggers will practice at the center at 1 p.m. and 2 p.m., respectively.

Thursday

The AARP "55 Alive" Defensive Driving class is being offered Thursday and Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Seniors may register by calling 573-4035. Swimnastics is at 10 a.m. and the exercise at 11 a.m.

Friday

The blood pressure clinic and the bridge play begins at 9:30 a.m. "88" play begins at 10 a.m. and the sing-a-long at 11:30 a.m.

Chef Boyardee maker sold to ConAgra

PARSIPPANY, N.J. (AP) — Food conglomerate ConAgra Inc. is buying International Home Foods Inc., the maker of Chef Boyardee products, Pam cooking spray and Gulden's Mustard, for $1.6 billion in cash and stock.

The deal, announced Friday, comes amid a flurry of consolidation in the food industry, as manufacturers seek more clout in bargaining for supermarket shelf space.

ConAgra, based in Omaha, Neb., has annual sales of more than $25 billion and owns companies across the food chain, including meatpacking and fertilizer businesses and some 100 consumer brands, including Butterball, Healthy Choice, Orville Redenbacher and Swiss Miss.

Senate wants to postpone new rules

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Republican-controlled Senate voted Thursday night to block proposed Clinton administration rules giving workers new protections against repetitive motion injuries.

The 57-41 vote, on an amendment sponsored by GOP Sen. Mike Enzi of Wyoming, was mostly along party lines and came several days after the House adopted a similar ban. Democrats immediately said President Clinton would veto the overall bill, which provides annual spending for the departments of labor, education, health and human services.

Democrats said the regulations developed by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration could help for an estimated 1.8 million workers who suffer from ergonomic injuries each year.

"The Republican position is turn a deaf ear to these workers, ignoring the fact that they are facing debilitating injuries," said Sen. Richard Durbin, D-Ill.

Republicans insisted that the new rules would cost businesses too much. "There are going to be workers who lose their job because of this rule if it's imposed," said Sen. Tim Hutchinson, R-Ark. "There are small businesses that are going to go bankrupt because of this rule if it's not stopped."

The proposed rules, made public in November after a decade of study and delay, would require employers to minimize the everyday physical stresses of a broad range of jobs. Final standards are now scheduled to be released by the end of 2000.

Because the vote came on a one-year spending bill, the ban technically would expire at the end of the next fiscal year, in October 2001.

OSHA estimates the rules would cost businesses $4.7 billion to implement, but predicts net savings of $9 billion in medical costs and increased productivity. Republicans say that figure is wrong, pointing to Small Business Administration estimates of $60 billion a year or more.

"This is the largest, most onerous and expensive rule in the history of this agency," Enzi said. "This rule has serious, substantial flaws."

Granato retires from SISD

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Resource Coordination Group) which brings all of the local agencies together in order to meet the best interests of the child.

After a student has been referred and assessed, then the CRCG decides what is best for the child.

"It's amazing that when everyone comes to the table what they can do for children," she said. SISD has been told by state officials that the local group is one of the best groups in the state. "They use us as a model," she said.

Perhaps the most challenging student to help is one who is emotionally disturbed, she noted, because it takes time to get their medicine correct. Yet the child does benefit from the school environment.

The Ranch Program, which was created for high school students, has proven to be very effective, Granato said. The self-contained program at West Elementary is also yielding good results. Each day the students work in regular classrooms with the aid of teacher Joe Green. They also have their own classroom as well.

She added that every child is "unique and needs (his or her) own program. There is no universal plan that fits all students. You have to deal with each one individually."

"We are lucky to have the support of the administration," Granato said. "We all work so closely together, including the teachers who are excellent and dedicated."

Since Special Needs children have been included in mainstream classes, Granato said she has noticed that "kids always accept other kids. It's neat to see kids helping kids. I don't believe that kids are born with any prejudices."

During the past 11 years, Granato said the special programs have basically remained the same. However, she has had to keep up with new laws as well as Texas Education Agency regulations. Keeping up with them was always "a challenge."

As much as Granato loves working with children with special needs, she said she never really had that as a goal. When she graduated from Brownfield High School, she didn't even have any plans to attend college. But with most of her friends away at school, she decided to enroll at West Texas State University in Canyon (now West Texas A&M). She considered Texas Tech University too close to her hometown.

Granato's original plan was to earn a two-year secretarial science degree. However, she liked school so well that she decided to pursue a business administration degree. By the time she was a senior, she thought she might also want to teach some day, so she took all of her education classes her last year at WTSU. After she started teaching she said she knew that that was what she wanted to do.

She later earned a masters in education psychology at the University of Oklahoma, and did post graduate work there as well. She also did post graduate work in counseling at the University of Texas at Tyler, Texas Tech, East Texas State University and North Texas State University.

She said she, Charlene Light and Debbie Phillips, high school counselors, and Jean McMillion, former high school counselor and current principal at Stanfield Elementary School, recently earned 12 hours of vocational counseling through NTSU by commuting to Mineral Wells, a satellite campus, on weekends.

Her first job after graduating from WTSU was teaching sixth and seventh grade math and language arts at Silverton.

Before moving to Snyder, Granato held a variety of positions. Her husband Joe is a Snyder High School coach. She enjoys being a coach's wife and said she was always fortunate to have a wonderful job wherever he coached, usually geared toward a Special Needs child.

"It's been a wonderful life and it was good for our kids, " Granato said. "Joe really loves what he is doing." He teaches high school government and is a varsity football coach and powerlifting coach.

For the first year they lived here, Granato served as the diagnostician for Sweetwater, Ira and Hermleigh because there was no diagnostician position available in Snyder at the time. Then former Supt. Dalton Moseley offered her the job as director of the Special Programs Department.

Before moving to Snyder, Granato taught emotionally disturbed students at Magnolia High School near Houston for three years.

Before that, she was an instructional consultant at Tyler ISD for six years. Previously, she had been an associate school psychologist for a four-county special education cooperative for three years. Before that she was a diagnostician for three years for the same co-op. Eleven cities were involved including Brownfield, O'Donnell, Tahoka, Plains, Seagraves.

Previously, Granato and her husband owned a travel agency in Denver. It was a "really good business" and they did quite a bit of traveling throughout the nation and the world. They also enjoyed skiing. At the time, Joe was out of coaching, but he had been coaching at the University of Oklahoma.

They loved Denver, but it was not the place they wanted to rear their children. They are both from small towns and that's where they wanted their children to grow up. So they sold their agency and moved back to Brownfield. Joe was going to farm but then got "hooked" on coaching again, something he really missed, Granato said.

She also taught at Amarillo High School and her husband coached at WTSU for a year. Before Amarillo High, Granato taught vocational office education at Caprock High School in Amarillo.

Previously, she laid off teaching for about three years because she was pregnant with a son, Tregg. In the days before Title IX, Granato laughed, pregnant women could not teach. She recalls that Tregg had to be a year old before she could return to teaching.

Granato said her husband isn't retiring. While she doesn't have any specific retirement plans, she hopes to be able to visit their children and grandchildren more often. She observed that the seven grandchildren," are growing so quickly."

When asked if she had a hobby, she answered, "My family is my hobby." She also noted that she might "pick up a book and read it from cover to cover, just one time." She likes to travel. They still keep in touch with the friends they made over the years.

Their children include a daughter, Tonia, who is married to Larry Newsom who farms in the Brownfield area. Tonia operates her own tumbling academy. They have three children. Tate is a senior. Morgan is a sophomore and Mallory is in the fourth grade.

A son, Todd, and his wife, Lori, live in Houston. He is a construction engineer. They have three children. Tonie is in the second grade, Jake is four years old and Charli is two.

Tregg lives in Lubbock. His wife, Karen, is a flight attendant for Southwest Airlines. Tregg farms in the Brownfield area. They have a daughter, Tatum, who is eight months old.

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Economy, lifestyle priorities cool urge to fight wildfires

BAILEY, Colo. (AP) — Becoming a firefighter won't get you stock options or a company car, and that's just fine with David Winne.

Though he has a business degree and a teaching certificate, Winne prefers the excitement of fighting fires like the Hi Meadow blaze southwest of Denver that had him camped out on a dusty baseball field in between 16-hour shifts.

"This job is not just for anyone who wants a job," he said. "You have to really enjoy doing the work, because there are no perks, really, except being outside and getting a good adrenaline rush."

Government officials say attitudes like Winne's are becoming harder to find in a booming economy, with fewer people choosing firefighting as a summer job or as part of a government career.

"Nationally, in the wildlife fire community, we've been experiencing shortages in all types of personnel," said Karen Miranda Gleason, a spokeswoman for the interagency fire team that has been battling wildfires in Colorado. "This is something that's been getting a little worse every year, and we're certainly seeing it this year."

As many as 1,600 firefighters have battled two Colorado fires that burned more than 21,000 acres and destroyed dozens of homes before being contained this week.

