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THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "There are two ways to vacation — first class or with relatives."

City slickers can always spot us visitors. The things that we seem to marvel at are a dead give away that we're not a natural part of cement and freeways.

Snyder's Red Faver is a good example. Just a few days ago, he went to a Texas Ranger baseball game at The Ballpark in Arlington.

There are lots of sights to see. But the thing that struck Red's fancy was the way the infield was watered.

"They're all Aggies," Red noted.

He said there was an Aggie with a Ph.D working the nozzle. Behind him was a couple of Aggies with a master's degree. Behind them were three with a bachelor's degree. He said there were two more helping with the hose who were some kind of interns.

The coffee group asked how he knew they were Aggies.

"Easy," said Red. "They have to be Aggies. It took eight of 'em to water the grass."

A couple of weeks ago we were in the same area, and ole what's-her-name suggested we take a seat in the mall and find something to read.

We picked up a free copy of something that was not the mainstream media. An ad for body piercing caught our attention. The headline read: "Oh, The Things People Put Through Themselves."

The ad gave an explanation for some of the rings that folks wear in their body.

--Nipple Rings: Worn by Roman centurions as a sign of virility and courage, by Victorian society women to enhance size.

--Navel Rings: Reserved only for royalty in ancient Egypt.

--Ear and nose rings: From tribal customs of centries ago.

--Wedding rings: Historically more painful to wear than any of the above.

Life in the city...

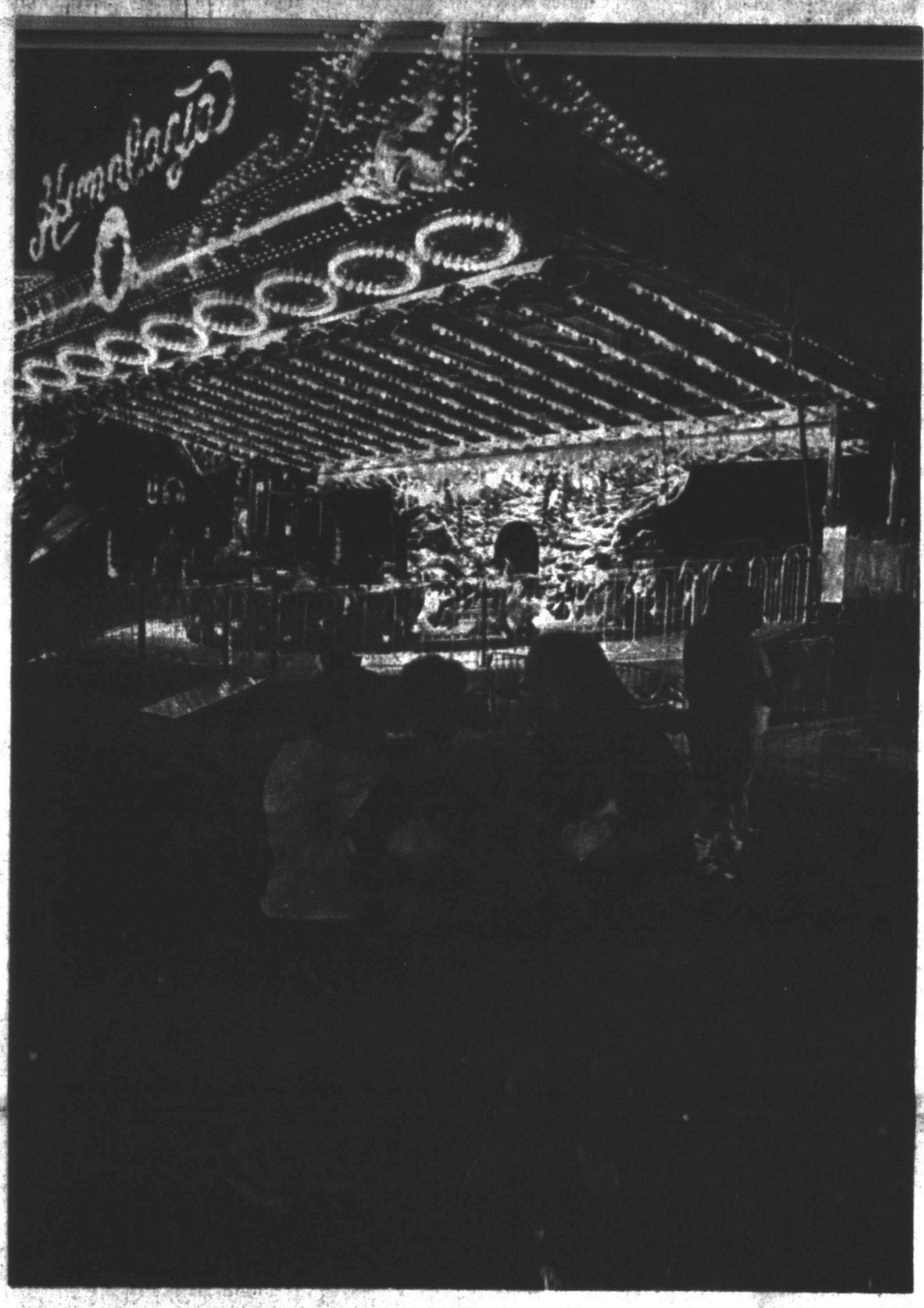
Speaking of travel, didja hear about the two senior citizens on an airplane whose pilot had told passengers to prepare for a crash landing.

An woman bemoaned the situation and said, "I wish I could be made to feel like a woman one more time before we crash."

An older gent seated nearby immediately rose and started to disrobe.

"What are you doing?" she demanded.

Tossing his clothes to the woman he said, "Here, wash these."



ENJOYING THE FOURTH OF JULY — Lesli Jackson and Paul Jackson, from left, share some cotton candy with their cousin Meagan Jackson from Odessa on the midway of the Pride of Texas carnival. The carnival was part of the annual Fourth of July celebration at Snyder's Towle Park. (Staff Photo by Wade Warren)

Citizen contends request to be on agenda is denied

In a radical change from tradition, a county resident's request to address the Scurry County Commissioners Court has been denied.

Carol Davis said she requested on Wednesday to be placed on Monday's court agenda, but has been told that a governmental body is not obligated to place anyone on the agenda or to allow them to speak.

County Judge Ricky Fritz was out of the office Thursday, and did not return telephone calls to the Snyder Daily News.

A specialist on open meetings in the Texas Attorney General's office in Austin confirmed what County Attorney Mike Hartman said.

Craig Leavers, a lawyer in the Texas Attorney General's office, said the Texas Open Meeting law does not entitle the public to choose the items to be discussed or to speak about items on the agenda. The law only entitles the public to attend.

The law is permissive. "A governmental body may, however, give members of the public an opportunity to speak at a public meeting."

For more than 20 years, allowing persons to speak has been customary at all public meetings in Snyder — including the Scurry County Commissioners Court.

An item normally on posted court agendas reads, "Reading of Communications or Public Comments." That item was not included on Monday's special court agenda.

Hartman said the item has been on regular session agenda, but not on agendas for special sessions of the court.

It also has not been uncommon for persons not listed on the agenda to address the court. "I've done it in the past, and have been there when others have," Mrs. Davis said.

Mrs. Davis said she had wanted to ask the court some questions regarding the proposed lease of Cogdell Memorial Hospital. A long-time member of the hospital auxiliary, Mrs. Davis has also been listed as treasurer of "Friends of Cogdell Hospital," a political action committee.

Political subdivision are also permitted to adopt "reasonable regulations" concerning public conduct at meetings. Governmental bodies may set time limits and rules to maintain order at a meeting.

Hartman said Scurry County has never formally adopted any rules pertainting to their meetings.

Trust fund details to be on agenda

Scurry County commissioners will consider one item related to the possible lease of Cogdell Memorial Hospital when they meet Monday morning at 10 o'clock.

Community Health Systems of Brentwood, Tenn., has offered to lease the hospital for a 30-year period for an up-front lease payment of $8 million.

Monday's discussion concerns specific details on setting up a trust fund with the $8 million if the hospital is leased.

An election to determine whether a majority of citizens are for or against leasing the hospital will be held Aug. 9.

Monday, the court will also consider amending the county's travel policy and consider line-item transfers.

Hearts on Fire Rally slated here next Friday, Saturday

Worship in testimony and song will fill Scurry County Coliseum next Friday and Saturday during the annual Hearts on Fire Youth Rally.

Bill Gravel, national spokesman for Hot Hearts, will be the feature speaker. He'll be joined by the group Code of Ethics, Micah Brandon Black, Michael O'Brien, LeAnne Price and Hearts Ablaze.

The program will be held Friday evening, beginning about 6 o'clock, and from 10 a.m. until mid-afternoon on Saturday. Tickets, good for both days, are $12 each.

Gravel decided at early age to go into youth ministry. He began to serve as the minister of youth in a local church while attending the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor. He served 13 years as a youth minister in Baptist churches throughout Texas.

In Port Neches, he became involved in a youth evangelism event called Hot Hearts. What began as a group of interdenominational youth pastors in the Beaumont area grew to regional youth evangelism conferences across the southern United States. In 1997, Hot Hearts will expand to three states and 13 sites, with an expected attendance of more than 40,000 students.

Code of Ethics consists of Barry Blaze on lead vocals, guitar and keyboards, Steve Dale on bass, Charles Garrett on lead guitar and Jerry Mowery on drums. Blaze, son of a Baptist minister, launched the band in the early 90s, Two albums, Visual Paradox and Arms Around the World, spawned top Christian rock hits "Sticks & Stones," "Voice of Reason" and "Pleasant Valley Sunday," a remake of the Monkees' top 10 hit from 1967.

The band has evolved over the years. It's most recent release is "soulbait." That will bring out the Soulbait '97 Tour.

Micah Brandon Black is considered one of Nashville's brightest new recording artists. The release of his album, Aim High, in July of last year, coincided with his CCMA nomination as Best New Artist of the Year.

Michael O'Brien made his mark on the music world in 1995 with "Nothin's Gonna Turn Me Around" and "If Ever I Forget."

He toured with Cindy Morgan last year, and was a Dove Award nominee for New Artist of the Year.

Donations to help support the rally are welcome and can be mailed to P.O. Box 1035 in Snyder.

Fire chief: Don't rely on sirens to tell you a tornado is coming

Snyder citizens need to know that the city's civil defense sirens aren't intended to alert people that a tornado might be on the way.

"They are not meant to get people out of bed. The sirens are a last-ditch effort to warn the person out on the street," said Fire Chief Terry Don McDowell.

Instead of relying on the sirens, citizens should stay alert to the weather.

"If you see a storm approaching, pay attention, turn on the TV or the radio. Those are your best sources on the weather," McDowell said.

A tornado watch means conditions are favorable for a tornado. A warning means a tornado has been seen. It doesn't mean it has touched down.

"Each family needs to decide ahead of time how and when they will seek shelter. Some will seek shelter for a tornado watch, others will wait," said McDowell. "Only you can make that decision. What you don't want to do is wait for a siren. By then, it could be too late."

Top city officials have the ability to override the cable television system and make an emergency announcement, but that, too, would be too late in case of a tornado, McDowell advised.

City officials wait for two confirmed sightings by trained personnel before sounding the sirens.

Family Skills camp scheduled in Snyder

A Family Skills Training Camp is planned all day next Saturday at the First Baptist Church's Family Life Center.

Link Fuller will conduct the program, which will begin at 9 a.m. and conclude at 4 p.m. The camp is a series of two-hour workshops designed to provide educational, yet motivational family and parenting information, skills and strategies.

It is open to everyone 12 and over at no cost. Those planning to attend are asked to call 573-4942 by 5 p.m. Wednesday so that meals and child care can be arranged.

The workshops are "Teaching Kids to Mind Without Losing Your Mind," "There's Nothing Wrong With Teen-agers That Sound Reasoning Won't Aggravate" and "What To Do When There's Too Much Month at the End of the Money."

Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m.

Short breaks will be arranged throughout the day. During the lunch hour, Fuller will be available for an informal question and answer session.

Financial support to help defray the cost will be appreciated. Volunteer aides in any capacity, including providing transportation, will also be appreciated.

Oil Patch Foster Parent Association is sponsoring the program in a joint effort with Scurry County Child Welfare Board, Snyder ISD, Noah Project, Scurry County Family Pride Council and Children's Trust of Texas, TDPRS, Children's Protective Services, local churches, businesses and individuals.

Fuller has spent over 20 years teaching and sharing successful dynamics of parenting, the family, education and child development and personal achievement.

He previously conducted the Goals 2000 training sessions for Snyder ISD.

ASK US

Q—When will the new channel listings (Prime Time Christian Broadcasting and CNN) show up in the TV Spotlight?

A—The week of July 20-26.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Area Forecast: Saturday night, partly cloudy. A 20 % chance of showers. Low in the mid 60s. Sunday, partly cloudy. High around 90.

Snyder Temps: High Thursday, 94 degrees; low, 66; high Friday, 85; low, 66; reading at 7 a.m. Saturday, 66; no precipitation; total precipitation for 1997 to date: 19.44 inches.

Wesley Price
Partly cloudy

Sunset: 8:52 p.m.
Sunrise: 6:45 a.m.
Of 185 days in 1997, the sun has shone 173 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Success is a journey, not a destination. The doing is usually more important than the outcome. Not everyone can be Number 1.

Arthur Ashe

JUL 06 1997

Variety describes Fourth of July celebrations

By The Associated Press

America celebrated the Fourth of July with fish fries in Kentucky, rodeos in Texas, fireworks everywhere and parades galore — including one in California that may be the nation's shortest.

The "World's Shortest Parade" in Aptos, Calif., stretches only three blocks long, but it boasts 150 groups and at least 20,000 spectators crowded in Friday to watch the marchers and Clover the Cow.

There were much grander spectacles for the nation's 221st birthday.

Beauty queens, sailors and eight drum-and-bugle corps participated in the nation's oldest continuously held Fourth of July parade in Bristol, R.I.

Started in 1785 as a prayerful walk to celebrate independence from England, the parade now includes teams of aerobic dancers and a trumpet-playing Elvis impersonator.

"I get goose bumps every time," said 72-year-old Clara Pinhero, who's gone to the parade with her family for as long as she can remember.

In Hollister, Calif., tens of thousands of motorcycle riders rolled into town for a three-day festival marking the 50th anniversary of the riotous biker party that inspired the Marlon Brando movie "The Wild One."

Main Street was turned into a sea of leather, chrome, rubber and enamel.

"It's about riding. It's about independence. It's about freedom," said biker Darryl Core. "A lot of people talk like they'd like to have freedom, but they don't know anything about it."

It was another 50th anniversary being observed in Roswell, N.M. Hundreds gathered for a memorial service for five dead aliens they believe died in a 1947 UFO crash, an incident since covered up by the government.

The spirit of rebellion was alive and well in Florida, where 75 nudists in Titusville stripped and wrapped themselves in cloth replicas of the Constitution at a beach at the Canaveral National Seashore.

The nudists claimed that being arrested for nudity would be a violation of freedom of speech. There were no arrests.

Other celebrations included Philadelphia's symbolic ringing of the Liberty Bell and the Boston Pops playing the "1812 Overture" in front of 300,000 along the Charles River.

Not everything went smoothly.

A fireworks barge off Cape Cod in Massachusetts exploded, forcing 10 people to jump overboard to escape the flames. In Portsmouth, N.H., a rocket went astray during a display and exploded near spectators, showering some with debris. Several people were burned.

A dozen people in Green Bay, Wis., went to the hospital with minor burns and eye injuries after they were hit by debris from a fireworks show.

There were no such problems in Washington, where hundreds of thousands gathered for a display at the Washington Monument. President Clinton and Hillary Rodham Clinton watched fireworks from the White House.

In New York, the banks of the East River were packed with fireworks-watchers. Biren Parikh boasted he has been to the Statue of Liberty every Independence Day since he arrived from India 10 years ago.

On Friday, he made his first trip as an American citizen.

"I strongly believe what is the Fourth of July," he said. "It's the biggest day of the whole year."

Twenty-nine immigrants became U.S. citizens in a ceremony aboard the USS Constitution in Boston Harbor, the world's oldest commissioned warship. So did 16 adopted children in Miami.

"I'm going to be an American. It's cool," said 9-year-old Elizabeth Butler, who was adopted by a Florida couple from a Romanian orphanage.

Kentuckians in Prestonsburg dug into a 17-foot-long cake resembling the American flag, while in Hazard residents gathered for fried fish, watermelon and square dancing.

The biggest names in rodeo were in Pecos, Texas, for the 115th West of the Pecos Rodeo, said to be the nation's oldest.

In one of the nation's most heated holiday traditions, a Japanese man left an American gasping for air.

Hirofumi Nakajima ate 24½ hot dogs in 12 minutes to win the 82nd annual Nathan's Famous Hot Dog Eating Contest at Coney Island in New York City. It was the second straight title for Nakajima, who weighs in at 135 pounds. Second place went to 100-pound Kazutoyo "The Rabbit" Arai.

Ed "The Animal" Krachie finished a stunning third.

"I'm dumbfounded on how someone that small can do it," said the 6-foot-7, 330-pound Krachie, who announced his retirement after the match. "I don't know where they put it. Both of those guys put together weigh less than me."

AIDS cases hit 1.64 million

GENEVA (AP) — The number of people with full-blown AIDS has hit 1.64 million and is growing steadily at nearly 20 percent a year, the U.N. health agency said Friday in its annual report.

The World Health Organization did not say how many of the AIDS sufferers have died since 1983, when it began collecting figures on AIDS. It also did not give an estimate of the number of people infected with the AIDS virus who have yet to come down with the disease.

The official count is just a fraction of those believed actually to have AIDS. Last year's figure represented an 18 percent increase over the 1995 total, WHO said.

The agency estimates that the reported AIDS cases are only about 20 percent of the actual number. The rest go undiagnosed or unreported.

On that basis, WHO estimated there were 8.4 million AIDS cases worldwide by the end of 1996.

The number of AIDS cases in 1995 showed a 19 percent rise from the previous year, slightly down from the 20 percent increase recorded from 1993 to 1994.

The agency said United States accounted for 581,429 cases and Canada had 14,836. Europe has had 191,005 reported cases, Africa has recorded 576,972 and Asia 70,949.

As a general rule, most countries showed a much higher incidence of full-blown AIDS in males than females. In the United States, 82 percent of people with AIDS are male, and 91 percent in Canada.

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A Bright Spot In Our Hometown

Norma Laywell

There was a job description, but that didn't matter. Norma Laywell, retiring director of the Snyder Senior Citizens Center, is well-known for going the extra mile.

For her 13 years in being a "best friend" to senior citizens in Scurry County, Snyder National Bank has selected Norma Laywell as the July recipient of the Hometown Spirit Award.

Norma has lived all over the state of Texas, and has worked her entire life. Prior to joining the Senior Center in January, 1984, she had worked for Yorgesen and Blakey, Permian Communications and Clark Lumber Co.

Mrs. Laywell worked 11 years as the center's secretary before being named director.

Regulars at the center have come to adore her. Co-workers say she has spent countless hours not only doing the jobs expected of her, but going "far beyond the call of duty."

Norma is famous for assisting senior citizens in a variety of situations. She has been everything to these citizens — from nurse to legal advisor, insurance consultant to counselor and friend.

Every participant at the Senior Center knows that Norma will make time for them, no matter how swamped with work. Those close to the center confirm that she displays a genuine attitude of love and care — making each person feel special.

One participant said, "I love her. She's done a very good job for many people." A co-worker added, "No one will ever know how much Norma has done for this center. It has been her life's joy. People are drawn to her because they know she loves them."

Norma has directed the Sunshine Choir since 1987. With her, music is a passion. In addition to singing with the choir, Norma could be found anywhere in the building by listening for her signing. She has done extensive research to find music from the era most Senior Citizens appreciate, resulting in a large library of music at the center.

Born in Snyder, she married Ralph Laywell in 1959. Her family includes a daughter, Deborah Mills, and two grandsons, Michael and David Mills, all from San Antonio.

Norma, a 1949 graduate of Snyder High School, will retire effective Aug. 31. Her last day on the job will be July 25. More evidence of Norma's dedication: when Norma leaves, she will also leave over 1,800 earned, but unused, compensatory hours.

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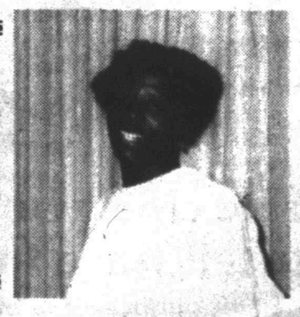

Joann has been employed at Cogdell Memorial Hospital for 1-1/2 years. In addition to her duties as a ward clerk, she also works part time as a nurse aide on Long Term Care.

She said the most rewarding aspect of her job is "being able to help, and perhaps making someone else's job a little bit easier."

Joann grew up in Snyder and graduated from Snyder High School in 1974. She also attended WTC for 1-1/2 years. She has a four year old son, Jordan; other local family members include a sister, Linda Tippins, LVN, who works nights on Medical 3 at CMH, and her mother, Vernest Tippins.

She was selected for this honor following nominations by co-workers. Comments on nomination ballots for Joann included: knowledgeable about her job and works efficiently ... in addition to the clerk's job, she is also trained to help with patient care, and willingly pitches in when needed ... courteous to patients, family members and co-workers ... always goes that "extra mile" ... a dependable and dedicated employee.

Cogdell Memorial Hospital

Alien crash site to get memorial

ROSWELL, N.M. (AP) — Jim McKnight, a soybean and hog farmer in Afton, Iowa, says he's sure someone in his family would have noticed if a UFO crashed on their New Mexico ranch 50 years ago and the government came by to pick up dead aliens.

"They'd know it a lot of times if a coyote went across the ranch, so it's very hard to believe they'd miss a space ship and a military convoy," he said.

McKnight doesn't recall such an event, but his lack of recollection doesn't faze the current owner, Miller "Hub" Corn, who with concert promoter John Brower, planned to dedicate a dry, dirt patch on the ranch as a "Universal Sacred Site."

Thousands of tourists came to Roswell to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the purported flying saucer crash. The government, so the story goes, recovered a UFO and alien bodies, then covered up the story.

Some UFO buffs say the crash took place on what is now the Corn Ranch, where a plaque has been installed dedicating the spot "to the beings who met their destinies near Roswell, New Mexico, July 1947."

This week, Corn gave hundreds of people $15 tours of the sweltering, dusty alleged crash site. Dozens more paid $90 to camp there.

