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PUTTING OUT FLAGS — Southwestern Bell assisted the Snyder Rotary Club in putting out flags on College Avenue early this morning. Rick Wood is in the bucket. On the ground are George Kiker, left, and Larry Crooks. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Storms rake area over the weekend

High winds and lightning Saturday night took down a pole near the Western Texas College driving range, knocking out power in the area — including Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

TXU Electric and Gas manager Daryl Thomas said that at around 8 p.m. Saturday, electrical outages were experienced in Snyder and the surrounding area.

"A broken pole out at WTC's driving range caused customers to be out in Hermleigh, WTC, the hospital and in the Cedar Creek area," Thomas said.

"Hermleigh, WTC and residences in Cedar Creek were out approximately an hour while the broken pole was repaired."

Cogdell was back online in about 15 minutes, said Thomas.

"That was our main priority," he added.

Not only did the main feeder to the hospital go out, but the backup feeder did also.

"At the same time, the backup feeder to the hospital went out due to blown fuses from lightning. This created a brief moment of concern for TXU," Thomas said. "However, quick thinking by TXU lineman Dwayne Murdock isolated the broken pole which was the main feeder to the hospital."

Thomas said the hospital's emergency generators automatically came on while the backup feeder was re-fused.

"We isolated that and fed the hospital with another feeder. No problems were experienced at the hospital," he said. "The broken pole was repaired in approximately an hour and the hospital once again had dual feeds available."

Some 300 customers were affected for about an hour when the backup feeder went out.

There were also various other outages around Snyder as a result of blown fuses. Approximately 100 customers were affected in the area of 40th Street.

That storm, and another one that blew in around 2 a.m. Sunday, dropped moisture across the area and caused the National Weather Service to issue a thunderstom warning for Scurry County.

Snyder water treatment plant reported .57 of an inch while residents north of the city recorded a quarter of an inch.

Residents east and west of Snyder reported four-tenths of an inch.

Colorado River Municipal Water District officials said no rainfall was recorded at the lake, but a resident on the west end of the lake recorded .15.

A half-inch was reported at Hermleigh while Fluvanna reported two-tenths and Polar three-tenths.

Loyd Mountain residents said a tenth of an inch fell while Camp Springs reported a trace of moisture.

Only one-tenth of an inch was reported for Dunn while Ira reported the greatest amount with eight-tenths of an inch.

Dermott residents recorded a quarter of an inch of rain.

Hail from pea size to marble size was also reported in town.

Summer registration starts Tuesday at WTC

Registration for the first summer session at Western Texas College gets underway at 7:30 a.m. Tuesday in the gymnasium. Classes also begin tomorrow.

Night class registration will be held from 6-7:30 p.m.

The college is piloting a one-stop registration process this summer. Instead of the building-to-building procedure, WTC will move all departments related to registration to the college gym floor.

The new method is designed to both physically and administratively guide students in a systematic process, said Jim Clifton, dean of student services.

In order to register for summer classes, students will enter the south door of the gym and follow the tables, including a section for advisers, to the north door. In doing so, they will have access to everyone involved in the registration process in the same building.

Clifton said the summer registration is a trial run for fall semester registration and will be used to identify problems and reduce time and confusion in the overall process.

Both academic and vocational courses are being offered, including a nine-week session for night classes and six-week sessions for day classes.

Classes for the nine-week session run through July 26. The first six-week session ends July 5 while a second six-week summer session will begin July 9 and continue through Aug. 16.

Students need to bring a driver's license, social security card, high school diploma or GED certificate as well as a TASP score and ACT/SAT scores, if available.

In addition, high school students wanting to take college courses this summer need to bring a completed early admissions form, and transfer students need to bring their college transcript.

VFW HONORING WAR DEAD — Howard Bruns, left, and James Bailey raise the American Flag and the POW Flag to half mast this morning to honor the memory of those giving their lives for our freedom. Flag ceremonies were also held at the American Legion, Snyder Cemetery, Hillside Memorial Gardens and at the memorial at the Scurry County Courthouse. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Tickets are on sale for *The Foreigner* at Ritz Theatre

The hit comedy, ***The Foreigner***, will be presented on the Ritz Theatre stage beginning Thursday.

The comedy is about two Englishmen who visit Georgia. After a series of unusual, unexpected and humorous events, the pair end up meeting the Ku Klux Klan.

The story unfolds at Betty Meek's Fishing Lodge in Tilghman County.

Froggy LeSueur, the British demolition expert, is played by Thomas Lowery. His pal, Charlie the foreigner, is played by Mike Harrison.

Elois Pruitt portrays Betty Meeks, owner of the rundown fishing lodge.

In addition to the two Englishmen at the lodge, other guests are Rev. David, played by Kent Wright; his fiancée, Catherine Simms, portrayed by Jana Neal; and Catherine's half-wit brother, Ellerd, who is played by Justin Guy.

Owen Musser, the red neck wanna-be head of the Klan, is played by Vernon Groce.

Ellie Dryden is director of the production that will run for four performances only – Thursday through Sunday.

The Thursday through Saturday performances will be at 8 p.m., and the Sunday matinee will be at 2:30.

The box office is open 2-5 p.m. today through Saturday. Tickets are $7 and discounts are available for groups of 10 or more for all performances.

Seniors and students can receive a discount for the Sunday matinee.

Patrons may call 573-8880 during box office hours to reserve seating.

Blood drive will begin on Tuesday

United Blood Services, the Scurry County Advisory Council and the Cogdell Memorial Hospital Auxiliary are asking all eligible blood donors to donate the gift of life this week.

The community drive will be held from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Family Life Center of the First Baptist Church.

The drive moves to Cogdell on Wednesday where donations will be taken from noon until 5 p.m.

Davidson's IGA will be the location of the drive on Thursday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

On Friday, donors may give blood at the Dairy Queen at 4301 College Avenue between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Lazy summer days do not exist in hospitals. Likewise, surgeries and accidents do not take a vacation, organizers said.

Patients continue to need blood everyday, especially during the Memorial Day holiday. More people are traveling during this time, therefore accidents increase.

The need for blood stays at a constant high level throughout the year, but fewer people donated blood during the summer months.

All blood donors will receive a KSNY radio All-American donor tee-shirt and will be entered into raffle drawings for various prizes.

Along with the tee-shirt and raffle entry, blood donors receive a mini-physical, including checks on temperature, blood pressure and iron levels.

Bush inks WWII memorial legislation

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush honored America's veterans today with the Memorial Day signing of legislation to construct a World War II monument at a controversial site on the National Mall.

Addressing an audience of veterans in the yellow-curtained East Room, the president also announced creation of a task force that will recommend major reforms in delivery of health care to veterans and military retirees.

Standing in front of an American flag and a portrait of George Washington, the president said the monument between the Washington Monument and Lincoln Memorial "will stand for the ages."

"I will make sure the monument gets built," the president told the applauding veterans.

Critics have said the design for the memorial is too grandiose and would clutter the Mall and obstruct the sweeping views.

Taking note of the controversy after the bill signing, Bush said, "Now that debate over the site and basic design is concluded, the time has come for all concerned ... to act with the same determination and sense of common purpose so wonderfully displayed by those we honor."

ASK US

Q—How many dollars worth of food stamps are given to people in Scurry County?

A—Last year, $1,157,240 in food stamps were distributed.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Saturday, 92; low, 62; high Sunday, 95; low, 66; 7 a.m. Monday, 74; .57 of an inch precipitation; total for 2001, 7.48 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy, 20% rain chance, low upper 60s. Tuesday, partly cloudy, 20% rain chance. High 90-95. Tuesday night: Partly cloudy.

Garrett Hale
Rain Chance

Sunset:
8:41 p.m.
Sunrise:
6:42 a.m.
Of 147 days in 2001, the sun has shone 135 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Most of us aren't that interested in getting rich — we just don't want to get poor.

—Andy Rooney

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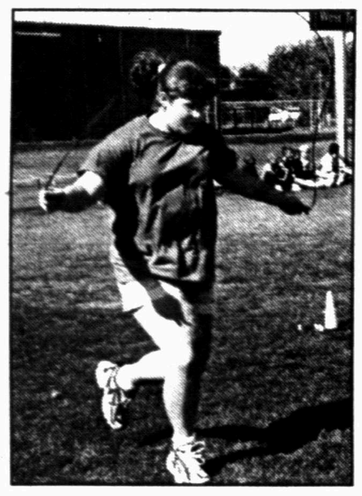
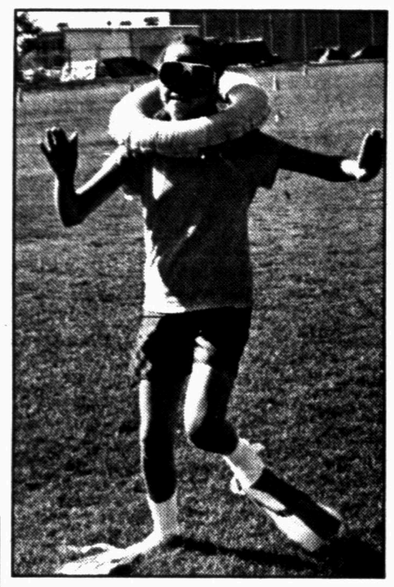
Derrick Clayton, Stanfield's Frisebee throw.

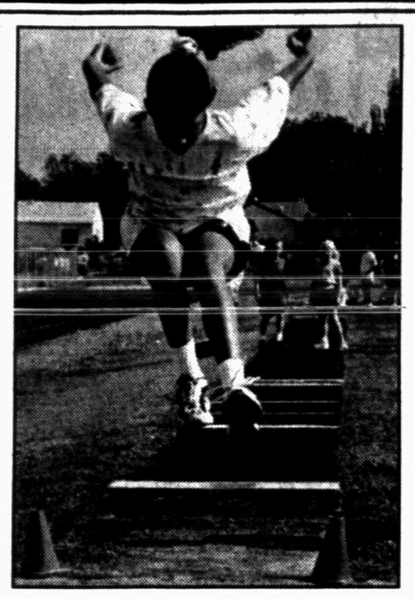


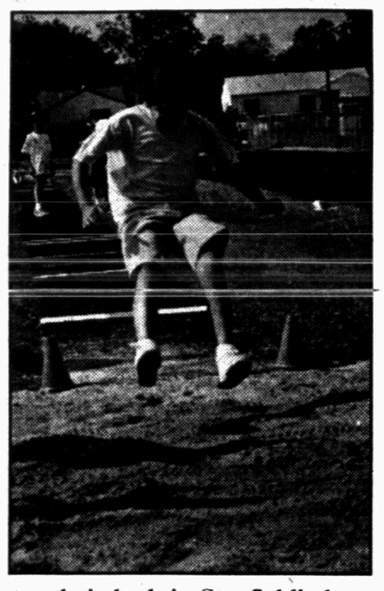
Staci Lee in West's jump rope relay.