Though federal officials stressed they had enough resources to fight the fires, they also said personnel shortages could spell trouble if major fires broke out in several areas simultaneously. The fire season has barely begun.

"The problem we get into is when we get multiple areas of the country burning at the same time — we don't have enough resources to go around," said Ron Dunton, acting deputy director of Bureau of Land Management's Fire and Aviation Program at the National Interagency Fire Center in Boise, Idaho.

Though exact figures weren't immediately available, Dunton and others said the biggest problem is a shortage of employees in federal agencies who know how to fight fires and can lead firefighting efforts.

Officials blame a shift in priorities among both aging employees and younger recruits.

"It's just a cultural thing right now," said Jim Krugman, the deputy incident commander on the Hi Meadow fire. "Firefighting used to be very much a part of the value system for the Forest Service, BLM and Park Service folks. With societal values right now, it's just not the same as it used to be."

Dave Steinke, a fire spokesman with the U.S. Forest Service in Denver, agreed.

He said the agency's average age is 46, a figure that has risen about eight or nine years in the past decade. That, combined with the retirements of some of the more experienced firefighters, has hampered the agency.

"We don't have a lot of young people coming up learning that, so we have to be very constructive about how we staff and maintain our firefighting force," Steinke said.

Many employees now are dual-career or single parents who cannot leave home for weeks at a time to fight fires. Others may not want to.

"As you get older, you start to look at life a little differently," Krugman said. "Sleeping on the ground is not as much fun."

For Winne, 36, that is part of the attraction.

"I have a college degree and I've worn the suit and tie, but this is what I love to do," he said last week, as his 20 crewmates prepared to bed down on the baseball field with a bright moon and a 5:30 a.m. wakeup call looming.

Winne is superintendent of the Vegas 777 Handcrew, a National Park Service team based in Boulder City, Nev. His crew is made up mostly of students and others like him, who spend summers fighting fires and winters traveling or working.

But as employers battle for workers in a booming economy, Winne agreed that fewer people are settling for such backbreaking work.

"The job market's tight," he said. "When you look at seasonal employment, there are a lot better jobs out there."

Fossil challenges theory how birds evolved

WASHINGTON (AP) — The fossil of a small lizard-like, flying reptile with a complex set of feathers challenges the theory that birds evolved from dinosaurs, a new study says.

Researchers say the feathered reptile lived about 220 million years ago, proving that feathered animals evolved millions of years before the appearance of the dinosaurs that most experts say are the ancestors of modern birds.

The fossil has been called Longisquama and is thought to be an archosaur, a member of a reptile group that later gave rise to dinosaurs, crocodiles and birds. The first known bird, Archeopteryx, appeared about 145 million years ago, some 75 million after the date for Longisquama.

"Here you've got an animal that isn't a bird and it isn't a dinosaur, and yet it has feathers," said Nicholas R. Geist, paleobiologist at Sonoma State University and co-author of a study appearing Friday in the journal Science.

"It is going to be a major monkey wrench in the theory about the dinosaurean origin of birds," he said. "It is going to cause some people to take a real good second look at their data."

However, Jacques Gauthier of Yale University, an expert on the evolution of dinosaurs, said that Longisquama is a poorly preserved specimen that is important only "if you allow your imagination to run wild."

"There is a huge body of data that show birds evolved from dinosaurs," said Gauthier. "This (the Longisquama study) is way over the top."

Gauthier said that a single specimen is not enough to dismiss a theory that is supported by many studies that point to the dinosaur ancestry of birds, including evidence that some dinosaurs had feathers.

The Longisquama fossil includes the head, forelegs and part of a torso of a lizard-like animal. Along its back are a series of appendages that Geist and his co-authors say are feathers.

Longisquama was found in Kyrgyzstan, in central Asia, in 1969, and was stored for years in a drawer in Moscow. The specimen provoked little interest until it was included as part of a traveling exhibition and spotted at a shopping mall in Kansas by Oregon State University paleontologists John Ruben and Terry Jones, co-authors of the study in Science.

Ruben and Jones said they identified the appendages on the back of the small fossil as feathers and began a long study of the small critter.

Jones said that the feathers along the back of Longisquama are fully developed and very "birdlike."

"The skeleton is also very birdlike," said Jones. "It has a birdlike head, shoulders and a wishbone. The wishbone is almost exactly like that of Archeopteryx."

Geist said the feather structure of Longisquama was well preserved in hardened mud because the animal apparently sank to a lake bottom after it died.

He that Longisquama probably had muscle control of the feathers and that it used them to glide from trees. The animal was not able to achieve true flight as do modern birds, said Geist.

"These feathers emerge from a follicle the way feathers do in modern birds," said Geist. "They had a quill-like structure that was hollow."

Geist said that feathers are very complicated structures and that it is unlikely that feathers would have evolved twice — once among the early reptiles and then later among the dinosaurs.

Ruben said that other researchers have identified dinosaurs as having feathers and as being birdlike. But he said two of the most birdlike dinosaurs, Bambiraptor and Velociraptor, lived 70 million years after the earliest known bird.

Longisquama, however, he said, lived at the right time and had the feathers that suggest it could have been an evolutionary ancestor of birds.

Jones said that the feathers on Longisquama are so well developed that it is likely that the first feathers appeared on reptiles many generations before Longisquama came along.

But Gauthier said the study is going to have little effect on the theory that birds evolved from dinosaurs, an idea that can be traced back through the work of hundreds of scientists over many decades.

Accepting a Longisquama as the first bird "would be like saying suddenly that humans are not primates or even mammals," said Gauthier. He said more evidence than Longisquama would be needed to disprove a theory that has been long accepted by the majority of paleobiologists.

On the Net:
For news of the study:
http://www.eurekalert.org/news.pub.html

Q & A

Alcohol and breast cancer risk

(In response to a growing concern among parents, educators and other members of the community, Snyder Daily News, in cooperation with Al-Anon support groups and the Snyder Area Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, is devoting this column to your questions about the increasing threat of substance abuse.)

Risk Rises 11 Percent Per Drink
Six Studies Confirm Alcohol's Link to Breast Cancer Risk

Six long-term health and diet studies show a clear link between drinking and breast cancer risk. For women consuming as little as one drink per day, the risk is minimal. But the risk rises more than ten percent with each additional drink.

The *Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA)* analyzed diet and breast cancer studies from four different countries in a recent issue. The largest such analysis ever done, it involved more than 300,000 women from the United States, Canada, and Europe.

Researchers found that women consuming two to five alcoholic drinks each day ran a 41-percent higher risk of developing breast cancer than women who did not drink. Heavy drinking also increases a woman's risk of several other types of cancer of the digestive system.

Death toll Medical experts said that moderate drinking, although still posing a cancer risk, has a protective effect when it comes to heart disease. The American Cancer Society recently reported that the risk of dying of breast cancer increased by 11 percent for those having one drink a day. Risk of death from other causes was decreased by 20 percent due to beneficial effects of one daily drink. Similar heart benefits can be achieved through regular exercise, taking aspirin, and other practices that do not involve alcohol.

The breast cancer death toll is 43,500 every year. Heart disease, in contrast, kills 500,000 women per year. And according to the *New York Times,* cigarette smoing remains a much greater risk for cancer than drinking. Cigarette smoking increases a woman's risk of developing lung cancer by as much as 1,000 percent. Lung cancer annually kills 67,000 women.

JAMA reports that each additional daily drink increases the risk of dying of breast cancer. The risk is estimated at 9 percent for every ten grams of alcohol, or roughly the amount of alcohol in a four-ounce glass of wine. One shot of hard liquor contains 15 grams of alcohol.

Healthy diet Dr. Stephanie Smith Warner, a research fellow in nutrition at the Harvard School of Public Health, was lead author of the new study. She said there are a number of other ways to protect the heart besides drinking. They include watching blood pressure and cholesterol levels, keeping a normal body weight, avoiding cigarettes, and taking aspirin.

Regular exercise is a key preventive measure. Women who exercise regularly before middle age have a 30-percent to 50-percent lower risk of developing breast cancer than women who are couch potatoes. Scientific studies show the "Mediterranean Diet" which relies heavily on olive oil, grains, vegetables, and fruit, with more fish than meat, is also helpful to maintaining a sound heart.

Information provided by *New View* newsletter of the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse

Please send your questions on drugs or addiction to P.O. Box 695, Snyder, Texas 79550. All questions and personal inquires may be submitted anonymously. Twenty-four-hour confidential information is available by calling (915) 573-1141 or 1-800-658-6722. Information on help groups and individual's phone numbers may be found in the SDN Community Calendar.

North Dakotans are sick of rain

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — North Dakotans traditionally usher in summer by opening umbrellas instead of sunscreen. But after a week and a half of damaging heavy rains and flash flooding, waterlogged residents welcomed a chance to dry out.

