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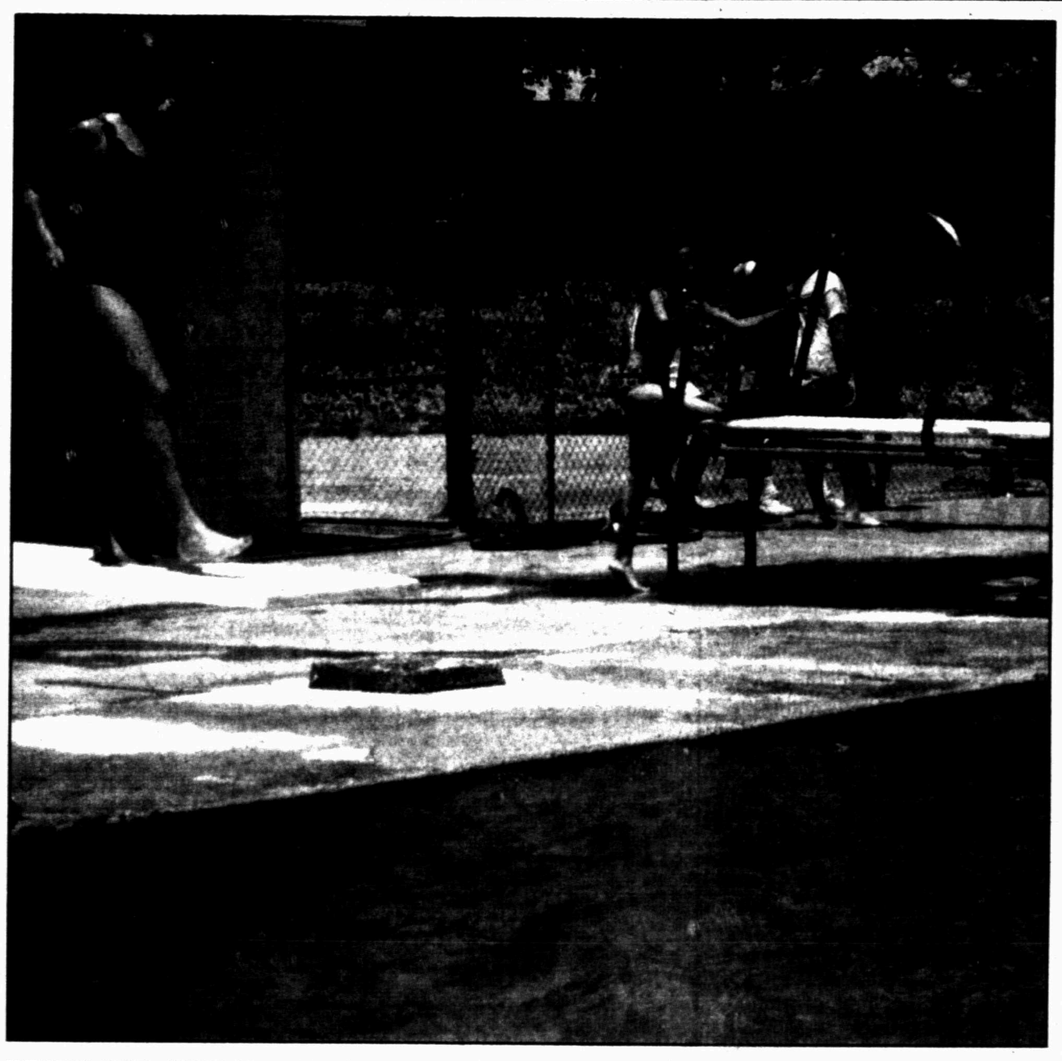
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Home of Billy & Louise Blythe



READY, SET...WHOA! — Natalie Kerry makes sure she's got every detail covered before jumping into the pool at Towle Park. Children have flocked to the pool during these hot summer days since school has been out. (SDN Staff Photo by Bobby Allen)

Festive Fourth coming up...

Chamber board hears busy activity report

With a light agenda Monday, chamber of commerce board members heard reports on three recently-completed events and discussed how to make them even better next year.

Donna Fowler, executive director, said there are some bills outstanding from the Western Swing Festival, but the to-date profit of $3,805 should exceed last year's total. The utility bills for the three days remain to be billed, Fowler said.

The concession stand proceeds from the Sammy Baugh Golf Tournament at the country club totaled $655, and $315.97 was made at the chamber-sponsored Fly-in breakfast Saturday at Winston Field.

Directors also discussed the July 4th celebration in Towle Park and welcomed two new members, Tiger Health and Fitness located at 3409 Snyder Shopping Center, and Jeri Stone, Democratic nominee for District 72 state representative..

Fowler said all outdoor hookup spaces in the park are reserved and clubs, organizations and individuals will put up their booths starting on Wednesday.

July 4th activities begin with a prayer breakfast at the pavilion sponsored by the Lions Club and headed by Max von Roeder.

The flag raising ceremony will follow at the armory and parade entries begin forming at 9 a.m.

A new event in the park activities include a "rock climbing" booth hosted by the Snyder Volunteer Fire Department.

Along with the regular booths during the day, bands will be playing music. The arts and crafts show will again be in the armory.

A flea market will be going on at the Dodson House on the coliseum grounds.

The celebration will climax the Independent Day celebration with the annual fireworks display.

The chamber will be closed for vacation July 12-19.

Attending the meeting were Darren Jackson, Mike Thornton, David Harrell, Billy Grimmett, Jeffrey Martin, Elois Pruitt, Carl Burleson, Sandra Barboza and Fowler.

Gong!

Bong stolen...

They say honesty is the best policy, but sometimes folks can be a little too forthcoming.

A local man, whose residence was burglarized this week, gave police a list of items taken during the break-in.

The last item — valued at $1 — was a water bong made from a plastic sports drink bottle.

The man did not report missing any materials required to use a water bong.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "If you want to be quoted, say something that you shouldn't."

A few weeks ago, we wrote about some of the interesting epitaphs written on graveyard markers.

The SDN's obituary style calls for us to write the person's year of birth and year of death right after the deceased's name. Between the two dates is a dash.

Anyone with some gray hairs will know that life is a dash. And Snyder's Vivian Cochran brought in an article that suggests that the dash is the most important.

"I read of a man who stood to speak at the funeral of a friend. He referred to the dates on her tombstone from the beginning to the end.

"He noted that first came her date of birth, and spoke the following date with tears. But he said what mattered most of all was the dash between those years.

1900-1970

"For that dash represents all the time that she spent alive on earth. And now only those who loved her know what that little line is worth.

"For it matters not how much we own — the cars, the house the cash. What matters is how we live and love and how we spend our dash.

"So to think about this long and hard. Are there things you'd like to change? For you never know how much time is left, that can still be rearranged.

"If we could just slow down enough to consider what's true and real, and always try to understand the way other people feel.

"And be less quick to anger, and show appreciation more, and love the people in our lives like we've never loved before.

"And if we treat each other with respect, and more often wear a smile, remembering that this special dash might only last a little while.

"So when your eulogy's being read, with your life's action to rehash, would you be proud of the things they say about the way you spent your dash?"

Occasionally professional people choose epitaphs that reflect their earthly work.

One doctor flouted the rule that prohibited advertising by physicians. It read: "Doctor's office upstairs."

Not to be outdone, a lawyer's gravestone read" "Final Decree."

Bus crash victims remembered

DALLAS (AP) — They had different dreams, but were heading off to summer camp to share them: An athletic Michelle Chaney, looking forward to her freshman year in high school; 16-year-old Lindsay Kimmons, who loved music, religion and school.

Three years younger, Amanda Maxwell had a penchant for putting others before herself and "laughed with her whole heart." Michael Freeman, 12, had just finished sixth grade at Wylie Intermediate School.

Friends and relatives remembered the youths' accomplishments and strengths Monday, hours after the four died when the church bus on which they were riding slammed into a concrete overpass pillar near Terrell. At least 36 others were injured in the crash that also killed the bus driver.

Lacie Walker, 12, said Michelle liked to go to the movies and was always happy.

"She would always put everybody else before herself," Lacie told The Dallas Morning News in today's editions.

Debra Vielma of Garland recalled how 14-year-old Michelle offered words of encouragement when she had surgery in February.

"She was writing me notes and telling me how much she loved me. She was always right there for me," Vielma said.

Michelle, who played basketball, soccer and volleyball, had just graduated from Sam Houston Middle School in Garland and looked forward to starting high school.

Larry Schnitzer, band director at Naaman Forest, remembered Lindsay as a "really great kid." Accomplished with the flute, she had been selected to join the honors band next year and had received superior ratings in the University Interscholastic League solo and ensemble competitions this year.

"She was conscientious and a hard worker," Schnitzer said. "Band and church were the two things she was really involved in.

Michael was the oldest of four children and enjoyed playing with his sisters, aged 7, 2 and 7 months. He loved to read, but was no bookworm, his uncle Robert Mabry said.

"He didn't wear his intelligence on his sleeve," Mabry said. "But just by talking to him, you could tell the depth of his knowledge."

Mabry said he thought of Michael as a little brother.

"Everyone who met him liked him, and everyone who knew him loved him."

Allison ,Meehan, 18, said Amanda, her 13-year-old stepsister, was very giving.

Truck fire results in melted cheese

An 18-wheeler loaded with mozzarella burst into flames early this morning on U.S. 84, resulting in no injuries but leaving melted pizza cheese on the shoulder of the highway.

Fire marshal Cy Posey said three trucks and 12 firefighters from Snyder were dispatched, 20 miles north of Snyder at 12:45 this morning. Two trucks dispatched from the Post fire department assisted.

Posey said the driver, headed southbound, saw sparks coming from underneath the truck and to the edge of the roadway. "By the time he pulled over it was on fire," said Posey.

It is believed that a bearing in an axle overheated, showering sparks onto the highway and igniting the 18-wheeler. The driver, Arnell Jones of Phoenix, was unhurt. He was transported to a Snyder motel by firefighters.

Posey said the Post fire department helped douse the truck and also contained a grass fire that ignited off the shoulder of the road while Snyder crews worked to put out the vehicle fire.

Firefighters remained on the scene until 5:15 a.m., when a Texas Department of Transportation worker arrived with a front-end loader to move the truck and debris from the roadway.

The Road's West truck was said to be a total loss. Posey said the cheese melted but did not burn with the truck.

Posey said the health department declared the cargo as a total loss and contents will be disposed in the landfill.



EARLY START — Billy Rylander gets an early start on his yard work this morning in an effort to beat the mid-morning heat. Temperatures are expected to reach the mid-90s again today. (SDN Staff Photo By Bobby Allen)

ASK US

Q—When will Turner cantaloupes from Colorado City be ready?

A—Travis Turner said he expects them to be ready for consumers by July 8.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Monday, 96 degrees; low, 69; 7 a.m. Tuesday, 71; no precipitation; total for 2002, 11.26 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly clear; low around 70; SE winds 5-15 mph. Wednesday, partly cloudy, high 95-100; E winds 10-20 mph. Wednesday night, partly cloudy, low around 70.



