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MONDAY

Snyder Daily News

Ask Us

Q—When will Snyder Garden Club announce Yard of the Month and Business of the Month for July?

A—Final selections are being made this week and winners will be announced Aug. 1, said Laverne Hood, club representative. The area for the contest is everything south of 37th Street, with the exception of the Eastridge Addition.

Local

Family Life

The Family Life series airing at 7 this evening on cable television Channel 2 will be "What Does it Mean to Follow Jesus."

Genealogy

Scurry County Genealogical Society will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the county library. Election of officers will be held. Visitors are welcome.

Register

Registration for all seventh and eighth grade students new to Snyder public schools will be held Wednesday at the junior high school.

Registration hours will be from 8 a.m. until noon and 1-4 p.m.

Cogdell

Cogdell Memorial Hospital board of directors will hold a work session on the 1995 budget at noon Tuesday in the hospital board room.

Presentation and approval of the budget is scheduled during a board meeting set for 8 a.m. Thursday.

Reception

A community reception honoring Tom Hochwalt, former CEO of Cogdell Memorial Hospital and senior vice president of St. Mary of the Plains Hospital in Lubbock, will be held from 3-4 p.m. Tuesday in the Cogdell Hospital board room.

Revival

Four small area churches are combining their efforts for an "ole tyme" countywide revival today through Saturday.

Services, set for 7 p.m., will be held at Ira United Methodist today, Fluvanna United Methodist on Tuesday, Union United Methodist on Thursday and Hermleigh United Methodist on Friday.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Saturday, 101 degrees; low, 73 degrees; high Sunday, 100 degrees; low, 74 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Monday, 78 degrees; no precipitation; total precipitation for 1994 to date, 5.82 inches.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of showers or thunderstorms. Low in the lower 70s. South wind 5-15 mph. Tuesday, partly cloudy. A slight chance of afternoon thunderstorms. High 95-100. Chance of rain 20 percent.

Almanac: Sunset today, 8:44. Sunrise Tuesday, 7:56. Of 205 days in 1994, the sun has shone 198 days in Snyder.

Israel, Jordan declare end to hostilities

WASHINGTON (AP) — Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin of Israel and Jordan's King Hussein today declared an end to 46 years of hostility and opened the way for economic cooperation. The ceremony marked the third historic settlement of ancient enmities that have plagued the Middle East.

President Clinton opened the signing ceremony declaring that the two former enemies "with the world as their witness" have pledged to "settle their differences by peaceful means."

At the first public meeting between the Arab and Jewish leaders, Hussein declared "This day is a day of hope and vision."

"And so it is that on this day ... we have been able to take an historic step, which we hope and pray will be the benefit of our peoples," Hussein said.

Only months ago, Rabin met with PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat at the White House to sign an agreement granting self-government to Palestinians who have lived under Israeli rule in Gaza and the West Bank.

And it was 15 years ago that Egypt and Israel came to Washington to sign a peace treaty.

Clinton sat between the two leaders at a table set up on the South Lawn as they signed the declaration.

"Millions of eyes all over the world are watching us with great relief and great joy," Rabin said. "Another nightmare of war may be over."

Before meeting in the White House to put the finishing touches on the declaration, Rabin and Hussein greeted each other with a handshake and a warm smile.

Rabin said their handshake "symbolizes much more than two people who no longer take up arms against one another." He said he looked forward to the day when such greetings would become routine.

"Your majesty, the entire state of Israel is shaking your hand," he told Hussein at a White House ceremony that marked their first public meeting.

After the brief ceremony, presided over by President Clinton, the leaders went inside to put the finishing touches on the declaration.



BICYCLISTS' FEAT — Gary Sharp of Snyder, left, shakes hands with fellow bicyclist Kit Hernandez of Odessa, right, after the approximately 50-mile bicycle tour from Big Spring to Snyder on Sunday. (SDN Staff Photo by John McMillan)

Cycling tour prompts consideration of club

By JOHN McMILLAN
SDN Staff Writer

The chances of a local bicycle club being formed apparently have received a huge boost from the city's new status as the host for the finish line of the two-day Cactus & Crude bike tour.

"There's a lot of people in Snyder who ride bicycles, and this might help them to come together for future rides here," said Gary Sharp, who was the fifth bicyclist to reach the end of the tour late Sunday morning and the only Snyder resident riding a bicycle in the event.

Sharp completed the approximately 50-mile Sunday journey from Big Spring to Snyder in three hours, 41 minutes.

This year marked the first time in the six-year history of the Cactus & Crude tour that Snyder served as the host city for the event's finish line. In prior years, the tour concluded in Post.

Sharp, who has ridden a bicycle in five of the six Cactus & Crude tours, expressed hope that bicycle lanes would be established on roadways in Snyder. "If the state could afford to redo them (the highways going through town)" by establishing bicycle lanes, "that would be nice," he said.

Approximately 100 bicyclists reached the end of the Cactus & Crude tour on Sunday in front of National Guard Armory, concluding the last portion of the bike tour that began at 7 a.m. that day in Big Spring. The overall fund-raising event, proceeds from which will benefit the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, began on Saturday morning with a tour from Midland to Big Spring.

Sharp, 41, who is employed as a crew leader for Lone Star Gas, has been regularly riding a bicycle since 1989 for 20 or more miles on each outing, he said. Area residents interested in forming a bicycle club may call him at his home number of 573-8682, he said.

Sharp is married to Margie Sharp and the Snyder couple have two children, Thad, 14, and Daniell, 11.

The two bicyclists who were first to reach the end of the tour on Sunday were Gary Cole of Big Spring and Stan Pudlo of Midland, each of whom completed the jour-

(See TOUR, Page 8)

Local girl injured in weekend wreck

A young Snyder girl is in a Lubbock hospital suffering from injuries she received when the vehicle she was riding in struck a stop sign here Sunday.

Two-year-old Jessica West of 2011 KSNY Drive was listed in serious condition at University Medical Center in Lubbock, a hospital spokesperson said.

West was a passenger in a 1985 Pontiac which struck a stop sign at 2300 KSNY Drive and U.S. Highway 180 about 8:07 p.m. Sunday. According to police, 29-year-old Rosalie Rita Stitzel, was driving the Pontiac west on Highway 180 when she attempted to turn right on to KSNY Drive. Her turn was apparently made too wide, police said, and the vehicle struck the stop sign on the west side of KSNY Drive.

Police said neither Stitzel nor West were wearing seat belts. Both were taken to Cogdell Memorial Hospital emergency room. The toddler was transfered to UMC because of possible head injury. Stitzel, also of 2011 KSNY Drive, refused treatment for her injuries.

Snyder area law enforcement officers investigated several other accidents Sunday and this morning.

Sam Wright, 37 from Longview, suffered minor injuries in an accident which occurred at 7:23 a.m. Sunday near the Garza/Scurry County line along U.S. Highway 84. Wright was released from Cogdell ER following treatment. Information about the accident was unavailable this morning.

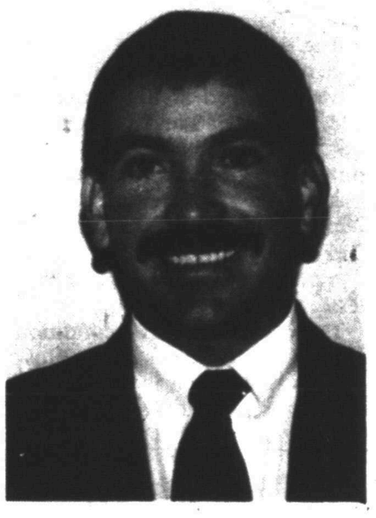
At 7:12 p.m. Sunday, police investigated a two-vehicle mishap in the 100 block of 37th St. Involved were a 1989 Dodge driven by Ila Phillips Campbell of 100 E. 37th #11 and a 1987 Dodge driven by Debbie Jean Bayer of 9753 E. Hwy. 180, Hermleigh.

Police were advised of a hit-and-run at 4:30 this morning at Gentle Dove Ministries. According to the report, an unknown vehicle veered off 25th Street and struck a sign owned by Gentle Dove. The vehicle left the scene.

Tech grad named county agent here, replacing Morrow

A Robert Lee native and Texas Tech graduate was named this morning to become county extension agent for Scurry County.

The Scurry County Commissioners Court unanimously approved the extension service's recommendation that Terry Millican become the county agent, effective Sept. 1.



TERRY MILLICAN

Millican, 29, succeeds Mike Morrow who resigned last month to become county agent in Paris for Lamar County.

Millican, a county agent for the past seven years, will move to Scurry County from Plains where he has served as county agent for Yoakum County.

A 1983 graduate of Robert Lee High School, Millican earned a degree in agriculture from Texas Tech University. He earned his master's degree from Tech in 1992.

While at Tech, Millican was a member of the livestock and wool judging teams and served as an officer in the Collegiate FFA as well as the Tech Block and Bridle Club.

Following graduating from Tech, Millican served as assistant county agent in Gaines County before being named county agent in Yoakum County in August, 1991. Millican is single and is a member of the Church of Christ.

Commissioners also met this morning with two representatives from Western Texas College concerning the rental fee for use of the county coliseum for play of home basketball games.

WTC Athletic Director Milton Ham and Carl Williams, WTC board president, both said use of the coliseum is essential to a competitive junior college program, but objected to a proposed 115 percent increase in fees.

No action was taken on the request to reconsider, but commissioners instructed coliseum manager Jay Wesson to consult with his advisory board in an effort to negotiate a fee that would be fair to all concerned.

Ham said he had budgeted a 33 percent increase. Last year the amount charged was $2,800 and the county had proposed a fee of from $5,400 to $5,800 for 1995.

The court also met this morning with Wesson concerning the total coliseum budget. Wesson had requested $264,001, a decrease of $3,394 from last year.

However, commissioners suggested that the decrease might not be enough since $16,000 for a grounds contract had been eliminated because of the availability of inmate labor.

Commissioners once again questioned the payment of overtime wages in which the coliseum had budgeted $4,000. Wesson said because of event time constraints, it is not always possible to give compensatory time off.

Also discussed was a $7,000 increase in capital outlay. Wesson has suggested returning a leased sound system and purchasing a less sophisticated one.

The coliseum was the only department request reviewed today, after which the court recessed its budget study until 10 a.m. Thursday following presentation of the Cogdell Hospital budget early that day.

Also remaining to be reviewed are budget requests concerning the county museum and senior citizens center.

County Judge Bob Doolittle presided at this morning's meeting. Commissioners attending included C.D. Gray Jr., Roy Idom, Ralph Trevey and Jerry Gannaway.

Ruiz heads for court today in new lawsuit

TYLER (AP) — Inmate David Ruiz, whose 1972 lawsuit protesting Texas prison conditions resulted in sweeping reforms, is back in court, this time alleging retaliation by prison employees.

Ruiz contends in a lawsuit filed in a Tyler federal court five years ago that 21 state prison employees have sought revenge for his original lawsuit. Among other things, he claims he has been denied medical care for problems with his eyes, headaches and back; that his mail has been interfered with and that he has been wrongly classified as a gang member.

In the retaliation suit, Ruiz seeks unspecified compensatory and punitive damages and injunctions to bar future retaliatory actions.

Jury selection began today in the court of U.S. District Judge William Wayne Justice, who presided over the 1972 case.

The employees deny any retaliation against Ruiz, who they say is a member of a prison gang known as the Mexican Mafia. Ruiz is an inmate at the Coffield Unit in Tennessee Colony.

Prison officials admit Ruiz "has perhaps gotten more attention in general because of his unique position, but that attention has been to his benefit, not his detriment."

Ruiz is serving a life sentence for aggravated robbery.

In 1972, he filed the 30-page handwritten suit protesting conditions in Texas prisons. Thirteen years and thousands of hours of legal battles later, the state and attorneys for inmates and Judge Justice agreed on a series of reforms that changed the state's prisons forever at a cost of hundreds of millions of dollars.

Those reforms still continue with hundreds of millions of more dollars being spent as Texas tries to keep pace with the nonstop entry of hundreds of convicts into the prison system.

Justice department: serious crimes against juveniles up

WASHINGTON (AP) — Juvenile court cases involving serious crimes grew tremendously from 1988 to 1992, according to the Justice Department, and a criminologist says the problem is bound to worsen as the population of teenagers increases.

According to a Justice Department study released Sunday, of 118,700 serious crimes, aggravated assault cases increased the most, up 80 percent to 77,900 in 1992. Homicides increased by 55 percent to 2,500, robberies went up by 52 percent to 32,900, and forcible rape cases rose by 27 percent to 5,400.

James Alan Fox, dean of criminal justice at Northeastern University, said declines in the adolescent population over the past few years is bottoming out. If the problem is not addressed, crime among juveniles is bound to increase "because we'll have a tremendous growth in the number of juveniles."

"Even though there are fewer kids now, there's a small core group that is committing violence at an unprecedented rate, the young and the ruthless," Fox said.

That is what has prompted a 68 percent increase in the number of juvenile court cases involving the offenses of murder, aggravated assault, robbery and forcible rape, he said.

Overall, juvenile court cases increased by 26 percent to 1.5 million, said the study by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

"Criminals are getting younger, victims are getting younger," said Wesley Skogan, a political science and urban affairs professor at Northwestern University. "It's a combination of bravado, hopelessness, access to firepower and the allures of the drug market."

The report demonstrates the need for quick passage of the crime bill, said Attorney General Janet Reno.

"We have to fight crime with every tool we have," Reno said in a written statement. Among other things, she said, the nation must "begin turning juvenile crime around before we are faced with a lost generation — with crime bill initiatives like boot camps, anti-gang initiatives, a ban on gun possession by minors, safer schools and prevention programs that will help steer young people away from a career of crime."

Woman uses handgun to shoot ex-boyfriend

FORT WORTH (AP) — A man who police allege stalked his ex-girlfriend for six months was shot by the woman, who told police she fired upon her ex-boyfriend as he attempted to assault her.

The 30-year-old woman, whose name was not released by authorities, was questioned by police and released. She told them the 33-year-old man forced his way inside her duplex after following her home, then prevented her from calling police.

The woman pulled a handgun from her purse, ordered the man to leave and fired at him when he said, "Go ahead and shoot me," the Fort Worth Star-Telegram quotes a police report as saying.

