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Ask Us

Q—Why is there an extra charge when you buy a car battery?

A—The fee, $2 on a battery up to 12 volts and $3 on a battery rated 12 volts or more, is used by the state to recycle the lead and acid in batteries, as well as the hard rubber cases.

In Brief

Fatal fire

SAN MARINO, Calif. (AP) — A pre-dawn arson fire that started with a loud "kaboom" killed five people as it roared through a home in this affluent suburb. The lone survivor was in critical condition.

"We have overwhelming and compelling evidence that it was arson," Fire Chief Frank Wills said. "We're calling it a multiple homicide at this point."

Five bodies were recovered from the white, ranch-style home that erupted in flames shortly after 5 a.m. Monday. All were burned beyond recognition.

The only survivor, Leonardo Morita, 46, was in critical condition at Los Angeles County-USC Medical Center with burns over 30 percent of his body, hospital spokesman Harvey Kern said.

Morita "was able to tell us there were children upstairs, but the heat was so intense, there were flames coming from every window, we could not make entry," Wills said.

Local

FFA sale

Snyder FFA Alumnus are selling 1994-95 video annuals and cook books. To order, call Jennifer Voss at 573-4865.

Genealogy

There will be a genealogy meeting at 7 this evening in the county library. The theme will be "Help With Your Research." Members are urged to attend. Visitors are welcome.

Posse

Scurry County Sheriff's Posse will meet at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at Snyder Savings & Loan. Plans will be made for the Scurry County Rodeo parade. All interested persons are invited to attend.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Monday, 79 degrees; low, 55 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Tuesday, 56 degrees; .76 of an inch precipitation since 10 a.m. Monday; total precipitation for 1995 to date, 9.26 inches

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, showers and thunderstorms likely. Locally heavy rainfall possible. Cloudy. Low around 60. East wind 10-15 mph. Chance of rain, 70 percent. Wednesday, mostly cloudy, becoming partly cloudy in the afternoon. A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. High around 80. Southeast to south wind 10-20 mph.

Almanac: Sunset today, 8:42. Sunrise Wednesday, 6:40. Of 149 days in 1995, the sun has shone 136 days in Snyder.

Legislators handle tort reform, education

Balance the budget, even name 'official' state bats and bugs

AUSTIN (AP) — They balanced the budget, decontrolled schools and made it harder for Texans to sue — unless you're a farmer and somebody slanders your vegetables.

They legalized carrying concealed guns, allowed alimony, taxed prisoners' snacks and filled the need for an "official state flying mammal" by awarding that title to the Mexican free-tailed bat.

In its 140-day bout of lawmaking, the 1995 Legislature worked long hours to give new Republican Gov. George W. Bush his short list: education reform, stricter welfare rules, tougher juvenile crime laws, limits on lawsuits.

Here's the rundown:

MONEY

As promised by Bush and legislative leaders, the $79.86 billion, two-year state budget didn't require a tax increase.

The plan includes more money for education and human services.

EDUCATION

The education reform bill puts Texas on the cutting edge.

The measure allows "home-rule school districts. Such districts would be free from many state regulations if local voters approve a home-rule charter.

The bill rolls back the no-pass, no-play law, a key 1984 school reform that barred failing students from extracurricular activities for at least six weeks. The new suspension period will be three weeks.

Also included was a $292 million increase in the minimum teacher salary scale and $170 million to help schools build classrooms.

CRIME

Lawmakers streamlined the appeals process for convicted killers to shorten death row stays; lengthened the time nonviolent "state jail" felons can be kept behind bars; tightened the 1993 law making stalking a crime; and toughened penalties for cattle rustling.

They passed "Ashley's Laws" — anyone convicted of a felony sex offense against a child, and who has two prior felony convictions, gets an automatic life sentence. Also required: public notice when a sex offender is released into a community, child safety zones at schools and parks, and better supervision of sex offenders.

Lawmakers got tougher on juveniles, too. They lowered the age young criminals can be tried as adults from 15 to 14 in capital murder and first-degree felony cases; created a habitual offender provision that could put three-felony juveniles behind bars for 40 years; and increased the number of juvenile detention beds from 2,500 to 6,300.

GUNS

Pistol-packin' Texans won't be a cliche any longer.

Lawmakers passed, and Bush signed, a bill allowing licenses to carry concealed weapons beginning Jan. 1, 1996.

LAWSUITS

Lawmakers overhauled the civil justice system — making it harder for people to sue, limiting how much they can collect

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Rains improve cotton outlook

Scurry County farmers and ranchers got some much-needed rain during the past 48 hours, and are likely to get more, if forecasts by the National Weather Service are correct.

Snyder received 3.21 inches Sunday and Monday, while most other areas of the county recorded slightly lesser amounts.

"Cotton farmers will feel a whole lot better, now that they've got moisture to plant on," said Joe Hefner, Consolidated Farm Service Agency acting executive director. "Those who hadn't already planted were going to go ahead and do so anyway, but as dry as it was, you just didn't feel real good about it. Now things are looking up."

Hefner gave a "shot in the dark" estimate that about 50 percent of the county's cotton crop had already been planted before the Memorial Day weekend rains.

Some cotton, where terraces washed in, will have to be replanted, but it is early in the planting season, said Hefner.

"There is still plenty of time. The final planting date is not until June 20."

Because of the diverse area and the size of the county, farmer's needs differ from one portion to the next. It was especially dry in the Fluvanna area and farmers there may need more rain. In the Hermleigh area, the rains should have supplied plenty of moisture for most farmers.

"Some may be hoping for a little more rain while others will now be looking for warm, sunny weather where they can get back in the fields and plant," said Hefner.

Cotton farmers may have to wait a day or two before the drying process begins. Forecasts call for a 70 percent chance of more rainfall tonight, and a 30 percent chance on Wednesday. Some of the storms could be severe, according

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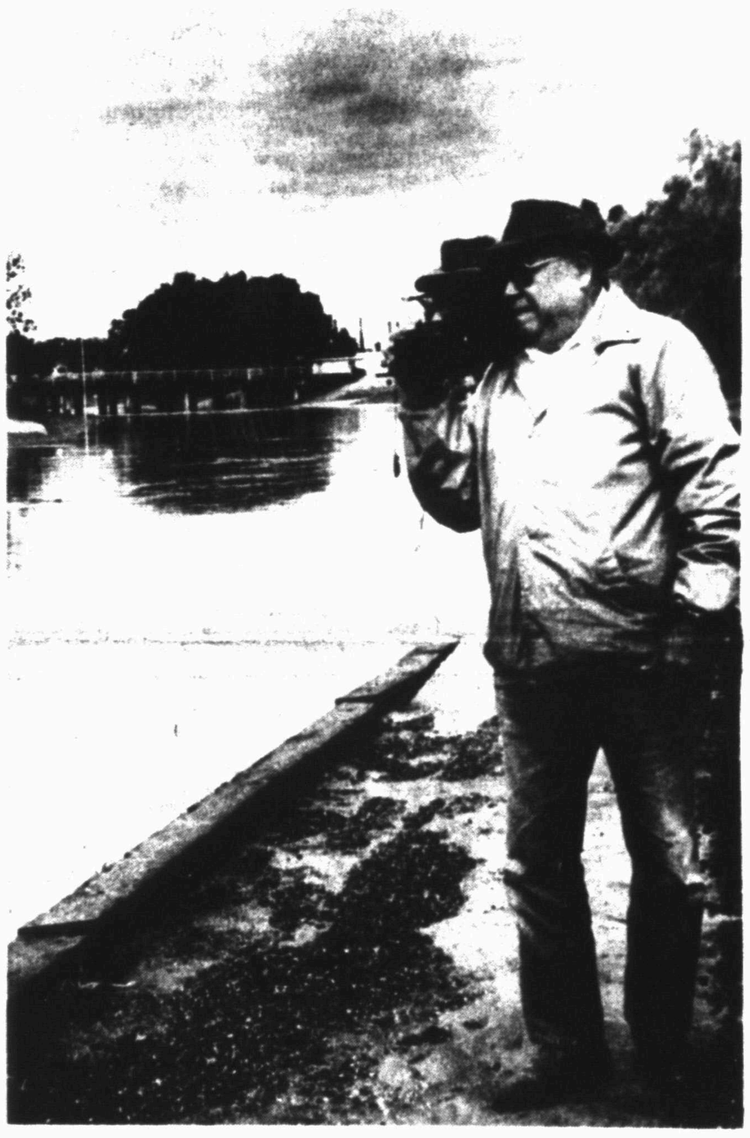
Rain gauge

Snyder	3.21
North of city	2.20
Fluvanna	2.00
Dunn	2.20
Hermleigh	2.60
Ira	2.50
Camp Springs	2.50
Lake Thomas	
at dam	1.30
west end	2.30

Note: Totals are rainfall amounts received over the past 48 hours.



PICTURE THIS - Saying he had not seen Deep Creek with this much water in it in a long time, Benny Benitez used his video camera to record the action Monday morning on the east side of the walking trail along the creek. (SDN Staff Photo)

Big Spring man one of 7 to drown

By The Associated Press

Swimming and boating accidents apparently have claimed a seventh life over the Memorial Day weekend, as rescue workers searched for the body of a missing Big Spring man last seen swimming with friends at Lake J.B. Thomas.

A small group was swimming at the lake Saturday afternoon off Rocky Point. When they came up onto the shore, one person was missing, Scurry County authorities said. The sheriff's department identified the missing man as 22-year-old John Dale Young of Big Spring.

High winds and threatening skies hampered and at times suspended search teams' efforts over the weekend and on Monday, the Scurry County Sheriff's Department said.

Colorado River Municipal Water District officials said today that the search effort has been terminated.

At least six separate incidents elsewhere in Texas claimed seven lives over the weekend.

Jason Little, 15, of Santa Fe died Sunday night after being pulled from Lake Athens, authorities said.

The teen and several friends were at a campsite Sunday night when someone noticed the youth was missing about 8 p.m. Sunday, said state game warden Mike Warren.

A search found Little floating about 10 feet from the shore in about two feet of water, Warren said.

Faith Henault, 36, of Watauga, died in a hospital early Sunday, one day after she was pulled unconscious from Benbrook Lake, southwest of Fort Worth.

Mrs. Henault and her 12-year-old son, Barry Clouse, were wading when they were swept into deeper water just after noon Saturday, said Maj. James Skidmore of the Tarrant County Sheriff's Department.

Clouse's body was found hours later, despite rescue efforts by David Henault Jr., Clouse's 16-year-old stepbrother.

In Dallas, 40-year-old Arkady Fishman of Plano drowned at White Rock Lake after he jumped in to retrieve his daughter's toy ball, authorities said.

A Houston man, 35-year-old Abel Vargas, drowned Saturday while swimming off the east end of Galveston Island.

A man drowned early Saturday in Lake Fort Phantom Hill, near Abilene, when a chest-wader device he was wearing apparently filled with water.

Jerry Ritter Jr., 48, of Abilene, and his son, Rodney Ritter, were fishing when their flat-bottom boat filled with water from high waves, authorities said.

An unidentified man drowned in Lake Conroe Saturday night while trying to swim from a highway bridge to a marina.

Misunderstanding to cost county

A lack of communication dealing with a female inmate of the Scurry County Jail will cost Scurry County a minimum of $10,000 for treatment at St. Mary of the Plains Hospital, County Judge Ricky Fritz told commissioners court this morning.

This amount could double as the county has not received the surgeon's bill for the brain surgery performed at the Lubbock Hospital.

In addressing the court regarding a budget amendment for the sheriff's office to pay for the medical bill, Fritz said at least 60 percent of the total bill would have been absorbed by St. Mary if the hospital had been informed that the woman was indigent when she was admitted.

He said Scurry County and the Lubbock hospital have a contract to treat county indigent patients at 60 percent of the cost if the hospital is notified within 24-hours that an indigent patient had been admitted.

Fritz said the inmate/patient had been declared officially indigent in the 132nd District Court but no one had notified St. Mary's Hospital of that fact.