For some visitors, the plaque and dedication make their pilgrimage under the broad, blue 100-degree skies more special. Without it, there's really nothing to distinguish the Corn Ranch from any other southeast New Mexico cattle range.

But for other UFO buffs, dedicating one site is an unfriendly move, putting the Corn Ranch above two other purported crash sites within a 100-mile radius.

"I don't really buy the whole Corn Ranch story," said Glenn Dennis, a retired mortician who says he was called by the military 50 years ago and asked if he could come up with several hermetically sealed child-size coffins.

And in the village of Corona, near a site where rancher W.W. "Mac" Brazel found scattered wreckage from some sort of crash 50 years ago, barn owner Doug Dobbs says the Corn Ranch is "nowhere near where it happened."

The Corn Ranch was pinpointed several years ago after retired government agents, 80-year-old Frank Kaufmann in particular, began describing how they recovered what they said were alien bodies and a spacecraft from the area, about a mile from a state highway.

"When we saw what it was, this strange craft and the bodies, we were just shocked," Kaufmann said during a recent interview from his home in Roswell.

Corn said he is less certain about exactly what happened on the ranch, nor is he particularly concerned.

"I'm having a good time, but I've got to remember my priorities," he said. "Ranching, that is."

Philip Klass, a member of the Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal and the author of six books on UFOs, said promoters of the Corn Ranch, like many Roswell residents, are "commercializing on a myth."

Dying man willing to give assests for one last hurrah

DALLAS (AP) — Ed Gordon is looking for one last good time before he dies.

Anyone willing to give the 77-year-old former banker and used car salesman $60,000 for his last hurrah would inherit Gordon's house near Hollywood Heights, his minority interest in two acres of East Dallas property and what remains of a $10,000 insurance policy. The three-bedroom house just south of Lakewood Country Club and property are assessed at $104,000, but need extensive renovation.

"I don't want a speculator," Gordon said. "I want someone who is looking to his future, somebody who wants to make something in life."

Gordon has serious medical problems, including high blood pressure, skin cancer, glaucoma and emphysema, but he would not use the money for medical expenses.

"First, I'd buy a late-model car," said Gordon. "Then, I'd go Las Vegas, then play the horses a little bit."

Gordon said he also would set aside $10,000 for maintenance to use his 61-year-old house. He bought the house 25 years ago for $13,500.

Under his proposal he would live in the house until his death and the rest of his assets would be put into a irrevocable trust.

Gordon said the proposal is modeled after arrangements made by AIDS patients, under which an investor will pay a person with AIDS the full amount of his life insurance in exchange for being named the beneficiary.

"I think I've gotten some raw deals in my life, but I'm not bitter," said Gordon, who has served 14 months for cocaine possession and battled alcoholism. "I'd like to enjoy my remaining days."

Gordon said he has already received 50 inquires about the deal from an advertisement he placed in a newspaper classified section last week.

Mike Beauchamp, 27, an assessor at the Dallas Central Appraisal District, was one of the hopefuls who responded.

"I saw it in the paper and thought it was too good to be true," Beauchamp said. "I couldn't afford to buy a house in that neighborhood. I don't think many people my age could."

Republic of Texas hopes for election

SHERWOOD, Tex. (AP) — Disclaiming anti-government associations but displaying some Republic of Texas clothing, a so-called constitutional convention Friday worked on a document it hoped would reach the ballot box.

The group denies ties with the militant group that faced off with Texas law officers earlier this year, although the connection was evident on T-shirts and paraphernalia displayed and sold at the Sherwood courthouse.

Among the 26 or so delegates who met in the dilapidated, non-air conditioned courthouse were Cindy Williams and her husband, both former Houston police officers.

"Some things they're talking about I don't agree with at all," said Mrs. Williams. "I agree that change needs to come about, but why not get together and run some of your people for office? I don't think they're going to get much done with this."

The meeting began with a speech from Colorado native science fiction writer L. Neil Smith. In a speech read by delegate Charles Duncan, Smith encouraged delegates not to write a Bill of Rights, but a "bill of limits on the actions and authority of government."

"And I urge you to consider public hanging for any public officials who violate these limits," Smith said.

Complaints from Smith and others of government intrusion were applauded by delegates who said Waco, Ruby Ridge and other sites of confrontations between fringe groups and government agencies brought them to the convention.

"When I look out here, I see the survivors," Robert Sudbury, an Athens truck driver, told the San Angelo Standard-Times. "I see the people who are left from the 700 I saw at the Republic of Texas convention in Dallas a year ago. We need to get the word out.

"The people of America are having the wool pulled over their eyes," he said. "There's 3 percent unemployment, but everybody is working three or four jobs and they're happy. We've got to change that."

Delegate Larry Falzitto of San Angelo said his patriot movement in Ohio had fizzled out.

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Mexico City sweeping up ash

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexico City's long-suffering residents have struggled through another plague this week, wiping coats of ash off their cars, clothes and streets after being doused by a nearby volcano.

Still, the ash that filled the skies following Popocatepetl's eruption has mostly dispersed and will not add to the capital's pollution woes, the city's top environmental official said Friday.

"Fortunately it was raining, so that the ash was quickly washed away," Environment Secretary Eduardo Palazuelos said.

One reason that Monday's eruption wasn't more harmful to the city's environment is that unlike other volcanoes, Popocatepetl's ash contains relatively little sulfur, one of the causes of acid rain.

Another reason is that the ash particles are large enough — more than 10 microns in diameter — that they are unlikely to enter one's lungs.

Those who came into close contact with the ash on the slopes of the volcano, 45 miles outside Mexico City, reported headaches and scratchy noses and throats due to the dust, but health officials said those effects will be short-lived.

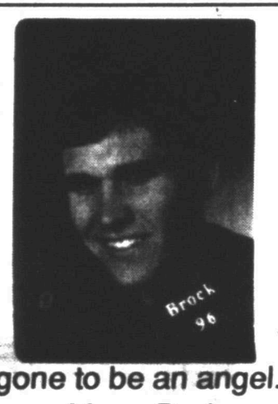
Workers cleaning off runways at the city's airport raised another cloud of ash Tuesday, but by Friday most was down the drain — precisely where officials don't want it.

Public service announcements warned residents not to hose the ash down drains; mixed with water, it can form a concrete-like substance and block pipes.

Monday's eruption by Popocatepetl was its most violent since 1927.

Paper manufacturers recycle the holes punched out of looseleaf paper in a variety of ways. Some use the paper in other products, such as toilet paper or boxes and one manufacturer boils it to power its machines.

It has been 8 months since we saw your beautiful blue eyes. Today is your birthday. You are in our constant thoughts. There is a void in our lives and a hole in our hearts that will always be, for you were our little boy and our brother, but now you have gone to be an angel.



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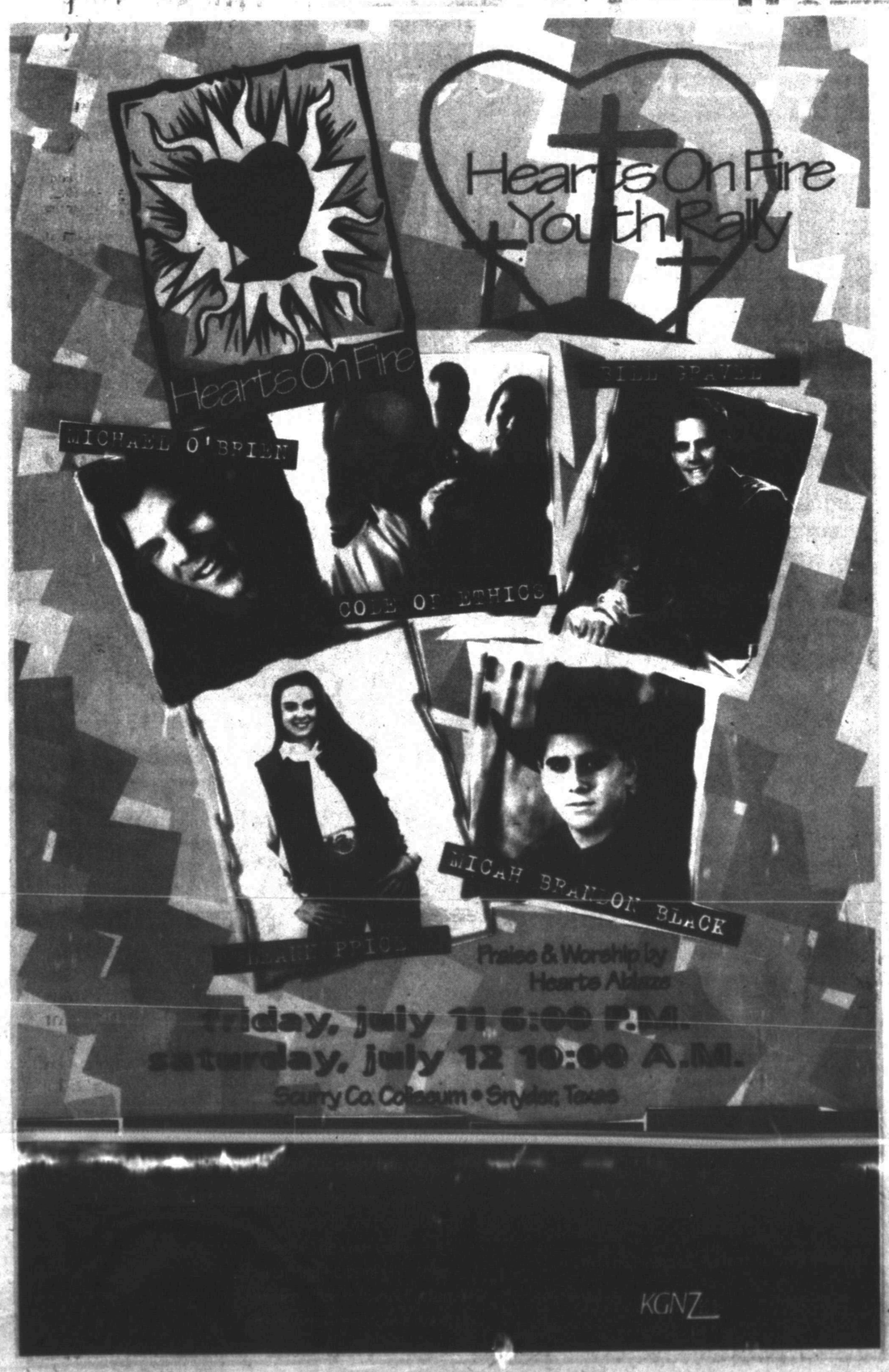

A Message To Scurry County Commissioners Court

If it's not on paper - in writing - it does not exist.

A finalized contract (on paper) from CHS and Scurry County must be presented to the public before August 9 or earlier - or it does not exist.

Statements (oral) that are not backed up by a written document are either hallucination, falsification or speculation.

A statement from the Texas Attorney General's office not backed up by a written paper is just not acceptable, and is pure hearsay.

Unless a finalized contract on paper is presented from CHS and the Scurry County Commissioners Court, before August 9, then Scurry County people are asked to vote on hallucinations, falsifications and speculation.

The Scurry County Commissioners Court is handling this in a manner that is dividing Scurry County and that is not good.

There is a stink coming out of this and without a written contract - cannot be resolved.

Something is wrong when a business matter is handled like this.

When radio commercials are broadcast saying "I hear you are going to receive 12 million from the contract with CHS"...answer "No, we are going to receive 15 million". Without a written contract this is either hallucination, falsification or speculation.

If it's not on paper - it does not exist.

A 30-year lease is the same as a sale. The public has the right to review this before being asked to vote.

Just who placed a value on Cogdell Memorial Hospital, other than CHS? And, why was no other valuation sought for Cogdell Memorial Hospital?

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Vaccine being tested to ward off melanoma

WASHINGTON (AP) — Among the thousands of Americans who get melanoma every year, only a few have a natural immune reaction that keeps this deadliest of skin cancers from coming back.

Now scientists are bottling that protection, testing hundreds of melanoma patients with an experimental vaccine they hope will keep the killer at bay.

"When people recur from melanoma, they're extremely likely to die," explained Dr. Robert Israel of Progenics Pharmaceuticals, which manufactures the vaccine. "We're looking to keep them from recurring, and ultimately to survive."

It's too early to predict how well the vaccine called gm2 will work. While initial experiments suggest it is potent, doctors only recently began Phase III testing with 850 patients.

Scientists once frustrated by repeatedly failing cancer vaccines now are cautiously excited.

New immune system discoveries have led to "approaches that were not possible even five years ago," said vaccine hunter Dr. Steven Rosenberg of the National Cancer Institute. His agency is funding the Progenics experiment and a trial of a competing melanoma vaccine — Ribi ImmunoChem's Melacine.

"We're beginning to understand for the first time the molecular basis of how the immune system of a patient responds to their cancer," Rosenberg said. "It's a very exciting time."

Melanoma strikes about 40,300 Americans every year, and kills over 7,000. Sun exposure is the main cause, and the most at risk are people who had even one bad sunburn as a child.

Surgery often cures early melanoma. Up to 30 percent of early- to intermediate-stage patients will suffer a recurrence in a few years — because the surgery missed tiny cells waiting to grow into new, even deadlier tumors.

The idea is for these patients' immune systems to catch and kill the leftover melanoma cells before they become a threat. Dr. Philip Livingston of Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center discovered that a few of his patients — about one in 20 — could do that naturally.

Their immune systems developed antibodies to gm2, a substance on the surface of melanoma cells. The antibodies track down this so-called antigen and then kill its host cells. So Livingston purified gm2 to give to patients whose immune systems don't react to the antigen on their own.

An early study of 122 patients, unveiled last month at Australia's World Conference on Melanoma, found those vaccinated with gm2 remained cancer-free for 33 months vs. 17 months for unvaccinated patients.

The study was too small to be statistically significant. Still, after Livingston made some changes to further boost the vaccine's potency, the results prompted NCI to finance the 850-patient trial that could settle the issue by 1999.

Ribi ImmunoChem is trying a different attack, a vaccine made from pieces of melanoma cells grown in a laboratory. Such vaccines are often considered less potent than more targeted vaccines. Melacine has an advantage: it provides many more melanoma antigens for the immune system to hunt, explained Ribi vice president Kenneth von Eschen.

In the NCI-run trial of 689 patients, Ribi should know in late 1998 whether Melacine effectively prevents melanoma from recurring.

Ribi also wants to sell Melacine to treat the sickest melanoma patients, not just as a possible prevention.

In a final study of late-stage melanoma, 70 Melacine patients lived 11 months while another 70 who got standard chemotherapy lived 12.4 months — a difference too small to be significant.

Melacine caused only one serious side effect compared to 86 chemotherapy caused, so Ribi this fall will seek Food and Drug Administration approval to sell Melacine as a safer alternative for advanced melanoma.

For patients still hoping to keep melanoma at bay, however, Livingston acknowledges his first vaccine needs improving. First, nobody knows how long patients need vaccinations. And his naturally protected patients seem to make antibodies indefinitely, while vaccinated patients lose the antibodies weeks after their shots stop.

Any success with melanoma, a cancer fairly easy to study, could prompt vaccines against other killers like breast cancer, whose cell surfaces also bear a variety of antigens.

"Everything we see from experiments ... so far suggests antibodies should be able to make a difference," Livingston said. "This trial will answer that question."

Little guy still champ in hot dog eating war

NEW YORK (AP) — Ed "The Animal" Krachie, all 6-foot-7 and 330 pounds of him, was a beaten man. Even worse, he didn't understand why.

"I don't know where they put it," Krachie said after finishing behind a pair of diminutive Japanese frank-swallowing fanatics in Friday's 82nd annual Nathan's Famous Hot Dog Eating Contest. "Both of those guys put together weigh less than me."

Those guys are Hirofumi Nakajima, the 5-foot-8, 135-pounder who ate 24½ hot dogs in 12 minutes, and Kazutoyo "The Rabbit" Arai, the 5-foot-7, 100-pounder who scarfed down 24.

Krachie inhaled 20 to finish third — a crushing blow to American pride on its 221st birthday. Krachie, a two-time champion who lost for the second straight year to Nakajima, was so rattled that he announced his retirement.

The Coney Island crowd, desperately wanting to keep the Mustard Yellow International Belt in the United States, was heavily pro-Krachie, chanting his name as dog after dog disappeared.

But there was no joy at Nathan's. Mighty Krachie soon dropped out.

"When Ed hit 20," said event publicist George Shea, "he could just go no further."

Nakajima kept a steady pace of two dogs per minute, passing Krachie as they went into the home stretch.

Nakajima, a soft-spoken furniture delivery man from Kofu, ate only a muffin in the hours before the noon contest. The 22-year-old champ declined to provide any details on his training secrets.

Krachie, 34, complained that he is not as young as he used to be. While his body once accepted the hot dogs without complaint, Krachie could eat no more after only nine minutes.

"At that point, I was going to toss everything," he said later from a barbecue at his Queens home. "I worked through that, but he passed me. I just couldn't play catch-up."

Virginia is also known as Old Dominion.

The three-pound brain of a human being is thought to be the most complex and orderly arrangement of matter in the universe.

In Response To Dr. Paul Thompson's Statement In Last Weekend's Paper...

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What did St Mary's "management contract" do for Cogdell Hospital when major plumbing repairs were needed? What did St. Mary's "management contract" do for Cogdell Hospital when major repairs were needed on the telephone system?

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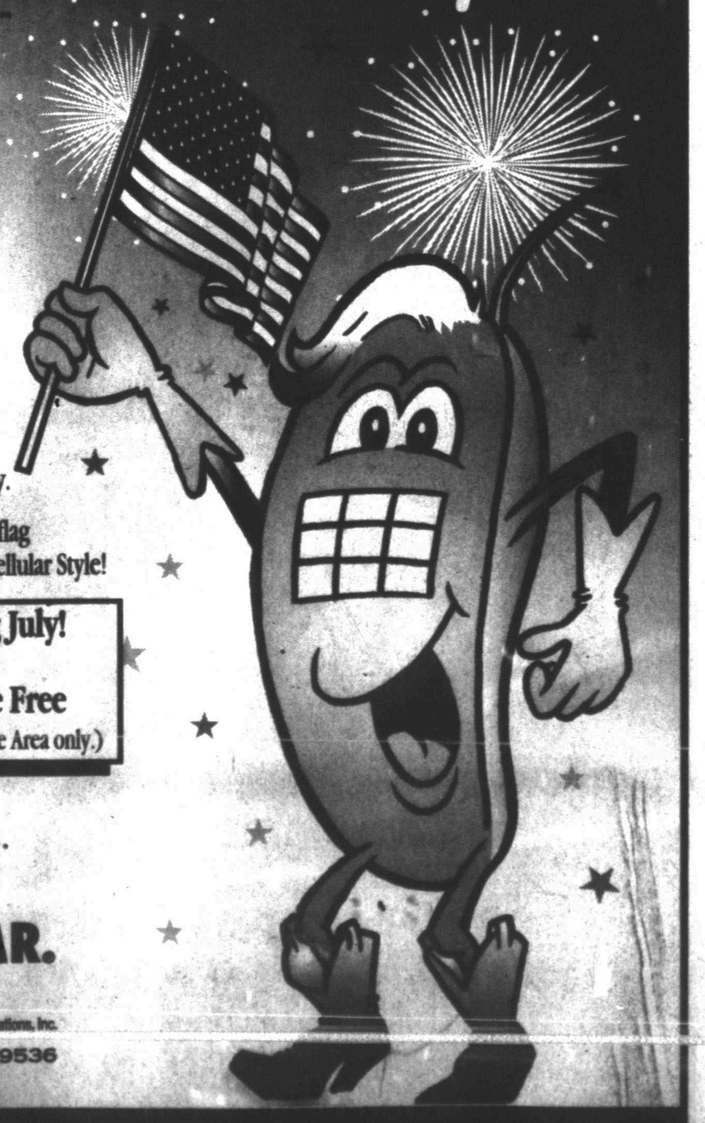

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Picture of boy who beheaded...

Japan orders magazine pulled

TOKYO (AP) — The Japanese government ordered a publisher to withdraw magazines Friday that carry a photograph of the underage suspect in the beheading of an 11-year-old schoolboy.

The issue of Focus magazine hit the stands two days ago, after police said the 14-year-old suspect confessed to killing Jun Hase and leaving his severed and gouged head in front of a school gate.

The magazine's editor rejected the Justice Ministry's unusual order, and it was unclear what the government would do to force the company to pull magazines from shelves.

Also Friday, media reported new details of the gruesome case, including that the suspect told police he stored the head in his attic before carving it and placing it near the school.

The suspect so far has not been formally charged.

The killing in Kobe, 270 miles west of Tokyo, has shaken a nation that has long taken safety on its streets and obedience from youngsters for granted.

It is illegal in Japan for media to identify juveniles charged with or convicted of a crime. But there is no penalty for violators.

The editor of Focus, published by Tokyo-based Shinchosha, held a news conference to note the unusual nature of the case. "The suspect in this case does not fit a typical juvenile model presupposed under the juvenile law," Kazumasa Tajima said.

Thousands of newsstands have refused to carry the magazine, known for its sensationalism.

The case also has raised other justice issues. Under Japanese law, the accused boy is too young to go to prison. Children can be charged from age 14, but must be at least 16 to be sentenced as criminals.

Upon conviction for those under 16, the court chooses between probation and reform school, where offenders are likely to go free after a year or two, even for the most serious crimes.

The national Mainichi newspaper said the suspect told police he brought Hase's head home, washed it in a bathroom, then hid it overnight in the attic above his room.

The following morning, he carved the head on his desk, the Mainichi said. When the head was discovered May 27, the eyes were gouged out and the mouth slashed from ear to ear.

The Kyodo News agency said police searching the suspect's room found horror videos, knives and a book about the Zodiac serial killings in San Francisco in the 1960s. Police also have reportedly found notebooks describing the attacks, Kyodo said.

Police refused to comment on the reports.

Vandalism or Cost of Freedom

July 4th 1997, 8 a.m., we received the call about the large ✓ **YES** sign near the hospital being vandalized overnight. This incident is an on going impudent, impolitic, impulsive, implicit attack on the truth of the need to **lease** Codgell Memorial Hospital to Community Health Systems.

Early voting begins July 21st 1997 at the Scurry County Courthouse.

The quote this last week from one of the hospital administrators directed towards my husband was "Bob, we don't have to be cordial to each other."