After the man collapsed, the woman called 911, said Detective Curt Brannan.

A police spokesman said the investigation will continue.

The man was in fair condition Sunday at John Peter Smith Hospital, where he was recovering from a single gunshot wound to the abdomen.

Lotto Texas

By The Associated Press

No tickets matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said. The jackpot was worth $25 million.

The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 50 were: 26, 29, 31, 39, 43 and 48.

Lottery officials estimate the jackpot for Wednesday night's game will be $40 million.

Astro-graphs

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Tuesday, July 26, 1994

Two important new friendships might be established in the year ahead. Neither acquaintance will know the other, yet their mores and values are comparable to your high standards.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Conditions are a trifle unusual today, and it's possible something unexpected might develop that could prove profitable for you. The way this occurs may be a bit mysterious. 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 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 4465, New York, N.Y. 10163.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You could be very adept today at negotiating matters of importance on a one-to-one basis. You'll have the edge and know it, yet your inclination to be fair will be strong.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Savings could result today by doing some of the work around your place yourself. Study what needs mending to determine whether it has to be farmed out. If not, give it a try.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Situations that appear to be too difficult for others to manage are likely to be delegated to you today. Take control of situations if you see companions faltering.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Hunches shouldn't be ignored today in situations where there is something of material value at stake. Your intuition is compatible with your logic.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Don't be afraid to ask direct questions today if you're involved with friends in something with ramifications you don't fully comprehend.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Some type of gain could come to you today through two different sources. One is related to your career, the second to a confidential arrangement you have with another.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You have the ability to manage and direct others today without being dictatorial or unduly forceful. They'll follow you because of what they perceive you to represent.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) A joint endeavor in which you're presently involved has strong probabilities for success, provided neither you nor your associate tips your hand prematurely.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Your abilities for handling matters that require negotiations are very good today. If there is something that can be finalized or firmed up, contact the persons involved.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Today you might be faced with the task of redoing something that wasn't handled correctly the first time around. This time you'll take real pride in doing it properly.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Your better abilities are apt to come to the fore today should your creativity be challenged. Don't operate in a mode that subdues or bridles your imagination.

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Dear Abby



Life Can Be Just as Full From a Sitting Position

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR READERS: Today, letters from people who were told they'd never walk again — and they didn't. However, in spite of it, they lived fulfilling lives:

DEAR ABBY: Your response to "Sitting" was weak. True, that verdict was devastating; however, doctors have a good reason for delivering such a hopeless prognosis.

Miracles sometimes happen, but many a life has been wasted waiting for one. As a paraplegic and a wheelchair basketball player, I've encountered numerous individuals who are highly successful from a seated position.

Abby, most of what people do as adults can be done from a wheelchair — work, play, raise families, etc.

"Sitting" would have been better served had you requested responses from people who never walked again, but with determination, therapy and the grace of God went on to live happy, productive lives from their wheelchairs.

DUG JONES, FOR THE NORTH FLORIDA RENEGADES WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL TEAM, GAINESVILLE

DEAR DUG: You are absolutely right. Thank you for enclosing a picture of the North Florida Renegades Wheelchair Basketball Team. What a handsome group of athletes you are!

DEAR ABBY: You asked to hear from readers who had been told that they would never walk again, but with determination, therapy and the grace of God, they did.

Before retiring, I was an occupational therapist dedicated to helping disabled people become independent. I encouraged patients to gain their highest level of achievement without fostering false hope. Some people will never walk again, but they need to know that they can still lead normal, independent lives.

Many paraplegics and quadriplegics climb mountains, scuba dive, snow and water ski, and even ride motorcycles. They also have sex and become parents. Some people have learned to appreciate their lives, discovering new directions and purpose because of their injuries or illnesses.

I have AIDS and am faced with my mortality every day (we all are, but we don't realize it).

My advice: Don't wait for a miracle. Work on being as independent and healthy as possible, and make the most of your life while you can.

LIVING POSITIVELY

DEAR ABBY: In reference to the letter from "Sitting," who was told he (or she) would never walk again: You asked to hear from people who, through therapy, determination and the grace of God, did walk again. Well, I'm not one of them. I haven't been able to walk since I was 2 years old. I'm 55 now, but my life didn't end when my parents were told I'd never walk.

I've gone on to lead a productive and happy life. There is very little I can't do from this wheelchair. Nothing has ever stopped me from trying, and I have my parents, family and friends to thank for that.

I learned to drive when I was 21; I've taken trips and plan to travel more. I've learned to swim, and people say I'm pretty good. I held a government job for 32 years. I have never let my wheelchair stop me from doing anything; it may take a little longer, but I manage to do it.

So what if I never walk again? I have two good arms, a mouth and a voice, and that's all I really need.

FAYE ELAM IN SAN ANTONIO

DEAR FAYE: You're an inspiration. And speaking of people who lead productive lives even though they are unable to walk, I'm reminded of Itzhak Perlman, the Israeli-born, world-famous violinist. When he was 4, polio left him permanently disabled. Now, at 50, although he walks with the aid of crutches and leg braces, he thrills audiences all over the world — from a seated position.

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To receive a collection of Abby's most memorable — and most frequently requested — poems and essays, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby's "Keepers," P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

Woman refuses 'Ranger' job offer

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — For years she had considered becoming a Texas Ranger, but when the call came offering her the job, Texas Department of Public Safety Sgt. Lisa Sheppard turned it down.

The 33-year-old criminal investigator rejected the promotion because she didn't like what she considers to be the strings attached to becoming a female Ranger.

Being a Ranger would mean trading her spot as a solo law enforcement officer in a field office to join a company headquarters office, as her three female predecessors have done.

"I'm at the point where I don't think of myself in terms of gender anymore. I'm an investigator," Ms. Sheppard told the Corpus Christi Caller-Times for its Sunday editions.

"That's why I was so offended by all this about being placed in company headquarters. All that I had done was ignored and just reduced to something I felt was really inconsequential."

When Senior Ranger Maurice Cook, who heads the 101-member force, offered Ms. Sheppard the job in May, he said that instead of being assigned to one of the openings at Beeville, Kingsville and Corpus Christi, she'd be stationed in San Antonio — at one of the company headquarters.

Although some Texas Rangers work in headquarters in urban areas such as Houston, Dallas, San Antonio and Austin, the majority tend to be assigned to more rural areas such as Brenham, Liberty, Mount Pleasant, Palestine, Sinton, Weatherford and Wichita Falls.

"I certainly was welcoming her on board and felt like she would be a good addition in that she certainly has a lot of past good recommendations," said Cook, who said Ms. Sheppard has not told him why she declined.

The Rangers, for their part, consider Ms. Sheppard's decision an isolated incident that does not reflect on their attitude toward women or even toward Ms. Sheppard herself, who they say is welcome to compete again for a position.

Ranger Sgt. Cheryl Campbell Steadman, who was promoted last year, agrees there is at least an unspoken policy about women being restricted to company headquarters.

Priest stabbed in McAllen

McALLEN (AP) — A 63-year-old priest was stabbed repeatedly early Sunday in an apparent robbery while house-sitting an apartment at a complex for the elderly and disabled, police said.

The Rev. Benedicto Ortiz, associate pastor of San Martin de Porres Catholic Church in Weslaco, was in critical condition at Knapp Medical Center late Sunday.

Meanwhile, Jose Angel Villanueva, 19, of McAllen, was arraigned on a charge of criminal attempted murder and bond was set at $50,000. Villanueva remained in the Hidalgo County jail late Sunday, officials said.

Police said Villanueva gave authorities a statement admitting to the stabbing, but said he attacked Ortiz only after the priest had tried to sexually assault him.

Ortiz was attacked at about 4 a.m. in an apartment in north Donna, about 10 miles east of McAllen, police said. They suspect robbery may have been the motive.

"The house had pretty much been ransacked," said investigator Rigo Quintanilla.

There were no signs of forced entry, but said telephone lines at the apartment had been cut and an alarm had been broken, he said.

DATE BOOK

July 25, 1994

Today is the 206th day of 1994 and the 35th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1984, Soviet cosmonaut Svetlana Savitskaya became the first woman to walk in space.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Thomas Eakins (1844-1916), artist; Maxfield Parrish (1870-1966), artist; Walter Brennan (1894-1974), actor; Estelle Getty (1924-), actress, is 70; Nate Thurmond (1941-), basketball great, is 53; Walter Payton (1954-), football great, is 40.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1937, Washington's Mel Almada set a major-league record by scoring nine runs during a doubleheader against St. Louis.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Without women, we stood in space on one leg only." — Cosmonaut Vladimir Dzanibekov on Svetlana Savitskaya's space walk.

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1956, in heavy fog off the coast of Massachusetts, the Italian ship Andrea Doria sank after colliding with the Swedish ship Stockholm; 52 died.

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TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (July 22) and last quarter (July 30).

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Oil Patch News

Scurry County

Fortson Oil Co. has completed the No. 1 Conrad unit, a Wolfcamp discovery located eight miles southwest of Ira. The well was finaled to produce 165 barrels of 42 gravity oil and no water. Perforations were from 4,398-406 feet and location is in Section 87, Block 20 Lavaca Navigation Co. survey.

Anadarko Petroleum will drill the No. 4 Winston Brothers in the Kelly-Snyder field, four miles southwest of Snyder. Planned for a depth of 6,750 feet, location is in Section 37, Kirkland and Fields survey.

French M. Robertson Oil Co. will drill the No. 1 J.W. Nichols in the Reville field, eight miles northwest of Snyder. Planned for a depth of 3,400 feet, drill site is in Section 301, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Federal Oil Inc. will drill the No. 1 Longbotham in the Ride field, eight miles southwest of Snyder. Planned for a depth of 6,999 feet, drill site is in Section 149, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Partee Drilling has completed the No. 1 J.E. Kyle in the Mirage field, three miles east of Dunn. The well was finaled to produce 14 barrels of 41 gravity oil and 80 barrels of water. Gas-oil ratio was 286-1 with perforations from 7,638-641 feet. Location is in Section 46, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Garza County

Yates Energy Corp. will drill the No. 1 Ed Sims, a 5,500-foot wildcat located eight miles south of Post. Location is in Section 9, Bock 2, T&NO survey.

Kent County

MYD Inc. has completed the No. 2-A Reed in the SMS field, 10 miles northwest of Clairemont. The well was completed to produce 120 barrels of 42 gravity oil and 30 barrels of water. Gas-oil ratio was 200-1 with perforations from 6,656-700 feet, and location is in Section 2, Block 2, H&TC survey.

MYD Inc. has completed the No. 2-A Reed in the SMS field. The well was finaled to produce 120 barrels of 42 gravity oil and 30 barrels of water. Gas-oil ratio was 200-1 with perforations from 6,656-700 feet. Location is in Section 2, Block 2, H&GN survey.

Sharp Image Energy Inc. will drill the No. 2-A Spur in the Michelle Kay field, 28 miles northwest of Jayton. Planned for a depth of 6,700 feet, location is in Section 10, Block B, PSL survey.

Fisher County

Midland Oil and Gas Inc. will drill the No. 1 Tip, a 5,200-foot wildcat located nine miles southeast of Rotan. Drill site is in Section 78, Block 1, H&TC survey.

Union Pacific Resources will drill the No. 1 O'Donald, a 7,400-foot wildcat located 12.3 miles southwest of Roby. Drill site is in Section 212, Block 3, H&TC survey.

Nolan County

Oryx Energy Co. will drill the No. 1407 Southwest Nena Lucia unit in the Nena Lucia field, 13 miles southwest of Maryneal. Planned for a depth of 7,200 feet, location is in Section 124, Block 1-A, H&TC survey.

Oryx will drill the No. 1515 Southwest Nena Lucia unit in the Nena Lucia field, 13 miles southwest of Maryneal. Also planned for 7,200 feet, drill site is in Section 125, Block 1-A, H&TC survey.

Oryx will drill the No. 3118 Southwest Nena Lucia unit in the same field, 13 miles southwest of Maryneal. Projected depth is 7,200 feet, and drill site is in Section 86, Block 1-A, H&TC survey.

Oryx will drill the No. 3822 Southwest Nena Lucia unit in the Nena Lucia field, 13 miles southwest of Maryneal. The venture will be drilled to 7,100 feet, and location is in Section 88, Block 1-A, H&TC survey.

Oryx Energy will drill the No. 3823 Southwest Nena Lucia unit in the Nena Lucia field, 13 miles southwest of Maryneal. Planned depth is 7,100 feet, and location is in Section 88, Blolck 1-A, H&TC survey.

Oryx will drill the No. 4817 Southwest Nena Lucia unit in the same field, 13 miles southwest of Maryneal. Contracted for 7,200 feet, location is in Section 87, Block 1-A, H&TC survey.

Berry's World



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Community Calendar

MONDAY

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

Alateen; Park Club at Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for more information, call 573-8971 or 573-2101; 4:30 p.m.

Tumbleweed Toastmasters meeting; chamber of commerce board room; 6 p.m.

Rebekah Lodge 294; Lodge Hall; 7:30 p.m.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for more information, call 863-2349, 573-8626, 573-1141; 8 p.m.

Overeaters Anonymous; board room of Cogdell Memorial Hospital; 7:30 p.m.; call 573-8322 for more information.

TUESDAY

Genealogy meeting; county library; election of officers and visitors welcome; 7 p.m.

Weight Watchers; Trinity United Methodist Church; 5:30 p.m.

TOPS TX56; 5:30 p.m. weigh-in and meeting from 5:30-6:30 p.m.; 2501 35th. For information, call Jean Yearwood at 573-9444.

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

New Horizon Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for more information, call 573-1141, 573-2101; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th and Ave. M; for more information, call 573-3956, 573-2101 573-1141 or 573-8626; 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Martha Ann Woman's Club Salad Luncheon/Game Day; reservations need by 5 p.m. Monday by calling 573-3427; $6 per person; serving ins at 11:30 a.m., games follow.

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for more information, call 573-1141; 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

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

Scurry Lodge 706; AF and AM degree classes; 7 p.m.

Scurry Charter Chapter ABWA; MAWC; 7 p.m.

Codependents Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 37th & Ave. M; for more information, call 573-7358; 7 p.m.

New Horizons Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for information, call 573-3308 or 573-2101.

