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Home of Beth Titus

A SMOOTH EDGE — Frank Miller takes advantage of early morning temperatures to edge his lawn on Towle Park Drive this morning. The temperature is expected to rise over 100 degrees by afternoon. (SDN Staff Photo)

Early today...

Sen. Tom Haywood dies in Wichita Falls

From Local, Wire Reports

WICHITA FALLS— State Sen. Tom Haywood, who played an influential role in this year's legislative session despite battling Parkinson's disease, died Thursday at his Wichita Falls home. He was 61.

"He died of an apparent heart attack," said Todd Gallaher, an aide in Haywood's Austin office. "It's pretty rough."

Haywood was a two-term Republican. He was elected senator from District 30 in 1994. The district includes 32 North and West Texas counties, including Scurry, and parts of three others. It sprawls from Sherman-Denison on the east to near Snyder on the west and north into the Panhandle.

Sen. Haywood was a frequent visitor to Snyder in addition to his campaign stops. He assisted on public school legislation, bills affecting Western Texas College and assisted on prison-related matters.

His most recent public appearance was a report on the past legislative session at the Board of Commerce & Industry luncheon last month in Wichita Falls.

Sen. Haywood was chairman of the Senate Natural Resource subcommittee on agriculture and shepherded a state agriculture policy reform bill to passage.

He also crossed party lines to provide the necessary vote to bring the hate crimes bill up for debate. He ended up voting against the bill in the end, but it passed the Legislature and was signed into law by Gov. Rick Perry, a Republican.

Haywood also blocked a bill to require utilities to refund billions of dollars in overcharges to consumers.

Sen. Haywood

But the progression of his disease slowed him. At the end of the legislative session, the Senate honored his daughter, Denise Haywood, for her dedication in helping her father get around during the session.

The resolution came May 28, one day after the senator's son, Tommy, died after a long illness.

The Dallas-area native was a former physics professor at Midwestern State University and the University of North Texas and a former executive director of the North Texas Oil and Gas Association. He was a property-tax consultant when he retired from business in 1998.

Besides daughter Denise, of Wichita Falls, Haywood is survived by wife, Pat Haywood; two other daughters Alisa Haywood Green of The Colony and Jamie Ratliff of Grand Prairie; and seven grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements are pending with Lunn's Funeral Home, but the service is tentatively set for 2 p.m. Saturday at the First United Methodist Church in Wichita Falls

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "A story doesn't become more true just because it is told more times."

There is some good information and other good stuff on the Internet, but users need to know the source.

On the Internet, for example, you can read about CBS being forced to take "Touched by an Angel" off the airways because it mentions God.

Another story mentions a guy who went to sleep and when he awoke he was in his bathtub filled with ice, he was sore all over. When he got out, he realized that one of his kidneys had been stolen.

He saw a note on his mirror advising him to call 911. However, he was afraid to use his phone because it was connected to his computer, and there was a virus on his computer that would destroy his hard drive if he opened an e-mail entitled "Join the crew."

He knew it was a hoax because, being a computer programmer who was working on software to prevent a global disaster in which all the computers get together and distribute the $250 Nieman-Marcus cookie recipe under the leadership of Bill Gates.

The poor man then tried to call 911 from a pay phone to report his missing kidney, but when he reached into the coin-return slot, he got jabbed with an HIV-infected needle which was wrapped in a note which said, "Welcome to the world of AIDS."

Luckily, he was only a few blocks from a hospital, the one where that little boy who is dying of cancer is, the one whose last wish is for everyone in the world to send him mail and the American Cancer Society has agreed to pay him a nickel for every e-mail he receives.

If you get such an e-mail and forward it to more than 10 people, you will have good luck. If you send to fewer than 10 people, you will have bad luck for seven years.

So, anyway the poor guy tried to drive himself to the hospital, but on the way he noticed another car driving without its lights. To be helpful, he flashed his lights and was promptly shot as part of a gang initiation.

Send this to all you friends and you will receive four green M&Ms. If you don't, the owner of Proctor and Gamble will report you to Satanist friends and you will have more bad luck.

You will get sick from the Sodium Laureth Sulfate in your shampoo, your spouse will develop a skin rash from using the antiperspirant which clogs the pores, and the U.S. government will put a tax on your e-mails forever.

All of this has to be true. It's on the Internet.

GOP accused of trying to derail campaign bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — House campaign finance legislation headed toward a tumultuous finish today with supporters of a measure to reduce the influence of big money protesting what they said was a betrayal of a promise of a fair vote.

Rep. Christopher Shays, R-Conn., a chief author of a bill to ban soft-money donations, said a senator had told him beforehand that the leadership was going to pull the rug from under him. "I said no, but he was right."

"This is the last refuge of the scoundrels," said Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., sponsor of the Senate counterpart to Shays' bill.

The House was scheduled to vote today on the bill put forth by Shays and his Democratic partner, Rep. Meehan of Massachusetts, and a rival Republican-backed bill that limits but does not ban soft money. That is the unregulated funds that corporations, unions and individuals provide the national parties.

But Shays and Meehan accused the GOP leadership of a late-hour ploy to derail their bill by setting rules of debate under which the House would have to vote separately on 14 proposed changes, some minor.

The package of changes, worked out with McCain and Russ Feingold, D-Wis., the authors of the campaign finance bill that passed the Senate in April, were designed to make the House bill more compatible with the Senate version and respond to misgivings by some Democrats about the effects of the soft-money ban.

Rep. Bob Ney, R-Ohio, sponsor of the GOP-backed bill with Rep. Albert Wynn, D-Md., said Shays and Meehan had no reason to complain. "What could be more fair than full debate and a clean vote on everything Congressmen Shays and Meehan want?"

Ney's bill limits soft-money contributions to $75,000 a year and states that the money can be used only for get-out-the-vote activities, not political ads.

Shays said he would join Democrats in voting against the rules for debate. A vote to defeat the rules would force the Republican leaders to either prepare new rules or remove the bill from the agenda, a move that Democrats would strongly oppose.

John Feehery, spokesman for Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., said Democratic leader Dick Gephardt was trying to pick a procedural fight "because he doesn't have the votes to pass his bill."

The battle over procedures overshadowed late-hour efforts by Gephardt to shore up support among black and Hispanic lawmakers worried that spending limits would hurt their efforts to mobilize voters.

With Senate passage of the McCain-Feingold bill, Congress has the first real shot in a quarter-century of bringing major change to campaign finance rules. In the background is a dramatic jump in soft money raised by the two parties, from $86 million for the 1992 election to almost $500 million last year.

"This will be one of the biggest challenges facing Congress in this decade," Gephardt said.

Shays and Meehan won passage of similar bills in 1998 and 1999, but this time they face defections from the 38-member Congressional Black Caucus, which worries that the soft money ban would undercut efforts to get minority voters to the polls.

Coliseum will be site of big livestock show

The Scurry County Junior Livestock Association will sponsor the "Best of Texas" Livestock Show Friday through Sunday at Scurry County Coliseum.

Approximately 2,000 people are expected to attend and exhibitors will be coming from San Antonio, Dalhart, Dublin, Chico, Seminole, Aspermont and Ranger, just to name a few.

Local exhibitors from Snyder will also be represented.

On Friday, exhibitors will move their livestock into the coliseum and annex area.

The actual show will begin at 8 a.m. Saturday with the lamb and goat show.

The show will continue at 9 a.m. Sunday with the steer show.

Judging the lambs and goats for the show will be Marvin Ensor and Vance Christy. Steer judges are Billy Rash and Steve Kennedy.

For more information on the show, contact Scurry County Extension Agent Greg Gruben at 573-5423.

Hospital board to meet Friday

Cogdell Memorial Hospital's board of managers will meet for the second time this week as they continue work on the hospital's 2002 operations and capital budget at 8 a.m. Friday.

The board met for almost two hours Tuesday and hashed over a total budget of almost $24 million.

Chief Financial Officer Joe Wright said that figure is up from the present $23 million due to two primary factors – increased costs for employee health insurance premiums and overall costs in supplies.

Wright said he is looking at an overall operating loss at the hospital for the coming year of $500,000, but hopes county tax money and Medicaid dispro money will make up the difference.

The county has been funding the hospital $395,000 per year, but hospital board chairman Jim Bob Cave said Tuesday he is in favor of requesting $600,000 from the county.

If the hospital budget is approved Friday, it will be presented to the commissioners court Monday for consideration.

Friday's meeting will be held in the hospital's boardroom.

White House wing evacuated

WASHINGTON (AP) — The West Wing of the White House was partially evacuated today after a car parked on the driveway nearby raised suspicions. President Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney remained at work inside.

National security adviser Condoleezza Rice's office was among those evacuated. Rice was in a weekly meeting in the office of chief of staff Andrew Card on the other side of the building.

While security precautions are always high at the White House, it is extraordinary that a portion of the building would be evacuated.

People were asked to leave the press office and briefing room of the West Wing, the closest offices to the driveway. Offices also were evacuated in the Old Executive Office Building, which faces the driveway.

Press secretary Ari Fleischer was briefing reporters in his office when an aide, Gordon Johndroe, handed him a note. Fleischer told reporters to leave the building.

ASK US

Q—Will the Midland Rock Hounds hold a "community night" for Snyder this year?

A—The team is hosting a Scurry County night on Saturday, Aug. 4.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Wednesday, 102 degrees; low, 73; reading at 7 a.m. Thursday, 74; no precipitation; total for 2001 to date: 9.44 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, clear with low in mid 70s. SE wind 5-10 mph. Friday, mostly sunny, high around 100. SE wind 5-15 mph. Low 75.

Allison Swigert
Hot

Sunset:
8:50 p.m.
Sunrise:
6:49 a.m.
Of 191 days in 2001,the sun has shone 179 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

One man practicing sportsmanship is far better than fifty preaching it.
—Knute Rockne

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Young victims of abuse are urged to reach out for support

DEAR ABBY: You printed a column ffom stepchildren in loveless homes. Both letters were signed, "No Name, No Address, No Phone." I hope you'll convey this message to the teen-ager in high school:

Please remember that in three years you'll be graduating and be able to start a new and independent life. Despite your surroundings, make every effort to make these important years count.

Wake up each morning, make your bed, and get yourself out of there so you can focus on your future. Take refuge at the library and at school. Work toward a scholarship. Prove your parents and stepparents wrong by becoming a shining example for your younger sister and brother. YOU CAN DO IT!

Many adults in this world want to see young people succeed and fulfill their potential. Talk with your teachers, coaches, counselors, ministers and the parents of friends. Reach out, and you'll find the support you need to get through this difficult time.

You deserve a life filled with love and support. I'm sending a big hug for you and your siblings. — **TWIN CITIES MOM AND TEACHER**

DEAR MOM AND TEACHER: Your letter will have meaning for far more young people than the two whose letters appeared in my column. I'm sad to say that nearly 20 percent of the letters I receive involve physical or emotional abuse. For a civilized society, that's appalling. Please read on:

DEAR ABBY: Seventeen years of my life were spent being kicked, punched and beaten. I was choked, shamed, told I was worthless, starved, berated — you name it.

My relatives saw what was happening, but my mother would tell them I was such a terrible child I deserved worse than I was getting. If someone had just once asked me what was going on, I would have gladly told them. But I wasn't allowed to speak to anyone unless Mother said it was OK.

Children should feel safe in their own homes. Unfortunately, abuse goes on right under people's noses. I'm willing to bet that many people reading this know someone who is being abused, but the person is too embarrassed to admit it. Victims are made to carry the guilt of the abuser, so they become masters at hiding it. I was told I was so bad no one would believe me. I was too afraid to confide in my teachers or friends for fear of retribution. I had been warned that if I ever told, I would be beaten beyond recognition.

By the way, if you're wondering where my father was during all this, he was right there — watching. He was as afraid of my mother as I was.

I finally moved out at the age of 17. Mother always said if I didn't like the way she treated me, I could leave any time. I think she was more surprised than anyone else when she saw me packing my belongings. Within an hour I was gone.