Liliana Hernandez
Partly Cloudy

Sunset: 8:52 p.m.
Sunrise: 6:41 a.m.

Of 175 days in 2002, the sun has shone 168 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

I leave this rule for others when I'm dead. Be always sure you're right, then go ahead.

—Davy Crockett

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Polygamist found guilty of child rape

NEPHI, Utah (AP) — An avowed polygamist who practically dared prosecutors to go after him was convicted of child rape for impregnating a 13-year-old who later became his wife.

District Judge Donald Eyre took just 30 minutes to convict Tom Green on Monday for his relationship with Linda Kunz, who is now his legal wife. Green's non-jury trial lasted about an hour.

Green has appeared on TV talk shows, including the Sally Jessy Raphael Show, to talk about his many wives.

Prosecutors submitted Kunz's testimony from previous hearings, as well as her 1973 birth certificate and the 1986 birth certificate of the couple's first child.

"Basically, this case comes down to math," the judge said. "We know a normal human gestation takes nine months."

Kunz refused to testify; spouses do not have to take the stand against each other.

"We don't feel like this was a crime," she said after the verdict.

Green, who has four other "wives" and 30 children in all, including seven with Kunz, already is serving five years for bigamy and other charges. He was convicted last year in Utah's biggest polygamy case in five decades.

Green, 54, could get up to life in prison at sentencing Aug. 16 in the child rape case.

The judge had previously rejected defense arguments that the statute of limitations had run out. The defense had also argued that the case should be thrown out because the alleged rape did not take place in Utah but in Mexico, but the judge agreed with prosecutors that Green hatched a conspiracy in Utah to marry the girl.

At the time, someone as young as 14 could legally marry in Utah. The minimum age has since been raised to 16.

Bush dominates political landscape

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democrats say they see encouraging signs for the November congressional elections in a new poll, although President Bush still dominates the political landscape and the war on terrorism is near the top of voter concerns.

The bipartisan Battleground Poll released Tuesday suggests the president's popularity continues to soar along in the mid-70s — both his personal rating and his job approval.

GOP pollster Ed Goeas, who conducted the poll along with Democratic pollster Celinda Lake, suggests the high popularity of the president helps give Republicans a slight edge in intensity of support that could help wipe out the historic advantage of the party out of the White House usually has in midterm elections.

Democrats gained ground among men since January so they were essentially even in the congressional preference question, and they had an 8-point advantage among women — including the most competitive groups of mothers, married women and college educated women. Democrats also have found growing support among independent voters.

Two other recent polls — CNN-USA Today-Gallup and Ipsos-Reid — suggested that Democrats are faring better among women — regaining an advantage Democrats need to do well in elections.

The new poll showed a congressional preference of 44 percent Democrats and 40 percent Republicans — a slight advantage for Democrats. The CNN-USA Today-Gallup poll out Monday suggested Democrats were up 48-40, largely on the strength of a 20-point lead among women.

Lake and her Democratic associates acknowledged in their analysis that the president is generally viewed as having done a good job in Afghanistan. But a majority in the poll said they feel the president is getting too involved in other countries without a clearly defined goal.

Terrorism and national defense were the top problems facing the country in the poll, along with the economy. Unemployment and jobs were tied with education for third — suggesting economic concerns and the war on terrorism are clearly the two dominant issues now.

The poll of 1,000 registered voters was taken June 9-11 and has an error margin of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

The two leading concerns about the economy were rising health care costs and the public's desire for a secure retirement. These are issues Democrats are hoping to focus on as the campaign intensifies.

Goeas said Republicans should have the advantage on issues as long as the nation's concerns remain where they are today. Two-thirds approve of the president's handling of the economy.

Congressional Republicans need to take advantage of Bush's strength with the public by aligning themselves closely with him, Goeas said, noting that Democrats have had some success in recent months gaining advantage on their issues.

"It is clear that George W. Bush will not be the negative factor in the upcoming midterm elections that is traditionally the case," Goeas said. "The president may be the only factor keeping Republicans afloat."

Laid-off Enron workers to receive more money

NEW YORK (AP) — Former Enron Corp. employees will get bigger severance packages under a bankruptcy judge's ruling that cleared the way for up to an additional $29 million for the 4,200 workers displaced in the energy company's collapse.

Monday's ruling comes after several months of negotiations between Enron lawyers and those representing the laid-off workers. The former employees originally had been seeking an additional $68 million, while Enron lawyers claimed the company's severance policy legally terminated on the day it filed for bankruptcy.

Had the severance policy been paid in full to the 4,200 workers, lawyers estimate it would have amounted to nearly $150 million.

The severance agreement is voluntary and gives former employees the option of opting out and suing the company on their own.

A lawyer for the former employees discouraged them from opting out. "There's a substantial amount of money here," said Lowell Peterson.

The former workers have already received severance payments totaling $29 million, or $5,678 each. Under the terms of Monday's agreement, they will be paid up to $13,500 each, depending on their salary, years of employment and other factors.

The former employees could end up receiving even more, according to the terms of Judge Arthur J. Gonzalez's ruling. Lawyers for the laid-off workers hope to recover tens of millions of dollars in bonuses that Enron paid to top employees to prevent them from leaving the crumbling energy company in the 90 days preceding its Chapter 11 bankruptcy filing.

Federal law prohibits "preferential payments" in the 90 days leading up to a bankruptcy filing.

Enron filed for bankruptcy on Dec. 2, following revelations of questionable accounting practices that let Enron hide billions in debt through the use of off-the-books partnerships.

The final hearing on the severance issue is scheduled for Aug. 12.

Berry's World



Mexican authorities break up drug ring

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Police in Mexico arrested three men suspected of setting up a phony export business to smuggle Colombian cocaine to Canada, officials said.

Kenneth Charles Fisher, a Canadian, and Arnulfo Pisllonett and Raul Rivas Escalante, both Mexican, were arrested last Thursday after a four-month investigation, authorities announced Monday.

The three men ran a business that flew large containers of house plants and fresh vegetables from Mexico City to Montreal, said Jose Santiago Vasconcelos, head of the Justice Department's organized crime unit.

They are accused of packing small bags of cocaine into potted plants and flowers, possibly to thwart drug-sniffing dogs, Vasconcelos said.

Pick 3

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

2-2-4

Cash Five

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

6-10-16-17-20

Date Book

Tuesday, June 25, 2002

Today is the 176th day of 2002 and the 5th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1876, the Battle of Little Bighorn took place. In this battle, a group of militant settlers, led by Lt. Col. George Armstrong Custer, attacked a group of Sioux Indians, led by Chiefs Sitting Bull and Crazy Horse. The battle lasted only two hours; Custer and all of the men in his immediate command were killed.

On this day in 1951, CBS became the first television network to broadcast in color.

On this day in 1962, the U.S. Supreme Court, in Engel v. Vitale, ruled that a prayer read aloud in a public school violated the First Amendment's separation of church and state.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: George Orwell (1903-1950), writer; Sidney Lumet (1924-), director, is 78; June Lockhart (1925-), actress, is 77; Carly Simon (1945-), singer and songwriter, is 57; Phyllis George (1949-), sports broadcaster, is 53; George Michael (1963-), singer, is 39.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1928, the New York Giants defeated Philadelphia 12-4 and 8-2 in a doubleheader.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "We have now sunk to a depth at which restatement of the obvious is the first duty of intelligent men." — George Orwell

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

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3 classes Senior, Junior, Cowboy
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Horse Liniment Eases Arthritis Pain

OCALA, FL -- An ingredient derived from hot peppers that decreases inflammation in racehorse's legs, is now recognized as safe and effective for human use. The ingredient has been formulated into a product called ARTH-Rx™ and comes in a strength designed for humans. Researchers are excited and say the formula can relieve arthritis pain for millions.

Developed by the Phillips Gulf Corporation, ARTH-Rx is a breakthrough in the treatment of painful disorders ranging from minor aches and pains to more serious conditions such as arthritis, bursitis, rheumatism, tendonitis, backache and more.

Although the mechanism by which ARTH-Rx works to relieve pain is not totally clear, scientists suggest that pain is relieved because ARTH-Rx intercepts the messenger substance that sends pain signals to the brain.

ARTH-Rx is available in a convenient roll-on applicator without a prescription. According to a spokesperson for the company, due to the overwhelming demand for ARTH-Rx, supplies are sometimes limited. ARTH-Rx can also be ordered by calling 1-800-729-8446. www.hcdsales.com ©2000PGC

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BRIDE-TO-BE HONORED — A wedding shower for Misty Williams, bride-elect of Brad Hinton, was held Sunday in the home of Keitha Brown. The couple plan to marry July 11 in Galveston. From left are Marie Voss, grandmother of the prospective groom; Jenny Voss, his mother; Miss Williams, the honoree; Debbie Williams, mother of the future bride; and Jane Hinton, the future groom's grandmother. (Contributed Photo)

USDA nutrition program helping low-income seniors

WEST POINT, Neb. (AP) — Arlis Schnieders and her husband, Herman, aren't able to garden anymore — and they don't have extra money to spend on fresh fruits and vegetables.

That won't stop the retired couple from getting their fill this summer of farm-fresh sweet corn, tomatoes, beets, potatoes and radishes — definitely radishes.

"We ate more radishes last year than we have in a long time. We would have never bought them otherwise because we're on a limited income," said Mrs. Schnieders, 71, sitting in the commons room of the Sunshine Center for seniors.

In its second year, the Seniors Farmers' Market Nutrition Program is going strong, promoting nutritional diets for low-income seniors and benefitting farmers by increasing the consumption of locally grown produce.

Low-income seniors are given coupons they can redeem for free vegetables and fruits only at farmers markets, roadside stands or through community support agriculture programs.

The program developed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture is offered in 26 states — from California to Maine — with $10 million in federal grants. The recent farm bill signed by President Bush will provide another $5 million in grants for the program next year.

Last year, more than 400,000 seniors received free produce from 3,700 farmers at 929 farmers' markets, 542 roadside stands and about 90 community support agriculture programs nationwide.

The Schnieders, who owned the Circle A Cafe in the small town of Beemer for 13 years, said the program helps them get the nutrition they need and adds variety to their diet.

"It's better when it's fresh," Mrs. Schnieders said. "We're grateful for this."

The couple get their coupons at the Sunshine Center — where they visit two or three times a week to play cards and socialize.

The coupons are distributed mostly through senior centers at various times of the year, depending on each state's growing season.

Nebraska got its coupons in May and will receive them through Oct. 31.

More than 6,000 Nebraska seniors are expected to redeem coupons at about 50 farmers' markets and dozens of roadside stands.

"This program has been immensely popular both with the seniors who are getting fresh produce and with farmers who are increasing their markets," said Zy Weinberg, co-director of the National Association of Farmers' Market Nutrition Programs.