Bilingual Group of Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club Addition in Winston Park; for more information, call 863-2349 or 573-8626; 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

Free blood pressure clinics; Senior Citizens Center, 9:30-11 a.m.; Cogdell Memorial Hospital emergency waiting room; 1-2 p.m.

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

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointment; 573-9742 or 573-2763.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information, call 573-8626, 863-2349; (Last Friday of the month is the birthday, open, meeting); 8 p.m.

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th and Ave. M; for more information, call 573-3956, 573-2101; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

People Without Partners; Inadale Community Center; games of 42 and dominos; 6:30 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for more information call 573-1141, 863-2349, or 573-8626; 10 a.m.

Scurry County Museum; Western Texas College; open from 1-4 p.m.

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

Beginners Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club at Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; 7 p.m.

Scientists meet to battle 'brown tide'

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — A coffee-colored algae known as brown tide is killing young fish and vegetation in Laguna Madre, threatening the South Texas lagoon's sensitive food chain, researchers say.

Paul Montagna, a marine researcher at the University of Texas Marine Science Institute at Port Aransas, says researchers at first thought brown was sort of "an annoying rash."

"Now I'd call it a cancer, one that definitely can be fatal to the system," he said.

The dangerous bloom is threatening the viability of the Laguna Madre ecosystem, the survival of its sport fisheries and its $400 million contribution to the area's economy, experts say.

Scientists who met in 1991 to discuss brown tide plan to return Aug. 20 to discuss ways to save the lagoon, which separates Padre Island from the mainland for 125 miles.

The concentrations of algae this summer are as high as ever in the open lagoon, and they are particularly high in closed areas, said Marine Science Institute researcher Joan Holt.

"In marinas, subdivisions and channels, we are seeing concentrations three to four times higher than the open bay," she said.

Ken Dunton, a seagrass expert at the Marine Science Institute, said the grass is dying quickly.

"If the current situation persists, we could expect the loss of the majority of the seagrass in the Laguna Madre within a year," Dunton said.

Of more recent concern to marine biologists is brown tide's mortal impact on redfish, speckled trout and black drum.

The algae's ability to kill larval fish has significantly hurt production of redfish and speckled trout at the Gulf Coast Conservation Association's Marine Development Center's fish hatchery, the largest hatchery on the Texas coast. The hatchery raises millions of sport fish for stocking the Laguna and nearby bays.

"Without our emergency procedures, we wouldn't be getting any (redfish or trout) production at all," hatchery superintendent Robert Vega said.

There's further evidence of fish loss in the open lagoon, according to larval samples of redfish, speckled trout and black drum collected by Scott Holt, a researcher at the Marine Science Institute.

That's alarming to Laguna Madre fishing guides, even though they are finding good populations of adult trout and redfish.

"You lose the babies, you lose the future. It's that simple," said guide Bill Sheka Jr.

Besides evidence of larval finfish loss, researchers have detected harm to the underpinnings of the Laguna Madre's food chain, from microscopic zooplankton to tiny mollusks.

Woman cites breast implants for serious health problems

FORT WORTH (AP) — Deborah Few complains that immediately after she received breast implants, she felt a burning sensation in her chest, followed a few months later by kidney failure and later still by multiple sclerosis.

She wanted to tell that story over the weekend in Fort Worth to 60 women attending a conference of the group she founded — Implant Survivors United. But the 35-year-old couldn't because she didn't feel well enough.

"I've put everything I own into this organization," said Ms. Few, who had the leaking silicone gel implants removed in March.

Although some in the medical profession may disagree, Ms. Few is convinced her breast implants are to blame for the litany of health problems she's developed since cosmetic surgery six years ago. She says doctors have given her less than 15 years to live. And she fears she's to blame for the pain her 3-year-old daughter suffers.

Ms. Few, one of 60,000 women named in the settlement of a $4.2 billion federal lawsuit against implant manufacturers, is convinced the faulty implants triggered her other problems.

Some doctors aren't so sure.

According to the largest study ever done on breast implants, which was conducted recently by the Mayo Clinic and published in the New England Journal of Medicine, there's insufficient evidence to link breast implants with certain diseases.

But David Smalley, an immunologist at the University of Tennessee in Memphis, is on Ms. Few's side.

Smalley, the keynote speaker at the conference, is working on a test proving the link. He's already developed a simple blood test he said proves the existence of "silicone-associated disease."

"We've just opened the door to the beginning of an understanding of this disease process," he said. "It's important that the medical community understands this is a real disease."

Ms. Few worries that her implants also have harmed her 3-year-old daughter, Gena, who wakes up screaming from stomach pains and muscle cramps. She also has developed odd rashes and bowel problems.

Ms. Few's 17-year-old and 7-year-old daughters have no such health problems.

Candice Rothrock, who lives in Plano and founded Silicone Implant Survivors of Dallas-Fort Worth-Plano, estimates that at least 500 women in the area suffer from diseases caused by leaking implants.

Manager of bar wins contest

KEY WEST, Fla. (AP) — A bar manager has learned the importance of being Ernest.

After five years of trying, and failing, John Petersen won the Papa Hemingway Look-alike contest Saturday — thanks to a beard, a wool sweater and a little bit of a paunch.

Petersen beat out 82 other Hemingway wannabes to claim a one-week stay at a local resort during next year's festival, a $100 tab at Sloppy Joe's Bar, a box of Hemingway cigars, five cases of beer and a front-end alignment for his car.

He said he gained weight and let his beard grow in order to win. He also wore a cream-colored wool turtleneck sweater.

"I'll be back every year now as a judge, but at least I don't have to wear the sweater any more," Petersen said.

The Hemingway Days celebration, which ended Sunday, was created 14 years ago to honor the Pulitzer Prize-winning author who lived on the island for years.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

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SOUTH
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♥A J 4 2
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♣A K Q 10 3

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South

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3 ♣	Pass	4 ♣	Pass
5 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♥K

Go out at the top

By Phillip Alder

I am writing this column the day after Formula 1 Grand Prix driver Ayrton Senna was killed. He was arguably the best motor-racing driver ever. It is always tragic when any sport loses its best participant. I always admired his excellent driving, all the more so as I have done a little motor-racing training.

Who is the best bridge player no longer alive? Oswald Jacoby and Howard Schenken come to mind. Today's deal was played by the latter. An ambitious auction reached an apparently impossible five clubs. After West led the heart king, how did Schenken try to make the contract?

Schenken had that invaluable knack of being able to predict how an opponent would defend. Here, seeing that he stood no chance if he won West's opening lead, Schenken dropped the four. But West, Waldemar von Zedtwitz, was suspicious. He didn't fall for the Bath Coup; instead, he exited with a trump.

Still facing defeat, Schenken won in hand and immediately led the spade four. Thinking declarer had a guess coming up, von Zedtwitz matched speed with speed. Instantly he played the two. Yet Schenken had no option; He called for dummy's queen.

When it held, Schenken drew the last trump, unblocked his spade ace, ruffed a heart in the dummy, ruffed a spade in hand and claimed 12 tricks when the king fell. There were two spade winners sitting in the dummy, on which declarer could throw his diamond losers.

In the cold light of day, von Zedtwitz made a mistake. But pushing opponents into error is one hallmark of an excellent bridge player.

Democratic leaders expect health care action in August

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress won't leave for its annual summer recess until it votes on a national health care plan, Democratic congressional leaders say.

House Majority Leader Richard Gephardt, D-Mo., predicted Sunday that the House will take action on a health care reform bill by mid-August, perhaps as early as the 12th.

His counterpart in the Senate, George Mitchell of Maine, said the debate could begin on the Senate floor in a week or two, and "we're just going to stay in session for as long as it takes."

Senate Minority Leader Robert Dole went a step further and said lawmakers should skip their traditional August recess altogether and spend the time reviewing the health care legislation.

"My view is (the August recess) that's not important. The more important thing is to deal with health care," Dole said in an appearance on CNN's "Late Edition."

"Let's just don't rush it," he added. "If we're going to do it, let's do it right."

Two House committees and two Senate committees approved different health care bills this summer. The Democratic leaders are now working out compromise language for bills that will be debated by the full Senate and House.

The administration and its allies in Congress agree that the final goal of any bill must be health insurance that covers all Americans, but they said such "universal" coverage can be phased in over a number of years.

Vice President Al Gore, appearing with Mitchell and Gephardt on NBC's "Meet the Press," insisted that "universal coverage is absolutely essential."

But differences remain on how to define universal coverage, how to pay for the program if Congress rejects employer mandates and how many years will elapse before universal coverage is realized.

The congressional leaders, after a meeting at the White House on Thursday, said they were replacing the original Clinton proposal with a new approach that would be less bureaucratic and allow for a longer phase-in period.

Gore said that proclamation was a "symbolic watershed" in that party leaders had acknowledged that the president's plan would not pass in its original form.

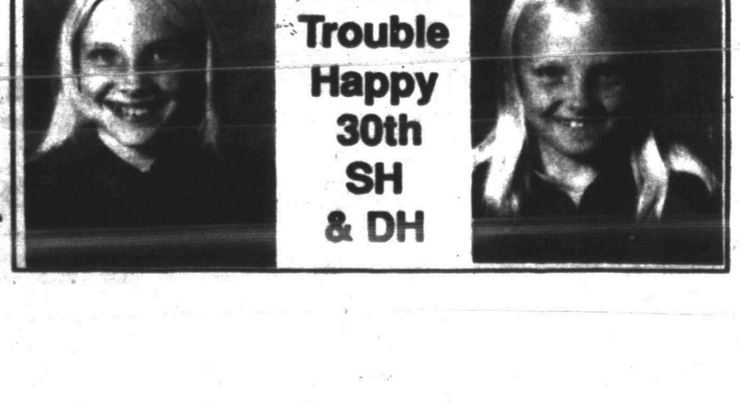
"But to say that it represented a sudden conversion on the road to Damascus is not accurate, either, because it represented the summation of a process that had taken place over a long period of time," he added.

Gore repeated the administration position that universal coverage must be a part of the final package. He indicated that one plan approved by the Senate Finance Committee that would insure about 95 percent of the population would not be acceptable.

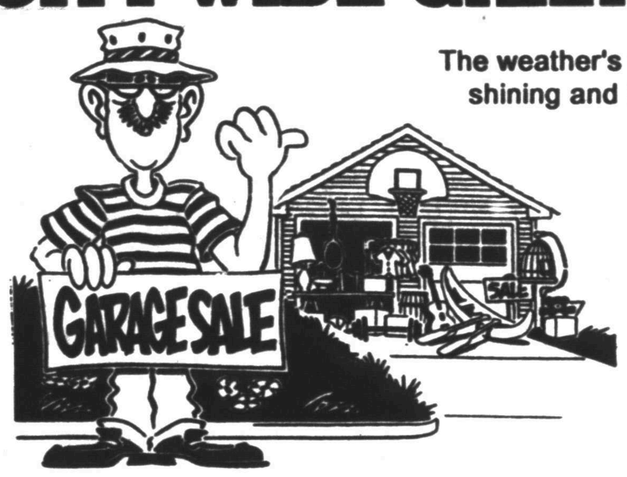
"I don't think that gets us universal coverage. I think that the final result will probably not be based on that model," he said.

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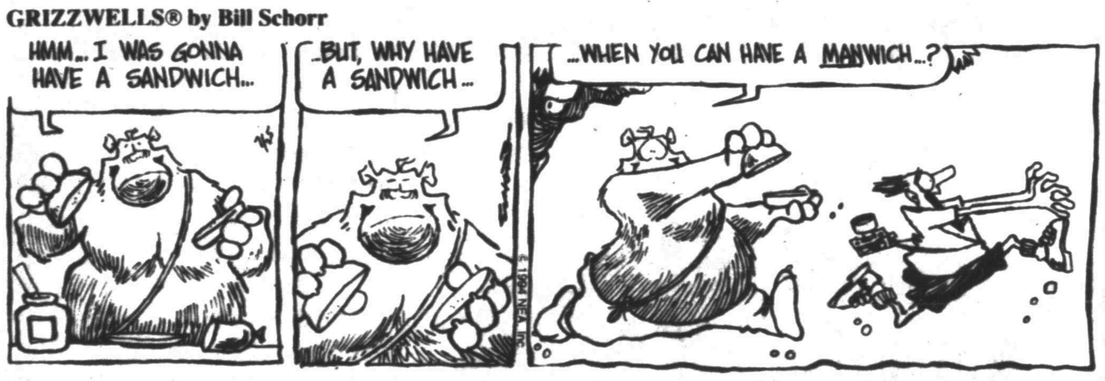
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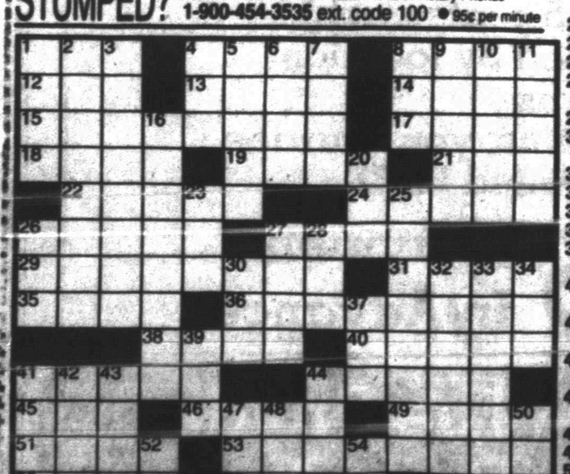
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27 Negative votes
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30 For what reason?
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Answer to Previous Puzzle

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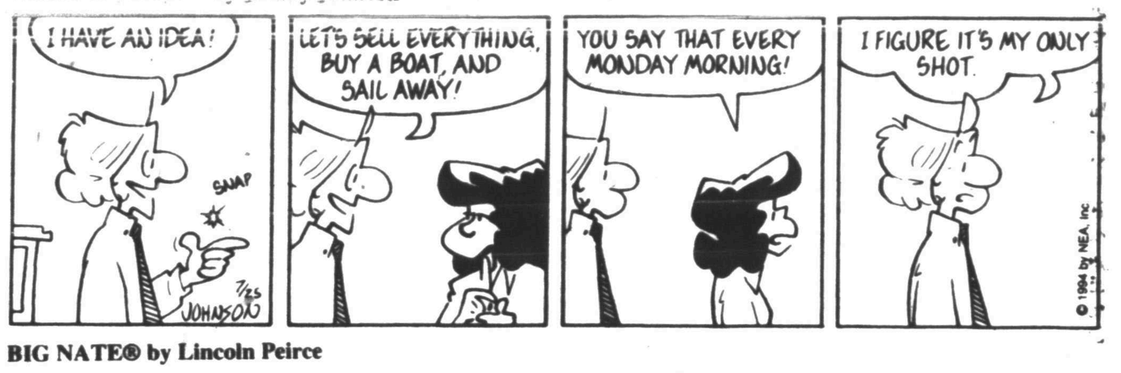