To this day, every interaction I have with her is painful. She denies everything, even though many of my relatives have told her they witnessed her abuse. While I have moved on, she is depressed and talks about suicide. I will accept no responsibility for her depression. She should have gotten her act together a long time ago. — **SURVIVOR**

DEAR SURVIVOR: In your case, that's healthy thinking. You have suffered enough for a lifetime. Your abusive mother could outlive you. Let your "loving family" deal with her. Keep your distance and do not allow yourself to be manipulated.

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Bush wants drug discounts

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush wants to help Medicare patients obtain prescription drug discounts, and he is proposing a $35 million public-awareness campaign on the initiative this fall.

Bush is eager to offer a remedy to rising prescription drug costs as he seeks to remake the Medicare system.

In a Rose Garden ceremony today, he was laying out a wish list for Congress as it tackles the overhaul; the prescription discount card represented near-term relief amid an overhaul that could take years.

Under Bush's Prescription Drug Discount Program, Medicare would endorse and promote several privately-administered prescription drug discount cards, like those currently offered by pharmaceutical and other companies. The cards would be free or cost at most $25.

According to White House estimates, the card could save Medicare recipients 25 percent in typical medicine purchases, or as much as 50 percent for mail-order drugs.

The drug maker Merck & Co. has a discount card that can save consumers up to 30 percent, and an average of 11 percent off brand-name medicines, said company spokeswoman Anita Kawatra.

The card sponsors would be required to help pay for a consortium to address enrollment issues, and to publicize comparative information on discounted drug prices.

The administration said it could implement the proposal without congressional approval, and predicted it could be up and running later this year.

To educate seniors about their options in Medicare and the prescription card, Bush was pledging a $35 million public-awareness campaign this fall.

Among his other key Medicare-reform principles, Bush was telling lawmakers that all seniors should have the option of a subsidized prescription drug benefit as part of Medicare. Unlike most employer-sponsored health plans, Medicare does not pay for prescription drugs.

His principles also asserted that:

—Medicare should provide better coverage for preventive care and serious illnesses.

—Today's beneficiaries and those approaching retirement should have the option of keeping the traditional plan without the changes under consideration.

—Medicare should provide more health insurance options, like those available to federal employees.

—The program's long-term financial security should be strengthened.

Space shuttle lifts into orbit

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Space shuttle Atlantis streaked into orbit today carrying a $164 million front door for the international space station.

Atlantis rose from its seaside pad at 5:04 a.m., illuminating the sky for miles around more than an hour before sunrise. The shuttle and its crew of five were a month late in leaving because of problems on the space station.

Space station Alpha and its three residents were soaring high above the Indian Ocean when Atlantis thundered away. Within minutes, they were informed of the launch and told to expect their first visitors in more than two months on Friday night.

"Congratulations you guys! You're going to get company," Mission Control told the two Americans and one Russian aboard Alpha.

NASA had worried that stormy weather might interfere with the launch, but the rain stayed away and launch managers gave shuttle commander Steven Lindsey and his crew the go-ahead to fly.

"Looks like the vehicle and the weather have come together, so we wish you luck," launch director Mike Leinbach told the astronauts shortly before liftoff. He later told reporters: "It doesn't hurt to have a little good luck at the end, and that's what we got."

The front door for spacewalkers — essentially a pressure chamber called an air lock — should have been delivered to the space station in June. But the newly installed, 58-foot space station robot arm had joint problems that had to be fixed first.

The extra-long arm is needed to attach the 61/2-ton air lock to the space station and install four large high-pressure gas tanks also being carried up by Atlantis. Three spacewalks are planned during the 11-day mission to hook everything up, beginning Saturday night.

The American-made air lock will provide more spacewalking freedom for space station residents.

Currently, American astronauts on the space station have to wear Russian spacesuits during spacewalks and exit via the Russian side of the outpost, unless the shuttle is present. American spacesuits are not compatible with the Russian systems.

The new air lock will enable astronauts to use U.S. spacesuits at any time; it has two rooms, one for changing in and out of suits and the other for decompressing and floating into the vacuum of space.

Date Book

Thursday, July 12, 2001

Today is the 193rd day of 2001 and the 22nd day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1774, citizens of Carlisle, Pa., met at a church and declared their independence from Great Britain.

On this day in 1916, the USS North Carolina became the first Navy ship to carry and fly aircraft.

On this day in 1984, presidential candidate Walter Mondale named Rep. Geraldine Ferraro, D-N.Y., as his running mate.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Gaius Julius Caesar (100 B.C.-44 B.C.), Roman statesman; Henry David Thoreau (1817-1862), writer-naturalist; R. Buckminster Fuller (1895-1983), architect-writer; Pablo Neruda (1904-1973), poet; Milton Berle (1908-), comedian, is 93; Andrew Wyeth (1917-), artist, is 84; Van Cliburn (1934-), pianist, is 67; Bill Cosby (1938-), comedian-actor, is 63; Richard Simmons (1948-), fitness advocate, is 53.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1951, New York Yankee Allie Reynolds pitched a no-hitter against the Cleveland Indians. New York won 1-0.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "We are not going to be able to operate our Spaceship Earth successfully nor for much longer unless we see it as a whole spaceship and our fate as common. It has to be everybody or nobody." — Buckminster Fuller

TODAY'S MOON: Day before last quarter (July 13).

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CITY WIDE GARAGE SALE!

July 21

HEY SNYDER...

Plan now for your City Wide Garage Sale. Gather up those items taking up space in your garage, attic and basement and sell them for cash at your garage sale!

Ad must be placed by noon, Wednesday, July 18, 2001.

•Garage Sale Ads Published Friday, July 20 in the Snyder Daily News

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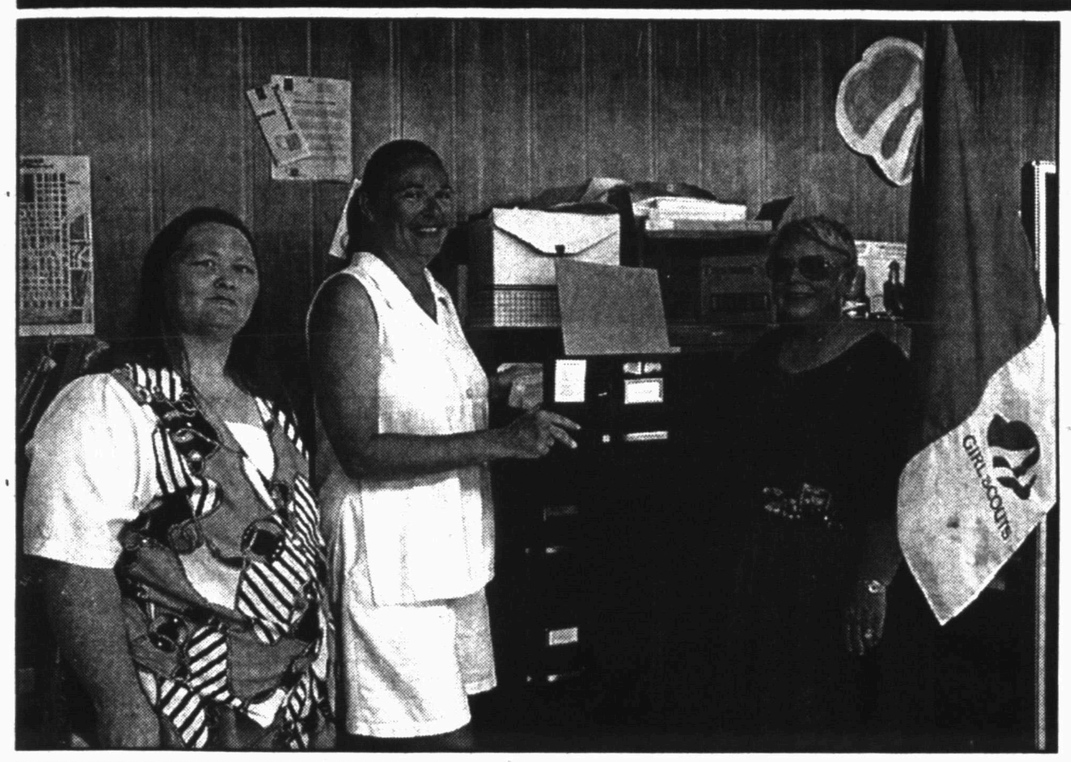

NEW SERVICE UNIT CHAIRMEN — Peggy Vernon, right, will remain as an adult volunteer for Girl Scouts but has turned over the job of service unit chairman for Scurry County to Jo Ann Cearley, center, and Judy Martin. Girls will register again for scouting in the fall. Girl Scouts is a participating agency of the United Way. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunely)

College students should be informed about vaccinations

Before heading off to college this fall, college students and their parents should learn more about meningococcal (men-in-jo-kok-al) meningitis, a potentially deadly bacterial infection, and the vaccine available to help prevent it, according to the Meningitis Foundation of America.

College students are at increased risk for meningococcal meningitis. In fact, studies show that freshmen living in dormitories are six times more likely to get the disease compared to other students their age. Certain college lifestyle factors appear to increase the risk of disease, including communal living such as dormitories, bar patronage and smoking.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and the American College Health Association (ACHA) all recommend that college students and parents learn about meningococcal meningitis and the availability of a safe and effective vaccine.

"Most college students and their parents are not aware of meningococcal meningitis, and many don't find out about the meningococcal vaccine until it's too late," said Kenneth Bromberg, MD, of the State University of New York Health Science Center at Brooklyn (Downstate). "Before sending your child off to college, parents should consider getting their child vaccinated."

Meningococcal meningitis occurs in approximately 3,000 Americans annually, resulting in 300 deaths. About 100 to 125 cases are diagnosed in college students each year, and up to 15 of these cases are fatal.

What is meningitis, and how do you get it?

Meningococcal meningitis is a bacterial infection that spreads through respiratory secretions and direct contact with an infected person, such as kissing or sharing glasses and utensils. It strikes most often in late winter and early spring — a time when college classes are in session.

Symptoms of meningitis include high fever, headache, stiff neck, confusion, nausea, vomiting, exhaustion and rash. However, the disease can be misdiagnosed because symptoms often resemble the flu.

Without prompt treatment, the disease can progress quickly, leading to hearing loss, brain damage, organ failure, limb loss even death.

Vaccination — best defense

The vaccine is 85 percent effective against the most common strains of the bacteria that cause meningococcal meningitis. The vaccine provides protection for three to five years. It is shown to be safe, usually causing mild reactions such as redness and soreness at the site of injection for up to two days.

The vaccine is often available from your pediatrician or college health center, and can be obtained during your child's pre-college physical examination.

For more information on meningococcal meningitis and vaccination, please visit the Web site of the Meningitis Foundation of America, www.musa.org, or call 1-866-321-4MFA. You can also visit the American College Health Association at www.acha.org and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at www.cdc.gov.

Spend time with children

It has been said that every day is kids' day, but until now America has not had an official day to celebrate children and raise awareness of youth-related issues.

The National KidsDay Alliance, a collaboration between Boys & Girls Clubs of America, KidsPeace, 4-H and YMCA has designated Sunday, Aug. 5 as National KidsDay. It's a day to celebrate your kids and spend meaningful time with them.

That time can be spent taking a family bike ride, enjoying a community celebration or creating a family photo album.

Parents are encouraged to take the National KidsDay Pledge and pledge to spend meaningful time with their kids; to talk; to listen; to learn and play; to share a moment, create a memory and make a kid's day.

One of the most delicious ways to spend time together is by baking bread or rolls, such as Peanut Butter Turtle Rolls.

PEANUT BUTTER TURTLE ROLLS

Makes 8 turtles
4 to 4½ cups all-purpose flour
½ cup sugar
2 envelopes Fleischmann's RapidRise Yeast
1 teaspoon salt
1 cup milk
½ cup water
½ cup peanut butter
1 egg, lightly beaten
1 tablespoon water
Chopped peanuts and/or sugar, optional
Peanuts, raisins or date pieces

In large bowl, combine 1½ cups flour, ½ cup sugar, undissolved yeast, and salt. Heat milk, ½ cup water, and peanut butter until very warm (120 to 130 F). Gradually add to dry ingredients. Beat 2 minutes at medium speed of an electric mixer, scraping bowl occasionally. Stir in enough remaining flour to make soft dough. Knead on lightly floured surface until smooth and elastic, about 6 to 8 minutes. Cover; let rest 10 minutes.