Also, Fritz said the patient had been transferred to the Lubbock Hospital without Cogdell Hospital personnel notifying the sheriff's office.

"No one knew about it until after the surgery on the brain hemmorage had been performed," said Fritz.

When asked by commissioner Roy Idom why the inmate did not have a deputy with her at Cogdell, Fritz said it was his understanding that each inmate patient is considered on their own merit and "this was not a violent woman - she had a history of alcohol abuse but was not considered an escape risk."

Fritz said she had been admitted to Cogdell initially because she had fallen off her bunk and injured her head.

"We are obligated by law to provide adequate medical service," said the county judge.

"We have to pay it, but we also have to tighten up our controls and communication so it doesn't happen again," said Fritz.

Idom echoed Fritz's sentiments by asking, "what if she had been a heart patient? The bills could have easily been $100,000."

In other business this morning, the commissioners appointed Florence Lewis to the County Welfare Board and approved the use of the gazebo and the courthouse grounds for the use of the Lighting of the Ritz festivities on July 1.

Fritz presided this morning while commissioners Idom, C.D. Gray Jr., Ralph Trevey and Jerry Gannaway were present.

The SDN Column — By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "A pessimist is one who lives in the land of milk and honey, yet sees only calories and cholesterol."

If you think you can get a citation or ticket and just ignore it — think again. Municipal Court Judge Tommie Mills has warned offenders that city court is issuing warrants for those who fail to appear as promised.

Mills says he wants those subject to the jurisdiction of his court to know that he will not hesitate to issue a warrant for an offender's arrest. Failure to appear only complicates and ups the costs for the offender.

In a related matter, Mills says the results of the recently-instituted Teen Court show great promise. Mills added the young folks seem to like and respect the direction the peer court is taking.

Also paying big dividends is the workout program for youth offenders. Rather than paying fines, some youths are allowed to work on community service projects to offset fines.

The city judge, working hand-in-hand with the administration and city council, is upbeat that positive things are beginning to happen.

Mike Seale, Lubbock real estate developer who is handling Varsity Square Square shopping center, says the new video store should open shortly after June 1.

The center has a new face lift, Eckerd's has a new sign, and the parking lot will soon be resurfaced and striped. Seale also tells us that his firm is close to announcing a major tenant in the former TG&Y building.

Also on a positive note, the hospital is hopeful it can attract another family physician.

Someone in the coffee shop said he hoped the prospective doctor didn't visit on the same day as one of those big sandstorms.

"Hope he does," said one optimist. "Just tell him the conditions are perfect for a great upper-respiratory practice."

FBI agent shot by man linked to two police officers deaths

WASHINGTON (AP) — The search for a man wanted in the shooting attacks on two Metropolitan Police officers ended in a hail of gunfire after the suspect ambushed an FBI agent and was himself killed, authorities said.

FBI Special Agent William H. Christian Jr., 48, was about to arrest Ralph McLean, 29, early Monday at a school parking lot in nearby Greenbelt, Md., when McLean shot him, authorities said.

After a foot chase that ended at a shopping mall several blocks away, McLean was killed in a furious gun battle with other police and FBI agents also staking out the parking lot where McLean was being enticed to meet a former girlfriend cooperating with police.

The service revolver of a Prince George's County, Md., officer, slain several weeks ago, also was found on McLean's body, authorities said.

"There is no word to describe my anger," Lane Crocker, special agent in charge of the FBI's Washington field office, said of Christian's death. "It was a cowardly, coldblooded act of murder."

Maryland Gov. Parris Glendening ordered flags at state buildings flown at half-staff Monday, calling Christian's death a painful reminder "of the price too often paid by our law enforcement officers."

Christian had gone to the Greenbelt Middle School parking lot to await the arrival of McLean of Landover, Md., whom investigators believed would come there to meet his ex-girlfriend.

As Christian, a 20-year FBI veteran, sat in his car just before 1 a.m., McLean is believed to have approached quietly from a wooded area and opened fire through Christian's car window with a semiautomatic pistol. The agent apparently never drew his own weapon.

Christian, a married father of four who lived near Woodbridge, Va., became the 32nd FBI agent to be killed in the line of duty in the bureau's 87-year history.

He had been assigned to surveillance duty with agents who were looking for McLean in attacks on two District of Columbia police officers in January, the FBI said.

Washington Police Sgt. Eric Hayes was wounded Jan. 17 while he sat in his cruiser. Officer Vance Warren was wounded when he was shot through the window of a restaurant while he worked as a security guard on the night of Jan. 10.

Prince George's police said preliminary tests on McLean's weapon showed the same gun was used to ambush police corporal John Novabilski, who died while he was moonlighting in uniform as a security guard at a liquor store April 26.

After Monday's shooting, investigators found literature in McLean's apartment indicating a hatred for police officers, Washington Police Chief Fred Thomas said.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Wednesday, May 31, 1995

The year ahead could hold many pleasant surprises for you due to your new, expansive outlook. As you broaden your horizons, new opportunities will present themselves.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Possibilities for material gain look quite promising today. Focus your energies, efforts and intellect on areas with a potential for profit. Gemini, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 4465, New York, NY 10163. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Today you're likely to function best when demands are made upon your leadership qualities. You can be bold and assertive without stepping on anyone's toes.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Act on your hunches today in business or financial matters. You could be tuned into a wavelength that will enable you to spot new ways to add to your resources.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Friends may talk about getting something done today, but you're the person who really knows how to get results. Use your skills for the good of many.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Stand firm and face challenging developments today. You have great reserves upon which to draw that will come to the surface if you are tested.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Listen carefully today if someone you respect tells you about how he/she successfully handled past experiences. You will have good use for this knowledge later.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Your ability to adapt to shifting conditions will allow you to come out the victor today in a matter that previously looked discouraging.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Today you will have the rare gift of being able to expand upon the ideas of others. Use your imagination for their good as well as your own.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Without being abrasive or hostile today, assert yourself and change something that really needs changing concerning your work or career.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Instead of letting yourself become sluggish today, improve your attitude by participating in a fun activity that provides exercise, physically and mentally.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Try to conclude an important matter today instead of waiting. You are a good starter and a strong finisher, so do your thing.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Your enthusiasm will be contagious today and others could be swept up in its currents, especially when you talk about your favorite ideas.

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Pick 3

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

6-4-8

(six, four, eight)

HERMLEIGH A/B HONOR ROLL — These Hermleigh students were named to the A/B Honor Roll for 1994-1995. Back row (1-r) Jack Hudgins, Larry Lambaren, Caleb Callaway and Michelle Roemisch; third row, Lori Eckert, Shannon Barnes, Sheena Callaway, Randi Herrington, Crystal Atkinson and Jeremy Roemisch; second row: Clarissa Sauceda, Shawn Roemisch, Jimmy Luna, Jeremy Brady and Kendra Nachlinger; front row: Whitney Stewart, Amanda Bayer, Courtney Bridges, Lennon Lane, Misty Ritch, Cassie Harbin and Brenda Torres. (SDN Staff Photo)

Sales slip identifies amnesia victim as traveling salesman

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A receipt for a cleaning solvent helped identify a young amnesia victim as a traveling salesman from Tennessee who may have been beaten, robbed and dumped in the woods.

All Larry Wayne Rhinehart of Murfreesboro, Tenn., could remember was that he woke up in a field, bleeding. He had a small bump on his head and some minor knife wounds on his lower body.

He said he had hiked four hours to a road, then hitched a ride to a hospital. He emerged from the foothills near Cupertino, 40 miles southeast of San Francisco, early Friday.

He knew nothing about his past, even less about himself.

"I don't know who I am," Rhinehart said at a news conference Monday. "I know more about the people sitting beside me than I know about myself. It's a pretty scary feeling."

When local television stations broadcast a picture of the 6-foot-tall, hazel-eyed stranger who had short brown hair and spoke with a Southern twang, police were deluged with phone calls. Women said they wished they recognized him, and many offered to adopt the man with the words "lion heart" tattooed on his chest.

Then Jeff Scalia of San Jose stepped forward Saturday with a piece of the puzzle — a receipt bearing the name of a traveling salesman who had sold him a bottle of cleaning solvent last Wednesday.

"I couldn't sleep, so I turned on the TV and there he was, big as day, the door-to-door salesman who was here." Scalia said.

Santa Clara Police Sgt. Mark Kerby contacted the company Rhinehart worked for, Northstar Marketing Group in San Diego, which gave them an emergency number on his application. It belonged to Rhinehart's mother in Tennessee.

Rhinehart, 22, was hospitalized at Santa Clara Kaiser Hospital, where psychologists are trying to help him recover his memory. Doctors were puzzled by his amnesia because he did not appear to have the typical kind of major head injury that triggers it, Kerby said.

"On the one hand, it feels very rewarding that we were able to give this man an identity, something to hold on to, the knowledge that he had a prior life," Kerby said. "But on the other hand, it's only the beginning for us. We have a lot of tracking to do to determine what happened, to determine if he's a victim or a suspect in a crime."

Darlene Rhinehart said her son had been visiting an uncle in Kentucky, then moved on to find a job in another state about two weeks ago. He is a four-year veteran of the Marines who played football in high school and in the military.

Beverly Hills hotel undergoes changes

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — A legend from Hollywood's past will soon unveil the priciest facelift yet in this mecca of makeovers. It cost more than $100 million, took 2½ years to complete and the look is just stunning, daaahling.

This silent star is the 83-year-old Beverly Hills Hotel, a.k.a. the "Pink Palace," where Howard Hughes lived for 30 years and Elizabeth Taylor hid away with most of her seven husbands.

From its forest green Polo Lounge, birthplace of myriad movie deals, to the pool where Katharine Hepburn once did a back somersault, the decor has been rejuvenated to a '90s version of its former self.

And that includes restoration of the famous banana leaf wallpaper that lined the hotel's corridors and Fountain Coffee Shop.

The architects even scraped through 17 layers of paint on the hotel's pink stucco facade to find the most consistent tone used over the years. The hotel now sports a shade of pink slightly more subtle than that of bubble gum.

Guests will get their first chance to see the resort's 12 acres of refurbished restaurants, rooms, bungalows and ballrooms at a star-studded grand-opening gala on Saturday.

Where once there was a lobby corridor, there's now the Tea Lounge with a hand-painted, gold-and-silver leaf piano as its centerpiece.

The ballroom wing was completely rebuilt, with a spiral staircase and a rose-blossom chandelier as a backdrop for those grand entrances.

"The goal was when you walk into the lobby, you are going to say, 'I didn't know it was so beautiful,'" says Kerman Beriker, the general manager and chief executive officer.

He led the renovation, backed by hotel owner Sajahtera, Inc., part of the country of Brunei's investment group. The Sultan of Brunei is the world's richest man, worth an estimated $33 billion in 1993.

"We really wanted to maintain the character and atmosphere of the hotel," says architect Edward Friedrichs, as he looks out onto the view of nearby palm-lined streets and gated estates.

"Everywhere we put something new in, it always had to feel as if it was consistent, as if it had always been there."

But after a 2½-year hiatus for renovation, will Hollywood's deal makers reclaim their small paradise on Sunset Boulevard?

"It seems to me that since the Polo Lounge closed, they haven't found the right spot," says Nino Osti, the maitre d' who has seen stars parade through the bar since 1967. "They've tried all different spots, but it's not the Polo Lounge, it's not home."

DATE BOOK

May 30, 1995

Today is the 150th day of 1995 and the 72nd day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1806, future President Andrew Jackson participated in a duel at Red River, Ky.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Howard Hawks (1896-1977), director; Mel Blanc (1908-1989), entertainer; Benny Goodman (1909-1986), musician; Gale Sayers (1943-), football great, is 52.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1987, Eric Davis of Cincinnati became the first National League slugger to club three grand slams in a single month.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "A barbarian who cannot write a sentence of grammar and can hardly spell his own name." — John Quincy Adams on Andrew Jackson

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1889, heavy rain led to the collapse of the poorly maintained South Fork Dam and the deadliest flood in U.S. history. An estimated 2,100 people died in and near Johnstown, Pa.

