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By State Rep. David Counts...

TDCJ expansion project termed a 'win-win' situation

"A win-win situation" is how State Rep. David Counts described the Texas Department of Criminal Justice warehouse expansion project during ground-breaking ceremonies this morning.

"This is a great opportunity for the community," Counts said. "We get a few more jobs and the taxpayers get some relief."

He credited a number of people for making the project a reality, including the Development Corporation of Snyder saying it was "farsightedness that allowed us to make this happen."

Art Mosley, TDCJ deputy executive director, spoke briefly as well, saying "Rep. Counts is the man responsible for this. Once he recognized we needed this, he got busy and made it happen. He's been a friend to TDCJ."

Robin Smauley, Snyder warehouse manager, was on-hand also to introduce Mosley.

He recognized several people involved in the project including Allen Sailor, director of facilities for TDCJ, Daniel Madison, construction manager and Joe Brozo with Monterey Construction Co., the general contractor for the project.

A pre-construction meeting was held Tuesday and TDCJ officials and contractors will hold meetings Thursday and Friday to discuss the scope of the project.

Monterey's low bid was $4.6 million for the 60,000 square-foot addition to the existing 70,000 square-foot warehouse located on U.S. 84.

The expansion calls for 20,000 square-feet of cold storage to house bulk inventories of frozen foods, meats and other perishable goods.

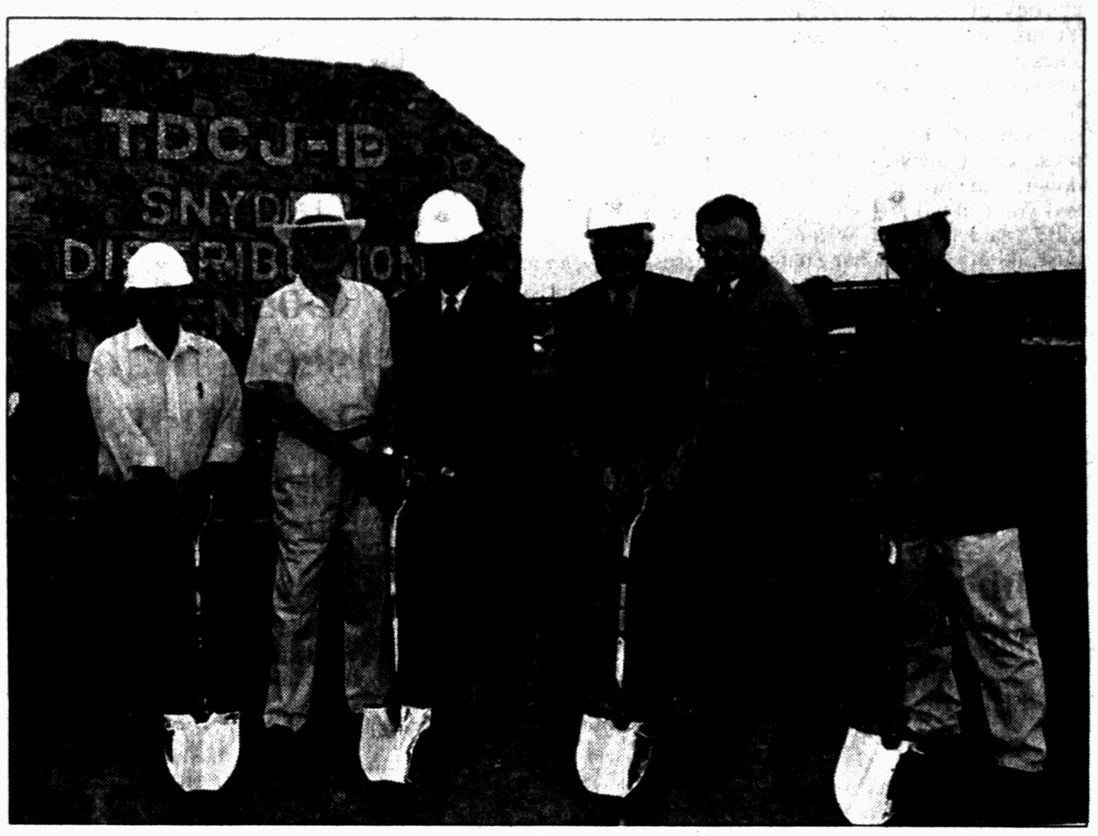
The Snyder distribution center is the first regional distribution center for the state's prison system.

Counts said it makes sense to locate the center in Snyder.

"We are right in the heart of the system. It's common sense that we should have it here. It saves dollars."

It will serve 22 units in West Texas, and when completed, is projected to save TDCJ $1 million annually in transportation costs.

When fully operational, the warehouse will have 52 employees, 18 in the warehouse and 34 in transportation.



GROUNDBREAKING — A groundbreaking ceremony was held this morning for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice warehouse and distribution center on U.S. 84. From left are Joe Brozo with Monterey Construction of Wolfforth; Roy Baze of Snyder; Art Mosley, TDCJ deputy executive director from Huntsville; Rep. David Counts of Knox City; Roy McQueen of Snyder; and Robin Smauley Snyder warehouse manager. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "It's difficult to get ahead of someone when you're trying to get even."

It's not yet mid-August, but school bells are ringing.

Just to get us in the mood, here are some answers given by fifth and sixth graders on a science exam last year:

--One horsepower is the amount of energy it takes to drag a horse 500 feet in one second.

--You can listen to thunder after lightning and tell how close you came to getting hit. If you don't hear it you got hit, so never mind.

--Talc is found on rocks and on babies.

--The law of gravity says no fair jumping up without coming back down.

--When they broke open molecules, they found they were only stuffed with atoms, but when they broke open atoms, they found them stuffed with explosions.

--When people run around and around in circles we say they are crazy. When planets do it, we say they are orbiting.

--Rainbows are just to look at, not to really understand.

--While the earth seems to be knowingly keeping its distance from the sun, it is really only centrificating.

--Some day we may discover how to make magnets that can point in any direction.

--South America has cold summers and hot winters, but somehow they still manage.

--Most books now say our sun is a star. But it still knows how to change back into a sun in the daytime.

--Water freezes at 32 degrees and boils at 212 degrees. There are 180 degrees between freezing and boiling because there are 180 degrees between north and south.

--There are 26 vitamins in all, but some of the letters are yet to be discovered. Finding them all means living forever.

--There is a tremendous weight pushing down on the center of the Earth because of so much population stomping around up there these days.

--Lime is a green-tasting rock.

--A vibration is a motion that can't make up its mind which way it wants to go.



LORBER GIFT — Billy Ray Browning presents Lorber Industries president and founder, Arnold Lorber, a replica of a white buffalo. Browning made the presentation following Tuesday's meeting at the Lorber plant which included comments from U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Local school enrollment drops by 160 students

Overall enrollment in the Snyder Independent School District took a drastic decline, as 160 less students showed for first day of classes today compared to 1997.

Total enrollment at Snyder High School was down by 40, with 25 less freshman signing up than last year.

The Snyder Junior High's total was down by eight and Central Elementary's enrollment was down by 43.

At East Elementary, totals were only down by two while Northeast Elementary showed a drop of 26 .

West Elementary's enrollment had the greatest decline, with 55 fewer students this morning — 354 as compared to 409 in 1997.

Up by 14 students, Stanfield had the only increase of the schools — 357 compared to 343 last year.

Total kindergarten enrollment was down 16 students while first grade saw an increase of 11.

Midwest, Stamford co-ops...

Mailed ballots for proposed consolidation due Thursday

Deadline for return of mail ballots concerning the proposed consolidation of Midwest Electric Cooperative and Stamford Electric Cooperative is 5 p.m. Thursday.

For persons missing that deadline, a special meeting has been called for 2 p.m. Saturday in Roby for Midwest members and at that same time in Stamford for Stamford members.

Purpose of Saturday's meetings is to allow members who did not mail in their ballot the opportunity to vote in person. Ballots will also be tallied Saturday afternoon.

Results of the vote will be announced after 3 p.m. Saturday.

Midwest general manager Jerry Stapp and the board of directors from each company are urging members to return their ballots, either by mail or in person.

In order for the consolidation to go forward, Stapp explained, a simple majority of 50 percent plus one is required.

Also, at least 150 members of each company must vote in order to have a valid election.

If the consolidation is approved, a new company, Big Country Electric, would be formed.

All of the board members in the present cooperatives would be on the 16-member board and the new entity would have offices in Roby, Snyder and Stamford — with corporate headquarters located in Roby.

It has been estimated that over time $2.5 million annually could be saved if consolidation is approved.

Stapp has also said there will be no forced retirements or layoffs.

He added there will be more opportunities for employees, more specializations and more management positions available.

Stapp would continue as general manager and Vesta Orr, interim manager at Stamford will serve as executive assistant.

Third person involved in shooting pleads guilty

The third person involved in a December drive-by shooting pleaded guilty Monday in 132nd District Court.

Solatina Maria Flores, 19, of 2608 Ave. U pleaded guilty and District Judge Ernie Armstrong sentenced Flores to serve five years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, probated for five years. Flores also received deferred adjudication, meaning that if parole is ever revoked, the court can consider the full range of punishment allowed by law.

Flores was one of three people indicted by a Scurry County grand jury last January after the Dec. 8 incident in which a handgun was fired at Christopher Hernandez in the 600 block of 26th Street.

In June, a district court jury found Fedencio Ramon, 21, guilty in the shooting and sentenced him to 10 years and a day in the Texas prison system.

In July a second district court jury found Marcus Lee Rocha, 17, guilty in the shooting and he was assessed a five-year probated sentence.

In other court action Monday, Senior District Judge Gene Dulaney heard a guilty plea from Estella Gutierrez, 34, for felony theft. Judge Dulaney ordered a four-year probated prison term and a $500 fine.

Gutierrez, 3112 Ave. I, was charged with the Jan. 5, 1991 theft of food stamp coupons from Cyndy Finnell. The defendant was also directed to pay $1,505 in restitution to the Texas Department of Human Services.

Jimmy Vaughn Cain, who last week pleaded guilty to felony driving while intoxicated, saw two probated sentences revoked by Judge Dulaney.

Cain, 32, of 6711 Camp Springs Road was serving a five-year probated sentence for a 1994 DWI and a seven-year probated sentence for a 1993 forgery. All sentences will be served concurrently.

Amoco bought by British Co.

British Petroleum PLC is buying Amoco Corp., the fifth-largest U.S. oil company, for $48 billion in stock in what would be the largest industrial merger in history. About 6,000 jobs would be shed.

And while few details are known locally about what effect the merger might have in the Snyder office of Amoco Pipeline, core team leader Tony Wofford believes the merger's effects will all be positive.

See Amoco, Page 9

$26,588...

Cash 5 winner not identified

A person who purchased a Cash 5 ticket at Skinny's on Coliseum Drive on Friday is the winner of a $26,588 jackpot.

That is one-fourth of the total prize of $106,352 that was awarded during the Friday night drawing.

Skinny's store manager Jesse Rivera said he had heard someone who had bought a ticket at the store had won, but he doesn't know the person's name or where the person might be from.

"I've been asking everybody," said Rivera.

"I hope they come forward soon and let me know," Rivera laughed. "Otherwise, I'll just have to keep asking, 'Did you win?' to my customers."

ASK US

Q—I have an idea about a new industrial prospect for Snyder. Who do I contact?

A—The first step would be the Development Corporation of Snyder located in the American State Bank building. The telephone number is 573-1544.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Tuesday, 100 degrees; low, 92; 7 a.m. Wednesday, 72; no precipitation; total for 1998, 5.86 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy; 30% chance of storms. Low around 70. E wind 5-10 mph. Thursday, mostly cloudy; 20% chance of storms. High, lower 90s. NE-E wind 5-15 mph.



Brandon Morris
Mostly cloudy

Sunset:
8:30 p.m.
Sunrise:
7:08 a.m.
Of 223 days in 1998, the sun has shone 221 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

"I wonder if I shall fall right through the earth! How funny it'll seem to come out among the people that walk with their heads downward!"

Lewis Carol,
"Alice in Wonderland"

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No explanations yet for Jonesboro, Ark. shootings

JONESBORO, Ark. (AP) — With details laid out in an unusually public juvenile court trial, a still-grieving community found out how — but not why — two boys killed four of their classmates and a teacher last spring.

Mitchell Johnson and Andrew Golden were ordered into the custody of the state Division of Youth Services after their trial Tuesday, and with them go the answers Jonesboro wanted to hear.

"Some day I hope, without the presence of lawyers, we can sit down — the two of you and me — and you can tell me why you did this," said Mitchell Wright, the husband of slain teacher Shannon Wright.