"It's constantly gloomy," Daniel Kouba, a farmer in northeastern Walsh County, said Thursday. "Today we see the sun, and we are in our glory."

North Dakota officials plenty of practice in dealing with the aftermath of floods — this is the eighth straight year the state is seeking a federal disaster designation.

"There's good news and bad news," said Gov. Ed Schafer. "The bad news is ... it's difficult. People's lives are affected. Their incomes are affected. It's a very tough issue to deal with.

"On the good news side is, we've been dealing with it ever since shortly after I was elected (in 1992), and we've got a lot of experience in it."

Earlier this month, the Walsh and Pembina county commissions declared a drought emergency after two months of little precipitation. Since then, nearly 5 inches of rain has fallen in the area, flooding out some crops and hay land.

In Fargo, a downpour earlier this week dropped 7 inches of rain in 6 hours. Last week, some parts of Grand Forks County reported 20 inches of rain over two days.

Flooding has plagued various parts of the state since 1993, much of it around Devils Lake, a closed basin in north-central North Dakota. The lake has risen nearly 25 feet since 1992, gobbling up roads and fields and causing millions of dollars in damage.

One of the state's worst disasters was in 1997, when a winter of severe blizzards followed by Red River flooding forced the evacuation of Grand Forks.

Sunny skies finally arrived in flood-stricken areas Thursday, but in many cases, the wind kept people indoors.

"It's been a little slow — about half of what we're used to," said Ardis Aasen, owner of Apple Grove Golf Course in Minot. "I don't like that kind of weather. I thought we were going to get blown away."

Rain last week forced officials to close the course for two days, Aasen said.

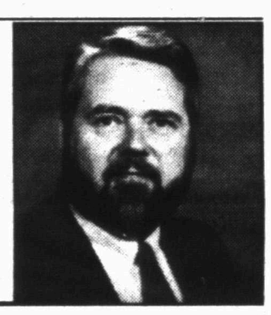
In Grand Forks, pizza delivery driver Todd Thompson was enjoying the break from the wet weather, which he said makes driving harder and more frustrating.

"It gets to be kind of old after a while," he said Thursday. "Traffic will tend to slow down somewhat, some streets start to fill up. This is the first sunny day since last Sunday."

The weather pattern that brought the soggy conditions to the state is typical for this time of year, said Len Peterson, a National Weather Service technician in Bismarck.

Minding Your Own Business

By Don Taylor



Know What You Want and Expect to Get It

Bad hiring decisions are among the worst mistakes small-business owners can make. You should be doing yourself a favor when you hire someone to work for you. After all, what you're really trying to do is move your business to a higher level through the efforts of others. You have a job that needs to be done and you want someone to do it well.

Unfortunately, if you're like many business owners, you may pick a person for the wrong reasons. Recently, I asked a group of business owners what they look for in job applicants.

They came up with a long list of positive attributes. The list included: clean, neat appearance, education, communication skills, a good sense of humor, high intelligence, enthusiasm, maturity, common sense, honesty and more than two dozen other factors.

I told them I agreed with every characteristic they mentioned, but asked them if they also considered "the demonstrated ability to do the job" an important characteristic. Sheepishly, they grinned and agreed that it was probably the most important factor.

You see, sometimes we are distracted by trivial or at least less important things as we make decisions. Hiring good folks to help us is no different than other decisions. Without knowing the right questions it's hard to get good answers.

Two great questions to ask are these: "Has this person developed the skills and abilities I need?" and, "Can they help me get the job done right now?"

Matching job functions with skills

Perhaps one of the most important factors in finding good people who will help you grow your business is matching the requirements of the job with the skills needed to get it done. Here is a method I use.

First I list the functions (what I need done) and the things I want an employee to be accountable for (responsibilities). Next I prioritize the functions and responsibilities. Finally, I try to list the skills and knowledge a person needs to be proficient in these two areas.

Let me give you two examples. First, let's assume I need to hire an outside salesperson. The functions and responsibilities (prioritized) are: 1) make effective product presentations, 2) close sales and process the paperwork quickly and 3) handle customer problems and complaints.

Next to function No. 1, I'd list these skills, traits and knowledge: product knowledge, communication skills, confident manner, good personal appearance, etc.

Next to No. 2, I'd list these items: The ability to sell through objections, understanding of negotiation techniques, knowledge of benefits to customers, good writing and organizational skills, etc.

Next to function No. 3, I'd list: Ability to deal with difficult people, product knowledge, positive attitude, listening skills, etc.

A second example might be if I planned to hire a receptionist for my front office to greet visitors and handle the multi-line phone system.

The major functions might include: 1) making a strong and positive first impression with customers, vendors and guests, 2) handling phone calls efficiently, and 3) assisting with clerical duties.

Next to function No. 1, I'd list: pleasant appearance, friendly personality, strong communication skills, etc. By No. 2, I'd list: ability to handle multiple tasks, pleasant speaking voice, knowledge of business functions and responsibilities of key employees (who should get what kind of calls), etc. By No. 3, I'd write computer skills, typing speed and accuracy, etc.

Remember, what you want more than anything else is the right person for the job. When you match education and skills with functions and responsibilities, your odds of success increase significantly. Happy, productive employees who are comfortable with what they are doing make good long-term employees.

Don Taylor is the co-author of Up Against the Wal-Marts. You may write to him in care of Minding Your Own Business, PO Box 67, Amarillo, TX 79105.

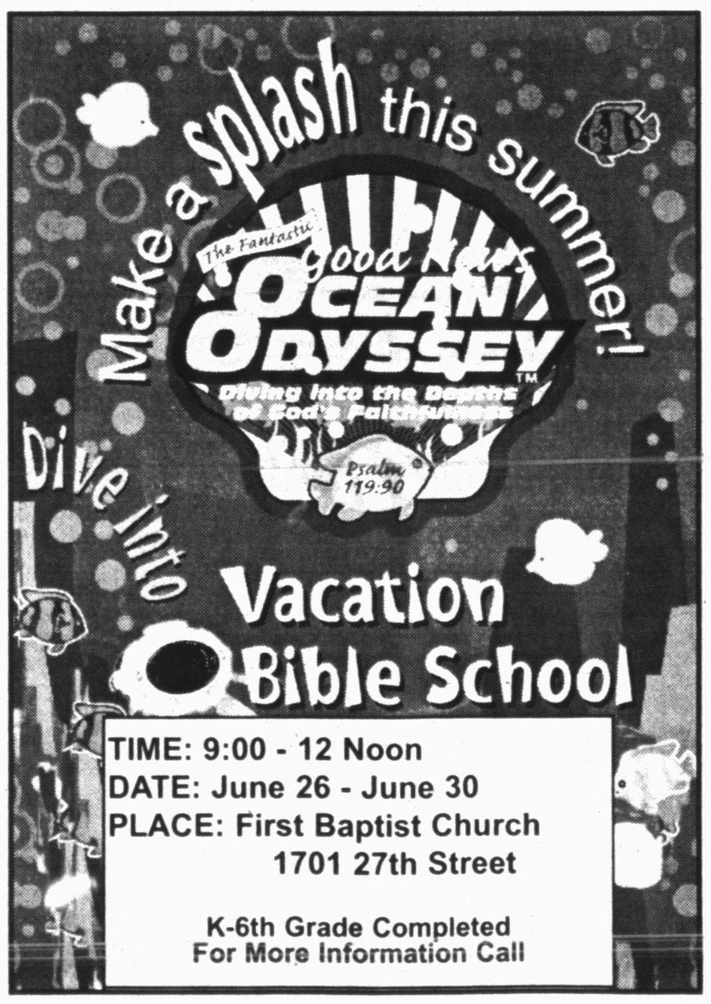
Ramona Gray latest 'Survivor' victim

NEW YORK (AP) — She doesn't like water, but the latest contestant booted off the "Survivor" island says the rats weren't bad.

"They have their own special flavor — rat taste," said Ramona Gray, who was voted off the island of Pulau Tiga by her fellow contestants in Wednesday night's episode. "It wasn't chicken. It was really good, though."

She is the fourth to be voted off the hit show, leaving 12. The last one will win $1 million.

Speaking Thursday on CBS's "The Early Show," Gray said she's not much of a water drinker and avoided it so much she became dehydrated and sick her first few days on the island.



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Letters to the editor

SHS Exes in town for play

Dear Editor:

My brother, Stephen Taylor, and his friend Kevin Alejandro are in town to do a play for Snyder. It is called "True West."

They have also asked several friends that are drama exes to do the show with them. I have sat for only one scene, and I must say it is terrific.

Stephen and Kevin both have taken off one month from their jobs and other productions in Austin to come here and do "True West" for Snyder. They are both very dedicated actors and have been working long hours each day since they have been here to get props painted and organized, set, lights, sound and the many other things it takes to make this production great for Snyder.