SOURCE: 1995 Weather Guide Calendar; Accord Publishing, Ltd.

TODAY'S MOON: Day after new moon.

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Cold War over

WILKES-BARRE, Pa. (AP) — The Cold War with the former Soviet Union is over, but the deep freeze continues among Americans, Norman Mailer says.

"We discovered that the anger and the rage that we have been able to channel toward the Soviet Union was now being directed toward ourselves in every way," the author told graduating seniors at Wilkes University on Saturday.

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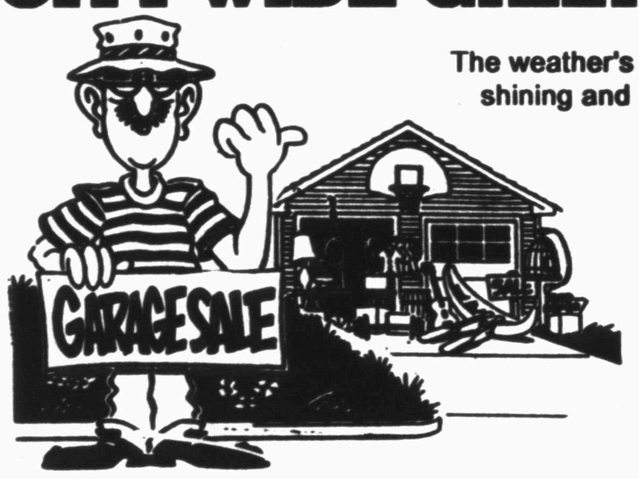

The weather's warming, the sun's shining and it's the perfect time to gather up those items taking up space in your garage, attic and basement, and sell them for cash at your garage sale.

Start Planning Your Garage Sale NOW!

Saturday, July 1 Snyder Will Have A City-Wide Garage Sale

CITY-WIDE GARAGE SALE SPECIAL

- Garage Sale Ads published, Fri., June 30 in The Snyder Daily News
- Use up to 30 words to describe your sale (additional words 15 cents each)
- Sale ads will be grouped by location
- Get 2 Garage Sale Signs
- Rain Insurance...if it rains, your garage sale ad will be reprinted FREE

Get All This For $6 Payment In Advance

CITY-WIDE GARAGE SALE JULY 1
-Plan Now
-Place Ad By 4 p.m., June 29
-Have Vacation Money

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Community Calendar

TUESDAY

Narcotics Anonymous; Winston Park Club; for more information call 573-2101, 573-0900 or 573-1579; 6 p.m.

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-2101, 573-0900 or 573-1579; 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

TOPS TX56, (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.; 2501 35th. For information call Peggy Vernon at 573-3122.

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

SOS (singles of Snyder) volleyball and games; First Baptist Church Family Center; 7 p.m.

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

New Horizons Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club Addition in Winston Park; for information call 863-2349 or 573-8626; 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

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

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

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointments; 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 & Ave. M; for information call 573-3956 or 573-2101; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

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

Narcotics Anonymous; Winston Park Club; for information call 573-2101, 573-0900 or 573-1579; 8 p.m.

SUNDAY

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

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

ABCL 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.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

NORTH 5-30-95
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Opening lead: ♠ 2

Nearly everyone does it

By Phillip Alder

As I've mentioned before, it's important to plan the play at trick one. You'd think that experts wouldn't make this mistake, but you'd be wrong.

Today's deal comes from the Forbo International team event held in the Netherlands last January. The winners, Jes Bank, Henrik Caspersen, Mads Krojgaard and Niels Krojgaard from Denmark, benefited from a careless error by an opponent.

At the first table, Bank, sitting South, was in five clubs. He made 12 tricks by ruffing a spade in the dummy and losing just one trump trick. A slam swing away? Not quite.

East's weak jump overcall of two spades is unorthodox.

South faced an awkward rebid. He liked his club suit, but didn't want to go past three no-trump, which might be the only making game. So, unwisely with this layout, he opted for three no-trump.

After winning the first trick with the spade ace, South cashed his top clubs, getting the bad news. Now he had to bring in the diamonds without loss. The normal play is to cash one top card from the dummy, just in case East has a singleton queen. If the queen doesn't drop, two finesses can be taken through West. But do you spot the snag here? If the diamond king is cashed and the queen doesn't fall, how does South get back to his hand? He doesn't have an entry left.

After some thought, South ran the diamond eight immediately, going three down.

No doubt you've seen the answer. *Before* testing the clubs, declarer should have cashed one of dummy's top diamonds.

The Yorkshire terrier was originally bred to hunt vermin in the coal mines and cotton mills of northern England. It was originally a much larger and heavier dog than the cuddly companion of today.

Toughest suits kept until end

WASHINGTON (AP) — Disputes over affirmative action, religion and the role of race in drawing up election districts are among the 30 cases still be decided as the Supreme Court enters the final weeks of its 1994-95 term.

Yet to be resolved are whether public schools can require random student drug tests and a lawsuit over keeping lesbians and gays out of the St. Patrick's Day parade in Boston.

The court could also issue its most important environmental ruling in nearly 20 years when it decides whether a federal law lets government regulators ban destruction of wildlife habitats on private property.

The justices decided the term's highest-profile case last week when they said states cannot limit the number of terms anyone can serve in Congress. Other cases expected to be decided by late June could have major effects on American life.

Several involve race and its role in elections, public schools and government spending.

An important affirmative action case asks whether the federal government can continue offering special help to small businesses owned by racial or ethnic minorities.

A federal highway program gives prime contractors a bonus if at least 10 percent of their subcontracts go to disadvantaged businesses, including those owned by racial minorities.

A white-owned construction company sued the government, saying the policy was an illegal set-aside based on race. Lower courts ruled against the firm. but if the Supreme Court reverses, it could cripple federal affirmative action programs.

Republicans in Congress have been arguing for an end to most affirmative action programs, and the Clinton administration is reviewing those now in place.

Two voting-rights cases could clarify the extent to which race can be taken into account in drawing districts for federal, state and local elections.

In 1993, the high court ruled that bizarrely drawn election districts meant to help minorities may violate white voters' rights. Lower courts relied on that decision when they struck down majority-black districts in Louisiana and Georgia.

The Clinton administration supported the states in asking the justices to reinstate the black-dominated districts. Election districts can be drawn to benefit other ethnic or religious groups, and it would be unfair to deny the same help to minorities, the administration argued.

A school desegregation case from Missouri asks the justices to allow court-ordered desegregation plans to be ended even if student achievement has not improved.

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Twins team lives up to its name

PIEDMONT, Calif. (AP) — Little League baseball coach Craig Alden isn't always sure who's on first.

Sometimes he thinks he's seeing double.

More than half of the players on his Twins team are just that — twins. Four sets in all.

There are three sets of fraternal twins — Nora and Matthew Cullinen, Matthew and Peter Modera, and Chase and Reid Smiegiel. Andrew and Alex Munday are the identical pair.

"I call them by the wrong name frequently," Alden said. "It's one thing if they're standing in front of you, but not if they're at second base."

At least with the Cullinens, Nora's long hair helps to keep the coach from confusing her with her brother, Matthew.

The Mundays present a different problem.

"There's definitely a correlation between the identical twins and the way they swing and throw the same way," Alden said.

Little League vice president Tom Straus admits that he planned the roster after noticing several pairs of children had the same last name.

"It was on a whim — whim and whimsy," Straus said.

At first, Alden got a kick out of the setup with his 6- to 8-year-old players.

"I thought, 'Isn't that cute,'" he said.

Then it hit him — fewer parents to help carpool, bring snacks or help out in other ways. And constant confusion over who's who.

"If I call them by the wrong name," he said, "the mothers tell me, and I apologize.

Even the major league Minnesota Twins hasn't had a set of twins. "We had twin bat boys once," spokeswoman Wendy Erickson said, "back in the Sixties."

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Bethel Studio pupils are presented awards

Under the Big Top was celebrated by Bethel Studio of Music pupils who dressed as their favorite character, an event held May 25 at the First Baptist Church Chapel.

Reid Johnson served as master of cermonies and introduced the circus musical ensembles at two pianos and organ.

The opening event featured "Trumpet March" by the flute ensemble, followed by songs such as "Circus Day," "The Calliope Passes By," "Razz Ma Tazz," "Carousel Tune," "March of the Wee Folk," "Chromatic Circus," "Rock A Bye Your Baby," "Dizzy Fingers," "Waltzing Clowns," "Brightwood Barn," "Rockin' Roberta," "Fiddle Faddle" and "Circus Music Suite."

Audience participation from the approximately 250 guests helped Reid during his magic tricks. Presentation of awards closed the program.

Repertoire Class Awards: Monday Class--1. Faith Feaster 2. (Tie) Johnnie Riggs, Bailey Stoker. Wednesday Class--1. Trey Gorman 2. Mandy Strain. Thursday Class--1. Elizabeth Rollins 2. Stormy Clark. Friday Class--1. (Tie) Jami Thackerson, Craig Bowen 2. Sandi Nussey. Cubby Bear Class--All Pupils.

Hymn Awards: Jami Thackerson, 22 memorized hymns; Jessica Sollis, 13 memorized hymns.

Jazz, Pop, Rag Awards: Ashley Sanders, 17 memorized pieces; David Melton, 12 memorized pieces.

Practice Awards: Trey Gorman, 378 practice hours; Nicki Riggs, 373 practice hours; Stephanie Hoyle 358 practice hours; Stormy Clark, 350 practice hours.

Sight Reading Awards: Bailey Stoker 152 pieces; Trey Gorman, 122 pieces.

Spirit Awards: Jennifer Petty, Ruth Ann Riddel.

Sonatina-Sonata Awards: Whitney Rogers, 7 movements; Bailey Stoker and Trey Gorman, 6 movements each.

Memory Measures Awards: Stephanie Hoyle, 1,379 measures; Trey Gorman, 1,359 measures.

A Plus Lessons: Trey Gorman and Stephanie Hoyle, 29 each; Bailey Stoker, 28; Ashley Sanders, 27.

All-State Musicians: Karomy Drum, Nicki Riggs, Jennifer Petty, Trey Gorman.

Romantic Era Awards: Faith Feaster, Bailey Stoker, 5 pieces each; Bryony Martin, 5 pieces.

Most Progress: Jessica Sollis, completed 14 books; Colton Long, completed 10 books.

Most Courteous Pupils: Zach Greenlee, David Melton, Jerica Tyler, Kelby Drum, Sonda Leininger.

Top Piano Guild Pupil: 1.Trey Gorman. 2. (Tie) Karomy Drum, Faith Feaster.

Fans raise funds

HOUSTON (AP) — Selena's fans have helped raise thousands of dollars for an educational fund and scholarship set up by the slain Tejano music queen.

About 30,000 people attended a Memorial Day salute to Selena who was shot to death March 31 in Corpus Christi. The founder of her fan club confessed to the shooting.

Nine well-known Tejano and Latin-pop artists performed their own songs at the tribute, as well as songs associated with Selena.

Court allows Povich suit to proceed

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — An appeals court has cleared the way for a man and woman to sue the producer of the Maury Povich show, which mistakenly broadcast their pictures during a segment on sex abuse.

In a decision to be filed today, the Minnesota Court of Appeals overturned a lower court which dismissed lawsuits filed by James Richie and Karen Gerten against the show's producer, Paramount Pictures Corp., and a Minnesota attorney

"Here, appellants were wrongly and publicly labeled as a father who committed incest and a mother who stood by and let it happen," the appeals court said in a 2-1 decision. "At least 'some' actual injury to their reputations can be assumed from the seriousness of this false statement seen on national TV."

The segment, which aired during a 1992 show, featured Richie's and Gerten's goddaughter, Denise Richie, who had won a large award against her father for sexually abusing her, and against her mother for failing to intervene.