Grease 2 large baking sheets. Divide dough into 8 equal portions. Make 1 turtle from each portion using the following procedure: Reserve one-fourth of portion. Shape remaining dough into smooth ball for body. Place on greased baking sheet. Divide reserved dough in half. From one half, pinch off piece and roll to make small rope for tail; form remaining piece onto oblong head. Attach head and tail to body; pinch to seal.

Divide remaining piece into 4 equal pieces. Roll to make 2-inch ropes for legs; place partially under body in appropriate places. Repeat with remaining dough to make 8 turtles.

Cover; let rise in warm, draft-free place until doubled in size, about 30 to 60 minutes.

With scissors, make small snips in dough (about 1/4-inch deep) across body to mark shell. Make 2 small cuts at end of each leg to make webbed feet. Combine egg and 1 tablespoon water in a small bowl; brush over dough. If desired, sprinkle with chopped peanuts and/or sugar. Insert peanuts, raisins, or date pieces for eyes.

Bake at 375 for 15 to 20 minutes or until done. Remove from sheets; let cool on wire racks.

Bread Machine Variation:

PEANUT BUTTER TURTLE ROLLS

Makes 6 turtles
¾ cup milk
½ cup water
1/3 cup peanut butter
1 teaspoon salt
3 cups bread flour
1/3 cup sugar
1½ teaspoons Fleischmann's Bread Machine Yeast
1 egg, lightly beaten
1 tablespoon water
Chopped peanuts and/or sugar, optional
Raisins or date pieces

Add milk, ½ cup water, peanut butter, salt, flour, sugar and yeast to bread machine pan in the order suggested by manufacturer. Select dough/manual cycle.

When cycle is complete, remove dough from machine to a lightly floured surface. If necessary, knead in enough flour to make dough easy to handle. Divide dough into 6 equal portions. Proceed as directed in traditional recipe to make 6 turtles.

Children will enjoy making these tasty Peanut Butter Turtle Rolls.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 07-12-01
♠ K 7 3
♥ A 2
♦ A 9 7 6
♣ A K 9 6

West
♠ Q 9 8 6
♥ Q J 8 7
♦ K
♣ Q J 4 3

East
♠ J
♥ K 6
♦ Q J 8 4 2
♣ 10 8 7 5 2

South
♠ A 10 5 4 2
♥ 10 9 5 4 3
♦ 10 5 3
♣ —

Dealer: West
Vulnerable: East-West

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

Opening lead: ♣ 3

Thursday, July 12, 2001

Driven from the room to the table

By Phillip Alder

Pernicious weed! whose scent the fair annoys,
Unfriendly to society's chief joys,
Thy worst effect is banishing for hours
The sex whose presence civilizes ours.

What is William Cowper's "pernicious weed"?

Perhaps the women banished for hours went to the bridge room. This deal was declared by Ilana Barness, from Israel.

How would you plan to make four spades after a club lead? Did West have a more effective opening salvo?

That South hand has only four high-card points, but it includes two five-card majors and a void. If you can find a good fit with partner, you will win a lot of tricks.

Declarer followed the reliable principle that when you have a two-suited hand, attack the side suit first. So, after discarding a diamond on dummy's club king, Barness continued with the ace and another heart. East returned a club, declarer pitching a second diamond. Now came the spade king, East dropping the jack. Her civilized table presence told Barness that this was a singleton, not from doubleton queen-jack, so she abandoned trumps. Instead, she cashed dummy's diamond ace, ruffed a club, ruffed a heart, ruffed a club, and ruffed a heart. There were three cards left, West having only trumps. Declarer led a diamond from the dummy and discarded her winning heart 10. West ruffed but had to lead away from her Q-9 of spades into declarer's A-10.

The only winning opening lead is the diamond king, but how could West find that? And Cowper was denigrating tobacco.

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Annual Miller reunion was held at Trotter cabin on Lake Worth

Descendants of Philip Arthur and Alice Virginia Angel Miller held their annual reunion at the Elliott Rea Trotter's cabin on Lake Worth June 30 and July 1 with 55 attending.

Snyder residents attending the reunion were Wayne and Margaret Fisher Glass; Rodney, Jana and Sydney Glass; Wilson and Joy Taylor Howell; and Mac and Mary Price McCown.

Other family members included Joe and Ashley Miller Caldwell of Locust Grove, Okla.; Tom and Mavis Falls of Waco; Rickey, Wesley, Kailey Howell of Bronte; Julie and Liz Johnson of Lubbock; Randy, Leann, Austin and Nathan McCown of McKinney; Dr. Harold and Deanne Miller of Austin.

Also John and Alice Virginia Miller Lindley of San Antonio; Kirsten Miller of Austin; Don and Donna Moore of Amarillo; Dan and Ginger Howell Rose of Grapevine; Michelle Rose of Dallas; Heather Rose of Shreveport; Tim, Monique Miller and Phillip Snyder of Mountainstone; Bill and Ann Falls Trotter of Fort Worth, Elise Ann Trotter of Stamford, Conn.; Dr. Elliott Rea, Vicky, Britton and Macy Trotter of Forth Worth, Elise Ann Trotter, and Eric, Amy, Page and Lauren Trotter of Fort Worth.

Guests were Tim Johnson of Dallas; Brent Sharp of Shreveport; Jenifer Culver of Austin; Amanda Paulson of Lubbock; Britney McCutchen of Bronte; Anthony Gibbs of Bronte; Kevin Brady of Austin and Thomas Lupton of Houston.

Boating, jet skis, swimming, ping pong, golf, sand volleyball, table games, a talent show and visiting were activities planned for the family.

Seven generations have lived in Scurry County and the Christian influence of Alice and Phillip Miller continues in this family.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Audry Head, Carolyn Allen, Angela Castillon, Linda Derrick, Gloria Medrano and Emogene Sterling.

DISMISSALS: Carla Campbell, Ana Davis and baby, H.D. Holmes and Thomas Martin.

CENSUS: 40 (Med./Surg.-16 and Long-Term Care-24)

Community Calendar

THURSDAY

Horseshoe Pitching For Fun; horseshoe courts located at the coliseum; everybody welcome, for further information call 573-9762.

Rock and Roll Quilting Club evening meeting; Hermleigh Community Center; for more information call 863-2426; 6:30 p.m.

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

Canyon Gun Club; 1910-25th; 7:30 p.m.

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; for information call 573-4048; 8 p.m.

Nuestra Nueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; for information call 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.

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

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointment, call 573-0538 or 573-0770.

Scurry County AA closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-9458; 8 p.m.

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Friday Night .....7:00 p.m.
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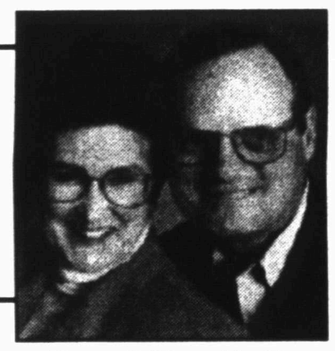
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The rate schedule is expected to furnish an 8.76 percent increase in the Company's revenues from residential, commercial and industrial customers in the West Region Distribution System. A Statement of Intent has been filed with each city. If you desire to comment concerning this change of rates, you may contact the City Secretary of one of the above named cities.

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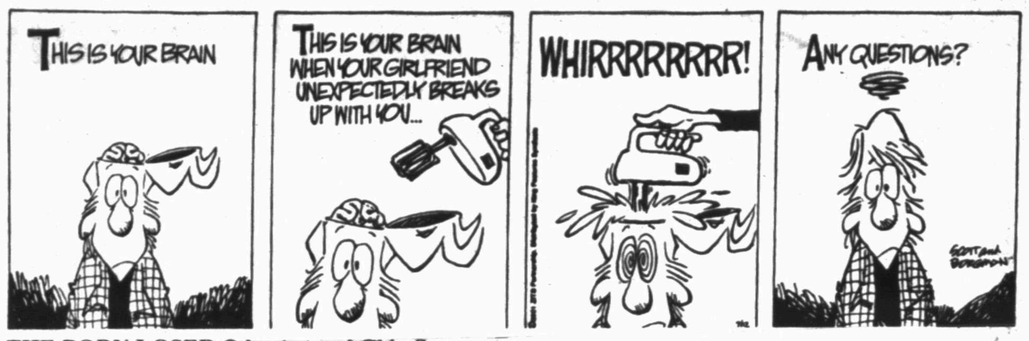

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ACROSS

1 Per —
7 France's place
13 Scared
14 Earlier form of a word
15 Charles, — of Wales
16 Slanted
17 Clothes
18 Swiss mountain
20 Uses a chair
21 Sailing vessel
23 Frenzied
27 Shakespearean hero
32 Martini garnish
33 Butter substitutes
34 Pitcher Ryan
35 Wedding proclamation
36 Bottle-cap removers
39 Gandhi's nation
40 Antibacterial drug
42 Straw vote
46 Caustic substance
47 Small dog, for short
51 Plaza Hotel girl
53 Drink known for its curative powers
55 More indisposed
56 Inner coating
57 Subway-riders' needs
58 Iowa and Utah

DOWN

1 Army abbr.
2 Bushy hairdo
3 Goody-goody
4 Fleming and Smith
5 Spasm
6 "Let's Make — —"
7 Fish trap
8 Colorado Indian
9 Scandinavian rugs
10 "Present" start
11 Carl Sandburg, e.g.
12 They could be split!
19 Old card game
21 Vistas
22 Extreme fear
23 "Chrome" start
24 Unbalanced
25 Egyptian river
26 Tennis pro Lendl
28 Verve
29 Do a banking job
30 Entertainer Anderson
31 Greek peak
37 Kings and queens
38 Foxy
41 Perceives by touch
42 Nuisance
43 Potpourri
44 — and key
45 Enjoy
47 — colada
48 Egress
49 Cattle
50 Energy units
52 D.C. VIP
54 Illuminated

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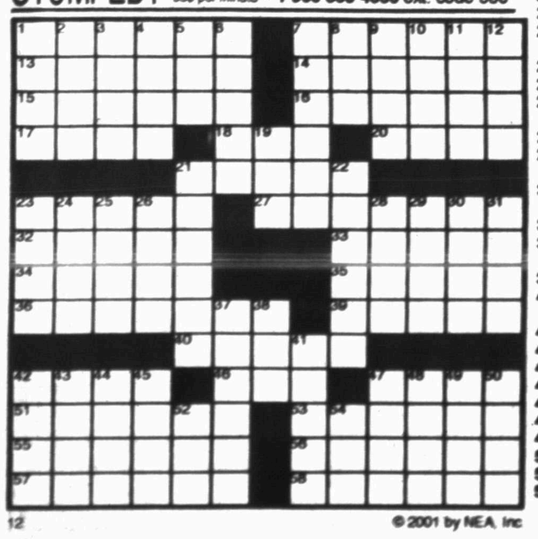

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SPORTS

Upstart Cubs look to bolster line-up

CHICAGO (AP) — One word, and Fred McGriff goes from the worst team in baseball to the best in the NL.

McGriff is considering waiving his no-trade clause and accepting a deal that would send him from the Tampa Bay Devil Rays to the Chicago Cubs. The Cubs and Devil Rays have agreed on the deal's terms, and are just waiting for McGriff's OK, a Cubs source who spoke on the condition of anonymity said Wednesday.

No decision is expected by tonight, the source said. If McGriff agrees to the trade, the Devil Rays would get prospects in return.

"When it will be resolved, I don't know," Devil Rays manager Hal McRae said. "He's our best player as of today, and it would devastate the ballclub, but we have a direction. It is to go young and give the young players an opportunity to play."

While McGriff's choice might seem simple, he's a Tampa, Fla., native and likes playing at home. He's also having one of his most productive seasons, hitting a team-high .330 with 53 RBIs and 15 home runs.

McGriff didn't attend the optional workout the Devil Rays had Wednesday before they left for Montreal, but he often goes straight from his house to the airport when the team leaves on an off day. His equipment bag was on the team bus.