"I would love to know," said Debbie Amir, whose daughter was wounded.

The boys — Mitchell turned 14 Tuesday, Andrew is 12 — were pronounced delinquent by Craighead County Juvenile Court Judge Ralph Wilson Jr. The judge's finding was the equivalent of a guilty verdict in adult court, but the resulting penalty isn't nearly as severe.

The state can hold the boys until they are 21, but there is no facility in Arkansas that holds juvenile criminals once they're older than 18. Wilson said the crime was so horrible that if the state releases the boys early, they must serve 90 days in the county lockup.

"Here the punishment will not fit the crime," Wilson said. "The heinous and atrocious nature and the apparent deliberation and planned premeditation" justified the jail time, he said.

The boys also can get their guns back when they are released. Felons are prohibited from possessing weapons in Arkansas, but the boys are considered only delinquent and will not lose their privileges.

In a crowded courtroom — thoughtfully stocked with 28 boxes of tissues to soak up tears — a state crime examiner was able to lay out which boy killed which victim, except for one for whom results were inconclusive.

Mitchell pleaded guilty to five counts of murder and 10 counts of battery; 10 people, including another teacher, were injured by bullets. Wilson rejected Andrew's attempt to plead temporary insanity and found him guilty of the same charges.

Andrew remained mum, occasionally wringing a handkerchief. Mitchell told the court he didn't believe anyone would be hurt.

"I thought we would just shoot over everyone's head," he said.

His voice breaking, Mitchell apologized to the families and to his family and friends. "If I could go back and change what happened on March 24, 1998, I would do so in a minute," he said.

Prosecutors recounted step-by-step how the boys took a van from Mitchell's home, guns from Andrew's grandfather's house and went to school dressed in camouflage.

Andrew pulled a fire alarm near a door to flush classmates and teachers outside and ran to a nearby wooded area where he and Mitchell started shooting. The boys then took off running through the woods, toward the van, which they had loaded with camping gear, food and a cache of ammunition. Police stopped them before they got to the van.

Mitchell's claim that he intended to shoot above the panicked crowd rang hollow with Wright; Mitchell's gun had a scope that would have given him a close-up view of his prey from 75 yards.

"Mitch, you deliberately shot my wife," Wright said in court. Outside court, he said he didn't believe Mitchell was remorseful.

"When I looked the boy in the eye from the stand, he did not look that sorry to me," Wright said. "It's not justice."

Wright said his wife would not have changed what she did that day — stepping in front of a bullet to save a sixth-grader.

"I want you two to know one thing," Wright said. "If you, Drew and Mitchell, if you had been the ones down on the playground, she would have got in front of you just like she did Emma Pittman," Wright said.

The Jonesboro shooting was one in a series of campus-related attacks last school year.

Lubbock cattle auction

LUBBOCK — The market at Lubbock had a run of 542 head of cattle for the Thursday, Aug. 6 sale. Cows were $2 cheaper. Yearlings and calves were $2 to $3 better. Trading and demand were good.

Slaughter cows: (high dressing - cutters - utility) 33 to 38
Canners and low cutters: 27 to 34.
Slaughter bulls: 42 to 51.50.
Feeder steers choice:
300-400: 80-100
400-500: 72-83
500-600: 68-74
600-700: 65-72
700-800: 64-68
feeder Heifers choice:
300-400: 75-85
400-500: 68-73.50
500-600: 65-70
600-700: 63-68
700-800: 60-64
Feeder bulls good and choice: 500-600, 66 to 73.50; 700-800, 60-68.
Cow and calf pairs: Good 500 to 650; Grade 450 to 525.
Springers: 350 to 550.
Baby calves: 108 to 175.
Doodlers 140 to 200.

Colorado City cattle auction

COLORADO CITY — The Colorado City Livestock Auction had a run of 1,062 head of cattle for the Saturday, Aug. 8 sale. Feeder steers and heifers were steady. Slaughter cows were $1 lower and bulls were steady. Bred cows and pairs were steady. Trade was active and demand moderate.

Steers:
200 to 300: 85 to 100
300 to 400: 75 to 89.50
400 to 500: 68 to 78
500 to 600: 64 to 75.50
600 to 700: 62 to 60
Heifers:
200 to 300: 70 to 86
300 to 400: 64 to 74
400 to 500: 65 to 70
500 to 600: 60 to 68.50
600 to 750: 55 to 60.50
Young bred cows: 400 to 470
Young cows and calves: 400 to 640
Packer cows: 25 to 37.75.
Packer bulls: 42 to 50.25.

Cosby family seeks highest term possible

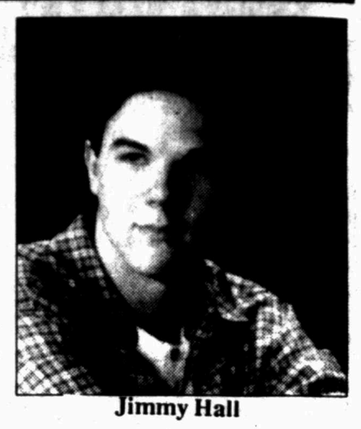
SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) — Entertainer Bill Cosby implored a judge to hand down the maximum sentence against the 19-year-old man convicted of killing his only son.

"The malice, hatred and ill will leading to his murder must be kept off America's streets forever," Cosby said in a written court statement released Tuesday after Mikail Markhasev was sentenced to life in prison.

Cosby's wife, Camille, was equally unforgiving: "Mikail Markhasev's only regret about his crime is that he got caught. I don't want him to ever experience freedom again."

Ennis Cosby, 27, was shot Jan. 16, 1997, while changing a flat tire on a dark road in Los Angeles. Police said he was murdered during a robbery attempt.

Markhasev, who was convicted in July of the murder, was sentenced to the mandatory penalty of life in prison without the possibility of parole. Superior Court Judge David Perez rejected a defense motion for a new trial before he announced the sentence.



Jimmy Hall

Farewell recital for Hall slated

Jimmy Hall, son of Jamie Hall and the late Rick Hall, is giving a farewell recital for the community at 7 p.m. Thursday at the First Presbyterian Church, 28th and Ave. R.

The program will feature works from Handel, Mozart, Menotti, Ravel and Finzi. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

Hall graduated from Houston Baptist University in May 1998, with a degree in vocal performing. At Houston Baptist, he studied with Jeanette Lombard and graduated within three years, summa cum laude.

He will leave Sunday for the University of Maryland, in the suburbs of Washington, D.C., where he will study with Dominic Cossa. He is enrolled in the Masters in Opera Performance, a three-year program.



Town & Country Topics

By Kathryn Roberts, County Extension Agent

Reasons for liquid loss from jars

There are many reasons for loss of liquid from jars during processing.

1. Jar is packed too full, without sufficient headspace.
2. Food is packed so tightly that liquid did not fill the spaces between pieces of food.
3. Starchy foods may absorb some of the liquid.
4. Liquid added to cover cold raw food was not hot enough when placed in canner.
5. Air bubbles were not removed at the time of packing. Use plastic spatula around the inside of the jar to remove air bubbles.
6. Jars processed in boiling water bath were not covered with 1-2 inches of water.
7. Pressure canner was not sufficiently exhausted.
8. Allowing pressure to fluctuate suddenly lowering the temperature during processing, due to lack of contol over the source of heat.
9. Two sudden changes in temperature when processing period is over. (If the canner cools too quickly while the contents of the jar remain at much higher temperatures, the liquid will boil over. The contents of the jar and the canner have to cool down gradually from 240 degrees F to 212 degrees F. The "coming down" period should be gradual and even.)
10. Opening the petcock before the pressure has returned to zero. (When the pressure has returned to zero, open the petcock very cautiously and if steam escapes, close and wait a few minutes. This avoids cooling the atmosphere around the jars too fast, which causes liquid to boil out.)
11. Letting the canner stand too long after pressure returned to zero. It should be opened within a couple of minutes after it returns to zero pressure.

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In each advertisement you will find a face from the past. Identify the faces on the entry blank opposite the name of the sponsoring business. **Bring or mail the entry blank to the Snyder Daily News, 3600 College, PO Box 949.** The deadline for entering is 5 p.m. Monday before the next contest appears on Wednesday. The weekly prize winner will be drawn from all the correct entries. The winner will be notified. This week's faces will be identified in next week's contest. Only one entry per person, and please do not make copies of the entry blank. Employees of the SDN and their families are not eligible to enter.

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Ethics of game between judge, actor studied

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Was it improper for a federal judge presiding at a hearing to play a one-on-one basketball game with the son of the man seeking a new trial for a jurist's slaying?

Legal experts differ on the impact of U.S. District Judge Fred Biery playing the quick game last week in a Denver hotel with actor Woody Harrelson.

The San Antonio judge was in Denver to preside at a hearing in which Harrelson's father, Charles V. Harrelson, is seeking a new trial on charges that he assassinated U.S. District Judge John Wood at San Antonio in 1979.

Harrelson is serving two life terms for Wood's death, the only slaying of a federal judge in this century.

The judge, who played high school basketball and some college basketball at Texas Lutheran College, said the pick-up game with the former "Cheers" star occurred after a chance meeting with the actor in the hotel health club.

The actor acknowledges that he is financing his father's defense team in efforts to win a new trial.

The judge told the San Antonio Express-News he did not believe the game raised any ethical concern.

"We were all at the same hotel, the FBI agents, the prosecutors, the defense attorneys and Woody Harrelson," Biery said Tuesday. "I would have had to lock myself up not to run into someone involved in the case every day at breakfast, dinner and in between."

Asked if he had heard about the game, Assistant U.S. Attorney Ray Jahn, one of the prosecutors in the case, replied: "I did not see that."

Charles Harrelson's attorney David Michael, who also has represented Woody Harrelson in the past, said he had no comment about the issue.

The judge said he was getting ready to leave the hotel gym last Wednesday when the actor came in.

Biery, who works out several times a week by shooting baskets, said they began to talk and decided to play a game.

"He did say he felt kind of awkward, and I told him we could play as long as we did not discuss the case," Biery said. "I also had breakfast twice that week with FBI Special Agent Claude Martin, who was there to testify. We also did not discuss the case."

It may not have been improper, according to Joan Bohl, judicial ethics expert and instructor at Southwestern University School of Law in Los Angeles. But that may not have been enough.

"It is a clear appearance of impropriety and judges are held to the standard of avoiding the appearance," she said. "I was shocked by this. He wasn't trapped in an elevator. He could have said hello and cordially walked off, but he didn't."

If the judge is truthful about not discussing the case, then no harm was done, according to University of Texas School of Law Professor Charles Silver.

"There is an appearance of impropriety issue for judges, but I am always reluctant to assume there has been impropriety," Silver said. "Judge Biery has been around a long time, and he knows the rules. In principle, there is nothing wrong with him and Woody Harrelson being on opposite sides in a pick-up game — or on the same side, for that matter."

U.S. Circuit Judge Jerry Buchmeyer, who serves on the federal Committee on Codes of Conduct, said the restrictions require only that a judge and parties not discuss the case.

Release switches inside trunks sought

DETROIT (AP) — With the recent deaths of 11 young children who climbed into car trunks, locked themselves in and became victims of suffocating heat, automakers are hearing renewed demands for release switches inside trunks.

Advocates cite not only the children's deaths this summer but crimes such as kidnappings, a terror well known to trunk-latch crusader Janette Fennell of San Francisco. She and her husband, Greig, were abducted at gunpoint, robbed and stuffed into the trunk of their car in October 1995.

They dug amid the trunk's upholstery and she found a release cable, and then led her husband's hand to it, enabling him to pop the trunk lid for their escape.

"We never found out who did it. Later, the police said, 'You know, you are so lucky, because it never ends like this,'" Ms. Fennell said. "That stuck in my mind for months. If it doesn't end like this, how does it end?"

Automakers and federal regulators, however, say they are still not convinced that trunk releases are the answer. They could even worsen the problem by signaling to youngsters that it's OK for children to play in trunks, said Kyle Johnson, a spokesman for General Motors Corp.

"It's not really an engineering or cost issue. It truly comes down to being a highway safety issue," said Johnson, who cited studies suggesting that criminals would act more violently if they knew that victims could escape from the trunk.

The Fennells' ordeal inspired them to form the Trunk Releases Urgently Needed Coalition, or TRUNC, in 1996. Ms. Fennell has collected information on more than 625 cases in which people were locked in trunks.

Ms. Fennell advocates an illuminated or glow-in-the-dark switch. Cars that have a trunk release lever already have a cable running to the trunk, she said. "All we're asking them to do is tap into the same cable that's already there," she said.

People can install switches themselves for about $4, she advises on TRUNC's Web site.