Running in the 50-yard dash at Northeast are from left Sarah Pyburn, Priscilla Casarez, Taryn Kubena, Glorianna Medrano and Megan Smith.



Linda DeLaCruz in West's crazy swimmers race.





Deidre Foree, left, and Antonia Medina try their luck in Stanfield's long jump.

Chase Burleson, left, hands off his gear in West's crazy swimmers race to Josh Keller.

Delia Guynes helps Joe Fitzgerald in West's crazy swimmers race.

Jaime Martinez, Sebastian Jaquez and Robert Albarez, from left, are first in line to run East's 50-yard dash.

Esperanza Benitez leads East's sack race with Heather Steelman close behind.

Donald Wright, Fidel Solis and April Belman (from left) in West's tug of war.

Derek Anderson, Wes Richardson, Anthony Martinez, Michael Turner, from left, in Northeast's 50-yard-dash.

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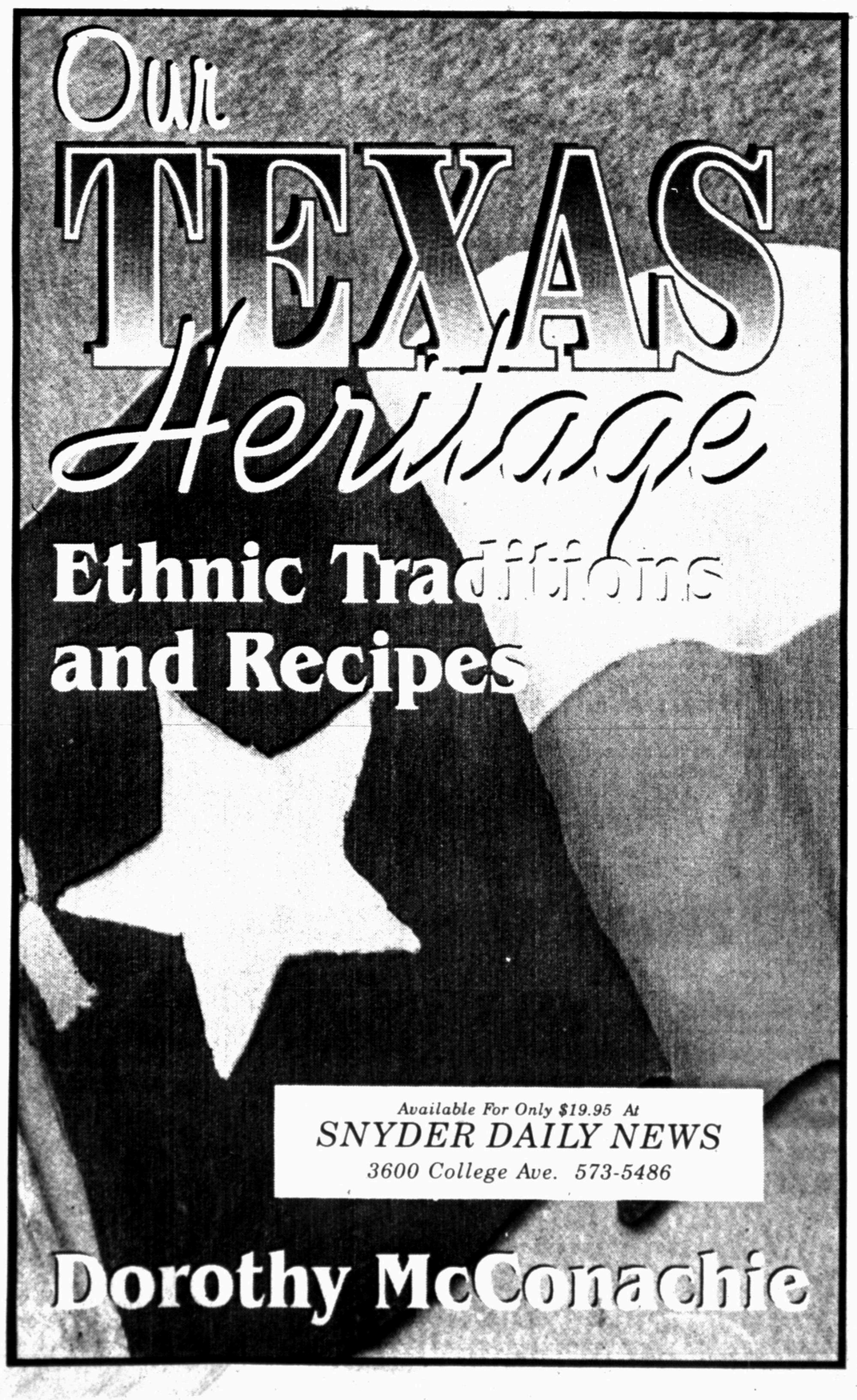

Treasury to send out rebates

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Treasury Department is gearing up to send out tax-cut rebate checks of up to $600, readying a customized computer program that will sort through Internal Revenue Service records.

The $1.35 trillion, 10-year tax cut that Congress approved Saturday and Bush intends to sign during the first week of June is retroactive to the beginning of the year, and the rebates are to adjust for overpayment.

They reflect the first year of a new 10 percent income tax rate on the initial $6,000 of an individual's income, $12,000 for married couples.

Married couples will get checks of up to $600, single parents will receive as much as $500 and single taxpayers will get a maximum of $300, depending on tax liability.

The Treasury Department quietly began preparing for a burst of check-writing activity as soon as the White House and lawmakers began discussing a quick rebate as a way to stimulate the economy. Still, officials said it will take up to four months to complete the process.

"It will be a quick process, but it won't be immediate," Mike Siegel, spokesman for Sen. Max Baucus of Montana, ranking Democrat on the Senate Finance Committee, said Sunday.

That will require the government to swiftly identify about 95 million eligible taxpayers, determine the size of their rebates, print the checks and send them.

New software will help Treasury perform the calculations, and the printing machines that write government and military paychecks and Social Security checks will be employed in their "off time" to write the rebates, said department spokeswoman Michele Davis.

Taxpayers will receive checks that look like standard tax-refund checks, Davis said.

Tom Brokaw is commencement speaker

BIG TIMBER, Mont. (AP) — NBC Nightly News anchor Tom Brokaw, who has a ranch in south-central Montana, was the commencement speaker at Sweet Grass County High School on Sunday.

"I've been living in the Boulder Valley for 12 years, and this is the first time I've worn a tie in Big Timber," Brokaw told the 48 graduates.

The Class of 2001 invited Brokaw to speak at their graduation three years ago.

He told the audience he had a "small confession to make" — that after 40 years in the television business he still doesn't understand how his picture travels to television sets across the country.

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Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 24-28-30-38-41-54

Estimated jackpot: $6 (M) million.

Number matching six of six: Zero

Matching five of six: 27 Prize: $4,558

Matching four of six: 2,316 Prize: $131

Matching three of six: 50,260 Prize: $5

Next Lotto Texas game: Wednesday night

Estimated jackpot: $10 (M) million

Pick 3

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

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By Abigail V

Child of soldiers

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Naval hospital left lasting impression on vets

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Staff Sgt. John A. Mullan's body was shattered in Vietnam, then put back together by the doctors and nurses of the Philadelphia Naval Hospital.

Mullan never forgot the generosity and caring of the hospital staff and volunteers who helped him recover. So when the Marine veteran heard that the 66-year-old hospital had a date with the wrecking ball, he returned to Philadelphia for the first time since 1969, to take one last look at the place where he had spent a year of his life.

"The memories it brought back, they were good memories," said Mullan, 60, of Mesa, Ariz. "It's a shame it's being torn down, because it saved so many lives."

The hospital, revered by thousands of veterans who spent time there, including former Sen. Bob Kerrey, is scheduled to come down Saturday. In its place will be a 1,500-car parking lot used by Phillies and Eagles fans.

"There were a lot of veterans who were very upset that a beautiful old building with such a great history will be imploded," said Naval historian Jan Herman, who visited the decaying complex five years ago in a search for artifacts and documents. "I think they're more upset that it will be used as a parking lot."

At 13 stories, the art deco landmark was the first high-rise Naval hospital — a novel concept in medicine, where the prevailing wisdom had been to keep the sick isolated in separate buildings.

It opened with 650 beds, but often exceeded 3,000 patients during World War II. It became a leader in prosthetics during the Vietnam War, and research conducted there led to heartburn drugs such as Tagamet.

By the 1980s, however, patient population had fallen to below 200 and the hospital was targeted for budget cuts. It was decommissioned in 1991 and became vacant in 1993 when a clinic was moved out.

Kerrey, who spent nine months recovering at the Naval Hospital after losing part of his right leg to a grenade, called his time there a "remarkably positive experience for me, all in all."

"It became a very special community. There was a lot of pain and a lot of adjustment and a lot of tears, but it felt like a family there," said Kerrey, who remembers the fishing trips organized by volunteers and the invitations to their homes.

Mary Lou Keener, who stepped down in January as deputy assistant secretary of the Air Force, was fresh out of college when she began a two-year tour at the hospital in 1966. She said the experience had a profound effect.

"We were just filled to the max with casualties coming back from Vietnam," she said. "I decided that I really wanted to learn for myself what this war was all about, and perhaps the only way to do that was to go over there."

After her stint in Philadelphia, Keener spent 1969 aboard the USS Repose, a hospital ship in South Vietnam.

A year earlier, Mullan was leading a platoon in the walled city of Hue during the Tet offensive when he was blown from a building by rocket fire, then sprayed with automatic rifle bullets as he lay in the street.

Mullan was whisked to a hospital ship, then sailed 14 days to the Philadelphia Naval Hospital. Doctors there performed multiple procedures on his face.

Jailed FBI agent suspicious of Hanssen

NEW YORK (AP) — An FBI agent arrested in 1996 for spying for Moscow told investigators he knew of suspicious activity by fellow agent Robert Hanssen, who is charged with spying for Russia for 15 years.

The agent, Earl Pitts, said he told the FBI in an interrogation in June 1997 that he suspected Hanssen of "suspicious activity." Hanssen had tried in the early 1990s to gain unauthorized secret information in a computer, Pitts told The New York Times in a prison interview last week.

Pitts pleaded guilty to espionage charges and is serving a 27-year sentence at a federal prison in Kentucky.

Hanssen, who worked for the FBI for 25 years, was indicted three months ago on 21 espionage counts. The indictment accused Hanssen of giving U.S. secrets, including information about satellites and early warning systems, to the Soviet Union and later to Russia in return for $1.4 million.