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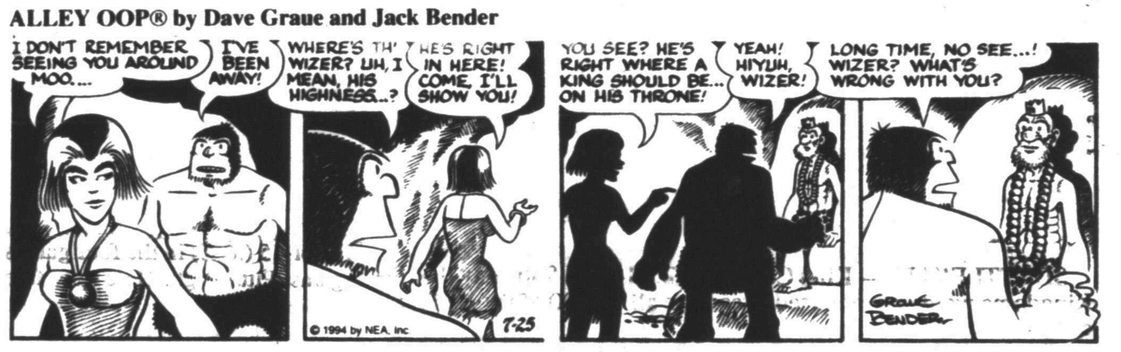
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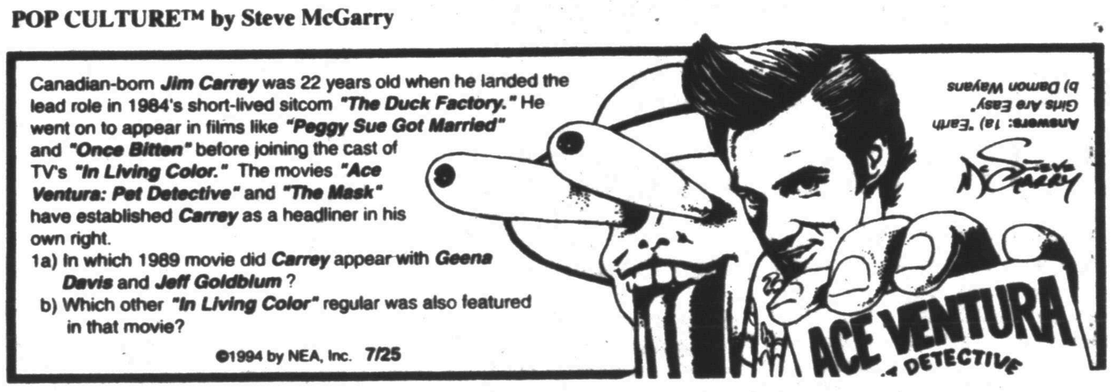
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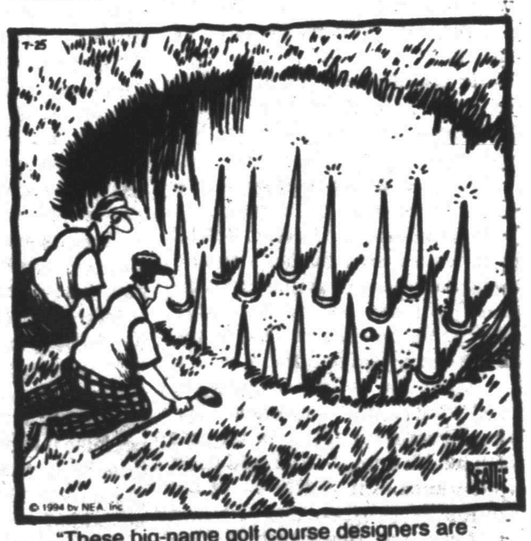
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Blue Jays sweep series at expense of Rangers

TORONTO (AP) — When Toronto announced that Brad Cornett would take Todd Stottlemyre's spot in the starting rotation, it seemed the Blue Jays' seven-game winning streak might be in jeopardy.

After all, Cornett, a rookie with just two starts and no wins under his belt, would face a Texas team trying to avoid a four-game sweep.

But Cornett, who catcher Pat Borders called "the epitome of confidence," surprised the Rangers by holding them to five hits in six innings, leading the Blue Jays to a 4-2 victory over Texas on Sunday.

About the only person Cornett didn't surprise was himself.

"When I was walking across the field after my warmup, I was thinking this may be a big-league game, but I'm still the same pitcher," Cornett said. "That really helped because I was able to block everything out of my mind and just pitch.

"Most of the time, the hitter is going to get himself out anyway. So keeping that in mind, I just went right after them."

Cornett struck out six and didn't walk a batter as the Blue Jays won their ninth straight at home, one shy of the 1985 club record.

"He seems so confident. He never changes expressions," said Borders, who aided Cornett's cause with a two-run double for a 3-0 lead in the second. "Even after he got bombed (in Boston two starts ago) he didn't change. Look at him now," Borders added. "He's still got the same expression he had on the mound."

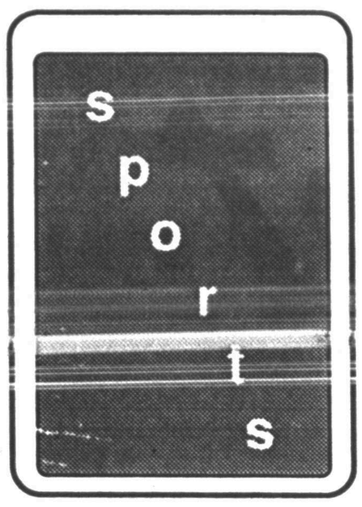
Tony Castillo pitched two scoreless innings and Danny Cox retired Jose Canseco, Will Clark and Juan Gonzalez in the ninth for his third save of the season.

Roger Pavlik (1-5), who came off the disabled list just prior to the game, gave up three runs, two earned, on three hits in seven innings. He struck out eight and walked two.

One of the walks, a one-out free pass to Roberto Alomar in the first, proved costly.

A balk moved Alomar to second, and he stole third on the next pitch. Ivan Rodriguez threw the ball into leftfield on the play and Alomar trotted home for a 1-0 Blue Jays lead.

Gonzalez singled to score Clark and cut the Blue Jays lead to 3-1 in the fifth and Rodriguez hit a sacrifice fly to make it 3-2 in the sixth.



Pair of homeruns by Bagwell gives Astros 13-1 win

HOUSTON (AP) — Jeff Bagwell is having the dream season he never dreamed of.

"I never dreamed of this kind of season," Bagwell said Sunday after he hit his 31st and 32nd homers of the season and boosted his major league-leading RBI total to 98 as the Houston Astros routed the Pittsburgh Pirates 13-1.

"It's much, much more than I was expecting," Bagwell said.

In addition to Bagwell's power hitting, Craig Biggio had a grand slam in the fifth and Darryl Kile pitched eight innings to improve to 7-5.

Bagwell's torrid hitting is only part of this high-powered offense generated by Astros hitters.

The Astros have averaged 7.36 runs per game since the All-Star break and have been especially rough on the Pirates in this series, which they took 3-1. They outscored Pittsburgh 38-11 in the series.

"They're swinging good," Pirates Manager Jim Leyland said. "And we're not pitching very good. It's a combination of both things. We got bad pitching in three of the four games."

The Astros must have been getting a lot of bad pitching lately then, especially Bagwell. He went 10-for-15 (.666) in the four games against Pittsburgh. He's now five home runs and 12 RBI short of the club records in those departments and hitting .362 overall.

"You just wind him up and make sure he's in the lineup," Manager Terry Collins said. "He's just unbelievable.

"He's got a game plan every time he goes to the plate. That was quite obvious when he got the two-run single (in the third). That's why he's where he's at."

And that's a place he never expected to be. Bagwell said repeatedly early in the year that he wasn't a 30-home run hitter.

Sheehan misses reunion, but not U.S. Open title

LAKE ORION, Mich. (AP) — Patty Sheehan missed her 20th high school reunion while winning the U.S. Women's Open.

"I missed it all weekend, darn it," Sheehan said Sunday after her 1-stroke victory over Tammie Green. "Wooster High School in Reno, Nev. And I didn't finish first in the class, either. I was down the list a little bit."

Sheehan, 37, already an LPGA Hall of Famer, wore the red and white of the Wooster Colts as she carved out her fifth major victory and her second Open title in three years on the Old Course at Indianwood Golf and Country Club.

"I stayed home and practiced all last week," Sheehan said. "I worked pretty hard. That seemed to pay off. I felt pretty good when I got here. I thought I'd play pretty well.

"Obviously, I didn't know I was going to win. But I put three hours a day into it last week."

Sheehan and Green both closed with par-71s on the 6,244-yard Old Course, Sheehan finishing at 277 and Green at 278.

Liselotte Neumann of Sweden shot a 69 and was third at 281. Spain's Tania Abitol and Peru's Alicia Dibos tied for fourth at 283.

Those were the only golfers to break par as Indianwood came back to punish the field for the liberties taken in the early rounds, right after the course was softened by rain.

Yet history may always remember this Open as the championship that Helen Alfredsson lost. The native of Sweden shattered Open records through the first two rounds and was a record-breaking 13-under after the first seven holes of the third round.

Then she collapsed. Alfredsson dropped 8 strokes to par the rest of the third round. A triple-bogey at No. 7 in the fourth round put her at 1-over, a drop of 14 strokes in 18 holes.

"There are no words for something like this, when things turn around for no apparent reason," Alfredsson said. "Things that went my way two days ago did not go my way."

But the good news was that Alfredsson was able to laugh.

"Sometimes this game really tests your patience," she said.

Colbert's 5-under wins senior event

BELTON, Mo. (AP) — Jim Colbert gave himself the acid test in the Southwestern Bell senior tournament.

"I wanted to see how many really good golf shots I could hit because I knew it was going to be close," Colbert said after a final-round 5-under par 65 clinched his second Senior Tour win in three starts.

Colbert finished with a 14-under 196 for a 2-shot victory over Isao Aoki and Larry Gilbert, who also shot final-round 65s.

Colbert issued himself the challenge after finishing runner-up in the Ameritech Senior a week earlier, when he bogeyed the final two holes and finished one shot back of John Paul Cain. He took no such chance this time, making five birdies Sunday and no bogeys over the final 36 holes.

"I'm really excited the way I'm playing," said Colbert, who won the Kroger Senior two weeks ago. "These are the best shots I've ever hit for three weeks in a row. I'm playing the best golf of my life."

The statistics back him up. The 65 was his ninth straight round in the 60s, the longest string of sub-70 rounds of the year on the Senior Tour, and put him 41 shots under par for those nine rounds.

The win, which was worth $105,000, also made Colbert the first repeat winner in the eight-year history of the tourney. Colbert got his first Senior Tour win in 1991 when he won the event when it was moved to Loch Lloyd Golf Club and now has nine wins and $3.23 million in earnings on the Senior Tour.

Fate helps Perry notch PGA victory

SUTTON, Mass. (AP) — Kenny Perry is heading home for a rare weekend with his family. It was worth the wait.

He won $180,000 playing golf Sunday because of his daughters' skill at gymnastics.

Perry, who played 10 tournaments in 11 weeks, needed a break and planned to skip the New England Classic. He intended to return to the PGA Tour at this week's St. Jude Classic in Memphis.

Then his wife reminded him that 10-year-old Lesslye and 6-year-old Lindsey were competing in the Kentucky state gymnastics finals next weekend. He changed his schedule so he could see them and to play here instead.

It paid off as he held off a late charge by David Feherty for a 1-stroke win at the New England Classic, only his second in eight years on the Tour.

Perry shot 6-under-par 65 Sunday and finished at 16-under 268. Feherty shot 67 for a 269 total and Ed Fiori, with a final-round 70, was third at 272.

"It's funny how fate works, isn't it?" Perry said. "I made the switch three or four weeks ago."

It's funny how his second shot on the 583-yard 18th hole, with his 1-stroke edge under attack, went left and managed to avoid trees before landing in short rough. He recovered for par.

It's funny how he stroked his putt too hard on the 15th, but it hit the back of the cup, popped up and went in for a birdie. That was the last of his six birdies in his bogey-free round, and proved to be the margin of victory.

"I guess it was meant to be for me to win," Perry said.

Cowboys' kicking game up in air

AUSTIN (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys have gone from having the best clutch kicker in the NFL to deciding between two rookies.

Eddie Murray, who gave Dallas last year's NFC East title with an overtime field goal against the New York Giants, left as a free agent. The Cowboys offered $200,000; he signed with Philadelphia for $450,000.

That left Dallas coach Barry Switzer with his current choice: Chris Boniol of Louisiana Tech or Richie Cunningham of Southwestern Louisiana.

Both had a good scrimmage Saturday night against the Houston Oilers.

Cunningham went 5-for-5, including a 47-yarder. Boniol hit 4-of-5 and also had a 47-yarder.

"We'll keep both of them through training camp and the preseason games to see what we've got," kicking coach Steve Hoffman said. "They're both kicking well.

"These guys know it's hard to make the league in your first year as a kicker and that we can always go to the waiver wire," Hoffman said. "But we're not looking for a kicker right now. The history of this team is to go ahead and develop a young guy."

Two seasons ago, the Cowboys broke camp with rookie Lin Elliott as their kicker. He struggled early in the season, then became a force as Dallas won its first of two straight Super Bowls.

Elliott wasn't around for last year's title. He was cut early in the season and replaced by Murray.

Now Cunningham and Boniol are trying to take Murray's place.

"We are out here to do the best job we can and if we do it well enough, I think either one of us has a good chance to win this job," Boniol said. "Coach Hoffman has told us that he is confident in our abilities. That makes you feel good if he thinks we can kick in the NFL."