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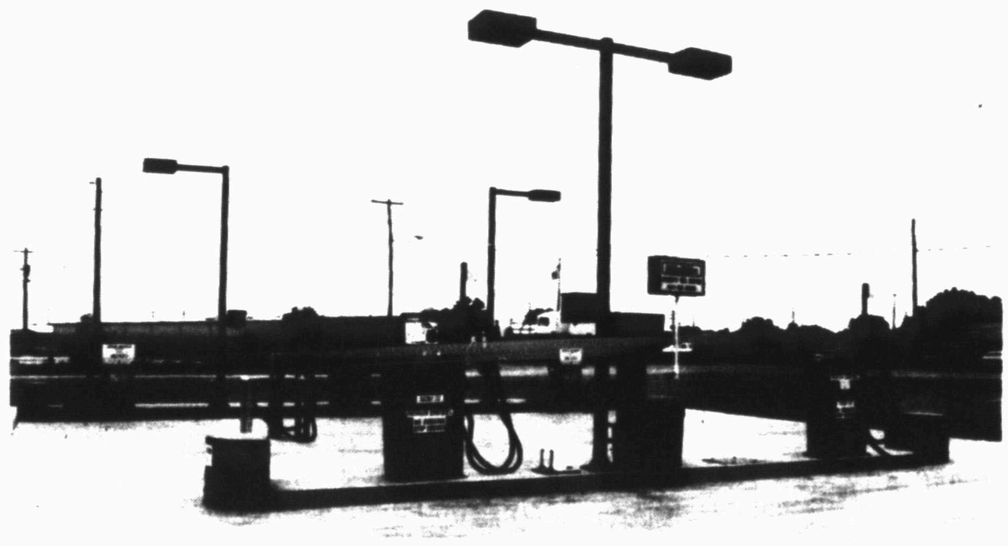

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Anxious not to be pigeonholed after her stunning screen debut as convicted killer ***Ruth Ellis*** in 1985's ***"Dance With a Stranger," Miranda Richardson*** turned down the ***Glenn Close*** role in ***"Fatal Attraction."*** Twice nominated for an Oscar, ***Richardson*** is familiar to fans of the cult TV series ***"Blackadder"*** for her comic portrayal of ***Queen Elizabeth I.***

1. Name one of the movies for which ***Miranda Richardson*** was nominated for an Academy Award.
2. In which 1992 movie did ***Richardson*** co-star with:
   a) ***Stephen Rea, Forest Whitaker*** and ***Jaye Davidson***
   b) ***Christian Bale*** and ***John Malkovich***?

Answers: 1) "Damage" and "Tom & Viv" 2a) "The Crying Game" b) "Empire of the Sun"

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1 Sea bird
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9 Medics (abbr.)
12 — Claire, Wis.
13 Fragrant flower
14 Sup
15 Arouse a memory (3 wds.)
17 Comedian Louis —
18 Beginning
19 Bottomless pit
21 Airline info
23 WWII area
24 Chat
28 Flying saucers (abbr.)
32 Noah's boat
33 Small brook
34 Ripped
35 Gore's title (colloq.)
37 Ninth mo.
39 Fair grade
40 Being
41 Removal of evil spirits
43 Highway curve
45 Chinese pagoda
46 Coldly
49 Irritated
53 Kind of lettuce
54 Mythical
58 Poem
59 Jet
60 Language suff.
61 Born
62 Disliked
63 Fr. article

DOWN

1 Finnish first name
2 Weather word
3 Sisters
4 Rattle
5 Women's —
6 Bullfight cheer
7 Actor Mineo
8 Brilliant success
9 Negate
10 Beams
11 Fem. relig. ones
16 Horse directives
20 Boxing match
22 Develops
23 Fish trap
24 Underground home
25 War god
26 Hawaiian instruments
27 Holly
29 Central points
30 Sources of metal
31 Appear
36 Pare
38 Housebroken
42 Birthday —
44 Nymph
46 Symbol
47 Secret writing
48 Words of understanding
50 Film critic Pauline —
51 Scottish-Gaelic
52 Colors
55 High note
56 Channel
57 Compass pt.

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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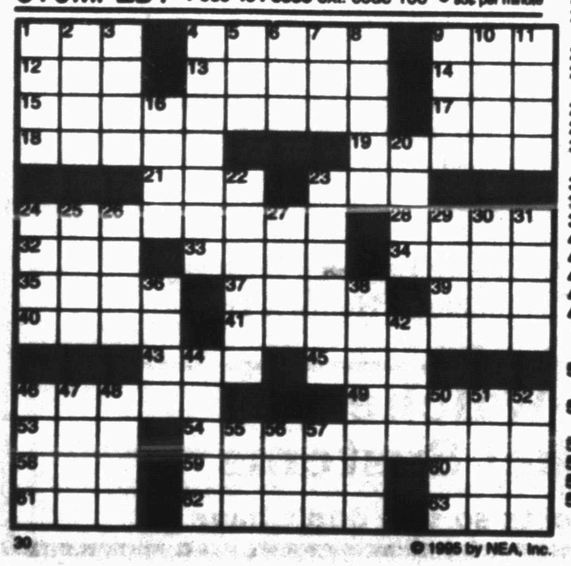

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Sports

Hammond's grand slam brings Marlin victory, 9-7

MIAMI (AP) — Chris Hammond hit the first grand slam by a pitcher in nearly nine years and Terry Pendleton went 5-for-5 to help the Florida Marlins beat the Houston Astros 9-7 Monday night.

The Marlins, whose .224 batting average entering the game was last in the major leagues, had a season-high 19 hits. Alex Arias went 4-for-4.

Hammond put his team ahead 4-2 with a one-out homer in the second inning, but the left-hander didn't pitch long enough to earn the victory. He departed with an 8-3 lead and the bases loaded in the fourth, and Mark Gardner retired Craig Biggio and Jeff Bagwell to end the inning.

Hammond's grand slam was the first by a pitcher since Bob Forsch of St. Louis hit one against Pittsburgh's Mike Bielecki on Aug. 10, 1986.

Pendleton had three singles, a double and a triple to tie his career high for hits in a game. He also committed two errors at third base.

Florida left fielder Jeff Conine's consecutive-game streak of 307, second only to Cal Ripken among active players, ended. Conine, who has been slowed by a strained left hamstring, had played in every game in Marlins history.

Randy Veres (1-1) pitched 1 1-3 hitless innings, and Robb Nen shut out Houston in the final two innings for his second save.

Every starter in the Marlins lineup managed at least one hit. Florida had 11 hits and an 8-2 lead after three innings, knocking out Shane Reynolds (1-4) in the third.

Reynolds' trouble began when Pendleton singled to lead off the second. Darrell Whitmore singled with one out, and Reynolds walked Charles Johnson, who was batting .149, to load the bases.

Hammond, a .201 lifetime hitter, then pulled a 1-1 pitch 383 feet over the right-field wall for the fourth homer of his career. He struggled to suppress a smile trotting home, then broke into a grin in the dugout.

The Marlins added four more runs in the third. They got help when third baseman Craig Shipley lost a pop foul in the lights hit by leadoff batter Pendleton, who then doubled and scored on Greg Colbrunn's single.

Following another walk to Johnson, Hammond tried to sacrifice and beat out the bunt for a single, loading the bases. Jerry Browne and Arias each singled home a run, and Hammond scored on Tommy Gregg's sacrifice fly.

Luis Gonzalez hit his fourth homer for Houston in the fourth inning.

The Astros closed to 8-7 in the fifth with four runs, all after the Marlins failed to cover second base on a potential inning-ending double play. One run came home on a two-out error by Pendleton, and the rally also included three walks, a hit batsman, a passed ball and a two-run single by James Mouton.

Pendleton's RBI triple in the eighth made it 9-7.

The Astros, who managed just one hit Sunday off Atlanta's Greg Maddux, have played 3,950 games since the last no-hitter against them, by Cincinnati's Jim Maloney in 1969. The only longer major league streak is held by the Chicago Cubs, who were last no-hit by Los Angeles' Sandy Koufax in 1965 — 4,310 games ago. Conine and second baseman Quilvio Veras hope to be back in the starting lineup Wednesday. Veras sprained his left hand bruised his left quadriceps in a collision Sunday with right fielder Gary Sheffield.

Indy driver, Fox, in critical condition from '500' crash

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Stan Fox never saw it coming.

The Indianapolis 500 was just seconds old, the leaders were heading out of the second turn and into the backstretch, and Fox's race car veered suddenly to the right.

In front of him was a concrete wall.

"I was on the outside of Stan. He just turned sharp right and went into the wall," said Eddie Cheever, one of five other drivers involved in Fox's first-lap crash on Sunday. "I couldn't avoid him. He had a big hit."

Fox, a veteran sprint car driver making his eighth Indy start, underwent surgery at Methodist Hospital to relieve pressure caused by a subdural hematoma, or bleeding in the brain. He was in critical but stable condition today, his situation complicated by bleeding.

Dr. Henry Bock, the speedway's medical director, said a brain scan performed this morning showed no additional problems. Fox remained unconscious and the next three to five days will be critical in his recovery, Bock said. No updates on Fox's condition are expected until Tuesday morning, he added.

Fox's was the most serious of five wrecks during the race.

"Something must have broken on his car or somebody bumped him because he came across at such a sharp angle," Cheever said. "Stan is one of the better drivers out there."

"I tried to find a hole," St. James said. "I thought I had found one. I had to go high, but I got hit and then got into the wall and then I was on my own missile."

Fox made his first Indy 500 appearance in 1987, finishing seventh in a car owned by A.J. Foyt. His best finish was eighth in 1991.

The last driver to die in a crash during the race was Swede Savage in 1973. The last driver to die at the speedway was Jovy Marcelo of the Philippines, who was killed in practice in 1992.

Miami knocks A&M out, 5-2, to go to Series

CORAL GABLES, Fla. (AP) — Rudy Gomez and Danny Buxbaum delivered back-to-back home runs, helping carry Miami to a 5-2 victory over Texas A&M in the championship game Monday of the Atlantic II Regional.

The Hurricanes earned their 14th trip to the College World Series, which begins Friday in Omaha, Neb.

Miami (46-15) has advanced to the CWS 11 of the 13 times in which it hosted a regional.

"It's hard to put in to words what going to the World Series means to me," Miami head coach Jim Morris said. "I came to Miami to be a part of something like this. I had not done it at Georgia Tech and wanted to be a part of something special, which is what they have here."

The deciding game was made necessary when the second-seeded Aggies beat the top-seeded Hurricanes 4-0 earlier Monday. That snapped Miami's 10-game home winning streak in regional play.

In the championship game, left-hander J.D. Arteaga scattered six hits over eight innings for his 10th win.

All-American Jay Tessmer recorded his fourth save of the tournament, giving him 19 on the season. Tessmer retired the side in the ninth.

Texas A&M (44-22-1) had won four straight games after losing in the first round.

Justin Atchley, who gave up the consecutive home runs to Gomez and Buxbaum in the first inning, took the loss — his second of the tournament.

The home runs with two out in the first put Miami ahead 2-0.

Until then, Texas A&M had gone 20 innings without alowing a run. The streak spanned shutouts against Miami on Monday and North Carolina on Sunday night.

Leading 2-0, Miami tacked on three more runs in the third, aided by a pair of Texas A&M blunders.

Bruce Thompson and Gomez reached on singles to open the inning. Thompson scored when shortstop Robert Harris booted a grounder by Buxbaum into left field.

Adam Finnieston's grounder knocked in Gomez to put Miami ahead 4-0.

A wild pitch by Atchley sent Buxbaum breaking toward third. Catcher Matt Garrick's subsequent throw sailed into left field, bringing Buxbaum in to make it 5-0.

A home run by Harris put Texas A&M on the board at 5-1 in the fifth.

Texas A&M closed to within 5-2 in the eighth on a run-scoring double by Allen. The Aggies had runners on second and third, but Arteaga got out of the inning on a grounder.