In the June 9th incident the statement was made that the silver dollar size pin-button I wear stating **VOTE YES FOR CHS** with a red ✓ is offensive to everyone. That I found hard to believe, so my return statement was, "Wearing the Cross that Christ died on could be offensive to some people." His return was, 'If I wear the Swastika how would that make you feel'. I told him without a flinch that my dad was active duty AAF during World War II, my oldest brother active duty Marine during Korea, my husband saw active duty with the Air Force in VietNam and my youngest son was sent to Saudi Arabia with the Navy during Desert Storm. So I told him I would do anything I could to see he had the right to wear the Nazi Swastika.

We celebrate Independence Day, July 4th 1997, because people came together with a common cause. Our pledge to our flag has the phrase 'One Nation, under God,' so in the name which is good we will continue the publication of the truth.

I do ask each Scurry Co. voter to care enough about our hospital to put forth the effort to vote August 9th and **remember early voting starts July 21st 1997.**

Check **YES for CHS**, our sign is white for truth and purity and red for boldness and commitment.

Thanking you now
Mae Cole

Pd. For By Bob & Mae Cole.

Dallas union subject of grand jury probe

DALLAS (AP) — Reports of corruption among former leaders of the Dallas-based Local 745 of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters are being investigated by a federal grand jury.

The Dallas grand jury has subpoenaed the personal business records of the former leaders who are accused by a trustee of misapplying union funds and associating with the nephew of a Kansas City mobster.

Former Local 745 President Charles E. Rogers Jr. acknowledged receiving a subpoena, but said he did not expect anything to come of it.

"I haven't done anything wrong," Rogers told The Dallas Morning News.

The grand jury investigation is the latest evidence of a rift between followers of late leader James R. Hoffa and the head of the union's reform movement, Ron Carey.

Both sides are competing for loyalty of nearly 8,000 Texas Teamsters, nearly $3.5 million in cash assets and the clout of a $425,000 political action fund.

Last August, an independent investigation found evidence of widespread corruption and the local union was taken over by national leadership, which appointed new trustees.

Among those replaced was powerful secretary-treasurer T.C. Stone, who essentially served as executive officer and had the power to fire and set salaries. Stone declined to be interviewed.

The action against the Dallas local is not usual. Since 1989, 70 of nearly 600 Teamster locals have been ordered into trusteeship, either by the international or by the Independent Review Board, according to Teamster officials.

Jim Buck, who replaced Stone, said he has run into many problems with the local union, including that many members are still supportive of Stone and his colleagues.

Many objectionable business practices have been in place for decades, Buck said. The union has been fueled by vandalism and occasional violence. And as important Buck said is millions of dollars spread across North Texas.

For example, Buck said, the day before the old leaders were replaced Stone and his colleagues transferred $97,000 to their lawyers for a court challenge of the trusteeship.

The local also accumulated the largest political action fund of any Teamster local and contributed to candidates ranging from Louisiana parish sheriffs, Dallas City Council members to Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison and Gov. George W. Bush.

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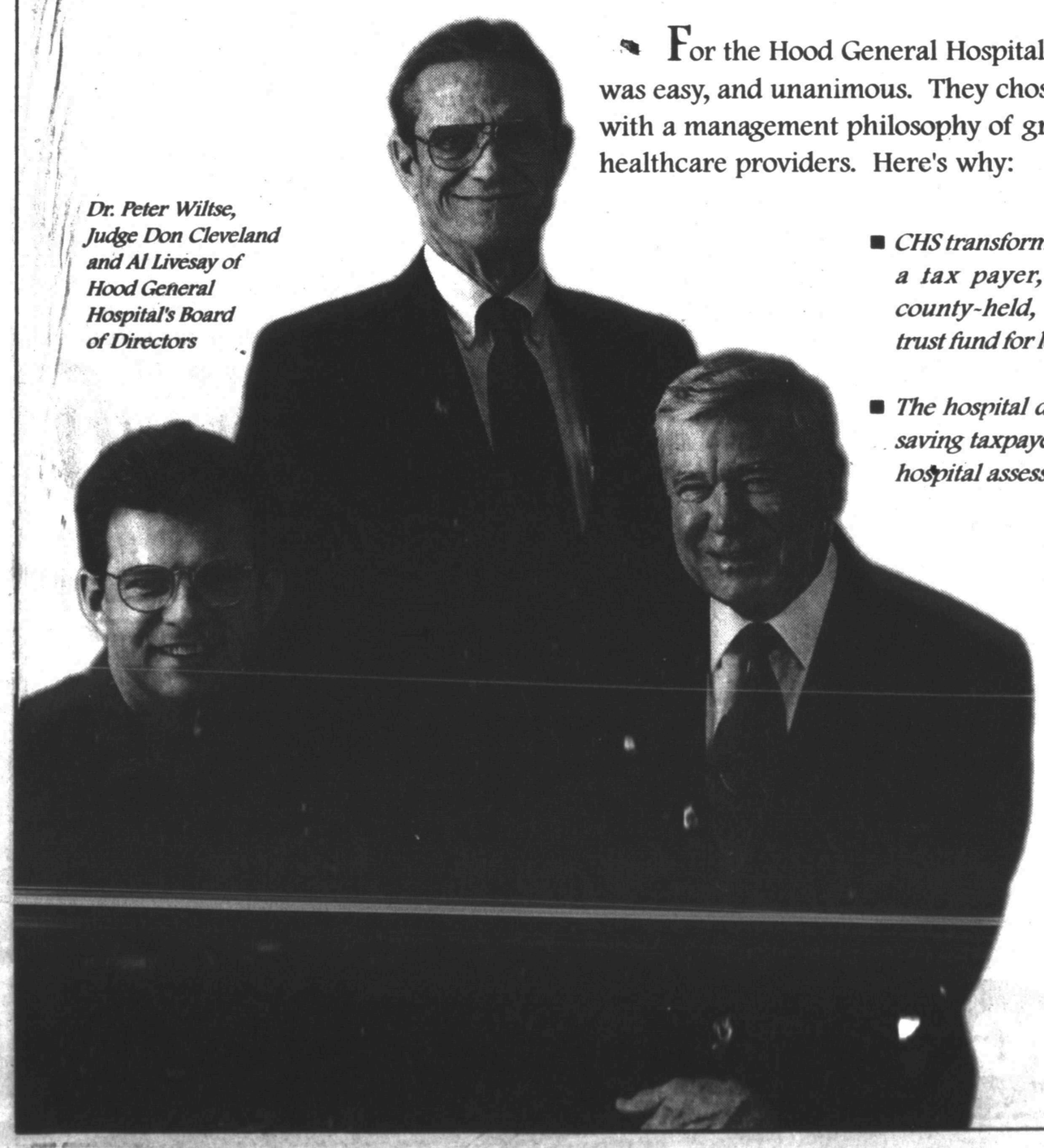
Why Would Responsible Community Leaders Decide to Privatize a Hospital?

For the Hood General Hospital Board of Directors, in Granbury, TX, the decision was easy, and unanimous. They chose Community Health Systems (CHS), a company with a management philosophy of growing local hospitals into strong, viable healthcare providers. Here's why:



Dr. Peter Wiltse, Judge Don Cleveland and Al Livesay of Hood General Hospital's Board of Directors

- *CHS transformed Hood General into a tax payer, and established a county-held, multi-million dollar trust fund for local healthcare needs.*
- *The hospital district tax decreased, saving taxpayers millions in hospital assessments.*
- *CHS established a governing board with local citizens of the community as members.*
- *CHS is improving facilities with upgraded equipment, expanded services and a new MRI.*

"We carefully considered several hospital management companies," says Al Livesay. "CHS specializes in managing non-urban hospitals, and we concluded they offered the best opportunity for Hood General's long-term success." CHS offers the financial resources and management expertise so critical for success in the rapidly changing world of healthcare. They have a proven track record for improving services, recruiting needed physicians and providing quality care. For information about CHS' interest in leasing Cogdell Memorial Hospital, call Tim Schmidt at 725-1088.

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Political landscape sure to be more partisan

AUSTIN (AP) — When Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock hangs up the gavel, he says it's so he can spend more time with friends and family. Others suggest he also may have glimpsed Texas' increasingly partisan future.

The highest-ranking Democratic officeholder in the nation's second-largest state, Bullock never lost a race in a public service career spanning four decades.

After 140 days presiding over the state's first Republican-dominated Senate in more than a century, he's retiring.

Republicans have made huge advances in a state once solidly Democratic. They've seized top offices, including governor, held by the popular son of the former president, George W. Bush. The GOP has 17 of the 31 Senate seats and is within nine seats of taking over the 150-member House.

"He's been seeing this sea change in Texas politics," George Christian, political consultant and former press secretary to Lyndon B. Johnson, said of Bullock.

"It takes more work, more trouble, more energy and everything else to make things work. Having a split Legislature is not that much fun. ... The likelihood that Austin's going to become Washington, D.C., does not appeal to him at all," Christian said.

Bullock, winner of six statewide elections, including four as comptroller, has made clear his disdain for party politics.

When leading GOP senators dared to suggest how the Senate should be run, Bullock blew up, saying he would not countenance partisanship in what had been a clubby chamber.

"We have seen what happens in Washington when they do that. It will be over my dead body before that ever happens in this state," he told The Dallas Morning News at the time. Bullock refused requests for an interview for this article.

State Democratic Chairman Bill White, optimistic that Democrats will gain ground in coming elections, predicts Texas isn't headed to a formal partisan majority-minority system after Bullock's departure.

"The Democrats have believed in a more bipartisan and less confrontational approach to government," he said.

Texas is one of the few states without a system that mimics Congress.

Of 49 states with two-house legislatures, there are only five in which one or both chambers have not formally designated majority and minority party leaders — Texas, Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi and South Carolina, said Brian Weberg of the National Conference of State Legislatures.

How to teach your kids to mind without losing yours

The family is the cornerstone of American culture. So, when was the last time you set aside a weekend just to review the precious and fragile relationships within your family? Whether you're single, married, divorced or blended, the success of your personal and family relationship is extremely important to your total happiness and to the well-being of your family.

Cogdell Hospital, in partnership with many local family-sensitive organizations, is helping bring a one day, family-oriented, educational training camp to Snyder. On Saturday, July 12, 1997, from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., at First Baptist's Family Life Center, Mr. Link Fuller, the presenter, will be teaching and sharing successful dynamics of parenting, the family, education, child development, and personal achievement. He is a writer-speaker-motivator, who is a former college football coach, Dallas Cowboy scout, and is a leading authority on successful parenting and in developing the academic and personal potential of young people and adults of all ages.

FamilySkills Training Camp series will strengthen your family and help you be the best parent you can be. The workshop tempo will be fast paced, humorous, interactive, inspirational, practical and just plain fun. This relaxed and informal time can be a life-changing event for you and your family relationships.

There will be no admission charge. Child care and luncheon will be provided at no charge. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m., with the first session beginning at 9:00 a.m. If you plan to attend, please RSVP at 573-4942.

At Cogdell Memorial Hospital, we're committed to the health and well-being of the families in this area, so we hope you'll take the time to attend this seminar. For more information on the FamilySkills Training Camp, please call 574-7467, or to preregister call 573-4942.

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FBI finds image of hooded man in park

ATLANTA (AP) — The FBI says it has images that appear to show a man with a hood sitting on a bench in Olympic Park about an hour before a bomb went off in that same spot.

The images of the man were taken at 12:19 a.m. on July 27, 1996. The agency also has a videotape taken nine minutes later of a parcel or backpack under the vacated bench.

The blast at about 1:20 a.m. killed one person and injured 100 others.

The FBI needs the public's help in finding images to fill in the nine-minute gap, said Jack Daulton, the agent heading the investigations of the bombing and two other bombings in Atlanta this year.

Daulton said it is hard to tell from the photo and video images of the man whether he is actually wearing a hood or if shadows make it appear that way.

"But the picture makes it look like he might have a hood on," Daulton said, noting that would be very unusual for a hot summer night.

Investigators are also intrigued because they are trying to identify a man wearing a hooded sweat shirt seen outside a suburban abortion clinic Jan. 16, hours before two bombs exploded there.

Seven people were injured at the clinic. Four people were injured about five weeks later when a bomb went off at an Atlanta nightclub that caters to homosexuals.

Investigators believe that all three bombings were carried out by the same person or group. A $500,000 reward initially offered in the Olympic Park bombing now includes the other two.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Drinking habit is out of control

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm very concerned about my husband's drinking pattern. I have read a couple of comments in your column recently, but I still need some clarification. He drank a lot of rum on weekends and maybe once during the week for years, when he consumed about a half gallon of spirits over a week to 10-day period. I started to think there was a problem, and after a year of begging, pleading and nagging, he has been drinking only beer.

He is now 46, works in construction, and says he wants two to four beers after work and on weekends (every day) because he hurts. I can usually get him to skip having any one or two days a week, but on the other hand he will once every 10 days to two weeks have a lot more, somewhere from six to 12, and get noticeably drunk.

He did hide it for many months, and lied about it, but I could tell when he had had a lot, and I kept finding it so now, at long last, I am reporting the real amount that he is having.

Judging by his past drinking behavior, does this indicate alcoholism? After drinking heavily for years and cutting way back, does the body make repairs to itself?

I believe I can get him to cut back just a little more if he is still doing himself harm. He did say, however, that as much as he loves me, he would divorce before he would give up having beer a few times a week. Please tell me what you think.

DEAR READER: Your husband has a serious problem, the disease called alcoholism.

First of all, his drinking pattern will surely lead to ill health. He is consuming far more than his body can safely handle. Eventually, the alcohol will injure his brain, liver, heart, and pancreas. In fact, I'd be surprised if there weren't already some damage present. On a positive note, if he were to abstain completely, the organs would probably heal in a matter of months.

But that's just the point: He won't stop drinking. He says he drinks to relieve pain, but this is just an excuse. Alcoholics are very adept at rationalizing their habit. They drink to relieve pain or because of personal problems — or simply because it's raining.

As I have written before, alcoholism is very much a disease of attitude. His attitude is that he "needs" the alcohol, wants it and will even consider divorce in preference to giving it up. You, dear lady, are less important to him than a six-pack. This is the hallmark of severe alcoholism.

I'm sure that your husband would strenuously object to being called an alcoholic, because REAL alcoholics live on the street, eat out of dumpsters and drink cheap wine out of paper bags. Alas, it isn't so. A person can be alcoholic even if he or she holds down a respectable job, raises a family or merely drinks once a year (to the point of a blackout). The quantity of alcohol is important, true, but so is the attitude, the drinking pattern, the social effects, the excuses, and the denial.

When your husband is ready — when he hits his bottom — he will stop drinking and get well. This courageous act will require a lot of help. He may need a period of detoxification and rehab. At the very least, he needs Alcoholics Anonymous. This is a decision only he can make.

Because alcoholism is a family disease, you must learn more about it (and how best to handle the situation) by going to an Al-Anon meeting in your community. Comprised of people whose loved ones are alcoholic, Al-Anon could be a life-saver for you. Check your Yellow Pages, go to a meeting and stop trying to save your husband from himself.

To give you more information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Help II: Mental/Substance Abuse." 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.

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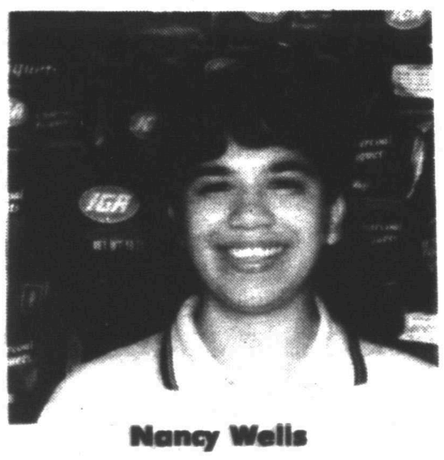

Nancy Wells

Nancy is a checker for Lawrence IGA. She has worked at Lawrence IGA for four years.

Nancy was nominated for this honor because she is dependable, a good teammember, courteous, polite to customers, works well with other teammembers, and she knows her job well.

Nancy has lived in this area for thirty-one years. She is married to Anthony Wells. Her parents are Cele and Gloria Hernandez.

In Nancy's spare time she enjoys reading, spending time with family, and playing with her four dogs and three cats.

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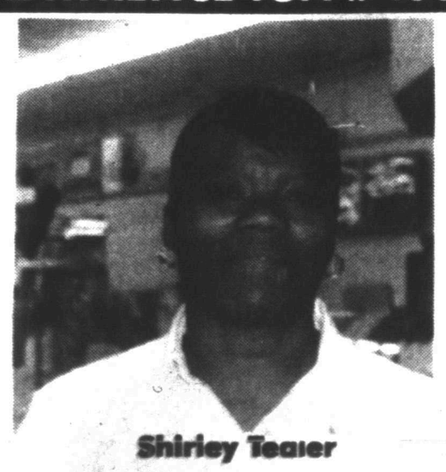

Shirley Teaier

Shirley works in the Deli for Lawrence IGA. She has worked at Lawrence IGA for eleven months.

Shirley was nominated for this honor because she is friendly to her guests, helps in the Seafood Department, good cook, hard worker, follows Lawrence IGA policy and she works well with other teammembers.

Shirley has lived in this area for forty years. She has two children and four grandchildren. She enjoys basketball, volleyball, singing, and going to church.

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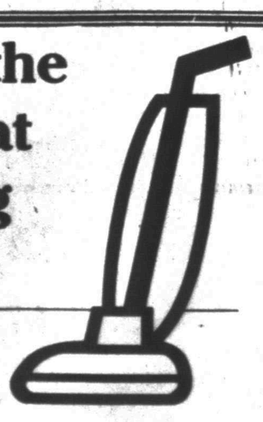

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StAR born at Tech med school

LUBBOCK (AP) — After more than a decade's worth of tireless lab work, untold spending and unwavering confidence, a StAR was born.

Professor Douglas Stocco found out by telephone while in Florida.

"We celebrated," he said recently of his quick return to his Texas Tech colleagues three years ago. "By celebration, I mean we all went over to Conference Cafe and had some beer."

They toasted the positive identification of Steroidgenic Acute Regulatory protein, or StAR for short. It was a missing piece of cell biology that since has opened doors for hundreds of scientists worldwide.

Cold beer at a sports bar might not signify major scientific breakthroughs at Harvard, Stanford or Rice. But then, the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center is pretty new at shocking the research community.

"There's nothing wrong with Texas Tech. They do wonderful work here," said Stocco, a faculty member since 1974. "But this isn't exactly a household name for research around the country."

The stack of queries and logjam of e-mails show Stocco is changing that perception. Unlike scientists who keep their work under lock and key, Stocco sends lab-generated copies of his protein to anyone who asks, anywhere on Earth.

Stocco's love of science outweighs his selfish instincts, he says, which makes it easy to share his discovery. Others have beaten him to further observations, but he believes the renown StAR has earned has been worth the tradeoff.

"I really feel like with the effort we put into this and to come to a point where we were right, it's kind of like a child," Stocco said. "You want a child to do well, so we've basically made it easier for people to do work if they want to."

Stocco and others had labored since the early 1980s searching for the biological link that converts cholesterol into steroid hormones like testosterone, estrogen and progesterone. It required his team to isolate the protein, break it down into its DNA components, reconstruct it and then test it on animal cells.

The medical payoff was immediate. Soon after Stocco's researchers published their findings in 1994, they worked with scientists at the University of Pennsylvania and the University of California-San Francisco to uncover a mutation in the StAR gene.

That abnormality causes congenital adrenal hyperplasia, a rare genetic disorder most commonly found among the Japanese. Children with the defect cannot make steroid hormones essential for sodium and potassium balance, said Dr. Jerome Strauss, director of Penn's Center for Research on Reproduction and Women's Health.

The result is that males born with the disorder don't develop sexually and instead develop female-like characteristics. Babies can be treated successfully with hormone replacement therapy if they're diagnosed early enough, Strauss said.

"Most of the genetic males that have had this condition (in Japan) have been raised as females," Strauss said. "Obviously, that's a significant amount of baggage to have to carry."

Meanwhile, Stocco recently won a private grant that could total $3 million over the next five to 10 years to continue studying StAR and isolating other proteins.

After all, there are plenty more proteins where StAR came from.

"The problem was simple," Stocco said. "The answer was tough."

How it works

By The Associated Press

Douglas Stocco's discovery of the Steriodgenic Acute Regulatory protein in 1994 unlocked a simple mystery that has baffled researchers for decades. They knew there was a catalyst that produced steroid hormones like estrogen and testosterone — they just didn't know what it was.

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The brain tells glandular cells to produce hormones, whether for reproduction, combating stress or regulation of blood pressure. Cholesterol, the precursor of all steroid hormone production, must be transferred from one place in the cell to another to trigger the process with an enzyme.

Cholesterol won't travel across water, which makes up most of the cell. StAR acts like a drawbridge, allowing the cholesterol to make the connection.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Saturday, July 5, 1997

Things in general should perk-up for you in your chosen field of endeavor in the year ahead. The seeds that you took great pains sowing can be harvested in this cycle.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) In an arrangement where a team effort is required, don't leave all the heavy lifting up to your mate. Four hands, pulling together, lightens the load. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) It might take more time to hit your stride today, but don't let this disturb you. Once you get on a roll, much can be accomplished.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Today you might become involved for the first time with an infamous individual. You are apt to discover for yourself that the treatment is unwarranted.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Treat any rebuff today, especially regarding your career, as a signal for you to double your efforts. Rejecting rejection is possible if you're not faint of heart.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Guard against inclinations today to anticipate negative conditions where none exist. It would be a shame to dilute your opportunities by your own thinking.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Take care that you're not caught up in an arrangement today where others trade upon your assets while ignoring their contribution. Parity is a requirement.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Today you might find yourself caught in an arrangement that requires you to function in a managerial capacity. If so, be decisive in your methods.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Your insecurity might make you feel that you need assistance from others today. Though helpful, this is not a necessity. Doing it alone will prove an easier route to success.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Some unfounded gossip might circulate about a friend of yours today. Cut the perpetrator down with the facts before scars are left on your loved one's reputation.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Timid measures could be a detriment for achieving your objectives today. The secret is to proceed boldly, unafraid of making a few mistakes.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Do not be afraid to tell a friend what has been peeving you lately. Getting things out into the open will resolve differences and restore warmth to the relationship.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Patience is a requirement today for the management of a business offer. If you don't jump at the first proposal, you could possibly end up making a better deal.