The disclosure that Pitts had raised suspicions about Hanssen provides the first evidence that the FBI had received a counterintelligence warning specifically raising Hanssen's name. Since Hanssen's arrest, the bureau has been accused of not doing enough to prevent what government prosecutors have called a serious security breach.

In the interview, Pitts said he did not know Hanssen may have been spying for Russia. But he said the computer incident suggested that Hanssen was "trying to collect information covertly."

FBI spokesman John Collingwood confirmed that Pitts named Hanssen in an interrogation in June 1997, but said he didn't identify anyone as a spy.

"Pitts did describe as 'unusual' a computer hacking incident involving Hanssen," Collingwood said. "When asked if he was aware of anything or anyone beyond this hacking incident already known to the FBI, Pitts said 'no.' "

After the debriefing, the matter was immediately referred to FBI headquarters, but officials took no further action because they were aware of the computer incident.

Plato Cacheris, Hanssen's lawyer, could not be reached for comment last Friday.

If found guilty, Hanssen could be sentenced to death. He is expected to be arraigned Thursday in federal court in Alexandria, Va.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Child of war remembers brave soldiers who saved his life

DEAR ABBY: I would like to address this letter to the American heroes of World War II. I am a Dutch lawyer, 63 years old, and retired. At the time of that terrible war I was a little boy between 4 and 8 years old.

We lived in Balikpapan (Borneo, Indonesia) until the day that women and children had to quickly leave by plane for Java, trying to escape the onrushing Japanese army. My mother, sister and I arrived in Java with nothing but the clothes and shoes we were wearing.

My father, whom I loved dearly, had to stay behind with the other employees of the Shell group in order to destroy the oil installations and plants so they couldn't be used by the Japanese. I never saw my father again. After the war, I learned that he and the other men had died in a concentration camp. My mother, sister and I were also in a concentration camp for four years. It's a miracle I survived.

I owe my life to the American soldiers who served at that time in the Pacific and Europe. Because of them, the war ended much sooner. I want to thank them all for giving everything they had and lived for, to serve America and to rescue so many nations in distress and agony. I am always happy to see that when others are too afraid, the Americans step into the breach for a world in trouble.

I want to acknowledge the brave efforts of the American military who fought gallantly in World War II, in the Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force and Coast Guard. I want to thank them with my whole heart for giving their youth, their limbs and sometimes their lives in order to save the lives of defenseless children and adults. It was a heroic fight against satanic dictators and tyrants.

I realize that words may be inadequate to express my deep gratitude. But I want them to rest assured that they have not been forgotten, and that my life and the lives of so many others were saved by their heroic sacrifices.

God bless the American veterans! — **ERIK P. BOERS, HOLLAND**

DEAR ERIK: You may feel that words are inadequate to express your feelings, but I'm sure the people they are intended for will get the message.

As the citizens of our great country well know, wearing a uniform and serving in the armed forces is dangerous work even in the best of times — so I would like to extend your message: God bless our veterans and the men and women currently in our armed forces, wherever they are. They deserve to know how grateful we are. And bless the spirits of those who sacrificed their lives that we might live in freedom on this Memorial Day.

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DEAR ABBY: I was the "cupid" who introduced two friends — a widow and a widower. They have now been married more than 10 years. Today when I see them, they act like they're doing me a big favor by saying hello. I don't understand it. I have the feeling they're sore at me. What do you think is their problem? — **CUPID IN PARK RIDGE, ILL.**

DEAR CUPID: Rather than speculate, call them and make a date to get together. It will give you an opportunity to find out the reason for their change in attitude, and the mystery will be solved. (Perhaps there is a statute of limitations on being nice to little naked people shooting arrows.)

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Dear Abby is written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips.

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Berry's World

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Monday, May 28, 2001

Today is MEMORIAL DAY; it is the 148th day of 2001 and the 70th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1881, New York state passed a law to prevent the adulteration of food and drugs.

On this day in 1913, Sen. J. Hamilton Lewis, D-Ill., became the first "whip" in the U.S. Senate.

On this day in 1980, 55 women became the first of their sex to graduate from the U.S. Naval Academy.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: William Pitt the Younger (1759-1806), British statesman; James Thorpe (1888-1953), athlete; Ian Fleming (1908-1964), writer; Walker Percy (1916-1990), writer; Barry Commoner (1917-), biologist-environmentalist, is 84; Carroll Baker (1931-), actress, is 70; Gladys Knight (1944-), singer, is 57.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1917, boxer Benny Leonard defeated Freddie Welsh.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Since grief only aggravates your loss, grieve not for what is past." — Walker Percy

TODAY'S MOON: Day before first quarter (May 29).

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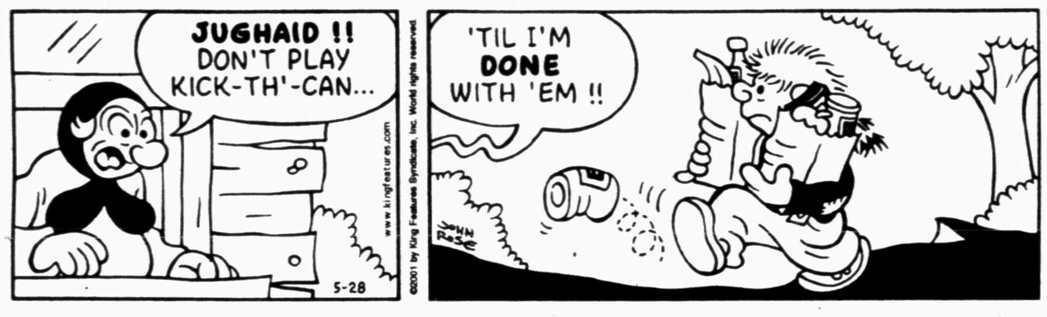

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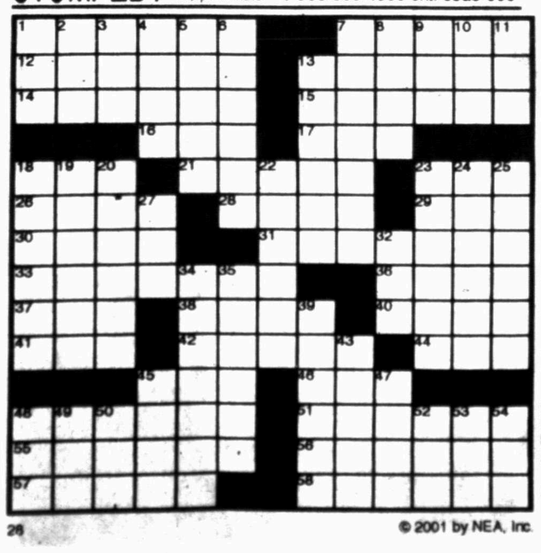

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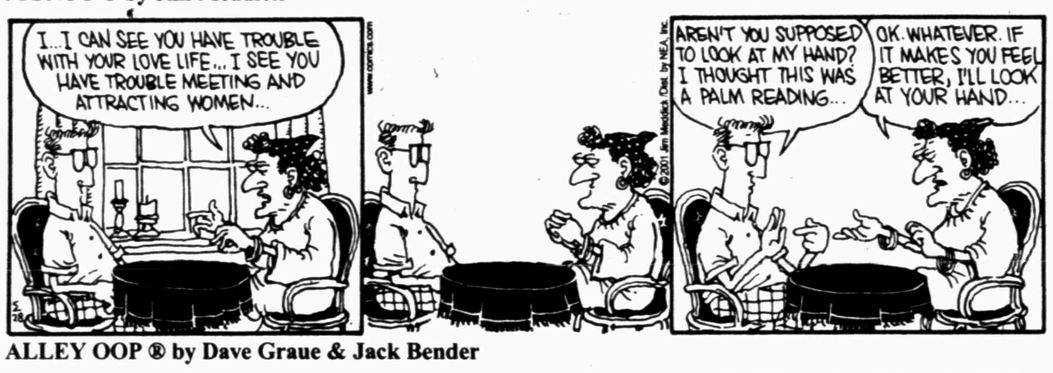

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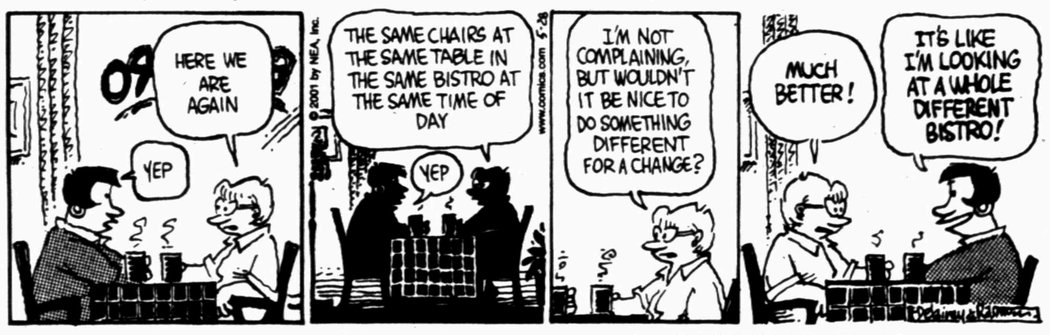

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SPORTS

Indianapolis 500...

Penske cars dominate world's biggest race

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — The celebration was hardly the kind Roger Penske might have scripted: an exuberant young Brazilian dangling from the fence at Indy.

By then, it didn't matter. The Captain's work was done.

Penske made a triumphant return to the world's biggest race Sunday, with Helio Castroneves — aka "Spiderman" — leading the team's 1-2 finish in the Indianapolis 500.

Afterward, there were no tears of satisfaction from the silver-haired Penske, whose entire career has been built on cold, calculated precision. His return to Indy after a five-year exile was handled like any other business decision.

He bought the best possible equipment for his drivers, devised a winning strategy for the grueling 500-mile race, then watched Castroneves pull away to a 1.7-second victory over teammate Gil de Ferran.

About the only glitch came a few days before the race. Marlboro Team Penske removed the cigarette's name from its cars to avoid violating the 1998 tobacco settlement with a group of state attorneys general.

So, Penske simply raced to victory with plain red-and-white cars.

"It's a great day for the team," he said, sounding about as passionate as a CEO at a board meeting. "I think it shows continued commitment from the people we have. That's the thing. It's human capital."

Cut through the boardroom talk, and there were indications this was more than just another victory for Penske, his record 11th at the Indy's hallowed ground.

Six years ago, he left Indianapolis Motor Speedway with a rare disgrace, having failed to even qualify with defending champion Al Unser Jr. and Emerson Fittipaldi.