To qualify, individuals must be at least 60 years old and have a household income of not more than 185 percent of federal poverty income guidelines. Nebraska seniors making $16,391 or less for a one-person household will receive about $15 in coupons per month.

The green-and-white coupons come in $3 denominations and look like checks. Mrs. Schnieders simply signs it and chooses her vegetables. She gets no cash back if she doesn't use the total amount of each coupon.

More than 200 vendors in Nebraska have agreed to accept the coupons, a number that's expected to increase during the growing season.

"It helps in the additional income for the vendors — money that wouldn't normally be spent with them," said Dan Korber, promotions coordinator for the Nebraska Department of Agriculture.

Vendors who register for the program cash the coupons at a local bank.

"We're excited about it," said Chris Gress, a vegetable producer from Nebraska City. Gress and his brother, Eric, grow green beans, kohlrabi, cabbage, radishes, eggplant and other vegetables on about six acres. They sell them at the downtown Omaha Farmers' Market and at the Nebraska City Farmers' Market, which Gress manages.

About 25 seniors at the Sunshine Center used the coupons distributed last year. Manager Diane White expects word-of-mouth will translate into more demand this year.

The Schnieders certainly won't have a problem using up their coupons this summer. They even held onto some until late in the season last year to stock up on squash and potatoes to last them through the winter.

U.S. Department of Agriculture: http://www.usda.gov/

National Association of Farmers' Market Nutrition Programs: http://www.nafmnp.org/

Leaders of universitys to swap jobs

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — An Aggie in the University of Texas president's office? A Longhorn leading Texas A&M?

It may sound like a cruel joke on the rival universities' loyal fans, but it's really going to happen: Larry Faulkner, UT's leader, and Ray Bowen, president of A&M, will swap jobs on Friday.

In a joint statement released Monday, the presidents said they want "to underscore that the two institutions, while competing fiercely in athletics, have much in common in their academic and related aspirations and face many of the same challenges, fiscal and otherwise."

Both presidents will start off the day with late-morning meetings with university executives and then have sessions with deans, other faculty members and student leaders.

"We expect to have some fun while getting a taste of how the other guy lives," the presidents said.

Despite the good-natured bad blood between the schools, UT senior Stephanie Melton said Bowen should get a hospitable welcome when he becomes president for a day.

"UT's a friendly campus," Melton said.

The 10,000-mile long Mid-Atlantic Ridge, an underwater chain of mountains that extends southward from Iceland, is the longest mountain range in the world.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 06-25-02
♠ 8 7 6 4 3
♥ 8 6 5
♦ A Q
♣ A K 2

West
♠ K 9 2
♥ 7 2
♦ 8 6 5 3
♣ 10 7 4 3

East
♠ 10 5
♥ A K J 10 9 4
♦ 9 4 2
♣ 9 8

South
♠ A Q J
♥ Q 3
♦ K J 10 7
♣ Q J 6 5

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
1 NT	Pass	2 ♥	Dbl.
2 ♠	Pass	4 ♠	All pass

Opening lead: ♥ 7

Tuesday, June 25, 2002

Ambition may lead to promotion

By Phillip Alder

Although he clearly had some screws loose, Salvador Dali was one of the most talented artists of all time. (As a simple example, look at the wicker basket in his painting The Basket of Bread.) Dali was also very ambitious, stating, "At the age of six I wanted to be a cook. At seven I wanted to be Napoleon. And my ambition has been growing steadily ever since."

If you have ambition and talent, you will obtain promotion — as in today's deal.

North started with a transfer bid promising five or more spades. East, by doubling, took the opportunity to show his strong heart suit. South then bid two spades to promise at least three-card spade support. (With only two spades, he would have passed.) Having no heart stopper, North decided to see if his partner could make four spades.

West led the heart seven, East winning with the king, cashing the ace, and continuing with the 10. South ruffed with the spade queen.

Now the spotlight turned to West. He had the chance to score his spade king by overruffing. However, if West had done that, declarer would have won the minor-suit return, drawn trumps, and claimed.

West had higher ambitions. Realizing that he would always score a trick with his trump king, West discarded a club. And that play defeated the contract because declarer had to lose two trump tricks; West's nine had been promoted to winning status.

Despite 29 combined high-card points, North-South cannot make any game.

Usually, if you can overruff with a card that will still win a trick later, don't; ambitiously discard.

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Women ride Harleys

JACKSON, Mich. (AP) — These days, women aren't just riding Harleys — they're driving them.

"I'm part of the outdoors when I'm on my bike," Diana Townley said. "I don't really know how else to put it. You are in control, and yet you are so free."

Industry studies and a national motorcycling trade association say the number of female motorcycle drivers is growing.

Community Calendar

TUESDAY

Weight Watchers meeting; Colonial Hill Baptist Church; for more information call Kathy at 573-1289 during the evening; weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m.

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

Beginners' AA open meeting; Snyder Park Club, 1212 37th Street; 573-8268, 574-1292 or 573-1141; 7 p.m.

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th and Ave. M; for more information call 573-3733, 573-2101 or 573-1141; 8 p.m.

TOPS TX56 (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.; Trinity United Methodist Church. For more information call Phillis Leatherwood at 573-6105.

WEDNESDAY

NA Just For Today, open meeting; Park Club; for information, call 573-1438; 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

LLL Club; fellowship hall of First Baptist Church; 9:30 a.m.Horseshoe Pitching For Fun; horseshoe courts located at the coliseum; everybody welcome, for further information call 573-9762.

Deep Creek Cloggers lesson; at the coliseum annex; 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; for information call 573-8268, 573-4048 or 573-1141; 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 at Winston Park; for information call 574-1292 or 573-9458; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club; 573-3733, 573-2101 or 5731141; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

NA-Just For Today open meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-1438; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

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

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9-10 a.m. Read to Achieve	9-10 a.m. Arts & Crafts	9-10 a.m. Walk for Fun	9-10 a.m. Arts & Crafts	9-10 a.m. Walk for Fitness
10:00-11:00 Game Room Tourney	10:00-11:00 Game Room Tourney	10:00-11:00 Game Room Tourney	10:00-11:00 Game Room Tourney	10:00-11:00 Game Room Tourney
11:00-1:00 Lunch	11:00-1:00 Lunch	11:00-1:00 Lunch	11:00-1:00 Lunch	11:00-1:00 Lunch
1-2 p.m. Bingo	1-2 p.m. Jump for Joy	1-2 p.m. Bingo	1-2 p.m. Jump for Joy	1-2 p.m. Bingo
2-4 Kickball Outside	2-4 Water Volleyball	2-4 Basketball 3 on 3	2-4 Dodge Ball	2-4 Softball Game
4-5 p.m. Clean-up Free Time	4-5 p.m. Clean-up Free Time	4-5 p.m. Clean-up Free Time	4-5 p.m. Clean-up Free Time	4-5 p.m. Clean-up Free Time



Dale Huff, Minister

37th Street Church of Christ
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The Love of God

God loves me. It is difficult to express this in a way that impacts people like it should. God loves me. I know this because the Bible tells me this. I know God loves me because He sent His Son to die for me. I know God loves me because Jesus rose from the dead, guaranteeing the truthfulness of His words. God loves me.

Words simply do not do justice to the truth that God loves me. The apostle Paul wrote to the Ephesians and told them what he prayed when he prayed for them. He said:

> And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ and to know this love that surpasses knowledge-that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.
>
> Ephesians 3:17-19

There's something more to life! Almost all of us get that feeling and do not know what to do with it. Where do we go to find that something more? What is it? The words of Scripture point us to the truth. The "something more" that we are looking for is the love of God. God loves me. That changes everything.

Dale Huff

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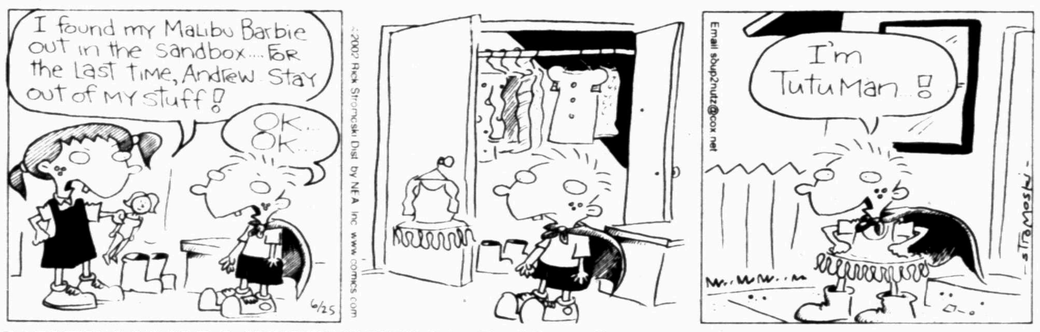
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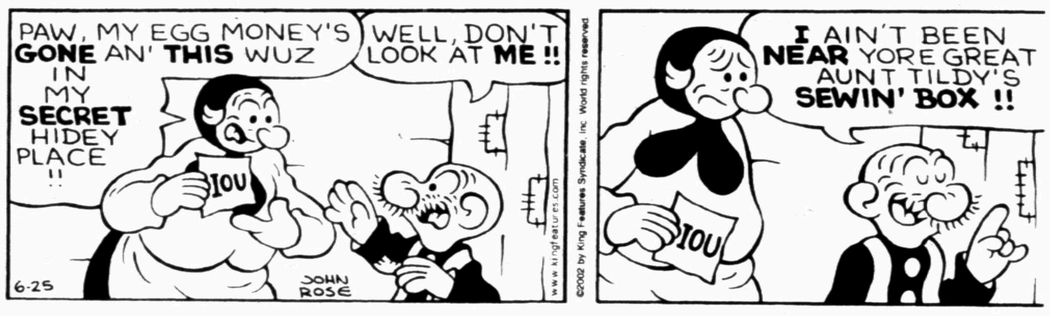
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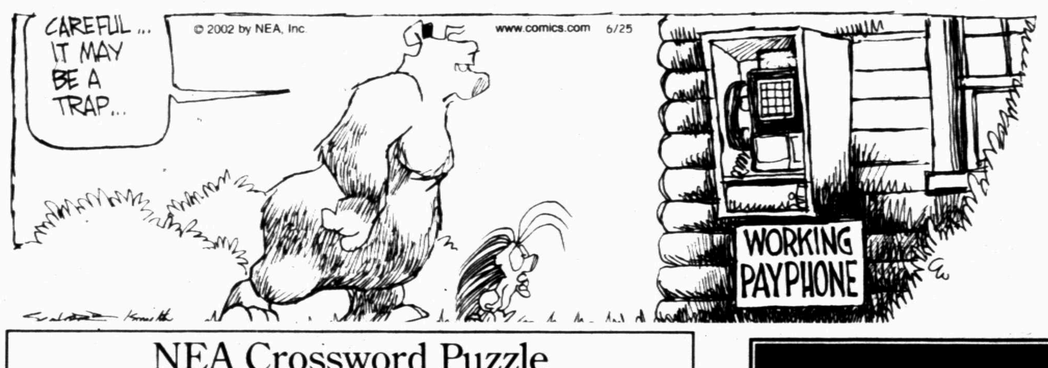
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NEA Crossword Puzzle