Maybe it's because of his familiar name, but Cunningham has become the fans' choice.

"Being the crowd favorite doesn't carry any weight with the coaches, and I still have to do my job," Cunningham said. "I think that I have the talent to be an NFL kicker. I still have to prove it."

Sport Shorts

Dutch open winner

HILVERSUM, Netherlands (AP) — Miguel Angel Jimenez of Spain shot a 2-under-par 70 for a two-stroke victory over Howard Clark of England in the Dutch Open on Sunday. Jimenez, who earned $163,578, had an 18-under 270 total on the Hilversumsche course. Clark shot a 67.

American wins British senior

LYTHAM, England (AP) — Tom Wargo of the United States shot a 1-under-par 71 for a two-stroke victory in the British Senior Open on Saturday. Wargo had an 8-under 280 total on the Royal Lytham and St. Anne's course. New Zealand's Bob Charles (71) and American Doug Dalziel (70) tied for second.

Ball park repairs

SEATTLE (AP) — King County officials said Saturday that the Kingdome would be reopened as soon as all 40,000 of the stadium's ceiling tiles are removed.

Four tiles fell from the ceiling Tuesday, forcing the Seattle Mariners to postpone two games with Baltimore and move a series with Boston to Fenway Park. The Mariners are scheduled to start a nine-game homestand Aug. 2.

Jordan goes 0-for-3

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Michael Jordan was 0-for-3 in Birmingham's 7-3 loss to Jacksonville in the Southern League on Sunday to drop his average to .185.

Racer edges teammate

TALLADEGA, Ala. (AP) — Jimmy Spencer edged teammate Bill Elliott by 0.25 seconds in the DieHard 500 at Talladega Superspeedway on Sunday.

Spencer, who has won two of the last four events after going 128 races without a victory, averaged 163.173 mph in his Ford Thunderbird in the 188l-lap race. Ernie Irvan finished third to take a 16-point lead over Dale Earnhardt in the overall standings.

Top Fuel title

MORRISON, Colo. (AP) — Scott Kalitta beat Mike Dunn with a run of 5.070 seconds at 270.43 mph to win the Top Fuel title in the NHRA Mopar Parts Mile-High Nationals on Sunday.

Retains WBA crown

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — Virgil Hill retained his WBA light heavyweight title Saturday night with a unanimous decision over Frank Tate, while Mike McCallum of Jamaica took the WBC championship from Jeff Harding of Australia.

Hill, 30, defended his title for a record 16th time to raise his record to 39-1. Tate dropped to 34-4. McCallum improved to 47-2-1 with a unanimous decision over Harding, who fell to 23-2.

Boxer dies

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Wangila Napunyi, a 1988 Olympic gold medalist from Kenya, died Sunday from a head injury sustained during a welterweight bout Friday against David Gonzales. He was 26.

U.S. relay team wins

LISBON, Portugal (AP) — The United States won the 1,600-meter relays to take the medals title in the IAAF World Junior Championships on Sunday.

Cicaly Scott, Monique Hennagan, Angela Brown and Jawauna McMullen won the women's race in 3 minutes, 32.08 seconds and Desmond Johnson, Anthony Wheeler, Milton Campbell and Ramon Clay took the men's title in 3:03.32. The United States had five golds, eight silvers and three bronzes. Russia had five golds, a silver and two bronzes.

Swimmer breaks meet record

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Greg Burgess, a 1992 Olympian, won the 200-meter individual medley in 2 minutes, 3.32 seconds to break his meet record in the Janet Evans Invitational on Sunday.

Baseball glance

American League
At A Glance
By The Associated Press
All Times EDT

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
NewYork	60	36	.625	—
Baltimore	54	41	.568	5½
Boston	47	50	.485	13½
Toronto	47	50	.485	13½
Detroit	43	55	.439	18

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Chicago	59	38	.608	—
Cleveland	56	39	.589	2
KansasCity	51	47	.520	8½
Minnesota	46	51	.474	13
Milwaukee	45	53	.459	14½

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Texas	46	52	.469	—
Oakland	44	54	.449	2
California	42	58	.420	5
Seattle	40	56	.417	5

Sunday's Games

Boston 8, Seattle 2
Chicago 4, Cleveland 2
Kansas City 6, Detroit 4
Toronto 4, Texas 2
Minnesota 10, Milwaukee 6
New York 6, California 4
Oakland 7, Baltimore 6

Monday's Games

Chicago (McDowell 8-8) at Kansas City (Appier 6-6), 8:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Erickson 8-9) at Texas (Bohanon 0-0), 8:05 p.m.
Only games scheduled

National League
East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Montreal	60	37	.619	—
Atlanta	59	39	.602	1½
Philadelphia	47	52	.475	14
NewYork	45	52	.464	15
Florida	45	53	.459	15½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cincinnati	57	40	.588	—
Houston	57	42	.576	1
Pittsburgh	46	51	.474	11
St.Louis	46	51	.474	11
Chicago	43	53	.448	13½

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
LosAngeles	48	50	.490	—
SanFrancisco	47	52	.475	1½
Colorado	47	53	.470	2
SanDiego	39	61	.390	10

Sunday's Games

Montreal 7, Los Angeles 4
Philadelphia 5, San Diego 3
San Francisco 8, New York 6
Chicago 3, Cincinnati 0
Houston 13, Pittsburgh 1
Florida 6, Colorado 4
Atlanta 8, St. Louis 5

Monday's Games

Philadelphia (Schilling 0-7) at Florida (Weathers 8-8), 8:05 p.m.
Chicago (Banks 8-8) at Pittsburgh (Neagle 8-8), 8:05 p.m.
Houston (Swindell 7-6) at Cincinnati (Smiley 10-9), 8:05 p.m.
Montreal (Martinez 7-5) at Atlanta (Smoltz 6-10), 8:05 p.m.
New York (Saberhagen 11-4) at St. Louis (Olivares 2-2), 8:05 p.m.
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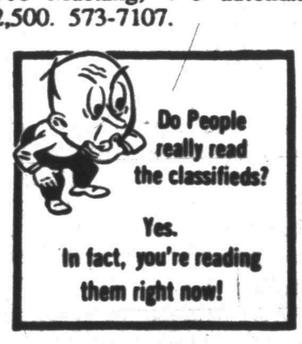
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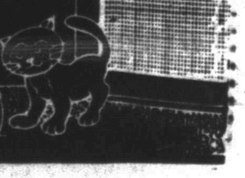
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Congress said slow in enacting needed foreign aid reform

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Patrick Leahy had just steered the foreign aid bill through the Senate, successfully fending off conservative attempts to strip money for the United Nations and Republican shots at the president's Haiti policy.

He should have been elated.

Instead, the Vermont Democrat spoke of the flaws in the $13.7 billion spending bill he had helped craft and of his disappointment in the administration's failure to make foreign aid more relevant in a changing world.

"Too much of what is in this bill reflects the inertia of the Cold War period and not the innovation of a post-Cold War period," Leahy, chairman of the foreign operations panel, said at the end of recent debate on the legislation. A House-Senate conference is now working on a final version of the bill.

His frustrations were shared by others in the president's party.

"The time is long overdue for a major overhaul of the foreign aid jalopy," said Sen. Robert Byrd, D-W.Va., complaining that the program "responds to political problems and priorities which are outdated and gathering mold."

In February, the administration produced a plan to revise the way it dispenses foreign aid.

It would replace the 1961 Foreign Assistance Act which was framed at the height of the Cold War and is designed to promote U.S. security interests in a world threatened by communist aggression.

The new plan defines four broad goals: supporting sustainable development, building democracy, providing humanitarian assistance and promoting growth through trade and investment.

But the reform bill has made little progress through Congress, and a Senate Appropriations Committee report submitted by Leahy expressed disappointment at the "meager results of foreign aid reform" during the first 18 months of the Clinton administration.

Reform, said Sen. Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, the ranking Republican on the foreign operations subcommittee, "just is not going anywhere" because the White House is consumed by domestic matters and "I don't think the administration is willing to use up any chits in any major way."

Security assistance, the most obvious vestige of the Cold War, made up some $3 billion, or more than 20 percent, of the 1995 foreign aid budget.

"Our policy of encouraging nations to become militarized all too often encourages them to become aggressive, repressive and impoverished," said Sen. Mark Hatfield, R-Ore., a longtime foe of military aid.

"Regrettably, the evidence clearly indicates that the administration has sought to promote arms sales, rather than reduce them," the said the Appropriations Committee report.

As in past budgets, a sizable chunk of the military aid, and aid in general, goes to just two countries, Israel and Egypt. Israel is slated to get $3 billion in military and economic aid in 1995, and Egypt, $2.1 billion. There is little administration or congressional enthusiasm for cutting these funds.

By comparison, the poorest area of the world, sub-Saharan Africa, will get only $800 million, or less than $1 per person. The United States has a humanitarian obligation to the world and "sometimes the help we give is almost shamefully low," said Leahy.

Leahy does not expect foreign aid reform to be tackled by Congress this year, but he said he hopes after this fall's elections Congress and the administration will "try anew to design something that reflects more the real interests and the greatness of the United States."

Senators join campaign to save endangered bird

DALLAS (AP) — Both Texas senators have joined in a campaign urging the U.S. Department of the Interior to abide by a court ruling limiting its environmental enforcement authority, U.S. Rep. Lamar Smith said Sunday.

Sens. Phil Gramm and Kay Bailey Hutchison have joined more than 60 representatives in a July 22 letter to Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt expressing "growing concerns" that the department "has sought to expand the scope of the Endangered Species Act" beyond its authority.

The letter follows a move by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to designate parts of 33 Texas counties as critical habitat for the endangered golden-cheeked warbler, said Smith, who contends the agency has no statutory authority to act because of a recent appeals court decision.

Smith's district includes parts of the area proposed for protection. The warbler breeds only in the mixed cedar woodlands of Central Texas. Its decline is blamed partly on the clearing and fragmentation of those woodlands.

"This is a direct shot at the Interior Department to get them to stop spending taxpayer money to appeal a legitimate court decision," Smith, R-San Antonio, said Sunday in a prepared statement.

Hospital Notes

ADMISSIONS: Corinna Martinez, 1306 29th; Ava McLarty, Snyder Oaks Care Center; Don Parks, Fluvanna; Christine Bradley, Snyder Healthcare Center.

DISMISSALS: Lori Martinez, Anna Perez and baby, Erminia Terrazas, Corinna Martinez.

Census: 36 (Med.-5, Long-Term Care-31).

Police note several arrests

Snyder police were kept busy over the weekend with several arrests, domestic disputes and reports of shoplifters.

Don's Value King employees contacted police at 5:08 p.m. Saturday in reference to having a shoplifter in custody. Police arrested a 37-year-old man for Class C theft.

Police were advised of an injured dog at 6:13 p.m. in the 700 block of 20th Street. The animal warden picked up the animal and an offense report for cruelty to animals was filed.

Officers were contacted at 1:12 a.m. Sunday in reference to a subject with blood on his face knocking on a door in the 400 block of 35th Street. Police were dispatched and located two subjects. A report for Class A assault was filed and the subjects were transported to a relative's residence.

At 2:51 a.m. Sunday officers were contacted in reference to a family disturbance in the 3000 block of Avenue K. Officers arrested a 41-year-old man for public intoxication, disorderly conduct and possession of drug paraphernalia.

A subject contacted officers at 7:56 a.m. Sunday in reference to a family disturbance in the 2600 block of Avenue U. Officers arrested a 34-year-old man for Class C threats/family violence.

Employees at Don's Value King contacted officers at 3:50 p.m. Sunday in reference to a shoplifter in custody. Police escorted the juvenile to his mother's residence.

An unknown caller advised police of an intoxicated male subject knocking on doors and riding a bicycle in the area of 28th Street and Avenue G at 6:18 p.m. Sunday. Police made contact with the man, who had arrived at a residence on 34th Street. He was advised to stay at the residence.

Police officers arrested a 29-year-old woman at Cogdell Memorial Hospital for driving while intoxicated at 9:05 p.m. Sunday.

Mountain claims climbers

MOUNT HOOD, Ore. (AP) — People die on Mount Hood.

The 11,237-foot dormant vol- is as deceptive as it is deadly. It looks solid but isn't; its icy slopes can collapse without warning.

On Saturday, the mountain claimed its latest victims: a pair of hikers without proper equipment who lost their footing on a northeast glacier and started an avalanche.

They slid 700 feet, cartwheeled over rocks and were pushed into a crevasse by the onrushing snow. Two others, pulled down the mountain by the rope that tied them all together, survived.

"People shouldn't be climbing to the summit this time of year," said Tyson Bradley, 28, who guides visitors up Hood's southern face. "It's a rotten volcanic mountain. It's not solid to begin with."

There are no warnings posted on the mountain, and no restrictions — anyone can climb anywhere, anytime.

That's the problem. Anyone does.

More than 15,000 people a year climb Cooper Spur, a ridge that runs up the northern face next to the glacier. Some people just drive to the end of a dirt road and start walking, equipped with nothing more than the shoes on their feet. They head for the snow, another 3,000 feet up.

"The snow draws you in because it gets steep gradually," Bradley said.

On Eliot Glacier, where the four hikers fell Saturday, proper equipment is needed even in the best conditions. None of the group used ice axes or crampons, spikes worn on the feet.

Almost everyone involved in the rescue Sunday said the hikers should not have been on that section of the mountain at that time of day, when the sun warms the glacier and its snow fields slip downward.

Craig McCurdy, who led the rescue, said he dodged falling rocks "as big as Volkswagens" as the snow melted. Rescuers could be heard talking on the radio about rocks rolling down "like it's a bowling alley."

The bodies of the two victims — 16-year-old Ole Groupe and 51-year-old Gerald R. Milton — were recovered Sunday.

Their companions were in fair condition today. Groupe's stepfather, Mathew Hunt, 30, suffered a broken arm, severe bruises and a scalp cut. Peter Monte, 36, had minor injuries.

Their fall occurred in roughly the same spot as the first recorded death on the mountain. That was in 1896, when an elderly grocer was swept away in an avalanche.

At least 10 people have died on Cooper Spur since then, hundreds more injured.