Texas A&M forced a second game after beating the Hurricanes 4-0 earlier in the day behind the pitching of Tim Clarkson, who tossed a six-hit, complete-game shutout. It was the first time Miami had been shut out this season.

"I was proud of our guys. They made a good run at it," said Texas A&M head coach Mark Johnson. "My hat is off to the University of Miami team."

Playoff game postponed

The District 3A playoff game between Graham and Kermit, scheduled for today, has been postponed.

If a dry field cannot be found to play the game today, it will be played tomorrow at 2 p.m. at Moffett Field.

NHL Playoffs

By The Associated Press
All Times EDT
CONFERENCE FINALS
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Thursday, June 1
Chicago at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, June 3
New Jersey at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, June 4
Chicago at Detroit, 3 p.m.
Monday, June 5
New Jersey at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, June 6
Detroit at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Wednesday, June 7
Philadelphia at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, June 8
Detroit at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Saturday, June 10
Philadelphia at New Jersey, TBA
Sunday, June 11
New Jersey at Philadelphia, TBA, if necessary
Chicago at Detroit, TBA, if necessary
Monday, June 12
Detroit at Chicago, 8 p.m., if necessary
Tuesday, June 13
Philadelphia at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m., if necessary
Wednesday, June 14
Chicago at Detroit, 7:30 p.m., if necessary
Thursday, June 15
New Jersey at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m., if necessary

Coach Landry's daughter dies at age 37 of cancer

DALLAS (AP) — Lisa Landry Childress, daughter of former Dallas Cowboys coach Tom Landry, has died after a four-year battle with cancer. She was 37.

Born in Dallas, Childress was a graduate of Brookhaven College, where she made the National Dean's List. She died Sunday.

She lived in the Austin suburb of Lakeway until recently, when she and her family moved to Barton Creek Lakeside, also near Austin.

Survivors include her father, her husband, Gary; her daughter, Christina; her mother, Alicia Landry; a sister, Kitty Phillips; and a brother, Tom Landry Jr.

Services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday at Highland Park United Methodist Church in Dallas.

Baseball at a glance

American League
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East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Boston	17	11	.607	-
NewYork	13	14	.481	3½
Detroit	14	16	.467	4
Toronto	12	17	.414	5½
Baltimore	11	17	.393	6
Central Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	18	9	.667	-
KansasCity	14	14	.500	4½
Milwaukee	13	16	.448	6
Chicago	11	16	.407	7
Minnesota	9	21	.300	10½
West Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
California	19	11	.633	-
Oakland	17	13	.567	2
Texas	17	13	.567	2
Seattle	16	13	.552	2½

Monday's Games
Chicago at Cleveland, 1:35 p.m.
Minnesota at Milwaukee, 2:05 p.m.
Boston at Oakland, 4:05 p.m.
Detroit at Toronto, 7:35 p.m.
New York at Seattle, 8:05 p.m.
Texas at Kansas City, 8:05 p.m.
Baltimore at California, 10:05 p.m.

Tuesday's Games
Chicago (Fernandez 2-3) at Cleveland (Grimsley 0-0), 7:05 p.m.
Detroit (Bohanon 0-0) at Toronto (Menhart 1-1), 7:35 p.m.
Texas (Oliver 1-1) at Kansas City (Haney 2-1), 8:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Tapani 2-3) at Milwaukee (Roberson 0-1), 8:05 p.m.
New York (Perez 2-1) at Seattle (Belcher 2-0), 10:05 p.m.
Boston (Wakefield 1-0) at Oakland (Darling 1-1), 10:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Moyer 0-1) at California (Langston 3-0), 10:05 p.m.

Wednesday's Games
Detroit at Toronto, 12:35 p.m.
Minnesota at Milwaukee, 2:05 p.m.
Boston at Oakland, 3:15 p.m.
Chicago at Cleveland, 7:35 p.m.
Texas at Kansas City, 8:05 p.m.
New York at Seattle, 10:35 p.m.
Baltimore at California, 10:35 p.m.

National League
East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Philadelphia	21	8	.724	-
Atlanta	18	12	.600	3½
Montreal	18	13	.581	4
NewYork	11	19	.367	10½
Florida	7	22	.241	14
Central Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Chicago	19	10	.655	-
Cincinnati	18	11	.621	1
Houston	14	15	.483	5
Pittsburgh	12	16	.429	6½
St.Louis	12	19	.387	8
West Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Colorado	16	14	.533	-
SanFrancisco	16	15	.516	½
LosAngeles	13	17	.433	3
SanDiego	13	17	.433	3

Monday's Games
San Diego at New York, 1:40 p.m.
Colorado at St. Louis, 2:15 p.m.
Atlanta at Chicago, 2:20 p.m.
Houston at Florida, 7:05 p.m.
Los Angeles at Philadelphia, 7:35 p.m.
San Francisco at Montreal, 7:35 p.m.

Tuesday's Games
San Francisco (Leiter 2-1) at Montreal (Henry 0-3), 7:35 p.m.
Los Angeles (Candiotti 2-3) at Philadelphia (Green 3-3), 7:35 p.m.
Cincinnati (Schourek 2-2) at Pittsburgh (Lieber 1-3), 7:35 p.m.
San Diego (Sanders 3-0) at New York (Harnisch 0-2), 7:40 p.m.
Colorado (Olivares 1-2) at St. Louis (Hill 3-0), 8:05 p.m.

Wednesday's Games
Colorado at St. Louis, 1:35 p.m.
San Diego at New York, 1:40 p.m.
Atlanta at Chicago, 2:20 p.m.
Houston at Florida, 7:05 p.m.
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Tech in battle with Stanford

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) — Eric Sees hit an RBI single in the bottom of the ninth inning to push Stanford past Texas Tech 3-2 Monday night, forcing one more game in the NCAA Midwest I Regional.

Mario Iglesias (3-2) pitched a complete-game five hitter, striking out five and walking three for Stanford (38-23). Brian Dallimore batted in one run in the second inning and one in the seventh.

Jeff Peck (10-3) struck out seven batters, walked two and allowed eight hits in 8 2-3 innings for Texas Tech (51-13).

Clint Bryant and Andy Gonzales had an RBI each in Texas Tech's two-run third inning.

The teams play again for the championship Tuesday at 10 a.m.

NBA Playoffs

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Monday, May 22
Houston 94, San Antonio 93
Tuesday, May 23
Orlando 105, Indiana 101
Wednesday, May 24
Houston 106, San Antonio 96
Thursday, May 25
Orlando 119, Indiana 114
Friday, May 26
San Antonio 107, Houston 102
Saturday, May 27
Indiana 105, Orlando 100, Orlando leads series 2-1
Sunday, May 28
San Antonio 103, Houston 81, series tied 2-2
Monday, May 29
Orlando at Indiana, 3:30 p.m. (NBC)
Tuesday, May 30
Houston at San Antonio, 9 p.m. (NBC)
Wednesday, May 31
Indiana at Orlando, 9 p.m. (NBC)
Thursday, June 1
San Antonio at Houston, 9 p.m. (NBC)
Friday, June 2
Orlando at Indiana, 9 p.m. (NBC), if necessary
Saturday, June 3
Houston at San Antonio, 3:30 p.m. (NBC), if necessary
Sunday, June 4
Indiana at Orlando, 7 p.m. (NBC), if necessary

Pacers tie series, 2-2

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — After an almost unbelievable 3-point spree, the Indiana Pacers got the winning basket from a player who had trouble making any sort of shot all game.

Rik Smits' turnaround 14-footer at the buzzer lifted the Indiana Pacers to a 94-93 victory over the Orlando Magic on Monday, tying the Eastern Conference finals at two games apiece.

Smits' shot came after a time-out with 1.3 seconds left and capped a run of three consecutive 3-pointers in the final 13.3 seconds, two by the Magic and one by Indiana's Reggie Miller.

With Orlando's Shaquille O'Neal and Horace Grant having fouled out, Smits took an inbounds pass from Derrick McKey, turned and faked reserve center Tree Rollins off his feet. Smits, who had missed 10 of his first 15 shots, ducked under Rollins and leaned in for the winner.

Smits finished with 21 points. Miller had 23, including five 3-pointers. Hardaway led Orlando with 26 points and Dennis Scott added 22.

The loss was a crushing blow for the Magic, who appeared on the verge of pulling out the game despite O'Neal's second straight rough outing. He fouled out with 1:27 to play, scored just 16 points and went 0-for-8 from the line.

Orlando turned up the defensive pressure and led 78-75 early in the fourth quarter while Indiana missed its first four shots of the period and didn't score until McKey hit a basket with 7:44 to play.

Smits tied it 87-87 with 1:41 to play after Grant committed his sixth foul. On the Magic's next possession, O'Neal got his sixth personal for charging Smits, who made both free throws.

Neither team scored until Shaw, a reserve guard averaging just 4.2 points in the playoffs. hit his big 3-pointer.

After picking up his fourth foul with 8:10 left in the third quarter, O'Neal was clearly frustrated. He missed four free throws in a row, then missed a dunk, traveled and botched another dunk.

While O'Neal fumed, the Pacers took a 67-55 lead on a drive by Miller with 5:08 left in the period. Orlando outscored a cold-shooting Indiana team 16-8 to cut the lead to four at the end of the period, then scored the first seven points of the fourth quarter to take a 78-75 lead on Nick Anderson's 3-pointer.

O'Neal had 12 first-half points despite getting into early foul trouble for the second straight game. He had two before the game was five minutes old and played only 11 minutes in the half.

Royals shut out Rangers

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Gary Gaetti hit a grand slam and a solo home run, giving him six homers in five games, as the Kansas City Royals won their fifth straight, 12-0 over the Texas Rangers.

Gaetti drove in six runs and also had a single and double. Wally Joyner drove in four runs as the Royals stopped the Rangers' winning streak at four.

Tom Gordon (3-1), who is 2-0 in two starts since having four wisdom teeth removed on May 12, went 6 2-3 innings, gave up six hits, walked four and struck out five, including Ivan Rodriguez with two outs and the bases loaded in the sixth.

Gaetti, who hit two home runs Friday night in Milwaukee, leads the Royals with 21 runs scored, 10 home runs and 27 RBIs. The Royals were leading 7-0 in the eighth when they loaded the bases and the Rangers brought in reliever Terry Burroughs to face Gaetti. He hit a 2-1 pitch over the wall in left and Bob Hamelin hit Burroughs' next pitch for another homer as the Royals had season highs in runs and hits (18).

Vince Coleman tripled leading off the game for the Royals and scored on Joyner's sacrifice fly. Gaetti then homered over the left-field fence.

Brent Mayne and Chico Lind singled off Gross leading off the fourth and Mayne scored on Coleman's one-out single. Tom Goodwin was hit by a pitch, loading the bases, and Joyner drove a bases-clearing double into right-center to make it 6-0. Chris Nichting relieved Gross and gave up an RBI single to Gaetti.

Local Events

Baseball camp

If weather permits, baseball camp will be held this week, hosted by SHS Coaches Roland Herrera and Charles Bollinger. Ages 5 to 7 will attend camp from 8:30 to 10 a.m. Ages eight to incoming freshmen will attend sessions from 10 until 11:30 a.m.

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Indios Softball Club will hold its 4th annual June Classic Softball Tournament, June 23-25. The tournament will be held at Cotton Mize Field in Big Spring. The fee will be $110 per team. Trophies will be given to the first through fourth places. For more information, call Pete at 263-6421 or Pablo at 263-3210

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The annual Raggedy Ann and Andy couples tournament will be held this weekend at Snyder Country Club. The weekend tournament will be preceded by a practice round on Friday.

To enter, or for more information, call the Snyder Country Club pro shop at 573-7101.

WTC Jr. Golf Clinic

A golf clinic, conducted by Rick Kahlick and Matt Glenn, will be held June 5-9 at WTC. Registration will be Sunday, from 1-3 p.m. at the WTC pro shop. Ages for the clinic are 8-17 years old. The cost is $70, and the clinic will run Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Call 573-9291 to reserve a spot.