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8 Prune
11 Caustic
12 Mayberry kid
13 Continuously
15 Dixie st.
16 "Daily Planet" reporter
17 Run fast
18 Wacky
20 Ice hut
21 "Wolf Man" – Chaney
23 "– had it!"
24 Wrestling style
27 Vortex
29 – Wallace of "Cujo"
32 Pronto
33 Aloha token
34 Foul-ball caller
35 Large parrot
36 Brazil's – Paulo
37 Comics canine
38 Doctrine
39 Campus building
40 Portion out
41 Japanese honorific
42 Hot tub
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61 Chowed down

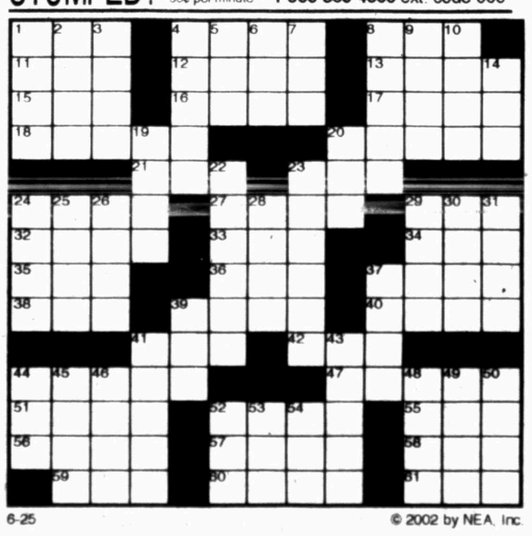
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2 Auel heroine
3 Turn pages
4 Godzilla's favorite city
5 Unseal, to a poet
6 ATM code
7 Fix the table
8 Mantel
9 Running track
10 Senor's coin
14 "P," to a Greek
19 Plop down
20 Common vine
22 Head squeeze
23 Common phrases
24 H.H. Munro
25 Depletes
26 Sir's companion
28 Costly
29 Tenderfoot
30 Put out (heat)
31 Fencing weapon
37 – Sharif of films
39 Morse-code word
41 Dance moves
43 Black tea
44 Recipe qty.
45 Yours and mine
46 Hydrox rival
48 Perplexed
49 Pronto on "ER"
50 Bronte heroine
52 Playing marble
53 Compilation
54 Rural addr.

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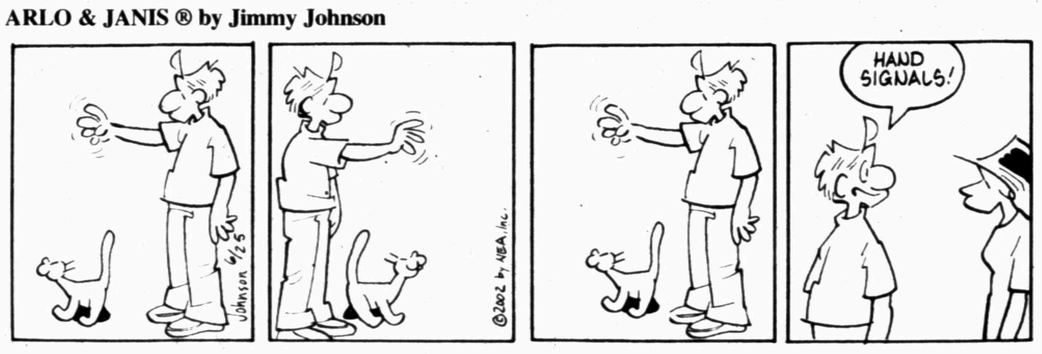


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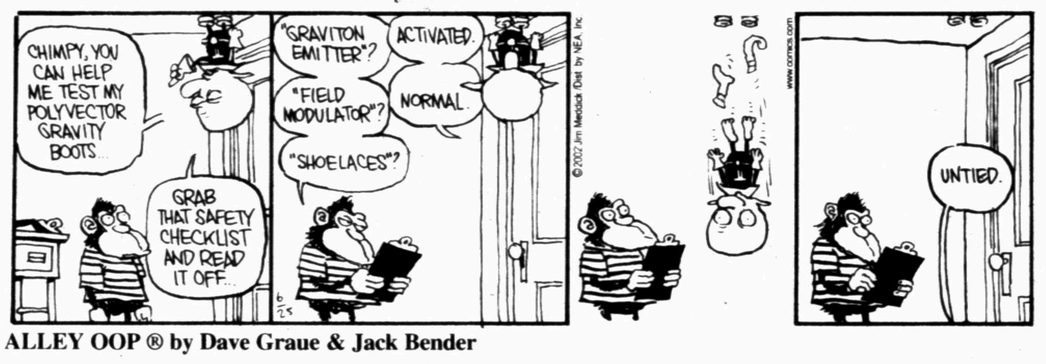
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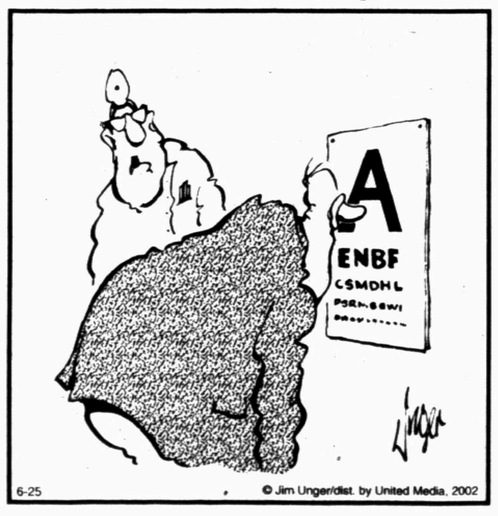
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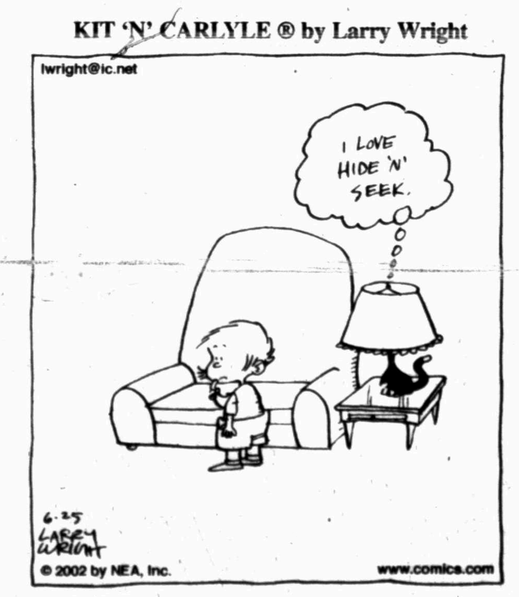


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SPORTS

Texas sweeps twinbill, continues win streak

ARLINGTON (AP) — The Rangers face a long, hard climb to rejoin the AL West race. But, finally, they are showing signs of life.

Dave Burba allowed one run in 6 2-3 innings and Alex Rodriguez hit his 22nd homer Monday night as Texas completed a doubleheader sweep by beating the Anaheim Angels 3-2. The Rangers won their season-high seventh straight game.

"We're playing with good energy now," Rodriguez said. "Our starting pitching is setting the tone."

In the opener, rookie Joaquin Benoit pitched five innings to lead Texas to an 8-5 win before being sent back to the minors for the third time this season.

Burba (4-4) had lost his previous four decisions and hadn't won since May 11 amid speculation he was in danger of being dropped from the rotation.

Burba gave up eight hits but didn't allow a run until Bengie Molina's RBI double in the seventh. Jay Powell came on and struck out pinch-hitter Scott Spiezio with runners on first and third to preserve the Rangers' 3-1 lead.

"It's been a long time since I won a game," Burba said. "There's nothing in the world that can compare with winning a big league game."

Orel Hershiser, hired as the pitching coach last weekend after the firing of Oscar Acosta, made several trips to the mound during the doubleheader.

"I thought he was going to come out in pom-poms at one point," Burba said. "Orel kept encouraging me. It's great to get that positive feedback."

Garret Anderson's RBI groundout in the eighth off John Rocker pulled the Angels within 3-2, but Rocker struck out Tim Salmon with the tying run on third. Hideki Irabu got three outs for his 14th save.

Benoit kept the Rangers in the first game before he was optioned to Triple-A Oklahoma as Texas called up right-hander Aaron Myette to add bullpen depth.

Rafael Palmeiro and Herbert Perry drove in two runs apiece in the opener and Rodriguez scored four runs.

Palmeiro had two hits and the go-ahead sacrifice fly in the fifth, and Perry went 3-for-5 as the Rangers snapped Anaheim's four-game winning streak. Darin Erstad homered twice for the Angels.

Benoit (2-0), called up from the minors before the game, trailed 3-0 after two innings in his second start before settling down. He allowed two earned runs and five hits over five innings.

Texas' bullpen allowed two runs and two hits over the final four innings. Francisco Cordero recorded the first out in the ninth on a grounder to first baseman Mike Lamb, with Cordero covering first. Cordero was lifted with a shoulder strain after throwing one pitch to the next batter.

Irabu, who got the last two outs, allowed Erstad's second homer of the game. He has six homers this season.

The Angels scored twice in the second inning of the opener when Jorge Fabregas doubled and Erstad homered.

Texas reduced the deficit to 3-2 in the second on Michael Young's two-run single, then made it 3-3 in the third on Palmeiro's RBI single off Aaron Sele (6-5).

The Rangers knocked out Sele with two runs in the fifth. Palmeiro hit a sacrifice fly and Perry's RBI single made it 5-3.

In the second game, the Rangers got a first-inning solo homer from Rodriguez off rookie John Lackey, making his debut.

Texas made it 3-0 in the fourth on Palmeiro's RBI groundout and Bill Haselman's RBI double.



BUNTING BASICS — Ex-Tiger Ralph Ramon Jr., a sophomore at Frank Phillips College, talks to several youngsters about bunting this morning during the Baseball Builders Camp at Moffett Field. (SDN Staff Photo)

Houston plans renovation for Atrodome, 2012 Olympic bid

HOUSTON (AP) — The historic Astrodome would be converted into an elite track and field facility ready for use five years before the city hopes to host the Olympics in 2012.

Houston Olympics officials planned to announce their new concept on the floor of the Astrodome today.

Houston Olympics officials already have pledged an $87 million renovation project for the Astrodome if they are the host city for the Olympics. The facility would host track and field events.

Houston officials now have pledged to complete the stadium project for use in 2007 — much sooner than earlier planned — in time to host other events and work out any kinks in the new facility before the Olympic Games.

"If we are the host city for the United States in November, we'll spend the money on architectural design to have all plans ready to go in 2005," Houston 2012 president Susan Bandy said.

"If we're named to host the 2012 Olympics, we'll begin construction immediately and have the stadium ready in 2007 to begin hosting events."