They are donating a portion of the proceeds to the Jerry P. Worsham Foundation. They both love acting and are great at it and to hope to give back to our community to show their appreciation.

I think the play is going to be great and I hope all of us in the community will attend the shows July 7-8.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Rodriguez

Changes at CMH

Dear Editor:

Mr. Reecer is leaving Cogdell Memorial Hospital in a strengthened position.

Change is the norm in a rapidly changing health care climate. With change always comes the possibility of growth and advancement.

CMH is blessed with a very knowledgeable hospital board, excellent physicians, dynamic management team and very dedicated staff.

With our supportive community and the support of the commissioners' court the future growth of the hospital is unlimited.

Norma Adams
Nurse Executive

Concerned Grandmother

Dear Editor:

I'm a concerned grandmother and my heart goes out to prisoners all over. I read about a young man's plea about being a first-time non-violent offender who has to do a lot of time that he doesn't deserve, and I feel that a lot of other men and women feel just like him.

I don't know a whole lot about the pardon and parole prison system but, I do know this: there are a lot of people inside the system that after they do what they are told and rehabilitated themselves they are not returned to the loved ones and that's a shame.

Through a newsletter back in 1998, TDCJ and parole had a statistic that read — the state of Texas has the nation's highest incarceration rate with 667 of every 100,000 residents in state custody. The national incarceration rate is 419 for every 100,000 residents in state custody.

In 1997, there were 59,419 inmates eligible for parole and 49,612 were denied. Overall, recent figures reflect parole approval rates dropped to 16.5 percent in 1997, although the rate has moved to 20.27 percent in the last 6 months, which is probably due to overcrowding.

Information on the trends says this — the trends of recent year's shows that each Legislature, due to public demand, is becoming tougher on crime than its predecessor.

The impact of Texas' get-tough policies of recent years is taking its toll on the state's prison system. Prison capacity problems are being triggered by longer sentences and paroles being rejected or revoked at a growing rate.

Public demand has stopped the revolving prison doors. Parole rates have now been increased as a means of controlling prison capacity.

Also, with only 18 voting members on the board, who review over 100,000 cases per year, it is easy to calculate how much time they can spend evaluating a case before voting.

My question is — Isn't this more so today? I would like some feedback on this because in my understanding, parole is becoming more and more different to obtain.

Parole is a privilege in the state of Texas. All parole-related decisions are up to the discretion of the Board of Pardons and Paroles Division.

You do not need the assistance of an attorney to become eligible for parole consideration, no one can promise any inmate parole. So I pray to God that He would touch the hearts of the men and women on the parole board. Maybe they would find it in their hearts to look at what a person in white is going through. Then take a closer look at them now and find it in their hearts to say enough is enough and let those that are in white, go back to their loved ones.

That's all from the concerned grandmother.

I pray that whoever reads this will give them a better understanding or make their curiosity rise up to where they would want to know more.

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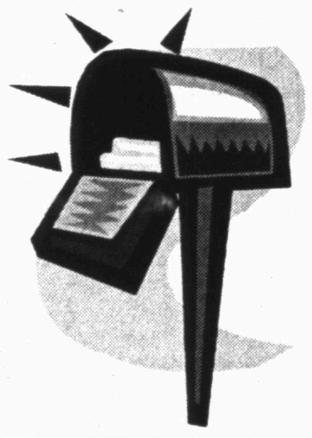
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Letters to be published in the weekend edition must be submitted no later than noon Thursday.





EDITORIAL COMMENT

Austin American-Statesman

Keeping government under wraps

An insidious bill to prevent the American public from learning of government misconduct and ineptitude has been quietly passed in a Senate committee and heads to the Senate soon for a vote.

The bill makes it a felony for anyone to disclose classified information to the news media and carries a maximum penalty of a $10,000 fine and three years in prison. Part of the legislation authorizing intelligence programs for the coming year, the bill has been approved by the Senate Intelligence Committee. Sen. Richard Shelby, R-Ala., is the chief sponsor of a bill only the CIA could love.

This is an unnecessary law aimed at those who would expose government misdeeds. It is not about protecting vital military or national security. Federal law already provides for the prosecution of anyone who leaks classified information to foreign countries or divulges national defense information.

The bill serves only to protect government incompetence and misconduct by threatening those who would expose it through the news media with a felony charge carrying a heavy fine and prison sentence.

Federal agencies can, and do, declare anything a classified secret, no matter how innocuous it might be. This country has a long history of government abuse being hidden under a "classified information" stamp. Open-government advocates have complained for years about the government's tendency to classify documents secret without just cause.

Odessa American

Korean summit

Peace on the Korean peninsula is still a distant goal, but there's no denying that a serious first step was made in that direction this week.

Paranoid, cult-like, armed and dangerous. North Korea is a throwback to the Cold War during its darkest days, an anachronistic police state where hunger is rife, military parades are de rigueur and where individual freedom is nonexistent.

Along its border is South Korea. It is prosperous, free, and one of Asia's dramatic success stories. The border between north and south is otherworldly a stark landscape of fences and military forces.

Yet, despite the contrast, the war readiness, the sad memories of half a century of bitter conflict, the Korean peninsula is abuzz because of a summit between the two countries leaders in the northern capital, Pyongyang.

The unusual meeting isn't expected to produce anything concrete. But the stunning image of South Korean President Kim Dae-jung walking hand-in-hand with North Korean dictator Kim Jong-il offered the first serious hope in half a century that tensions between the countries will be reduced.

Granted, the differences between the two countries cannot be ameliorated by a single showing of goodwill. And it would be foolish to take a moral-equivalence view to the regions ongoing hostilities. The problem, plain and simple, is that the north is militaristic, aggressive and totalitarian.

But the question South Korea and other democratic nations must face with regard to North Korea is similar to the one that must be faced with other dictatorial and militaristic regimes. Is it best to punish such nations with economic sanctions or to prod them with commerce and aid?

Amarillo Globe-News

Roadside memorials:

Roadside memorials — which people erect to honor the memory of loved ones killed in traffic accidents — are becoming a common sight along Texas highways. The Texas Department of Transportation, however, wants to put reasonable restrictions on what goes up alongside our highways. TxDOT's aim is worth pursuing.

TxDOT recently suspended the removal of unauthorized markers until it can figure out a reasonable policy. The markers, according to agency officials, can and do pose a hazard. It's an ironic circumstance, indeed, when a marker designed to pay tribute to someone actually becomes a threat to someone else.

Tonya DeHoyos Detten, TxDOT's spokeswoman in Amarillo, said the agency prohibits the placing of the markers if they are too close to the right-of-way, if they are too tall or if they are fastened too securely into the ground. "I've heard of some of these markers placed in concrete without a breakaway feature," Detten said.

TxDOT recently pulled a marker out of the ground along Interstate 27, near 34th Avenue, said Detten, that was made of two-inch steel and embedded in concrete. Detten estimated the marker exceeded 25 pounds.

The major problem with the markers is occurring in the Tyler area of East Texas, she said. "It's not a problem in our district," she added. But it could become one if TxDOT doesn't place some reasonable restraints on the types of markers that people can erect.

Corpus Christi Caller-Times

Symbol removed:

Most visitors to the Texas Supreme Court and the Court of Criminal Appeals probably overlooked two plaques honoring Confederate war dead. But when Saturday, June 10, dawned, the plaques, or rather the missing plaques, were the objection of much attention.

The plaques, one of which bore the Confederate battle flag, were removed Friday, June 9, after the building closed. New plaques replaced them. They state the commitment of the state's courts to equal justice to all races, creeds and colors, and that the funding for the buildings came from the Confederate pension fund.

Gov. George W. Bush's office owned up to the switch and says it will take the heat from Confederate heritage groups.

The switch was the right thing to do. The flag has too much about it that connotes an era when Texas stood for a wrong idea.

The Confederacy is very much part of Texas history, and the telling of that history has its place. But not on the building where equal justice is supposed to be dispensed for all Texans.

The Dallas Morning News

Wise A&M Bonfire decision

The usually boisterous crowd at the Texas-Texas A&M football game was unusually subdued the last time the two teams met. Still shaken from the collapse of the traditional bonfire that left 12 A&M students dead and 27 injured just over a week earlier, the record crowd of 86,128 was more emotional than it was raucous.

The Aggie Bonfire, constructed yearly before the Texas game, symbolizes more than just the hex that the Aggies are determined to place on their bitter rivals, the Longhorns. It represents 90 years of tradition, of students working together, and of the often-inexplicable bond that can exist among 44,000 students.

On Friday, Texas A&M President Ray Bowen announced that the school will suspend the bonfire project until at least 2002.

North of Forty By Red Green

Telecommunication — who needs it?

These days there is a great deal of emphasis placed on communication and interaction. We have cell phones and pagers and e-mail and networking. We have all of this technology allowing us to exchange ideas easily and instantly. So what are we doing with it?