Critics counter it would be impractical for automakers to routinely install trunk release switches.

The American Automobile Manufacturers Association cites a 1984 study by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration that concluded "the likelihood of an internal hood latch lever being utilized is remote."

Barry Felrice, AAMA director of regulatory affairs, questioned whether children could even operate a trunk release. Like GM's Johnson, he saw danger in telling children about the releases because they might conclude it was OK to play in the trunk.

The 11 children who died all were 6 or younger, and all suffocated or died of excessive heat.

Investigators haven't determined how the latest casualties, five girls from West Valley City, Utah, got into the trunk. Two boys in Greensboro, Pa., died Aug. 2 after using their parents' car keys to get the trunk. In Gallup, N.M., four young cousins died after climbing into an open trunk July 13.

Wheat, stocker cattle workshop set in Fluvanna

A wheat and stocker cattle workshop will be offered next Wednesday at 9 a.m. at the Fluvanna Community Center.

Speakers will address the topics of wheat fertility and wheat variety for forage or seed, and planting dates and their consequences. Also receiving and processing stocker cattle will be discussed, along with a new products update.

Lunch will be provided and the meeting should conclude around noon.

When George Washington was president, life expectancy from birth was 34.5 years for American men, and 36.5 years for American women.

Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY

Just for Today NA; open meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-0949, 573-4238, 573-8018; 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

LLL Club; fellowship hall of First Baptist Church; 9:30 a.m.

Noah Project Advisory Committee; MAWC; noon.

Al-Anon brown bag, open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-4203, 573-8626, 573-2101 or 573-0695; noon to 1 p.m.;.

Three support groups — Divorce Recovery, Cancer/Grief and Caring for Aging Parents; First Baptist Church, east door; 6:30 p.m. For information, call 573-2631. Anyone is welcome to attend and child care will be provided.

Horseshoe Pitching For Fun; Horseshoe Courts located at the coliseum; everybody welcome, for further information call 573-9762; 7 p.m.

Just for Today NA; Park Club; for information call 573-0949, 573-4238 or 573-8018; 6 p.m.

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

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

FRIDAY

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

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	North 08-12-98 ♠ A 6 3 ♥ 2 ♦ A Q J 5 ♣ A K J 9 5	
West ♠ Q 8 ♥ K J 10 7 3 ♦ 8 7 6 4 ♣ Q 6		East ♠ 9 5 2 ♥ 8 5 4 ♦ 10 ♣ 10 8 7 4 3 2
	South ♠ K J 10 7 4 ♥ A Q 9 6 ♦ K 9 3 2 ♣ ---	

Vulnerable: North-South
Dealer: East

South	West	North	East
			Pass
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
2 ♥	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
4 ♦	Pass	4 NT	Pass
5 ♥	Pass	6 ♠	All pass

Opening lead: ♦ 8

The strangeness of cards

By Phillip Alder

Those of you who know something about atomic physics will have heard of quarks. They are supposedly the basic building blocks of all matter and have quirky names like strangeness and charm.

Those two words sum up some bridge deals. To exhibit, how would you play in either six or seven spades after West has led the diamond eight?

This deal exhibits the advantage of Roman Key Card Blackwood. When South replies five hearts, North knows his partner has the heart ace and spade king but no spade queen. With that critical queen, which would make being in seven desirable, South would have bid five spades, not five hearts.

In the 1962 Bermuda Bowl, played in New York City, North America bid accurately to six spades, whereas Great Britain overreached to seven. And here is the strangeness: The American declarer won all 13 tricks, but the Brit went two down. Why?

Well, in seven it was normal to take the percentage play in the trump suit. The declarer, Kenneth Konstam, cashed dummy's ace, then finessed his spade jack. However, West scooped up the trick with his queen and led another diamond, which East ruffed.

In six spades, Eric Murray was worried about a diamond ruff, so he started with the spade ace and king. When the queen dropped, he drew the last trump, took two diamond tricks, then cashed dummy's top clubs. When the queen appeared, he claimed all 13 tricks: five spades, one heart, four diamonds and three clubs.

No doubt North America was charmed by this result.

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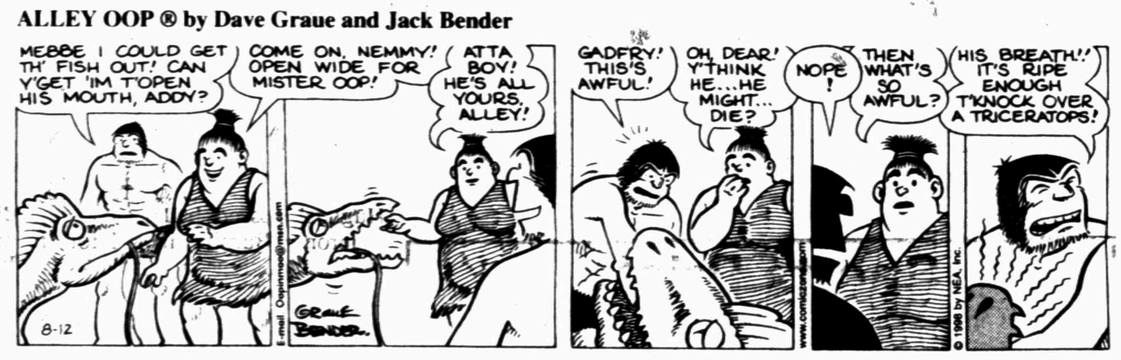
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ACROSS

1 Actress Anita —
7 Zebra or horse
13 Glossy paint
14 — death (extra play in a game)
15 Tenant
16 Drove (a car)
17 Regard
18 Lemony drink
20 Koch and Begley
21 Insides (sl.)
25 Sandra Bullock, e.g.
28 Scarlett's surname
32 Entrances
33 More loyal
34 It's often dunked!
35 Broadcast
36 Ski area
37 Indicators
39 Member of a board
41 Doctrine
44 It's in the bag!
45 — de France
48 Breakfast food
51 Horizontal beam on a window
54 Make void
55 Dopes
56 Two- — (small car)
57 Not refined

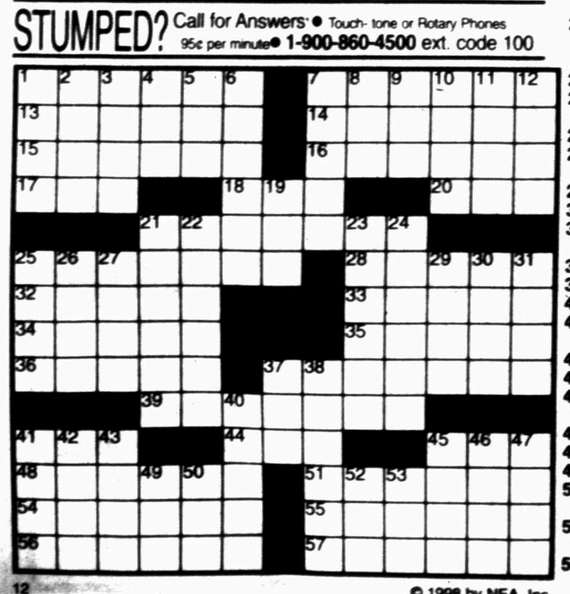
DOWN

1 Skinny fishes
2 Type of jerk
3 Type of hit or line
4 Print measures
5 Female sandpiper
6 Gathers bit by bit
7 Chemical compound
8 Status —
9 Ginseng plant
10 Unemployed
11 Have to have
12 Terminates
19 — Kapital
21 Burst suddenly
22 Empty- — (parent whose children have left)
23 State of mental decline
24 Holy place
25 Puts 2 and 2 together
26 Excellent!
27 — — avail (useless)
29 Distinctive air
30 Film holder
31 Endings for drunk and wiz
37 Opp. of NNW
38 Style of type
40 Declare
41 Electrified particles
42 Diving duck
43 Million (pref.)
45 Believe — — not
46 Permits
47 Or — (threat)
49 Map abbr.
50 French season
52 Marriage words
53 TV's Peeples

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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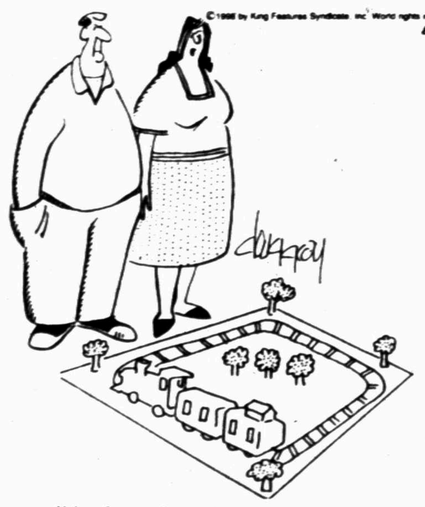
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SPORTS

In scrimmage with Saints...

Smith shines; Lett injures knee

SHREVEPORT, La. (AP) — Dallas Cowboys team doctors were to examine Leon Lett's left knee today after the star defensive tackle suffered a sprain during a scrimmage against the New Orleans Saints.

Lett was helped off the field during the Saints' first possession. Team officials called it a sprain but said further tests today back in Wichita Falls should reveal the severity of the injury.

Losing Lett would further cripple a defensive line that already is struggling to put pressure on opposing quarterbacks.

There was some good news during Tuesday night's scrimmage before 28,317 fans at Independence Stadium — Emmitt Smith looked something like his former formidable self.

Smith carried six times for 83 yards, including a 54-yard burst, as the Cowboys' first-team offense showed improvement.

Smith's big run came on the Cowboys' first sequence, giving Dallas a first down at the Saints' 15. He broke free through the middle and appeared on his way to a touchdown until he was caught from behind by cornerback Tyronne Drakeford.

Despite the run, the Cowboys didn't get into the end zone after Aikman failed to connect with Billy Davis on third down. Davis appeared to cut the wrong way on his route. Cunningham ended up hitting a 29-yard field goal.

Smith continued to shine on the Cowboys' next possession with consecutive runs of 6, 10 and 11 yards. An Aikman 13-yard screen pass to Irvin set Dallas up for a 1-yard touchdown dive by rookie Tarik Smith.

The performance by Smith follows a dismal exhibition against Oakland on Saturday. He rushed for 3 yards on four carries against a defense that was the NFL's worst in rushing and total defense last year.

Coach Chan Gailey said Smith's performance should dispel what everybody had been thinking about him.

"For his sake, I'm glad it happened," Gailey said. "But I knew it was going to happen. I didn't know when, but I knew it was going to happen. For his sake, I'm glad it happened now."

The Saints, whose offense was the NFL's worst last year, also moved the ball well on their first drive with a big assist from Dallas cornerback Kevin Smith, whose pass interference on the first play set New Orleans up at the Cowboys' 24.

Hobert hit tight end Josh Wilcox with a 12-yard touchdown pass three plays later.

Troy Davis added a 5-yard touchdown late in the scrimmage for New Orleans.

Saints coach Mike Ditka said he was happy with the scrimmage.

"It was ragged in a lot of areas, but there were some good things on both sides," Ditka said. "I think that's all that Chan and I were trying to see. ... To me, nobody won the thing. It was about an even game, and I think for right now that's good for us if we can play with the Cowboys."

For Dallas, the scrimmage also marked a return to action for Everett McIver, the Cowboys' starting right guard who missed two weeks of work after suffering a deep neck cut in a mysterious July 29 incident at a training camp dormitory.

McIver went through drills with the team and started with the first team in a pair of 10-play offensive sequences.

"I kept a big eye on our offensive line tonight," said owner Jerry Jones. "I really liked what Everett McIver, Flozell Adams, Clay Shiver — I liked what they did. I know they'll have some concerns when they look at the film. But we moved the ball, like what Emmitt Smith did."

The team has termed the dorm incident only as "horseplay," but numerous reports have Michael Irvin was involved with McIver in a scuffle that started over a haircut. McIver missed 11 days of work, including two exhibitions, and returned to practice only Monday.

Both he and Irvin have refused to discuss the incident. Irvin and Cowboys owner Jerry Jones have denied Sunday's report in The Dallas Morning News that Jones brokered a deal in which Irvin paid McIver "in the high six figures" to keep McIver from pursuing criminal charges or publicly discussing details. Such public disclosure could be bad news for Irvin, who faces 20 years in prison if he violates the terms of his probation on drug charges.

The Saints were not without their own locker room controversy. Coach Mike Ditka and linebacker Andre Royal got into a shouting match while leaving the practice field Monday. But the two made up Monday night.

Late offensive surge gives Houston fifth straight win

HOUSTON (AP) — Bill Spiers tied the score with a ninth-inning single and pinch-hitter Tony Eusebio drove in the winning run in the 10th Tuesday night as the Houston Astros rallied past the Milwaukee Brewers 6-5.