Your Birthday

Sunday, July 6, 1997

In the year ahead, things for which you've long desired have good chances of becoming realities. The more ambitiously you pursue them, the more inclined friends will be to help you fulfill them.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) A trip to the mall could turn out to be fun today because you'll be sensible about your purchases. What you buy could remain among your favorites for a long time. Cancer, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Today you are likely to be successful at whatever you wish. You have strong feelings of self-worth that won't be in jeopardy if success doesn't come on the first try.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Something constructive is stirring today that might be screened from your view. It will be a development that can be used to your ultimate advantage.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Conversing with old friends could be both informative and fulfilling today. Organize an impromptu get-together with those you feel the most comfortable.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) You are in a good achievement cycle presently and you don't want to waste your energy on insignificant goals. Focus your efforts on meaningful objectives.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Participate in involvements today that provide you with positive philosophical input. What you'll learn you'll retain and use effectively at a later date.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Lady Luck might take a personal hand in your material affairs today. She may arrange something where you'll profit through the good auspices of friends.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) A valued relationship that is among your most favorite can be strengthened in this cycle through collective give-and-take. Be sure to practice it today.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Today you could have an opportunity to do something productive that will benefit others as well as yourself. Your contribution will be a service only you can offer.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) If possible, temporarily shelve your mundane involvements today and do things you truly enjoy. Make sure what you organize has room for several active friends.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Something could develop today that may make it necessary for you to take sides between your friends and your family. Remember, blood is thicker than water.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Your perceptions and attitude will have a strong effect upon your companions today, so don't be surprised if you see friends emulating your behavior.

Marrying man now gets funeral

BLYTHE, Calif. (AP) — Glynn "Scotty" Wolfe, the world's most-married man, is getting a funeral, although he may not have many mourners.

Wolfe will be laid to rest Thursday in his hometown, courtesy of a cemetery and funeral home that decided to pay to keep him from an unmarked public grave.

None of Wolfe's 29 wives and few, if any, of his 19 children were expected to attend the service at Palo Verde Cemetery, which donated a burial plot.

Sidney Presley, owner of Frye Chapel and Mortuary, said she decided to donate her $2,500 services because it was the right thing to do.

"We're a small town," she said. "We care about what goes on here, and the son didn't have the money to do it and the wives didn't either."

The flamboyant minister, who held the Guinness Book of Records title for most-married man for more than 35 years, died June 10 of coronary heart disease at age 88.

Wolfe paid for a burial plot before he died, but did not cover the costs of funeral services or a grave marker.

His widow said she could not afford services, and the San Bernardino County coroner's office had planned to cremate him and bury with other unclaimed bodies in an unmarked public grave.

Wolfe's 33-year-old son, John, who couldn't pay for the funeral with his $5-an-hour job at Burger King, then began a public lobbying campaign to raise the money.

Affair costly for lawyer in San Antonio divorce

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A jury has ordered a San Antonio lawyer to pay $1.6 million to a former client because the lawyer had an affair with the man's wife while he was representing him.

Jurors even awarded John A. Kahlig $500,000 more than the $1 million he sought in punitive damages from attorney Stephen W. Boyd.

Kahlig, a former car dealer who now lives in Nevada, sued Boyd in 1995 after learning his lawyer had an affair with his second wife while Kahlig was paying him for legal services in a child custody case from his first marriage.

The affair occurred in 1992. Kahlig and his wife now are divorced.

Todd Prins, Boyd's lawyer, declined comment except to say the verdict will be appealed.

The jury unanimously found that Boyd engaged in deceptive practices, unconscionable actions and fraud in his dealings with Kahlig.

"I feel I have been vindicated," Kahlig said. "This case should set a standard for all lawyers in Texas."

Kahlig said he hired Boyd to represent him in a child custody matter involving his first wife on the recommendation of a third party.

He said Boyd became aware of problems Kahlig was having with his second wife while he was working on the custody case.

"He used that information from our attorney-client relationship for his sexual gain," Kahlig said.

Kahlig said Boyd should have realized there was a conflict of interest and withdrawn from the case.

Kahlig lost the child custody case and ended up paying his ex-wife's legal fees of $27,000. The jury ordered Boyd to reimburse Kahlig for those legal costs and the $19,000 in legal fees that Kahlig paid Boyd.

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SPORTS

Solid pitching, hitting register tourney wins

Snyder 12, Coleman 1

Frankie Grimmett has his team one win away from a rematch.

Snyder's Senior All-stars pummeled Coleman, 12-1, Thursday night at Moffett Field and now face Wylie at 7:30 Saturday.

A Snyder victory would set up a rematch with still undefeated Abilene Senior for the championship. Abilene handed Grimmett his one loss of the tournament in Tuesday's opening game.

Snyder jumped on Coleman early, scoring four runs in the top of the first.

Jared Hester opened by hitting a 1-0 fastball to center field for a single and Josh Ward hit the first pitch offered him to left.

After just two pitches, Snyder had men on first and third with nobody out.

Matthew Grimmett then drew a walk and Sonny Cumbie drove in Hester with an infield single.

Next-up, first baseman Adam Beck knocked a single into left, scoring Ward and Grimmett. But Cumbie, trying to take an extra base on the throw-in, was tagged out at third.

Two batters later, Josh Arizmendi smashed a double to right and Beck strolled home for Snyder's fourth run of the inning.

In the second, pitcher Glen Burk led off with a base hit to center and Hester knocked him in with his second hit of the night.

Hester would cross home later on another single by Adam Beck to push the Snyder lead to six runs.

On the other side of the ledger, Coleman could get nothing going thanks to the pitching of Burk and a stingy Snyder defense.

Burk never faced more than five batters in any inning and gave up only three hits through five.

Snyder's largest offensive output came in the fifth when it scored five runs and sent all nine men to the plate.

Singles by Burk, Hester and Ward, and a two-base error by the center fielder on a ball hit by Arizmendi, kept the inning alive for Snyder.

Grimmett will likely put Beck on the hill to face Wylie. With a first-round bye, Wylie defeated Colorado City before getting trounced by Abilene.

The winner of Satutrday's game at Moffett Field must beat Abilene twice to claim the title.

Snyder 12, Coleman 1

Snyder: Arizmendi, double; Hester and Cumbie, three singles; Ward, Beck and Burk, two singles. **Coleman:** Dusty Todd, Rusty Croft and Ryan Hensley, single.

Snyder 11, Key City 7

ABILENE — If a movie was made about Friday night's 11- and 12-year-old all-star game, it would be an action-packed thriller with the do-it-all hero Arnold Schwarzenegger playing the part of Billy Pena.

Pena struck out 12 batters and launched two home runs in Snyder's 11-7 victory over Key City.

Snyder fell behind early, as Key City's first two batters scored and another was aboard.

But Pena struck out the next three in order to end the rally.

In the bottom of the first, Chance Greenwood led off with a single for Snyder.

Pena then walked and Brady Reed reached base on an error.

All three runners would later score on wild pitches and Snyder took the lead, 3-2.

The lead was short-lived though, as Key City sent two more men home in the second off hits by Zach Sitzes and Gibb Wilson.

After holding Snyder scoreless, Key City stayed consistent and scored twice more in the top of the third.

But in the bottom, Snyder's bats came to life.

With the breeze blowing in from right-center, Pena smashed one over the left field fence for his first home run of the night.

Next-up, Reed singled to left and Joseph Martinez reached on an error.

Two batters later, Logan Hill picked up a base hit, driving in Reed and Martinez.

Jed Martin, coming off a home run and a triple in his last game, then knocked a single into right. Hill and Martin both scored on wild pitches to give Snyder the 8-5 lead.

It was a lead they would never relinquish.

Pena, ahead in the count 2-0 to lead off the fourth, hit a drive that got over the fence in a hurry.

Snyder would add two more runs and hold Key City to only one for the 11-7 victory.

Snyder plays its next game Monday night at 8 against the Abilene Southern-Hamlin winner at Abilene's Dixie complex.

Snyder 11, Key City 7

Snyder: Pena, two home runs; Reed, three singles; Greenwood and Martin, two singles; Hill and Jake Barnes, single.

SENIOR LEAGUE CHAMPS — The Buffs won the Snyder Senior League baseball regular season championship with a record of 15-1. Members of the Buffs are, front row, left to right, Ryan McKamie, Ryan Braziel, T.J. Cagel, James Villarreal, Ralph Ramon, Miguel Lopez and John Erwin. On the back row are manager Frankie Grimmett, Patrick McKamie, Matthew Grimmett, coach Larry Braziel, Adam Beck, Jared Hester and coach Isrrael Hinojos. (Contributed Photo)

Stevens just misses the cycle in Rangers' win over Athletics

ARLINGTON (AP) — After getting the most difficult part of hitting for the cycle, Lee Stevens fell a single short.

Stevens hit an RBI triple in the second, a three-run homer in a five-run third and a seventh-inning double as the Texas Rangers beat the Oakland Athletics 7-6 Friday night for their third straight win.

"Tonight was the closest I'd ever come before," said Stevens, who went 3-for-4 and grounded out in the fifth. "I thought about it after my final at-bat in the seventh, but by then I just wanted to win and get the game over with."

Stevens matched his career high with four RBIs to help the Rangers win for the fourth time in their last five games.

Rangers manager Johnny Oates joked with Stevens in the dugout late in the game.

"I told him if he got up again and hit a double, I wanted him to stop at first because I've never seen anybody hit for the cycle," Oates said. "When he got the triple and the double, he already had the hardest part."

Stevens, a former first-round draft choice of the California Angels who played in Japan from 1994-95, signed a minor league contract with the Rangers last year. He has 10 homers and 38 RBIs, both career highs.

For Stevens, it's been a matter of seeing consistent playing time and having the confidence of his manager.

"It goes hand in hand," Stevens said. "Johnny is showing confidence in me and with some injuries we've had, I've had the opportunity to fill in. It's worked well for me."

Oddibe McDowell is the only Texas player to hit for the cycle, accomplishing the feat against Cleveland on July 23, 1985.

Fireworks night drew a crowd of 46,934, the largest regular-season crowd at The Ballpark in Arlington. Will Clark added three hits as the Rangers moved over .500 (42-41) for the first time since June 22.

Ken Hill (5-5) won for the first time since May 29, allowing four runs and eight hits in 6 2-3 innings with five strikeouts and three walks.

"Kenny got some pitches up tonight but he made the pitches when he had to," Oates said.

John Wetteland, who had blown three of his previous five save chances, pitched the ninth for his 18th save in 23 opportunities.

Steve Karsay (2-8) was tagged for seven runs and nine hits in 4 1-3 innings.

"It's just consistency," Karsay said. "I need to stay down in the strike zone and when we score, I cant let them come back and put a crooked number on the board."

Texas took a 6-2 lead in the third on RBI singles by Rusty Greer and Clark, and Stevens' 10th homer.

Oakland closed to 6-4 in the fifth, getting some help from sloppy fielding. Jason McDonald tripled with one out on a ball that could have been caught by either Greer in left or Damon Buford in center, then scored on Scott Brosius' groundout. Dave Magadan singled and scored on a liner by Mark McGwire that got past Greer for a double.

Greer homered in the bottom half, but Oakland scored twice in the eighth, closing within a run on RBI single by pinch-hitter Mark Bellhorn and Scott Spezio's long sacrifice fly.

McDonald's first-inning homer had put Oakland ahead. Stevens tied the score with an RBI triple in the second that skipped past Brosius in right. McGwire walked with the bases loaded in the third for a 2-1 lead.

Reds topple slumping Astros

HOUSTON (AP) - Cincinnati right fielder Willie Greene and his Reds teammates feel like they've played two different seasons in the first half of this season.

On May 23, the Reds were 17 games below .500 at 14-31, but since then they have won 24 of 39 games including five consecutive victories after their 4-2 comeback win over the slumping Houston Astros Friday night at the Astrodome.

Greene's three-run homer in the fourth inning was the difference, but he played it down and instead focused on the team concept.

"I feel like we're finally starting to turn it around," Greene said. "We've had a lot of injuries with (Barry) Larkin and Reggie (Sanders) out of the lineup. We're missing a lot of power."

Greene certainly supplied some muscle for the Reds with his prodigious 412 foot shot that eventually landed in the upper deck of right field. It was only the ninth upper deck homer in the 32 year history of the Astrodome. Earlier in the week, Cleveland's Manny Ramirez connected and hit the upper deck in the left field stands of the Dome.

"I hit a couple in triple-A that were harder,' Geene said. 'I could not find it and then I saw it in the upper deck."

Greene helped the Reds come from behind for the sixth time in the Reds' last 8 victories. Houston had taken a 2-0 lead into the Reds fourth inning before Houston starter and loser Tommy Greene, 0-1, walked the Curtis Goodwin and Lenny Harris to set up Willie Greene's heroic blast.

"It was monumental," said Cincinnati manager Ray Knight. "Willie is getting to be our clutch hitter."

Greene now has 12 home runs and 43 RBIs while helping Reds starter Mike Morgan, 3-5, win his third game in four decisions.

On the other hand, the Houston Astros, 41-45, have lost 4 of their last five games while slipping to four games under .500.

"The team that gets hot in September is the team that's going to win this division," said Houston first baseman Jeff Bagwell. "That could be anybody."

Houston Manager Larry Dierker put the onus on his team. 'Taking nothing away from the Reds, we just haven't been playing well. Their bullpen did a great job. So did ours. This is still anybody's race. The Reds have climbed bak into iit, but we're not out of it by any means.'

The Reds are only three games behind frontrunning St. Louis and Pittsburgh in the National League Central Division, while the Astros fall to one game back in the tight race.

"I've never known that being three games out of first place could be so sweet," said Knight, who was in danger of losing his job earlier in the year.

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National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	56	29	.659	-
Florida	50	34	.595	5½
Montreal	46	38	.548	9½
NewYork	46	38	.548	9½
Philadelphia	23	60	.277	32

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Pittsburgh	41	43	.488	-
St.Louis	41	43	.488	-
Houston	41	45	.477	1
Cincinnati	38	46	.452	3
Chicago	36	49	.423	5½

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
SanFrancisco	49	36	.576	-
LosAngeles	43	42	.506	6
Colorado	43	43	.500	6½
SanDiego	38	47	.447	11

Thursday's Games

Chicago Cubs 5, Philadelphia 4
Atlanta 15, Montreal 2
Florida 10, N.Y. Mets 4
Pittsburgh 6, St. Louis 4
Cincinnati 4, Houston 3
Texas 8, Colorado 3
San Diego 10, Seattle 8
San Francisco 6, Oakland 4
Los Angeles 8, Anaheim 2

Friday's Games

Chicago Cubs 9, Philadelphia 3
Pittsburgh 7, St. Louis 5, 10 innings
Cincinnati 4, Houston 2
Atlanta 6, Montreal 3
New York Mets 6, Florida 2
Los Angeles 5, San Diego 2
San Francisco 4, Colorado 0

Saturday's Games

Florida (Fernandez 9-6) at N.Y. Mets (Clark 6-5), 1:15 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Lieber 5-8) at St. Louis (Morris 6-4), 4:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Valdes 4-9) at San Diego (Ashby 4-4), 4:05 p.m.
Colorado (Holmes 3-1) at San Francisco (Foulke 1-2), 4:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Trachsel 4-6) at Philadelphia (Maduro 3-7), 7:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Glavine 8-4) at Montreal (Martinez 10-3), 7:35 p.m.
Cincinnati (Mercker 6-5) at Houston (Kile 9-3), 8:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Atlanta (Neagle 12-1) at Montreal (Juden 10-2), 1:35 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Castillo 5-9) at Philadelphia (Beech 0-4), 1:35 p.m.
Florida (Rapp 4-6) at N.Y. Mets (Jones 12-5), 1:40 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Cooke 6-9) at St. Louis (Stottlemyre 7-5), 2:15 p.m.
Cincinnati (Burba 5-8) at Houston (Holt 7-5), 2:35 p.m.
Los Angeles (Candiotti 4-2) at San Diego (Bergman 2-2), 4:05 p.m.
Colorado (Burke 2-3) at San Francisco (Gardner 8-4), 4:05 p.m.

American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Baltimore	55	28	.663	-
NewYork	47	36	.566	8
Toronto	39	42	.481	15
Detroit	39	44	.470	16
Boston	38	46	.452	17½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	42	36	.538	-
Chicago	41	42	.494	3½
Milwaukee	37	44	.457	6½
KansasCity	36	44	.450	7
Minnesota	37	46	.446	7½

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Seattle	49	36	.576	-
Texas	42	41	.506	6
Anaheim	42	42	.500	6½
Oakland	36	51	.414	14

Thursday's Games

Minnesota 8, Milwaukee 5
Baltimore 10, Detroit 1
N.Y. Yankees 3, Toronto 1
Boston 4, Chicago White Sox 1
Texas 8, Colorado 3
San Diego 10, Seattle 8
San Francisco 6, Oakland 4
Los Angeles 8, Anaheim 2

Friday's Games

Minnesota 13, Milwaukee 1
Baltimore 4, Detroit 3, 1st game
Detroit 11, Baltimore 8, 2nd game
Toronto 1, N.Y. Yankees 0
Cleveland 7, Kansas City 6
Chicago White Sox 6, Boston 5
Texas 7, Oakland 6
Seattle 7, Anaheim 3

Saturday's Games

Kansas City (Pittsley 2-5) at Cleveland (Nagy 8-4), 1:05 p.m.
Boston (Avery 2-1) at Chicago White Sox (Darwin 2-6), 1:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Pettitte 8-5) at Toronto (Hentgen 8-5), 4:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Mussina 10-2) at Detroit (Thompson 8-6), 7:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Robertson 7-5) at Milwaukee (Eldred 7-8), 8:05 p.m.
Oakland (Wengert 3-7) at Texas (Witt 9-4), 8:35 p.m.
Seattle (Moyer 8-2) at Anaheim (Perisho 0-2), 10:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games

N.Y. Yankees (Mendoza 3-3) at Toronto (Clemens 12-3), 1:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Belcher 8-7) at Cleveland (Hershiser 7-5), 1:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Erickson 11-3) at Detroit (Moehler 6-6), 1:15 p.m.
Minnesota (Hawkins 1-3) at Milwaukee (McDonald 6-6), 2:05 p.m.
Boston (Eshelman 2-3) at Chicago White Sox (Baldwin 5-9), 2:05 p.m.
Oakland (Prieto 6-5) at Texas (Santana 3-4), 8:05 p.m.
Seattle (Fassero 8-4) at Anaheim (Finley 4-6), 8:05 p.m.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

Eastern Conference

	W	L	Pct	GB
NewYork	6	0	1.000	-
Houston	4	3	.571	2½
Charlotte	1	3	.250	4
Cleveland	1	4	.200	4½

Western Conference

	W	L	Pct	GB
Phoenix	3	2	.600	-
LosAngeles	3	3	.500	½
Sacramento	2	3	.400	1
Utah	2	4	.333	1½

Friday's Game

New York 65, Houston 58

Saturday's Games

Los Angeles at Charlotte, 2 p.m.
New York at Utah, 9:30 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Cleveland at Sacramento, 9 p.m.

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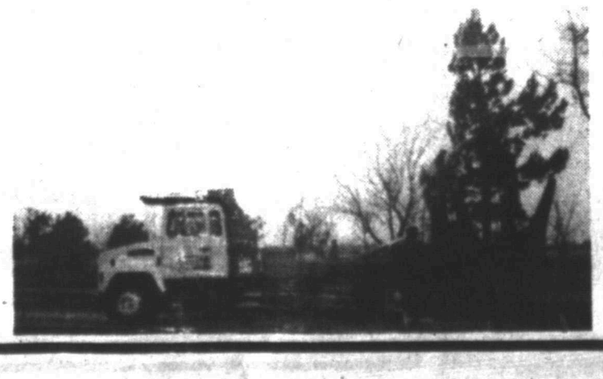

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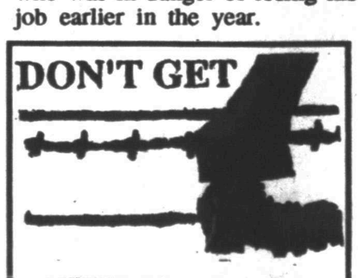

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Sampras and Pioline to decide Wimbledon title

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — Unstoppable.

That's how Pete Sampras looks as he bids for his fourth Wimbledon championship in five years and the 10th Grand Slam title of his career.

Sampras is playing on such a high level that his vanquished semifinal opponent said he felt honored just to be on the same court with him.

"Today I played one of the greatest players playing great," Todd Woodbridge said after Sampras beat him 6-2, 6-1, 7-6 (7-3) on Friday. "It was a pleasure to be out there playing against him.

"Not many people get to appreciate how good a player he is because they're not on the court with him. At least I got to see that side of it."

Woodbridge said Sampras, who will be a heavy favorite in Sunday's final against Cedric Pioline, has no weakness on grass.

"Pete's level of play is on such a high plateau for so long during the matches that you feel like he's just concentrating and hitting the ball so well that you're not getting a breather anywhere," he said. "Sometimes a guy's level drops and you get a few break points here and there. But not with Sampras."

The women's final was set for today, with top-seeded Martina Hingis facing No. 3 Jana Novotna. Hingis, 16, could become the youngest Wimbledon champion since Charlotte "Lottie" Dodd won the women's title in 1887 at the age of 15.

Woodbridge is convinced Sampras has already established himself as one of the best in history.

"It's difficult to rank past players with current players because they never played against each other, but he's one of the all-time greatest players, for sure," he said.

Sampras has already won Wimbledon three times (1993-95), the U.S. Open four times and the Australian Open twice. Another Wimbledon championship would put him only two behind the all-time record of 12 Grand Slam titles held by Roy Emerson.

Though Sampras had a mediocre spring, he always seems to raise his game to a new level at Wimbledon.

"I think he's pretty hungry right now," Woodbridge said. "He's peaked for the right occasion and this is his best and favorite occasion."

Sampras is eager to make up for the disappointment of losing to Richard Krajicek in the quarterfinals last year when he was bidding for a "four-Pete."

"It's a closed chapter," he said. "You can't win every tournament you play. I put so much importance on the majors that, sure, I was bummed out for awhile. But you have to regroup. This is what it's all about for me, the major tournaments. I have a chance on Sunday to win another one. I'm very motivated."

Which should make things all the more difficult for Pioline, who played the match of his life to beat 1991 champion Michael Stich in five sets — 6-7 (7-2), 6-2, 6-1, 5-7, 6-4 — to reach his first Wimbledon final.

"I'm flying," said Pioline, the first French finalist since Yvon Petra won the 1946 title.

Pioline has never beaten Sampras. The American has won all seven of their matches, losing only three sets.

In the 1993 U.S. Open final, Sampras crushed Pioline 6-4, 6-4, 6-3 in one of the most lopsided recent Grand Slam championship matches.

"I'm tired of this player," Pioline said. "Maybe this time will be different. If I keep this level, why not? He's not a machine. I'm different than four years ago. My game is more mature. I am more mature."