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U.N. tries to overcome AIDS fight squabbling

GENEVA (AP) — As the AIDS virus sweeps relentlessly around the globe, infecting an estimated 6,000 people per day, the United Nations is trying to overhaul its creaking campaign against the epidemic.

The aim is to coordinate the work of six international agencies in one program — called UNAIDS — and present a united front against a disease that threatens to overwhelm the Third World's medical system, strike at the heart of its work force, and wreak social havoc.

Prospects for success of the new program are uncertain, and negotiations about its agenda are as slow as the disease's spread is rapid.

"You go to parts of Uganda now and see orphaned children and elderly people, and in between there's nothing," said Dr. Ebraphim Samba, head of the World Health Organization's regional office for Africa.

"It doesn't take a genius to see that's a disaster for the economy and for society," he told The Associated Press.

The crisis in Uganda is a baleful omen for other parts of Africa and for countries such as Thailand and India, where hundreds of thousands of people carry the virus.

An estimated 19.5 million people have been infected with the Human Immunodeficiency Virus that causes Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome since records were first kept in the early 1980s. The figure includes an estimated 4.5 million who have developed full-blown AIDS.

By the end of the century, the number of infections is expected to rise to 30-40 million.

There is no vaccine or cure expected in the next few years.

"We have to concentrate more on care and support," said Peter Piot, a Belgian physician chosen to head UNAIDS. "There will be millions and millions of people who will be affected and we need to help governments help them."

For years WHO led the international fight against AIDS with its high-profile Global Program on AIDS. It was criticized for doing too little at grass-roots level and focussing too narrowly on medical problems and vaccines.

Other agencies moved in to fill the gap. This caused overlaps, confusion and competition for scarce funds.

UNAIDS was devised to streamline the bureaucratic tangle and coordinate the AIDS projects of GPA, the U.N. Children's Fund; the U.N. Population Fund; the U.N. Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization; the U.N. Development Program and the World Bank.

Even Piot, former head of the International AIDS Society and assistant director of GPA, admits it will be an uphill struggle to overcome infighting and inefficiency that plague the United Nations.

"I don't think it's realistic to think overnight that we can change a system," Piot said.

"We all have different agendas. We are strange bedfellows," echoed WHO's Samba. "UNAIDS has all the potential of working but it may not. The marriage is not yet consummated," he said.

Government representatives and experts from the six agencies meet in June to fine-tune the program and approve its budget. Piot has proposed about $70 million per year for technical and support work, slightly less than GPA's budget. UNAIDS is meant to start work on Jan. 1.

The aim is to cut costs at Geneva headquarters and spend more on programs in the countries most affected, according to Piot.

This has prompted howls of protest in Geneva. The former GPA head, Michael Merson, left in April to become dean of public health at Yale University. Other senior staff have also departed and those remaining are in fear of their jobs.

Dear Abby

Owners of Vicious Dogs Must Be Held to Account

by Abigail Van Buren

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Dear Abby: In response to "Elizabeth N. of Tampa," who wrote about a rottweiler attacking her dog, I would like to share my horrifying story about two of those dogs.

I was walking my standard poodle on a public sidewalk when two unrestrained rottweilers attacked her. It was only through sheer willpower that I was able to hold back the dog tearing at her throat. Meanwhile, the other rottweiler attacked her hindquarters. Then a few minutes later while I was trying to get help, one of the dogs came back and locked his jaws around my forearm! I spent six hours in the emergency room having my arm cleansed and treated. Now I have permanent scars on my arm.

A few years ago, England campaigned to ban rottweilers, and my veterinarian will no longer treat these dogs without a muzzle. He believes they should all be sterilized because their propensity for turning against people is well-known.

The rottweiler that attacked Elizabeth N.'s dog should have been quarantined, through a public health agency, for rabies evaluation, and an animal control officer should have been notified. The victim should file a lawsuit for physical and psychological injury and seek monetary compensation.

Some states have a one-bite law due to the increased number of dog attacks, and irresponsible owners are held liable.

I have scheduled a hearing with the county, hoping to persuade the authorities to order that the dogs which attacked me and my pet be put to sleep. If they are allowed to live, their next victims may be older people or children who cannot protect themselves. — Lynn T., Los Angeles

Dear Lynn: I'm with you all the way! Please write again and let me know the results of your hearing.

Dear Abby: I must disagree with your response to the lady in Tampa whose boxer was attacked by a rottweiler. I own one and find it most distressing that this breed is preferred by people infatuated with its reputation as a "killer" dog. They deliberately mistreat these good-natured puppies and teach them to be aggressive and vicious.

People who do this to animals should be stopped. One way to do it is by calling the police or the local animal control agency when an attack occurs. Even if no action is taken against the owner, at least the dog goes on record as a vicious animal.

You are correct, Abby, that the dog owner should pay the vet bill. But do you suppose there's any chance of that happening with no intervention from the authorities? The woman in Tampa doesn't have to prove the dog was released deliberately; the fact that it was loose and it attacked is sufficient. Depending on local laws, the owner may be in violation of a leash law and may have to produce documentation of current vaccinations and a license. Most important, the attack becomes a matter of record.

Even if "Tampa" cannot recover her vet bill, please advise her to pursue the matter to the end. There's a potentially dangerous animal in the hands of an immature, foolish and mean-spirited man, and the next victim may not be as lucky as Tampa and her boxer. — Rottweiler lover in Oregon

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Obituaries

Nellie Jones

1906-1995

Nellie Lucinda Jones, a long-time Snyder resident, died Monday morning in Snyder Healthcare Center. She was 88.

Graveside service for Mrs. Jones is set for 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Resthaven Cemetery in Sperry, Okla.

Born in Oklahoma, she married Claude Jones who preceded her in death. A resident of Snyder since 1959, Mrs. Jones worked for many years in nursing homes and as a restaurant cook.

Survivors include a niece, Pinky Bishop of Snyder; two nephews, Eddie Kirby of Roscoe and Jim Kirby of Daytona Beach, Fla.; a great-nephew, Lance Kirby of Snyder; and a great-niece, Marry Herron of Wolfe City.

Todd Barnes

1966-1995

BRECKENRIDGE — Funeral service is set for 3 p.m. Wednesday at Lord's Old Time Gospel Church for Todd Barnes, 28, who died Monday afternoon at his Hubbard Creek Lake home following a 10-year battle with cancer.

Officiating will be the Rev. Mike Spencer, pastor, assisted by the Rev. Werth Mayes, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Weinert. Burial will follow in the Lord's Old Time Gospel Church Cemtery with arrangements under the direction of Morehart Mortuary.

Mr. Barnes was the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Waylan Gladson of Snyder.

Born in Lubbock, Mr. Barnes graduated from Breckenridge High School in 1984, and he attended Tarleton State University. Mr. Barnes had worked for C&S Cattle Company and for Baxley Manufacturing. He was a member of the Lord's Old Time Gospel Church.

Survivors include his parents, James and Carla Barnes of Breckenridge; a brother, Justin Barnes of Stephenville; a sister, Michelle Whitfield of Gustine; another grandmother, Mrs. Jake Barnes of Merkel; three aunts and uncles, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Nix of Highland Village, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gladson of Rockford, Ill., and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Barnes of Abilene; a great aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Fate Kinsey of Lubbock; and long-time special friends, Buck, Annette and Tye Thompson of Breckenridge.

The family suggests memorials to the Hospice of the Big Country or to the Lord's Old Time Gospel Church.

MRS. LEE FALLS

Mrs. Lee Falls

1915-1995

Mrs. Lee Falls, a life-long resident of Scurry County, died at 4:55 p.m. Monday in Lubbock's University Medical Center following a short illness.

Services for Mrs. Falls are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Mrs. Falls was born two miles from her present home located west of Snyder. She and her husband, Pat Falls, spent the past 20 years building what they described as a western, rustic home that is a personal history of their life and marriage.

Mrs. Falls was preceded in death by a sister, Eleanor Tuck, in 1989, and she was a member of the First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include her husband, W.T. "Pat" Falls of Snyder; a son, Thom Falls of Los Angeles; two daughters, Lady Brown of Lubbock and Dana Mattingly of Austin; a brother, S.D. Hays Jr. of Snyder; four sisters, Elizabeth Williams of Booneville, Ark., Ethellynn Mitchell of Lamesa, Betty Lou Richardson of Snyder and Bobby Jo Melchor of Lubbock; and five grandchildren.

Eddythe Boren

19080-1995

Graveside service is set for 11 a.m. Thursday in the Snyder Cemetery for Eddythe Boren, 87, who died at 10:20 p.m. Monday in Snyder Oaks Care Center.

Officiating will be the Rev. Nan Swanson, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church. Arrangements are under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Mrs. Boren moved to Snyder when she was 18 months old. She owned and operated her own business, Draperies by Eddythe, for many years, and she was a member of the First United Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by a son, Billy Jack Boren.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Sue and Fletcher Green of Arlington; two sisters, Madge Simms of Fort Worth and Dorothy Hall of Victoria; two granddaughters, Jane Elmore of Denver and Mary Ezell of Lubbock; three grandsons, David Boren of Post, James Green of Monroe, La., and Paul Green of Arlington; and nine great-grandchildren.

Woman's legs severed by subway train

NEW YORK (AP) — A woman chasing a purse snatcher fell onto the subway tracks and lost parts of both legs as a train pulling out of the station rumbled over her.

Samela Thompson, 56, on vacation from the Caribbean island of Trinidad, was in critical but stable condition early today after surgery at Jamaica Hospital, said nursing supervisor Mary Moriarty.

The train severed her right leg above the knee and took off nearly the lower half of her left leg, said Ole Pedersen, a hospital spokesman.

Thompson and her sister Angela Edwards were aboard the train in city's Queens borough on Monday afternoon when a man grabbed Edwards' purse as the train pulled into a station, police said.

The man slipped out a door that connects the train cars and jumped onto the platform, police said. Edwards followed the thief.

Thompson tried to follow Edwards but slipped and fell onto the tracks.

"She said to me, 'I know my legs are gone,'" said police Officer Bill Fischer, one of the first emergency workers to reach Thompson, who remained conscious through the ordeal. "I had to tell her, 'Yes, they're gone.'"

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Three more Ebola cases

KINSHASA, Zaire (AP) — Three cases of Ebola, the virus that has killed more than 120 people in the central Zairian city of Kikwit, have been discovered in other towns, health officials say.

A young woman is ill with the virus in Idiofa, 148 miles northeast of Kikwit, and two other people have been stricken in Panu, 124 miles north of Idiofa, hospital and church officials said Sunday.

The Idiofa patient had been in contact with a relative who contracted Ebola in Kikwit, the outbreak's epicenter, 250 miles east of the capital of Kinshasa. It was not immediately clear how the other two contracted Ebola.

Doctors believe the virus first appeared in Kikwit in December or January but did not intensify until mid-April, when health workers at the Kikwit's main hospital contracted it.

Ebola, whose origin is unknown, is usually fatal and has no known cure. It is spread through bodily fluids, often in hospitals or clinics when doctors and nurses without protective clothing handle Ebola patients.

NATO debates shoring up U.N. troops

NOORDWIJK, Netherlands (AP) — NATO allies said today they stand ready to reinforce the 22,000 U.N. peacekeepers in the former Yugoslavia, enabling them to "act and react" when Bosnian Serbs attack.

The alliance also underscored its commitment to conduct air strikes on behalf of the United Nations.

After two such strikes last week, Bosnian Serbs seized hundreds of peacekeepers and began using them as human shields.

At a one-day meeting, the NATO foreign ministers stressed their wish for a continued presence of peacekeepers in Bosnia. They were briefed by senior planners on a possible withdrawal of U.N. forces given the escalating tensions in the region.

"But withdrawal is a last resort," NATO Secretary General Willy Claes said.

In a statement after the meeting, the allies said they want the peacekeepers to stay "with their safety assured and a strengthened capability to carry out their mission."