Houston is competing with New York, Washington and San Francisco to be the United States nominee to compete with international cities to host the Olympic Games in 2012.

The United States Olympic Committee will announce the U.S. city in November. The International Olympic Committee will name the host site in 2005.

Houston would attempt to host events such as the World Track and Field Championships and other events to smooth out operations of the new facility before the Olympics arrive.

"The IOC pushes you to have had events the year before the Olympics," Bandy said. "If we got the World Championships in 2009 that would not be the first event we could have here."

Houston is preparing for another visit from the United States Olympic Committee July 11-12, for an inspection before the USOC names the United States nominee in November.

The Astrodome, the first domed facility, would be totally gutted and restyled into a stadium specifically designed for track and field, including a 400-meter track and 70,000 seats.

It would be used for track and field events in the Olympics and would share the opening and closing ceremonies with nearby Reliant Stadium, the future home of the NFL Houston Texans.

John Chaplain, coach of the United States 2000 Olympic team, has seen the plans and likes the concept.

"This would be a major step forward," Chaplain said. "You're talking about a state of the art stadium that will go to the head of the class."

The new track facility would give Houston a jump on the competition.

"There aren't a whole lot of facilities that have been made for strictly track and field in this country," Chaplain said. "At the last two Olympics (in the United States) one stadium was a football stadium and the other was a baseball stadium.

"I'm not opposed to multipurpose stadiums as long as we are part of the multi purposes."

Major League Baseball

National League
By The Associated Press
All Times EDT

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	47	29	.618	—
Montreal	40	34	.541	6
Florida	39	36	.520	7½
New York	38	37	.507	8½
Philadelphia	32	41	.438	13½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	40	32	.556	—
Cincinnati	38	36	.514	3
Chicago	32	41	.438	8½
Houston	32	42	.432	9
Pittsburgh	32	42	.432	9
Milwaukee	26	49	.347	15½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	46	29	.613	—
Arizona	45	29	.608	½
San Francisco	42	32	.568	3½
Colorado	38	38	.500	8½
San Diego	32	44	.421	14½

Monday's Games
Philadelphia 15, Florida 4
Atlanta 3, N.Y. Mets 2
Chicago Cubs 6, Cincinnati 4
Colorado 4, Los Angeles 1
San Francisco 7, San Diego 6

Tuesday's Games
Cincinnati (Pineda 0-3) at Chicago Cubs (Clement 5-4), 2:20 p.m.
Montreal (Ohka 7-3) at Pittsburgh (Benson 0-4), 7:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Person 2-4) at Florida (Burnett 8-5), 7:05 p.m.
Atlanta (A.Lopez 1-3) at N.Y. Mets (Trachsel 5-6), 7:10 p.m.
Arizona (Schilling 12-3) at Houston (Redding 3-4), 8:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Ortiz 6-4) at San Diego (Pickford 0-2), 8:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Rusch 4-5) at St. Louis (Morris 10-4), 8:20 p.m.
Colorado (Thomson 6-6) at Los Angeles (Od.Perez 8-3), 10:10 p.m.

Wednesday's Games
Cincinnati (Haynes 7-6) at Chicago Cubs (Lieber 6-4), 2:20 p.m.
San Diego (Ol.Perez 2-0) at San Francisco (Rueter 7-5), 4:05 p.m.
Montreal (Vazquez 5-3) at Pittsburgh (K.Wells 8-4), 7:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Duckworth 4-4) at Florida (Tejera 2-1), 7:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Glavine 11-3) at N.Y. Mets (Estes 3-5), 7:10 p.m.
Arizona (Johnson 11-2) at Houston (Miller 3-2), 8:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (J.Wright 1-5) at St. Louis (W.Williams 4-3), 8:10 p.m.
Colorado (Chacon 3-4) at Los Angeles (Nomo 7-5), 10:10 p.m.

American League
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East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	47	28	.627	—
Boston	45	27	.625	½
Baltimore	35	38	.479	11
Toronto	30	42	.417	15½
Tampa Bay	24	49	.329	22

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	43	33	.566	—
Chicago	36	40	.474	7
Cleveland	35	40	.467	7½
Kansas City	26	46	.361	15
Detroit	26	47	.356	15½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	46	29	.613	—
Oakland	44	31	.587	2
Anaheim	43	31	.581	2½
Texas	34	41	.453	12

Monday's Games
Texas 8, Anaheim 5, 1st game
Texas 3, Anaheim 2, 2nd game
Minnesota 5, Chicago White Sox 4
Oakland 13, Seattle 2

Tuesday's Games
Cleveland (Baez 5-5) at Boston (F.Castillo 5-7), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Pettitte 1-1) at Baltimore (Ponson 3-4), 7:05 p.m.
Toronto (Loaiza 3-4) at Tampa Bay (Rupe 5-9), 7:15 p.m.
Anaheim (Schoeneweis 6-5) at Texas (Valdes 4-6), 8:05 p.m.
Detroit (Maroth 1-1) at Kansas City (Suppan 5-6), 8:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Buehrle 10-5) at Minnesota (Milton 8-5), 8:05 p.m.
Oakland (Hudson 5-6) at Seattle (Baldwin 5-6), 10:05 p.m.

Wednesday's Games
Cleveland (Drese 7-5) at Boston (P.Martinez 8-2), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Clemens 8-3) at Baltimore (R.Lopez 6-3), 7:05 p.m.
Toronto (Parris 0-0) at Tampa Bay (Sturtze 0-8), 7:15 p.m.
Anaheim (Ortiz 8-5) at Texas (Rogers 8-4), 8:05 p.m.
Detroit (Bernero 2-2) at Kansas City (May 2-4), 8:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Ritchie 4-9) at Minnesota (Lohse 6-5), 8:05 p.m.
Oakland (Harang 3-2) at Seattle (Moyer 7-3), 10:05 p.m.

Physicals required for Snyder ISD athletes

It's time for Snyder ISD athletes to receive their physicals for the upcoming school year.

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

Athletes beginning their third year of high school must receive a physical in accordance with a new rule adopted by the University Interscholastic League.

The school district pays for physicals through Aug. 2 with the following doctors: Raykov, Burleson, Cooper, Thompson, Leighton, Woboldt and NP Beth Ashley.

Incoming seventh and ninth graders can pick up physical forms in the doctors' offices.

Sports Briefs

Volleyball tournament

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

Tennis events

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

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

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

Friday swingers

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

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

SCGA weekly events

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

Texans tackle undergoes surgery

HOUSTON (AP) — Tackle Tony Boselli, expected to anchor the Houston Texans' offensive line this season, underwent arthroscopic surgery on his left shoulder Monday.

Team physician Dr. Walter Lowe performed the surgery to release scarring in the area of the anterior and posterior shoulder joint, which limited Boselli's rehabilitation from an earlier surgery.

Boselli, obtained by the Texans in the NFL expansion draft, has been recovering from surgery on both shoulders. He's expected to be ready in time for the upcoming season.

Lowe said he didn't expect the procedure to delay Boselli's rehabilitation time. He said a timetable for recovery will be better determined in four to six weeks.

Boselli, a five-time Pro Bowler, played in three games last season with Jacksonville. He had surgery to repair torn cartilage in his right shoulder on Oct. 15 and arthroscopic surgery on his left shoulder on Nov. 7.

Boselli did not participate in the Texans' minicamps in May or June. The Texans report for preseason workouts July 20.

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Injecting rats with a natural chemical called inosine caused the growth of new nerve tissue and the restoration of some functions lost after a stroke, researchers report.

In a study appearing this week in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, researchers in Boston found that inosine caused the undamaged side of the brain to develop new nerve circuits that helped to restore function in rats who lost the ability to control their legs after induced strokes.

"Inosine stimulates the damaged nerve cells to form new connections that partially take the place of the ones lost in the stroke," said Larry Benowitz, a researcher at Boston's Children's Hospital and an associate professor of neurology at Harvard Medical School.

Inosine is a nucleosine, one of the basic compounds that make up cells; dietary sources include yeast and organ meats, such as liver. In effect, said Benowitz, inosine causes the brain to at least partially "rewire" itself to compensate for the loss of function caused by the stroke.

The most common form of stroke occurs when a blood vessel is blocked, shutting down blood flow to brain tissue. Brain cells die, leading to a loss of the function that those cells once controlled. Stroke patients commonly lose control of limbs, speech or other body functions. A massive stroke can kill.

Stroke happens to about 750,000 Americans annually and is the third leading cause of death, claiming about 160,000 lives annually. Rehabilitation and treatment for survivors cost about $30 billion a year.

Benowitz said that inosine may work by boosting a feeble tendency by the brain to repair the damage of a stroke.

"After a stroke, humans do show some recovery," he said. "There is a hint in the literature that there is some compensatory growth in the intact part of the brain that allows (some recovery). We think that inosine is amplifying that type of growth."

In the study, the researchers induced strokes in a group of laboratory rats, then put the animals through tests that determined how well they could control the movement of their paws.

The researchers then injected about half the rats with inosine and retested the animals. Benowitz said that after 19 days, the treated rats had nearly normal use of their paws, while only about half of the untreated animals recovered some function.

Benowitz said that microscopic examination of the lab animals' brains showed a growth of new nerve tissue and connections in the unaffected side of the brain.

"The stroke damages neurons on one side of the brain and the growth takes place on the other side," said Benowitz. "The neurons on the good side of the brain sprout new branches that go into the areas that have lost their normal function."

He said there is no indication that inosine causes harmful side effects in the test rats, but studies are under way to determine if the compound leads to excessive nerve growth.

Benowitz said that although it hasn't been proved that inosine will have the same effect in humans, earlier studies have shown that the rat brain, on a molecular level, is very similar to the human brain.

Dr. Lawrence M. Brass, a Yale Medical School professor and the science adviser to the National Stroke Association, said the Benowitz study "is interesting, exciting and important" because it suggests strongly that the brain can repair itself following a stroke.

"It appears that the brain has the capability of doing more rewiring that we thought possible," said Brass. "This shows that inosine not only encourages rewiring, but that the rewiring does work."

Brass said, however, that inosine should be tested in higher animals, such as baboons, before it is tested in humans.

"We need to have one higher animal between rats and humans," he said. "If the results are as potent as they appear, this would not be a major delay."

Boston Life Sciences, a biotechnology company, partially financed the study and holds the development rights to inosine. Benowitz said he is a paid consultant of the company and has some stock interest in it.

Parents accused of chaining girl

FULLERTON, Calif. (AP) — The parents of a 21-year-old woman allegedly chained their daughter spread-eagle to her bed to stop from going out with a married man.

David Mata, 53, and his wife, Guadalupe, 51, were arrested at their apartment Sunday and booked for investigation of false imprisonment, assault and battery, and making criminal threats. Bail was set at $25,000.

A police officer found Giovana Mata on the bed with each arm and leg chained to a bedpost.