Houston, which has won five straight, is 20-12 since the All-Star game and improved to 39-18 at home this season. It was the 20th time the Astros have won in their last at-bat and their 35th come-from-behind win. They have won seven of 45 games in which they trailed after eight innings.

Jeff Bagwell and Moises Alou had tied the score at 4 by homering on consecutive pitches by Bronswell Patrick in the sixth. Alou has 32 homers, including four in his last five games.

Marquis Grissom hit an RBI double off Jay Powell to put Milwaukee ahead 5-4 in the seventh. But Bob Wickman walked Sean Berry leading off the ninth, Tim Bogar sacrificed, Craig Biggio was hit by a pitch and Spiers singled. The Astros loaded the bases with one out, but Bagwell struck out and Alou lined out.

Then in the 10th, Richard Hidalgo singled off Eric Plunk (0-1), advanced on Mike Matheny's passed ball, took third on Ricky Gutierrez's flyout and scored on Eusebio's lined single to left.

Mike Magnante (4-5) pitched a scoreless 10th. Astros starter Sean Bergman gave up four runs and right hits in six innings.

Milwaukee starter Bronswell Patrick allowed four runs and eight hits in 5 2-3 innings.

Jeff Cirillo's RBI single put Milwaukee ahead in the first, but Bagwell tied it in the second when he tripled and scored on Bobby Hughes' passed ball.

Jeromy Burnitz, in a 1-for-16 slump, hit a three-run triple in the third to give the Brewers a 4-1 lead. Houston got a run back in the bottom half when Bagwell singled, Alou doubled and Hidalgo hit a sacrifice fly.

Bagwell, who got his 26th homer, and Alou hit back-to-back homers for the third time this season.

MLB ups ticket prices; Cheapest seat costs $40

NEW YORK (AP) — While fans' hearts will flutter if their team makes the World Series, their wallets may hurt.

Baseball is doubling the price of most tickets to its top event, charging $150 a game for its best box seats and $100 a night for its top reserved tickets.

The cheapest seat in the house — bleachers or general admission — will cost $40 and standing room tickets are $25 each.

"People felt very strongly that the World Series ticket prices had been undervalued and were not in line with the ticket prices for the other top sporting events," commissioner Bud Selig said Tuesday. "We had a very spirited discussion at the executive council meeting in June. Quite frankly, we're making up a little ground."

For teams that have different levels of box and reserved prices, less desirable box seats will sell for $120 and lesser reserves will go for $85.

Last year, most box seats cost $75, while reserves were $50 and general admission $30.

Rangers 2, Indians 1...

Loiza notches first win

CLEVELAND (AP) — Esteban Loaiza got his first victory for Texas as the Rangers, without slugger Juan Gonzalez, beat the struggling Cleveland Indians 2-1 Tuesday night.

Gonzalez, who leads the majors with 119 RBIs, missed his second straight game and eighth in 13 games with a stiff neck. Mike Simms, his replacement in the lineup, hit his 12th homer.

Loaiza (1-2), acquired from Pittsburgh on July 17 for Todd Van Poppel and Warren Morris, allowed one run and seven hits in 7 1-3 innings, walking one and striking out three.

Loaiza was working on his second career shutout when Jeff Manto hit a one-out, solo homer in the eighth to cut it to 2-1.

Pinch-hitter Mark Whiten followed with an infield single, and Xavier Hernandez relieved. Kenny Lofton, in a 2-for-15 slump, flied out to right, and Omar Vizquel fouled out to end the threat.

John Wetteland pitched the ninth for his 32nd save.

Cleveland's sleepwalk through the AL Central continued as the Indians dropped to 27-28 since June 9. Entering the game, they had picked up 2½ games during that span as every other team is below .500.

If an AL East team wins the wild-card spot, the Indians and Rangers will battle to see who plays the New York Yankees in the first round of the playoffs. Whichever team has the worst record gets to take a shot at the Yankees in the five-game division series instead of a best-of-7 ALCS.

The AL West-leading Rangers snapped a two-game losing streak.

The Indians' offense continued to struggle without All-Star first baseman Jim Thome, out with a broken hand. David Justice and Lofton, both in danger of dipping below .270, are still badly out of sync.

Justice stranded Vizquel at second in the first with a weak grounder to the mound and was 0-for-4. Lofton, 1-for-4 and batting .256 in the second half, grounded into an inning-ending double play in the third.

However, Lofton made perhaps his best defensive play since returning to the Indians after spending 1997 with the Atlanta Braves. With Simms on first in the sixth, Lofton sprinted to the right-center gap to catch Ivan Rodriguez's tailing liner, set himself on the run and doubled up Simms with a perfect throw on a line to Richie Sexson.

Simms hit a two-out solo homer off starter Steve Karsay in the fourth to give the Rangers a 1-0 lead.

Sports Briefs

Watermelon Bowl

The Watermelon Bowl, Snyder's annual intrasquad football scrimmage, will be held Friday at 7 p.m. at Travis Field.

Freshmen and junior varsity will be in action first, followed by the varsity squad.

Blowout Partnership

The 10th annual Blowout Partnership will be held Saturday and Sunday at Snyder Country Club. Format is a two-man lowball. Field is limited to the first 64 teams and entry fee is $300 per team.

Cash prizes in each flight will be $800 for first, $600 for second and $500 for third place. There will be shotgun starts at 8 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Hunting permits

Applications for hunting permits on the O.H. Ivie Reservoir WMA are being accepted through Saturday. For more information, contact the Colorado River Municipal Water District at (915) 267-6341.

Austin to get indoor grid team

AUSTIN (AP) — Indoor pro football may be headed to Austin.

Starting next spring, Jeffrey Parnell, who runs an Austin lumber yard, said he plans to bring a franchise in the Professional Indoor Football League to the state capital.

Named the Texas Terminators, the team would be the only one from Texas in the PIFL next year and would feature several former Texas Longhorns players, including quarterback James Brown, Parnell told the Austin American-Statesman.

Brown, former Texas running back Butch Hadnot, former Longhorns defensive standouts Stonie Clark, Quinton Wallace and Norman Watkins have signed to play for the team, Parnell said.

The fast-paced, eight-on-eight game — with a 20-second play clock — is played on a 50-yard field that looks like it's laid out inside a hockey rink.

New hoop league makes plans

NEW YORK (AP) — A new men's professional basketball league, with ambitions of going global, outlined plans to start play next year in eight U.S. cities.

The International Basketball League intends to begin in November 1999 with franchises in Albuquerque, N.M.; Baltimore; Cincinnati; Jacksonville, Fla.; Las Vegas; Richmond, Va.; San Diego; and Tampa, Fla.

The league will be open to any player over 18, with the presumption that those unable to meet NCAA standards or NBA-level talent would join. Officials expect some players to use the IBL as a springboard to the NBA.

NCAA reinstates BYU rule

CHICAGO (AP) — The NCAA's Board of Directors set aside its earlier decision to eliminate the so-called BYU Rule, which allowed it to adjust schedules to accommodate schools opposed to Sunday competitions.

The new rule gives governing sports committees the authority to change the schedule of a championship event after receiving an application for an exemption from schools that have religious objections to playing on certain days — not just Sunday.

Board to rule Friday on Tyson

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — New Jersey's state Athletic Control Board scheduled a public meeting for Friday morning, when it is expected to make a decision on whether to award a boxing license to Mike Tyson.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	79	40	.664	-
NewYork	64	53	.547	14
Philadelphia	57	61	.483	21½
Montreal	49	71	.408	30½
Florida	43	76	.361	36

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	73	46	.613	-
Chicago	65	55	.542	8½
Milwaukee	58	61	.487	15
St.Louis	56	62	.475	16½
Cincinnati	53	66	.445	20
Pittsburgh	53	66	.445	20

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
SanDiego	77	42	.647	-
SanFrancisco	63	57	.525	14½
LosAngeles	60	59	.504	17
Colorado	55	65	.458	22½
Arizona	45	74	.378	32

Tuesday's Games

San Francisco 8, Chicago Cubs 7
Florida 8, Los Angeles 6
Pittsburgh 7, Cincinnati 0
N.Y. Mets 8, St. Louis 3
Houston 6, Milwaukee 5, 10 innings
Colorado 15, Montreal 6
San Diego 3, Atlanta 1
Arizona 7, Philadelphia 3

Wednesday's Games

Chicago Cubs (Trachsel 11-6) at San Francisco (Rueter 12-7), 3:35 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Schmidt 8-9) at Cincinnati (Remlinger 6-12), 7:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Woodall 5-6) at Houston (R.Johnson 2-0), 8:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Yoshii 4-6) at St. Louis (Bottenfield 4-5), 8:10 p.m.
Montreal (Vazquez 3-11) at Colorado (Astacio 10-11), 9:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Grace 3-5) at Arizona (B.Anderson 8-10), 10:05 p.m.
Florida (Ojala 1-2) at Los Angeles (C.Perez 7-11), 10:35 p.m.
Atlanta (Maddux 15-5) at San Diego (Ashby 15-6), 10:35 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Atlanta (Glavine 15-4) at San Diego (Langston 4-4), 5:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Van Poppel 1-1) at Cincinnati (Harnisch 8-5), 7:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Woodard 9-5) at Houston (Lima 10-6), 8:05 p.m.
Florida (Meadows 9-8) at Los Angeles (Bohanon 5-7), 10:05 p.m.

American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
NewYork	86	29	.748	-
Boston	69	47	.595	17½
Baltimore	61	57	.517	26½
Toronto	59	59	.500	28½
TampaBay	46	70	.397	40½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	65	52	.556	-
Chicago	52	65	.444	13
Minnesota	52	65	.444	13
KansasCity	52	66	.441	13½
Detroit	46	71	.393	19

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Texas	64	53	.547	-
Anaheim	63	55	.534	1½
Seattle	54	63	.462	10
Oakland	53	66	.445	12

Tuesday's Games

Anaheim 5, Detroit 4, 11 innings
Texas 2, Cleveland 1
Toronto 7, Seattle 4
Tampa Bay 2, Baltimore 1
N.Y. Yankees 7, Minnesota 0
Oakland 6, Chicago White Sox 4
Boston 7, Kansas City 4, 10 innings

Wednesday's Games

Baltimore (Erickson 11-9) at Tampa Bay (Alvarez 5-10), 12:35 p.m.
Seattle (Moyer 9-8) at Toronto (Escobar 1-1), 1:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Hawkins 7-10) at N.Y. Yankees (Cone 16-4), 1:05 p.m.
Oakland (Haynes 8-4) at Chicago White Sox (Eyre 1-7), 2:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Sparks 5-2) at Detroit (Greisinger 1-6), 7:05 p.m.
Texas (Burkett 7-11) at Cleveland (Colon 11-6), 7:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Rosado 6-8) at Boston (Saberhagen 11-6), 7:05 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Baltimore (Ponson 6-6) at Cleveland (Gooden 4-6), 7:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Finley 9-5) at Toronto (W.Williams 9-7), 7:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Radke 10-10) at Boston (Wakefield 14-5), 7:05 p.m.
Texas (Helling 15-6) at N.Y. Yankees (O.Hernandez 7-3), 7:35 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Rekar 1-4) at Kansas City (Rapp 9-11), 8:05 p.m.

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Preseason

Thursday, August 13

Tampa Bay at Miami, 8:20 p.m.

Friday, August 14

Atlanta at Detroit, 7 p.m.
Carolina at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.
New York Giants at Jacksonville, 8 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, 8 p.m.
New Orleans at Denver, 9 p.m.
Chicago at Arizona, 10 p.m.

Saturday, August 15

Washington at Tennessee, 1 p.m.
Baltimore at New York Jets, 5 p.m.
San Francisco vs. Seattle at Vancouver, B.C., 8 p.m.
Kansas City at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
St. Louis at San Diego, 11 p.m.

Sunday, August 16

Oakland at Green Bay, 3 p.m.

Monday, August 17

Indianapolis at Cincinnati, 7:30 p.m.
Dallas vs. New England at Mexico City, 8 p.m.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Charlotte	17	10	.630	-
Cleveland	16	10	.615	½
NewYork	16	10	.615	½
Detroit	15	12	.556	2
Washington	3	22	.120	13

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Houston	25	2	.926	-
Phoenix	15	11	.577	9¼
LosAngeles	10	16	.385	14¼
Sacramento	7	19	.269	17¼
Utah	7	19	.269	17¼

x-clinched playoff berth

Tuesday's Games

New York 79, Phoenix 78, OT
Detroit 50, Sacramento 41

Wednesday's Games

Cleveland at Washington, 7 p.m.
Los Angeles at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Utah, 9 p.m.