Former Snyderite dies of gunshot wound in Ruidoso

RUIDOSO, N.M. —— A 24-year-old former Snyder woman died of an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound here Saturday.

Shanna Dawn Hays, a 1988 graduate of Snyder High School, died at 6 p.m. Saturday at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock.

Ruidoso police and emergency officials responded to the report of a gunshot victim in apartment 205 at the Whispering Bluff Condo at 12:01 a.m. Saturday. They discovered the 24-year-old victim, who had a single gunshot wound to the right temple area. A .22 caliber revolver was recovered at the scene.

Hays was transported to Lincoln County Medical Center in Ruidoso where she was placed on a ventilator and transfered to Methodist Hospital in Lubbock.

Ruidoso police, in a prepared statement, said the gunshot wound appeared to be self-inflicted. They added that the case is still under investigation.

Services for Miss Hayes will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the First United Methodist Church in Snyder.

Spectacular Bid won the 1980 Woodward Stakes at Belmont in a "walkover," running without any opposition.

Simpson's defense wants own DNA tests

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Blood scrapings, hair samples, cells of tissue and three little letters: DNA. That's the latest battleground in the O.J. Simpson case.

Prosecutors hope so-called genetic fingerprinting can tie Simpson to the slashing death of his ex-wife and her friend.

Simpson's lawyers want a share of the blood found at the scene of the slayings and at Simpson's estate so they can conduct their own tests, but the prosecution says there's not enough to go around. A hearing was scheduled for today.

"There's absolutely no legal authority in California for forcing a split of samples," said Alameda County prosecutor Rock Harmon, who has used DNA evidence in numerous cases.

But William Thompson, a professor of social ecology at University of California-Irvine, noted that double-checking is routine in other areas of science and can catch or prevent errors: "Right now, we use more stringent scientific methods to diagnose strep throat than we do to send someone to the gas chamber."

Prosecutors planned to begin DNA testing of their evidence on Tuesday. They gathered blood, hair and tissue at the scene where Nicole Brown Simpson, 35, and Ronald Goldman, 25, were stabbed to death on June 12. The results will be compared with samples taken from Simpson, 47, who has pleaded innocent to two counts of first-degree murder.

Defense lawyers also planned to ask prosecutors today to turn over nearly all their reports and leads. They claim that prosecutors were so eager to bag a celebrity, they overlooked information that would exonerate Simpson.

They asked for police reports on prowlers and burglaries in Ms. Simpson's neighborhood in the six months before the slayings; a search of computer records for a match to unidentified fingerprints from the slaying scene; police reports of similar unsolved killings in the state over the past year and criminal histories of everyone involved in the case.

They also asked to see reports of any internal investigations involving detectives assigned to the case and hospital records on anyone bitten by a dog in the 24 hours after the deaths. Ms. Simpson's dog led a neighbor to the bodies.

DNA — deoxyribonucleic acid — defines each individual's unique genetic code. Some scientists call DNA testing the greatest forensic breakthrough since fingerprinting. Others argue it is subject to contamination and laboratory error and cannot be trusted.

"If I were guilty I don't think I would want duplicate testing," Thompson said. "I would sit back and wait for the prosecution laboratory results and then argue that there was error in the testing."

In another development, two surveys found that blacks think Simpson is not getting a fair shake.

A Princeton Survey Research Associates poll conducted for the Aug. 1 issue of Newsweek magazine found that 60 percent of black Americans believe Simpson was framed, compared to 23 percent for whites. The 461 whites and 251 blacks were polled from July 20-22. The margin of error is plus or minus 4 percentage points.

A poll conducted for Time magazine and CNN found that 63 percent of whites believe Simpson will get a fair trial, while 61 percent of blacks said he will not. The pollof 600 adults was conducted July 13-14. Its margin of error is plus or minus 4 percentage points.

Meanwhile, lead defense lawyer Robert Shapiro said Sunday that a $250,000 eewrrdoofeerd by a New Jersey businessman, Bernard W. Gimbel, for information exonerating Simpson and leading to the capture of someone else was "very generous."

Gene Kelly has stroke

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Gene Kelly was resting comfortably in stable condition today, two days after suffering a mild stroke, hospital spokesman Brian Enright said.

There was no word on when Kelly, 81, might be released from the University of California-Los Angeles Medical Center.

The acrobatic dancer who delighted in movies such as "Singin' in the Rain" and "An American in Paris" suffered the stroke Saturday night.

"(Doctors) describe it as a mild stroke," said his publicist, Warren Cowan. "I don't believe that there was any permanent damage."

Tour

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ney from Big Spring in three hours, 20 minutes.

Cole — the son of Anita Benz and the nephew of O.L. Lane and Earl Lane, all of Snyder — also placed first in the Saturday journey from Midland to Big Spring.

Cole, who is employed as a firefighter in Big Spring, suggested there's a dearth of bicycling clubs in this area at present, with a club in Abilene being the noteworthy exception.

Cole's mother expressed pride in her son's double feat, adding that she is hopeful more Snyder residents will participate in future Cactus & Crude tours.

Pledge solicitation by the tour's bicyclists will continue for approximately 30 days, with the top overall fund-raiser receiving an expenses-paid plane trip to California, said Annette Wilke, executive director of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society's West Texas chapter, which serves 48 counties in this region of the state.

Approximately 13 Snyder-area residents or their relatives are served by the NMSS, a spokesman for the West Texas chapter said. NMSS services offered to local residents include peer counseling, training, support group training, educational programs, and crisis intervention. More information about NMSS's West Texas chapter may be obtained by calling 1-800-LEARN-MS.

In other tour-related events on Sunday, the Snyder-based Nowsco Well Service Inc. provided a free barbecue lunch in the armory to bike tour participants, their families, and support staff, as well as members of the general public.

In addition, the music band "The Shades" of Midland-Odessa performed Sunday afternoon at Towle Park.

'Heat of Night' co-star 'outstanding prisoner'

CONYERS, Ga. (AP) — Howard Rollins, former co-star of "In the Heat of the Night," was an "outstanding prisoner" during a three-month stay in jail for driving under the influence with a suspended license, the sheriff says.

Rollins, 42, was released Thursday from the Rockdale County Jail.

"He washed cars and everything out here. ... We never had a problem with him. He never asked for anything special," Sheriff Guy Norman said.

Rollins, who had been convicted of three previous DUIs, pleaded guilty in April.

Border reopens, but few head back to war-ravaged Rwanda

GOMA, Zaire (AP) — Some 2,000 Rwandan refugees set off for home after Zaire reopened the border crossing, but there was no sign the 1 million starving people crammed into squalid, disease-ridden camps here were ready or even able to head back en masse.

As many as 10,000 refugees have died in recent days of cholera, hunger, exhaustion and dehydration. Aid workers fear thousands more will die before the international aid operation is fully underway.

Zairian authorities opened the border Sunday for the first time in two days for those wanting to go back. Soldiers had refused to allow refugees back into Rwanda until abandoned weapons stocks along the road could be cleaned up.

"Everybody is dying here," said farmer Jean de Dieu Kadogo as he led a small boy across the border. "We'd rather go home."

About 2,000 Rwandans immediately rushed across the border, followed later by a trickle of small groups. But many of the 1 million refugees in Goma are deeply suspicious of returning to their war-ravaged home.

They are mostly members of the Hutu ethnic group who fled as the rebels led by the Tutsi ethnic group advanced westward. And they fear the rebels would retaliate for massacres of Tutsis by Hutu militias.

An estimated 200,000 to 500,000 Rwandans have died in massacres and in the civil war since early April.

The rebels defeated the former government last week and are urging the refugees to return home. U.N. officials say there have been no reports of rebels abusing civilians, and the new government says it will punish only those found guilty of perpetrating the massacres.

Cholera, a highly contagious infection which can kill in a matter of hours, is moving rapidly through the area, spread by flies and unsanitary conditions.

But relief officials say the country has stepped forward yet to supply or install the tens of thousands of latrines needed to help bring the epidemic under control.

Other diseases, thirst and malnutrition also are prevalent in the camps, strewn with corpses and polluted by excrement and smoke from cooking fires.

Rwanda's new prime minister indicated Sunday there are splits within the government over Rwanda's future. Such divisions could undermine efforts to convince terrorized refugees it is safe to come home and rebuild.

Prime Minister Faustin Twagiramungu objected to comments by the president that elections would not be called for at least five years. "This is how dictatorship starts in Africa," he said in Kigali, the capital.

President Pasteur Bizimungu and Twagiramungu, both Hutus, have repeatedly stressed the new leadership is not interested in revenge and insist their top priority is to instill confidence.

But disagreement over the timing of elections raises doubts about who is really in charge — the government installed Tuesday or the Rwandan Patriotic Front rebels. The president is a member of the front; the prime minister is not.

The first planes of the U.S. airlift droned over Goma with their cargoes of food Sunday, but aid workers said much of the load was lost when the pilots missed the target.

The U.S. military, however, said the three C-130 cargo planes dropped the food where the United Nations asked them to drop it — over a coffee plantation — to avoid hitting people.

Nearly all the 17 tons was recovered, said Cmdr. Ron Morse, spokesman for the U.S. European Command in Stuttgart, Germany.

Nineteen planes landed in Goma on Sunday, bringing food, medicine, blankets and water purification equipment, said World Food Program representative Brenda Barton.

Fein won't accept British-Irish offer

LETTERKENNY, Ireland (AP) — Sinn Fein, the IRA's political ally, refused to endorse a British-Irish offer to hold peace talks on Northern Ireland, but the party's leader insisted they were "totally committed to winning peace."

The Sinn Fein party did not call for the Irish Republican Army to cease its guerrilla war against British rule in Northern Ireland, which both Britain and Ireland have said is mandatory before they will deal with Sinn Fein.

The next step toward peace, according to a vague-sounding motion passed by the 800 delegates during their one-day conference, was to build on the British-Irish offer with further negotiations.

The two governments expressed disappointment Sunday, although Irish Prime Minister Albert Reynolds said he detected some "positive signals" from Sinn Fein.

"The only way to solve the outstanding problems is by political debate within the democratic process," he said. "What is essential now is that all paramilitary organizations should stop the killing and end all community strife."

Meanwhile, he said, Ireland and Britain would press ahead with preparations for negotiations with other parties in Northern Ireland.

Sunday's meeting in this holiday town in County Donegal was held to debate what Sinn Fein called its definitive response to the declaration made seven months ago by Reynolds and British Prime Minister John Major.

The declaration offers Sinn Fein a place in negotiation on the future of Northern Ireland once the IRA has agreed to a permanent cease-fire.

Motions adopted Sunday repeatedly criticized the British-Irish declaration's formula of accepting any settlement approved by a majority of people in Northern Ireland, where pro-British, Protestant "unionists" are the majority.

"Unionists cannot have a veto over British policy or over political progress in Ireland," said one such motion.

Sinn Fein, which draws about 10 percent of the vote in Northern Ireland, believes the province's future should be worked out by all the people of Ireland, which would give Catholics an overwhelming majority.

Which Arnold is the toughest?

NEW YORK (AP) — Who's tougher? Tom Arnold the Schwarzenegger sidekick in "True Lies" or Tom Arnold the TV interviewer?

Arnold, estranged husband of Roseanne, was interviewed Thursday by Sue Simmons on WNBC-TV's news.

The anchorwoman teased him about the women in his life. He teased back.

"Let's get into your personal life," he said. "Are you married?"

"No," she said.

"Are you a lesbian?" he asked.

"Yes," said Simmons, cracking up with laughter.

Arnold later said he was "so blessed to be sitting here with you, a confirmed lesbian," to which Simmons responded, "No, no, no, no, no! That was a joke!"

Simmons later issued a statement: "Anyone who watches the interview can clearly see that I was joking. I tried to be flip in the way Tom and Roseanne have been utilizing the medium with stories about their secretary and their personal life."

Arnold and Roseanne (she dumped his last name) say they're splitting up. Simmons found herself on the wrong end of the interview after asking Arnold about his assistant, Kim Silva.

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Firemen fight large grass fire

Dry weather and constant winds have kept firefighters busy west of Snyder.

Firemen went to the Leroy Key Ranch about 15 miles southwest of Snyder at 7:26 p.m. Saturday to fight a grass fire ignited by lightning. Some 13 firemen assisted in the effort.

Sunday afternoon at 12:36, firemen were dispatched back to the area, where the fire had rekindled. Fueled by dry conditions and strong winds, the fire burned an area of over four miles, covering portions of the Key Ranch, the 9 R Ranch and the Bullard Ranch.

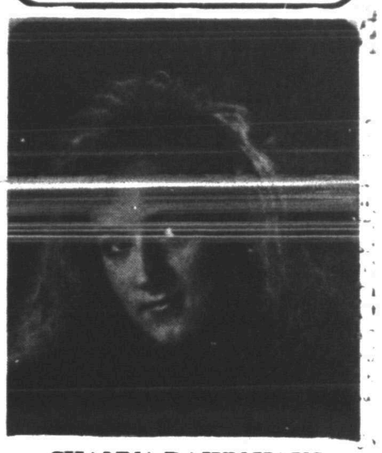
Firemen from Snyder, Fluvanna, Borden County and Post aided in the effort, with help from county maintainers and a caterpillar.

At about 11:15 a.m. today, firefighters returned to the area to fight a small grass fire.

Firemen were also dispatched to Halliburton at 10:05 p.m. Saturday after an acid spill had set an electric box on fire. The fire was out by the time firemen arrived.

Firefighters were also sent to a small grass fire at Western Texas College at 1:50 p.m. Sunday. It had also been extinguished by the time firemen arrived.

Obituaries



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Shanna Hays

1970-1994

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the First United Methodist Church for Shanna Dawn Hays, 24, of Ruidoso, formerly of Snyder. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Miss Hays died at 6 p.m. Saturday in Lubbock's Methodist Hospital.

Born on May 23, 1970, in Snyder, she was a 1988 graduate of Snyder High School. She earned a degree in marketing from Angelo State University in 1992 and was special events coordinator at Ruidoso Downs Racetrack at the time of her death.

Surviving are her parents, Randy and Jessie Jo Hays of Snyder; her grandparents, S.D. and Judy Hays of Snyder and T.J. and Jo Ault of Lampasas; one brother, Shawn Hays of Snyder; and an aunt and uncle, Tommy and Ronnie Ault of Lometa.