Then war broke out between Championship Auto Racing Teams and the fledgling Indy Racing League, which kept Penske away from 1996-2000.

"It's the best day of my life, redeeming myself like this," he said. "Obviously, when I think about today's race and the 1-2 finish, it kind of takes away the pain we had in 1995."

Castroneves led the final 52 laps. When the race ended, he parked his Dallara-Oldsmobile in front of the main grandstand and scaled halfway up the 17-foot-high catch fence while the crowd of some 400,000 roared.

The 26-year-old driver motioned for his crew, which joined him on the steel mesh for a victory ritual that inspired his nickname on the CART circuit.

"I just wanted to express my feelings, and I think everybody liked that," said Castroneves, who was cheered some more as he rode atop a pace car during a victory lap, waving his arms and punching the air.

Penske passed on a chance to climb the fence. That would be unbecoming of a CEO.

"I'm going to climb it tonight with him," Penske vowed, "when nobody can see me."

After de Ferran, the rest of the lead lap included Michael Andretti, Jimmy Vasser, rookie Bruno Junqueira and Tony Stewart, who hopped a waiting plane for the trip to Concord, N.C., where he overcame an early spin to finish third Sunday night in NASCAR's Coca-Cola 600.

The top five were regulars in CART, while Stewart, who cut his teeth in the IRL, was driving this day for Chip Ganassi's CART team.

Pole-sitter Scott Sharp, who has the most victories in IRL history, crashed on the first corner of the race and finished last. Up-and-comer Sarah Fisher put herself into the wall on cold tires after just seven laps, taking out two-time runner-up Scott Goodyear in the process.

Goodyear was hospitalized with a fractured back.

WILD RIDE — Sara Fisher's car slams into the fence in turn two Sunday during the Indianapolis 500. Fisher walked away from the vehicle without injuries. (AP Photo)

Lakers complete sweep of Spurs

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The old chant "Beat L.A., Beat L.A." has a hollow ring to it these days — because nobody can.

Not Portland, not Sacramento, and now, not San Antonio.

Los Angeles stormed into the NBA Finals Sunday with a 111-82 rout of a San Antonio Spurs team that compiled the league's best regular-season record only to be dismantled by the Lakers.

"We've just been riding the wave," Shaquille O'Neal said. "Now we just need four more victories."

Make that a tidal wave. The Lakers won their 19th in a row. Their 11-0 start in the playoffs ties the league record set by Los Angeles in 1989. That team collapsed and was swept by Detroit in the finals after Magic Johnson and Byron Scott were injured.

Short of anything that cataclysmic, Los Angeles seems a good bet to sweep its way through the playoffs without a loss, something no NBA team has done.

The Spurs' David Robinson believes it's a sure thing.

"Man, if they play like that, there is no way any of the Eastern teams will beat them," he said. "If they play anything like that, there's no chance for them to get beat."

Los Angeles will have at least a week off to await the outcome of the Milwaukee-Philadelphia series in the East. Such breaks are nothing new. The Lakers had long breaks after dispatching both Portland and Sacramento.

As the pressure builds to run the playoff table, Los Angeles is relying on the trusty "one game at a time" cliche.

"It's still very far back in our minds," Derek Fisher said. "The object is to win the championship, and not necessarily win 15 games in a row. We're at 11 now. I'm sure if w get to 12, 13, it will definitely star to work its way toward the front of our minds. As for right now, we're just staying focused on one game at a time."

O'Neal was an unstoppable brute, Kobe Bryant the newfound maestro and Fisher almost perfect in Game 4.

He made 6 of 7 3-pointers, one short of the team playoff record, and 11 of 13 shots overall. Fisher finished the series 15-for-20 from 3-point range.

Sports Briefs

Volleyball camp

Snyder volleyball camp is scheduled for July 16-19 from 9 a.m. until noon each day. Incoming fifth through ninth grade girls are eligible, and cost is $40. Deadline to register is July 13.

For more information, call Coach Patty Grimmett at 573-9416 or 575-1785. If no answer, leave a message.

Men's softball

Snyder Men's Softball League is holding registration through Friday. For more information, call 573-8842, 573-6862 or 573-4332.

Strength, conditioning camp

Snyder Tiger strength and conditioning camps are scheduled for this summer at the SHS field house. Sessions are slated for June 4-29 and July 2-31.

Incoming 10th-12th graders meet at 7:30 a.m., followed by incoming 7th-9th graders at 10:30. Cost is $25 per session, or $40 for both. For more information, call the SHS field house at 574-6039.

Volleyball tournament

A volleyball tournament to benefit SHS tennis player Horacio DePaz is scheduled for Saturday at Towle Park. Cost is $50 per team, and T-shirts will be awarded to the top two squads.

DePaz is raising money to participate in the People to People Sports Ambassadors Program tennis tournament in Australia. For more information, call 573-0889 or 573-5248.

Ira basketball camp

The Ira Bulldog Basketball Camp will be held June 12-15 from 9 a.m. until noon. All incoming third through seventh grade boys and girls are eligible, and cost is $40. To register, call Coach Bubba Edwards at 573-2227.

Tuesday scramble and all-day MGA

The Men's Golf Association of Snyder Country Club holds its weekly scramble at 5:30 p.m. each Tuesday.

Also, an all-day MGA event will be held each Thursday.

WGA play day

The Women's Golf Association of Snyder Country Club will hold its weekly play day at 9 a.m. Wednesday. Format this week is bingle, bangle, bungle.

Titans oust Red Raiders

FULLERTON, Calif. (AP) — Cal St. Fullerton moved on in the NCAA tournament by defeating Texas Tech, 9-2, in the second game of Sunday's regional double-header on their home field.

The Titans (44-16), the top seed in the national tournament, will face Mississippi State next weekend. Texas Tech (43-20-1) won Sunday's first game, 11-5.

Fullerton left-hander Jon Smith (10-2) retired 15 consecutive batters and allowed just four hits and three walks in 7 2-3 innings.

Shawn Norris hit a single to bring Shane Costa home in the fifth inning to break a 1-1 tie. The Titans then scored four runs in the sixth.

Norris finished with 11 RBIs in the regionals and was named the most outstanding player. Costa and Aaron Rifkin each had three hits, as Chad Ertel (3-4) took the loss.

Stanford finishes Texas

STANFORD, Calif. (AP) — Ryan Garko hit a two-run single in the eighth inning as Stanford beat Texas 4-3 Sunday night to advance to the super regional against South Carolina.

The Cardinal edged the Longhorns 10-9 in 10 innings earlier to force the doubleheader.

Down 3-1, Chris O'Riordan's sacrifice fly narrowed it before Garko's hit to center field off Ray Clark put Stanford ahead. The single extended Garko's hitting streak to 20 games.

Matt Rosenberg singled to lead off the sixth, went to second on Sam Anderson's sacrifice bunt, and scored on Ryan France's single off eventual winner Mike Wodnicki to put Texas up 2-1.

Ryan Hubele added a solo home run over the center field fence in the seventh.

Ben King's RBI single in the first inning gave Texas (37-25) the early lead.

Clark did not give up a hit until Jonny Ash's two-out single in the fifth inning. Ash scored when center fielder Kelani Napoleon mishandled Andy Topham's single to tie it at 1-all.

Wodnicki went 1 2-3 innings in relief of freshman starter John Hudgins. J.D. Willcox loaded the bases with one out in the eighth, but was able to snag Eddie Romprey's liner and catch France on first to end the threat. It was his fifth save.

In the earlier game, O'Riordan singled in the 10th inning off Albert Montes and scored on Carlos Quentin's two-out RBI single to right off Gerrit Simpson.

King hit a three-run home run just fair down the right field line off Wodnicki with two outs in the ninth inning to tie the score at 9 for Texas.

Willcox relieved Wodnicki after King's homer for the win.

Major League Baseball

National League
All Times EDT

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	30	18	.625	—
Atlanta	24	25	.490	6½
Florida	22	26	.458	8
New York	22	28	.440	9
Montreal	20	30	.400	11
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	28	20	.583	—
St. Louis	28	20	.583	—
Milwaukee	25	23	.521	3
Houston	24	24	.500	4
Cincinnati	20	29	.408	8½
Pittsburgh	16	32	.333	12
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	28	22	.560	—
Los Angeles	28	22	.560	—
San Diego	26	24	.520	2
San Francisco	26	24	.520	2
Colorado	25	25	.500	3

Saturday's Games
Florida 7, N.Y. Mets 3
Colorado 10, San Francisco 4
Atlanta 9, Pittsburgh 3
Cincinnati 7, St. Louis 2
Arizona 3, San Diego 1
Los Angeles 7, Houston 2
Milwaukee at Chicago Cubs, ppd., rain
Montreal at Philadelphia, ppd., rain

Sunday's Games
Pittsburgh 6, Atlanta 3
Philadelphia 7, Montreal 5, 1st game
Montreal 7, Philadelphia 3, 2nd game
N.Y. Mets 5, Florida 4
St. Louis 2, Cincinnati 0
Chicago Cubs 4, Milwaukee 1
San Francisco 5, Colorado 4
Los Angeles 5, Houston 4, 12 innings
Arizona 6, San Diego 4

Monday's Games
Philadelphia (Wolf 4-4) at N.Y. Mets (Leiter 2-3), 1:10 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Tavarez 3-3) at Cincinnati (Bell 0-3), 1:15 p.m.
Milwaukee (Rigdon 3-1) at St. Louis (Morris 6-3), 2:10 p.m.
Arizona (Johnson 5-4) at San Francisco (Gardner 1-3), 4:05 p.m.
Colorado (Astacio 4-5) at Los Angeles (Gagne 1-3), 4:10 p.m.
Montreal (Yoshii 1-1) at Atlanta (Smoltz 0-2), 7:35 p.m.
Florida (Smith 3-0) at Pittsburgh (Olivares 2-5), 7:35 p.m.

Tuesday's Games
Florida at Pittsburgh, 7:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs at Cincinnati, 7:05 p.m.
Philadelphia at N.Y. Mets, 7:10 p.m.
Montreal at Atlanta, 7:35 p.m.
Milwaukee at St. Louis, 8:10 p.m.
Houston at San Diego, 10:05 p.m.
Colorado at Los Angeles, 10:10 p.m.
Arizona at San Francisco, 10:15 p.m.