McGriff was not expected in Montreal until this afternoon, when the Devil Rays have a mandatory workout.

"Freddie's a huge part of this team," said Steve Cox, who would take McGriff's place at first base if the trade goes through. "He's doing the best on the team right now. You don't want to see his bat out of the lineup."

Jim Krivacs, McGriff's agent, could not be reached for comment. Neither could Andy MacPhail, the Cubs president and general manager, nor Tampa Bay GM Chuck LaMar.

The Cubs, in first place at the All-Star break for only the third time since World War II, are looking to bolster their offense for the stretch run. McGriff fits the bill. Once one of the most respected power hitters in the game, he's one of only two players to hit 200 home runs in both the AL and NL. He has 432 career homers.

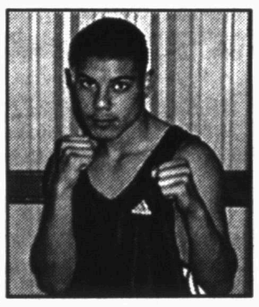
He's hitting .347 against right-handers this season and would give Sammy Sosa some much-needed protection in the lineup. Halfway through the season, Sosa has already drawn a career-high 21 intentional walks.

What's in the deal for the Devil Rays? At 27-61, they have the worst record in baseball and are looking to shed their high-priced veterans in exchange for prospects. Already this season, the Devil Rays have released Vinny Castilla ($7 million) and Gerald Williams ($3 million).

"We're in last place, and we've won 27 ballgames," McRae said. "I know we're going to take our lumps, but I know we have a direction and we have to stay the course."

Vasquez captures crown

Anthony Vasquez earned a title and two trips abroad recently at the Junior Elite National Boxing Tournament in Marquette, Mich.



Anthony Vasquez

The 16-year-old Snyder boxer captured the crown in the 132-pound division by registering three consecutive victories.

The first-place showing earned Vasquez a spot in the Pan-American Cadet Boxing Tournament scheduled for July 26-30 in Mexico City, Mex.

Vasquez was also selected to train with the U.S. Olympic team in September at Colorado Springs, Colo. After the training, he will fight in the AIBA International Cadet Boxing Tournament set for Sept 12-24 in Baku, Azerbaijan.

Local all-star teams continue title chase

Little League all-star baseball action is heating up, and a pair of Snyder teams are right in the thick of it.

Snyder hits the diamond tonight in the finals of the 9 and 10-year-old tournament, and for a semifinal match-up in the 11 and 12-year-old event. Both contests get underway at 7:30.

Snyder's 9-10 all-stars square off with Abilene Key City in Colorado City. The local squad sports an unblemished record and can wrap up the District 5 title with a victory tonight.

A win by Key City would force another meeting at 7:30 p.m. Friday.

In the 11 and 12-year-old competition, Snyder takes on Clyde tonight in a semifinal battle at the Abilene Southwest complex.

Snyder, which is undefeated in tourney action, can secure a spot in the District 5 finals with a victory. A loss would put the two teams back on the field Friday, with the winner advancing to face Key City or Abilene Dixie in the finals.

The winners of each district tournament advance to the sub-sectional round beginning July 18. The 11-12 sub-sectional tourney will be held in Graham, while Azle or Weatherford will host the 9-10 competition.

Steelers' coach gets extension

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Bill Cowher, his future as the Pittsburgh Steelers' coach seemingly in jeopardy only 18 months ago, was given a three-year contract extension Thursday.

The Steelers gave Cowher the extension through the 2005 season despite missing the playoffs the last three seasons. They went 22-26 over that span.

Cowher asked for the extension after coaching the Steelers to a 9-7 record last season, and the new contract was worked out following several months of talks between Cowher's new agent, Phil de Picciotto, and Steelers vice president Art Rooney II.

The extension is worth about $7 million and raises Cowher's average salary to about $3 million, the current going rate for NFL coaches. He will make $4.8 million over the next two seasons on a deal he signed in 1998.

Cleveland Browns coach Butch Davis and New York Giants coach Jim Fassel also recently signed contracts worth about $3 million per season.

Cowher's status seemed in doubt following the 1999 season, when the Steelers went 6-10 and quarterback Kordell Stewart was benched. But Cowher won a post-season power struggle with director of football operations Tom Donahoe, who was allowed to resign and later took a similar job with the Buffalo Bills.

The Steelers rebounded from consecutive losing seasons to go 9-7 last year and win nine of their last 13 games following an 0-3 start, but still missed the playoffs.

The Steelers will move into Heinz Field this season, the first time in their 68-year history they will play in a stadium built especially for them.

"This is an exciting time for our organization, having Bill's contract extended and with the opening of our new stadium," Steelers president Dan Rooney said. "He is a terrific person in addition to being an excellent football coach."

Spurs hope to re-sign Robinson

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Spurs chairman Peter Holt is serious about trying to re-sign David Robinson.

And while Spurs officials and Robinson's representatives continued to talk amicably Wednesday, Jeff Austin, Robinson's agent, says whether Robinson will stay or go should be cleared up soon.

"I've said it before and I'll say it again: We want David," Holt said. "I don't know how to say it any differently. I want to keep David here."

One day after Robinson questioned the Spurs' commitment to him, Holt pledged his support for the team's longtime center.

"I understand why David would be upset," Holt told the San Antonio Express-News in today's editions. "This is the first time David has been a free agent. It's new for him and it's new for us. We've been through this before with other players, but not with David."

Robinson has rebuffed the Spurs' suggestion he take a pay cut anywhere from 50 percent to 80 percent of the $14.7 million he made last season.

"We want David, but at the same time we have to work through this in a way that keeps the team as competitive as it has been the last three seasons," Holt said.

Sports Briefs

Rodeo play day

A rodeo play day will be held Friday and Saturday at the Henderson Arena in Post. Exhibitions start at 7 p.m. Friday with barrel racing, pole bending and flags for ages 8 to 18. An open 3-D barrel race is also scheduled.

Activities start at 11 a.m. Saturday. On tap are barrel races in the 14-under, parent-child and open 3-D divisions.

For more information, call (806) 327-5323.

Basketball camp

The Super Shooters basketball camp will be held July 23-26 at the Western Texas College gym. Former WTC basketball coach Valery Jackson will provide instruction.

Incoming third through sixth grade boys and girls will workout from 9 a.m. until noon. Junior high and high school girls only will practice from 2 to 5 p.m.

Registration will be held July 23 at 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Cost is $50 per camper, and a parent or guardian must be present to sign-up.

Hunting permits

Applications for public hunting permits on the O.H. Ivie Reservoir Wildlife Management Areas will be accepted by mail only at the reservoir field office beginning Monday and ending Aug. 16.

Hunting permits will be limited. To request an application packet, call the CRMWD at (915) 267-6341. A public drawing for the permits will be held Sept. 7 at the reservoir field office.

Golfers' Memorial Partnership

The Golfers' Memorial Partnership will be held Saturday and Sunday at Snyder Country Club. Format is scramble for the first round, and low ball for the second round.

The two-person teams will be flighted by total handicap. Entry fee is $150 per team, and today is the final day to enter. For more information, call the SCC pro shop at 573-7101.

Western Texas MGA

The Men's Golf Association of Western Texas College holds a weekly event at 6 p.m. each Tuesday. Players need to register in the pro shop by 5:30.

Volleyball camp

Snyder volleyball camp begins Monday and runs through July 19 from 9 a.m. until noon each day. Incoming fifth through ninth grade girls are eligible, and cost is $40. Deadline to register is Friday.

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

Tuesday scramble and all-day MGA

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

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

WGA play day

The Women's Golf Association of Snyder Country Club holds its weekly play day at 9 a.m. each Tuesday. Format is queen of the hill.

Athletic physicals

Seventh and ninth grade SISD athletes, and anyone who has never participated in Snyder athletics must take a physical. SISD will pay for the physicals through Aug. 3.

An appointment should be made with one of the following doctors: Raykov, Burleson, Cooper, Thompson, Nussey, Wobolt, Leighton or P.A. Beth Ashley.

All SISD athletes must return completed athletic forms to the athletic director's office or Steve Kreuger.

Penguins trade Jagr

WASHINGTON (AP) — Jaromir Jagr, a seven-time All-Star and one of the league's true marquee players, was traded by the Pittsburgh Penguins to the Capitals for three prospects.

In the deal, Washington gets Jagr and defenseman Frantisek Kucera, and sends Kris Beech, Michal Sivek, Ross Lupaschuk to Pittsburgh.

Armstrong remains seventh

VERDUN, France (AP) — Lance Armstrong finished in the main pack after a difficult stretch of racing to remain in seventh place in the Tour de France.

Laurent Jalabert of France, who broke three ribs in February while changing a light bulb, captured the fourth stage. Australia's Stuart O'Grady kept the overall leader's yellow jersey for a second day.

7-on-7 event set for Friday at high school

Sweetwater and Merkel will join Snyder for a 7-on-7 high school football tournament Friday evening at the SHS practice field.

Action gets underway at 5:30 with the linemen's competition, followed by the 7-on-7 games at 6 o'clock. Snyder and Sweetwater have two teams entered, while Merkel will field one squad.

The passing oriented 7-on-7 contests are flag football games with seven players per team on the field at one time. In the linemen's competition, players use blocking techniques to defend an area from oncoming rushers.

Local Schedule

TODAY

Baseball: Snyder 9-10 all-stars vs. Key City, at Colorado City, 7:30

Baseball: Snyder 11-12 all-stars vs. Clyde winner, at Abilene Southern, 7:30

FRIDAY

Football: 7-on-7 tournament at SHS practice field, 5:30

Softball: USSSA softball tournament at Cates Field, 6 p.m.

SATURDAY

Softball: USSSA softball tournament at Cates Field

Golf: Golfers' Memorial Partnership at Snyder Country Club

SUNDAY

Softball: USSSA softball tournament at Cates Field

Golf: Golfers' Memorial Partnership at Snyder Country Club

WNBA Glance

All Times EDT

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	14	5	.737	—
New York	14	5	.737	—
Miami	8	9	.471	5
Charlotte	7	10	.412	6
Detroit	5	11	.312	7½
Orlando	5	11	.312	7½
Indiana	5	12	.294	8
Washington	5	12	.294	8
WESTERN CONFERENCE	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Los Angeles	16	3	.842	—
Houston	12	4	.750	2½
Sacramento	11	7	.611	4½
Portland	9	8	.529	6
Utah	7	9	.438	7½
Seattle	8	11	.421	8
Minnesota	6	10	.375	8½
Phoenix	6	11	.353	9

Tuesday's Games

Cleveland 59, Seattle 53
Miami 65, Orlando 63, OT
Minnesota 73, Portland 52
Los Angeles 79, Utah 67
Sacramento 78, Houston 76, 2OT

Wednesday's Games

New York 67, Seattle 53
Cleveland 74, Indiana 58
Los Angeles 75, Phoenix 61
Detroit 64, Washington 52

Thursday's Games

Orlando at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
Utah at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
Houston at Portland, 10 p.m.