Stich, meanwhile, retired immediately after the Pioline match — just one day after fellow German Boris Becker said farewell to Wimbledon.

While Stich had been expected to play a few more tournaments and Davis Cup, he decided on the spur of the moment that this was his final match.

"I made up my mind after the match right away that that was going to be my last match," Stich said. "I just said, 'Thanks for making it exciting.' Obviously I would have loved to win, but he played his part, and he played great. He brought the best out of me, and that's really what I was hoping for this match, to really feel that atmosphere."

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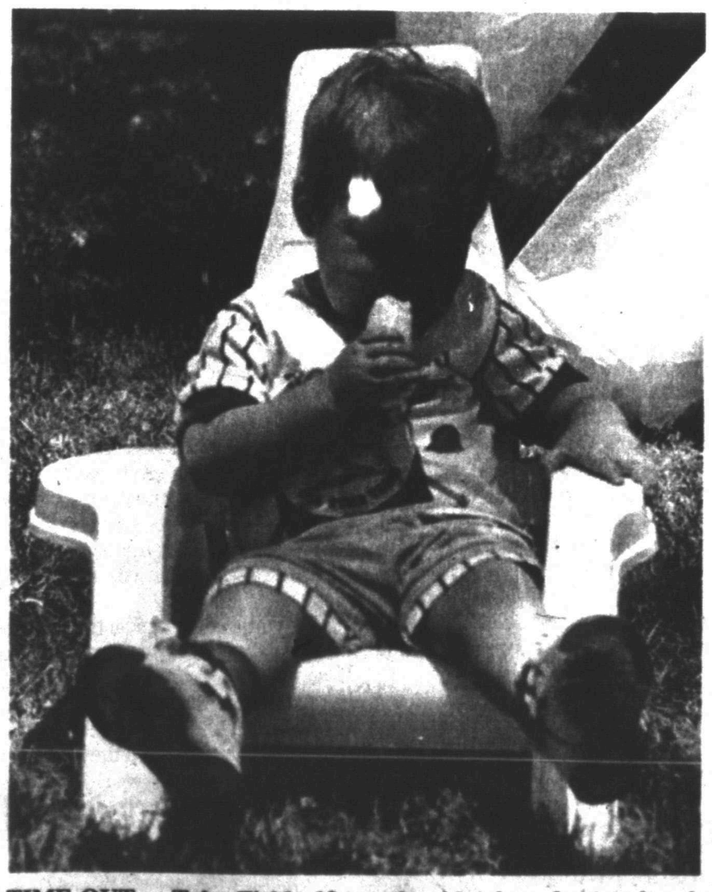
Becker's mind was made up

BERLIN (AP) — Boris Becker's emotional decision to end his Wimbledon career was in the works for six months.

In a television interview, Becker told SAT1 he'd been preparing his announcement since losing in the first round at the Australian Open in January.



TIME-OUT — Tyler Fields, 19 months old, takes a banana break while watching other youngsters play football during the Fourth of July Celebration at Towle Park. (Staff Photo by Eric Drennan)

CHEERING FOR THE CARDINALS — Hermleigh High School's cheerleaders participated in the 1997 Big Country Cheerleader Camp at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene June 29-July 2. The participants learned new skills, stunts and chants from staff members of the National Cheerleaders Association. Members of the HHS squad are, standing, left to right, Melissa Brasuel, Lori Eckert, Randi K. Herrington, Jennifer Roemisch and Miranda Terry. Sitting is mascot Casey Frizzell. (Contributed Photo)

Leonard leads by two after Friday's round

LEMONT, Ill. (AP) — Tiger Woods lacked intensity and made so few great shots in the second round of the Western Open that he felt fortunate to trail leader Justin Leonard by only four strokes.

Fellow pros still expect Woods to be a factor before the tournament ends Sunday.

"Tiger's a hell of a player, a phenom," said Billy Andrade, one of three players two strokes behind Leonard after Friday's round at Cog Hill's Dubsdread course.

"But I can't be worried about Tiger Woods because I know he's not worried about me. If he sees my name on the leaderboard, I don't think he goes, 'Oh my God, there's Billy, I've really got to play well now.' That's the way you've got to look at it."

Mike Hulbert, tied with Andrade and Michael Bradley at 7-under, agreed.

"I think everybody's just waiting for him to do something heroic, which he's done, it seems, every weekend," Hulbert said of Woods, the 21-year-old Masters champion and the PGA Tour's money leader. "But, you know, there are a lot of good players here."

Leonard is one of the best. He won the Kemper Open last month, his second tour victory, and is 16th on the money list after finishing 11th last year.

He built his two-stroke lead by shooting an 8-under 64 Friday, making nine birdies.

Leonard excelled on an unseasonably chilly day — 65 degrees with intermittent rain showers. Of course, excelling in the Motorola-sponsored tournament is nothing new for Leonard, who finished second in 1995, eighth last year, 25th as an amateur in 1993, and 29th in '94.

"It's a course I'm really comfortable with," said Leonard, the 1994 NCAA champion and 1992 U.S. Amateur winner. "I'm in good position to win this one. If I go out and play the way I did (Friday), I'll be pretty pleased, but I'm not expecting that."

Woods certainly expected to play well after opening with a 67 Thursday.

"But I didn't seem to have the same intensity level," he said. "I should have been a few under, but it could have been a disaster. There are still 36 holes to go, and I'm still in it."

Woods missed a 2-foot birdie putt on 15, a par-5 that produced 11 eagles and 120 birdies in the first two days. He followed with a bogey on 16 when he drove the ball into a bunker and blasted out behind a tree. He got back to even for the day by making a 14-foot birdie putt on 17 and saving par with a 10-foot putt on 18.

Only two of Woods' last 14 rounds have been under par. Before that, he had 11 consecutive rounds in the red — a stretch that included victories in the Masters and Byron Nelson Classic.

Jeff Sluman, a Chicago-area resident, and Jay Delsing were a stroke ahead of Woods, three behind Leonard.

First-round leader Mark O'Meara, Ted Tryba, Scott Hoch, Brent Geiberger and Tommy Armour III joined Woods four back at 5-under.

Earnhardt starts on front row with racing teammate

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — The grandstand was still buzzing over Dale Earnhardt's qualifying lap in the Pepsi 400 when his black Chevrolet rolled through the garage area, The Intimidator walking purposely behind.

He grudgingly stopped behind a barricade holding back two dozen reporters when a giddy fan yelled out, "Are you happy?"

"It's not a pole," he shot back.

But his thick mustache, which has delivered so many snarls over a Winston Cup winless streak that has covered 15 months and 42 races, showed traces of a smile.

He was in the same car he used at Talladega when he finished second, his best race this year, and the same one he drove in the Daytona 500, where he was pushing for the lead with 12 laps to go before crashing.

And he was back at Daytona International Speedway, a track where his 29 victories are more than anyone else.

"We've never won the Daytona 500, but we've won just about everything else," Earnhardt said. "We need a win, and if I could choose a place where I feel our chances are more than good, it would be Daytona."

Earnhardt will be on the front row for today's Pepsi 400, having finished 0.004 seconds behind Richard Childress Racing teammate Mike Skinner in qualifying.

The second row features a car that has become more feared on the track than Earnhardt's over the past year — the rainbow-colored Chevrolet of Jeff Gordon.

Since Earnhardt's last Winston Cup win in Atlanta on March 10, 1996, Gordon has won 16 times.

Winners shoot 61 at July 4 scramble

The team of Cloyce Talbott, Jeff Chappa, Herb Reed and Becky Knipe shot a 61 to win the July 4 A-B-C-D Scramble golf tournament at Snyder Country Club.

Just one shot back of the winners with a 62, was the second place team of Marc McQueen, Phillip Mayblas, Larry Bufkin and Roy McQueen.

Two teams tied at 63, and on a scorecard playoff third place went to Stacy Reed, Craig Alexander, Joe Jackson and Danny McCormack.

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Kuralt to take new road

NEW YORK (AP) — Charles Kuralt, a CBS News veteran who covered stories in Vietnam and South America, was happiest spinning his deep-voiced stories of the American offbeat from out-of-the-way places.

"The kind of stories I like best are light and funny ones," Kuralt once said. "People overcoming obstacles — a farmer who builds a yacht to see the world, or a man who's irritated there isn't a straight road from Duluth to Fargo and spends 25 years building one."

Kuralt died Friday at the age of 62 of complications from lupus, an inflammatory disease that can affect the skin, joints, kidneys and nervous system. His colleagues said the nation had lost one of its treasures.

"He connected to the essence of America better than any woman or man of his generation. It's a totally inappropriate death, but on a most appropriate day," former CBS News president Howard Stringer said, referring to the Fourth of July.

Longtime CBS anchorman Walter Cronkite agreed.

"While Charles never showed his patriotism on his sleeve, he truly loved America, the country and the people who populated it," Cronkite said.

Kuralt made a career of searching for the insignificant and elevating it to prose and visual poetry. He kept pitching the idea for his "On the Road" reports at CBS until the network agreed to a three-month trial in 1967.

On Oct. 26, 1967, he delivered the first such report, a paean to New England's glorious fall foliage:

"It is death that causes this blinding show of color, but it is a fierce and flaming death. To drive along a Vermont country road in this season is to be dazzled by the shower of lemon and scarlet and gold that washes across your windshield."

It was completely unexpected, even groundbreaking. And completely Kuralt.

"He was the first on television to make pieces sing, and tell stories in that kind of effortless, charming, poetic, graceful way," Stringer recalled.

While his brethren invaded Vietnam, investigated Watergate and analyzed the Cold War, Kuralt followed his own leisurely path to find real Americans with uniquely American stories.

Along the way, he collected 12 television Emmy awards, three Peabody awards and numerous other journalistic honors.

From his earliest days in journalism, Kuralt saw things that others missed. Richard Cole, dean of the journalism school at Kuralt's alma mater, remembered when Kuralt — fresh out of the University of North Carolina — was sent to cover a parade.

"This kid was looking at the parade through the legs of the people in front of him," Cole said. "So Charles got down on his knees and wrote a story about how the parade appeared to that young kid."

As he spoke with the lumberjacks, whittlers and farmers he met along his way, Kuralt chatted the same way you would talk over a backyard fence, uncovering stories reporters on the airplanes and superhighways sped past.

He found a butcher who could hold 30 eggs in one hand, a swimming pig in a water-ballet show, a light bulb that had stayed lit in a firehouse since 1901. He did pieces on a school for unicyclists, gas station poets, horsetraders and a 104-year-old entertainer who performed in nursing homes.

Bottle message gets answered

OSLO, Norway (AP) — Thirty years is a long time to wait for a reply to a letter, but Jytte Laursen isn't complaining.

For one thing, she didn't know who she was writing to. For another, she didn't use the fastest method — she put it in a bottle and threw it into the ocean off Denmark, when she was 13 years old and her last name was Ebbessen.

The bottle drifted at least 870 miles to Andoya, a Norwegian island 185 miles north of the Arctic Circle.

"The letter was completely dry, and was written in pencil," said Henry Karoliussen, who found the bottle on the beach two weeks ago and responded.

In the intervening three decades, the girl had grown up, married, changed her name and moved to another town, but the Danish postal service tracked her down.

Parents of boy who committed suicide to sue

PORT ARTHUR (AP) — Lamar University officials harassed a high school student until he committed suicide in a dorm room, according to a motion filed by the teen-ager's parents.

Gabriel Kelly's parents, Mark and Carol, were granted a temporary restraining order preventing Lamar from destroying, altering or censoring any records dealing with their son.

State District Judge James Mehaffy set a hearing on the order for 1:30 p.m. on July 11.

Lamar University officials declined to comment, but said they would abide by the order.

Kelly, 17, was found hanging by a lamp cord on April 30 in Brooks-Shivers Hall on the university's Beaumont campus. He was a student at the Texas Academy for Leadership in the Humanities, a program offered by the university for gifted and talented high school students.

"From an intellectual standpoint, Gabe was far superior to others his age, but he was still an emotionally developing teen-ager," said his parents in the motion filed Wednesday.

They contend that, in the months before his death, Kelly was exposed to psychological abuse and torment by supervisors hired by the university for the academy.

Kelly's parents believe the harassment stems from a World Wide Web site that their son was creating that was critical of the school.

"The abuse tactics included violating university policy regarding disciplinary actions in an effort to mentally degrade the boy," according to court documents.

Buffalo herd finds new place for them to roam

AUSTIN (AP) — A herd of 40 to 50 bison, whose lineage dates back more than a 100 years, will be moved to Caprock Canyons State Park.

And the state is picking up the $100,000 tab for the move, officials said.

The announcement comes after a year long search for a home for the bison, which has roamed the JA Ranch in the Texas Panhandle since the 1870s.

Ranch manager Jay O'Brien signed an agreement last March to donate the herd to the state, after they began wrecking fences and causing other problems.

The herd, which consists of 98 percent purebred bison, was started by pioneer cattleman Charles Goodnight in 1876 on JA Ranch, about 20 miles northwest of Caprock Canyons.

"The JA Bison Herd is a very important part of the heritage of the Texas Panhandle," said Ron George, deputy director of wildlife with Texas Parks & Wildlife Department and Texas Bison Herd project coordinator.

George said the land that makes up Caprock Canyons State Park was part of the original JA ranch, making the move even more significant. The bison will be moved to the park by February 1998.

West Texas A&M University had petitioned to keep the bison, its official mascot, in the Panhandle.

The school bought its first mascot from legendary cattleman Goodnight.

Historical estimates suggest that the bison herds numbered between 40 to 60 million at one point, but dwindled to about 500 because of buffalo hunters.

The herd is considered the purest-blooded bison left in North America, according to TPWD officials. They hope to bring the herd closer to genetic purity by selective breeding and culling.

"We are very excited about the opportunity to serve as stewards of the official Texas Bison Herd," said Andrew Sansom, executive director for the TPWD. "Caprock Canyons State Park offers the same habitat these animals have been accustomed to and is the best available site for the bison herd at the present."

Sansom said as the size of the herd increases an even larger site might be needed.

The seretary general is the chief administrator of the United Nations. He may bring to the attention of the Security Council any matter that threatens international peace, and he reports to the General Assembly. Javier Perez de Cuellar of Peru is the present secretary general, having been elected for a five-year term that began Jan. 1, 1982.

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Property can be inspected at the school during business hours the week of July 7 thru 11, 1997.
The bulk of this property is window unit evaporative coolers.
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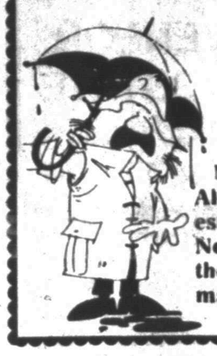

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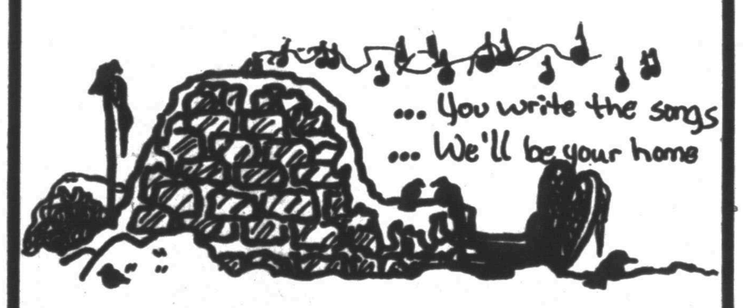

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Corporate welfare targeted

WASHINGTON (AP) — It's only fair: the poor may lose benefits under the new welfare law, so the rich should be removed from the federal dole as well.

That's the premise behind legislation in Congress that would target corporate welfare programs for extinction.

In the House, Rep. John Kasich, R-Ohio, Budget Committee chairman and one of the architects of the balanced budget deal, is leading an odd coalition of fiscal conservatives, environmentalists and citizens' groups in pushing a bill that in one swoop would kill 12 federal subsidy programs.

Taking a different approach, a Senate committee has approved a proposal by Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., to set up an independent commission, modeled after the military base closing commissions, to recommend corporate welfare programs for reform or termination.

"We're going to raise some Cain about this," Kasich said in a recent Fox "News Sunday" interview. He said the time had come to see whether lawmakers from both parties "are really willing to put their money where their mouth is in terms of getting rid of corporate welfare."

First they must decide what corporate welfare is.

Most define it as a program that benefits a private enterprise more than it does the general public whose taxes are used to underwrite it. But that can be a fine line to draw, particularly when it involves the special interests of lawmakers. The problem, said House Appropriations Committee Chairman Bob Livingston, R-La., is that "the nomenclature of corporate welfare is a broad and inflammatory term that reaches across good programs and bad programs."

Livingston's home state of Louisiana has a large shipbuilding industry that has benefited from federal help and "for reasons of national security I would not be inclined to cut back on programs that encourage ship building."

The CBO has estimated direct federal support for business at $30 billion a year. The Cato Institute, a private think tank that promotes a smaller federal government, has identified programs that subsidize industry at $85 billion a year. Big business is also said to benefit from some $30 billion a year in tax loopholes.

Kasich's package of 12 would eliminate $11.5 billion in spending over five years. "It's only a bare beginning," said Gene Guerrero of Ralph Nader's Public Citizen, one of the nine groups in the anti-corporate welfare coalition formed last January.

The welfare law passed last year and signed into law by President Clinton will save the government $54 billion through 2002, and Congress should extract at least that much from corporate benefactors, said Scott Hodge of the conservative Heritage Foundation. "Congress should do no less with the corporate community: they should be ashamed of themselves if they don't."

Even the program that's at the top of nearly everyone's kill list, the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, is expected to put up a strong fight for survival.

Critiques argue that OPIC, an independent federal agency that offers project financing and political risk insurance to American businesses investing in developing countries, is a boon to large corporations and a potential burden to taxpayers. "The taxpayers are guaranteeing these companies and if they take a risk and lose, they get their money back," said Jim Campi of Citizens Against Government Waste.

Mildred Callear, acting president of OPIC, said her agency is self-sustaining, operating on premiums and fees with no net cost to taxpayers, and as such shouldn't qualify as a corporate welfare candidate.

OPIC earned $209 million last year, she said. "It's quite a deal for the taxpayers, so I really don't see how corporate welfare, whatever that means, gets involved." Callear said OPIC, which must compete against far larger investment aid programs run by European and Japanese governments, has the strong support of the administration.

Tim Galvin of the Agriculture Department's Foreign Agricultural Service said the administration will also defend the market access program, another on the list of 12. The program, aimed at helping food product groups promote their goods overseas, has been criticized for subsidizing advertising for such giants as Sunkist and Ocean Spray Cranberries.

Galvin said the program has already reformed itself, trimming its budget from $200 million a few years ago to $90 million and phasing out, by next year, all funding for advertising by large brand-name companies.

Others on the hit list — roads for logging on public lands, International Monetary Fund development loans, highway projects or the Clean Coal Technology Program — have their powerful backers who will resist termination attempts.

That's why McCain decided to go a different route, the idea of a commission that would absolve Congress of the responsibility of picking programs to kill. "I do not generally like the idea of commissions," McCain said in introducing his proposal.

"Unfortunately, however, members of Congress have demonstrated time and again their unwillingness to cut programs that serve their own interests," he said.

Clinton traveling to Spain to make case for NATO

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton is bringing a bit of home with him to the NATO summit in Madrid: a contingent of lawmakers he hopes will help him make his case in Congress for enlarging the military alliance.

The president's first meeting was to be with two bipartisan congressional delegations with front-row seats at the historic conference. He arrived Saturday for a weekend visit to the Spanish island of Mallorca before going to Madrid on Monday.

"They felt it's important to be there as some of these key decisions are being made," said Jeremy Roster, special adviser to Clinton and Secretary of State Madeleine Albright on NATO expansion. "And we agree.

"It's not political, not partisan, not posturing. It's working through some very complicated and substantial questions about the future of NATO."

The Senate NATO Observer Group, already known by its acronym SNOG, was created in April by Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., to shepherd expansion through the Senate, which votes on the matter next spring.

But the 28-member group also includes naysayers, such as Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas. They are not sure it is wise to admit newly democratic — and in many ways still struggling — Eastern and Central European countries.

At the urging of Clinton, Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic are expected to be admitted to the 16-member NATO alliance. Although some NATO members favor adding more nations, Clinton wants to hold the line at three for the time being.

Even those nations in favor of expansion want to hold down costs and assure that the United States and NATO can meet future commitments. American taxpayers could pay anywhere from $150 million to $1.2 billion annually for the next 13 to 15 years to expand the alliance. U.S. troops would be obligated to defend new members just as they have the old.

"There are many issues the Senate will examine ... how costs will be shared by current and future NATO members, the relationship with Russia, reassurance to those not invited at Madrid," Lott said ahead of the summit. "Our trip is a beginning to that examination."

Lott, making his first tour of the continent as Senate majority leader, met in Brussels this past week with NATO Secretary General Javier Solana and the 16 ambassadors to the alliance.

The Senate leader will not be in Madrid for the NATO summit on Tuesday and Wednesday. Instead, he is sending his NATO observer group, chaired by Sen. William Roth, R-Del., which meets with Clinton on Monday afternoon.

Sen. Joseph Biden, D-Del., the ranking Democrat on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, is vice chairman of the observer group. Sens. Bob Smith, R-N.H., and Barbara Mikulski, D-Md., also are in the delegation.

Leading the House delegation is Rep. Benjamin Gilman, R-N.Y., chairman of the House International Relations Committee. Other members include Reps. Gerald Solomon, R-N.Y., Sam Gejdenson, D-Conn., and Norman Sisisky, D-Va.

An unabashed NATO expansion advocate, Gilman wrote the 1994 law declaring U.S. support for enlarging the alliance and identifying criteria for new membership: civilian control of the military, police and intelligence agencies; and economic and political reforms.

"This is a major benchmark and members of Congress wanted to be there to see it," Gilman spokesman Jerry Lipson said.

Roth, who this year is president of the North Atlantic assembly, the alliance's parliamentary arm, will work with other NATO representatives to write rules for joining. The full North Atlantic Council, which Roth addresses on Tuesday, has a ministerial meeting in December to approve the rules for new members.

From there, parliamentary bodies — including the Senate — must amend the 1949 Washington treaty that set up NATO to allow members to join in 1999.

2 Family members killed in I-20 wreck

TERRELL (AP) — Two family members were killed and a third was injured Friday when their car swerved across two lanes of traffic on Interstate 20, slammed into an overpass support column and overturned, police said.