American League
All Times EDT

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	28	21	.571	—
Boston	27	21	.563	½
Toronto	25	24	.510	3
Baltimore	24	24	.500	3½
Tampa Bay	14	35	.286	14
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	32	16	.667	—
Cleveland	31	16	.660	½
Detroit	21	26	.447	10½
Chicago	18	29	.383	13½
Kansas City	18	31	.367	14½
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	36	12	.750	—
Oakland	24	25	.490	12½
Anaheim	22	26	.458	14
Texas	17	31	.354	19

Saturday's Games
Toronto 5, Boston 0
N.Y. Yankees 12, Cleveland 5
Oakland 5, Minnesota 4, 10 innings, 1st game
Minnesota 7, Oakland 6, 10 innings, 2nd game
Anaheim 10, Tampa Bay 4
Chicago White Sox 8, Detroit 0
Seattle 7, Kansas City 2
Texas at Baltimore, ppd., rain

Sunday's Games
N.Y. Yankees 6, Cleveland 2
Tampa Bay 4, Anaheim 3, 10 innings
Baltimore 3, Texas 1
Boston 4, Toronto 2
Minnesota 9, Oakland 3
Seattle 5, Kansas City 4, 11 innings
Chicago White Sox 3, Detroit 2, 11 innings

Monday's Games
Cleveland (Finley 4-3) at Detroit (Sparks 2-2), 1:05 p.m.
Texas (Rogers 3-3) at Baltimore (Towers 1-1), 1:35 p.m.
Seattle (Abbott 2-2) at Kansas City (Durbin 3-2), 2:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Schoeneweis 3-3) at Tampa Bay (Rupe 2-4), 4:15 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Pettitte 5-3) at Boston (Cone 0-1), 7:05 p.m.
Toronto (Hamilton 2-2) at Chicago White Sox (Garland 1-2), 7:05 p.m.

Tuesday's Games
Cleveland at Detroit, 7:05 p.m.
Toronto at Chicago White Sox, 8:05 p.m.
Kansas City at Texas, 8:35 p.m.
Minnesota at Anaheim, 10:05 p.m.
Baltimore at Seattle, 10:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Oakland, 10:05 p.m.

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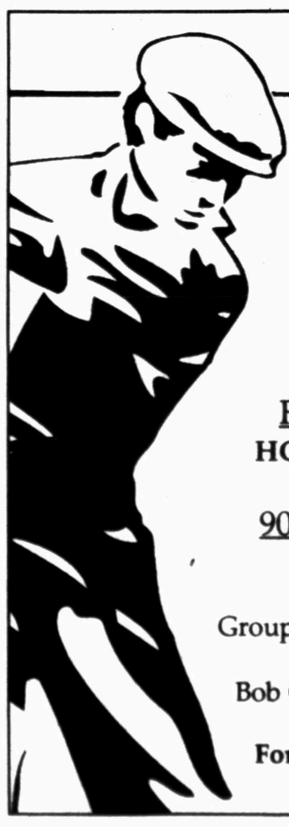

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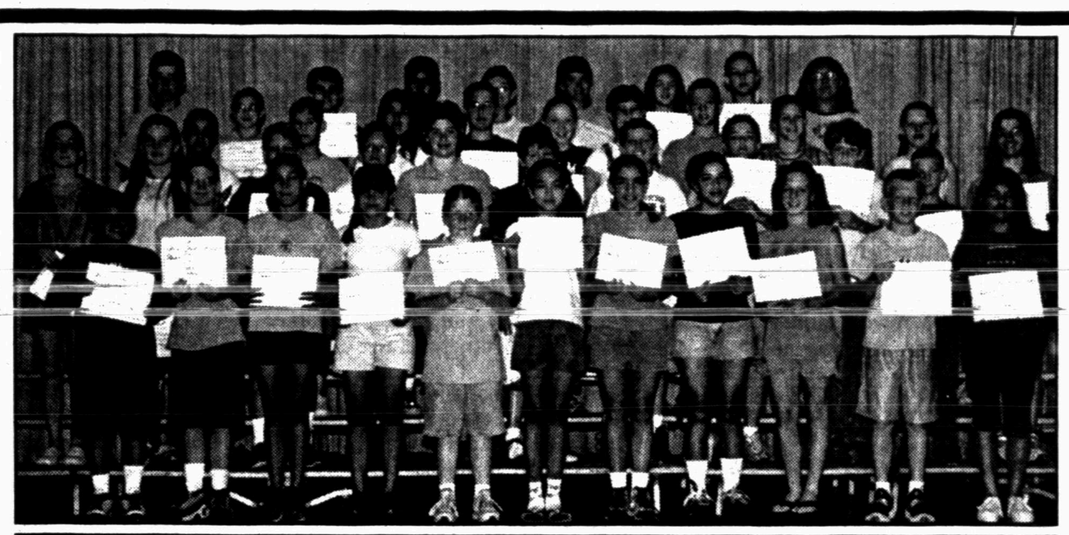

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Texas border cities struggle to keep up with birth rate

McALLEN (AP) — Juan and Blanca Alvarez used to care for three or four children at their day-care operation, but demand became so robust that they had to add on to their home so the state would let them take on more kids.

"People would come by and say, 'Can't you take some more?'" Juan Alvarez said. "This year we decided to enclose the garage and make some more space. We're pretty comfortable at 12."

It's a common theme in the Rio Grande Valley, where the number of young children is soaring so much that day cares and school districts can't build quick enough.

In Hidalgo County, where McAllen is located, 20 percent of the population is younger than 10, according to Census figures. The percentage of children under 5 in four border counties — Hidalgo, Webb, Starr and Maverick — were the highest in the state, all about 10 percent.

The statewide average is 7.8 percent. Nationally, that youngest age group in the census count makes up 6.8 percent of the population.

The region has become a trade hub, thanks to the North American Free Trade Agreement and a growing demand for consumer goods south of the border. That has drawn thousands of immigrants — and people from other parts of the United States.

McAllen has mansions for employees of multinational corporations as well as ramshackle houses crowded with low-income workers.

Migrants make up roughly 25 percent of the border growth, said Steve Murdock, chief demographer for the Texas State Data Center at Texas A&M University.

A growing number of Hispanics often means many more children. A study in the 1980s in Texas found that Caucasian women gave birth to an average of 1.2 children; blacks, 2.25; and Hispanics, about three.

"Hispanic parts of Texas generally have higher birth rates," Murdock said. "There are marked differences between racial and ethnic groups in birth rates and socioeconomics is generally a key part of it."

The parents are young, too. Webb County's median age is 26.5, meaning that half are older and half are younger. Nationally, the median age is 35.3 and Texas' is 32.3. In Webb County, the city of El Cenizo's median age is only 18.5, the lowest in Texas.

The result is a need for child care, which is visible in the number of day-care operations registered by the state. Per capita, registered family homes like Blanca Alvarez's — informal day cares typically run by a woman in her home — are more prevalent in the Rio Grande than any other part of Texas, officials say. Hidalgo County has 400.

"People seem to trust that type of care," said Marina Yzaguirre, a spokeswoman with the state Department of Protective and Regulatory Services.

The Alvarezes say clients like the combination of a familiar home atmosphere and flexible pricing, usually less than the cost of traditional day care. It's also a convenient second income for families who find they cannot afford day care, which is how Alvarez started. They simply take care of other children along with their own.

Head Start, the federally funded preschool program that is administered by counties, never seems to have enough spots, said Santiago Alanis, program director in Hidalgo County.

By August, the county's Head Start will have an $18 million operating budget to care for 3,370 children at 43 locations. Four more buildings are under construction to allow space for 510 children, and the county has applied for funding to provide staff, meals, equipment, and space for 200 more children.

"What I see is a lot of pressure to provide services, and we can't keep up with the growth," Alanis said. "When additional families come, I say, 'All I can do is put you on a waiting list.'"

The pressure only intensifies as children move on to school age, worsening existing problems of overcrowded schools and teacher shortages, said George McShan, a local college administrator who serves as director of the National School Boards Association.

"We need to have a public policy — national and local — to address the crisis," McShan said. "If it's a less-educated population now, well what are we going to get? Jobs will be leaving Texas because we won't have an educated, trained work force."

On the Net:
Census: http://www.census.gov
Hidalgo County: http://www.co.hidalgo.tx.us/

Sen. Carper: Tax cuts will hurt education

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush's insistence on a major tax cut will cost the country a meaningful education plan, a Democratic senator said Saturday in his party's weekly radio address.

Sen. Tom Carper of Delaware said Republicans have left little money in the budget to pay for ailing education programs.

"During the recent tax debates, Democrats fought for and won increased federal funding for education by $300 billion above inflation over the next decade," Carper said. "Republicans, with encouragement from the White House, later eliminated these additional investments entirely, in order to make the tax cut even larger."

Bush originally proposed a $1.6 trillion tax cut. But the Senate pressured the president to accept a $1.35 trillion package, and a Senate-House negotiators went along with the smaller figure in the final bill.

Democrats opposed even the smaller tax cut, arguing that it would consume far too much of the projected $5.6 trillion, 10-year budget surplus to meet other needs such as education, defense, debt reduction and Medicare prescription drug benefits. They also contended it was unfairly tilted toward the wealthy.

Bush has argued that the tax cut will stimulate the economy and provide more money for education in the long run.

Carper said the federal Head Start program, which provides preschool education for disadvantaged children, will continue to flounder because of the tax cut.

"The government currently underfunds Head Start so badly that fewer than half of the eligible children living in poverty can participate in it," he said. "President Bush's budget does not solve this problem."

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Peroxide therapy is quackery

DEAR DR. GOTT: My 77-year-old brother has been plagued for years with recurring skin cancers. His surgeon told him no more removals because my brother is so frail. She did suggest the use of topical hydrogen peroxide. Now my brother is going to an alternative health practitioner who is administering the peroxide both orally and intravenously. Is this a legitimate therapy?

DEAR READER: I'm afraid that your brother is a victim of medical quackery. Oral or intravenous hydrogen peroxide has not been shown in any valid scientific study to be of any use whatsoever in treating disease, including skin cancer. (It is an excellent antiseptic, however, when used on cuts and abrasions.)

Frankly, I'm surprised that the surgeon has discontinued removing your brother's cancers. Ordinarily, this is a simple office procedure, performed under local anesthesia, with excellent results. The fact that your brother is "frail" is not, in my opinion, suitable justification for withholding surgical excision of skin cancers.

I recommend that your brother discontinue the peroxide therapy and seek an opinion from another surgeon or a qualified dermatologist. Although repeated minor surgery may be necessary, the new doctor may well recommend anti-cancer topical creams as a trial. At the very least, your brother's problem will not be disregarded.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: Is it true that diet and herbal remedies may actually benefit patients with certain forms of arthritis?

DEAR READER: As regular readers of this column know, I have occasionally criticized so-called alternative medicine for not having firm, scientific backing. In several instances, claims made by alternative (non-M.D.) practitioners have simply been outrageous. I promised to provide hard evidence for these claims if and when sound information became available.

I hereby bring my readers up-to-date.