Thursday's Game

Washington at New York, 7:30 p.m.

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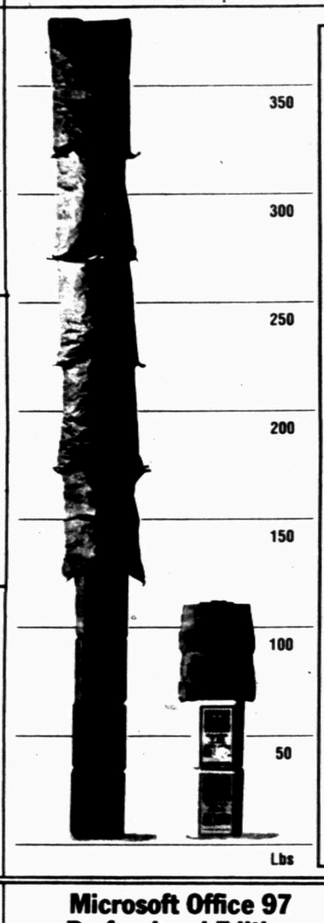
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U.S. stocks opening higher

NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks rebounded in the United States and Europe today after a mixed showing in Asia as edgy traders looked for bargains following a global selloff Tuesday.

The Dow Jones industrial average, which began bouncing back from steep losses late Tuesday, kept regaining lost ground in the early going today. The Dow was up 45.83 at 8,508.68 in early trading this morning.

At one point Tuesday, the Dow was down 257.98 points, or 3 percent, bringing losses to more than 1,000 points from the July 17 record of 9,337.97. Late buying reduced Tuesday's loss to 112 points.

Broader indicators also were on the rise today.

The market has been shaken by Japan's deepening recession and fears it not only will set back a recovery in Asia's yearlong economic crisis but worsen the fallout elsewhere. But the tailspin in stocks paused today as lower prices attracted some bargain-hunting.

In Europe, Frankfurt's DAX index had climbed 2.9 percent, while London's Financial Times-Stock Exchange index was up 0.8 percent in afternoon trading.

In Russia, stocks rallied after a 9 percent drop on Tuesday in which trading was temporarily halted because of the sharp losses. The Russian Trading System was up 4.7 percent in early dealings.

At the Tokyo Stock Exchange, on its longest roll of losing days in two years, Tuesday's tailspin in New York was only the latest in a steady stream of dark market news. With prices already low and many dealers away for summer holidays, the reaction was muted.

The benchmark Nikkei Stock Average fell 28.02 points, or 0.18 percent, closing at 15,378.97 in its eighth straight day of losses.

"It doesn't seem panicky ... just this sort of ongoing depression," said Paul Migliorato, senior manager of institutional sales at Jardine Fleming Securities. "No one is near the window ledges."

Some were jittery after Tuesday's volatile performance in markets around the world.

At a large electronic billboard listing stock prices near Tokyo's main train station, a handful of concerned investors crowded around during lunch break to monitor the action.

"I am worried and the atmosphere is grim," said Seiji Kon, a 51-year-old office worker. "If the economy in the United States gets bad, Japan's economy will get even worse."

Though the New York drop was a jolt after years of a bull market on Wall Street, it was nothing compared to the daily mayhem that Asian markets have suffered since the region's economy nosedived last year.

In Hong Kong, the mood is dark. The market's benchmark Hang Seng Index is down a crushing 21 percent in the past three weeks, including a 3.6 percent decline Tuesday to a five-year low of 6779.95 points.

The reaction in Hong Kong to Wall Street's drop Tuesday was subdued, however. The Hang Seng gained 79.53 points, or 1.2 percent, closing at 6,859.48.

The quiet "doesn't necessarily mean that the worst is over, or that investors should be rushing back into the market," said James Osborn, sales director of ING Barings Securities.

Singapore reacted quickly to the turmoil. The Straits Times Industrials Index benchmark at one point today hit a 10-year low of 995.60 before closing at 995.77, down 12.16 points.

Sexual assault is reported to police

Snyder Police Department is investigating a sexual assault that was reported early this morning.

According to police, a 27-year-old female arrived at Cogdell Memorial Hospital at 5:26 a.m. and reported the attack.

No other information was available.

In activity Tuesday, officers took two subjects into custody at 9:08 a.m. in the 1800 block of 24th Street. Arrested were a 24-year-old male on two warrants for misdemeanor theft and four capias pro fines from Municipal Court and a 30-year-old male on a warrant for misdemeanor theft.

Officers arrested a 35-year-old male in the 2000 block of Avenue N at 9:58 p.m. for public intoxication.

A juvenile male was taken into custody at Wal-Mart at 10:18 a.m. for shoplifting. He was transported to the police department where he was later released to his father.

Rick Freeman requested to speak to an officer at 11:12 a.m. in reference to a theft. An offense report for Class A theft was filed.

Michael Elkins requested an officer at 12 p.m. at 219 36th Street in reference to a burglary. An offense report for burglary of a residence was submitted.

A deputy was requested at 2:10 p.m. by Sandra Burton in reference to someone breaking into her residence. An offense report for criminal mischief was filed.

An offense report for Class A assault was filed at 4:13 p.m. when a person came to the police department and reported another subject had assaulted him.

An offense report for Class C assault was filed at 11:41 p.m. at Cogdell ER in reference to a 13-year-old girl having been hit with a pipe earlier in the day.

According to sheriff's officials, a man had thrown a pipe at a dog the girl was holding, the pipe bounced of the ground and hit the girl in the ankle.

Markets — Midday Stocks

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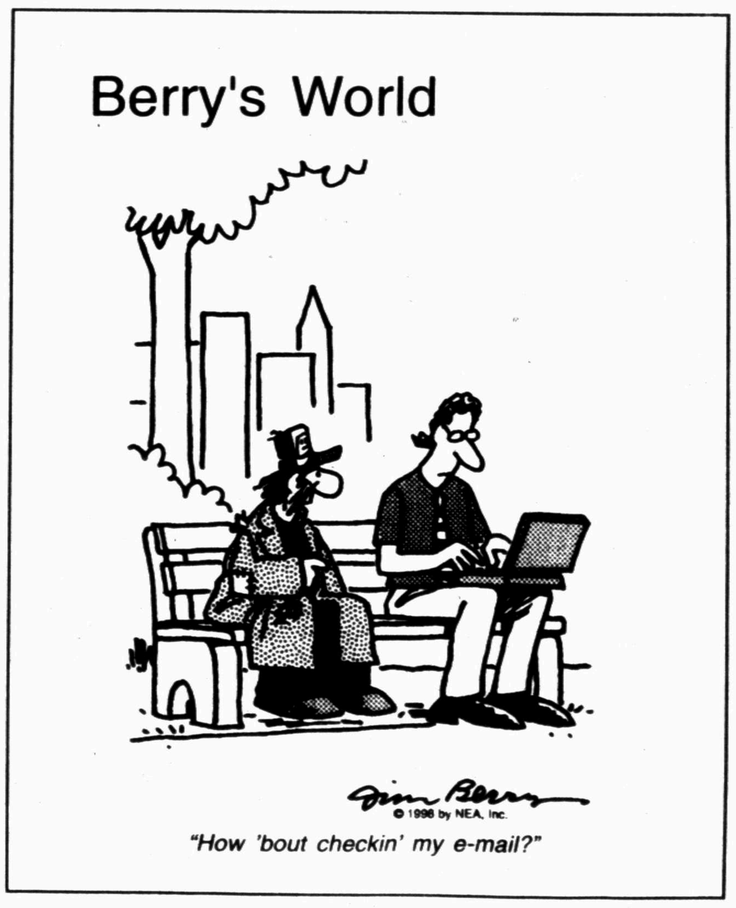
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AMR Corp s	63	11-16	61 5-16 61 15-16— ¾
AT&T Corp	57	56 9-16	56 11-16— ¼
AirTouch	58	15-16	58¾ 58¾+ 1¾
Albertsons	48¾	48	5-16 48¾— 1-16
AlldSignal s	36¾	35	13-16 36¾+11-16
Alltel	41¼	40	3-16 41⅜+ 1
AmOnline s	111¾	109	109¾+ 2⅛
AmStores	29	1-16	28¾ 29 + 1-16
Ameritech s	46	9-16	45 13-16 46 9-16
Amoco s	48¾	48	48 1-16+1 3-16
AndarkPtr s	32	31	9-16 31 15-16+ 5-16
ArmcoInc •	5	5-16	5 3-16 5¾— 1-16
AtlRichfld	66	1-16	64¾ 64 15-16+ 3-16
ATMOS Egy			29¾ 29¾ 29¾+ ¼
Aviall			13¾ 13¾ 13¾+ ¼
BakerHughes	21	11-16	21 21 7-16+13-16
BellAtl s			42 41¾ 41¾— ⅛
BellSouth			66⅛ 65 65¼— 1¼
BethSteel			9⅜ 9 7-16 9⅜+ ⅛
BritPet			79¼ 77¾ 77¾— ⅛
BurlNoSFe			97¾ 95 7-16 96¾+ 1⅛
CBS Corp	30	5-16	29 11-16 29 11-16+ ¼
Caterpillar			48¼ 47 47⅞— 3-16
CenSoWst	25	7-16	25 3-16 25⅜+ ⅛
Chevron	80¼	79	3-16 80 1-16+11-16
Chrysler			57⅛ 57¼ 57⅜+ 9-16
Coastal s			30 29¾ 30 + 7-16
CocaCola	79¼	78⅛	78 9-16—15-16
ColgatePalm			86⅛ 85⅛ 85⅝
ComclMetals			27⅞ 27 27⅛+ ⅛
CooperIn			50 48¼ 49¾+ 1⅛
CyprusAmax	11	15-16	11 7-16 11⅜— ⅛
DallSemicn			34 3-16 33⅜ 34 3-16+ ⅜
DeltaAirl	117	13-16	116¾ 116¾+ ⅛
Dillards Inc	35⅜	33	11-16 34 13-16+ ⅜
DowChem	91¼	90¾	90 11-16+11-16
DresserInd	30	7-16	29⅞ 29¾+ 7-16
DuPont			60⅞ 60 60⅛+15-16
EastmanChem	57	3-16	56 3-16 56 15-16+13-16
EstKodak	83⅛		1-16 82 5-16— 3-16
EDS Corp	40	15-16	40⅛ 40⅜+ ¼
Entergy			27 26 9-16 27 + 3-16
Exxon			68 5-16 67¾ 67⅞— ¼
FstBksAm			19¾ 19¾ 19⅞— ⅛
Flowers	18	13-16	18 5-16 18⅜+ 1-16
FordMotor s			51¾ 51 51¾+15-16
GTE Cp			50 49 1-16 49⅛
GenDynam s	48	15-16	47 13-16 48 15-16+ 1
GenElec			88⅜ 87 13-16 88 1-16+ ⅜
GenMills			60¾ 60¼ 60 9-16+ 7-16
GenMotors			69¾ 69¼ 69⅝+ ⅜
GaPacGP s	50	15-16	49¾ 50 7-16+ 5-16
GlobalMar	13	11-16	13 1-16 13 3-16+ 5-16
Goodrich			35¾ 35¼ 35¾+ ¼
Goodyear s			54¾ 54 7-16 54½+ ⅜
GtAtlPac	28⅛	27	15-16 28 3-16— 1-16
Halliburtn			30 15-16 30¼ 30½+ 9-16
Hanson ADS	28	15-16	28 11-16 28 11-16+ 3-16
HarteHanks s			24¼ 24 1-16 24 3-16+ 1-16
HomeDepot			42 15-16 42¼ 42⅝+15-16
HoustonInds			27 13-16 24 7-16 27⅛+ ⅛
IBM			129¼ 128 3-16 128⅜+ ¼
IntlPaper			43¼ 42 13-16 43 1-16+ 7-16
JohnsonJn			74⅞ 73 73¼— ⅜
K mart	18	13-16	18 7-16 18 11-16+ 9-16
Kroger Co			48 13-16 48¼ 48⅜— 1-16
Litton			50¼ 49 9-16 50¼+11-16
LockhdMart	97	11-16	95¾ 96 1-16+ 5-16
Lowes Cos s	37	5-16	36 13-16 37 3-16+ ⅜
Lubys			16¼ 15 11-16 16¼+ 7-16
LucentTech s			90⅞ 88⅛ 90 +1 9-16
MayDeptStrs			64 62¾ 62¾— 7-16
MediaOne	48	11-16	47¾ 47⅞+ 3-16
Medtronic s	56	3-16	55 55 5-16— ⅜
Mobil			66¼ 65¾ 65¾+ 7-16
Monsanto	56	54 9-16	55 3-16+ 1-16
MorganJP	117⅞		116¼ 116¾+ 1¼
Motorola	52	7-16	51⅞ 52 7-16+ 9-16
NCR Corp	30	13-16	30⅜ 30 11-16+ ⅜
NationsBk	73	3-16	72 5-16 72 7-16+ 1⅜
Navistar			26⅜ 26 5-16 26 9-16+ ⅛
Norwests	33	15-16	33 3-16 33 9-16+ 7-16
OryxEngy			16⅛ 16 5-16 16 7-16+ 1-16
Penney JC			57⅞ 56⅛ 56⅜— ⅜
Pennzoil	41	13-16	40⅞ 41⅛+13-16
PepBoys			17 9-16 17⅜ 17⅜
PepsiCo			34¼ 34 1-16 34⅛— ⅜
PhelpDodge			54¼ 53¾ 54 1-16+15-16
PhilipPet			43¾ 43 1-16 43¾+ 5-16
PilgrmPrd B			22 1-16 22 22 — 1-16
Polaroid			35¼ 34½ 35¼+ 1
Praxair			44¾ 44 44½+ 3-16
ProctGamb s	79	15-16	79 79 9-16+ 7-16
PubSNwMx			20½ 20⅜ 20½+ ⅛
RoyalDut	45	15-16	45 7-16 45 13-16— 1
SBC Comm s			38½ 38¼ 38 7-16— ⅜
SaraLee			50¾ 49 9-16 50¾
Scripps EW			52¼ 50¾ 52 1-16+ 1¾
SearsRoeb	47⅞	46	15-16 47 3-16+ 9-16
SherwinW			31 30⅝ 30 7-16+ ¼
SmthBc ADS s			54 7-16 53¾ 53⅝— ⅛
SouthernCo			26 7-16 26 26⅛+ ⅜
SwstAirl s			31¼ 30 15-16 31 + ⅜
SwstAirl wi			21 21 21 + ⅛
Sprint	69	5-16	68 11-16 68 15-16— 5-16
SunCo			37 15-16 37¾ 37 15-16+11-16
TNP Ent			31¾ 31 11-16 31¾+ 1-16
Tandy s			56 9-16 55¾ 56 7-16+ 7-16
TempleInland			51¼ 50¾ 51 1-16+ 5-16
Tenneco			34¾ 34 7-16 34 7-16— ⅛
Texaco s			59¾ 58¾ 58¾— ⅛
TexInd			33¾ 33½ 33¾+ ⅜
TexasInst s.			61 59 60 13-16+ 2¼
TexUtil			40⅜ 39 13-16 40⅜+ ⅜
Textron			70 68¼ 69¾+ 2¾
Travelers s			60¾ 58¾ 59 + ⅛
TriconGlbR n			34½ 33¾ 34¼+ 3-16
TrinityInds	38	15-16	38¼ 38 13-16+ 9-16
TritonEngy			16 15-16 16 9-16 16⅝— ⅛
Tyler			9 8¾ 8 15-16+ 5-16
US West Inc	50	13-16	49 15-16 50 13-16+ ⅜
USX-Marathn			31½ 31 31¼+ ⅜
USX-USS			26¼ 25¾ 25 15-16+ ⅜
UnCarbde			47 46¼ 46 9-16— ⅜
UnionPacif			40⅝ 40¼ 40 5-16+ 3-16
UnitedTech	88	15-16	87⅝ 88 3-16+ ⅛
Unocal			31½ 30 11-16 31¼+15-16
Venator Grp			13 9-16 13¼ 13 7-16
WalMart	65	15-16	64¾ 65 1-16+1 1-16
WstnGasRs	11		10 15-16 10 15-16+ 1-16
WinnDixie			39⅜ 38¼ 38 11-16+ ¼
Xerox Corp			102⅜ 101 5-16 101 5-16+ ¼