We're calling people when we don't need to. We're programming our cell phones to play tunes instead of ringing. We're getting nonessential messages in a variety of formats. We're playing Internet computer games at our desks with strangers from around the world.

We haven't really improved communication — we've just made it easier for bad ideas to be shared.

Before the techno revolution, if you had a theory, you presented it to a friend or a colleague first to see if it had merit. You could limit the embarrassment.

Now if you have a theory, you create a Web site and broadcast it to the world. Life gets very difficult when everybody knows you're an idiot. It's bad enough when it's just your wife.

LITTLE THINGS MEAN A LOT

I don't think it's unreasonable to expect people to have a significant impact on the world, and yet I don't think we should feel like failures when we don't. It's often the little things, the small accomplishments, the minor victories, that are the most satisfying.

So, for the sake of your own mental health, take a few minutes at the end of each day to focus on some simple, tiny breakthrough that you had in the last 24 hours.

Maybe you feel good about not eating that doughnut. Maybe you feel good about eating them all. It doesn't matter what it is.

Look for small accomplishments. I consider every day when the police don't have to come to my home a true blessing.

Find ways to feel good about yourself. We can't all be Nelson Mandela or Albert Einstein or Jerry Springer.

NON COGITO ERGO SUM

Thinking is usually a good thing. It can save you from physical harm and psychological damage. But thinking at the wrong time can also create a lot of problems. Here is a short list of times when it's better not to think:

— when you're being rolled in for surgery
— when you're being disciplined by a loved one
— when you're watching an approaching hockey puck
— when you're undergoing a tax audit
— when you're at a wrestling match
— when you're getting directions
— when you're assembling an explosive device
— when your spouse is telling you what to wear
— when you're asked for an opinion
— when you're at a board meeting
— whenever you're feeling smart

OK, SO THE END IS NEAR

I heard on the news that there's a day coming over the next few months when several of the planets are going to align themselves with Mars (which I think was a hit for the Fifth Dimension). It occurred to me that some cult group is going to predict that day will be the end of the world. And that we should all prepare.

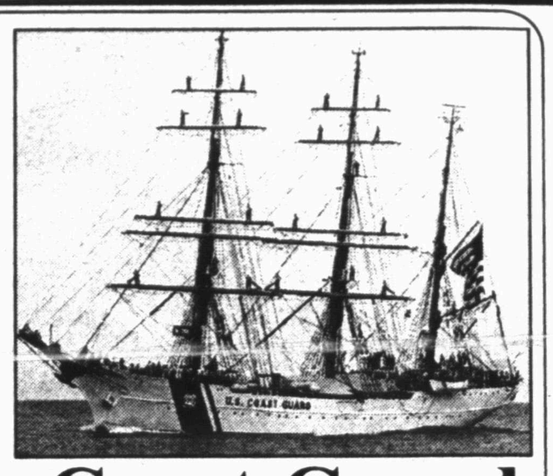
I'm not exactly sure what that means. I wouldn't know what to pack for a world termination. I guess sensible shoes and something loose-fitting.

OK, that's a little glib, but I don't honestly think the world-ending thing is going to happen. So instead of the rest of us preparing for the world to end, I suggest these fanatics should maybe prepare for the world not to end. What then? What if we hit the stroke of midnight and there's no horrific conflagration? Don't you think they should prepare for that? Maybe it's time to engage in a new activity. Might I humbly suggest rational thought?

Quote of the Day: "Don't let that cramp bother you. It means you must still have a muscle." - **Red Green**

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The Coast Guard's Barque Eagle is pictured at full sail in the above photo. At right, members of her crew are manning their posts. The photos at the bottom this feature show the ship in the process of docking.

Rad Eicke, as Coast Guard Cadet, sailing on tall ship

Radnal (Rad) Eicke, a 1999 Snyder High School graduate, is participating in the East Coast's OpSail2000 as a Coast Guard Academy cadet. He will be a Third Class (sophomore) this fall at the academy in New London, CT.

Eicke's tour on the Coast Guard's Barque Eagle began last Saturday and will conclude on July 29. They are sailing with tall ships from all over the world on the Eastern Coast. His tour of duty will have ports in Norfolk, VA; Baltimore, MD, Philadelphia, PA, New York City (for the Fourth of July), New London, CT., and Portland, Maine.

Eicke will be home on leave from July 29-Aug. 12. Then he will report for two-a-day football practice on Aug. 14.

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Ivan Luke, captain of the Eagle, summarized the training. "As third class, they will be standing watch in the positions of helmsman, quartermaster of the watch, radar plotter, watch on deck (sail trimming) and oiler (in the engine room.) They will also take a turn with various "ship work" tasks necessary to keep a ship operating 24 hours a day. Those include sanding and painting, washing the dishes, polishing brass and all manner of shipboard tasks. At other times, they will be participating in hands-on training sessions covering fire fighting equipment, deck seamanship, navigation techniques, and many other topics.

"We try to avoid lectures. Those are bad enough in the classroom. Eagle forte is learn-by-doing. We'll also have them doing lots of celestial navigation practice. They've already shown they can do it the 'hard way' with pencil and paper in class, so we'll have them use their laptops to 'reduce' their sights into a fix while aboard Eagle. That way we can focus our efforts on teaching them to accurately use the sextant, and then what to do with the 'fix' information after they get it."

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The Eagle, the largest tall ship flying the Stars and Stripes and the only square-rigger in U.S. government service, is the seventh Coast Guard cutter to bear the name dating back to 1792. The ship was built in 1936 by the Blohm and Voss Shipyard in Hamburg, Germany, and commissioned as Horst Wessel, one of three sail training ships operated by Nazi Germany to train cadets for the growing German navy.

Five identical ships were built in Germany and are collectively known as the "five sisters;" they include Tovarisch (Russia), Sagres II (Portugal), Mircea (Romania), and Gorch Fock II (Germany).

Early in World War II, Eagle was converted to a cargo ship, transporting men and supplies throughout the Baltic Sea, but continued to perform training missions as well.

The ship is said to have downed three aircraft in combat during this period. Following World War II, it was taken as a prize by the United States and a Coast Guard crew — aided by the German crew still aboard — sailed the tall ship in 1946 from Bremerhaven to its new homeport in New London, Conn.

Eagle now serves as a seagoing classroom for future officers in the U.S. Coast Guard. The men and women of the Coast Guard are responsible for Maritime law enforcement, search and rescue, aids to navigation, ice operations, defense operations and waterways safety and security.

A seasoned permanent crew of six officers and 29 enlisted personnel maintain the ship year round and provide a strong base of knowledge and seamanship for the training of up to 150 cadets or officer candidates at a time.

It is on the decks and in the rigging of the Eagle that these young men and women get their first taste of salt air and life at sea.

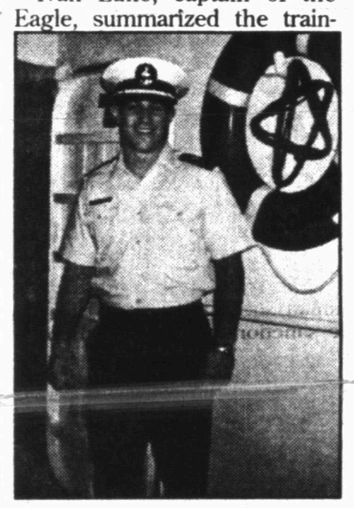
Eagle offers future officers the opportunity to put into practice the navigation, engineering, and other professional theory they have previously learned in the classroom.

To maneuver under sail, the crew must handle more than 22,000 square feet of sail and five miles of rigging. Over 200 lines control the sails and yards, and every crew-member, cadet and officer candidate, must become intimately familiar with the name, operation and function of each line.

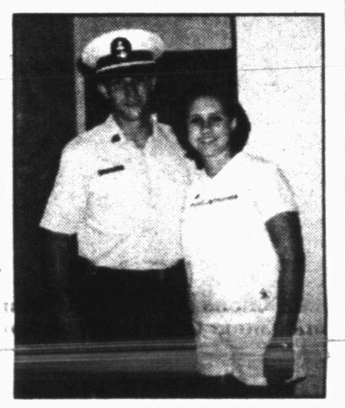
Like the great Cape Horn square-rigged built during the first three decades of the 20th century — the twilight era of sail — Eagle is constructed of modern materials. Eagle has a steel hull four-tenths of an inch thick, two full-length steel docks with a platform deck below and a raised forecastle and quarterdeck,; and weather decks made of three-inch thick teak over steel. Its design and construction embody centuries of development in the shipbuilder's art, and Eagle eagerly takes to the element for which it was designed, effortless and gracefully under full sail in the open ocean at speeds up to 17 knots.

When in homeport in New London, Eagle rests alongside a pier on the Thames River in the U.S. Coast Guard Academy. The academy was originally founded in 1876 when nine students boarded the Revenue Cutter Dobbin. A series of cutters followed the Dobbin, and in 1932 a permanent shore facility was established at its present site on land donated by the New London community. Approximately 900 men and women attend the academy, all of whom sail at one time or another on America's only active duty square rigger.