In the April 15, 2001, issue of Hospital Practice, Dr. Sharon Kolasinski of the University of Pennsylvania documented the following:

Although diet itself has not been proven to aid arthritis sufferers, a Scandinavian study indicated that fasting (for up to 10 days) appeared to reduce pain and stiffness in patients with rheumatoid arthritis. Moreover, patients seemed to improve when they consumed dietary supplements containing fish oil, plant oils (from borage and evening primrose) and flaxseed oil — all of which are widely available from health food stores and other retail outlets.

Vitamins C and D were associated with a three-fold reduction in the progression of osteoarthritis.

Several herbal remedies have also shown promise. Willow bark, for example, may reduce the discomfort of arthritis — in part, perhaps, because it contains a compound resembling aspirin.

In addition, devil's claw and Chinese thunder god vine appear to be useful. (Unfortunately, the Chinese herb is also associated with significant side effects, such as gastrointestinal discomfort, cessation of menstruation and — in men — low sperm counts. According to other reports, the remedy may also lead to heart damage and kidney failure.)

Despite studies showing that acupuncture has little or no effect, the National Institutes of Health concluded that this alternative therapy is, in fact, helpful in reducing various forms of pain. There are no substantive side effects from acupuncture.

As I have promised in the past, I will continue to update my readers about valid discoveries concerning the benefits of herbal remedies and alternative medicine. I will also continue to discourage the use of compounds and practices that have not withstood objective, scientific scrutiny.

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder

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On Memorial Day, a look back

By Phillip Alder

As you well know, this is Memorial Day. Great Britain declared war on Germany on Sept. 3, 1939, so I looked in the September 1939 issue of The Bridge World for a deal and found this one.

At the annual Asbury Park tournament in New Jersey, which was to become the Summer Nationals (and move around the United States and Canada), Helen Sobel and Sally Young retained their Women's Pairs title, aided by this deal.

West led the diamond king, which Sobel ducked. (She wanted to stop West from reaching East's hand with the diamond jack to get off a later endplay.) Now the unnamed West defended very well, cashing the heart ace before continuing with a second diamond. (If West plays a diamond at trick two, Sobel cashes two top trumps, then exits with the heart king. West must let declarer into the dummy to take the winning club finesse.)

Sobel cashed the spade ace, then continued with a low spade. This endplayed West, who had to put declarer into the dummy for that vital club finesse.

West missed her chance. Under the spade ace, she had to unblock the queen. Then the contract would have failed. Unable to reach the dummy, declarer would have lost one trick in each suit.

Sonny Moyse described the deal in the magazine. He ended the analysis about unblocking the spade queen by saying: "This, however, was asking a bit too much of any woman — or man — in the West position."

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Sen. Lindsay ends Sunday night filibuster

AUSTIN (AP) — He talked and talked and talked. Eventually, Sen. Jon Lindsay reluctantly agreed to sit down and be quiet.

For more than two hours Sunday night, the Houston Republican tried to filibuster, or essentially talk to death, a bill related to homeowners associations and their ability to foreclose on property.

Four hours of conversation with himself would have done it. Lindsay started at 8:04 p.m. and put up a good fight. But in the end he conceded the bill's passage about 90 minutes before a midnight deadline. Lawmakers adjourn the session today.

"I just said I'll give up the floor and let them vote," Lindsay said. "I had a little bit of a guilty conscience about killing the bill because some of it was pretty good.

"I think I could have killed the whole thing, but you have to take what you can get and move on," he said.

It appeared at first like Lindsay had a choke hold on the legislation.

The sponsor of the bill, Sen. John Carona, R-Dallas, had pleaded with him to stop the filibuster almost as soon at started.

"My hope is you'll reconsider this," Carona said. "We've invested three years in this."

Lindsay was undeterred — for a while.

"I can go six or seven hours," Lindsay said. "I spend a lot of time keeping quiet on this floor and I'm making up for it."

The 65-year-old former judge, who this spring rode a bicycle from Houston to Austin for charity, kept on.

He spoke slowly. He took long pauses. He sucked on candy to keep his voice strong.

Senators are required to stand the entire time they speak on a bill. So Lindsay had another senator remove the plastic floor covering from under his desk so he could stand on the soft carpet.

His wife, Harris County District Judge Tony Lindsay, sat nearby, arms crossed as her husband read a series of newspapers articles out loud.

The couple was supposed to go to a party, she said.

But her husband was fully armed for a long assault on the bill with a stack of books and committee reports to read into the record.

Lindsay's filibuster, the only one of the session, was expected.

The Senate did most of its business for the day before he started and only a handful of bills were threatened by the midnight deadline.

That left few reasons to apply any pressure on him to stop. Most lawmakers left the floor, leaving Lindsay standing like an island in a chamber of leather swivel chairs. His staff encouraged him to continue.

Only occasionally, a senator would walk in to see if Lindsay was still standing. Carona waited him out by doing paperwork on his desk and talking on the phone.

When he did give up, the few lawmakers still at the Capitol had to be called to report to the floor for a vote. The bill passed 17-1. It had cleared the House about 30 minutes earlier.

Lindsay was upset for a couple of reasons. He had hoped the bill would protect an 82-year-old Houston woman, Wenonah Blevins, who lost her property because she owed about $800 in back dues to her homeowners' association.

Carona said he could not make the bill retroactive to solve her problem. It would create a constitutional problem, Carona said.

He should have tried, Lindsay said, and let the courts figure it out.

Battleship wired for 'virtual' tours

HONOLULU (AP) — The battleship that served as the stage for the end of World War II is getting a high-tech makeover intended to give veterans and visitors a virtual look at its heroic past.

The Battleship Missouri Memorial, one of Hawaii's most popular tourist attractions since it arrived in Pearl Harbor in 1998, stands as a poignant World War II bookend opposite the USS Arizona Memorial.

Nearly four years after its Dec. 7, 1941, attack on Pearl Harbor, Japan surrendered to the United States on the USS Missouri in Tokyo Bay. Today the "Mighty Mo" is moored a few hundred yards from the sunken Arizona, which lost 1,177 crew after the Pearl Harbor attack.

"The Missouri's bigger than all of us. Her story is so important," said Lee Collins, spokesman for the USS Missouri Memorial Association, the nonprofit group that runs the museum. "She's an international icon and she talks about the world's commitment to freedom."

But unlike the accessible Arizona memorial, the Missouri, with its steep steps and cramped walkways, is a challenging tour for many — including World War II veterans in their 70s or older. The solution will be to offer "virtual" tours of the floating museum, accessible both from the main deck and classrooms around the world.

In what is billed as one of the most ambitious technological modernization projects undertaken for a World War II battleship, the Missouri will be wired with 35 miles of high-speed cable donated by Avaya Inc. of Basking Ridge, N.J.

The cable, valued at $100,000, will link nearly 200 video cameras around the ship to an onboard control center providing sound and images to 30 information kiosks. The cameras will also allow disabled visitors to follow friends throughout the ship while they take a tour.

Guests at the "Alternative Visitors Center" will be able to view battle scenes and interviews with veterans of the three wars — World War II, the Korean War and the Gulf War — in which the Missouri served before her final Navy decommissioning in 1992.

By 2003, the system will be linked to the USS Missouri Web site for online tours and live broadcasts of events, including re-enlistment ceremonies.

The beefed-up Internet presence will bring the "Mighty Mo" to far more than the 400,000 visitors the ship gets every year. Still, nothing will ever compare to the experience of being onboard, Collins said.

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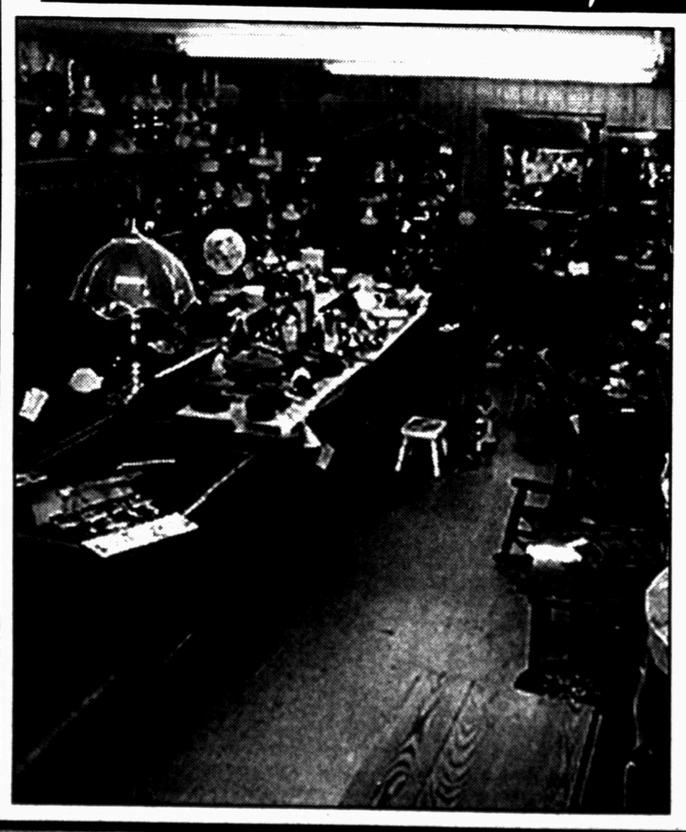

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Ban is passed on executing mentally retarded murderers

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas lawmakers passed legislation Saturday that would ban the execution of murderers who are found to be mentally retarded.

"This legislation is a major step forward that proves we can be tough on crime and still have compassionate justice, even in the wild, wild West," said Senate sponsor Rodney Ellis, a Democrat.

The compromise bill passed 80-56 in the House earlier in the day and was approved 20-9 in the Senate.

Gov. Rick Perry has not said whether he would sign the measure into law. A U.S. Supreme Court ruling on the issue is pending.

Under the compromise bill, the trial jury would determine during the punishment phase of proceedings if a defendant is mentally retarded. Such a finding would convert a death sentence automatically to life in prison.

If jurors found the defendant not mentally retarded, defense attorneys would be allowed to petition the judge to consider the issue. Two experts would be assigned to make a determination.

The Senate had sought a bill that would have put the determination of mental retardation in the hands of the trial judge before the case was heard.

Ellis said six mentally retarded people have been executed in Texas since the state resumed executions in 1982.

House sponsor Rep. Juan Hinojosa, a Democrat, said seven mentally retarded inmates currently are on death row in Texas.

"This is a statement of our public policy," Hinojosa said. "It is wrong to execute a person who is mentally retarded."

Texas, the country's No. 1 death penalty state, has executed seven people this year.

Fifteen states and the federal government have passed laws prohibiting the execution of the mentally retarded people, sponsors said.