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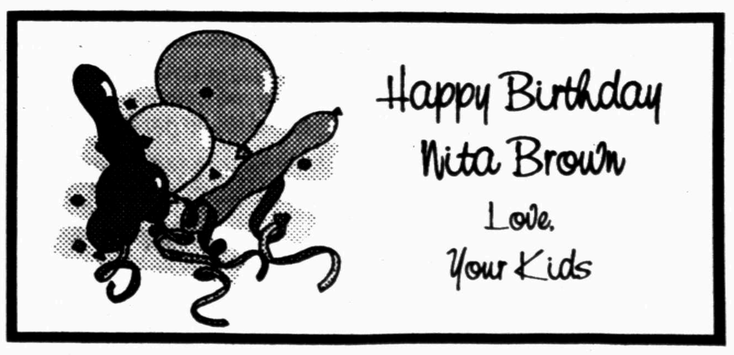
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"How 'bout checkin' my e-mail?"



Neighbors don't think young boys killed girl

CHICAGO (AP) — They are described as sweet and playful — certainly not the kind of little boys to strike an 11-year-old girl in the head, sexually molest her and suffocate her, all for her shiny blue bike.

The accusation against two boys, ages 7 and 8, stunned a city that has agonized before over children who kill children, and left authorities with a terrible dilemma: How do you punish kids so young if they have committed crimes so vicious?

The boys, among the youngest murder suspects ever, were ordered Tuesday to undergo psychiatric evaluation. The results are to be submitted Thursday to Cook County Juvenile Court Judge Gerald Winiecki, who will decide whether the children should be sent home or held pending trial.

Both are charged with killing Ryan Harris, whose body was found July 28 with her panties stuck in her mouth and grass and leaves stuffed in her nostrils. Any youth convicted in juvenile court can only be held until age 21.

Police say the 7-year-old hit Ryan in the head with a rock, knocking her off her bike. The boys allegedly hid the bike in some weeded lots, but it was gone when they returned to look for it.

Neighbors in the South Side community of Englewood, where the boys lived across an alley from each other, couldn't believe the accusation.

"They're not monsters," said Kosi Waterhouse, 45, leader of a Jamaican band. "They're not evil children. I've never seen them in no altercations ... These children loved their parents, and their parents were good with them."

The 7-year-old was described as an aggressive child who loved candy and bikes, and earned spare change doing yard work or helping out in the local grocery.

"You know kids get into mischief, but he was a sweet little boy," said Shirley Blanton, an attendant at the Wash Factory, a launderette, whose grandchildren played with the boy. "Sometimes he gives me a hug and then goes back about his business."

She and others said the 7-year-old had a temper.

"He just like to act hard, that's all," said Cory Allen, 19. "I don't think he know how to kill somebody."

The 8-year-old, who recently received a bike as a birthday present, was described as an honor student. He was so shy that he rarely left his yard, neighbors said.

"After school all the kids would be in here and we'd have to roust them out because they'd be so noisy ... but not him," said Abdul Ismail, a clerk at the 50 Stars market. "That was the last person you'd expect this from."

Defense attorneys say the boys charged with killing Ryan are good kids from decent homes with no history of trouble. They claim the rock throwing was a prank that went awry.

"This is the most reckless and vicious prosecution that I have ever witnessed," Andre Grant, the 8-year-old's lawyer, said Tuesday. "There has been no confession whatsoever."

Police and prosecutors claim both boys did confess and say they have corroborating evidence.

Under state law, the boys are too young to be sent to a state youth prison but could, for example, be placed in foster care.

Four years ago, Robert "Yummy" Sandifer, 11, fatally shot a 14-year-old girl in a botched plan to shoot a rival gang member. He, in turn, was ordered shot to death by gang leaders to silence him.

That same year, two boys, 10 and 11, dangled, then dropped 5-year-old Eric Morse 14 floors to his death in a Chicago housing project after he refused to steal candy for them.

Researcher: Federal studies on Gulf War illness flawed

DALLAS (AP) — The Defense Department has ordered a review of the government's research on the existence of Gulf War syndrome, in response to an epidemiologist's report that said three studies on the subject were seriously flawed.

The three studies, published in 1996 and 1997, found that Gulf War veterans did not have higher rates of postwar death, hospitalization or birth defects among their children than did other veterans of the same period.

But Dr. Robert Haley reported Tuesday in the American Journal of Epidemiology that the researchers erred in their statistical analysis and allowed the studies to bias one another.

"The conclusions they reached are not supported by their data," said Haley, chief of epidemiology at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas.

Instead, he said he believes that Gulf War veterans have experienced substantial increases in deaths and hospitalizations and that the previous research has not ruled out an increase in birth defects as well.

Haley is part of a research team at UT Southwestern that previously concluded that some Gulf War veterans suffer from distinct symptom clusters caused by chemical poisoning, not posttraumatic stress disorder or other psychological problems. Last year, he published a study that suggested some veterans may suffer neurological damage from nerve gas or pesticides.

The authors of the original studies defended their work in articles Tuesday alongside Haley's.

"We believe Dr. Haley's assertions are unwarranted and unlikely explanations for our findings," wrote Han K. Kang and Tim Bullman, who researched deaths among Gulf War veterans.

In his critique, Haley said that in one instance, the researchers did not account for the fact that soldiers sent to war would be healthier than those who were not.

He also said government researchers overstated the role that chance played in the differences they found.

In addition, Haley said that during the government's research of birth defects, records from nonmilitary hospitals were not obtained, making the reported number unreliable.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Thursday, Aug. 13, 1998

Conditions look good in the year ahead, but be careful not to make changes for change's sake. If something isn't broken, don't fix it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Today you'll be susceptible to manipulation. Be very careful not to be maneuvered by someone who doesn't have your interest at heart. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You may have to contend with a development similar to one which recently caused you complications today. Profit from your experience by not repeating the same mistakes.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) A joint venture with a friend might not work out well today, especially if you are both inspired by self-serving motives. Teamwork is essential for success.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Companions or associates will be angry with you today if you behave in a dictatorial manner. Lead by example, not by aggression.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) A poor attitude will make a task you already dislike more difficult today. If you want your production line to operate without flaws, don't make unnecessary waves.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Guard against inclinations toward possessiveness in both material and social arenas today. Share with others, and don't demand too much of friends.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Your mate may be more difficult than usual to get along with today. Stay on the safe side and give him/her the kid glove treatment.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Be safety-conscious today if you're working with power tools. Read the instructions before pushing buttons or throwing switches.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Steer clear of interactions that are speculative or "iffy" today. You might be lucky initially, but your winning streak is extremely fragile.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) People in your charge might put your patience to the test today. If you permit their behavior to rattle you, there's a chance you may say or do something rash.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Normally, you're resourceful and a good innovator. However, today your thinking might not be up to par, and your ideas could create complications.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) In your search for a good deal today, you might end up outsmarting yourself. Keep this in mind if you have to bargain with a wheeler-dealer who has something you want.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Uncomfortable Traveler Thinks Hosts Should Visit Guest Room

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: Since travel season is upon us, I'd like to offer a suggestion as well as seek your advice. For the host and hostess who are having houseguests: Please spend a night in your guestroom to judge its comfort level.

We visit my in-laws in another state twice a year and stay in my husband's childhood room. The sheets are so thin you can read a newspaper through them and the pillows are so musty it is difficult to breathe. The only light in the room is a tiny decorative child's lamp, which does not cast enough light to tell what garments are in the closet, much less to read by. In addition, the closets are jammed with years of accumulation, making it difficult to find a place to put our clothes. It has been this way for years.

When my in-laws stay in our home, I go out of my way to make them feel welcome. I always include small "extras" — new magazines, an alarm clock, extra pillows, fresh soap, a couple of drinking glasses and even fresh flowers on the dresser.

Abby, I appreciate my in-laws' hospitality and do not want to appear ungrateful, but it has reached the point where I dread staying in their home. It is not a matter of money for them or for my husband and me. I would gladly pay to "freshen" the room, if it could be done diplomatically.

Any suggestions?

DREADING IT
IN THE CAROLINAS

DEAR DREADING IT: Your suggestion to check out the guestroom before guests arrive is a good one. Your mother-in-law may think that your husband will feel more at home because she has left his boyhood room intact. However, I see nothing wrong with your providing her with a "hostess gift" of new bedding, a folding luggage rack or a new table lamp specifically marked for the guestroom. She should welcome it.

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DEAR ABBY: My son died recently after a long illness, and many mourners stepped past my husband to offer me condolences. It hurt my husband deeply. He's the only father my children have known for the last 11 years, but even his family felt that was my loss, not *ours*.

Abby, my son and my husband were very close, especially near the end. I think my son felt he could confide his fears to his dad, but must be brave for Mom.

In a world where birth fathers are walking away from their responsibilities, stepdads, foster fathers and adoptive parents are stepping in to shoulder that responsibility. Even though their presence is often resented by the children, these dads continue to love and care for their new families.