Major League Baseball

American League
All Times EDT

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	52	34	.605	—
Boston	51	36	.586	1½
Toronto	42	46	.477	11
Baltimore	40	47	.460	12½
Tampa Bay	27	61	.307	26
Central Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Minnesota	55	32	.632	—
Cleveland	49	36	.576	5
Chicago	41	44	.482	13
Detroit	36	48	.429	17½
Kansas City	34	53	.391	21
West Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Seattle	63	24	.724	—
Oakland	44	43	.506	19
Anaheim	42	45	.483	21
Texas	35	52	.402	28

National League

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	50	37	.575	—
Atlanta	49	38	.563	1
Florida	43	45	.489	7½
New York	38	51	.427	13
Montreal	37	51	.421	13½
Central Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Chicago	51	35	.593	—
Houston	48	38	.558	3
St. Louis	43	43	.500	8
Milwaukee	42	44	.488	9
Pittsburgh	33	53	.384	18
Cincinnati	33	54	.379	18½
West Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Arizona	51	36	.586	—
Los Angeles	48	40	.545	3½
San Francisco	46	42	.523	5½
San Diego	41	47	.466	10½
Colorado	39	48	.448	12

Tuesday's Game

American 4, National 1, All-Star Game

Wednesday's Games

No games scheduled

Thursday's Games

Chicago White Sox (K.Wells 5-5) at Chicago Cubs (Bere 6-4), 2:20 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Lopez 4-11) at Montreal (Mattes 2-0), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Mussina 9-7) at Florida (Burnett 5-5), 7:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Colon 6-7) at Cincinnati (Reitsma 4-7), 7:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Suppan 4-7) at Pittsburgh (J.Anderson 4-8), 7:05 p.m.
Toronto (Carpenter 7-5) at Philadelphia (Coggin 1-0), 7:05 p.m.
Boston (Wakefield 6-2) at N.Y. Mets (Leiter 4-8), 7:10 p.m.
Baltimore (Ponson 5-5) at Atlanta (Maddux 10-5), 7:35 p.m.
San Diego (Jones 4-12) at Houston (Reynolds 8-7), 8:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Lohse 2-0) at Milwaukee (Haynes 6-10), 8:05 p.m.
Detroit (Weaver 7-8) at St. Louis (Kile 9-6), 8:10 p.m.
Colorado (Astacio 6-9) at Texas (Rogers 4-6), 8:35 p.m.
Arizona (B.Anderson 2-4) at Anaheim (Schoeneweis 6-8), 10:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Rueter 8-6) at Seattle (Abbott 7-2), 10:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Adams 4-2) at Oakland (Mulder 9-6), 10:05 p.m.

Friday's Games

Chicago White Sox (Buehrle 6-4) at Chicago Cubs (Wood 8-5), 3:20 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Kennedy 3-2) at Montreal (Vazquez 7-9), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Pettitte 9-4) at Florida (Smith 4-5), 7:05 p.m.
Toronto (Parris 4-5) at Philadelphia (Daal 9-2), 7:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Durbin 6-8) at Pittsburgh (Ritchie 5-9), 7:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Sabathia 7-3) at Cincinnati (Dessens 6-6), 7:05 p.m.
Boston (Cone 4-1) at N.Y. Mets (Appier 5-8), 7:10 p.m.
Baltimore (Towers 6-3) at Atlanta (Perez 6-6), 7:35 p.m.
San Diego (Eaton 8-5) at Houston (Oswalt 7-1), 8:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Radke 10-4) at Milwaukee (Wright 8-5), 8:05 p.m.
Detroit (Sparks 6-3) at St. Louis (Matthews 3-3), 8:10 p.m.
Colorado (Hampton 9-5) at Texas (Helling 5-8), 8:35 p.m.
Arizona (Schilling 12-4) at Anaheim (Valdes 5-4), 10:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Ortiz 9-5) at Seattle (Moyer 9-4), 10:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Park 8-5) at Oakland (Hudson 9-5), 10:05 p.m.

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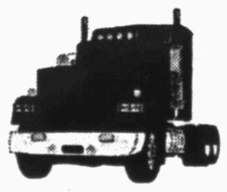
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Budget chief predicts surplus

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House budget chief says this year's federal surplus will be the second largest in American history, although he concedes it may be lower than administration officials estimated just two weeks ago.

Mitchell Daniels planned to testify today before the Democratic-run Senate Budget Committee, a day after he said the fiscal 2001 surplus will be $160 billion or more. Just two weeks ago, White House economic adviser Lawrence Lindsey said the black ink seemed likely to be in the $200 billion range.

"That's a very positive thing," Daniels told reporters Wednesday regarding the surplus' likely size. "The American public should understand the strong position we're in."

Indeed, a $160 billion surplus would be the second largest ever, behind only the record $237 billion surplus the government rang up in 2000. Fiscal 2001 runs through Sept. 30.

But just two months ago, the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office projected a $275 billion surplus for this year. Last month, after enactment of President Bush's 10-year, $1.35 trillion tax cut, CBO dropped its estimate to $200 billion.

Administration officials blame the drooping economy for the declining surplus figures, with Daniels saying this spring's revenue projections seem to have been 2 to 3 percent too high.

But Democrats also say the tax cut was too big. As a result, they say the portion of this year's surplus that is expected to come from Medicare will be eroded, and next year both Medicare's and Social Security's trust funds will be tapped into. Democrats and many Republicans consider it to be politically taboo to dip into the funds of the two popular programs.

"This administration has an obligation to step forward and explain how it plans to get us out of this fiscal trap," Senate Budget Committee Chairman Kent Conrad, D-N.D., said Wednesday.

Administration officials reject the notion that Medicare contributes to the surplus, arguing that overall the program is in the red.

Even so, if the surplus does fall to $160 billion, it would mean much of the $28 billion portion of this year's projected surplus coming from Medicare would be eroded, which would give Democrats a political target to shoot at.

Daniels said the administration's 10-year budget forecast would also come down, "but not dramatically." Its last projection was for $5.6 trillion in surpluses from 2002 through 2011, but that was before the tax cut became law.

Daniels said the administration would still make sure that Social Security surpluses are not drained, and said there are no risks "at present" that its money would be tapped into. The surpluses from that program, which is also enormously popular, are expected to make up about three-fourth's of this year's overall surplus.

Earlier, two top Senate Republicans contested claims by Senate Budget Committee Chairman Kent Conrad, D-N.D., that the tax cuts would threaten Medicare, saying the program would remain strong.

Sen. Charles Grassley of Iowa, ranking Republican on the Senate Finance Committee, said Democratic criticism has evolved into "blatant demagoguery" and said the real challenge to the surplus was controlling spending.

And amid suggestions by some Democrats that parts of the tax cut should be erased, Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M., said, "If you really want to drive this country into the economic ditch, raise taxes during a slowdown."

GE's Welch will retire in September

FAIRFIELD, Conn. (AP) — General Electric Co. chairman Jack Welch, hailed for building the company into a market powerhouse, said today that he will officially retire at the company's Sept. 7 board meeting.

Welch, 65, had planned to retire in April but deferred his departure to shepherd the $41 billion merger of GE and Honeywell International Inc. That deal was derailed earlier this month by objections from European Union antitrust regulators.

His successor, president and chairman-elect Jeffrey R. Immelt, was announced last November.

In a news release today announcing second-quarter earnings of $3.9 billion — meeting analysts' expectations — Welch said he would be stepping down on the Friday after Labor Day. He said he is leaving "more confident than ever that Jeff Immelt and his team will lead the company to greater achievements in the future."

First Church of Nazarene to host 3-day revival, seminar

A revival and seminar will be held Friday though Sunday at the First Church of the Nazarene, S. Hwy 208.

Steve and Flora Harbin of Nashville, Tenn., will conduct the revival that starts at 7 p.m. Friday. The Saturday seminar will be held from 9 a.m. until noon with a luncheon to follow.

The revival continues at 7 p.m. Saturday, and Sunday services are 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m.

The Harbins have been evangelists for 34 years. He has served as pastor, denominational leader and church growth consultant.

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TempleInland	55.55	54.35	55.53	+ .64
Texaco	66.29	65.28	65.81	+ .06
TexInd	33.40	32.85	33.40	—.04
TexasInst	32.30	31.40	31.89	+ 1.84
Textron	54.95	54.10	54.87	+ .81
TriconGlbR	42.75	42.12	42.68	—.09
TrinityInds	21.48	20.70	21.38	+ .68
TritonEngy	44.45	44.42	44.42	—.01
TylerTech	2.35	2.30	2.30	
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USX-USS	20.20	19.85	20.15	+ .35
UnionPacif	57.80	57.03	57.10	—.55
UnitedTech	73.22	72.15	73.20	+ 1.51
Unocal	33.40	32.76	32.92	—.33
Venator Grp	15.40	15.10	15.29	+ .34
VerizonComm	55.96	55.50	55.56	—.28
WalMart	50.95	49.95	50.82	+ 1.97
WellsFargo	45.76	45.29	45.70	+ .41
WstnGasRs	30.09	29.40	29.62	+ .02
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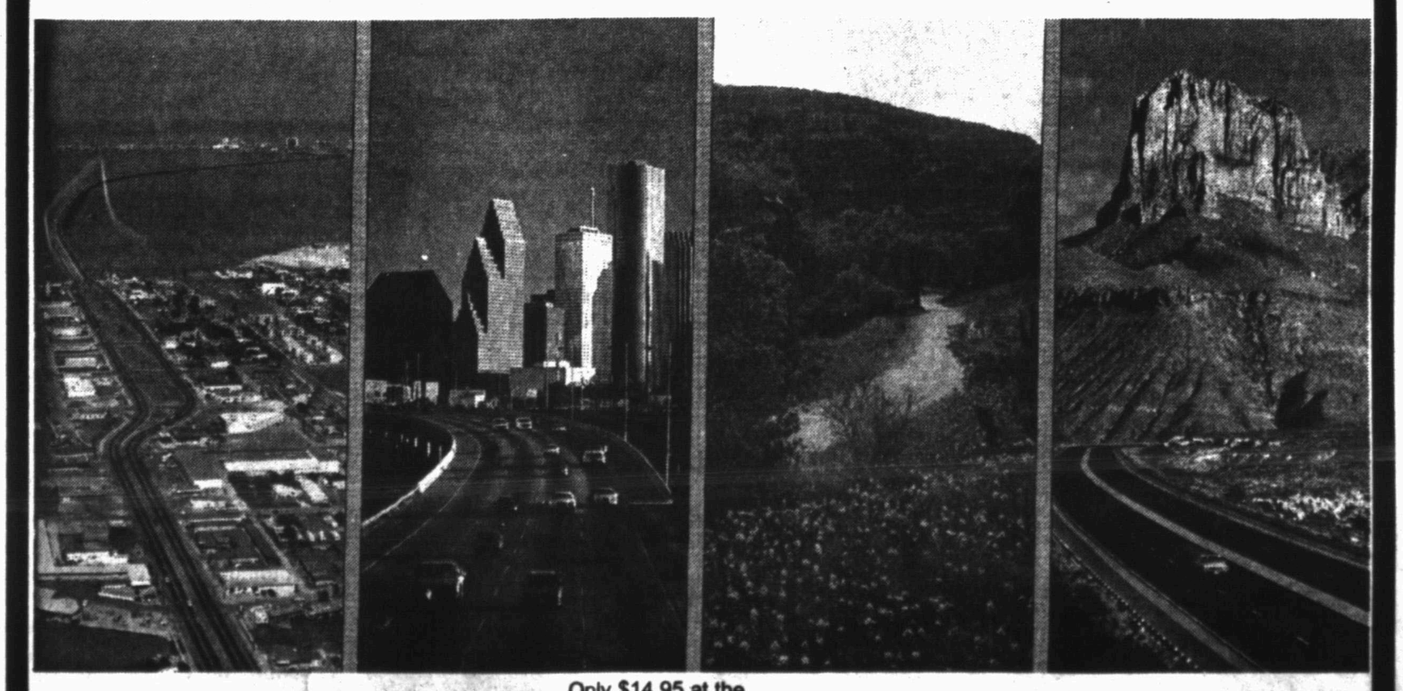

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Plano tot dies while playing inside hot car

DALLAS (AP) — The death of a 3-year-old Plano boy, trapped in a sport utility vehicle as the outside temperature neared 100 degrees, is a painful reminder of how dangerous automobile interiors can be during the summer months, authorities said.

Police and weather forecasters say people can take precautions to prevent such accidents, including leaving car windows cracked to keep heat from building up in closed cars and never leaving children or pets in vehicles.

Cory Clark died Wednesday after he was found inside his family's Chevy Suburban.

Plano police Sgt. Mark Hunt said the boy was outside playing with siblings and friends. The children had been playing in and out of the car. But Hunt said the door closed and the boy couldn't get out.

Hunt said he did not know the age of the other children.

The temperature inside a closed vehicle as outside temperatures approached the century mark could reach 150 degrees, the National Weather Service said.

Police said Cory was unconscious when paramedics arrived. They believe he was in the vehicle for about 20 minutes before his parents realized he was in the car. They were inside the house.

The boy was transported to the Medical Center of Plano, where he later died.

Police are investigating the death, which they say appears to be an accident.