Relatives of Pamela Moseley Carpenter, who was raped and fatally beaten and stabbed in her East Texas home in 1979, were among critics of the legislation.

Johnny Paul Penry, who has been classified as mentally retarded and having the mind of a 7-year-old, was convicted of the crime and sentenced to death. His case is under review by the U.S. Supreme Court.

The bill is not retroactive and Penry would still face the death penalty if his conviction is upheld in the U.S. Supreme Court.

The justices have also announced they will consider later this year whether executing killers with mental retardation is cruel and unusual punishment.

A bill that would have spared mentally retarded killers passed the Senate in the 1999 but was not approved by the House.

Smart Jobs program will not be renewed

AUSTIN (AP) — A statewide job program that had been criticized by state auditors as not following guidelines or checking on companies that were awarded grants will not be renewed after this year.

State lawmakers had discussed moving the Smart Jobs program out of the Texas Department of Economic Development but could not agree on what to do with the program.

Because no agreement was reached before a Saturday night deadline, the program that was started in 1993 will end Dec. 31.

Sen. David Sibley, R-Waco, said he had hoped to save the program. It would have been vital in a slowing economy, he said.

"Smart Jobs is the only significant, statewide economic development tool we have," Sibley said.

But the economic development department has come under recent criticism.

In two reports last year, auditors said the program trained only one-third as many workers and created one-third as many jobs as promised. The program did not follow guidelines in awarding $55 million to companies hired in 1998 to provide training, did not check how the money was being spent and did not track the number of workers trained.

Audits also found that the state spent almost twice as much as planned to train workers and paid companies about $5 million for job training that fell short of state requirements.

"With that kind of track record, the House wanted to move Smart Jobs," said Rep. Pete Gallego, D-Alpine.

House and Senate members had agreed to move the program from the economic development agency, but could not agree on where to put it, Gallego said.

House lawmakers proposed moving the program to the Texas Workforce Commission. Sibley said he wanted it placed within an agency directly accountable to the governor's office.

Reno says she will decide soon on Florida's top job

ITHACA, N.Y. (AP) — Former U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno said Saturday she will decide shortly on running for governor in her home state of Florida, where President Bush's brother, Jeb, occupies the governor's mansion.

Speaking to reporters before delivering the convocation address at Cornell University, her alma mater, the nation's first female attorney general said she is considering a 2002 candidacy "in a careful and thoughtful way."

Reno, 62, would not set a date by which she would announce her decision, but said it would come "as soon as possible."

Bush said he will announce next month whether he will try to become the first Republican to win re-election as Florida governor. He has no known GOP challengers.

Democrats, with a 300,000 voter edge in registrations, are eager to unseat Bush in part because some see him as responsible for his older brother winning the state's 25 electoral votes and the presidency in the bitter recount showdown last year.

At least 10 Democrats are said to be considering a run, including former Rep. Pete Peterson, who resigned as ambassador to Vietnam earlier this week to return to Florida.

Reno, who has Parkinson's Disease but remains physically active, said Saturday she would not consider a run for governor if she thought her health would hinder her.

The crowd of about 5,300 welcomed Reno warmly and gave her a standing ovation after her 30 minute speech in which she urged graduates to become problem solvers.

"(Cornell) taught me to trust the people, to listen to the people, to not be afraid of big ideas and not to look for piecemeal solutions," she said. "This university doesn't permit easy, simple solutions. Be a problem solver and don't be afraid of challenges."

'Nero Wolfe' star is fan of whodunits

NEW YORK (AP) — Oscar-winner Timothy Hutton, star of A&E's "Nero Wolfe" detective series, grew up reading mystery novels and says he's still a fan of whodunits.

Hutton, 40, who plays Wolfe's slimmer, dashing legman Archie in the television series, told Parade magazine he discovered author Rex Stout and his Nero Wolfe series in high school and has read all 73 novels.

The mysteries are set in the 1940s and 1950s in the Manhattan townhouse of the eccentric, orchid-cultivating Wolfe.

Hutton, who was also an executive producer and occasional director for the television show, said the crew filmed in a warehouse outside Toronto, but strived for authenticity in every scene.

"We wanted to be faithful to the books," Hutton said. "Even the colors. Nero Wolfe always wears yellow shirts. The front stoop has to have seven steps. There's a look to the show."

Hutton won a best supporting actor Oscar for Ordinary People in 1980.

Oil Patch News

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Kinder Morgan will drill the No. 210-9 Sacroc unit in the Kelly-Snyder field, four miles northwest of Snyder. Planned for a depth of 7,200 feet, drill site is in Sectior 250, Block 97, H&TC survey.

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Cats, camels and giraffes move their front and hind legs on the same side when they walk. Most other walking animals move the opposite hind leg when they move one of their front legs.

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The state bird of Nebraska is the Western meadowlark.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Tuesday, May 29, 2001

Maintain complete focus on your goals and objectives if you hope to be successful in the year ahead. If you attempt to do too much, you may get distracted, which could lead to your undoing.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Should you get involved today with individuals you dislike, but with whom you need to share credit for a collective endeavor, don't act against yourself by denying them their just dues.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Don't expect others to have faith in your ideas or concepts today should they sense you're not too sure about them yourself. Be positive in your presentation or don't introduce them.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Even if invited to do so, offer regrets about handling anything for anybody else that involves money. This could be one of those days where you can get in trouble.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Should persons with whom you're involved today feel you're too self-serving, they could deliberately put obstacles in your path to make a point. Make your actions all for one and one for all.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — You're on the right track today, but unfortunately, the rails underneath you are rather flimsy. Be careful not to operate at full speed under such dubious conditions.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Negative thinking will promote an unconscious will to lose over your will to win. Thus, it would be best today to avoid all involvements that contain a strong element of risk.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — No matter how ambitious and industrious you are today, if you do not think your moves through carefully, you could end up doing things the hard way that would prove to be counterproductive.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — You'd better have an excellent poker face today if you hope to carry off a buff concerning something sticky. Opponents will see right through your intentions and call you on it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Exceptionally shrewd maneuvering on your part today will be necessary to come out on top of a business matter. Keep this in mind when you sit down to negotiate.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Unless you maintain harmony and balance in all of your affairs today, things could easily start to get out of sync in several key areas simultaneously. Be watchful.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Although you may be prepared to do for others, unfortunately, they might not be too eager to return the favor. Your best bet is not to request anything of anybody today. Wait for a better time.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — It says a lot about you today, because even though you may have to deal with some rather difficult individuals, you'll promote cooperation instead of aggravation.

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Actress worries about personal failure

NEW YORK (AP) — Actress Renee Zellweger, who plays a pudgy British "singleton" obsessed with her weight and marital status in "Bridget Jones's Diary," says she can relate to the fear of failure.

"I worry about personal failure, in terms of making bad choices in my life, letting people down, letting myself down because I compromised my convictions in some way," Zellweger said in Parade magazine's Sunday edition.

Zellweger, 32, said she has faced difficult times, including the 1995 suicide death of her ex-boyfriend in Texas, just a few months before she auditioned for her breakout role in "Jerry Maguire."

"It came at a time when I was at a crossroads in my life and there was not a lot of light," Zellweger said.

"I find acting so fulfilling that it surpasses whatever thoughts of fear of failure I might have," Zellweger said.

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Texas lawmakers pass myriad of bills

AUSTIN (AP) — With a midnight deadline to pass new laws, lawmakers signed off on plans to simplify the Medicaid process and increase the compensation for people who are wrongfully incarcerated.

The bills now go to Gov. Rick Perry.

The Medicaid simplification bill would make it easier for uninsured children to sign up and stay eligible for Medicaid.

The measure, which will cost the state $120 million in the next budget cycle, aims to help the 1.4 million uninsured Texas children. About 600,000 of those children are eligible for but not enrolled in Medicaid.

Perry this month endorsed the legislation.

Critics say the agreed-to bill will now obligate the state to pay about $500,000 to cover the costs of legislation in the 2004-2005 budget cycle. But Sen. Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo, said the bill will save the state money in the long run.

"Children who are healthy today will do better at school, will grow up to be productive, taxpaying citizens of our community," Zaffirini said.

Under the bill, a 17-page application, up to 14 forms and up to 20 verifications of those forms from the Texas Department of Human Services will be replaced with one, simple form and fewer verifications.

Children will be covered continuously, with no breaks because of fluctuations in their parents' income. Re-enrollment will no longer require face-to-face interviews and can be done over the phone or through the mail.

Lawmakers also approved a bill to increase compensation for inmates who were wrongly convicted and incarcerated. Under current law, people wrongfully imprisoned in Texas receive a maximum total of $50,000 for medical expenses and physical and mental suffering.

The bill would allow those inmates to collect $25,000 for every year they were in prison or sue for more. Either way, compensation would be capped at $500,000.

In other bills sent to the governor:

— Older industrial plants would be required to get environmental permits and cut emissions. The bill also requires emission cuts of 50 percent on pipelines in East Texas.

— State agencies that purchase prescription drugs would pool together and negotiate for lower prices. The bill is expected to save the state about $13 million through August 2003.

— The state's public universities and colleges would receive about $68 million over the next two years as part of plan to boost research. The University of Houston and Texas Tech University would get most of the money, about $22.5 million combined. The bill caused a lot of controversy among lawmakers who wanted their local campuses to get more money.

— Lawmakers created a fund to pay for water projects as the state faces a predicted water shortage over the next 50 years. Although state officials have predicted it will cost $17 billion to meet those needs, lawmakers didn't put any money directly into the fund. It would get $50 million if voters approve a $2 billion water development bond package in November.

—The number of charter schools would be limited to 215 while at-risk charter schools would be eliminated by converting them to open-enrollment institutions. The bill also tightens regulation of the schools.

—Nursing homes that care for the mentally retarded would get a $93 million boost under an omnibus bill that also requires all Texas nursing homes to carry liability insurance beginning in September 2003. The measure also helps for-profit nursing homes that cannot get insurance to purchase coverage through a state pool.

Battles over foreign policy predicted

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress has never been very good at getting a president to take a foreign policy action he did not already want to take. But lawmakers keep trying, and putting Democrats in charge of the Senate while Republicans hold the White House is likely to trigger some battles.

Some expect to see increased friction over such issues as President Bush's plan to build a national missile defense and the U.S. relationship with Yugoslavia.

Others predict the administration actually will welcome working with Sen. Joseph Biden, D-Del., as chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, because the current chairman, Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., has pressed Bush to take a hard line on China and other foreign policy matters.

"Given the choice between someone beating the drums for confrontation with China and someone who favors engagement toward China, I think the administration would prefer the latter, even if he is a Democrat," said Ted Galen Carpenter of the Cato Institute, a libertarian think tank.