Abby, please explain to your readers that even if they don't understand the dynamics of stepfamily relationships, the stepparent shares in the rearing of the child, including loving the child. Condolences or congratulations should be expressed to the stepparent as well as the birth parent.

Thank you for allowing me to share my feelings.

GRIEVING MOTHER
IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR GRIEVING MOTHER: Perhaps the mourners didn't mean to be insensitive. I hope your letter will cause them (and others) to reconsider their assumptions about stepparents who do, indeed, deserve more sympathy than your husband received in his time of sorrow.

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For Abby's favorite family recipes, send a long, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Cookbooklet No. 1, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Bombing victims...

Remains of Americans returning home

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of State Madeleine Albright left today on the sad mission of returning the remains of U.S. victims of terrorism, pledging to stand fast against new threats to American interests.

Albright departed from nearby Andrews Air Force Base before dawn for Germany, where she planned to visit 10 hospitalized Americans and Kenyans injured in the bombing of the U.S. Embassy in Nairobi. She was then to fly directly home Thursday with the remains of 10 of the 12 Americans who were killed. Three Americans injured in Tanzania were sent to South Africa and London for treatment.

"I go secure in the knowledge that America will never be intimidated or back down in the face of terrorists," she declared just before leaving.

She said those she will escort home Thursday represent "the very best of Americans. They were typical of the extraordinary people who protect our interests and promote our values in American diplomatic outposts around the word."

Albright said Tuesday she plans to go to Kenya and Tanzania as soon as her presence will not hamper ongoing rescue and recovery efforts.

President Clinton cut short a planned three-day cross-country trip to meet with his national security advisers today about the bombings. He and his wife, Hillary, will attend a ceremony at Andrews on Thursday honoring the American victims.

On the eve of Albright's departure, the State Department announced "there may be a threat to U.S. interests in Egypt, Malaysia and Yemen that could include attacks on buildings."

Americans in the three countries were advised to be careful. A senior U.S. official told The Associated Press the statement was based on "credible information," but declined to provide further details.

Diplomats working in outlying buildings were moved into the fortified embassy in Cairo, Egypt. In Kuwait, the U.S. Embassy closed for a day for a review of security. And there was evidence of heightened security at other posts around the globe.

Nearly simultaneous attacks Friday at the U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania claimed at least 250 lives and injured nearly 5,000. Investigators suspect the powerful explosive Semtex was used in the attacks, but no link has been found to any particular group, another senior U.S. official told The Associated Press.

Responding to increased threats, American ambassadors have temporarily suspended operations at about half a dozen embassies, and Undersecretary of State Thomas Pickering said Tuesday some embassies would have to be relocated to guard against terrorist attacks.

U.S. cotton crop to be cut by 24 percent

WASHINGTON (AP) — The prolonged Southern drought and other weather problems will cut the U.S. cotton crop by 24 percent this year compared with 1997, the Agriculture Department projected today.

Ideal weather elsewhere means the fall soybean harvest remains on track to set a record, the corn crop figures to be the second-largest ever and wheat yields are forecast to reach an all-time high.

Farmers had already planted less cotton because of a three-year decline in prices. Extreme heat and lack of rain in Texas — by far the top cotton-producing state — has slashed this year's expected harvest there by 40 percent, or more than 2 million 480-pound bales, compared with 1997.

About 1.9 million acres of cotton have been abandoned in Texas, or about 37 percent of the acres planted this year.

In the No. 2 cotton state, California, the problem has been prolonged wet weather that triggered soil fungus disease. That state's cotton crop is forecast at 1.8 million bales, down 32 percent from a year earlier, as planting and growth were well behind normal pace.

The cotton harvest is estimated at 14.3 million bales, compared to 18.8 million bales a year ago.

Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman said today's crop estimates would be used to determine the extent of drought losses and how much more emergency aid is needed above the $500 million included in a Senate spending bill.

During a visit Tuesday to Bastrop, Texas, Glickman said the aid will have to be "substantially higher" than the Senate figure. "People have come through with relief after hurricanes and earthquakes," Glickman said. "I think they will come through for a farming disaster."

Also today, USDA officials said President Clinton was planning to sign into law legislation permitting farmers to receive all or part of $5.5 billion in transition payments beginning Oct. 1, instead of waiting until later in the year. The payments are part of the 1996 "Freedom to Farm" law and are intended to wean farmers off traditional subsidies by 2002.

Things look much rosier for corn, soybeans and wheat, although bumper crops this year will likely keep prices in the doldrums for farmers. The crop report's projections are based on actual field and farmer surveys by USDA.

Corn production is forecast at 9.59 billion bushels, which would be 2 percent more than 1997 and second only to the 1994 harvest of more than 10 billion bushels.

Yields are estimated at 130 bushels per acre, up three bushels from last year, and prices are estimated to remain low at between $1.95 and $2.35 a bushel.

The soybean harvest is projected at 2.82 billion bushels, up 4 percent from 1997 and the third record in as many years. Yields are up slightly from last year at 39.5 bushels per acre and prices are forecast at between $4.85 and $5.85 a bushel.

Production for all types of wheat is estimated at 2.55 billion bushels, up 1 percent from last year largely because of record yields of 43 bushels per acre.

The harvest of durum wheat, used to make pasta, is estimated at 126 million bushels or 46 percent more than last year. Other kinds of spring-planted wheat will produce an estimated 508 million bushels, or 9 percent less than 1997.

Obituaries

Juanita Kizer

1917-1998

Juanita G. Kizer, 81, died at 5 a.m. today in Cogdell Memorial Hospital after a lengthy illness.

No services are planned at this time and the body will be donated to medical science. Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Born April 17, 1917 in Coleman County, she married Jim Vaughn Kizer on Feb. 14, 1942 in Fort Davis. He died in 1946.

Mrs. Kizer had been a resident of Snyder for the past 14 years, having moved from Big Spring where she had been employed by Cowper Hospital for 20 years. She was a Methodist.

Mrs. Kizer was also preceded in death by three sisters, Mary Pearl Glaser, Dutchie Nalls and Betty Dryer; and two brothers, Jimmy Grimes and Johnson Grimes.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Marie and Billy Kirkpatrick of Snyder; two sisters, Janie Bardine of Stockton, Calif., and Coy Fitzgerald of Big Spring; two grandchildren, Martha Pace of Plainview and Laura Taggertt of Abilene; three great-grandchildren, Johnathan Freeman of Plainview and Jason Clark and Melissa Clark, both of Abilene.

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Bell Atlantic set to settle second strike with union

BOSTON (AP) — A day after it ended a strike with its largest union, Bell Atlantic reached a tentative labor agreement early this morning with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

The settlement, confirmed by company spokesman Jack Hoey, follows an agreement Tuesday between Bell Atlantic and the Communications Workers of America, which represents 73,000 workers from Maine to Virginia.

The agreement covers about 13,000 Bell Atlantic workers, chiefly operators, repair technicians and installers, in New England. Some 1,800 IBEW workers in upstate New York reached their own agreement Tuesday. Other IBEW members work for Bell Atlantic in other states, but their contract was not up at this time.

IBEW members had agreed to work under their contract that expired Sunday, but said they wouldn't cross CWA picket lines during that union's strike, which began Sunday and ended Tuesday.

Bill McGowan, business manager of an IBEW local in Providence, R.I., said the agreement provides a 3.8 percent wage increase now, a 4 percent wage increase a year from now and a no-layoff guarantee.

British Co. buys Amoco

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"These are two great companies," said Wofford. "The merger has to be positive."

Wofford said he was in the Denver airport Tuesday when he saw the report of the merger on television.

"It was all news to me," Wofford said.

A district-wide meeting is being held in the Midland Amoco offices today and Wofford said more information should be available following the meeting.

Amoco Pipeline employs 20 people in the Snyder yard.

A news relase from Amoco says the combined company would be called BP Amoco PLC, but in the United States, BP gasoline stations would be renamed Amoco.

The deal, announced Tuesday, surpasses the $40.5 billion purchase of Chrysler Corp. by Germany's Daimler Benz announced in May as the biggest industrial marriage. It would be the largest acquisition of an American corporation by a foreign concern. Overall, the deal ranks fifth, behind some big transactions in banking and telecommunications.

BP chief executive Sir John Browne told a news conference in London that the combined company would slash 6,000 jobs, with most of the cuts coming from operations in Cleveland and Houston.

Later, the head of BP's North American operations announced it would shutter its Cleveland headquarters, eliminating 650 jobs there and 350 jobs elsewhere in the Cleveland area.

Steve Percy, chairman and chief executive of BP America, said the cuts would be made by the middle of next year. "It's something we really regret," he said.

Browne would head the new group. Its board would be co-chaired by BP chairman Peter Sutherland and Amoco chairman Larry Fuller.

Amoco is the biggest producer of natural gas in North America and combined with British Petroleum's production in Alaska the company would be the biggest producer of oil and gas in the United States.

BP would remain the world's third-largest oil company, but the deal would make it a bigger rival to No. 1 Royal Dutch/Shell and Exxon Corp.

"The potential for cost-cutting and improving operating efficiencies are enormous," said analyst Fadel Gheit at Fahnestock & Co. "There will be no weakness in the new company, which will have the top two international players looking over their shoulders."

Based on last year's numbers, the new BP Amoco would have annual revenues of $108 billion.

Amoco's office in Chicago would be headquarters for the group's North American refining, marketing and transportation business and its worldwide chemicals business.

The BP Amoco group would have combined oil and gas reserves equivalent to about 14.8 billion barrels, and daily production of some 3 million barrels.

The companies said cost savings from the deal would add $2 billion a year to profits by the end of 2000.

Investors pushed BP and Amoco shares sharply higher in response to the deal. BP's New York-listed shares were up $2.06¼ per share at $78.06¼ in afternoon trading on the New York Stock Exchange. They had traded as high as $86.62½ earlier in the session. Amoco's stock was up $6.18¾ to $47.18¾, off its session high of $52.12½.

Amoco has been struggling recently to refocus its growth overseas, a belated effort to catch up with other American oil companies that have moved away from the maturing U.S. marketplace.

The Chicago-based company last year sold about one-third of its domestic oil and natural gas properties. For the first six months of this year, Amoco's profits fell nearly by half to $673 million.

U.S. oil company stocks have been battered this year because of overproduction by world oil producers and falling demand from important Southeast Asian countries. Amoco's stock, which was split earlier this year, had been down 12 percent over a year ago before today's announcement.

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Avenue D Baptist Church revival

Ave. D. Baptist Church revival continues through Friday. Services are at 7 p.m. with evangelist Herman Cramer and music director Robert Haynie. A fellowship will follow. A Bible study and luncheon is held each day at noon.

Jimmy Hall concert

Jimmy Hall, a recent graduate of Houston Baptist University, will present a concert at 7 p.m. Thursday at the First Presbyterian Church. Hall will now attend the University of Maryland to work on his master's degree in music. He is the son of Jamie Hall and the late Rick Hall.

Central open house

Central Elementary will have an open house on Thursday. Kindergarten and first grade will have visitation from 2:45 until 3:45, and the third grade will have visitation from 3:45 until 5:30 p.m.

Support group ministry

Support groups for divorce recovery, cancer/grief and caring for aging parents are available to adults and meets at 6:30 Thursday at First Baptist Church. L.I.F.E. (learning to improve the family experience) is for teenagers and parents. Child care is provided.

Woman's club benefit supper

A chicken fried steak benefit supper will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the Martha Ann Woman's Club. Cost is $8 for adults and $4 for children under 10. Drink and dessert are included and no tip is required. Call 573-3427 for reservations.

Car wash

The Snyder High School Quarterback Club will host a car wash Saturday at Wal-Mart beginning at 9 a.m. Proceeds go to the football program.

No bingo

Due to the fire at the American Legion, bingo games will be cancelled until further notice.

FACT meeting

There will be an organizational meeting at 3 p.m. Sunday for FACT (Fast Action for Children of Texas) at Snyder Savings and Loan. The group is open to anyone who may feel they have had problems with the Texas Attorney General's child support division.

Faith Baptist revival

Revival services at Faith Baptist Church will be held Sunday through Wednesday with Monty Martin as evangelist. Sunday services are 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Weekday services are at 7:30 p.m.

Joy School registration

Registration for Joy School at East Side Church of Christ will be held from 10 a.m. until noon Tuesday. For more information call 573-5927 or 573-3554.

FBC kids programs

First Baptist Church has two programs: King's Kids Preschool on Mondays and Wednesdays and Mother's Day Out on Fridays. Extended care is available. Register now for the 1998-99 school year. For more information, call 573-7401.

Girl Scouts registration

Registration for Girl Scouts will be held Saturday, Aug. 22, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Girl Scout Hut, 2501 35th St.