A National Weather Service meteorologist in Fort Worth said the temperature in the Dallas area was 97 degrees around 3:30 p.m., when the boy was found.

Meteorologist Jesse Moore said temperatures inside a car can reach 150 degrees or more. The heat from the sun is trapped inside a closed car.

At least two other North Texas children have died in hot cars this year.

Last month, a 23-month-old Dallas boy died after he was left in the family's sport utility vehicle for about two hours on a hot afternoon. Michel Borg Jr., who had Down syndrome and a heart condition, was left behind after the family attended a swimming party and went inside their home to nap.

The high temperature that day was 93 degrees.

In March, 5-month old Ethan Fletcher died strapped in his car seat inside his mother's car as she worked a shift at Dallas eatery. The mother told police she thought she had dropped the infant off at day care before going to work.

Temperatures in Dallas reached 73 degrees that day.

Moore said the National Weather Service recommends that people never leave children or pets in the car under any circumstances. During hot weather, it takes only 20 to 30 minutes for the temperature inside a car to reach 150 degrees, he said.

The body's temperature rises slower, but when it reaches 105 degrees, the body goes into shock triggering a heat stroke, Moore said.

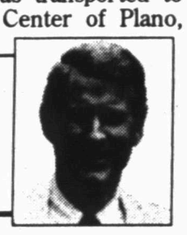
"If you're in 140 degree temperatures, the body tries to cool off but it can only do so much," he said, adding that it's more difficult for young children and the elderly to resist heat.

Hunt recommended that parents leave their car windows cracked for ventilation and to lock doors to prevent children from getting inside the car when not in use.

"It not only prevents crime but incidents like this," he said.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Cholesterol is complicated

DEAR DR. GOTT: After hearing about low-density and high-density lipoproteins, I've read that something called non-high-density lipoprotein cholesterol may actually be the culprit for heart disease. Please comment.

DEAR READER: As reported in the June 4, 2001, Archives of Internal Medicine, this topic is hot, controversial - and complex.

As you know, LDLs have been considered to be the "bad" guys; levels above 130 milligrams per deciliter are statistically associated with a risk of coronary heart disease. In contrast HDLs, the "good" cholesterol, have been considered to be protective.

Now there appears to be renewed interest in non-HDL cholesterol, which is composed of LDL plus remnant lipoproteins. This type of blood-fat may be the most accurate predictor of risk yet discovered and, perhaps, therapy should be directed toward lowering its level in the body.

At present, the recommendation is to check non-HDL levels in patients with elevated triglycerides (another blood fat) and to hold off general screening of the public. As the situation changes, I'll keep my readers abreast of new developments.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm going crazy about pinworms. My children get them about every two months. I'm concerned about them taking Vermox on such a frequent basis. We never had this problem before we got our dog. What can we do to stop this cycle?

DEAR READER: Pinworms are a common parasite in certain parts of the country, especially temperate areas that do not experience heavy frosts and snow to kill the eggs.

Infestation occurs when fingers transfer the pinworm eggs from dirt, toys, cloths, and bedding to the mouth. Airborne eggs can be inhaled and swallowed. The parasites reach maturity in the intestinal tract within a month. Adult females then migrate to the anus where they deposit their eggs, which can survive as long as three weeks outside the body.

Breaking this cycle can be a daunting challenge for families with small children. Vermox and other anti-parasite medications will kill adult worms, but the eggs will continue to be deposited for five to seven days after therapy and, as I mentioned, can survive for an extended period in the environment.

Complete eradication of pinworms in a household requires that all members of the family be given anti-parasite medicine; the family must then move out of the house for three weeks until the deposited eggs have died. Another course of therapy is given to all members at the end of the second week.

Pinworm infestation is not a hazard to health, but the symptoms of anal itching are troublesome, and most people feel uncomfortable about harboring uninvited guests in the intestinal tracts.

In your case, the dog's fur may be providing a temporary haven for pinworm eggs, which are repeatedly swallowed by the children, thus perpetuating the cycle.

Ask your doctor to advise you about the family situation, and request a consultation with a veterinarian to deal with the dog's role. You and your family should not take repeated courses of Vermox; the manufacturer recommends a maximum of two treatments.

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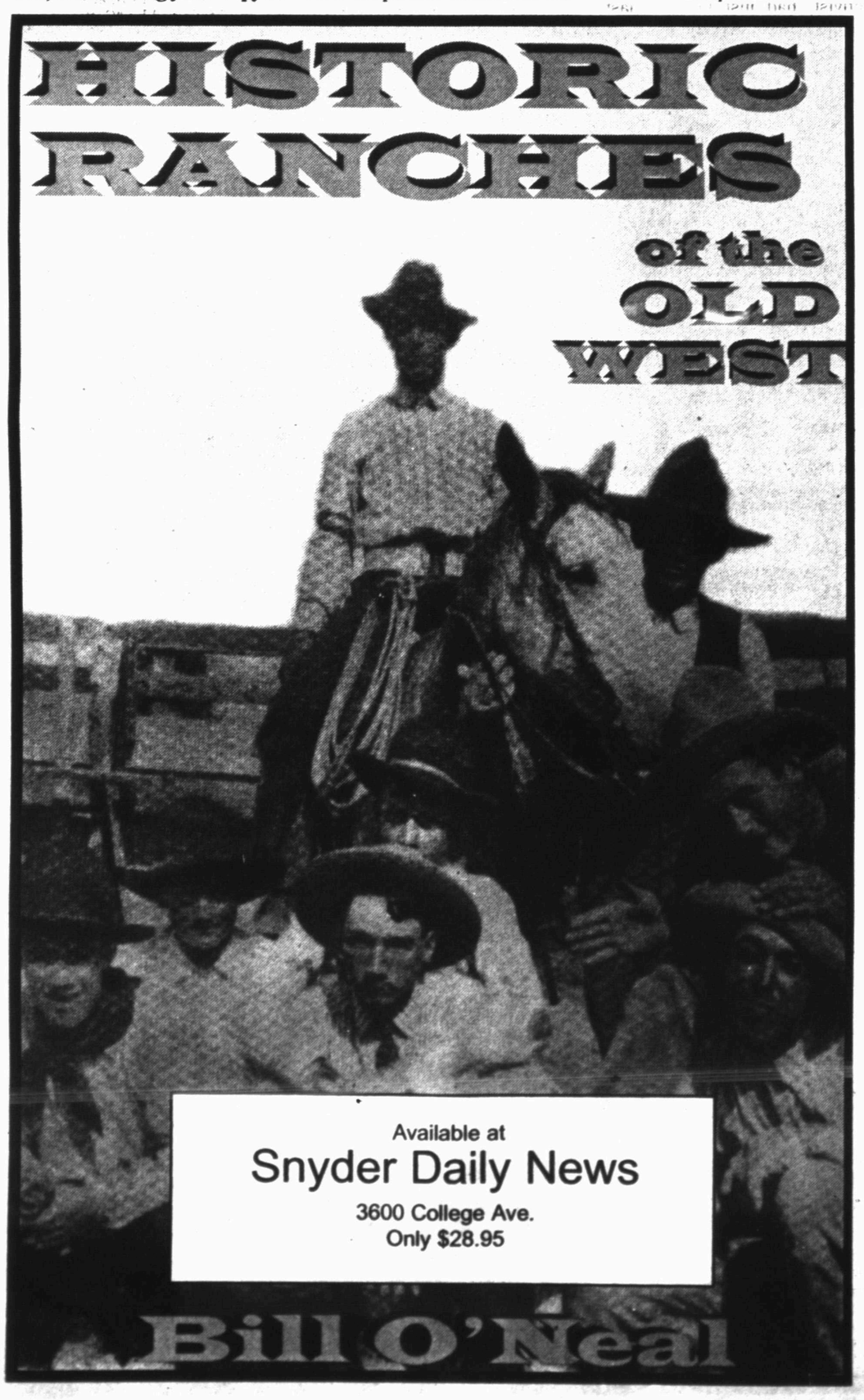

Artificial heart recipient has more surgery but said stable

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — The first human recipient of a self-contained artificial heart went back to surgery to drain fluid from his chest, his doctors said.

University of Louisville surgeons Laman Gray Jr. and Robert Dowling said fluid around the device's battery pack was drained Monday in a 30-minute procedure.

The patient was in critical but stable condition Wednesday, the doctors said. The man visited with family and friends and exercised.

The patient has been identified only as a man in his late 50s with diabetes and a history of heart problems.

The patient was removed from a ventilator Monday afternoon after the fluid was drained, but he was placed back on the ventilator Tuesday evening after he became fatigued.

The AbioCor, a softball-sized titanium and plastic pump, was implanted in the man's chest on July 2. The device includes an internal battery and controller that regulates the pumping speed. An external battery powers the device by passing electricity through the skin.

A rechargeable internal battery — about the size of a pager — will operate the device for up to 30 minutes, allowing the wearer to remove the external battery for short periods of time.

The AbioCor, developed by Danvers, Mass.-based Abiomed Inc., continues to function flawlessly, the hospital said.

Flood claims may impact firm earnings

HOUSTON (AP) — Insurance claims following flooding caused by remnants of Tropical Storm Allison and other losses have prompted three of the country's large insurers to warn investors of possible negative impact on earnings for the second quarter.

Executives of both Allstate Corp. and Chubb Corp. on Tuesday lowered their profit estimates by several cents per share. On Wednesday, Safeco Corp. officials announced their second-quarter losses would be greater than expected.

Officials have said flood insurance claims in the tropical storm's aftermath are projected to top $650 million. Most of that was expected to go to Houston-area victims.

Rate increases have also been a possible consequence.

"If an insurance company needs to raise rates to keep a reasonable profit margin, that will more than likely occur," said Sandra Ray, spokeswoman for the Southwestern Insurance Information Service. "But it won't happen right away or even next year."

Ray said that when reserves maintained by insurers to provide continuous coverage to policyholders for catastrophic events become depleted, companies introduce rate increases, typically two to four years after a disaster.

There is pressure toward rate increases, says Adam Klauber, an insurance analyst with Cochran, Caronia Securities in Chicago.

"But you do have regulatory aspects that hold the lid down on rates?" he asked.

11-year-old crashes van

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS, Ohio (AP) — An 11-year-old boy wrecked a van bringing children home from day camp after taking the wheel when the driver stepped outside.

The boy drove nearly two miles before colliding with another car in this Cleveland suburb Wednesday afternoon. The boy suffered minor injuries, and people in the other car were unhurt.

Police Lt. David Novinc said the boy, whose name was withheld, hopped out of the Dodge van after the crash and ran toward his nearby home. He was caught by police, and then was treated for his injuries and released.

Novinc said the van apparently was returning from a day camp for troubled children. The driver got out to settle a dispute among passengers when the boy jumped behind the wheel and drove off.

Novinc said the boy apparently knew what he was doing, to a certain degree, behind the wheel.

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News Briefs

Killer is executed

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Convicted killer James Wilkens' pleas for forgiveness fell on deaf ears.

"I can never forgive him," Sandra Carpenter, whose 4-year-old son was killed by Wilkens in a shooting spree almost 15 years ago, said Wednesday after watching Wilkens die. "He didn't have to suffer. My son had to suffer."

In an emotional farewell while strapped to the Texas death chamber gurney, Wilkens, 39, urged relatives of his slaying victims, including Carpenter, who was wounded in the Dec. 27, 1986, attack, to accept his apologies.

"I am sorry," he said, looking directly at her. "For your sake, forgive me. All of you, please."

Eight minutes later, he was pronounced dead.

"I don't accept his apology," added Lester McMillan, grandfather of the slain child, Larry McMillan Jr.

Carpenter, then known as Sandra Williams, was shot in the back and recovered from her physical wounds but continues to suffer from depression and other psychological problems because of her ordeal.

Her boyfriend at the time, Richard Wood, 28, also was shot to death in the rampage at Wood's trailer in Tyler.

Wilkens became the 10th condemned inmate to receive lethal injection this year in Texas, where a record 40 convicted murderers were executed last year. At least seven more executions are scheduled over the next 10 weeks.