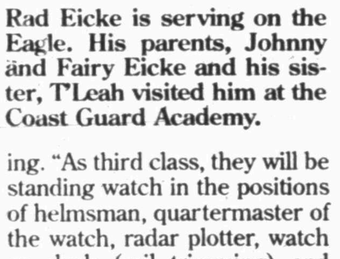
Eagle serves as a sea-going classroom for approximately 175 cadets and instructors from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy. On Eagle, cadets have a chance to practically apply the navigation, engineering and other training they receive in classes at the academy. As upper-class cadets, they perform the leadership functions normally handled by junior officers. As upper-class cadets, they fill positions normally taken by the enlisted crew of the ship, including help watch at the huge brass and wood wheels used to steer the vessel.

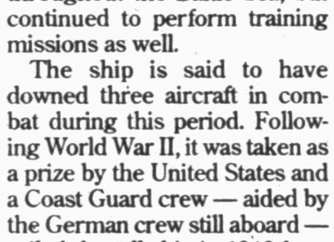


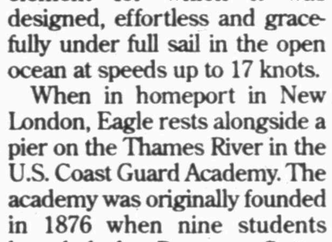




Rad Eicke is serving on the Eagle. His parents, Johnny and Fairy Eicke and his sister, T'Leah visited him at the Coast Guard Academy.







British TV network ordered to shift news to earlier slot

LONDON (AP) — It's an everyday ritual for millions of Britons — watching the nightly news before bedtime.

But not, according to a British broadcasting watchdog, for enough millions.

Worried that more and more people are going to bed without their nightly dose of television news, a broadcasting authority ordered a long-established commercial network Thursday to switch its main nighttime news program to an earlier slot.

The Independent Television Commission did not tell the ITV network what time its news — now on at 11 p.m. — should air. It told the network to reschedule the program in a bid to stem hemorrhaging ratings.

"In the circumstances, we can only insist that the Nightly News is moved to a time when it is more accessible to viewers," commission chairman Sir Robin Biggam said.

Scurry County Service Men & Women

(Editor's Note: Citizens are invited to write their servicemen and servicewomen stationed stateside and overseas. Anyone having additions, changes or corrections to the list should submit them in writing to the Snyder Daily News, P.O. Box 949, Snyder, TX, 79550, or bring them by the office at 3600 College Ave. Sorry, no addresses will be accepted over the telephone.

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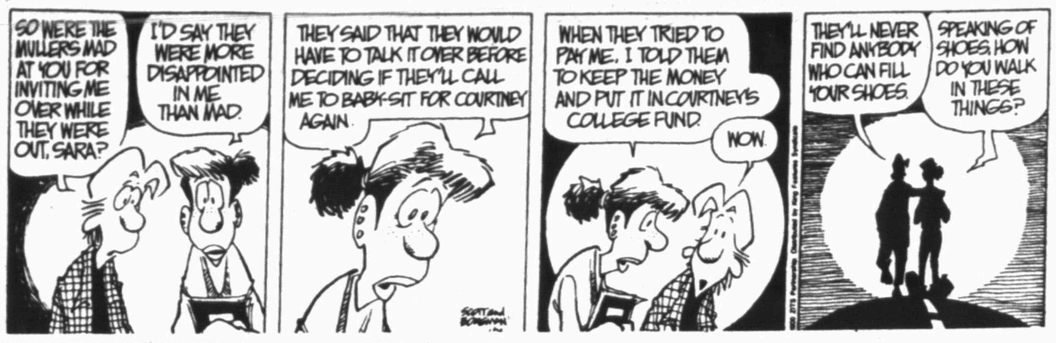
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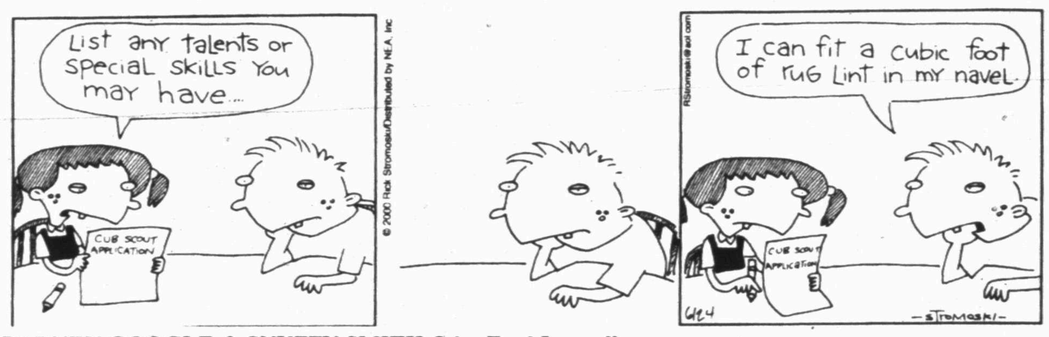
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7 Among
13 Cook slowly
14 Saudi city
15 Not so bad
16 Breakfast food
17 Fruity drink
18 Soviet space station
20 Hawaiian wreath
21 Coarse hair
25 Strongest-tasting
28 Musical key
32 Film holders
33 Blazing
34 Babylonian abode of dead
35 Large seabird
36 Wicked Biblical city
37 Eskimo, e.g.
39 Soggiest
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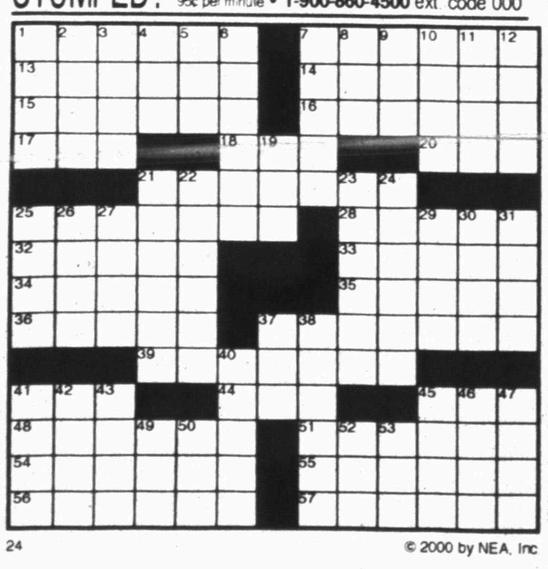
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10 Type of pickle
11 Large knife
12 Film director Jacques —
19 "Social" ending
21 Surge
22 Start again
23 Charters
24 Exertion
25 Mardi —
26 "Dynamic" start
27 Anthropologist Margaret
29 Leslie Caron role
30 Island off Ireland
31 Look after
37 Legal eagle (abbr.)
38 Scanty
40 Bathroom-floor installer
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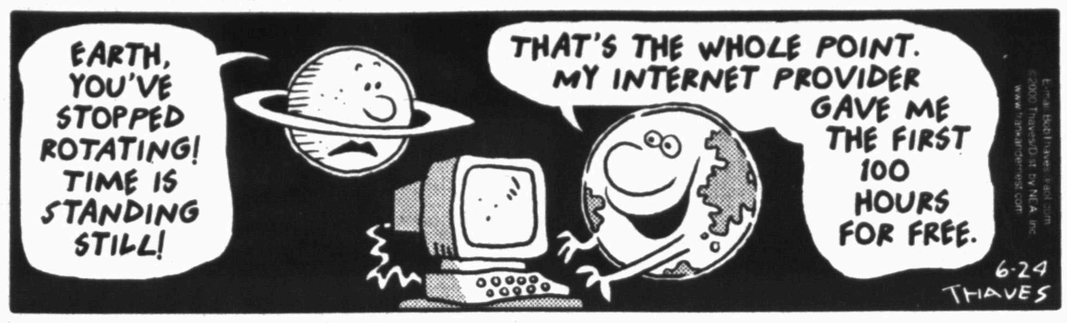
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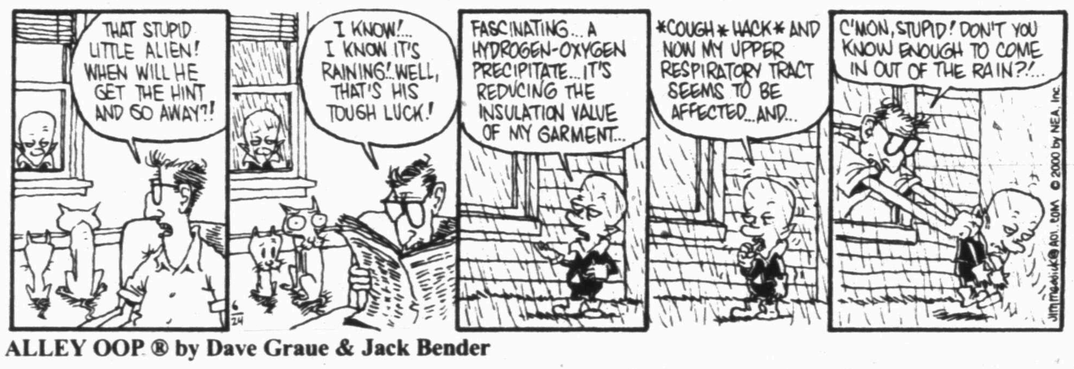
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"DON'T LET HIM PLAY WITH THE HAMMER. HE THINKS THE WHOLE WORLD IS A NAIL."