The driver, 42-year-old Malvin R. Chandler of Dallas, apparently fell asleep at the wheel, Terrell police officer Scott Kepner said. He was killed in the one-car accident around 6 a.m. along with his mother-in-law, Pinkie M. Wright, 79.

Chandler's wife, 45-year-old Helen Chandler, was taken by helicopter to Methodist Medical Center in Dallas, Kepner said.

Mrs. Chandler was in the intensive care unit with a cracked bone in her neck, her daughter, Charlotte Wright, said.

Ms. Wright said the trio was returning from a trip to Louisiana.

Mrs. Chandler, who was conscious after the wreck, was the only one thrown from the car, Kepner said. None of the three appeared to have been wearing seat belts, he said.

The accident occurred about 30 miles southeast of Dallas. Interstate 20 was briefly closed to westbound traffic.

Ms. Wright said her mother, a homemaker, and stepfather, who worked in a warehouse, had been married for four years. Mrs. Chandler has two daughters and he had one daughter and two sons, all in their 20s, Ms. Wright said.

The accident was the deadliest of the early Independence Day holiday period, the Texas Department of Public Safety reported Friday.

In another wreck, Scott Joseph McDonald of Magnolia was killed when his vehicle spun out of control and hit a tree at Farm-to-Market Road 1488 and FM 2978.

Eight traffic fatalities had been reported from Texas highways since the 6 p.m. Thursday beginning of the Independence Day holiday reporting period, DPS spokeswoman Laureen Chernow said Friday. The agency estimated that at least 36 people would die on Texas highways by midnight Sunday.

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Thank You

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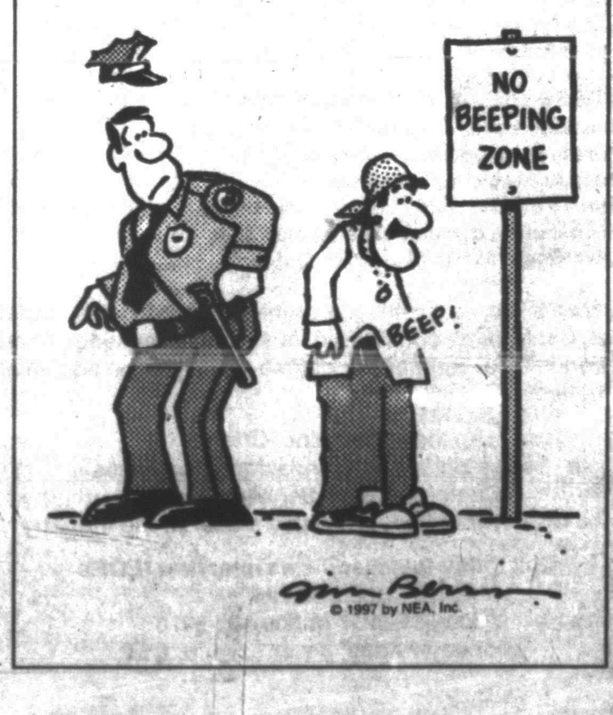

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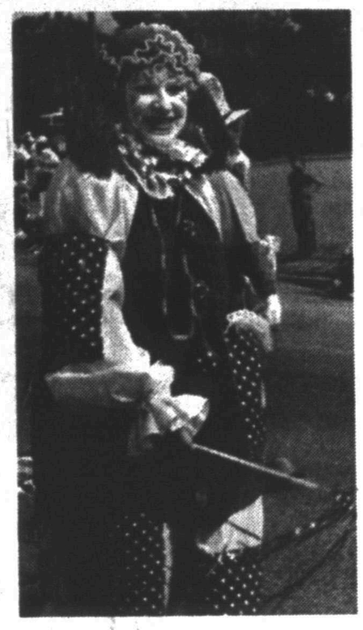

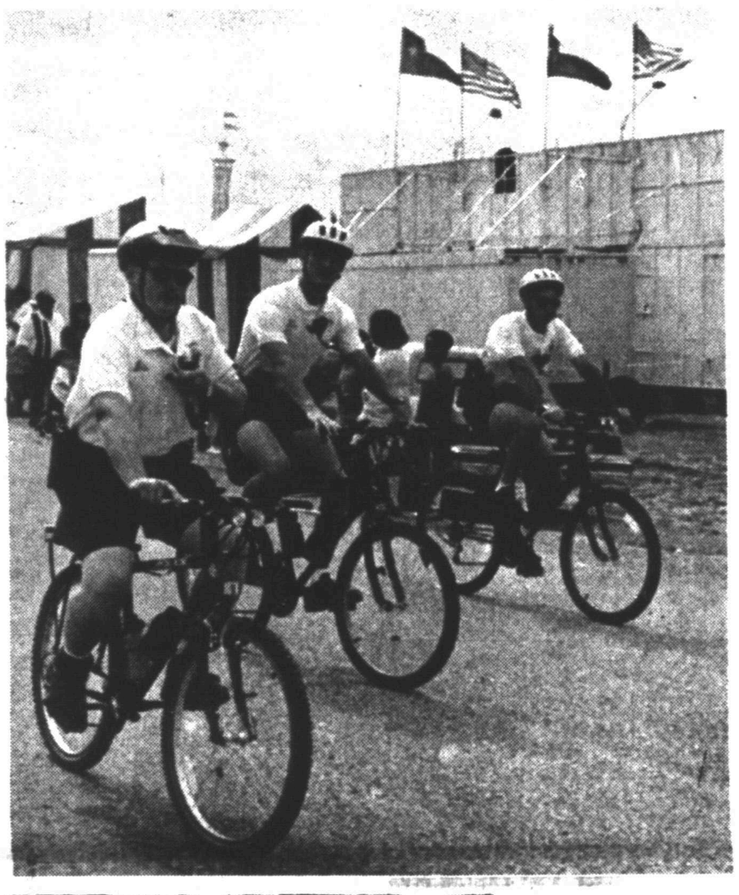

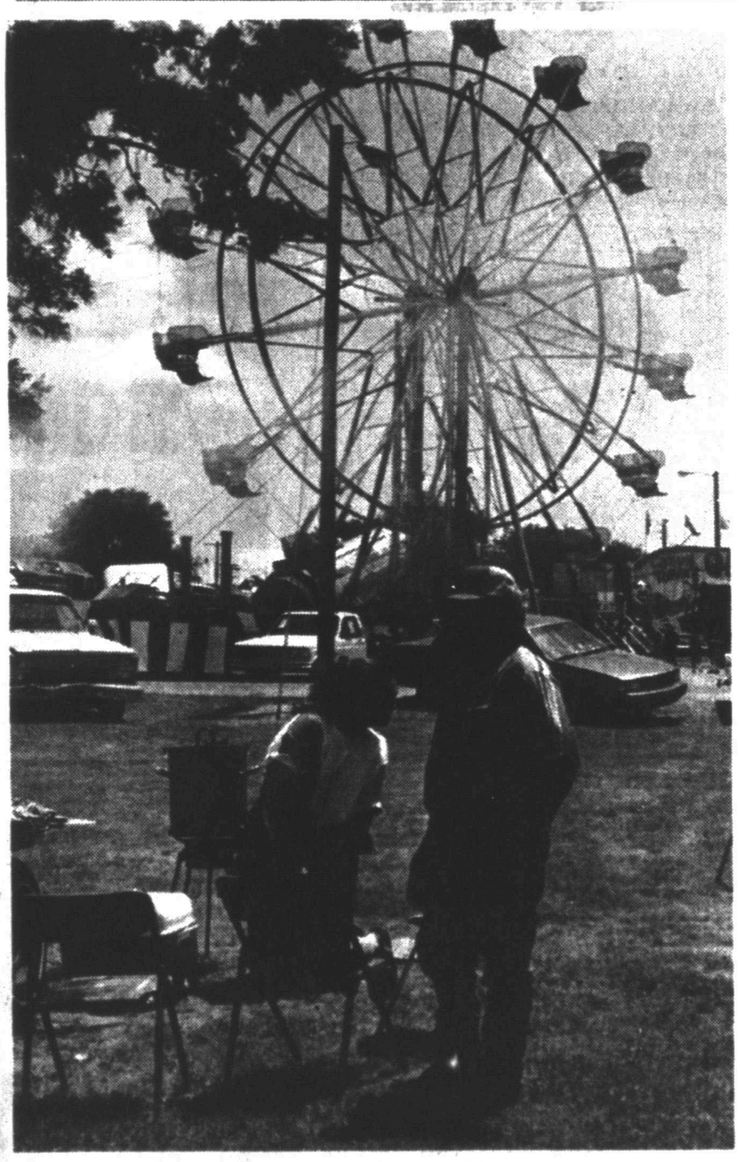

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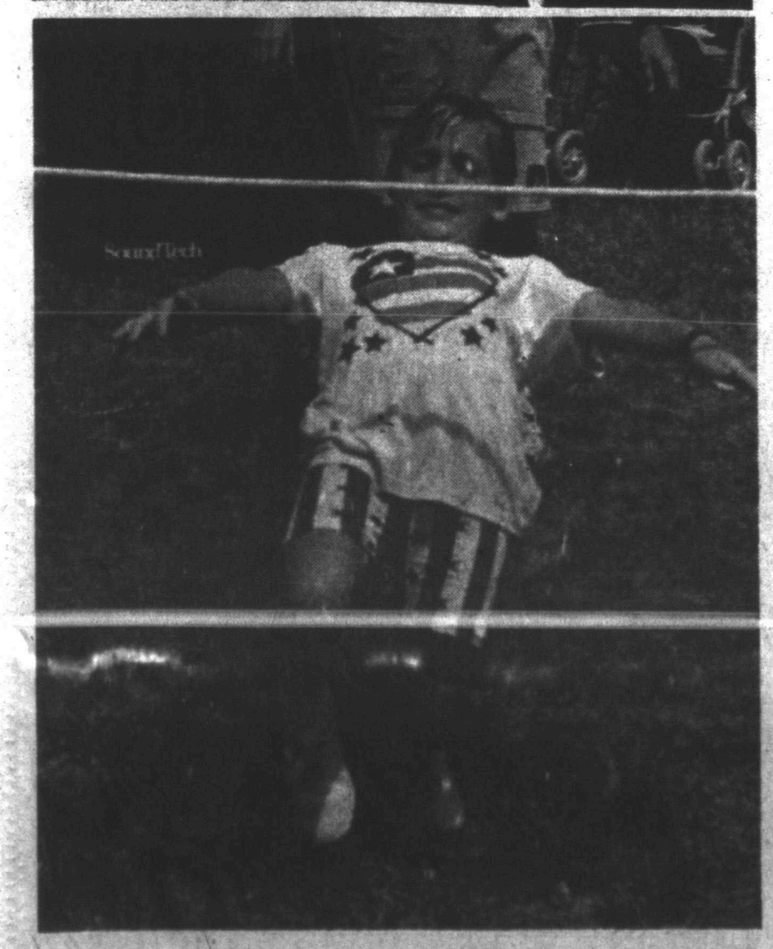

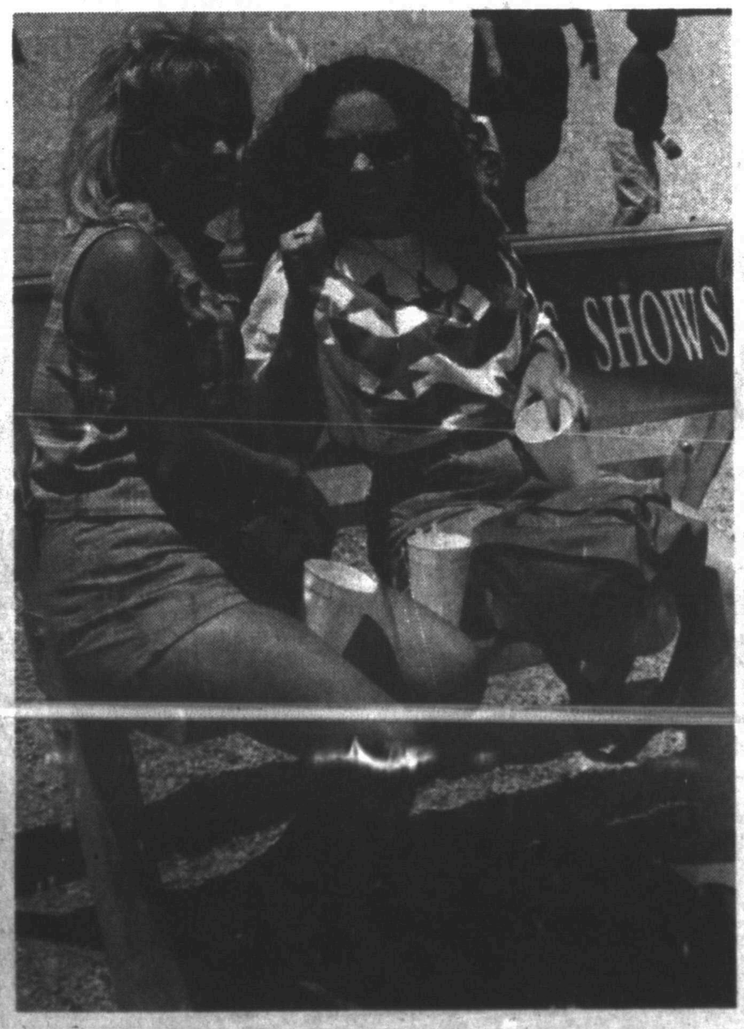

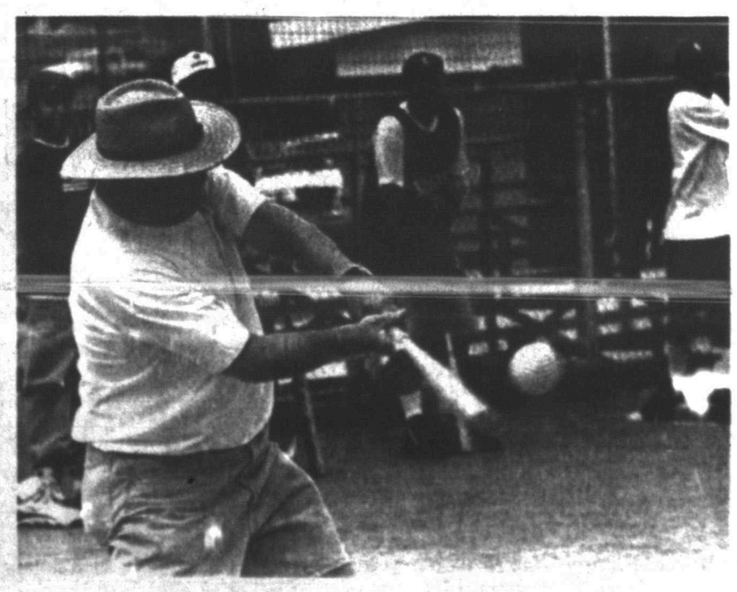

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Get first images from Mars

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — After happily receiving the first images sent from Mars in two decades, NASA scientists scrambled Saturday to fix a problem with the pride and joy of the Pathfinder spacecraft: its little rover.

The communications problem between Pathfinder and the six-wheeled Sojourner emerged late Friday, hours after a flawless and dramatic landing on the cold surface of the red planet after a seven-month journey of 309 million miles.

If the problem isn't fixed, engineers may not be able to drive Sojourner around the Martian surface via remote control, rover manager Jacob Matijevic said. NASA has hoped that the rover will record chemical information about rocks and soil on Mars, the first step in its search for signs of ancient life on the planet.

Pathfinder, the first U.S. spacecraft on Mars in 21 years, has already sent to Earth strikingly clear pictures of a rust-colored, boulder-strewn plain. The images captured the nation's attention on television broadcasts and on NASA's Web sites, which recorded almost 100 million hits.

The highly anticipated journey of the rover had been delayed anyway. One of the airbags that cushioned Pathfinder's free-fall didn't retract properly, blocking the rover's pioneering roll to Martian soil.

"The great galactic ghoul had to get us somewhere and apparently the ghoul has decided to pick on the rover," said Donna Shirley, the Mars exploration program manager at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory and head of the team that created the rover.

Engineers managed to clear at least one of two routes for Sojourner to reach the surface and its treasure trove of rocks. But commands sent to deploy one of two ramps and unlatch the rover were not confirmed before transmissions ceased for the night.

At the earliest, the rover wouldn't get moving before this evening.

"We're in absolutely no hurry," said deputy project manager Brian Muirhead. "We want to be sure this particular operation is absolutely successful."

Most of the images were breathtakingly clear — and many were in color. The dry, dusty surface looked familiar as a Southwest desert, but disturbingly alien for its lack of cactus, brush or blossom.

The image of the Pathfinder as an alien invader on a lifeless planet wasn't lost on President Clinton. He recalled that a year ago, his terrestrial capital was being invaded in the movie "Independence Day."

"Last July Fourth they were coming to us. This year we went to them," Clinton said.

The day proved to be a paradise for project scientist Matthew Golombek.

"There could not be a happier scientist," he said after watching images showing reddish expanses of Ares Vallis, an ancient flood plain selected as the target site because it contains rocks believed to have been washed down from the Martian highlands.

With vast mountains in the distance and rocks in the foreground, Pathfinder landed "in a spectacular place indeed," Golombek said.

Golombek said he was most intrigued by deep, dark rocks in the color shots and by the incredible relief on the horizon compared to what the 1976 Viking landings found.

He also said the atmosphere turned out to be dustier than expected, creating a salmon-colored sky. Rating the spacecraft's performance for the day, Muirhead said.

John Dulaney

1953-1997

John Dulaney, the son of Gene and Mary Dulaney, died Friday, July 4, near Cartersville, Ga.

Graveside service for Mr. Dulaney, 43, is set for 10 a.m. Monday in Hillside Memorial Gardens. The Rev. Miller Robinson, retired minister, will officiate. Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Born Aug. 15, 1953 in Mitchell County, Mr. Dulaney lived in Decatur, Ga. and was employed by Plants Forever.

Survivors include his parents, Gene and Mary Dulaney of Snyder; and a sister, Mary Jean "Gingy" Stockton of Fort Worth.

Would exchange $30 million for firm safety plan

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — A Victoria man says he'll give up $30 million in punitive damages if an oil company will devise a safety plan so no one else will experience what happened to him.

John Caballero, who was injured in an oil well blowout near Beeville, made the offer after a jury ruled in his favor Thursday in litigation he filed against Esenjay Petroleum Co. of Corpus Christi.

The court would have to give its approval.

"What I expected to gain (from the lawsuit) was to have a safety policy or safety procedures so that no one else have to endure the pain, suffering and disfigurement I have gone through," Caballero said. "I wouldn't wish this on anyone in the world."

In addition to the $30 million in punitive damages, the jury awarded $12.8 million in actual damages to Caballero, who suffered multiple injuries when the well blew out Oct. 27, 1995.

Esenjay officials declined to comment, and defense attorney Charles Watson of Houston could not be reached.

Rene Haas, who represented Caballero, said the company agreed to start negotiations on the safety plan after the verdict was issued.

Two other defendants, Dirks Engineering and Fish Oil Well Service, settled with Caballero for $2 million each before the first verdict was rendered.

"This is the way the system really should work," Ms. Haas said of her client's offer to release Esenjay from $30 million in punitive damages in exchange for a safety plan.

"The purpose of punitive damages is to protect the public, and in this instance the public will be protected if they take us up on this offer and institute a safety program," Ms. Haas said.

Caballero was literally scalped by the blast when fluids and gas under extremely high pressure blew him 30 feet into a stand of pipe.

Caballero also suffered brain damage, vision and hearing loss, broken vertebrae in his neck and back, a crushed foot and ankle, and a dislocated hip, Ms. Haas said.

Caballero, a triathlete who was planning to compete in an international "Ironman" competition in Hawaii at the time of the accident, will suffer physical problems for the rest of his life,, Ms. Haas said.

"It's kind of hard," he said. "I was a very competitive triathlete, and I can't bicycle any more, I can't run. All I can do is swim, basically."

What's Up?

SHS Class of 1977

Snyder High School Class of 1977 will hold its 20th year reunion Saturday. Activities will include a dance from 8 p.m. to midnight at Snyder Country Club. The dance will be open to the public at 10 p.m. Cost will be $5 per person. For more information, call Donna Wall Billingsley at 574-8374 or Sheila Tate Collier at 573-0882.

Grand jury meets Monday

The Scurry County grand jury will consider 13 cases when it convenes at 9 a.m. Monday in 132nd District Court.

Bible study series

Bible study video tapes are airing on TCA Cable Channel 2. They are followed by a series of tapes titled "Archaeology and the Bible." The next tape, "A New Beginning," will air at 7 p.m. Monday, followed by "The Dead Sea Scrolls."

Extended clinic hours

Scurry County Health Unit/WIC will offer extended clinic hours on Tuesday. Hours will be from 8:30-11 a.m. and 2-7 p.m. for immunications. Also offered will be a free breastfeeding class for all women interested, It will begin at 6 p.m. and last about an hour. For information call 573-3508. There will be no clinic on Thursday.

Tiger Moms slate meeting

Tiger Moms will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at 4513 Fredonia.

Chevron-SACROC anniversary

Past and present Chevron employees are invited to celebrate the five-year Chevron-SACROC anniversary July 18-19 at the Wagon Wheel Ranch. RSVP no later than July 11 by calling Terry Martin at 573-6660 or Susan Kiker at 573-3951. Cost is $20 per person or $10 for kids 10 and under.

Canyon Community reunion

Anyone who has lived or is now living in the Canyon Community and would be interested in having a community reunion is invited to a meet at Snyder National Bank at 7 p.m. July 15. Officers will be elected. For more information, call Dayton McCarter, acting president, at 573-3093.

Class of '87 reunion

Registration forms are being sent out for the SHS 1987 Class Reunion to be held Aug. 2. Anyone not receiving a registration form by mail should call Robyn Fambro Wilson at 915 368-4583. RSVPs due July 1.

Snyder Bowhunters raffle

Snyder Bowhunters are holding a raffle for a new 4-wheel drive Honda four-wheeler to be given away Aug. 3. Tickets are $10 each. To purchase tickets, contact Steve Hand at (915) 556-3313 or 573-0257; Dale Putnam at (915) 634-9589 or 572-2420; or Woody Wooddell at 573-8566.

G-20 to help museum

G-20 Club members are painting street numbers on curbs. Donations will be given to the Scurry County Museum. If you are not contacted and wish to have the painting done, call 573-6107 from 8-5 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery:
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Independence Day weekend starts busy for law officers

Local law enforcement officers had a busy start to the Independence Day weekend, making 13 arrests.

Four people were taken into custody Thursday, including one on felony charges. Friday was much busier for peace officers as nine people were arrested, eight on alcohol-related charges.