Hospitals can't treat illegal immigrants

HOUSTON (AP) — Public hospitals cannot provide free or discounted preventive care to undocumented immigrants, Texas Attorney General John Cornyn says in a decision that may destroy an alternative to keeping aliens out of overcrowded emergency rooms.

The Harris County attorney, in response to the attorney general's opinion, said Wednesday he's advised the hospital district to immediately stop giving such discounted preventive care because it violates federal law.

"It's up to the Texas Legislature to step in now and, if they want to create an exception for this, it's allowable," said Stafford. "But until that time, we need to stay within the law."

The hospital district's president and chief executive officer, John Guest, said he would not stop such services until meeting with lawyers and the district's board of managers.

State Rep. Garnet Coleman, D-Houston, said the district should keep giving non-emergency care to undocumented immigrants despite the opinion. But Commissioner Steve Radack said the district has no business using local tax money to pay for such treatment and that he would check whether those who authorize money for such purposes would be committing a crime.

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Texas Lottery

No tickets correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 54 were: 18-31-34-44-45-48

Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $6 million.

Pick 3

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

3-3-2

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U.S. may violate missile deal

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Pentagon plans to begin construction next April for new tests of a missile defense, which could violate a 1972 treaty banning national missile shields, Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz said today.

In testimony before the Senate Armed Services committee, Wolfowitz did not describe in detail the proposed test facility. But he appeared to be referring to sites in Alaska, which he said would be part of an expanded network of facilities for testing missile defenses.

He said there would likely be legal arguments about whether such activities violate the Antiballistic Missile Treaty but added that the administration intends to reach a new understanding with Russia shortly that would make such questions moot.

"As the program develops and the various testing activities mature, one or more aspects will inevitably bump against treaty restrictions and limitations. Such an event is likely to occur in months, rather than in years," Wolfowitz told the committee. "It is not possible to know with certainty whether that will occur in the coming year."

The State Department has notified its diplomats around the world that the tests will come in conflict with that 1972 treaty with Moscow.

Spurgeon Keeny, president of the Arms Control Association, a private group, said: "The document makes clear that the U.S. consultations with its allies and Russia have been a sham and that tests will be conducted in 'months, not years' in violation of the ABM treaty, despite the lack of a credible urgent threat from so-called rogue states."

The Pentagon has scheduled for Saturday its first flight test in a year of interceptors designed to shoot down long-range missiles. An attempt last July failed.

The State Department memo drew immediate reaction from the Russian government.

According to the Interfax news agency, Vladimir Rushailo, head of President Vladimir Putin's Security Council, told reporters in Belarus: "Russia, as well as many other countries, believes that a unilateral withdrawal of the United States from the ABM treaty would lead to the destruction of strategic stability, a new powerful spiral of the arms race, particularly in space, and the development of means for overcoming the national missile defense system."

The Pentagon intends to notify Congress as early as next week that it will begin ground-clearing work in August for a new missile defense test site in Alaska, a senior Pentagon official said Thursday.

The site at Fort Greely will be part of an expanded network of missile defense test facilities that Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld hopes will accelerate development of a variety of missile defense technologies.

The Pentagon intends to place between five and 10 silo-based missile interceptors at Fort Greely for testing against target missiles fired from an aircraft and perhaps from ground-based locations.

Rumsfeld, meantime, planned to address a Capitol Hill conference today on missile defense, focusing on what he and others argue are new missile threats from smaller states antagonistic to the United States.

"The world has changed fundamentally and the rationale for Cold War arrangements no longer exists," says the memorandum sent to U.S. embassies and consulates July 3.

It is intended to provide American diplomats with talking points to help persuade other governments to support President Bush's aspirations for a missile shield.

Answers to prospective questions are provided. Among "misconceptions" the American diplomats are cautioned to anticipate is that "states like North Korea and Iran would not dare attack the United States, knowing they would pay a terrible price in response."

Deployment of an interim ground-based system in Alaska could be completed as early as 2004, the memorandum said.

Human trafficking denounced by U.S.

WASHINGTON (AP) — A State Department report today said 23 countries are not making significant efforts to combat the growing problem in which an estimated 700,000 persons a year are transported across international borders to work in sweatshops, construction sites, brothels and fields.

Included are several democracies with close ties to the United States, including Israel, Greece, Turkey and South Korea.

The report was prepared in response to legislation approved in October that calls for imposing economic sanctions in 2003 against countries that fail to take action against traffickers or to protect victims.

The report lists 47 countries that do not meet the minimum standards set forth in the law but are making significant efforts to comply.

"Trafficking is a problem that has reached staggering problems around the globe," says the report. It says the research clearly demonstrates that most governments "are in fact taking steps to curb this horrific practice."

The 23 countries found to be not complying are: Albania, Bahrain, Belarus, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Burma, Democratic Republic of Congo, Gabon, Greece, Indonesia, Israel, Kazakstan, Lebanon, Malaysia, Pakistan, Qatar, Romania, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Korea, Sudan, Turkey, United Arab Emirates and Yugoslavia.

The report says many trafficking victims "are subjected to threats against their person and family, violence, horrific living conditions and dangerous workplaces."

"Some victims have answered advertisements believing that they will have a good job awaiting them in a new country," it says. "Others have been sold into a modern-day form of slavery by a relative, acquaintance or family friend."

It says the trafficking occurs across border and within countries and is found in rich and poor countries.

"Root causes are greed, moral turpitude, economics, political instability and transition and social factors," the report says.

Countries in the report's "second tier category" are: Angola, Bangladesh, Benin, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Cameroon, China, Costa Rica, Czech Republic, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Ethiopia, France, Georgia, Ghana, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, India, Ivory Coast, Japan, Kyrgyzstan, Laos, Lithuania, Macedonia, Mali, Mexico, Moldova, Morocco, Nepal, Nigeria, Philippines, Poland, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovenia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Thailand, Togo, Uganda, Ukraine and Vietnam.

Facing extradition, suicide attempted

CHAMPAGNE-MOUTON, France (AP) — Convicted murderer Ira Einhorn lost what effectively was his last chance to avoid extradition to the United States, and attempted suicide today at his house in southwestern France, his lawyer said.

Einhorn's lawyer, Dominique Delthil, said Einhorn's life was not in danger.

"There are no serious problems," said Delthil, who at the time was in Einhorn's home in French wine-growing country near Bordeaux. "He tried to cut his throat with a knife. It was not very pretty."

A doctor arrived, followed moments later by an ambulance. Medics brought a stretcher inside the house, but Einhorn walked outside and climbed into the ambulance, which did not immediately leave the grounds.

His lawyer in Paris, Dominique Tricaud, said he'd spoken with Einhorn just after the ruling and that Einhorn said: "I'm doing it now. Bye."

The 61-year-old American fugitive, a former anti-war activist, had just lost his last appeal under French law of the extradition order that would return him to Pennsylvania, where he was convicted of the gruesome killing of his girlfriend more than two decades ago.

The decision by the Council of State, France's highest administrative body, means Einhorn could be arrested immediately. However, his lawyers have already appealed the case outside the French legal system, to the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg, France. France has no legal obligation to halt the extradition for such an appeal, though it may decide to do so.

Outside Einhorn's home, an ivy-covered converted windmill near Bordeaux, a dozen riot police and a dozen plainclothes officers stood guard before the verdict. The shades were drawn and the lights were out.

Obituaries

Myrthal Callaway

1918-2001

Myrthal Alma Callaway, a longtime resident of Snyder, died Wednesday, July 11, in Abilene Regional Medical Center after a lengthy illness.

Funeral service for Mrs. Callaway, 82, is set for 10 a.m. Saturday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. Paul Keele, elder of the West Angelo Church of Christ in San Angelo, will officiate. Burial will follow in the Snyder Cemetery.

Born Aug. 24, 1918 in Quanah, she married Milton Avers Callaway on Nov. 4, 1938 in Crowell. He died Oct. 17, 1966.

A homemaker, Mrs. Callaway had lived in Snyder since 1946. She was a member of the 30th Street Church of Christ on Gary Brewer Road.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Kay and James Jennings Jr. of Snyder; a son and daughter-in-law, Jack and Lanette Callaway of Snyder; two sisters, Jo Johnson of Ranger and Pat Martin of Marble Falls; five grandchildren, Christy Callaway of Abilene; Tammy Jennings, David Jennings, Jay Callaway and Cassie Callaway, all of Snyder.

Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 8008 Slide Road, Suite 12-A in Lubbock, 79424.

Shelby Palmer

1939-2001

Shelby Palmer, a former resident of Snyder, died Wednesday, July 11, at her home in Lubbock after a lengthy illness.

Services for Mrs. Palmer, 62, are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

She was born Jan. 3, 1939.

Survivors include her husband, Milton Palmer of Lubbock; a daughter, Diana Snyder of Lubbock; a son, Bryan Palmer; a sister, Debra Bench of Midland; and three grandchildren.

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Window damage reported

Criminal mischief

Dub Buchanan requested an officer at D&D Auto in reference to damage done to windows in the back of the building. It appears that subjects are throwing bricks and other items to break out the windows. A close patrol was requested and an offense report filed.

Tony Scott, owner of Subway, reported a criminal mischief at the business early Wednesday.

Trespass

Officers issued a criminal trespass warning Wednesday morning to a man in the 700 block of 28th Street.

Child found

Darlene Harrison of 506 33rd Street reported finding a one-year-old black male child wandering near her residence. Officers responded and made contact with the child's mother to return him.

Fire notes

Mike Ward reported a grass fire by a shed in the alley of 300 29th Street. The fire department was dispatched.

Stolen bicycle

Lydia Gomez reported a bicycle stolen from her residence at 2110 40th Street. An offense report for class C theft was filed. The bicycle was described as a girl's 20-inch purple Huffy bike with a white seat and white tires.

Accidents

Officers were called to the scene of a two-vehicle minor accident in the 3300 block of College Ave. just before noon Wednesday. A 1992 Chevrolet driven by Nora Gray, 84, of Clairemont Hwy and Ave. E was involved in the accident with a 1988 Ford F-350 pickup driven by Terry Keller, 41, of 4601 Hwy 180. The pickup is owned by Snyder ISD.

A hit and run accident was reported 2:30 Wednesday afternoon in front of The Dollar Store.

A 1998 Ford F-150 pickup owned by Howard and Martha Ziegler of Ira was struck by an unknown vehicle parked in the adjacent spot in front of the store. White paint rubbed off on the Zieglers' pickup.

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Summer Bible Club

The Summer Bible Club, sponsored by the Northside Baptist Church, is underway from 10-11 a.m. this week through Friday at the Western Crest Apartment's club room. It will be held from 2-3 p.m. at the church's fellowship hall at 1909 16th St. through the week also. The club is for ages 6-16. Call 573-7105 for more information.

Mini cheerleading camp

Registration will be from 5-7 p.m. today and Friday in the foyer of SHS for a cheerleading mini-camp to be held July 23-26. This is for ages 4-12 and all proceeds of the camp go to the high school cheerleaders. Call Rhonda Ward at 573-3475 for more information.

Revival, seminar

First Church of the Nazarene, S. Hwy 208, will hold a revival and seminar starting at 7 p.m. Friday. Saturday's sessions are 9 a.m. until noon and again at 7 p.m. Sunday services are 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. Dr. Steve Harbin of Nashville, Tenn., will be the featured speaker.

Family reunion

The J.V. and Sarah Riley family reunion will be held Saturday at the Wagon Wheel Ranch. Friends are welcome to visit Saturday afternoon.

Country and gospel music

There will be country and gospel music at 6 p.m. Saturday at the Snyder Senior Center. For more information call 573-3996.

Garage sale

Trinity United Methodist Church's youth group will have a fund-raising garage sale from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday at the church at 5200 Trinity Blvd. Proceeds will help fund a mission trip to Colorado.

Children's Saturday fun time/VBS

Children's Saturday fun time has joined the Vacation Bible School at Avenue D Baptist Church, 324 30th St. Sessions are planned from 9 a.m. until noon on Saturday during July. The VBS is for those who have completed kindergarten through the sixth grade. This year's them is "Truth Trackers." For more information, call 573-6878 or 573-0971.