They offered U.N. commanders reinforcements for peacekeepers "with the aim of reducing their vulnerability and strengthening their capability to act and react."

They added: "NATO air power remains available to help protect the safe areas and U.N. peace forces."

Secretary of State Warren Christopher said NATO air strikes "must remain an option. The difficulties that we now face will not cause us to cease our efforts."

He reiterated the desire of the allies to find a negotiated settlement "as the basis for achieving a political solution to this conflict."

As they met, the first British soldiers, the vanguard of up to 6,200 troops, arrived in the Croatian port of Split. Twelve Hercules transport aircraft were bringing the first battery of British light cannon into the region while U.S. Marines and a French aircraft also moved closer, off the Adriatic coast.

New open records legislation presents mixed bag in Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — Open government advocates say the 1995 Legislature produced a mixed bag of results.

Perhaps the most-watched of several bills — updating the Texas Open Records Act to include computer records as well as paper documents — passed early Monday.

"It's lemonade. (Lt.) Gov. (Bob) Bullock deserves all the credit in the world. He absolutely jumped through knotholes backwards to make passage of it possible," said Suzy Woodford, executive director of Common Cause, a government watchdog group.

The bill was in danger of dying after lawmakers couldn't agree on rules governing the price of public information.

A House-Senate negotiating committee reached a deal to allow governmental entities to charge 25 percent above or below a fee schedule set by the state General Services Commission.

"Although we are disappointed that city and county elected officials, through their lobbyist the Texas Municipal League, feel that they should automatically be able to charge 25 percent above the commission's rules, they still are prohibited from overcharging," Ms. Woodford said.

The Texas Municipal League had opposed the bill until it was amended to include the price guideline and a provision allowing cities to withhold documents pertaining to litigation.

Such open records victories were tempered, supporters said, when some good bills died and some bad bills passed.

A bill that would have opened governmental staff briefings on public policy issues to the public passed the Senate but failed in the House.

Ms. Woodford said that bill was undone largely by the Texas Municipal League, which she said wanted cities and counties "to continue to meet behind closed doors."

But Frank Sturzl, executive director of the TML, said, "We just think that has too many unintended consequences."

Every time a staff member informed a quorum of any governmental body about anything, it would have been a violation, he said. He also questioned why the law was to apply to boards of four or more members, which would have exempted many three-member state commissions.

"Its obvio is they don't think it's so good," Sturzl said.

Two bills that passed dealt with grand juries and health and safety audits of industries.

The grand jury bill would prohibit publishing or broadcasting any information from a grand jury proceeding. Violation could bring a fine and up to six months in jail. The bill is on Gov. George W. Bush's desk, awaiting his signature or veto.

"It provides a penalty for newspaper reporters to disseminate the information, and we believe that could be challenged under the Constitution," said M.J. Nicchio of the Texas Daily Newspaper Association.

Current law restricts grand jurors and witnesses from divulging details of proceedings, but the courts have ruled that information acquired legally can be published.

The audit bill, already signed into law by Bush, protects any company from criminal and civil sanctions if the company conducts its own health and safety audits and voluntarily reports violations of environmental regulations.

The audits could be kept confidential from the public.

Supporters said the bill will increase industry compliance with environmental regulations.

Nearly 1,000 survivors found following quake

OKHA, Sakhalin Island (AP) — Earthquake survivors huddled around bonfires amid the rubble of ruined homes today, refusing to leave trapped friends and families. Rescuers worked through the night under the glare of floodlights at Neftegorsk, the oil town hardest hit by the quake.

As the search entered its third day, almost 1,000 survivors had been found and nearly 400 bodies had been recovered in what was left of Neftegorsk in Russia's Far East.

The injured were being taken to hospitals in the regional center of Okha, 20 miles north of Neftegorsk, and to cities on the mainland.

Officials feared the death toll from the magnitude 7.5 quake could surpass 2,000. They said the flattened town would not be rebuilt.

"When the sun sets and the rescue equipment stops, the town starts moaning," Russian television reported. "These are the moans of those buried under the rubble."

Bodies lay on the ground under blankets, and cloth scraps and limbs poked out of the rubble as cranes hoisted concrete slabs from mountains of debris.

Most of the victims were buried beneath their brick and concrete apartment buildings, which crumpled as the town of more than 3,000 residents slept early Sunday.

Mikhail Yalch, a 42-year-old survivor, said there was no time to react.

"My 12-year-old son, Anton, and I were watching TV, when one powerful shock threw me off the sofa and the ceiling crashed down," Yalch told the ITAR-Tass news agency. "I woke up in complete darkness and discovered that I was in a small, narrow hole between two panels, and that my legs were hopelessly pinned down."

Reform

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in punitive damages, punishing those who file frivolous lawsuits and restricting where a case may be tried.

WELFARE

Lawmakers cracked down on deadbeat parents with suspension of their state licenses, limited the time people could receive welfare payments, and required welfare recipients to participate in job training.

The welfare bill also establishes alimony in Texas. A spouse could sue for divorce payments if the marriage lasted at least 10 years and the spouse could not support himself or herself.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Gov. Bush already has signed a highly technical bill that will begin deregulating the telephone business, open local service to competition and provide $1.5 billion over 10 years for high-tech equipment for schools, libraries and hospitals.

POLITICS

The Legislature placed a constitutional amendment on the November ballot so voters can decide whether to abolish the Treasury.

Lawmakers also voted to limit campaign contributions — to judges.

SYMBOLS

Apparently, lawmakers concluded that Texas was short on symbolism.

Despite already having a state stone, tree, flower, bird, dish, fish, gem, grass and seashell, they voted to add the flying mammal (bat), large mammal (longhorn), small mammal (armadillo) and bug (monarch butterfly).

Rains

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to the National Weather Service.

The holiday period rains also helped replenish stock tanks and small ponds in the county. As for larger bodies of water, the rain was a help, but more is needed.

Lake J.B. Thomas caught about 1,000 acre feet over the two-day period, lake officials said. Some 2.3 inches fell at the west end of the lake. The dam area recorded 1.3 inches.

Hermleigh received 2.6 inches, Dunn caught 2.2, Ira 2.5 and Fluvanna 2.0.

Law, fire officials have a busy Monday

One person was booked into Scurry County Jail Monday while a number of other complaints were handled by local law enforcement officials.

Officers arrested an 18-year-old male at 8:16 p.m. Monday in the 2900 block of Avenue O on an outstanding warrant from Municipal Court for failure to wear a seat belt.

The fire department was called to Scurry County Coliseum at 6:57 a.m. Monday where the marquee sign had apparently been hit by lightning and started a fire.

At 7:45 a.m. Monday, the fire department was called to a tank battery fire some 11 miles southeast of Snyder on the Arland lease. The tanks were owned by LEM Operating Co. Three tanks were involved and the fire department extinguished the blaze.

A report of a runaway was filed at 11:45 a.m. Monday in reference to a 15-year-old juvenile being last seen on May 26. The youth was later located at 7:40 p.m. in the 2600 block of Avenue A and released to his parents.

A report of a burglary of a residence was reported at 12:17 p.m. Monday. Taken in the break-in at 313 26th St. was some furniture.

DPS officers reported a car submerged in a low water crossing on the Brick Plant Road at 1:26 p.m.

Officers were notified at 1:45 p.m. that a pickup had gone through the low-water barricades at 17th Street and Avenue O and was stuck in the water.

Officers were called to the area of 20th Street and Coleman Avenue at 2:34 p.m. in reference to a report of a man hanging on to the side of a moving van. The man stated he had a disagreement with his wife.

Officers were called to the Deep Creek area along College Avenue at 4:43 p.m. in reference to several juveniles playing in the swift running water. Officers contacted three juveniles and they left the area.

Officers were called to the area of 38th Street and Austin at 5:05 p.m. in reference to a juvenile placing bottles in the middle of the street and causing a traffic hazard.

A report of two gunshots was made in the area of the Greenhill Addition and Smith Street at 8:56 p.m.

Officers were called to the Great Western Motel at 11:47 p.m. in reference to a fight.

Officers were called to the 2800 block of Avenue V at 3:30 this morning in reference to balloons containing shaving cream being thrown at a vehicle.

Markets Midday Stocks

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Chevron	47⅝	47⅛	47⅛—	⅛
Chrysler	42⅝	42⅛	42⅛—	⅛
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CocaCola	59⅝	59⅝	59⅝+	⅛
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ComclMetals	27⅛	27⅝	27⅝+	⅛
Cooperla	37⅝	37⅛	37⅝—	⅜
CyprusAmax	26⅝	26	26⅛—	⅛
DallSemicn	19	18⅝	18⅝—	⅜
DeltaAirl	63⅝	63⅛	63⅝+	⅛
DigitalEq	46⅝	45⅛	45⅝—	⅛
Dillard	27⅝	27⅛	27⅝+	⅛
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DresserInd	23	22⅝	22⅝—	⅛
DuPont	67⅝	66⅛	66⅝—	⅜
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EstKodak	60⅛	59⅝	59⅝—	⅜
Eljerlnd		5⅝	5⅝	5⅝
Enserch	17⅝	17⅛	17⅝—	⅛
Entergy	24⅝	24	24⅛+	⅜
Exxon	70⅛	69⅝	69⅝—	⅛
Flowerlnd		17⅛	17⅛	17⅛
FordMotor s		28⅛	28⅛	28⅝
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Foster nomination said harder than expected

By WALTER R. MEARS
AP Special Correspondent

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican foes are determined to switch off Dr. Henry Foster's point of light, but their campaign against the surgeon general nominee is proving more difficult than it once looked.

On this one, President Clinton is out front, saying he'll fight to get his man a confirmation vote in the Senate.

While Foster apparently could gain a confirming majority, opponents have the parliamentary tools to delay and perhaps stop him short of approval.

But that political medicine could leave a bad aftertaste, regardless of whether it works. Simply saying no, or filibustering to prevent a black doctor from Nashville from getting action on his nomination, could wind up looking mean and negative.

Democrats already are working to make it look that way, and never mind that when they ran Congress, they did their share of nay-saying.

Clinton, who has wavered when there was trouble over some prior nominees, and withdrew one controversial choice his first year in office, is firm and says he's determined to win confirmation.

"It would be unusual and unwarranted if this fine man were denied his day in court in the Senate," the president said after the Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee voted 9-7 to recommend confirmation.

Perhaps, but certainly not unprecedented. Sen. Bob Dole, the majority leader, had said he might refuse to call up the nomination for action, but plans to meet personally with Foster before deciding. Dole has said he would have ample precedent in blocking action, since at least 161 Republican nominees were sent back to the Republican White House between 1987 and 1992 without

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Senate votes.

That list, though, is heavy with nominations of federal judges, lifetime appointments sometimes sent in batches by presidents about to leave office. Foster is up for a job that may not last long, since tenure there — as a practical matter — depends on who is president, and Clinton faces a stern Republican challenge in 1996.

Ironically, a Republican plug is part of the resume that led Clinton to nominate Foster. President Bush cited the doctor and his program to help prevent teen-age pregnancy in depressed Nashville neighborhoods as one of the "points of light" he had designated to honor volunteer efforts.

Now Republicans are saying that effort wasn't as good as its billing. Sen. Nancy Kassebaum of Kansas said Foster and the administration had made that program a centerpiece in the nomination debate, but it's not all that good.

Before voting against committee approval, she said Foster's Nashville program "has never shown significant success in reducing teen-age pregnancy," and shouldn't be a model for a national crusade.

Actually, the White House had seen the Bush citation more as a shield than as a central issue; the thinking there had been that a doctor honored by the GOP president probably wouldn't stir controversy.

But they reckoned without the abortion issue, and made it much worse with Foster's own misinformation on the number he'd performed in a career as an obstetrician-gynecologist.

"They are the ones who went out of the way to try to make this about abortion," Republican Party Chairman Haley Barbour said in a TV interview Sunday. "But inadvertently along the way they had Foster tell too many stories that the issue became credibility and telling the truth."