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Mother's rule on lifejacket prevents father's fate for son

DEAR ABBY: This letter is in response to "Careful Mom in Washington," whose father-in-law thought she was crazy because she refused to take her young son on an old boat without an infant lifejacket.

On a lovely day in June 1986, my husband, who couldn't swim but refused to wear a lifejacket, took our 3-year-old son, "Ronnie," fishing in the new "unsinkable" boat I had bought to protect them. My rule from day one for Ronnie was "no lifejacket, no water."

While they were fishing, my husband somehow fell out of the boat. Ronnie went into the water to look for his father. He couldn't find him. Ronnie floated aimlessly for an hour before a wonderful teen-age boy spotted him and rowed to his rescue.

Had I not insisted that my son wear a lifejacket, I would have tragically lost both my husband and Ronnie.

My husband was an adult who had a right to make his own choices in life. However, those choices ended his life far too soon.

Our son could not make his own choices. As a parent, I made them for him. Fortunately, I made the right ones to protect him.

I hope "Careful Mom" shows this letter to her father-in-law, and I hope she'll stick to her rules even if it means being ridiculed. — **ANOTHER CAREFUL MOM IN WASHINGTON**

DEAR ANOTHER CAREFUL MOM: Please accept my sympathy for the untimely death of your husband, and please also accept my congratulations for your strength in insisting that your son be protected.

Now that Ronnie is 17, you might suggest some counseling if he feels responsible for his father's death or has "survivor guilt." Read on:

DEAR ABBY: This is to "Careful Mom in Washington." You were not out of line by refusing to let your 13-month-old son go on your father-in-law's boat without an infant lifejacket. I commend you for your decision!

Inform your father-in-law that the state of Washington has a law that requires lifejackets for children up to 11 or 12; and a federal law requires a device of the "appropriate size" for each person on board (including Coast Guard-approved lifejackets that fit children).

It's critical that parents try a lifejacket in a pool to be sure it fits the child properly.

My advice to your father-in-law is either to take a Coast Guard-approved boating safety course, or sell the boat and take up knitting! — **RONNIE ON THE RIVER**

DEAR RONNIE: Many readers felt compelled to write in support of the mother's decision. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I have just finished reading the letter from the woman whose father-in-law is giving her the cold shoulder because she refused to take her infant on his rickety old boat after he had a couple of beers — and without an infant lifejacket!

I once worked in a maritime law firm. One of my jobs was typing notes into computer files. About 80 percent of the boating accidents were alcohol-related. More than half resulted in deaths, paralysis, brain damage, lost limbs, etc.

Let that father-in-law stew. He was wrong, and she was right to put her own and her child's safety first. — **SAFE ON PUGET SOUND**

DEAR SAFE: If your letter doesn't convince people to wear lifejackets, and to refrain from mixing alcohol with boating, nothing will. Please, readers, have a safe and sane summer on our nation's waterways.

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DEAR ABBY: I was bicycling through the park when I noticed a young woman dressed in black picking lilies along the side of the path.

I stopped and asked her why she was picking flowers. "I am going to a funeral today," she replied. I told her that while I understood why she was picking the flowers, she was still wrong to do so, because no one else going through the park would be able to enjoy them.

Abby, now I feel guilty that I confronted her. Didn't she have enough to worry about? After all, she was going to a funeral! Although I still feel that I did the right thing, was there another way of handling this? — **CIVIC-MINDED BUT CONFUSED**

DEAR CIVIC-MINDED: Your direct approach was appropriate at the time you first noticed her picking the flowers. Black is a popular fashion choice, and you couldn't have known she was on her way to a funeral.

You were right. She should not have been picking the flowers, and your comment should give her food for thought. However, I suspect you'd be feeling less guilty right now if — once she told you about the funeral — you had expressed your condolences for her loss and then quietly gone on your way.

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DEAR ABBY: My sister and I are married to brothers whose wealthy aunt invites the family for Easter dinner every year. This is a potluck meal, and she requests that we each bring double recipes. This year, my sister was asked to bring two cakes and another guest to bring pies. After our main course was served, the table was cleared and out came thin slices of pie. There was no sign of my sister's cakes!

After the meal, this aunt was busy in the kitchen putting away all of the leftover food. No one was offered anything to take home. Do you think my sister should have asked for her two cakes that were not served? She has a large family, and those cakes would have been enjoyed by them.

This is not the first time this has happened. By the way, there are only 12 adults at this gathering. What do you think of this? — **DISGUSTED IN DETROIT**

DEAR DISGUSTED: I think your hostess takes the cake! For a hostess to solicit double portions for a potluck dinner, and then to hoard the goodies for another occasion, shows poor manners, worse judgment, and creates abysmal family relations. It would have been entirely appropriate for your sister to ask for at least one of the cakes to take home to her family. Next year, suggest to this aunt that any food not served be split among the guests.

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DEAR ABBY: Please help me. My roommates are ruining my life. I'm a female freshman in college and live in South Carolina. I am living with three guys. Most of the time they're great — until I bring home my dates.

They all have great social lives, so I see no reason why they feel the need to take apart my car, hide my clothes and scare my dates. They say it's for my own protection, but at this rate, I'll be an old maid forever.

What can I do to stop their foolishness before they scare away Mr. Right? — **DATELESS AND HOPELESS**

DEAR DATELESS: Your roommates may regard their behavior as funny, or brotherly and protective. However, their methods are heavy-handed, intimidating, and an indication of their immaturity.

Make other living arrangements and get out of there as quickly as possible. And next time, share accommodations with female roommates.

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California investigators eye leak of documents in scandal

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — An employee in Insurance Commissioner Chuck Quackenbush's office disclosed hundreds of pages of confidential audits to an Assembly committee probing alleged wrongdoing by the commissioner, authorities said Thursday.

An Assembly spokesman described the disclosure as the act of a whistleblower outraged by insurers' excesses. The Republican Quackenbush's aides said it was illegal and demonstrated the political nature of the investigation targeting him. Quackenbush has asked the California Highway Patrol to investigate the disclosure.

Cindy Ossias, a lawyer in the Insurance Department's San Francisco office, acknowledged to state investigators her role in releasing the audits earlier this year, authorities said.

The audits are a critical piece of the political scandal enfolding Quackenbush. They detail alleged violations by insurance companies following the 1994 Los Angeles earthquake, including delaying payments to customers with quake-related claims, providing inaccurate information and low-balling claims.

The insurance companies could have been forced to pay up to $3.7 billion for more than 2,500 violations. Instead, Quackenbush instead allowed a half-dozen companies to resolve the matter by donating $12.45 million to a nonprofit fund he created.

Quackenbush said the fund, called the California Research and Assistance Fund, was intended to help consumers with quake claims and avoid years of litigation with insurers. But instead, millions of dollars were spent on television advertising featuring the commissioner, and other money was donated to groups with no connection to quake issues.

More than $6 million in CRAF's assets have been frozen by a Superior Court judge pending further investigation.

The audit documents, called market conduct exams, are protected by law from disclosure, but no charges have been filed in the case and it was not clear who has the documents now.

The CHP's probe is continuing, and several other employees are under investigation in connection, Quackenbush spokesman Dan Edwards said.

Edwards described the disclosure as theft and a violation of law solicited by a Democrat-controlled committee.

"It was a very orchestrated conspiracy to solicit stolen documents from the department staff and then cover up possession of those documents," Edwards said.

A spokesman for Assemblyman Jack Scott, a Democrat from Pasadena, said the employee disclosed the documents for the public good.

Former hacker Kevin Mitnick wants to write about computers

LOS ANGELES (AP) — If he can't use computers for the next several years, former hacker Kevin Mitnick believes he should at least be allowed to write about the magazines that report on them.

Mitnick, who spent four years in prison for stealing computer secrets from some of the nation's top companies, plans to return to court Monday to challenge a probation officer's order barring him from becoming a columnist for an Internet company.

Steven Brill, who publishes the monthly magazine Brill's Content, has offered Mitnick a job writing a monthly column for the Contentville Web site scheduled to launch next month.