Masonic Lodge

Scurry Masonic Lodge will meet in open session at 7 p.m. Monday to install officers of both the Snyder and Ira lodges.

Bible study tapes

Bible study videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "Satan, the Christian's Great Enemy," followed by "Getting to Know God's Pardon."

Southern gospel concert

The Toney Brothers will be at First Baptist Church in Hermleigh at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday for a two hour show. There is no admission charge, but a love offering will be received.

1991 SHS class reunion

The SHS class of 1991 will hold its 10-year reunion July 20-21. Addresses for a few class members are being sought. For more information call Robbie Braziel at 573-6632 or Melissa Lee at 574-8005.

Discovery School registration

Discovery School that provides daycare for children from birth to school age will register for the fall session from 11 a.m.-1 p.m., and 4-5:30 p.m. on Monday, July 23, and Tuesday, July 24. Classes will begin Aug. 13. Call 573-4770 for more information.

Class of 1966 reunion

The SHS class of 1966 will hold a reunion July 27-28. Anyone with classmates' addresses is asked to write to Janeen Patterson at Box 208, Snyder.

Class of 1976 reunion

The SHS class of 1976 will hold its reunion July 28 at Jack Greene's pasture. For information, call Lorinda Hardin at 573-2700 or Sherry Thompson at 338-0026. The website is classmates.com.

Gateway Family support group

Gateway Family Services will offer family support groups for family violence victims from 6-7 p.m. starting Wednesday, Aug. 1 There will be groups for adults, for children under four and for children four and older. To attend, call 573-1822.

Kids' College project pick-up

All projects from Kids' College summer session need to be picked up by Aug. 1 at the continuing education building on the WTC campus. Projects may be collected from 8 to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

Senior water aerobics

Senior water aerobics at the WTC pool will be from 11 a.m. until noon on Tuesdays and Thursdays. For more information, call Bobbie Taylor at 573-7144 or the Senior Center at 573-4035.

WTC swimming pool

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

Free lunch program

The free lunch program at Central Elementary continues through July 27. Meals will be served on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from noon until 1 p.m. All children who qualify for free lunches at school may eat. An adult accompanying a child will also be served. For more information, call 573-6915.

Mesquite Country Writers Guild

Mesquite Country Writers Guild invites citizens to send in original poetry for publication in the newsletter, "Bards of a Feather." The limit is 20 lines and the theme is fall and the holidays. Deadline is Sept. 15 to mail entries to MCWG, Box 237 in Ira, 79527, or e-Mail to dade@bigcountry.net.

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Police want congressman for lie detector

WASHINGTON (AP) — Police are trying to arrange for Rep. Gary Condit to take a lie detector test, even as they seek clues in items removed from Condit's apartment about the disappearance of Chandra Levy.

Negotiations with Abbe Lowell were continuing about whether and under what conditions Condit would submit to a lie detector, a suggestion first made by Levy's mother.

The Washington Post and CNN, citing police sources, reported police have asked three other men to take polygraph tests. One said he occasionally socialized with Levy, but the connection of the other two to Levy was not immediately clear.

Several items taken from Condit's apartment during a late-night search that ended at 3 a.m. Wednesday were to be sent to the FBI crime lab in Quantico, Va., said Sgt. Joe Gentile, a Washington police spokesman.

Condit was at home while investigators worked, a day after Lowell said his client would allow police into his apartment to show his cooperation in the search for Levy, 24, a constituent from Modesto, Calif.

The Post reported in today's editions that FBI agents have interviewed a Pentecostal minister who described an affair between his then-18-year-old daughter and Condit.

The minister, Otis Thomas, was quoted by the Post as saying that Condit had told his daughter never to speak of the relationship. Thomas said his daughter is afraid to talk with the FBI and has gone into hiding. Thomas, whose church is in Modesto, Calif., did gardening work at the Levy home in Modesto, the Post said.

Thomas told the Post that his daughter met Condit at a political rally and ended the relationship about seven years ago.

Marina Ein, a spokeswoman for Condit, said the Post report was "discountable — there's no confirmation from the principal," referring to the daughter.

Asked if she was denying the congressman had an affair with the woman, Ein said: "We're not going to get in the territory of accounting for each and every one of the tabloid cases that are presented."

Telephone messages left with spokesmen for the Levys late Wednesday night were not immediately returned. Attempts were unsuccessful to locate Thomas in Modesto, or reach him by telephone at a number of possible home and church numbers.

Levy was last seen canceling her membership at a Washington health club. Her internship with the federal Bureau of Prisons had just ended, and she was planning to return home for graduation ceremonies at the University of Southern California.

Police searched her apartment and found nothing missing but her keys. Her bags were packed.

Condit, 53 and married, told police last week that he had an affair with Levy, according to a source familiar with the investigation. His staff had claimed for weeks that they were just goods friends.

The disappearance still is being treated as a missing-person case and police have said repeatedly that Condit is not a suspect.

While police looked for new information, the FBI and the U.S. attorney's office again questioned flight attendant Anne Marie Smith. She has contended Condit asked her to sign a statement denying a 10-month affair she says they had.

Authorities declined comment on the questioning.

Smith said on Fox News Channel that investigators indicated she had provided them with new information during the six hours she met with them. She would not disclose what she told them, but said she would meet with them again today.

Bush energy plans faces resistance

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration's energy development plans are meeting resistance in Congress as Democrats block new drilling in federal monument areas and vow to stymie attempts to develop oil and gas reserves in the eastern Gulf of Mexico and an Arctic wildlife refuge.

Another showdown was likely today as the Senate considers a delay of oil and gas lease sales in the Gulf off Florida and Alabama, although the Interior Department has scaled back development plans there dramatically.

That attempt to block the Gulf plans, complained a frustrated Senate Minority Leader Trent Lott, "may be the only vote on energy production we ... have the rest of this year."

Two months ago, the energy blueprint President Bush disclosed focused heavily on the need to find new sources of coal, natural gas and oil and to build more power plants and electricity transmission lines.

An Interior Department spokesman said Wednesday the department has no plans to develop leases in the national monuments or parks. The Bush plan does not specifically exclude that, however.

Democrats and moderate Republicans in Congress have frustrated measures to develop energy in areas where environmentalists have expressed misgivings. They have sought to shift emphasis to cutting energy use.

The Senate voted Wednesday to prohibit new exploitation of coal, oil and gas resources on federally protected monument areas across the West. Drilling and mining under existing leases in the monuments could continue.

"Damaging these irreplaceable lands is not gong to solve America's energy crisis," argued Sen. Richard Durbin, D-Ill. He rejected protests by Western GOP senators that fencing off significant oil, gas and coal reserves in those areas defies logic.

The ban on new drilling in the monuments, similar to an action already taken by the House, passed 57-42.

Today's vote on whether to delay gas lease sales in 1.5 million acres of the eastern Gulf of Mexico was to provide another test for Bush's energy agenda. The House already has delayed any such lease sales for six months.

The leases in question "are in the Gulf of Mexico right off my front porch" back in Mississippi and pose no environmental danger, Lott complained. "If we're not going to explore anywhere for oil and gas, what are we going to do?"

Cancer victim got final wish

CLEBURNE (AP) — A 9-year-old Texas boy has died less than a month after three Charleston police officers granted the boy his final wish by delivering him a dog.

Ray Sloan died of cancer Monday at his home in Cleburne.

Sgt. Dru Patterson and officers George Bradley and Robert Forsythe watched a show about Ray's cancer in June. Ray befriended a Great Dane in a therapy program and longed for one of the dogs ever since.

Gloria Colangelo, of Summerville, ran an organization that rescues Great Danes and puts them into homes. Colangelo had a 2-year-old Great Dane named Winnie but had no means of getting the dog to the boy.

Patterson, president of the Fraternal Order of Police Charleston Metro Lodge 5, called Colangelo on June 20 to offer his group's help.

The next day, the men left Charleston and drove more than 1,000 miles in 17 hours to Texas. Ray was awake and waiting for them and the dog the next day.

Patterson said the trip was worth it.

"Five minutes after getting there, I knew I'd done the right thing," he said.

Ray's sister, Heather, said she adopted Winnie after her brother died.

"She's been looking for Ray," Heather said. "She's pretty upset right now."

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Unique circumstances could develop for you in the year ahead that would lead to profitable conclusions. They might involve a behind-the-scenes person going to bat for you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — You may even surprise yourself as to how intuitive you are today as you watch events unfold exactly as you foresaw them. Don't discount your insights; rely on them. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that'll govern you in the year ahead.

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LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Although you may think some of your ideas are a bit far out, that'll be anything but the truth. Others will immediate see the merits and uniqueness of your thinking.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — An opportunity to take a calculated risk on something that involves your career will fulfill itself today. It might be a chance of a lifetime that'll work out great.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Someone new might enter your life today who has the potential of being a really good friend. As you compare notes, you'll be surprised how much you both have in common.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — A matter that is of substantial importance to you will unexpectedly resolve itself today due to a fresh idea being implemented. All your past efforts will pay off.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Surprisingly, you won't have to give away the store when negotiating today over something of considerable value to you, yet everybody will make out in the process.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — A bonus could be in store for you today for something you did which you originally took for granted. What you actually accomplished was superior.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — I hope you're not shy, because friends and associates alike could be clamoring for your attention today. This sudden popularity could take you back a step or two.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Something you thought was long buried and could never become a reality for you might resurrect itself today. It appears to be available only for you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Events may not go exactly as you planned them today as the day takes on a life of its own. However, the new script couldn't be written better if you wrote it yourself.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Trust your own judgment today and present your progressive ideas to the powers that be. They'll be far-sighted enough to appreciate your perceptions of what can be.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — The key to success today will be due to your ability to ascertain the true desires and needs of others. You'll surprise them with your diagnoses of how to fulfill their wishes.

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Industry is opposed to mail-order drugs

WASHINGTON (AP) — The drug industry promises to fight House-approved legislation that would let Americans save money by buying cheaper medicines from abroad by mail.

The measure, which needs Senate approval before going to the president, would "open up the possibility for individuals to bring into the country medicines that may not be as safe or effective as they appear," said Alan Holmer, president of the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America.

The Food and Drug Administration opposes the mail-order provision for similar reasons. But supporters said the misgivings are overblown, and the benefits are worth the risks.

The House-passed legislation would restrict purchases to drugs that had been approved by FDA.

"While seniors in the U.S. are struggling to pay for medicine, those in other countries are paying 30 to 70 percent less for the exact same drugs," said Rep. Gil Gutknecht, R-Minn.

Busloads of elderly people from Minnesota and other northern states regularly cross into Canada to fill prescriptions, a practice permitted by the government.

A 30-day supply of Claritin, an allergy medication, costs $63 in the United States, compared to $16 in Europe, according to the Life Extension Foundation, an advocacy group.

The measure passed, 324-101, as an amendment Wednesday to a $74 billion spending bill for the FDA and the Agriculture Department. The overall bill was approved, 414-16.

Another amendment, approved on a voice vote, would give the FDA $1 million to check patent claims by pharmaceutical companies that want to delay approval of generic versions of their drugs. The Federal Trade Commission is investigating whether patent claims are unfairly blocking generics.

"Brand-name pharmaceutical companies have really become quite proficient in manipulating the law to keep generic versions from reaching the market," said Rep. Jo Ann Emerson, R-Mo.

He just wanted a driver's license, but landed in jail

ATHENS (AP) — A trip to the local driver's license office meant a trip to jail for Shannon Thomas, 19, of Athens.

Thomas was arrested Tuesday on warrants for aggravated robbery and evading arrest after Texas Department of Public Safety workers ran a background check on him at the local driver's license office.

"He didn't know he had warrants on him," Athens Police detective James Cook said. "It's a pretty bad mistake, or a good mistake, depending on how you look at it."

Justice of the Peace Bill Burton set Thomas' bond at $128,000. Thomas remained in the Henderson County Jail late Wednesday.

Thomas was wanted for questioning about a purse-snatching last Thursday in Athens. A woman told police that a man stopped his vehicle and asked her for a cigarette. The man grabbed her purse and ran over her foot as he drove away.

Police said the evading arrest warrant was issued because they say Thomas fled when they tried to stop a vehicle matching the description given.

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