But the foreign policy influence of the Democrats — or anyone in Congress — is generally limited.

"In foreign affairs, the president of the United States has tremendous authority to act on his own," said James Lindsay, a senior fellow at the Brookings Institution.

That lasts until Congress stops him, which is why Helms wielded great influence mainly by halting the Clinton administration's foreign policy plans, nominees and treaties.

"Even if they pass legislation directing a president to do something, presidents can drag their feet," Lindsay said, likening it to "asking your child to go and clean up his room. The results may not be what you anticipate."

The elevation of Biden, and of Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., as chairman of the Armed Services Committee, are to take effect when Vermont Sen. James Jeffords' break with the Republican Party to become an independent takes effect, giving the Democrats a 50-49 Senate majority.

Biden, however, had not decided whether to take over Foreign Relations or return to the Judiciary Committee he chaired until Republicans won control of Congress in 1994.

Bush's plan to build a national missile defense is likely to face much more opposition with Biden and Levin in charge of the key panels than it had expected to have with Helms and Sen. John Warner, R-Va., the current Armed Services Committee chairman.

Biden and Levin are deeply wary of the plan. They say it wrongly abrogates the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile treaty with Russia and throws money at an unproven technology that would provide no protection against the kinds of weapons of mass destruction that are most likely to be used, and already have been.

They cite the Oklahoma City federal building bombing in April 1995, a boat bomb against the USS Cole in Yemen last October and the sarin gas attack in Japan in March 1995.

At the same time, both Democrats have praised Bush's recent emphasis on consultations with allies — many of whom have indicated opposition to missile defense — before breaking off the ABM treaty.

Gary Dempsey, a Balkans specialist at Cato, said Biden and the administration may lock horns over Yugoslavia.

Biden has insisted that Yugoslavia fulfill certain obligations — such as turning former President Slobodan Milosevic over to the U.N. tribunal in The Hague for a war crimes trial — before it can obtain U.S. aid and gain access to World Bank loans. The administration, meanwhile, has been willing to work with Belgrade's new democratic government.

"I would expect there to be greater pressure on the administration to see that Milosevic is extradited," Dempsey said.

Jay Farrar of the bipartisan Center for Strategic and International Studies, predicted that a Senate run by Democrats will exercise "far more critical scrutiny" of Pentagon proposals than a GOP-led chamber would, demanding to see the details.

Sexual assault investigated

• Sexual assault

Snyder Police are investigating a report of sexual assault of an eight-year-old female. Sgt. Brian Haggard said it is under investigation, including as to when the incident occurred.

• Arrests

Police arrested a 37-year-old man just after 10 a.m. Sunday for driving while license suspended.

At 3:30 p.m. Sunday, a 30-year-old female was taken into custody for outstanding warrants out of Lubbock County. The warrants were for speeding and for violating promise to appear.

Police were dispatched to Kingswood Apartments at 2 a.m. today in reference to a male subject throwing a bottle at the residence. A female at the apartment complex reported her ex-husband was beating on her door and had broken a window. The 30-year-old male was located and arrested for misdemeanor DWI. An offense report was also filed for family violence, assault by threat, and criminal mischief class C. The subject was booked into the county jail.

• Gas drive-offs

Several gas drive-offs were reported over the weekend. United Fuel contacted the police department at 3 p.m. Saturday to report that a subject had driven off without paying. Officers contacted the individual who said he would return and pay.

At 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Rip Griffin's reported that a beige Suburban had left without paying for $20.52 worth of fuel. The vehicle was last seen traveling west on highway 180 with two Hispanic males in the car.

Rip Griffin's called in another gas drive-off at 2:40 p.m. Sunday. That bill was for $9.

Town and Country North requested an officer in reference to a drive-off worth $34.14. The clerk did not have a description of the vehicle or its driver.

• Burglary

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints was burglarized during the weekend. Shane Christensen requested an officer shortly before 9 a.m. Saturday to report the break-in. A VCR and an electric keyboard were missing. The back door of the church was found open. An offense report for burglary was submitted.

• Forgery

Veralyn Cain reported the theft of checks belonging to North West Texas District Ministries at 12: 25 p.m. Saturday.

• Accidents

At 8:24 p.m. Saturday, a 1983 Ford pickup driven by Joshua Green, 16, collided with a fixed object at North College and Avenue G.

A minor accident was reported in the United Supermarket parking lot at 1:30 p.m. Sunday. A 1983 Chevrolet pickup driven by Jimmy Don Sorrells, 74, and a 1997 Toyota Corolla driven by Wendy Proffitt, 17, were involved.

• Fight

Officers were called to the 300 block of 20th Street at 10:40 p.m. Sunday in reference to a fight. Several subjects were involved, but none wished to press charges.

• Theft

Lori Baldwin requested an officer in reference to her purse being stolen. The officers advised that a class B theft offense report would be filed.

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Girl killed, 13 hurt in Philly van crash

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A speeding van crammed with children on their way home from a party plowed into several cars and flipped over, killing a 4-year-old girl and injuring 12 other children, authorities said.

The driver of the van ran from the crash scene and police said they had not located him by early today.

One adult was also injured in the crash Sunday in south Philadelphia.

"There was a lot of kids hurt, but she was the only one dead," Cerita Kelly, the 4-year-old's grandmother, told WPVI-TV. "And she died instantly and now she's gone."

The GMC Safari van struck several parked cars, hit a construction trash bin and overturned, Philadelphia police Capt. Ted Sideras said. Detectives later said the van was speeding down the narrow, rain-slicked street.

Four children, ranging in age from 4 to 12, were ejected.

"There were just kids everywhere," resident Kevin Smith told WPVI-TV. "Kids who couldn't move. Kids who were passed out. Kids who were lying in pools of their own blood."

A 7-year-old boy was in critical condition today at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia with a skull fracture, hospital spokeswoman Joey McCool said. The condition of a 5-year-old boy, originally listed in critical condition, was upgraded to fair, McCool said.

A woman and the other children were treated and released at several hospitals.

"We're obviously trying to track down the driver of the vehicle," Sideras said. "We believe that it's just a matter of time before this individual turns himself in or we catch up to him."

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ONGOINGS

Bible study tapes

Bible study videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 this evening is "God Has Spoken Through His Writings," followed by "Continue Steadfastly in Prayer."

Jury call cancelled

The jury call for 132nd District Court Tuesday morning has been been cancelled.

Genealogical society

The Scurry County Genealogical Society will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the children's room in the Scurry County Library. Dave Hanes will speak on Native American legends and war. Visitors are welcome and dues are $12.50 per person or $15 per couple per year.

Late registration

Late registration for Western Texas College's Kids' College will continue through June 6. However the classes to make will be decided by Friday. Classes will be held June 11-21. For more information call 573-8511, ext. 223.

1951 class reunion

Snyder High School's class of 1951 will celebrate its 50th class reunion Friday and Saturday. Members are extending an invitation to all other SHS class members, friends and families to join them at the home of Billy and Janette Huddleston just off the old Lubbock Highway at 10 a.m. Saturday. For more information call Joanne McCormick at 573-2433 or Patsy Sitton at 573-4359.

Camp Springs homecoming

Camp Springs homecoming will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday. Bring a covered-dish for the potluck meal. Ice, cups, plates and flatware will be furnished. Call Carla Guinn Bavousett at 573-8948 for more information.

Colonial Hill VBS

Colonial Hill Baptist Church will hold Vacation Bible School from 8:30-11:45 a.m. on June 4-8 for grades K-6.

Vacation Bible School

The 37th St. Church of Christ has set its "Jesus to the Rescue" Vacation Bible School for June 4-6, from 9 a.m. to noon. It is for ages two years through the sixth grade. For more information, call Kinney Mabry at 573-0154.

Presbyterian VBS

Children ages 3-12 are invited to Vacation Bible School June 4-8 at the First Presbyterian Church, 2706 Ave. R. Hours are 9 a.m. until noon and theme is "The Ark." For information, call 573-6915.

CPR provider course

Western Texas College has set a CPR Provider Course for next Monday and Wednesday, June 6, at the Vocational Nursing Building, 7C, from 6-10 p.m. Cost is $45. Register early as space is limited. For more information call, 573-8511, ext. 390.

WTC swimming pool

The WTC swimming pool will open Monday, June 4, for public use. Lap swimming: M-TH 6:30-8 a.m. Open swimming: M-TH 2-5 p.m. Cost is $3 per person or $50 for a semester pass. The pool is also available for parties on Fridays and Saturdays. For more information, contact Mike Harrison at 573-8511, ext. 279.

Winston Field fly-in breakfast

The first Winston Field fly-in breakfast will be held from 8-10:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 16. The public is invited to the event and can eat breakfast with the pilots for $3. There will be numerous airplanes on display, including antique aircraft.

Biker Sunday

The second annual Biker Sunday will be Sunday, June 24, at Colonial Hill Baptist Church. Services start at 10:45 a.m. and there will be bike rodeo games, door prizes, free food and a live band.

Discovery school

Discovery School at First United Methodist Church is open for the summer, taking ages up through 8 years. Drop-ins are welcome. For more information, call 573-4770.

Cancer treatment transportation

Transportation for cancer patients is available every day free of charge to Lubbock, Abilene or Midland. For more information, call Sammie Jarrell at 573-5993 or Blakely Fargason at 574-8041. If not home, leave message on answering machine.

Fox party candidate claims victory in Yucatan elections

MERIDA, Mexico (AP) — The candidate from President Vicente Fox's National Action Party claimed victory in a gubernatorial election after exit polls showed him ousting the party that ruled Mexico for seven decades, but his challenger refused to concede defeat on today.

Exit polls for the election in the southern state of Yucatan indicated that PAN's Patricio Patron defeated his rival from Institutional Revolutionary party, PRI, by a margin of about 10 percent. But the first partial vote counts released by state authorities showed a narrow lead for the PRI's coalition candidacy.

A victory for PAN would bring the party beyond its traditional base in conservative northern states and deliver another crushing blow to the PRI, which lost the presidency after 71 years in power when Fox became the first opposition candidate ever to win the post in July.

Patron was confident as he predicted the end of the PRI's control of Yucatan.

He said his first task "will be to heal the divisions and polarization" caused by the political sea-change. As for the PRI, he said, "I see a difficult future for them. I think they will simply disappear in Yucatan."

The PRI, which had its most experienced political machine in Yucatan state, was not giving up easily. The party's gubernatorial candidate, Orlando Paredes, refused to bow out as the first partial vote showed the PRI leading the PAN's coalition candidacy 48.5 percent to 42 percent.

That count, released by state authorities, included mostly rural precincts where the PRI is strong.