Using a typewriter, the former hacker would review computer magazines for the site, which will offer analysis, commentary and product reviews. The site also will sell books, magazines and other publications.

Federal probation officials, however, say that's not the right job for Mitnick, who has acknowledged he was once addicted to hacking into computers.

"In regards to the numerous requests you have received concerning writing and critiquing articles and speaking at conferences, we find it necessary to deny your participation and recommend that you pursue employment in a non-related field," wrote Mitnick's probation officer, Larry Hawley.

U.S. District Judge Mariana R. Pfaelzer, who sentenced Mitnick to 54 months in prison, is scheduled to hear his challenge to the ruling Monday.

Under the terms of his release from prison earlier this year, Mitnick was barred from using computers and other high-tech devices or from working as a consultant or adviser to any computer-related business for three years.

His probation officer cited the latter restrictions in telling Mitnick he couldn't work for Brill. But his lawyers say that is going farther than the judge intended.

Brill said Thursday that Mitnick is one of about 90 contributors he has lined up for his venture.

Too many students means more repairs, report shows

WASHINGTON (AP) — Parents in Murfreesboro, Tenn., don't need a study to tell them their schools are overcrowded.

"There are about 15 portables in the school yard; kids are eating in the hallway, sitting cross-legged on the floor," said Stacey Borasky, a parent who led the charge for a new school to ease conditions at Walter Hill Elementary School.

The school is swelling with 1,096 K-8 pupils — nearly 200 more than were enrolled seven years ago. "It's an unhealthy environment," Borasky said. "We pack them into the building like sardines."

More than one-fifth of the nation's schools have more students than they were built to serve, the Education Department said Thursday in a report suggesting that overcrowding and crumbling buildings go hand in hand.

In 1999, the study said, 17,400 U.S. schoolhouses (or 22 percent) were at least 6 percent over capacity, which the department deems overcrowded. Two-thirds of these schools, which enroll nearly 18 million children, had roofs, plumbing and other building features that needed constant maintenance, violated building codes, or required outright replacement, the study said.

The report was released as President Clinton pushed for congressional approval of his $1.3 billion emergency school-repair bill.

"Rising enrollments and years of deferred maintenance have taken a serious toll, jeopardizing our children's health and the quality of their education," Clinton said as the Senate opened debate on fiscal 2001 education spending.

Republicans oppose Clinton's wish to set aside grants and loans to fix 5,000 of the worst schools each year. They plan, instead, to put the construction money into a pot with other programs.

"Parents have a right to expect that their children go to schools that are in good condition," said Education Secretary Richard Riley, saying that although school repair is a local issue, voters support the federal help.

But Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., who heads the Appropriations Committee's panel that oversees education spending, said, "We're prepared to take to the American people the basic concept that if school systems do not need additional buildings, they ought to be able to use their share for something else."

The spending fight has focused on overall school repair: leaking roofs, flooding toilets and collapsing walls that have dogged districts saddled with schoolhouses averaging 40 years old. But Thursday's report documented a trend that paralleled the aging of schools: record public school enrollment overcrowding and increasing wear and tear on buildings.

The report said:

—53 percent of overcrowded schools reported problems with heating and other ventilation systems, compared with 39 percent of schools with normal capacity.

—36 percent of all schools used portable classroom trailers.

—20 percent of all schools held classes elsewhere such as in the gym or the lunchroom.

—8 percent of all schools — 6,200 buildings — were severely overcrowded, enrolling 25 percent more children than they were built to hold.

The first-ever survey asked 903 public schools last year about building space and the condition of roofs, plumbing, heating, ventilation and other features. The margin of error for all schools was plus or minus 0.9 of a percentage point.

On the Net:
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Aurelio Medina to Aurora Tavarez, Lots 1 and 2 in Block 1 of the Provident Heights Addition.

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Ramona Lewallen England to Robert Don England II, the north 35 feet and the middle 50 feet of the east 100 feet of Lot 1, Block 36, Blankenship Addition.

Court upholds injunction against cyber smut law

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A federal law aimed at protecting children from online pornography will probably be ruled unconstitutional, an appeals court said in upholding an injunction against the measure.

The Child Online Protection Act requires commercial Web sites to collect a credit card number or some other access code as proof of age before allowing Internet users to view online material deemed harmful to minors.

The 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said Thursday the proof of age requirement places an undue economic burden on publishers, who would have to pay for a screening system and could lose users who did not want to register.

It also said the act's definition of harmful material as that which offends "contemporary community standards" is impossible to enforce because community standards vary, and Internet publishers do not know where their users live.

"'Harmful to minors' means one thing in New York and another in a small southern community," said David Sobel, lawyer for the Electronic Privacy Information Center, one organization challenging the law. "I think this decision creates a real challenge to the advocates of Internet censorship. I don't see a way that any censorship can survive given this decision."

The court said the law is not the least restrictive way to protect children from harmful material, noting that parents can install blocking software on their own computers.

Senior U.S. Circuit Judge Leonard I. Garth called the law "Congress' laudatory attempt to achieve its compelling objective of protecting minors from harmful material on the World Wide Web," but said in the court's 34-page ruling that it will probably be ruled unconstitutional.

Other plaintiffs in the suit against the law include the American Civil Liberties Union, the online publication Salon, the Philadelphia Gay News, bookstores and sexual health publishers.

A Justice Department spokeswoman said it was too early to say whether there would be an appeal.

Garth said Congress had not adequately addressed concerns that led the Supreme Court to strike down an Internet censorship law passed in 1996.

The act currently under debate, passed in 1998, is limited to commercial sites and defines harmful material as that which would offend "contemporary community standards."

One of the bill's sponsors, Rep. James Greenwood, R-Pa., said Thursday that if attorneys decide more legal action on the current law would be fruitless, he believes Congress will pass another version of the bill in an attempt to meet the constitutional objections.

Greenwood said he believes the intent of the bill — to keep children out of pornographic sites in the same way they are barred from adult bookstores and X-rated movie theaters — is constitutional, although there are technological difficulties in doing so.

AOL, Time Warner deal OK'd

NEW YORK (AP) — Shareholders of America Online Inc. and Time Warner Inc. overwhelmingly approved the proposed combination of their two companies Friday, which would create a colossal media player.

The ambitious pairing must still be cleared by U.S. and European regulatory agencies.

Shareholder approval had been widely expected but nonetheless symbolized a growing acceptance of the merger, which baffled investors when it was first announced Jan. 10. AOL stock declined sharply in the two months after the merger was made public, but has since stabilized.

AOL's acquisition of Time Warner faces scrutiny from regulators at home and abroad, as well as opposition from consumer groups concerned about the growing media contro.

Storms cast doubt on apple harvest

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — They surveyed their battered orchards and used terms like devastated, worst ever, and hopeless to describe the damage from severe storms.

Apple growers in the Hudson Valley region of New York say they will need financial help from the federal government to weather what they say will surely be a dismal year for production.

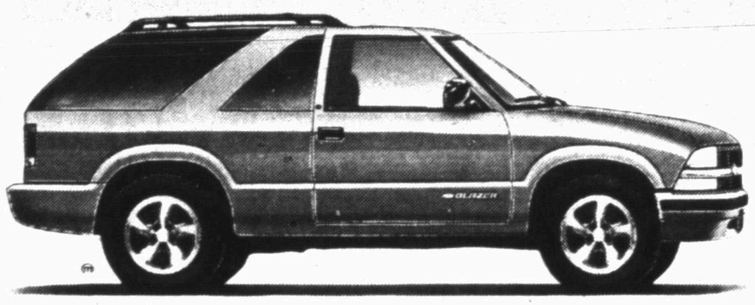
The region's apple industry, one of the largest in the nation, was already complaining about financial obstacles when hailstorms May 18 and June 2 damaged an estimated 2 million bushels of apples.

"It was devastating," said Rod Dressel Jr., manager of packing and storage for Dressel Farms in New Paltz. "The Hudson Valley apple crop has been hit pretty hard from north to south."

Apple growing is the fourth most valuable crop in the state, generating $138 million in 1999. Dairy is still king at $1.8 billion in 1999 while hay is valued at $300 million and greenhouse and nursery products at $264 million.

New York Gov. George Pataki has requested federal disaster recognition for 30 counties.

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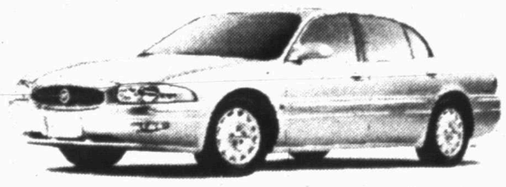


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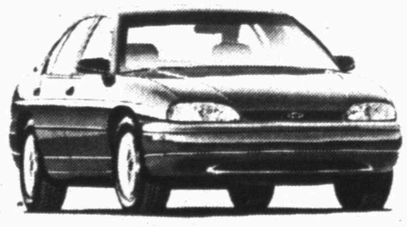


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