Officers arrested James Michael Bishop, 23, of 401 20th St., at 5 p.m. Thursday at the adult probation office on a felony revocation of probation warrant.

Other arrests Thursday included a 33-year-old female who was taken into custody at 9:24 a.m. in the 1100 block of 30th Street on a city warrant for allowing an unrestrained child in a vehicle and failure to appear.

At 11:57 a.m. Thursday, officers arrested a 24-year-old female in the 900 block of 30th Street on a city warrant for allowing a dog to run at large.

Officers arrested a 25-year-old male at 10:54 p.m. Thursday in the 4200 block of Austin for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

The first arrest Friday was at 1:33 p.m. as a 19-year-old female was taken into custody at the Eastridge Apartments on a city warrant for minor in possession and failure to appear.

A 19-year-old male was arrested at 4:36 p.m. Thursday on city warrants for failure to wear a seat belt and failure to appear.

Officers arrested two people at the carnival midway at 7:46 p.m. Friday after being notified by the carnival personnel that they were causing a disturbance. Taken into custody were a 37-year-old male and a 17-year-old male. Both were charged with public intoxication.

Officers arrested a 67-year-old male at 8:16 p.m. Friday in the 1300 block of 23rd Street for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated. A passenger in the vehicle, a 38-year-old male, was jailed for public intoxication.

At 10:46 p.m. Friday, officers arrested a 41-year-old male in the 200 block of Hickory for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

Officers arrested two people at Towle Park shortly after 11 p.m. Friday for public intoxication. Taken into custody were a 37-year-old male and a 46-year-old male.

In other activity Thursday, Trisha Rosas requested to speak to an officer at 7:32 a.m. in reference to someone writing on her vehicle while it was parked at Cogdell Hospital. An offense report for Class B criminal mischief was submitted.

Cory Lee requested to speak to an officer at the Town & Country store at 10:42 a.m. in reference to credit card abuse. An offense report for felony credit card abuse was submitted.

An offense report for Class A theft was submitted at 3:47 p.m. Thursday in reference to Charlotte Towery reporting a theft from her residence in the 4100 block of Eastridge.

Deputies filed an offense report for Class C assault at 4:15 p.m. Thursday.

Hadley Lewis requested to speak to an officer at 4:58 p.m. Thursday in reference to someone stealing parts from a car in the 1300 block of Avenue O.

The fire department responded to a grass fire in the median of Highway 84 at 5 p.m. Thursday.

An offense report for Class C assault/family violence was submitted at 5:35 p.m. Thursday.

A report of a prowler was made at 10:55 p.m. Thursday in the 500 block of 27th Street and at 1:22 a.m. Friday in the 200 block of 36th Place.

An officer was requested at 2:08 a.m. Friday at Cogdell Hospital in reference to three juveniles running though the hospital.

At 4:18 a.m. Friday, officers advised a sign at the corner of College Avenue and Highway 350 had been spray-painted. An offense report for criminal mischief was filed at 9:27 a.m. by Ruth Shaw.

Ben Boyd requested to speak to an officer at 2:46 p.m. Friday in the 4500 block of Galveston in reference to criminal mischief to his vehicle.

Officers were called to Expert Hair Design at 4:41 p.m. Friday in reference to criminal mischief to the building.

A report of a gas drive-off was made at 2:29 a.m. Saturday in reference to a person not paying for $10.01 in gas at Allsup's.

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SHS's Casey Doyle attends Texas Boys State

By Shirley A. Gorman
News Editor

Casey Doyle recently spent a week at Boys State immersing himself in all aspects of government, from city and county to state levels.

From May 31-June 6, Casey and more than 900 other juniors throughout the state lived at the University of Texas at Austin.

Casey and the others stayed at Jester Dormitory, UT's largest dorm, which has a capacity of 3,000.

The gathering, sponsored annually by the American Legion, was one of the largest, Casey said.

During the session, Casey said, they all wore identification bracelets and name tags.

Among the first activities were preliminaries, speeches, county and precinct meetings.

Casey was assigned to the Federalist Party and lived in the city of McCraw in Love County.

City office elections were held the first night. Casey was named the chief of police for his city, and it was his duty to see to it that everyone in his city went to bed and got up on time.

Before the elections, everyone filled out forms for the office they wanted and had to acquire a different number of signatures, depending on what office was sought.

Casey also ran for and won the office of sheriff of Love County. Seeking office occupied a lot of time at Boys State. Elections were held Wednesday night and the results were announced late Thursday.

Boys State participants also visited the offices of State Senator Tom Haywood and State Representative David Counts. On the last day they visited the state capitol.

The Boys State House of Representatives and Senate held a joint session there and passed several laws, including legalizing some forms of gambling and earmarking 10 percent of the profits for education. They also lowered the drinking age to 18 and prohibited the desecration of the flag.

Gov. George W. Bush was one of several speakers who spoke during Boys State.

ATTENDS BOYS STATE — Casey Doyle attended Boys State May 31-June 6. He is shown with the T-shirts and group photos he received while there. Casey will be a senior at Snyder High School. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

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Scurry County Folks

by Shirley A. Gorman

While at Boys State, Casey said he learned "about government in greater detail" than ever before. He said he learned an "incredible amount about local politics, from the precinct, county and higher levels of government."

Running for office might be something he would consider in the future.

He also made a lot of new friends, mainly from East Texas and the Gulf Coast.

Casey said he is grateful to the American Legion, which sponsored his trip.

He will be a senior at Snyder High School and president of the National Honor Society. He is active in Future Farmers of America, powerlifts and plays football.

After graduation, Casey said he will attend Texas Tech University. He is considering a career in the engineering field.

This summer, Casey is working on the Jim Bob Cave Ranch.

He is the son of Tommy and Nancy Doyle.

Boys State was founded, and its course of instruction designed, to supplement the information taught in high school civic classes.

Boys State developed from two concepts:

•To offer youth a better perspective of the practical operation of government.

•The individual is an integral part and commensurately responsible for the character and success of government.

Boy State objectives are:

•To develop civic leadership and pride in America.

•To develop a keen interest in the detailed student of government.

•To develop in the young citizens of Boys State a full understanding of American traditions and beliefs in the United States of America.

•To develop in the young citizens a determination to maintain the American form of government.

The final two objectives come from the Preamble to the Constitution of the American Legion:

•To inoculate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation..."

•To safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy..."

Best Friend's Wedding...

Julia Roberts is not 'food critic'

FORT WORTH — Julia Roberts plays a food critic in "My Best Friend's Wedding." But any food writer worth her salt knows it's a complete fabrication. Here, then are the 10 ways you can tell Julia Roberts is not a food critic:

10. A food critic would never suggest ordering from room service. Always lukewarm, always overpriced.

9. A food critic would have blown off the dorky sportswriter and concentrated on getting that dishy George to play on the other team.

8. Most food critics look like they've got a few good meals under their belts. Julia Roberts looks like she hasn't had a good meal in weeks.

7. A real food critic could never afford a Jose Eber haircut.

6. If Julia Roberts is Jell-O, most food critics are chopped liver.

5. Food critics do not announce their appearance at restaurants, contrary to the movie's first scene.

4. What kind of expense account does this woman have? The Star-Telegram food critic has never been put up in a hotel with a mini-bar, much less been able to raid it for a nighttime pity party.

3. The Barry the Cuda's theme restaurant for the rehearsal dinner? No food critic would have been caught dead there.

2. Midriff revealing sweaters? Darlin' — not in at least 15 years.

1. A real food critic would never let Lyle Lovett slip through her fingers.

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Recorded music top sellers of the week

Weekly charts for the nation's best-selling recorded music as they appear in next week's issue of Billboard magazine. Reprinted with permission. (Platinum signifies more than 1 million copies sold; Gold signifies more than 500,000 copies sold.):

TOP SINGLES

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1."I'll Be Missing You," Puff Daddy & Faith Evans (Bad Boy)
2."B----" (expletive deleted), Meredith Brooks (Capitol)
3."MMMBop," Hanson (Mercury) (Platinum)
4."Return of the Mack," Mark Morrison (Atlantic) (Platinum)
5."Look Into My Eyes," Bone Thugs-N-Harmony (Ruthless)
6."I Belong to You (Every Time I See Your Face)," Rome (RCA) (Platinum)
7."Say You'll Be There," Spice Girls (Virgin)
8."Sunny Came Home," Shawn Colvin (Columbia)
9."Do You Know (What It Takes)," Robyn (RCA)
10."Quit Playing Games (With My Heart)," Backstreet Boys (Jive)

TOP ALBUMS

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1."Spice," Spice Girls (Virgin) (Platinum)
2."Middle of Nowhere," Hanson (Mercury)
3."Everywhere," Tim McGraw (Curb)
4."Generation Swine," Motley Crue (Elektra)
5."'Batman & Robin' Soundtrack," various artists (Warner Sunset)
6."Butterfly Kisses (Shades of Grace)," Bob Carlisle (Jive) (Platinum)
7."God's Property," God's Property from Kirk Franklin's Nu Nation (B-Rite-Interscope)
8."Wu-Tang Forever," Wu-
9."Bringing Down the Horse," The Wallflowers (Interscope) (Platinum)
10."Pieces of You," Jewel (Atlantic) (Platinum)

COUNTRY SINGLES

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1."It's Your Love," Tim McGraw with Faith Hill (Curb)
2."Carrying Your Love With Me," George Strait (MCA)
3."Loved Too Much," Ty Herndon (Epic)
4."I'd Rather Ride Around With You," Reba McEntire (MCA)
5."Count Me In," Deana Carter (Capitol Nashville)
6."Places I've Never Been," Mark Wills (Mercury-Nashville)
7."I Left Something Turned On At Home," Trace Adkins (Capitol Nashville)
8."All the Good Ones Are Gone," Pam Tillis (Arista)
9."Let It Rain," Mark Chesnutt (Decca)
10."Whatever Comes First," Sons of the Desert (Epic)

ADULT CONTEMPORARY SINGLES

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1."Here In My Heart," Chicago (Reprise)
2."Butterfly Kisses," Bob Carlisle (Diadem)
3."You Were Meant For Me," Jewel (Atlantic)
4."Sunny Came Home," Shawn Colvin (Columbia)
5."Go the Distance," Michael Bolton (Columbia)
6."I Don't Want To," Toni Braxton (Laface)
7."Little More Time With You," James Taylor (Columbia)
8."For the First Time," Kenny Loggins (Columbia-Album Cut)
9."Alone," Bee Gees (PolyDor)
10."Do You Love Me That Much," Peter Cetera (River North)

R&B SINGLES

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1."I'll Be Missing You," Puff Daddy & Faith Evans (Bad Boy)
2."G.H.E.T.T.O.U.T.," Changing Faces (Big Beat-Atlantic) (Gold)
3."I Belong to You (Every Time I See Your Face)," Rome (RCA) (Platinum)
4."Smile," Scarface featuring 2Pac & Johnny P (Rap-A-Lot-Noo Trybe-Virgin)
5."Not Tonight," Little Kim, DaBrat, Missy Elliott and Angie Martinez (Big Beat Records)
6."5 Miles to Empty," Brownstone (MJJ)
7."You Bring Me Up," K-Ci & Jojo (MCA)
8."Look Into My Eyes," Bone Thugs-N-Harmony (Ruthless)
9."Cupid," 112 (Bad Boy-Arista) (Gold)
10."In My Bed," Dru Hill (Island) (Platinum)

MODERN ROCK TRACKS

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(While the other charts are based on retail sales, this list is compiled from radio station airplay reports.)

1."Semi-Charmed Life," Third Eye Blind (Elektra-EEG)
2."The Impression That I Get," The Mighty Mighty Bosstones (Big Rig-Mercury)
3."Push," Matchbox 20 (Lava-Atlantic)
4."If You Could Only See," Tonic (Polydor-A&M)
5."The Difference," The Wallflowers (Interscope)
6."The End Is The Beginning Is The End," The Smashing Pumpkins (Warner Bros.)
7."Turn My Head," Live (Radioactive)
8."Song 2," Blur (Food-Parlophone-Virgin)

Double-ring vows promised...

Nuptials held for couple

Keri Ann Amedeo of Albuquerque, N.M., and Johnny Clint Bishop of Grassland were united in marriage in a double-ring ceremony at 6 p.m. on April 19 in the Grassland Church of the Nazarene. Edwin Porter of Mangum, Okla., officiated.

Carol Amedeo of Albuquerque and Jerry Amedeo of New Jersey are the bride's parents, and Keith and Joyce Bell of Grassland are parents of the groom.

Colors of black and white decorated the church wedding area. White silk roses marked the pews. The family pews were marked with white silk roses. The altar area was graced with the unity candle and country baskets of white flowers, greenery and daisies, all accented with ivy and ribbons.

The mothers were seated and the lighting of the unity candle were to CD music. The couple's mothers were escorted to their seats to "The Hopechest Song," by Stephanie Bentley, and the unity candle was lit to "When You Say Nothing At All," by Allison Kraus.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a short-sleeved gown of silk, decorated with sequins and pearls, with a short sweep train. Her silk fingertip veil was embellished with pearls.

The bride carried a bouquet of gardenias, stephanotis, white roses and ivy.

Sunshine Brady of Albuquerque was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Stacie Rusnak, cousin of the bride from New Jersey and Melissa Amedeo, sister of the bride, also from New Jersey. They wore black and white rayon gowns designed with empire waistlines. Each carried a single white rose arm bouquet decorated with ivy and ribbon.

Skyler McCleskey, cousin of the bride from Grassland, was flower girl.

Best man was Paul Harper, brother of the groom from Grassland. Groomsmen included Corey McCleskey, cousin of the groom from Grassland, and Ken Amedeo, brother of the bride from Albuquerque. Ushers were uncle of the groom, Michael Wooten of Lubbock, and the groom's cousin from Grassland, Aaron McCleskey.

Male attire included western tuxedo jackets, black wranglers and boots.

Mr. and Mrs. Bishop were honored at a reception in the Garza Hotel Bed and Breakfast in Post. Their wedding cake was a three-tiered Italian cream confection.

The couple's honeymoon was in San Antonio and Corpus Christi and they are at home in Snyder.

The bride, a graduate of Texas Tech University with a bachelor of science in elementary education, is employed in the parole office at the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Clint Bishop
(Contributed Photo)

The groom is a graduate of South Plains College with an associate degree in Criminal Justice. He is also employed by TDCJ.

Ask Anne & Nan

By Anne B. Adams and Nancy Nash-Cummings

DEAR ANNE AND NAN: My dear, elderly mother is a professional shopper whose motto is "If it's out there, I'll find it." However, she has looked and called everywhere trying to locate an old game called Tiddly Winks. I told her that I knew two ladies (you) who WOULD find it if it was out there. Can you help? — **JACKIE FUNDER, Abington, Mass.**

DEAR JACKIE: Happy to oblige. Your mother's Tiddly Winks can be purchased from The Old Game Store, Rte. 11/30, P.O. Box 1756, Manchester Center, VT 05255-1756 (1-800-818-GAME). A set costs $7.95, plus $3 for shipping and handling.

AND DEAR READERS: While we are on the subject of games, we received a letter from Rose Weidman of Peru, Ind., some time ago requesting the rules for a dice game called Put-N-Take.

We were Stumped, but thanks to many of you who wrote, we now have the rules. We're going to print them because we think the game sounds like a lot of fun for all ages. The Put-N-Take dice, by the way, are also available from The Old Game Store. They are $3.95, plus $1.50 shipping and handling.

PUT-N-TAKE

(Thanks to Rose Simone of Bartlett, Ill.)

One dice has a P and a T written on it 3 times each, and the other dice has 1, 2, 3, 4, A written on it. The P stands for PUT. The T stands for TAKE. The A stands for ALL. The object of the game is to try for as many TAKEs as possible to win.

PLAY: All players contribute an equal amount of chips (or pennies) to the pot. The first player then rolls the dice. Depending on what shows on the top side, he either PUTS or TAKEs from the pot as follows: PUT 3 means the player puts 3 chips into the pot. TAKE 2 means he takes 2 chips from the pot. PUT ALL means the player DOUBLES the number of chips in the pot. TAKE ALL means the player takes ALL the chips from the pot.

When a TAKE ALL is rolled, its roller is the winner of that hand. Each player then contributes an equal amount of chips to start the next hand. Each player then plays in rotation following the same rules.

STUMPED: David Buell of Fort Smith, Ark., is looking for a dome-shaped, counter-top automatic dishwasher. "I frequently saw them in mail-order catalogs," he writes. "They sold for a bit over a hundred dollars. But now that I want one, they are in none of the catalogs I receive." We can't find one either. Readers?

FEEDBACK: For those of you who have written wanting a source of satin (rayon acetate) bedsheets, they are available from Carol Wright Gifts, 340 Applecreek Rd., P.O. Box 8522, Lincoln, NE 68544-8522 (402-474-5174) and from Blair Shoppe, 220 Hickory St., Warren, PA 16366 (1-800-458-2000).

Both catalogs offer the sheets in twin, full, queen and king sets. The Blair Shoppe sheets are slightly more expensive but have a lace trim on the top sheet. The top flat sheet has elasticized bottom corners for a snugger fit.

Write to "Ask Anne & Nan" at P.O. Box 240, Hartland, VT 05048. Questions of general interest will appear in the column. Due to the volume of mail, personal replies cannot be provided.

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Senior Center Menu

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Lasagna
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Fruit Cocktail
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TUESDAY
London Broiled Ham
Fried Squash
Corn Bread
Fresh Spinach Salad
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WEDNESDAY
Oven Fried Chicken
Potato Salad
Pinto Beans
Tomato Wedges
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THURSDAY
Hamburger on a Bun
Lettuce & Tomato
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French Fried Potatoes
Cantaloupe
Cheesecake

FRIDAY
Fried Fish
Black-eyed Peas
Tater Tots
Onion & Tomato
Ice Cream Sundae

Scurry County Library

News and Views

"Job Dreams" will be the Monday storytime theme at Scurry County Library. The staff will present stories, crafts and fingerplays concerning jobs that the children might want to do. The Wednesday program on July 9 will be presented by a fireman who will bring a fire truck with him and talk on fire safety.

The library staff reminds children in the Summer Reading Club to continue reading and to turn in their reading time. Friday, July 25, is the deadline for turning in reading time.

BOOK FEATURE

"Best Travel Deals 1997," by Ed Perkins.

From the most reliable source for travel bargains, "Consumer Reports Best Travel Deals, 1997 Edition," shows you how to get the most for your travel dollar. It explains most of the travel industry in layman's terms, from cruises to condo rentals. It contains plenty of toll-free phone numbers, prices, comparison tables and concrete examples. It is sure to save you plenty in money, time and aggravation whether you travel occasionally or often, domestically or abroad.

NEW FICTION

"Plum Island," by Nelson DeMille.

"Summer at the Lake," by Andrew M. Greeley.

"A Thin, Dark Line," by Tami Hoag.

NEW NON-FICTION

"The Life of the Skin," by Arthur K. Balin.

"How to Buy the Home You Want," by Terry Eilers.

"The Official America Online Enternet Guide,7 by David Peal.

Library Hours

10 a.m to 6 p.m.: Mon., Wed., Fri. & Sat.

10 a.m. to 9 p.m.: Tues. & Thurs.

Remember to return your library books. Books may be placed in the book drop in front of the library after hours. There are no fines taken on overdue books.

Crook and Chase

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Crook and Chase didn't like Los Angeles. Or maybe L.A. didn't like them.

The talk show hosts are returning to Nashville by August after going West earlier this year in pursuit of higher-profile guests and a chance to compete with the likes of "Live With Regis & Kathy Lee" for big-city viewers.

Jim Owens, the show's owner, said the emphasis will shift more to the hosts — his wife, Lorianne Crook, and Charlie Chase.

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Community Calendar

MONDAY

Scurry County Museum's hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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

Bilingual AA meeting; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; 8 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous; Winston Park Club; for information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 6 p.m.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for more information call 573-9458, 573-8626 or 573-8929; 8 p.m.

TUESDAY

Snyder Shrine Club; call 863-2702 for meeting place; 6 p.m.

The gun club meeting normally held this date has been rescheduled for the third Tuesday.

Narcotics Anonymous; Winston Park Club; for more information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 6 p.m.

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

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

Al-Anon meeting (smoke free), noon to 1 p.m., brown bag. Park Club in Winston Park. For information call 573-4203 or 573-5525.

TOPS TX56, (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.; 2501 35th. For information call Peggy Eubank at 573-6509.

Bilingual AA meeting; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; 8 p.m.

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

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

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

NA Anonymous; Snyder Park Club; for information call 573-3667, 573-1579 or 573-0949; 6 p.m.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 573-8929; 8 p.m., open meeting (last Friday of the month is the birthday meeting, pot luck at 7 p.m.).

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

SATURDAY

Defensive Driving Course; community room of Snyder Savings & Loan; no reservations necessary but for information call 573-2850; 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Horseshoe Pitching For Fun; Horseshoe Courts located at the coliseum; everybody welcome; 3 p.m.

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

Rolling Plains Ratite Association; The Shack; 7 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for more information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 863-2349; 10 a.m.

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

Narcotics Anonymous Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 5 p.m.

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

Shortcake: Classic Summer Dessert With Added Elegance

(NAPS)—Traditionalists define shortcake as a sweetened biscuit, split and layered with fruit. But shortcake can be so much more. This unique Meringue-Topped Strawberry Shortcake begins with the traditional tender shortcake biscuit and is baked with meringue topping it! Serve topped with sweetened, sliced strawberries, it's a dessert so elegant, friends and family with think it was created by a pastry chef. So easy, you'll serve this sophisticated version of strawberry shortcake for all your special gatherings.

Meringue-Topped Strawberry Shortcake

Prep Time: 20 minutes **Bake time: About 30 minutes**

1 quart fresh strawberries
¼ cup granulated sugar
2⅓ cups Bisquick Original baking mix
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3 tablespoons margarine, butter or spread,* melted
½ cup milk
2 egg whites
¼ cup powdered sugar
¼ cup granulated sugar
1 tablespoon sugar

Slice strawberries; sprinkle with ¼ cup granulated sugar and let stand 1 hour.

Heat oven to 375°. Stir baking mix, 3 tablespoons granulated sugar, the margarine and milk until soft dough forms. Gently smooth into ball on surface dusted with baking mix. Knead 8 to 10 times. Pat dough in ungreased round pan, 9x1½ inches.

Beat egg whites until foamy. Beat in powdered sugar and 1/4 cup granulated sugar, 1 tablespoon at a time; continue beating until stiff and glossy. Spread meringue on dough, sprinkle with 1 tablespoon granulated sugar.