The family suggests memorials to a favorite charity.

B.W. Tartt

1917-1994

LUBBOCK — Services are set for 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Sanders Funeral Home Chapel for B.W. Tartt, 76, who died Sunday at his home here. Burial will follow in the City of Lubbock Cemetery.

He was the father of Judy Brown of Snyder.

Born in Nacagdoches, Mr. Tartt graduated from Loraine High School and owned an implement business in Loraine for 21 years. He was a former Loraine city councilman and was a former director of the First State Bank in Loraine.

He moved from Colorado City to Center, Colo. in 1971 where he farmed until retiring in 1985 when he moved to Lubbock. In 1983 he was honored as the top barley grower in the San Luis Valley by Coors Distributing Co.

He married Johnnie Holder on Nov. 9, 1965 in Lubbock. She also survives. Mr. Tartt was a member of the Indiana Ave. Baptist Church.

Survivors also include two sons, Larry Holder of Monte Vista, Colo., and Garry Holder of Jayton; four other daughters, Loretta Magee of Pineville, La., Carol Shipman of Lubbock, Gwen Yates of Taos, N.M., and Karen Hamer of Midland; a brother, Howard Tartt of Colorado City; a sister, Julia Green of Loraine; 17 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Austin man circles globe

AUSTIN (AP) — After 24 days of in-flight meals that consisted of dried fruit and granola bars, Ron Bower says he's glad to be home.

"I'm thrilled to death to be back in Austin," Bower told about 75 friends who met him at Robert Mueller Municipal Airport on Sunday to welcome him home after he set the helicopter record for around-the-world flight.

Bower flew his helicopter around the world in 24 days, beating the record set by Ross Perot Jr. and Jay Coburn in 1982 by about five days.

Starting from and ending in Fort Worth, he flew 23,591 miles through 21 countries, visited every Western European capital and spent about a week crossing Russia. He said he was in the air about 10 hours a day.

The purpose of the trip was to prove the reliability of the Bell JetRanger helicopter, which Bower sells at his company, Austin Jet International.

Bower has been flying helicopters since he flew gunships in Vietnam in 1965-66.

Dr. Gott By Peter Gott, M.D.

Mythology and medicine cross paths

Here's a quick reminder of mythology you learned in junior high.

Tantalus, the son of Zeus and Pluto, was a Lydian king until he divulged to mortals the secrets of the gods. As punishment, he was plunged into a river in Hades, with clusters of fruit hanging from a tree above him. Every time he tried to drink, the waters receded from him; he could not reach the fruit. Thus, he was condemned to an eternity of agony from thirst, hunger and unfulfilled anticipation. From the famous myth comes our word "tantalize."

Lest you think that this is an obscure literary reference, I'd like to describe a very real and analogous situation that has befallen an elderly patient of mine in a nursing home. To my knowledge, this kindly old man divulged no divine secrets and was, until his mental powers waned, an upstanding member of his community.

However, with advancing years, he became eventually unable to care for himself at home. His memory failed, so he couldn't shop or address his personal needs. He'd try to cook but would burn the food because he didn't remember leaving the stove on. His finances were a shambles. At the end, his family, desperately concerned about his progressive dependence, reluctantly decided that he must go to a nursing home or risk an untimely death from malnutrition or trauma.

This patient's situation is far from unique. He represents the thousands — perhaps millions — of aged grandparents who live at home with few support services. Other family members may live far afield and there's no one around to assist with the necessary survival functions.

So, my patient entered the nursing home were I first met him. "This is temporary," he assured me, "I'm just here for a week or two."

That was three years ago.

Each time I see him, he makes the same pronouncement, smiles and then, as his brow creases with worry, looks questioningly for reassurance. Each time, I respond: "I'm sorry, sir, but this is where you're living now." And every time we have this transaction, his disappointment is palpable, his hopelessness more pronounced.

The nurses tell me that he relives the same scene with them, many times a day. Five minutes after leaving me, he'll buttonhole a nurse in the hall, explain that his living arrangements are temporary, smile, wait for the acknowledgment that never comes, and then — with downcast eyes — shuffle off down the corridor to repeat the identical transaction time after time, in sorrowful cycles of happy expectation and despair. My Tantalus.

His ordeal doesn't stem from the nursing home — where he is well cared for, cleaned, fed, and entertained. Rather, it is that he cannot remember events from one minute to the next. His emotional functions are intact, but his cognitive abilities are deficient. Consequently, he is doomed to ride his emotional roller coaster until he dies or his dementia takes him further into an intellectual wilderness. And nothing anyone can do will ease his pain. It goes up and down, on and on, day after day.

The men and women of ancient Greece didn't live nearly as long as we do now. Perhaps this explains the richness of their mythology and the power of their metaphors. If they had an entire population like ours, of confused, forgetful and demented elderly, they wouldn't have had to make up stories about Lydian kings who misbehaved. For many older folks, our modern life — fueled in part by the questionable "miracles" of science — is amply filled with real tragedy, frustration and defeat that, as far as I can see, has nothing to do with the gods.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My 11-year-old son has had severe asthma since the age of 3 1/2. We've been told he has scar tissue in his lungs and would like to know if he will eventually develop emphysema.

DEAR READER: I don't know. Asthma that is associated with repeated lung infections, such as bronchitis or pneumonia, may cause some scarring in the lung — but will not lead to emphysema, which is a more serious chronic pulmonary disorder marked by widespread destruction of lung tissue and usually associated with smoking or air pollution.

Asthma is readily treatable, using modern drugs in the form of pills, liquid or aerosols.

Therefore, the chronic breathing disorders that used to be seen in asthmatics are much less common today. And, as I am sure you realize, new drugs for asthma are being constantly developed; consequently, your son's scar tissue may not affect him in adulthood.

To give you more information, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Living With Chronic Lung Disease." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2433, New York, NY 10163. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Your complete insensitivity to the extreme pain which can be caused by hemorrhoids shows that you have never experienced them and you haven't paid attention to or believed your patients who have had them. The pain can be debilitating. Doctors who treat hemorrhoids as minor inconveniences, mentioning only the itching and discomfort, should really have the "privilege" of experiencing them. Creams and suppositories DO NOT lessen the pain that starts in the anus and spreads through the back and down both legs. Please rethink your position.

DEAR READER: I doubt that there is an adult alive today who hasn't experienced the discomfort of hemorrhoids, those swollen veins at the anus that can enlarge and cause pain periodically. And sometimes, I grant you, the pain may be severe.

However, there's pain, and there's pain. I can think of at least 87 kinds of pain that are worse than that associated with a thrombosed (clotted) hemorrhoid. Try having a baby, passing a kidney stone or experiencing a gallbladder attack.

We need to put pain into perspective. Hemorrhoid discomfort usually doesn't last very long. It is often relieved by Sitz baths (sitting in about six inches of hot water in the bathtub). Or — as a last resort — it can be cured by a simple and quick office procedure to remove the clot from the swollen vein. Anesthetic suppositories do often help. Thus, rather than rethinking my position, I suggest that you see your doctor for definitive advice and care.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I read your recent column about using Certo, a common ingredient in homemade jelly, to cure arthritis. How much do you use and how do you mix it?

DEAR READER: Since having published this column, I have received inquiries such as yours. I do not know how much Certo to use, how it is mixed, or how often to take it.

Therefore, I'm going to have to use this column to appeal to the original reader (or others who are familiar with this home remedy) to write me specific details about the use of Certo in treating arthritis; I'll then update my readers in a future column. Address correspondence to Dr. Peter Gott, Newspaper Enterprise Association, 200 Park Ave., New York, NY 10166.

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PETER. GOTT, M.D.

Conflict over Confederate banner heats up in 'Beach'

MYRTLE BEACH, S.C. (AP) — One hundred and twenty-nine years after Lee bowed to Grant at Appomattox, this town of miniature golf courses, amusement parks and packed beaches is where Southerners are taking a stand on the Confederate battle flag.

Thousands marched here Saturday as tourists watched from sidewalks and simmered in traffic jams.

"Dixie, we're gonna bring your flag down," sang the predominantly black anti-flag marchers. The pro-flag group, all white, launched its rally with rebel yells and chanted: "Never take it down!"

Deep in the sea of rebel flags, some shouted racial slurs and wore T-shirts reading "You wear your X and I'll wear mine;" "It's a white thing;" and "The original boys in the hood," depicting Ku Klux Klansmen.

"The Confederate flag says the same thing to me that the swastika says to my Jewish brothers," countered the Rev. John Hurst Adams, a bishop in the AME Church.

With anti-flag sentiment growing and supporters digging in their heels across the South, a showdown looms in South Carolina. Civil rights leaders threaten Labor Day demonstrations in the resort town of Hilton Head Island and promise an economic boycott if the banner continues to fly over the statehouse, as it has since 1962.

"This would be one more feather in their hat. We're not going to let it happen," said Michael Parker, taunting black marchers with a portrait of a Klansman on horseback bearing a flaming cross.

Both sides agree the starry blue "X" on a red field is a powerful symbol; what it symbolizes depends on who's talking.

"It's heritage, it's honor, it's glory," said demonstrator Sherman Todd, 31, who wore a flag T-shirt reading: "It's A Southern Thing. Y'all Wouldn't Understand."

"It represents the scars and stains of our past, not our future; it symbolizes divisiveness instead of unity," U.S. Rep. John Lewis, D-Georgia, said recently.

Throughout the region, battle lines are being drawn.

Democratic Gov. Zell Miller seeks re-election this year after stirring bitter debate in 1993 with his unsuccessful drive to change the state flag in Georgia, which incorporated the battle flag in 1956.

There were demonstrations at this year's Super Bowl in Atlanta, and more are expected when Atlanta hosts the 1996 Olympic Games. Last week, Holiday Inn Worldwide asked its franchises to remove the Georgia flag, and flag foes are pressing McDonald's to take it down from Georgia restaurants.

It came down from Alabama's state Capitol last year. Soon after taking office in 1993, Gov. Jim Folsom decided not to challenge a court ruling against the flag.

In Tampa, Fla., the county commission replaced the seal that included the flag earlier this year.

Internal documents suggest conflict over Whitewater data

WASHINGTON (AP) — As hearings on Whitewater are about to begin, newly obtained documents suggest sharp disagreement between Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen and his department's top lawyer over certain aspects of the Whitewater investigation.

The documents prepared by Jean Hanson, the Treasury counsel, urged that Bentsen go before Congress last March and say he knew in advance that White House officials had been briefed improperly about an active Whitewater investigation.

But Bentsen gave no such testimony when he appeared at the March 3 House budget hearing. Instead, he denied knowing in advance about the controversial White House briefings conducted by Hanson and Deputy Treasury Secretary Roger C. Altman.

The documents, obtained by The Associated Press, highlight one more potential embarrassment for the Clinton administration as the politically charged Whitewater controversy unfolds with long-awaited hearings this week in both the House and Senate.

The House Banking Committee begins its inquiry Tuesday, while the Senate banking panel will follow with separate hearings on Friday.

Republicans are mistaken, however, if they think Democrats, who control the Congress, will allow a no-holds-barred attack on the president.

A memo, drawn up by the House committee's Democratic staff, suggests a defensive strategy and then a counterattack. Errors in judgment will be conceded, but then it will be argued that no effort was made by the administration to impede the investigation of Whitewater — the president and Mrs. Clinton's former Arkansas land venture.

"While Whitewater is a series of poor judgments by people who should have known better, it is not a conspiracy to shield the first family from criminal prosecution or financial injury," said the staff memo.

The Treasury documents concerning Bentsen's testimony before the House budget panel last March consisted of proposed questions and answers drafted by Hanson for Bentsen, especially concerning a controversial White House meeting in February.

For example:

Question: "Mr. Altman is the deputy secretary of the Treasury. He didn't tell you about the February meeting?"

Answer: "I now believe that Ms. Hanson and Mr. Altman consulted with me in advance of the (White House) meeting on Feb. 2, 1994."

Hanson then suggested Bentsen say he "had not previously recollected" discussions about the briefing.

At another point, Hanson suggested that if Bentsen were asked why Hanson was involved in the White House meetings that he reply that she attended the meetings "as a result of a specific request by senior Treasury officials" and that Bentsen again "had not previously recollected that discussion."

The scenario as outlined by Hanson's draft questions was challenged by Bentsen's office Sunday. And an administration source, who spoke on the condition of anonymity, insisted that the dummy Q-and-A series concerning Whitewater was never actually given to the treasury secretary.

It was "Jean Hanson trying to put words in the secretary's mouth which he did not recall," Edward S. Knight, a senior adviser to Bentsen, said Sunday.

Hanson has refused to comment on any aspect of the Whitewater case and her attorney, Harvey Pitt, could not be reached Sunday night for comment.

Family returns to state to bury son shot while watching fight

DETROIT (AP) — Fred and Sara Vela left south Texas six years ago to find better jobs. They're returning to bury their 11-year-old son, who was shot to death while watching an argument between an off-duty police officer and neighborhood vagrant.

Freddie Vela was shot in the chest Friday night. Investigators believe the bullet came from the gun of a 31-year-old, off-duty police officer who crashed his vehicle into a utility pole, The Detroit News reported Sunday.

The officer told investigators his gun went off accidentally during a scuffle; witnesses said he shot without provocation.

A statement from the police department Sunday said only that an off-duty officer was involved in a traffic accident, shots were fired and the circumstances of the boy's death remain unclear.

"We came up here for a better way of life," Sara Vela said Saturday. "It wasn't even worth it. They took my baby for no reason."

Detroit police Chief Isaiah McKinnon ordered an investigation of the off-duty officer's actions. No arrests had been made as of Sunday afternoon. Police were not releasing the name of the officer but said he was an eight-year veteran.

Witnesses said Freddie and his friends were riding bikes in their northwest Detroit neighborhood Friday around 9 p.m. About the same time, the off-duty officer left a nearby topless bar, the News said.

The officer later told investigators he was pursuing a suspicious looking man he spotted in a parking lot when he hit a utility pole, according to the News.

The accident triggered the officer's vehicle alarm and attracted a crowd, including Freddie Vela. As the officer assessed the damage, a passerby, whom witnesses described as a neighborhood vagrant, popped open the hood and tried to disconnect the car alarm.