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AT&T Corp s	10.50	10.25	10.34	+ .02
Albertsons	30.90	30.19	30.67	+ .55
Alltel	47.45	45.71	45.76	—2.08
AmEl Pw	41.25	40.55	41.01	+ .11
AndarkPtr	50.30	49.85	49.92	+ .97
ATMOS Egy	23.02	22.62	23.01	+ .40
Aviall	12.95	12.27	12.95	+ .69
BP PLC	49.18	48.92	48.97	+ .77
BakerHughes	35.75	34.90	35.29	+ .51
Bank of Amer	71.94	70.70	71.67	+ 1.31
BellSouth	30.45	29.89	30.07	+ .17
BurlNoSFe	30.01	29.54	29.78	— .12
Caterpillar	48.46	47.65	48.34	+ .79
ChevronTex	88.50	87.65	87.96	+ .73
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Cooper Inds	40.50	39.37	40.34	+ 1.51
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DeltaAirl	20.94	20.39	20.56	— .09
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EastmanChem	46.12	45.25	46.11	+ 1.04
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MayDeptStr	33.60	32.59	33.39	+ .80
Medtronic	43.51	43.07	43.47	+ .57
Motorola	15.35	14.70	15.00	+ .58
NCR Corp	35.60	34.75	34.95	— .41
Navistar	31.45	30.85	31.29	+ .95
PNM Rescs	24.52	24.04	24.14	— .13
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PepsiCo	51.10	50.45	50.92	+ .47
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PhelpDodge	39.85	39.35	39.84	+ .35
PhilipPet	57.62	56.84	57.30	+ .80
PilgrmPrd B	14.33	14.13	14.18	— .13
Praxair	55.90	55.16	55.85	+ 1.18
ProctGamb	93.50	92.65	92.84	— .56
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ReliantEngy	15.80	14.98	15.62	+ .64
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SprintFON	11.44	11.09	11.41	+ .36
SprintPCS	4.60	4.16	4.44	+ .26
Sunoco Inc	36.90	36.30	36.45	+ .25
TXU Corp	51.72	51.34	51.58	+ .24
TempleInland	58.00	57.32	57.87	+ .63
TexInd	34.75	34.60	34.75	+ .07
TexasInst	24.90	24.23	24.63	+ .49
Textron	46.90	46.40	46.75	+ .38
TrinityInds	20.45	20.00	20.18	+ .18
TylerTech	5.15	5.07	5.10	+ .05
UnionPacif	64.05	62.79	62.86	—1.18
USSteel	20.20	19.84	20.00	+ .06
UnitedTech	67.20	66.20	66.88	+ .38
Unocal	36.76	36.41	36.63	+ .45
VerizonComm	40.15	39.72	39.96	+ .26
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Court rules older workers may get fewer benefits

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Employers may give older workers fewer benefits than younger ones, the California Supreme Court ruled Monday, siding with a company that refused to pay for a master's degree for a 56-year-old.

The high court has said older workers cannot be discriminated against when it comes to hiring and firing, or from being demoted or suspended. But the court found that state law allows employers to consider age when parceling out benefits.

The case concerns Dan Esberg, a former Union Oil Co. telecommunications specialist. After working for the company for 14 years, Esberg decided to get a master's degree. He said the company paid for graduate education for younger workers, but told him he was too old to invest in.

An Orange County jury sided with Esberg, now 64, and awarded him $86,000 in damages.

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Investigators examine contradictions

WASHINGTON (AP) — Seemingly contradictory accounts of Martha Stewart's sale of ImClone stock and actions by a widening circle of her acquaintances are drawing the attention of congressional investigators.

The latest is a doctor who also sold shares of the biotech company shortly before the government announced it had rejected ImClone's approval application for the cancer drug Erbitux.

Stewart, who commands a multimedia empire and a profitable corporation, increasingly is under the glare of government scrutiny and tabloid attention — bringing investor displeasure. Shares of her company, Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia, plunged 21.4 percent to finish at $12.55 Monday as questions about her ImClone stock sale continued to swirl. Omnimedia stock is traded on the New York Stock Exchange, of which Stewart recently became a director.

Shares of Stewart's company have been battered since June 6 — they were trading at around $19 then — when reports surfaced of the congressional investigation of her ImClone stock sale.

What Stewart, herself a former stock broker, and her now-suspended Merrill Lynch broker have said about the sale apparently clashes with the account of the broker's assistant.

The affair has supplanted Enron Corp. and other companies as the corporate scandal du jour:

—Former ImClone chief executive Samuel Waksal, a friend of Stewart, was arrested June 12 by FBI agents at his New York City apartment on charges of securities fraud and conspiracy. Waksal invoked the Fifth Amendment the next day at a House hearing and refused to answer lawmakers' questions.

—On Friday, Peter Bacanovic, the Merrill Lynch broker shared by Stewart, Waksal and Waksal's two daughters, and Bacanovic's assistant were suspended with pay by the brokerage firm for what it called "factual issues regarding a client transaction."

Investigators with the House Energy and Commerce Committee are examining whether Stewart had inside information when she sold nearly 4,000 shares of ImClone on Dec. 27, a day before the announcement that the Food and Drug Administration had decided not to consider Erbitux, an experimental drug for combating colorectal cancer.

Investigators say Stewart's telephone log shows Bacanovic called her on Dec. 27 and told her, according to her secretary's entry, that he "thinks ImClone is going to start trading downward."

But Ken Johnson, a spokesman for the House panel, said the stock had been declining for several weeks. "Why did Mr. Bacanovic call her on that particular day?" he asked.

Investigators want to know whether the call occurred before or after ImClone stock hit $60, the level at which Stewart has said she had a standing order with Bacanovic to sell her shares. Stewart also tried to reach Waksal that day.

The investigators also want to look at Bacanovic's client list to see whether others dumped ImClone stock before the FDA rejection became publicly known.

More broadly, federal prosecutors and the Securities and Exchange Commission have been investigating trading of ImClone stock by several people.

Stewart has said repeatedly that her trade was legal and based on information available to the public at the time.

Bacanovic's assistant at Merrill Lynch, Douglas Faneuil, who handled Stewart's ImClone sale, has given information to the company that appears to contradict what Stewart and Bacanovic maintain was the trigger for the sale.

They have said the stock was sold because of a previously arranged order to dump the shares when ImClone fell below $60. Such a "stop-loss" order, a common practice, would back up Stewart's position that she didn't trade on inside information. But recent statements from Faneuil to Merrill Lynch legal officials have cast doubt on whether such an order existed, The Wall Street Journal reported Monday.

There is another discrepancy: Bacanovic has said he and Stewart decided to put the stop-loss order in place on or after Dec. 10, while Stewart told the investigators it took effect in late November.

It turns out Stewart was not alone on the private jet she took from Connecticut to San Jose del Cabo, Mexico, on Dec. 27, the day of her stock sale. With her was Mariana Pasternak, the ex-wife of Bart Pasternak, the doctor who sold 10,000 ImClone shares the following day, before the company announced the FDA rejection.

Investigators have interviewed Pasternak and want to meet with Mariana Pasternak, Johnson said.

Bart Pasternak told The Associated Press on Saturday that he, his ex-wife and Stewart have done nothing wrong.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Ending compulsive overeating

DEAR DR. GOTT: What causes compulsive overeating, and what can I do about it? My life is in shambles.

DEAR READER: Compulsive overeating is, at best, a habit and, at worst, an addiction. Although some forms of gluttony are due to brain damage or severe emotional disorders, the majority of overeaters are driven by a compulsion to engage in this behavior. Consequently, overeating can often be controlled by behavioral modification, including education, counseling, support groups, hypnosis, and cognitive restructuring (during which patients are taught how to overcome self-defeating, maladaptive attitudes about themselves).

I suggest that you consider a staged approach. First, see your doctor for an examination to make sure that you are in good health and do not have a metabolic disturbance, such as diabetes or a thyroid disorder that may be contributing to your problem. Also, the physician can suggest a diet or methods to relieve your compulsion. (For unknown reasons, antidepressant medication is often helpful in this regard.)

Second, if you are obese, consider a weight-reduction program, such as Slim-Fast, Weight Watchers or Overeaters Anonymous. In these groups, you'll quickly discover that you're not alone; by sharing their strengths and experiences, members are frequently capable of making astonishing changes in their orientations and attitudes about food.

Third, you may need psychological counseling — or even therapy in a metabolic laboratory, many of which are operated by medical teaching centers.

Because compulsive eating may be an addiction that resembles drug abuse or alcoholism, it may be difficult to treat and overcome. However, help is available from the resources that I mentioned.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Losing Weight" which contains and explanation of my no flour, no sugar diet. Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a self-addressed, stamped envelope to "Newsletter", PO Box 167 — Wickliffe, OH 44092. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: What is your opinion on the exhaust products coming from the smokestack of an asphalt quarry? Can they cause cancer?

DEAR READER: I cannot conceive of any substance expelled from a smokestack as being healthful. Many products of incineration are carcinogenic and others cause unacceptable air pollution, either with acids or particulate matter.

The Federal government is very concerned about smokestack air pollution and has, over the years, promulgated a complex series of regulations to ensure minimal contamination and "safe" standards. Nonetheless, industrial waste continues to poison our environment. Some people argue that this is a necessary price to pay — a trade-off, if you will — for the conveniences of our modern, technological society.

I hesitate to comment on the specific instance you mention because I am not familiar with the workings of an asphalt quarry or the methods, such as scrubbers, the company uses to remove dangerous byproducts of the manufacturing process. This information, however, should be available through the Occupational Safety and Health Administration. You can make an inquiry to your local Department of Health or to the nearest OSHA office.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Victims of foreign torture build new lives in America

DEAR ABBY: While terrorism remains on the minds of Americans in the wake of the 9-11 tragedy, millions of other people silently cope each day with another form of terror. They are survivors of torture.

More than half a million of these people live in the United States. They are individuals and families who have suffered for their belief in democracy or their membership in a particular ethnic or political group, often at the hands of dictatorial foreign governments.

Their scars are both physical and mental, but with the help of 30 torture treatment centers nationwide, they are putting their pasts to rest. While Sierra Leone and Somalia seem a world away to most Americans, survivors of these war-torn countries are increasingly becoming our friends and neighbors, teachers and ticket-takers, all of whom are building new lives for themselves.

According to Amnesty International, torture is used in more than 150 countries. Individuals suffer horribly at the hands of their captors from torture designed to silence entire communities. It is used as a weapon to eliminate dissent. Its goal is to breed fear and destroy human rights, often to gain or retain political power.

Please, Abby, let your readers know that help is available for those who need it. Those willing to help end these senseless acts can learn more about this frighteningly common practice and how to help stop it by visiting www.cvt.org. Thank you. — **DOUGLAS JOHNSON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, CENTER FOR VICTIMS OF TORTURE, MINNEAPOLIS**

DEAR DOUGLAS: Tomorrow, June 26, marks the fifth U.N. International Day in Support of Victims of Torture, and I'm sure that many of my readers will be interested in learning more about this. It's easy for those of us who have lived our lives in a democratic country to envision victims of torture as people who are in distant lands. The fact that more than half a million victims of this kind of repression are literally our neighbors may come as a surprise to many people.