Foster said at his confirmation hearing that he'd made the mistake of speaking before he checked the record, and that the correct number of abortions was 40, in a career devoted to delivering thousands upon thousands of healthy babies.

The credibility challenge is a politically opportune way to sidestep a no vote pegged specifically to abortion, and there is more evidence to suggest that the administration never meant to make that the issue anyhow, but wanted a nominee who wouldn't stir controversy after the turmoil that ended with the forced resignation of Joycelyn Elders as surgeon general.

Now she's become an issue again too. Republican opponents are saying that after the troubled tenure of Elders, Clinton should have chosen someone who could swiftly reestablish the credibility and stature of the office, instead of stirring more controversy.

Ironically, that's what the Clinton people once thought they had found in Foster.

Not now.

EDITOR'S NOTE — Walter R. Mears, vice president and columnist for The Associated Press, has reported on Washington and national politics for more than 30 years.

First woman to serve in both House, Senate dies at age 97

SKOWHEGAN, Maine (AP) — Margaret Chase Smith, a schoolteacher who went on to become the first woman to serve in both the U.S. House and Senate and was widely regarded as the embodiment of independence and integrity, has died. She was 97.

Mrs. Smith died Monday at her home of complications from a massive stroke that had sent her into a coma eight days earlier, said Merton G. Henry, a lawyer and family spokesman.

"Margaret Chase Smith set a wonderful example of public service for all Americans — widely regarded as a principled and decent person — and the Bush family has always had the highest respect for her," former President Bush said in a statement. Mrs. Smith served with his father in the Senate.

"It was a pleasure to be her friend and an honor to follow her in the U.S. Senate," former Democratic Majority Leader George Mitchell said in a statement.

"The Lady from Maine," known by her trademark red rose, emerged as one of the most powerful and respected figures in Congress in her three decades there. A Republican, she briefly ran for president in 1964.

Mrs. Smith's knack of mirroring the views of the common people — and expressing them clearly and succinctly — endeared her to voters of both parties. Until her defeat in 1972 by Democrat William D. Hathaway, voters returned her to Washington with solid majorities.

She got into politics as secretary to her husband, Clyde H. Smith, and won election to his House seat after he died. She served four terms in the House, 1941-49, and four in the Senate, 1949-73.

President Kennedy once remarked that he considered Mrs. Smith "a very formidable political figure."

Mrs. Smith, a ranking member of the Senate Armed Services Committee from 1967-1973, was the first woman elected to the Senate without having been appointed to fill a vacancy and the first female Republican senator.

In addition, she was the first woman placed in nomination for president at a major party convention.

Gregory Gallant, director of the Margaret Chase Smith Library in Skowhegan, said her presidential bid was rooted in her dissatisfaction with Kennedy-Johnson defense policies and what she saw as a reluctance of other Republicans to take on that issue. Smith thought the Democratic presidents' policies lacked firmness and consistency.

Mrs. Smith staked out a position in the middle of the American political spectrum. In widely hailed speeches two decades apart, she warned of the threat of extremism from both the left and the right.

Her 1950 "declaration of conscience" was a repudiation of the "smear tactics" of Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy, R-Wis. Though she didn't mention the anti-communism crusader by name, she told the Senate it was time to stop "character assassination" behind the cloak of congressional immunity.

"The nation sorely needs a Republican victory," she declared, "but I don't want to see the Republican Party ride to political victory on the four horsemen of calumny — fear, ignorance, bigotry and smear."

Twenty years later, as the nation was being jolted by often violent student protests against the Vietnam War, Mrs. Smith delivered a Senate speech updating her declaration.

Extremists, fomenting divisions in American society, are forcing "the great center of our people" to make a "narrow choice between anarchy and repression," she said.

"And make no mistake about it," she said, "if that narrow choice has to be made, the American people, even if with reluctance and misgiving, will choose repression."

As the women's liberation movement gained momentum at the close of the 1960s, Mrs. Smith refused to be labeled a feminist.

"Women are people," she said. "They should expect office only on the basis of personal qualifications."

Born in Skowhegan, a mill town in central Maine, her formal education ended with high school graduation in 1916.

She got a job as a teacher in a country school, but was lured away by the telephone company which offered her $12 a week as assistant to the manager.

She met her husband in 1930 while working at a woolen mill. When Smith, who was 23 years her senior, decided to run for Congress, she campaigned for him and became his executive secretary.

After serving three years in Congress, Smith suffered a heart attack. The day before his death in 1940, he appealed to his constituents to elect his wife as his successor.

She served eight years in the House, then won a Senate seat in 1948.

Dr. Gott by Peter Gott, M.D.

'Colon cocktail' treats constipation

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Please tell me about your "colon cocktail." How long can it remain in the refrigerator, or must it be made fresh each morning before it is taken?

DEAR READER: The "colon cocktail," a natural antidote to constipation, is one of the most popular recipes in nursing homes. To make it, add one cup of bran to one cup of applesauce and mix with one-forth cup prune juice. The dose is two tablespoons a day taken with ample fluid.

The concoction should be pasty. It's a good idea to refrigerate it or it will turn liquid; in fact, even with refrigeration, the mixture becomes a little unpalatable in about two days, as it gradually loses its pasty consistency.

For home use, I recommend experimenting with the quantity to be stored; you may be able to get more than two days out of each batch.

To give you additional information on constipation, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Constipation & Diarrhea." 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: A friend of mine has persistent skin infections. He's in his early 40s. Areas on his hands fill with pus and break open. He's seen numerous doctors to no avail. What causes this and is there a cure?

DEAR READER: Pyoderma (staph infections of the skin) is a common disorder that may lead to recurring boils. It is often associated with diabetes, immune deficiencies and other diseases. It is treated with antibiotics. People with pyoderma are often helped by regularly washing with antibacterial soap, such as Lever 2000.

If your friend's doctors have thrown up their hands, he should be referred to a dermatologist for blood tests and specific advice (and prescriptions). Inasmuch as your friend's boils are highly contagious, he should not put off seeing a specialist.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I underwent bladder repair last November by incision. I had a catheter inserted for a month after I got home. Now I'm having trouble with leakage. Is my bladder still weak? I thought the operation would correct this.

DEAR READER: I don't know the cause of your continuing urinary leakage. Perhaps you have an infection (a common consequence of having a catheter) or maybe your bladder opening has been weakened by surgery. If so, special exercises would help you regain continence.

You should address this issue with your surgeon, who will obtain appropriate testing (such as urine cultures and sphincter analysis). He may advise you to be patient or he may prescribe antibiotics (or the exercises I mentioned).

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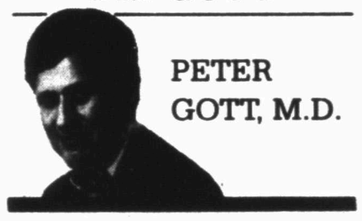

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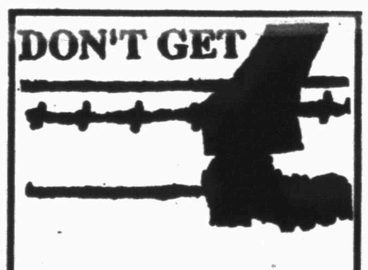

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FRESHMEN, TOP FIVE — Ira's Top Five freshmen for 1994-1995 are from left, Billy Keith Box, Olga Juarez, Tyrel Sterling, Theresa Crosby and Melissa Brasuel. (SDN Staff Photo)

SOPHOMORES, TOP FIVE — Ira's Top Five sophomores for 1994-1995 are from left, Kasey Calley, Adam Davis, Jessica Williams, Rikki Wilkes and Stacey Taylor. (SDN Staff Photo)

JUNIORS, TOP FIVE — Ira's Top Five juniors for 1994-1995 are from left, Jeremy Howard, Misty Chance, Ociel Castelan, Judd Rogers and Joey Rankin. (SDN Staff Photo)

SENIORS, TOP FIVE — Ira's Top Five seniors for 1994-1995 are from left, Kristi Sorrells, Jay Nettles, Justin Donelson, Brian Garmer and Jennifer Northcott. (SDN Staff Photo)

First man convicted under 1994 violence act

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. (AP) — But for the heedless crossing of a state line, Sonya Bailey's husband, the agent of her horrific six-day journey in the trunk of a compact car, might have walked away with a two-year sentence — or less.

Last week, Christopher Bailey became the first person convicted under the federal Violence Against Women Act of 1994, which made crossing a state line to assault a spouse or domestic partner a federal felony.

The law is so new that many prosecutors and judges are unfamiliar with its provisions, which call for penalties of up to 20 years for permanent disfigurement or life-threatening injury and up to a life sentence if the victim dies.

This summer, U.S. Attorney Rebecca Betts of the southern district of West Virginia, whose office prosecuted Bailey, will instruct federal magistrates from across the country on the criminal portions of the act. Judicial conferences are scheduled in Salt Lake City, San Diego and Atlanta, an education project financed by the new law.

"There is a critical need for education of the judiciary because people are just so uninformed. Judges come to this issue with all the myths and biases that the public brings," said Julie Goldscheid, a lawyer with the Legal Defense and Education Fund of the National Organization for Women, in New York City.

Goldscheid said the science and documentation of domestic violence "is very well-established and very comprehensive."

She cited survey results that show rape by a man known to the victim is often more traumatic than rape by a stranger because it destroys the victim's ability to trust.

"It's a big surprise to judges, and it's important to sentencing," Goldscheid said. "Too often they think, 'Well, it was just her boyfriend, no big deal.'"

Besides the educational component, the new law also makes protection orders valid across state lines for the first time.

Without such "full faith and credit" provisions, Goldscheid said, a woman who tries to leave an abusive husband by moving to another state sometimes finds herself victimized again.

"It happens frequently," Goldscheid said. "A woman leaves her batterer, moves to another state to start a new life — and finds she won't be able to enforce her protection order."

Taken together, Goldscheid said, the provisions of the Violence Against Women Act "filled a gaping hole that had been in the law before."

The law also contains a new civil rights remedy for victims of violent crime motivated by gender, even if the perpetrator has not been charged with a criminal act.

In cases of rape, sexual assault or assault and battery, victims may bring civil lawsuits, which carry a lesser standard of evidence than criminal proceedings, if the acts were "committed because of gender or ... due, at least in part, to an animus based on the victim's gender."

Sonya Bailey, 33, remains in a coma today. She was near death last Dec. 1 when her husband carried her into a Corbin, Ky., emergency room six days after beating her senseless in the bedroom of their St. Albans, W. Va., home.

Bailey kept his wife in the trunk of the car while he drove aimlessly across West Virginia and Kentucky, crossing the state line at least three times, "just driving to calm himself down," as his psychiatrist testified.

Police arrested Bailey in Kentucky but had to drop the charges because they couldn't document what happened in their jurisdiction. In less than four weeks, Bailey was the object of a federal indictment based on the new law.

At his sentencing Aug. 21, Bailey faces up to life in prison for kidnapping and up to 20 years for permanent disfigurement.

Lynn Hecht Schafran, director of NOW's National Judicial Education Program, said the act "puts women on an equal footing before the law with other protected classes."

"There is a particular kind of violence that is directed at certain people because they are the color they are, or because they are the religion they are," Schafran said. "Women have never been protected under these statutes.

"It's an important thing to say, that we recognize there are crimes where people are selected for violence solely because they are women, and the law isn't going to countenance that, any more than it would countenance the beating of someone because he or she is black."

Dreams require very hard work

COLLEGEVILLE, Minn. (AP) — How to succeed in moviemaking and life: Filmmaker Stephen Sommers has some advice on both.

Take risks and hold onto your dreams, Sommers told the St. John's University Class of 1995.

"If you want something bad enough and work at it hard enough, you will get it. Somehow," Sommers said in his keynote address Sunday.

The 1980 St. John's alumnus confessed that as a film student at the University of Southern California, he chased down "Forrest Gump" director Robert Zemeckis in a parking lot and asked how he could succeed in film.