The officer later told homicide investigators that he announced himself as a police officer and ordered the man to get away from the car, the News reported. A scuffle ensued, according to the officer. The officer pulled his gun and later told investigators it accidentally fired, the News said.

Witnesses told a different story. Kenny Sinnawi and Sufian Aldeli said there was no scuffle. They said the officer pulled his gun without provocation, pointed it near the vagrant's head, and appeared to intentionally fire.

The officer told police that he saw Freddie lying on the ground just after he fired but said he also heard other gunshots.

"There was just one gunshot, and it hit Freddie," Sinnawi said.

Freddie later died at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit.

"He was just a little boy on a little bike," said Robert Rosalez, Freddie's uncle.

Rosalez, who works for a Detroit steel company, persuaded the Velas to move to Michigan six years ago. He told Fred Vela Sr. that he could make more money in Detroit than he did as a produce truck driver in Alamo, Texas.

Administrators worry about how students will pay tuition costs

WASHINGTON (AP) — The financial squeeze has eased a bit for the nation's colleges and universities, but many administrators are still worried that students won't be able to afford the high tuition, according to a survey.

"Affordability is a looming concern," says a study released today by the American Council on Education.

The survey by the Washington-based group says that one of every three university administrators rated their school's student financial aid program only "fair" or "poor" and not adequate to meet needs. Only about one in five administrators considered their financial assistance "excellent or "very good."

With college costs routinely outpacing inflation, financial aid worries have been commonplace for years, especially at private universities. But this year, concern about meeting costs has grown significantly at public colleges and universities as well, according to the latest survey entitled "Campus Trends, 1994."

Twenty-one percent of administrators at public institutions said their financial aid programs were excellent or very good, while 30 percent described them as fair or poor, according to the council. At private schools, 19 percent gave high marks to their aid programs, and 37 percent gave them low marks.

The study's conclusions were based on responses from senior administrators at 406 two-year and four-year public and private institutions of higher education surveyed this spring. Responses were adjusted statistically to make them representative of all schools offering general undergraduate programs.

Seventy-three percent of all institutions surveyed saw their budgets rise this year, although modestly, the study said. At about half the schools, budget increases exceeded the inflation rates of 3 percent or more.

The annual survey said that colleges and universities survived the budget crises of the early 1990s by reorganizing, cutting back on course offerings and keeping a closer watch on spending.

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Black caucus grows; splintered by success

By JILL LAWRENCE
AP Political Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Imagine a Congress without black women, black southerners, black suburbanites or black moderates. That's the way it was not so long ago.

But last year, buoyed by redistricting and retirements, the Congressional Black Caucus exploded in membership and diversity. The result is a cacophony of voices on trade and crime, Haiti and hate rhetoric. The days of block voting and automatic party loyalty are over.

As recently as a decade ago, the 39-member caucus was half as big. Almost all its members came from minority districts in central cities. There were hardly any from the South. None was Republican and only one was female.

The demographics are quite different today. About a quarter of the group represent mostly white constituents. There are 17 members from the South, eight who are women. Seven districts are rural and one is suburban. There's a Republican in the ranks, and a black woman in the Senate.

"Up until 1992 the Democrats voted very, very substantially as a block," said political analyst David Bositis, who studied the black caucus for a book due in September. He said they voted together 90 percent of the time — compared to 25 percent in 1993.

That year brought an influx of new personalities and political philosophies. The ascent of several veterans to senior Democratic leadership positions also helped erode the monolith.

The demands of representing white constituents or running for higher office also contribute to fragmentation.

For example, Rep. Alan Wheat of Kansas City, Mo., seeking a Senate seat this year, has introduced a bill, controversial among his caucus-mates, that makes it easier for white couples to adopt black children. And as some colleagues hold out in crime-bill negotiations for a provision important to black death-row inmates, Wheat has been unusually outspoken about his intent to support the final bill whether it contains that provision or not.

Last year's vote on the North American Free Trade Agreement, which eliminates trade barriers with Mexico and Canada, was a noteworthy departure from the unanimity and party loyalty among caucus members in the past.

Despite President Clinton's all-out drive for passage, the caucus officially opposed the trade pact. Yet, eight black House members supported Clinton and NAFTA. The group was dominated by Sunbelt types, new members and Clinton loyalists.

The caucus shattered further over remarks by Khallid Abdul Muhammad, one of Louis Farrakhan's lieutenants. Muhammad had called Jews "bloodsuckers" and made offensive remarks about other groups as well.

The House condemned the speech as "outrageous hate-mongering" in a resolution passed Feb. 23. Three caucus members missed the vote while four — including the caucus chairman — were there but voted present. Eleven opposed the resolution outright, while 21 black lawmakers joined the House majority.

Two divisive issues simmering now are Haiti and the multibillion-dollar crime bill.

Some in the black caucus have been pressuring Clinton to invade Haiti, but there are equally adamant opponents — among them Rep. Ron Dellums, D-Calif., chairman of the House Armed Services Committee.

The crime bill now under discussion by Senate, House and White House negotiators has split the caucus more than once.

Now there's disagreement over how to handle Senate resistance to the House-passed "racial justice" provision, which would let defendants use statistics as evidence of discrimination in death penalty cases.

EDITOR'S NOTE — Jill Lawrence covers national politics for The Associated Press.

Family says uncle threatened teen-ager

HOUSTON (AP) — Relatives of a suspect charged with capital murder after four people were fatally shot at a Kilgore lounge said the 19-year-old man's uncle threatened him into taking part in the killings.

Ray Don Mosley, 31, and his nephew, Daroyce Lamont Mosley, 19, have been charged in connection with the East Texas town's second multiple murder in a little more than a decade, police said. Both are being held in the Gregg County Jail in lieu of $1 million bond each.

A 16-year-old Kilgore boy also is being held on a capital murder charge at the county juvenile center, police said.

Police said gunmen burst into Katie's Lounge during an apparent robbery on Thursday, killing four people and critically injuring a fifth — 35-year-old waitress Sandra Cash, who remains hospitalized and under protective custody. Ms. Cash was the only witness to the killings.

On Sunday, patrons at a nearby bar collected donations for Ms. Cash, who has no health insurance.

A day earlier Daroyce Mosley told his grandparents that Ray Don Mosley would kill him if he didn't go along with the crime. "And I believed Ray Don would have done it, too," the grandfather, Raymond Mosley, is quoted as saying in today's editions of The Houston Post.

Daroyce Mosley told Kilgore police that he was unaware they were going to kill people at the lounge, the grandfather said.

"He said he didn't shoot anybody," Raymond Mosley said. "He said his uncle shot two to three people, but he said he couldn't do it."

Raymond Mosley said Daroyce Mosley told him he was criticized by his uncle for not participating in the crime.

Joe Rodger Johnson, who helped raise Daroyce, said the only thing he can say is that "his uncle influenced him."

"It's rough even to think about it . . . for a kid to mess his life up so soon," he said.

Daroyce's grandmother, Francis Mosley, told the Tyler Morning Telegraph, that when her grandson first learned he was a suspect he repeatedly told her, "I didn't do it. I promise you on a stack of Bibles, I did not do it."

She said neither suspect ever carried guns, nor did they know how to use them.

"Whoever did this (the shooting at bar), had to have known how to fire a gun," Mrs. Mosley is quoted as saying in today's editions of the Tyler newspaper.

Family members said Ray Don Mosley — the son of Raymond and Francis Mosley — was recently paroled from the state penitentiary where he served time on a felony theft conviction.

While Mrs. Mosley admits her son sometimes ran with the wrong crowd and was involved in petty property crimes, she contends he was not prone to violence.

Family members describe the younger Mosley as a straight-A student at Kilgore Junior College majoring in engineering and a former member of the student council while in high school.

Truck carrying band instruments stolen

HOUSTON (AP) — The United States Army Band has lost an estimated $500,000 worth of musical instruments in the theft of a rental truck that was carrying them to a performance in San Antonio.

The 24-foot yellow rental truck disappeared sometime between midnight and 8 a.m. Sunday from the parking lot of a Houston hotel.

Police found the truck empty Sunday afternoon, said Army Staff Sgt. Donald Newsome, one of two men assigned to drive the instruments from Virginia to San Antonio.

The pilfered instruments were probably worth about $500,000, Newsome said.

"It was the complete concert band setup, from tympani down to the smallest instruments — chimes, xylophones, sax, tubas," he said. "I'd sure like to find it."

The band was to perform today for the Texas Bandmasters Association, a statewide group of band directors. Band members were traveling separately from their instruments, Newsome said.

Law officers have no leads in the theft, said Houston police spokesman Rick Hartley.

The truck was parked in a well-lighted area, Newsome said, adding that the parking lot had security guards employed by the hotel. He said shattered glass in the lot indicated that a truck window was broken in the theft.

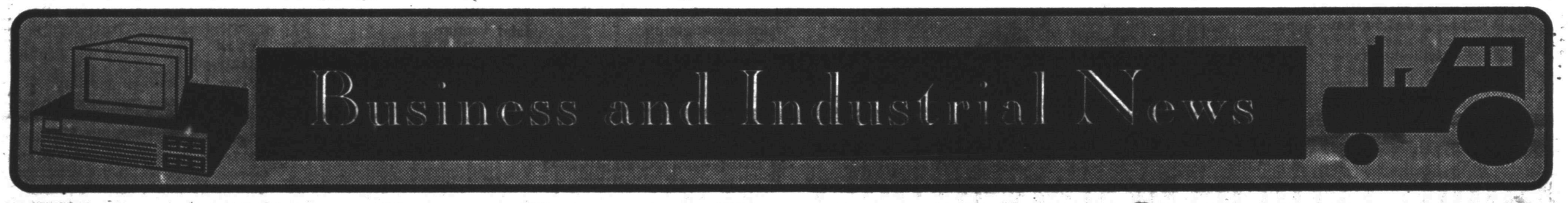
"I won't be held responsible. We did all we could do," said Newsome. "The truck was secured."

The United States Army Band, unlike Army field bands which are scattered throughout the nation, is a concert ensemble made up of the Army's best musicians.

The group is known as "Pershing's Own," and performs at official White House ceremonies.

But Newsome didn't know whether the band has other equipment. Band members were attempting to borrow instruments for the San Antonio concert.

"I'm almost positive the show will go on," said Newsome.



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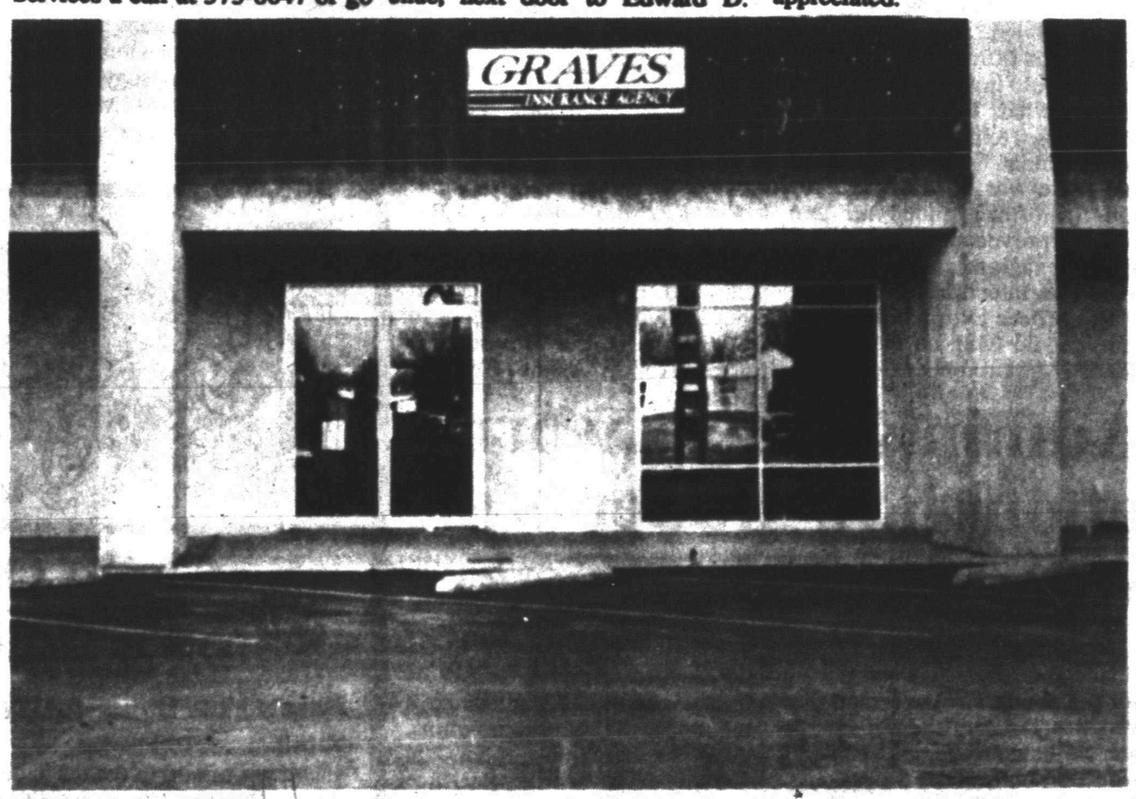
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Three teen-agers arrested in stabbing

HOUSTON (AP) — A 13-year-old boy is among three suspects in the stabbing death of a homeless man who officials say was the victim of "bum bashing."

Murder charges are pending against the three teen-agers in the death of James Griffin, who lived in a makeshift camp in a wooded area of northwest Harris County.

Griffin was stabbed 10 times, including wounds that pierced his aorta and jugular vein and severed his spinal cord, sometime late Tuesday or early Wednesday, said Harris County sheriff's deputy John Denholm.

"It was a brutal murder," Denholm said.

The boys, also ages 15 and 16, were taken into custody Saturday and held in the Harris County Juvenile Detention Center while authorities prepared charges.

Law officers would not release names of the three since they are minors. But Denholm said they are students at Stovall Middle School, Grantham Middle School and Aldine High School.

The trio have all given statements in connection with the case. According to detectives, the three had decided to go "bum bashing" and armed themselves with sticks.

When the 50-year-old Griffin refused to give them a cigarette, the boys beat him, then stabbed him when he fought back, Denholm said.

Arrests followed deputies' interviews of other youths who had heard the suspects discussing the murder.

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