Pancake supper

The SHS Quarterback Club will sponsor a pancake supper on Monday, Aug. 31 at McDonald's with proceeds going to support the high school football program. Tickets are available at Bar-H-Bar, Lota'Burger, school administration building, Thornhill's and from all varsity football players.

Children's Day Out registration

The Children's Day Out program at First United Methodist Church will register pre-school children, ages 1-4, Tuesdays and Thursdays. To register call Melissa at 573-4770.
Road to Recovery program

Oil photographs needed

Old photographs of oil scenes or other events in Snyder or Scurry County are wanted by the Scurry County Museum in conjunction with an Oil Appreciation Day observance on Oct. 17. The photographs will be copied and returned.

Canyon Community reunion

The Canyon Community reunion will be held Sept. 26 at the Ira Community Center. Registrations starts at 8:30 a.m., followed by visitation. A business meeting will be held at 11 a.m. and lunch is on your own. To make a donation toward expenses, mail to Lawton Taylor at 2701 36th St.

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery:
18-14-2-33-16
(eighteen, fourteen, two, thirty-three, sixteen)

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
5-6-8
(five, six, eight)

Date Book

Aug. 12, 1998



Today is the 224th day of 1998 and the 53rd day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1827, Dr. Joseph Lister became the first surgeon to use disinfectant during an operation.

On this day in 1851, Isaac Singer patented his sewing machine.

On this day in 1993, President Clinton signed a relief package for the heavily flooded Midwest.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Christy Mathewson (1880-1925), baseball great; Cecil B. DeMille (1881-1959), director-producer; John Derek (1926-), actor-producer-director, is 72; Porter Wagoner (1927-), singer, is 71; Buck Owens (1929-), singer, is 69; William Goldman (1931-), screenwriter, is 67; George Hamilton (1939-), actor, is 59; Pete Sampras, (1971-), tennis star, is 27.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1984, United States athletes garnered a record 83 gold medals at the 23rd Olympics, in Los Angeles.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "When a man laughs at his troubles he loses a great many friends. They never forgive the loss of their prerogative." — H.L. Mencken

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1992, a college professor, while walking on campus at the New Mexico Institute of Technology, was killed by a lightning bolt.

SOURCE: 1998 Weather Guide Calendar; Accord Publishing, Ltd.

TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (Aug. 7) and last quarter (Aug. 14).

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Conservatives won't let missile defense idea die

WASHINGTON (AP) — Fifteen years have passed since President Ronald Reagan proposed a space-based missile defense shield. His Strategic Defense Initiative to protect U.S. cities against incoming ballistic weapons — dubbed "Star Wars" by detractors — has never been built. But neither has it gone away.

Republicans now see it as a good issue for this fall's congressional elections.

Last week, in a late-night strike on the floor of the House, a band of conservatives managed to win 240-188 approval for an amendment that could reopen the way for such a system, although not necessarily a space-based one.

"It's time for us to announce to the world and to Russia and to China that we are not going to allow the American people to be vulnerable," said Rep. Curt Weldon, R-Pa., a prime sponsor.

Democratic critics said the provision, attached to a spending bill for the departments of State, Commerce and Justice, could abrogate arms-control agreements with Moscow — and reopen an arms race.

"This is fundamentally, profoundly nuts," said Rep. David Skaggs, D-Colo.

Few non-domestic issues generate as much heat or noise in Congress as the debate over a missile defense system.

Former Senate Republican leader Bob Dole tried to revive it, at least in part, in his 1996 presidential campaign.

The Pentagon last spring awarded Boeing Co. a $1.6 billion, three-year contract to coordinate development of a more modest ground-based national shield against ballistic missiles. In all, some $50 billion has been spent on the concept since Reagan's 1983 proposal.

Congressional conservatives keep trying to up the ante.

Weldon and a group of like-minded colleagues are also sponsoring bipartisan legislation that merely asserts: "It is the policy of the United States to deploy a national missile defense system."

While providing no funds and setting no terms or deadlines, the legislation at least would put the U.S. government on record for fulfilling Reagan's dream, Weldon suggested.

The recent nuclear tests by India and Pakistan, missile programs in North Korea and Iran, the controversy over missile technology exports to China and even last week's deadly terrorist attacks on two U.S. embassies in Africa have raised new sensitivity to security issues.

"We do not have the ability to intercept a single missile fired at us by an enemy or a madman," said Rep. David McIntosh, R-Ind.

The amendment attached in the House goes further than just announcing a U.S. policy.

It would block implementation of agreements flowing from last year's updated Anti-Ballistic Missile (ABM) Treaty with Russia, which has yet to be ratified by the Senate or Russia's Duma. That post-cold war revision of the 1972 ABM includes a ban on constructing a comprehensive national missile defense system, although it does permit more modest versions envisioned by the Pentagon.

Rep. David Obey, D-Wis., called the amendment "a blatant attempt to negate the United States' obligation to continue to adhere to the antiballistic missile treaty so that proponents of deployment of additional missile defense systems in the United States can justify their campaign to deploy just a system."

The result would be "setting back ongoing arms control negotiations with Russia and other former Soviet republics," Obey added.

FCC to take another look at '60 Minutes' Ukraine story

WASHINGTON (AP) — Responding to a federal appeals court decision, government TV regulators will take a new look at whether CBS' "60 Minutes" intentionally distorted the news in a 1994 segment on the Ukraine.

A Federal Communications Commission ruling against CBS on the matter could call into question the network's fitness to hold all or some of its broadcast licenses, said attorneys for the agency and for Alexander Serafyn, who led the court case against the "60 Minutes" report.

But CBS attorneys, speaking on condition of anonymity, disagreed. They said only WWJ-TV in Detroit — the station involved in the present challenge — could be affected.

On Tuesday the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia concluded that the FCC didn't sufficiently explain why it decided not to hold a hearing on the allegations involving the "60 Minutes" segment.

Given the court's ruling, the commission will re-examine the entire record, including Serafyn's allegations that the segment was intentionally distorted, an FCC attorney said.

Serafyn had asked the FCC to turn down CBS' license request for WGPR-TV in Detroit — now WWJ-TV — arguing that the network was not fit to receive the license because it had aired a distorted news program.

Serafyn, an American of Ukrainian ancestry who is retired and living in Detroit, had submitted evidence to the FCC involving his allegation about the broadcast, entitled, "The Ugly Face of Freedom." The FCC denied Serafyn's petition for a hearing, saying it would not investigate an allegation of news distortion without "substantial extrinsic evidence."

The court said the FCC misapplied its standard for holding a hearing because it required Serafyn to demonstrate that CBS intended to distort the news rather than merely requiring that he "raise a substantial and material question of fact" — a less demanding test.

CBS attorneys asserted there was no evidence the network intentionally distorted the segment. In addition, they said the FCC has never revoked a broadcast license on such grounds.

The broadcast angered some viewers who believed that parts had been designed to give the impression that all Ukrainians harbor a strongly negative attitude toward Jews, the court said.

After the FCC revisits the case, the commission has several options: It could issue a new order that basically upholds its 1995 order but provides more details on how the decision was reached; it could order a hearing on the matter; or it could ask interested parties to comment and then it could issue a new order, the FCC attorney said.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

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DEAR DR. GOTT: I was diagnosed as having polymyalgia rheumatica. I'm taking 12-1/2 milligrams of prednisone daily, but suffer from side effects. Is this disease curable? What can I expect?

DEAR READER: Polymyalgia rheumatica is a type of arterial and muscle inflammation. The problem usually will go away on its own; but you will need to take prednisone until it does, because the active disease is associated with serious complications such as stroke, blindness and heart attack. Taking the medicine on alternate days may reduce the incidence and severity of side effects. Ask your doctor about this.

DEAR DR. GOTT: What is a spastic colon, and does what I eat affect it?

DEAR READER: Spastic colon, or irritable bowel, is a common condition that produces various types of intestinal malfunction, particularly diarrhea, gas and the need for frequent evacuations. Some experts believe that nervous tension and stress stimulate the colonic nerves to overact.

A change in diet or the use of a bulking agent, such as Metamucil, might help control the spastic colon's intestinal overactivity. Doctors often recommend avoidance of stress to relieve symptoms, but in my experience this is seldom practical. Make sure that your physician has ruled out other causes of bowel malfunction; for example, hiatal hernia, colitis and other intestinal abnormalities can mimic spastic colon.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Irritable Bowel Syndrome." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Two of my friends have vertigo. What is this condition?

DEAR READER: Vertigo is a loss of balance or a sensation of whirling — a spinning unsteadiness. It is usually due to a malfunction of the vestibular (balance) mechanisms in the inner ears. Vertigo is often related to body position. Because its causes are varied, a thorough examination by an ear-nose-and-throat specialist is mandatory. Special X-rays and other tests may be necessary. The condition can usually be controlled with medication.

DEAR DR. GOTT: What can you tell me about spondylosis and spondylolisthesis?

DEAR READER: Spondylosis means stiffness of the spine. Spondylolisthesis refers to the dislocation of one vertebra over the vertebra below it. There are many causes of these conditions. I think you would be best served by consulting with a rheumatologist, a specialist in bone and joint disorders. Special exercises and physiotherapy can often relieve the pain that results from these back ailments.

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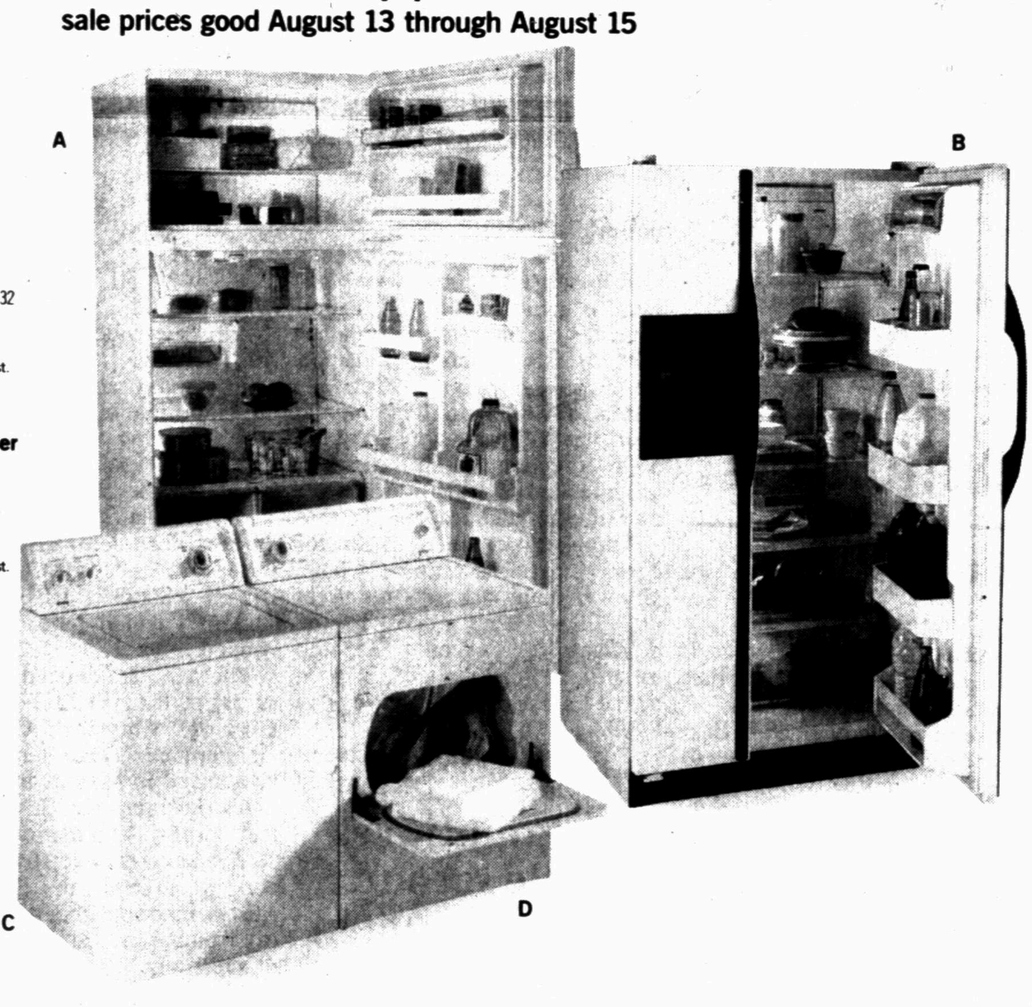
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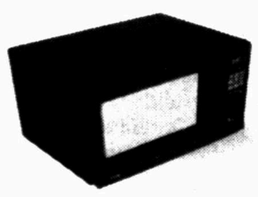
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