Our country is truly a refuge for "huddled masses yearning to breathe free." Those who wish to add their voices in protest of man's inhumanity to man and hasten the end of this barbaric practice should visit the Center for Victims of Torture Web site.

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DEAR ABBY: This is a letter of thanks and a warning.

For Mother's Day, my adult children and spouses brought all the fixings to my home for a barbecue. I didn't have to do a thing. We had a wonderful time, and everyone went home by 9 p.m.

Around midnight, I was awakened by the sound of sirens and got up to see where the fire trucks had stopped. To my horror, they were parked in front of my house! One of my sons had cleaned the barbecue grill, swept the hot ashes into a paper bag, put them on the wooden deck and forgot them. They smoldered for hours, causing my deck to become engulfed in flames. That's the warning.

My thanks go to the unknown neighbor or passer-by who called 911 and saved our lives. — **NADINE MEEHAN, SAN FRANCISCO**

DEAR NADINE: Talk about throwing cold water on a warm memory! Embers should be disposed of in a metal container with water or allowed to burn out in the barbecue.

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Pauline Phillips and her daughter Jeanne Phillips share the pseudonym Abigail Van Buren. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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Convicted killer set to die gets reprieve

ANGLETON (AP) — A death row inmate set for execution later this week won a reprieve from the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals after his attorneys complained the judge who signed his death warrant once called him a piece of trash.

Gary Wayne Etheridge was scheduled for lethal injection Thursday for the 1990 slaying of a 15-year-old Brazoria County girl, Christie Chauviere, during a burglary at her home.

Etheridge's lawyer, Jim Marcus, argued State District Judge J. Ray Gayle III should not have set the execution date because the judge previously recused himself from part of the case.

Marcus contends Gayle is biased against Etheridge because after a jury in Gayle's court decided on the death sentence at his 1990 trial, the judge called Etheridge a "piece of trash" and a "blight on society."

Gayle later removed himself from hearing evidence in an appellate hearing but said that should not have prevented him from signing the order setting Thursday's execution.

The appeals court delayed the punishment to have time to hear arguments in the matter.

If Gayle does remove himself from the case, Brazoria County's administrative judge would appoint another judge to sign the death warrant.

"I believe it's a technicality," District Attorney Jeri Yenne said.

It's the second time Etheridge has won a reprieve within days of a scheduled execution. The first was in November 2000.

Carolyn Barrett, Christie Chauviere's sister, was discouraged to learn of the delay.

"It questions your faith in the Texas justice system," she told The Facts, Brazoria County's daily newspaper.

Weather helping firefighters in Arizona

SHOW LOW, Ariz. (AP) — Making progress against one of the worst wildfires ever to burn in the West, firefighters took advantage of calmer, cooler weather to slow the flames creeping to within a half-mile of this mountain town.

The improved weather, forecast to continue today, allowed fire crews to strengthen and complete two fire lines, then burn the area between them to create a blackened buffer zone to protect Show Low, a town of 7,700 in eastern Arizona.

"The question is being asked: 'Are they going to hold it today?'" fire operations officer Bill Brandau told firefighters at a briefing today morning. "Y'all are gonna hold it."

That marked a change in attitude toward the enormous blaze.

"We're back to fighting this fire," fire spokesman Jim Paxon said earlier. "It's been beating us up for a week, and we're back to fighting this monster."

The 351,000-acre fire, the largest in the state's history, has destroyed at least 375 homes in the White Mountains. Embers fell as far away as three miles from the fire.

President Bush landed in Phoenix today en route to a Canadian summit, and planned to come to eastern Arizona to visit evacuation centers.

Bush is looking to Arab leaders for help

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush is looking for support from Arab leaders in his unprecedented campaign to remove Yasser Arafat and overhaul the Palestinian Authority.

But his spokesman said today that Bush also was very worried about Israel's future unless a Palestinian state is created.

"The president has planted the seeds for peace and now it's up to the parties to nurture those seeds and grow them," White House press secretary Ari Fleischer said as Bush flew to Arizona to inspect wildfire damage.

The speech Monday, however, demanded far more of the Palestinians than of Israel, including the ouster of Arafat.

The incentive, Bush made clear in a historic speech Monday, is propelling the Palestinian people to "a life of hope for your children" in a state committed to democracy and the rule of law.

That state, Bush said hopefully, could stand alongside Israel in three years' time, with an open society and a thriving economy.

Bush is depending on soundings American diplomats have taken in the Arab world. Determined to see a Palestinian state and Israel driven off the West Bank and out of Gaza, Arab leaders are said to be quietly backing reform.

But the Arabs appear to have a different agenda. Egypt and Jordan, considered closest to the United States, are putting their emphasis, now at least, on urging the Bush administration to reverse the drive Israel has undertaken against Arafat and the Palestinians on the West Bank in response to recent suicide attacks.

This the administration refuses to do. Again on Monday, State Department spokesman Richard Boucher supported Israel's right to defend itself although he urged the Israeli government to consider the consequences of its actions. Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon pledged to widen his military offensive against Palestinian extremists to the Gaza Strip.

GOP tries to prevent Demos from cutting defense monies

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans moved to overturn a plan by Senate Democrats to cut $814 million from President Bush's proposal for a national missile defense system.

Sen. John Warner, R-Va., said he would seek to restore funds to legislation that would authorize $393 billion in military programs for next year. Bush has threatened to veto the bill if it does not fully fund his missile defense request.

Warner, the ranking Republican on the Senate Armed Services Committee, said the amendment he planned to offer would give the president the choice of using the money either for missile defense or other programs to combat terrorism. A vote could come this evening.

"We have to pass a bill that supports our president's, again, our commander-in-chief's, fundamental priorities for defense. In its current form this bill fails that test," Warner said.

Democrats on the Armed Services Committee decided to shift the $814 million to shipbuilding and other defense needs, arguing that the parts of the original request of more than $7.5 billion were duplicative and excessive. Construction is under way in Alaska on a simple version of the system that the administration hopes to complete by fall 2004.

Critics say the proposal is too expensive, will take too long to develop and relies too heavily on unproven technology. Supporters say the system could offer protection against terrorists and rogue states like North Korea.

"We need to do a lot of everything that works in order to foil terrorism, not just missile defense," Sen. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D., said during debate Monday.

Sen. Jon Kyl, R-Ariz., said the bill's cuts "will seriously erode our ability to end ... our unacceptable vulnerability to ballistic missile attack."

Separate legislation actually providing the money for defense programs will come later. The House Appropriations Committee approved its version of that measure Monday, including a provision killing the $11 billion Crusader artillery program that Bush has sought to terminate.

On Monday, the Senate voted 93-0 for an amendment barring the military from requiring or encouraging American servicewomen in Saudi Arabia from wearing head-to-toe robes when leaving their bases. The House passed a similar measure last month.

The Defense Department modified the policy last January to say that wearing the abaya was not required but "strongly encouraged," a change that senators said was superficial because in the military strong encouragement is tantamount to an order.

Sen. Bob Smith, R-N.H., a chief sponsor of the legislation, argued that U.S. forces have freed Afghan women from wearing the burqa, a similar face-covering robe that became a symbol of Taliban repression.

Routine traffic stop leads to arrest of suspect in slayings

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A man who skipped bail rather than face charges in a triple slaying 21 years ago in Laredo has been arrested after being pulled over on a routine traffic stop.

Rene Gerardo De Leon, 48, was pulled over on Monday in a dump truck on Loop 410 in San Antonio during a routine inspection of commercial vehicles, according to a spokeswoman for the San Antonio Police Department.

Officers said De Leon showed a driver's license with a name that didn't match records in the police database.

Upon further questioning, police said, De Leon offered his correct name. Coupled with his fingerprints, police found three outstanding murder warrants, the San Antonio Express-News reported in today editions.

De Leon was being held on $1 million bail. Authorities in Laredo were trying to piece together details of the 21-year-old case, which was described as drug-related.

Deputy Chief Fructoso San Miguel said De Leon and two brothers were among five men who were accused of spraying the interior of a Laredo bar with gunfire on June 30, 1981.

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Junior livestock show on DCOS meeting agenda

The Board of County Development will consider funding for the junior livestock show when it convenes for its quarterly meeting Wednesday.

Last year the board granted roughly $6,000 for the show.

The board will also review financial statements and consider bills at its noon meeting in the DCOS boardroom.

Burglary reported at bike shop

• Burglary

Harvey Stevens at 10:12 a.m. Monday reported a burglary of the Bike Shop on Coliseum Drive. A window was broken, several tire tubes were taken and an offense report for burglary of a building was filed.

Rick Arnold Monday afternoon reported the burglary of his residence on the 5800 block of Highway 180. Arnold later reported the missing items had been located, and no offense report was submitted.

• Thefts

Lance Egan contacted police just before noon Monday in reference to his son's bicycle being stolen from the 3700 block of Avondale. An offense report for Class B theft was submitted.

Christi Garcia reported someone using her name to obtain electric and gas service from TXU. An offense report for theft of identity was filed.

A juvenile contacted police at 6:30 p.m. Monday from the 3100 block of Ave. I regarding his BB gun being stolen by another juvenile. Officers contacted the parents of both juveniles and the BB gun was returned.

• Close patrols

Brenda Hook at 6:47 a.m. Monday reported gas siphoned from a vehicle in the 2700 block of 48th Street. Hooks did not wish to file a report and a close patrol was maintained in the area.

Deputies requested a close patrol of a residence at 2:41 Monday afternoon in the 1900 block of Ave. N in reference to the house being burglarized.

Latisha Kosler requested a close patrol of her residence in the 3200 block of 40th Street at 7:44 p.m. Monday regarding someone trying to enter her residence.

Deputies reported a vehicle racing behind Grimmett Bros. at 12:30 a.m. today and police maintained a close patrol of the area.

• Noise disturbances

Norman Mayes reported loud music in the 3000 block of 38th Street at 7:18 p.m. Monday.

Marisa Austin requested officers just after 8:30 p.m. Monday in reference to juveniles setting off fireworks in the 2800 block of Ave. Y.

• Gas drive offs

A clerk with Rip Griffin's reported a gas drive off worth $25 just before 6 p.m. Monday.

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Head Start registration

Head Start registration continues through Wednesday at Snyder Child Day Care Center. The hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. To attend, children must be at least three years old and family must meet income guidelines or child must have a diagnosed disability. Child's birth certificate, current immunization record, Social Security card and proof of family income is required.

Auction items needed

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

Museum exhibit

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

Medical fund

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

Central Baptist revival

Central Baptist Church is hosting revival services at 7 p.m. though Friday. Dr. Wes Massey is the evangelist and Don Thornton is directing the music. For information or transportation, call 863-2305.

First Methodist VBS

First United Methodist Church is hosting a Vacation Bible School from 9 a.m. to noon through Friday. For more information, call 573-5416.

Steer validation

The 2002 steer validation will be today at the West Texas Animal Clinic. Validations will begin at 6 p.m. and both the parent and child will need to be present for signatures on forms and blood cards. The exhibitor's social security number is also required. Contact the Scurry County extension office for more information at 573-5423.

Gateway Family Services

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

Genealogical Society meeting

Scurry County Genealogical Society will meet at 7 this evening in the Scurry County Library. Frances Pitner will present a program on microfilm census research. Visitors are welcome. Membership dues are $12.50 per person or $15 for a couple.

FBC services televised

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

Library public meeting

A public meeting as part of a requirement for a E-rate grant for the library will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Scurry County Library.

Scurry Lodge to meet

Scurry Lodge #706 will install officers at 7 p.m. Saturday. All Masons, family and friends are invited to the open installation.

Class of 1977 reunion

The SHS class of 1977 will hold a reunion from 7 p.m. until midnight Saturday at Snyder Country Club. Information available from Sheila Collier, 573-0882 or Janie McCormick, 573-1637.

Red Cross fundraiser

Representatives of the American Red Cross will be in the United parking lot between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday to accept donations for disaster relief.

Masonic meeting

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

SHS class of 1992 reunion

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

SHS class of 1987 reunion

The 1987 class of Snyder High School will have a 15-year reunion dinner Saturday, July 6, at Snyder Country Club. RSVP by June 15 to Robyn Wilson at 915-552-7791 or Dee Chasteen at 573-2913.

Discovery School registration

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

WTC pool hours

June: M-F 6:30-8 a.m. and noon-1 p.m. Open swim: M-F 2-5 p.m. Thursday nights: 7-9 p.m. for $5 family swim. Cost of each visit is $2 or $25 for a two-month membership. Swimming pool will close Thursday for maintenance work.

4-year-old boy dies from burn injuries

SYRACUSE, N.Y. (AP) — A 4-year-old boy died early today, less than three days after authorities say his 7-year-old brother poured lighter fluid on him and set him on fire.

Nyquest Tearney suffered second- and third-degree burns over 85 percent to 95 percent of his body in the fire Saturday night. He died at Shriner's Children Hospital in Boston, where he had been taken Sunday.

Police have charged the 7-year-old, whose name was not released, with assault. Additional charges could be filed because the victim died, authorites said.

The boy told police the fire was an accident, police said.

"I don't know what was going through the kid's head," police spokesman Sgt. Tom Connellan said. The boy was to undergo a psychiatric examination.

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States examine death sentence procedures

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — A Supreme Court decision that juries, rather than judges, must decide whether defendants should be sentenced to death has officials in nine states scrambling to determine the future of their sentencing laws — and of their death row inmates.

The 7-2 ruling Monday overturns death penalty laws in five states, calling into question whether 168 death row inmates in those states will be put to death. The ruling could also affect some or all death sentences in four other states, including Florida, where 370 inmates await execution.

"These cases have 20 years of appeals, and all of a sudden, after this practice has been in place for years, they decide the world is different," Nebraska Gov. Mike Johans said. Nebraska had its death penalty law thrown out, and its lawyers were trying to determine the consequences for its seven condemned inmates.

The high court's decision applies in Arizona, Idaho and Montana, where a judge decides the sentence, and in Colorado and Nebraska, where a panel of judges makes the decision.

It was not immediately clear what will happen to the death row inmates in those states. Some lawyers said the inmates' sentences could be commuted to life in prison, as was done when the Supreme Court put a temporary halt to the death penalty in the 1970s. Or the inmates could be resentenced by juries, with some possibly being condemned to death again.

The reaction to the case among prosecutors and defense attorneys in Idaho offers some sign of how the ruling may be up for interpretation.

The state Attorney General's Office says only six of the 22 people on death row come close to qualifying for the ruling. And Deputy Attorney General Michael Henderson said many of the six won't win appeals based on the Supreme Court decision because they were found guilty of aggravating factors when convicted.

But public defenders say the ruling may lead all the death sentences in the state to be overturned.

In Colorado, where death sentences are imposed by three-judge panels, officials were reviewing the cases of three death row inmates. Peter Weir, executive director of the Colorado District Attorney's Council, said it may take weeks to sort out the impact of the ruling.

The three men sentenced to death could end up with life sentences, he said.

"We're not conceding that at this point. These three involved very heinous crimes," Weir said.

In Montana, Attorney General Mike McGrath said the decision will have no effect. He said the ruling won't apply to the six inmates on death row there because they have exhausted all their appeals.

But he said the ruling will provide a new appeal issue for future death row inmates.

It remained unclear whether the ruling will have a spillover effect in four other states where juries recommend whether a defendant should receive the death penalty, but judges make the final decision: Florida, Alabama, Indiana, and Delaware.

Defense attorneys in Florida say the decision could cause all 370 condemned inmates in the state to have their sentences overturned.

"It's definitely a victory for justice and a victory for people concerned about fairness," said Abe Bonowitz, director of Floridians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty. "There is no question that some of these people have done awful things, but you don't have to kill them."

But prosecutors and some legislators said only nine cases would be affected — cases in which a judge sentenced an inmate to death after the jury recommended life in prison.

In some states juries determine guilt or innocence, but a judge then bases a death sentence on aggravating factors such as the heinous nature of a murder or whether it was committed for monetary gain.

"The Sixth Amendment jury trial right," Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg wrote in the majority opinion, "does not turn on the relative rationality, fairness or efficiency of potential fact-finders."

She was joined in her opinion by an unusual alliance of conservative and liberal justices: Justices John Paul Stevens, Antonin Scalia, Anthony M. Kennedy, David H. Souter and Clarence Thomas.

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Senate panel to investigate nerve gas tests on U.S. ships

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Senate panel will investigate whether the Pentagon intended to use American sailors as human guinea pigs during the 1960s testing of chemical weapons aboard Navy ships, Sen. Max Cleland said Monday.

Cleland, D-Ga., chairman of the Senate Armed Services personnel subcommittee, said he will convene hearings this fall on the once-secretive testing program that Pentagon officials acknowledged for the first time last month. Cleland says he is pushing for open hearings, but the Pentagon might insist some of the material stay classified.

"The irony is we're working hard to defend ourselves against biological and chemical attack from terrorists and, at the same moment, we learn the U.S. government was conducting biological and chemical experiments against our own servicemen and women," said Cleland, a veteran who lost both legs and an arm in a Vietnam grenade blast.

Pentagon spokeswoman Barbara Goodno welcomed the hearings.

"The Department of Defense supports any action that both improves our congressional members' understanding of the issue and makes them informed about DOD's efforts," Goodno said.

Military documents indicate two kinds of nerve gas and a biological agent were sprayed on Navy ships in the Pacific from 1963 to 1970 during a series of tests. Officials have told lawmakers that monkeys aboard the ships were the subjects of the most dangerous experiments aimed at learning the effectiveness of protective gear and how quickly a deadly chemical agent could be detected.

The Pentagon insists the intent wasn't to expose humans — at least to the most dangerous agents. According to somewhat sketchy records of the tests, no humans were harmed. However, the Department of Veterans Affairs recently began sending letters to more than 2,800 veterans — some possibly exposed to multiple tests — informing them they might be eligible for health benefits. So far, just over 600 letters have been mailed.

Sen. Bill Nelson, D-Fla., requested the hearings after learning about the letters from some constituents, 59 of whom have already been contacted.

Nelson first grew suspicious when he learned of an unrelated exercise the U.S. government carried out in the 1950s in Boca Raton, Fla. Those experiments, conducted where a local airport and Florida Atlantic University now sit, involved testing a poison designed to kill a potential enemy's crops. When Nelson asked Pentagon officials about the tests, he says they told him they were classified.

"I started putting two and two together and thinking we might have a real problem here," said Nelson, who joined Cleland at a Palm Beach, Fla., news conference Monday to announce the hearings.

Cleland says the Pentagon has acknowledged there were 113 different tests, but all but six remain classified.

"We're just beginning to peel back the onion here," he said. "If you've got 113 tests and only declassified six, and are mum for about 30 years, what more is there to find out?"

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Wednesday, June 26, 2002

Success in your business affairs may be greater than usual in the year ahead. Much of this may be because you will be better prepared to deal with the competition than you may have been in the past.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Today is a good time to investigate situations where you feel you are not getting accurate information. Your abilities for probing, researching or detecting are particularly sharp now. Cancer, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and an SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — In order to appease someone who is important to you, you might have to make some concessions you wouldn't ordinarily do. This tactful and thoughtful treatment, however, will serve you well.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Others may be able to coast today and get away with it, but not you. Your self-esteem will suffer if you feel you did not utilize your time in productive and constructive ways.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Utilize your natural talents for leadership when involved on a social level with others today. What you have to offer will bring smiles to all involved.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Visualize the type of bottom line you desire when taking on a project today and work towards it with all diligence. What you begin now can have very fortunate effects on your life.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Should you find yourself mentally restless today, turn it to your advantage by going after new knowledge or finding a situation where you can utilize something you just recently learned.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Because you're likely to focus on your material interests today, you stand a better chance than usual for achieving personal gain and having fun at the same time.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — There is nothing wrong with asserting yourself in situations that require it, but don't get pushy or try to manipulate others in the process. It isn't called for.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — When you see someone you love in need of a small but significant sacrifice on your part today, you won't hesitate for a moment to do so. What's even more gallant is you may never tell this person what you did.

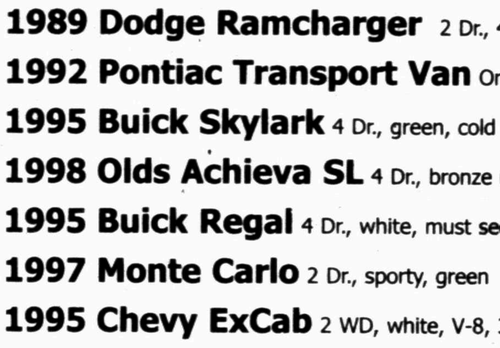
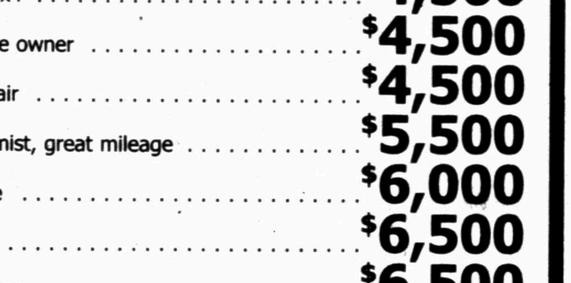
ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Put some of your old projects on the back burner just for today. The aspects are such that they favor the new, progressive endeavors you've wanted to launch.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Properly motivated today, you're capable of achieving some outstanding accomplishments. However, if the urge isn't there, this will turn out to be just another ho-hum day.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Friends who share your philosophical beliefs can be quite effective today in helping you sort out a problem or in assisting you with getting over some kind of severe disappointment. Seek them out.

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