Bake about 30 minutes or until golden brown. Cool 10 minutes. Run knife around edge to loosen; turn onto cloth-covered wire rack or plate. Turn meringue side up onto wire rack; cool completely. Serve with strawberries. 8 servings.

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State cookie decision: Toll-house, Fig Newton

Associated Press Writer

BOSTON (AP) — The governor is in a pickle over cookies.

Gov. William F. Weld must decide if he's going to sign or veto a bill that would make the toll-house cookie the state's official cookie.

The Legislature has given the OK, but Weld has already pledged allegiance to another local favorite — the Fig Newton.

"You got to stick with Fig Newtons. Everybody I knew grew up with Fig Newtons ... they're delicious," Weld said in April.

The governor must make up his mind by July 10, the end of his customary 10-day waiting period to review legislation.

"This one may go to the 10th day," Rob Gray, Weld's spokesman, said Wednesday when pressed about the cookie dilemma. "There's a lot of controversy among the senior staff about which way to go on this one."

The cookie dispute has pitted the town of Whitman against the city of Newton.

Whitman used to be home to the Toll House Restaurant, where the chocolate chip cookie was invented in 1930. President John F. Kennedy used to stop in for batches when he traveled between Boston and Cape Cod while he was a U.S. senator.

Newton is the city for which Nabisco has named the chewy Fig Newton.

State Rep. Kathleen Teehan, who once worked at the Toll House Restaurant, pushed to make the toll house cookie the state cookie at the request of a third-grade class.

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Make nurturing children a priority

There is no one right way to raise a child. Parenting styles vary. But it its important that all caregivers communicate clear and consistent expectations for each child.

In today's world, some parents are so busy and stressed that nurturing children may sometimes take a back seat to problems that seem more important. However, here are a few suggestions that can help parents provide for children's physical safety and emotional well-being.

—Do your best to provide a safe home and community for your child, as wwell as nutritious meals, regular health check-ups, immunizations, and exercise.

—Be aware of stages in child development so you don't expect too much or tod little from your child.

—Encourage your child to express his or her feelings; respect those feelings. Let your child know that everyone experiences pain, fear, anger and anxiety. Try to learn the source of these feelings. Help your child express anger positively, without resorting to violence.

—Promote mutual respect and trust. Keep your voice level down — even when you don't agree. Keep communication channels open.

—Listen to your child. Use words and examples your child can understand. Encourage questions. Express your willingness to talk about any subject.

—Provide comfort and assurance. Be honest. Focus on the positives.

—Look at your own problem-solving and coping skills. Are you setting a good example? Seek help if you are overwhelmed by your child's feelings or behaviours or if you are unable to control your own frustration or anger.

—Encourage your child's talents and accept limitations. Set goals based on the child's abilities and interests — not someone else's expectations. Celebrate accomplishments.

—Don't compare your child's abilities of those of other children; appreciate the uniqueness of your child.

—Spend time regularly with your child.

—Foster your child's independence and selp-worth. Help your child deal with life's ups and downs. Show confidence in your child's ability to handle problems and tackle new experiences.

—Discipline constructively, fairly, and consistently. (Discipline is a form of teaching, not physical punishment). All children and families are different; learn what is effective for your child. Show approval for positive behaviors. Help your child earn from his or her mistakes.

—Love unconditionally. Teach the value of apologies, cooperation, patience, forgiveness and consideration for others.

This information is provided by the Caring For Every Child's Mental Health: *Communities Together* campaign. Center for Mental Health Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, a part of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 07-05-97
♠ K Q 6 5
♥ K 10 5
♦ A J 9 8 6
♣ 3

West
♠ J 9 7 4
♥ A J 8 7 4
♦ 2
♣ A 7 2

East
♠ A 10 3 2
♥ Q 9 6 3 2
♦ 10 5 4
♣ 6

South
♠ 8
♥ ---
♦ K Q 7 3
♣ K Q J 10 9 8 5 4

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
5 ♣	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♦ 2

We curl up and live for you

By Phillip Alder

When you cut a sheet of paper, is it the upper or the lower blade of the scissors doing the cutting? Who knows? Who *cares*?

In bridge, though, one can occasionally rescue one's contract with the aid of a pair of scissors.

How would you plan the play in five clubs after West leads the diamond two?

Which is the best opening bid with that South hand? Obviously, beginning with five clubs might result in a missed slam if partner has two (or all three!) of the key aces. If you start with one club, though, the opponents might get together in the majors. It is a matter of personal style; however, I think a majority of experts would opt for five clubs.

South won the first trick with his diamond king and tried a sneaky club eight, which held. But West took the next club, led a spade to his partner's ace, and received a diamond ruff to defeat the contract.

The diamond two has all the aura of a singleton. If East has the trump ace, the resulting ruff is presumably unavoidable. But if West has the club ace, perhaps East can be kept off the lead. The best play is to win the first trick in the dummy and call for the heart king. If East covers with the ace, ruff and play on trumps, hoping West has both black-suit aces. Yet here East plays low. Now discard your losing spade, cutting the defenders' communication. Ruff West's return and drive out the trump ace. East never wins a trick, so West doesn't get the deadly ruff.

Watch out for the loser-on-loser scissors coup.

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Local Folks in the News

MARINE — Seth Wayne Knox of Snyder graduated from Marine Corps Recruit Training in ceremonies held June 20 in San Diego. After a visit home, he will attend the School of Infantry at Camp Pendleton, Calif. Knox is a 1996 graduate of Snyder High School and attended Midwestern University. (Contributed Photo)

CITIZENSHIP — Ester Martinez attended the Texas Farm Bureau's 34th annual Citizenship Seminar in San Angelo. She was sponsored by the Scurry County Farm Bureau. Some 400 high school juniors attended, according to Steve Moore, Scurry County Farm Bureau president. The seminar gave students a look at their American heritage and the free enterprise system. (Contributed Photo)

Two from Snyder made dean's list

WACO — For the spring 1997 session at Baylor University, 1,663 students were named to the Dean's Academic Honor List.

Among those students were Marcus Taylor Best and Amy Elizabeth Steakley, both of Snyder.

A dean's list student must be an undergraduate with a minimum grade-point average of 3.7 while enrolled in a minimum of 12 semester hours.

Locals' grandson is honor student

Joshua Ray Ritchey of Colorado City has been named an All-American Scholar by the United States Achievement Academy.

The USAA has established the All-American Scholar Award Program to offer recognition to students who excel in academics. The All-American Scholars must earn at least a 3.3 grade point average.

Ritchey, who attends Colorado Middle School, will appear in the All-American Scholar yearbook, which is published nationally.

He is the son of Ray and Kathy Ritchey of Colorado City. Grandparents are Mack and Irene Ritchey of Colorado City and Aeron and Gladys Oden of Snyder.

Bowl of cereal will cost more

GOLDEN VALLEY, Minn. (AP) — General Mills Inc. is boosting the price of its breakfast cereals by an average of 2.6 percent, the first major increase since 1993, as it faces declining profits and rising expenses.

The Golden Valley-based producer of Cheerios, Wheaties, Lucky Charms and Trix said the increase was effective Wednesday and will add about 7 to 10 cents to the average price for a box of cereal.

The increase will not affect all the company's cereals and still will keep prices below 1993 levels, spokesman David Dix said today. The price hike was first reported in today's Wall Street Journal.

GRADUATE — Andrew David Weaver of Snyder graduated from Wayland Baptist University in Plainview on May 17. Weaver earned the bachelor of science degree in occupational education. He previously graduated from South Plains College in Levelland with an associate of applied science degree in petroleum technology. Weaver is the son of Treva Hawthorne of Snyder and Roger Weaver of Lubbock. His grandparents are Martha Moore and A.C. and Bonnie Weaver of Snyder (Contributed Photo)

Loretta Lynn will celebrate heritage

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Loretta Lynn not only plans to sing at a gathering celebrating the Cherokee culture, she's also thinking about joining an American Indian dance around the bonfires to proclaim her own heritage.

"I've got Cherokee on both sides. Both great-grandmothers," Lynn said.

SCOUT CAMP — Boy Scout Troop 27 spent seven days at Buffalo Trails Council Ranch in the Davis Mountains where they camped and worked on rank advancement and merit badges. First row, from left, are Brodie Pierce, Bobby Huddleston, Justin Stokes, Tyler Neves and Ryan McAnnally. Second row, from left, are Max Snider and Gene Burns, assistant scoutmasters, Mathew Stokes, Brock Terrell and Garrick Clayton. Back row, from left, are Kyle Bryan, G. J. Burns, Eric Courtney and Scoutmaster Dannie Pierce. (Contributed Photo)

MERLE NORMAN HAS NEW OWNER — Brenda Meurer of Snyder has purchased the Merle Norman Cosmetics and Boutique from Melissa Doty. Doty owned and operated the boutique for eight years. Meurer said the store hours will be Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday from 10 to 4, and plans are being made for a grand opening sometime in August. Besides the Merle Norman line of makeup, she has candles, gift items, belts and jewelry. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Texas crime ring shoplifts baby formula for resale

FORT WORTH (AP) — Drug addicts are being hired by a well-organized crime ring to shoplift baby formula for resale both domestically and in the Middle East, according to U.S. Customs agents.

Powdered baby formula, which retails for up to $18 a can for specialty brands, is a popular item for the thieves because it is easy to sell and hard to trace, the agents say.

Stores in the Fort Worth and Houston area are responding by pulling the powdered formula from their shelves and putting it under lock and key or behind counters.

"These grocery chains all confirmed significant losses due to theft of powdered baby formula in the Fort Worth and Houston vicinities. Minyard's estimates losses in the $100,000 per quarter range," government agents say in court documents filed in Fort Worth.

"That amount is reasonably typical of all the big retailers," said Supervisory Special Agent Kenneth W. Cates with the U.S. Customs Service. "They're very concerned about this problem."

Mark Dolman, an assistant manager of a Fort Worth grocery store, said his store removed formula from the aisles several months ago.

"If we put it on the shelf, the customers wouldn't have any to buy," said Dolman. "All the stores are doing it. It's the only way we found to stop it."

Customs agents say the thefts are part of an illegal, big-money trade overseas and at mom-and-pop grocery stores in the United States.

"We are of the opinion that a similar ring is going on all over the nation," said one agent who requested that his name be withheld. "It's a made-for-TV story. You would not believe the organization in recruiting these crack addicts to steal this stuff."

Cates said the ring members sometimes even drop the addicts off at the stores to shoplift. The addicts are paid about $2 to $3 per can by members of the ring who work at local convenience stores, Cates said.

"In a way, they are victims themselves, although this is fairly lucrative and one of the safer crimes to commit," he said.

Thousands of incidents of baby food theft have been reported across the nation in the last few years.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration made its own series of arrests in 1995 in Kentucky, Colorado and California for fraudulent labeling and counterfeiting of baby formula.

"The quantities involved are not people stealing for their children," said Cates, who also dismissed reports that the baby formula may be being used to cut cocaine before it is sold on the street.

"This is not at all a drug-related operation beyond the fact that on the bottom level are drug users."

Customs agents relying on hidden tracking devices made a raid in Texas over the weekend by following a tractor-trailer loaded with 1,062 cases of stolen formula as it left Fort Worth.

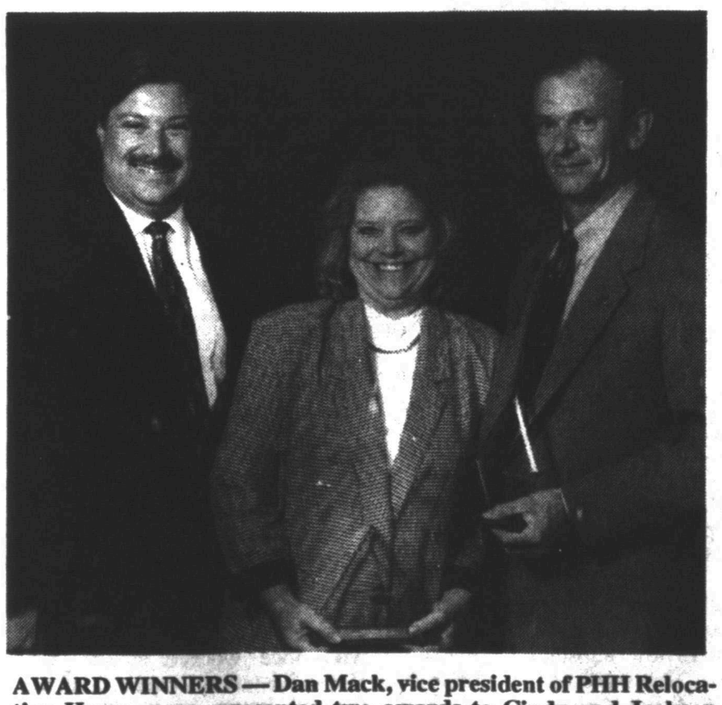
"Those cans were going to Newark, N.J., but before that they were going to Houston to pick up some more cans," said one agent.

Also seized were more than 10,000 counterfeit formula boxes and an $81,000 bank account. No arrests were made.

Another rig carrying 4,935 cases of stolen formula with a wholesale value of $344,000 also was stopped recently in Texas.

"There's a massive amount of people involved in a massive amount of theft," said Cates.

Baby formula is worth a fortune on the black market in Iraq because that country's formula factories were destroyed during the Persian Gulf War, according to news reports and affidavits filed with the court.



AWARD WINNERS — Dan Mack, vice president of PHH Relocation Homexpress, presented two awards to Cindy and Jackson Brewster, owners of Beard Van Lines in Snyder (Contributed Photo).

Beard Van Lines gets two awards

Beard Van Lines of Snyder recently received two awards at the PHH Homexpress seminar held in Old Greenwich, Conn.

PHH is the largest relocation company in the country and holds seminars annually for movers.

The local company was given the Outstanding Performance Award which is given to the one supplier whose performances places them at the top of their category. It is presented to the supplier in each category who has achieved the highest service rating by customers.

The second award received was the Claims Experience Award. This award recognizes the one supplier with lowest claims experience, measuring both frequency and severity.

This is the seventh consecutive year that Beard Van Lines has received awards from PPH.

TxDot meet to discuss speed

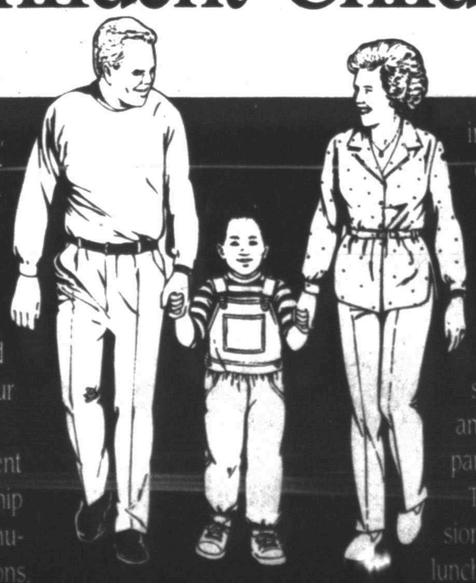
Citizens are invited to a town meeting in Abilene at 7 p.m. Thursday to discuss and make comments on the speed limits in Texas.

The meeting, sponsored by the Abilene district of the Texas Department of Transportation, will be held at the Clarion Hotel. The Department of Public Safety will also participate.

The meeting is one of 25 being held statewide for the purpose of gathering public comment on specific locations where problems regarding the speed limit may exist, Maribel P. Chavez, P.E., Abilene district engineer, said.

In addition to receiving public input during the meeting, TxDOT officials will explain the procedures used to set speed limits.

How To Raise Happy Confident Children

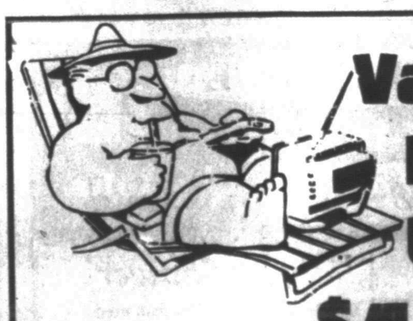


Whether you're single, married, divorced or blended, the success of your personal and family relationship is extremely important to your total happiness and to the well-being of your family.

Oil Patch Foster Parent Association, in partnership with many local community-minded organizations, is helping to bring a one day, family-oriented, educational training camp to Snyder. On Saturday, July 12, 1997, from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., at First Baptist's Family Life Center, Mr. Link Fuller, the presenter, will be teaching and sharing successful dynamics of parenting, the family, education, child development, and personal achievement.

FamilySkills Training Camp series will strengthen your family and help you be the best parent you can be.

There will be no admission charge. Child care and luncheon will be provided at no charge. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m., with the first session beginning at 9:00 a.m. If you plan to attend, or need more information, please call 573-4942.



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New Vehicle Registrations

E.D. Walton Construction Co., 1997 Chevrolet Tahoe from Big Country Autoland.

Grimmett Bros., 1997 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Charles Williams, 1997 Dodge pickup from Snyder Chrysler.

Domingo F. Molina, 1997 GMC Jimmy from Big Country Autoland.

Cactus Oil Tools Inc., 1997 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Cherie L. Meguire, 1997 Ford from Wilson Motors.

Debbie and Nathan Brooks, 1997 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Thomas R. and Kem E. Fogelman, 1997 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Wayne and Margaret Kennedy, 1997 Chevrolet Tahoe from Big Country Autoland.

Richard W. and Debra K. Wilken, 1997 Chevrolet Suburban from Big Country Autoland.

LAI Trust, 1997 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Jann Daily, 1997 Buick from Big Country Autoland.

Faye Moore, 1997 Buick from Big Country Autoland.

Alvin Selmon, 1997 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

T.J. and Diane Arnold, 1997 Chevrolet Suburban from Big Country Autoland.

Charlotte Smith, 1997 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

EZ Pipeline Co., 1997 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Katrina Carrasco, 1997 Pontiac from Big Country Autoland.

Mikel and Annette Grady, 1997 GMC pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Mesa Pipeline Co., 1997 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Grimmett Bros. Inc., 1997 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

LAI Trust, three 1997 Chevrolet pickups from Big Country Autoland.

Price Construction Inc., 1997 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Lupe R. and Rose M. Lopez, 1997 Ford from Wilson Motors.

Billy and Diana Grimmett, 1997 Mercury from Wilson Motors.

Garry B. Greenlee, 1997 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Red Iron Tool Co. Inc., 1997 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

David Cooper, 1997 GMC pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Dennis R. Buchanan, 1997 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Lease Plan USA Inc., 1997 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Kinney Hart, 1997 Dodge pickup from Snyder Chrysler.

Ford Motor Credit and Allen Hodges, 1997 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Steven and Kelli Owen, 1997 Chevrolet Suburban from Big Country Autoland.

Marie Kirkpatrick, 1997 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Tommy and Selina McGuire, 1997 Chevrolet Tahoe from Big Country Autoland.

Patterson Petroleum, 1997 Cadillac from Big Country Autoland.

Lynwood W. Lesikar, 1997 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Marriage License

Frank Alfred Castaneda and Betty Jo Martinez, both of Snyder.

Gary Don Whisenhunt Jr. and Shanda Dee Bowlin, both of Snyder.

William Scott Johnson and Shannon Latricee Messenger, both of Snyder.

Sunny Ruiz and Stephanie Kay Meador, both of Snyder.

Saul Balmore Pereira and Biatricia Salinas, both of Snyder.

William Scott Ellis and Amy Heather Eicke, both of Abilene.

Christopher Louis Rodriguez and Angelica Marie Vargas, both of Snyder.

Casey Joe Johnson of Roscoe and Laura Kay McIlroy of Electra.

Michael Shane Alarcon and Melanie Jane Thompson, both of Snyder.

Filed in District Court

Southdown Inc., dba Southwestern Portland Cement Co., vs. C.W. Hall Jr. and Clarence Hall, dba Hall's Redimix, suit on account

Southern Electric Inc. vs. James Melton, dba Melton Plumbing, suit on account.

Jesus Frank Hernandez Jr. and Alice Soliz Hernandez, individually and as parents and heirs of Jesus Frank Hernandez III, vs. Amy Luera, Mary Rocha and Pedro San Juan, wrongful death suit.

Richard and Mary Hernandez vs. Russell Jones Jr., breach of contract.

Action in District Court

Cecil Don Vineyard vs. Michael J. Brown, et al, order allowing plaintiff to secure documents and proceedings.

Cecil Don Vineyard vs. Michael J. Brown, et al, order severing Keith Collier from action and docketed as separate case.

In the marriage of Naomi Christine Stephens and Charles Elbert Stephens, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Jimmie Fred Sturdivant and Helen Joyce Sturdivant, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Tobi Monette Thompson and Rickey Lynn Thompson, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Shawna Lynn Scott and Kelly Reed Scott, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Mary Lupe Rodriguez and Ricardo Gillermo Rodriguez, divorce granted.

Brenda Humphreys vs. Tresha Renaye Phillips, order of dismissal with prejudice.

Deed Records

Theda Kay Brooks and Daune Brooks, individually and as co-independent executors of the estate of Ida DeShan Browning, and Randall Leroy Deshan to Jose A. and Lillie A. Hernandez, all of Lot 12 in Block B of the Highland Park Addition.

Hermleigh Cemetery Association to Faye Robbins, Hermleigh Cemetery Lots 198 and 199.

Joseph B. and Sally A. Dobson to Jack Nail, all of Lot 3 in Block F of the replat of the Highland Park Addition.

Thaba McMillan, independent executrix of the estate of Walton E. McMillan, to Thaba McMillan, tract one being all of Block 117, Town of Hermleigh; tract two being all of Block 116, Town of Hermleigh; and tract three being the west one-quarter of Section 147, Block 3, H&TC survey.

W.A. Cooper to Leon and Mary Mireles, the south 50 feet of Lot 3 in Block 21 of the Original Town of Snyder.

G.L. and Frances Autry to Jimmy Ann Yielding, all of Lot 3 in Block 11 of the Replat of the south one-half of Block 7 and the replat of Blocks 6 and 11 of the Highlands Addition.

Donald Jack Dupree to Richard Dupree, the west 100 feet of Lot 2 in Block 46 of the Original Town of Snyder.

Andrew M. Cuoma, Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, to Ross C. and Ernestine S. Blanchard, the west 51 feet of Lot 3 and the east 19 feet of Lot 4 in Block 7 of the Highland Addition.

Frances Reeves to Wilna Jean and Bobby Gene Hataway Sr., the west 50 feet of the south 140 feet of Lot 3 in Block 24 of the T.N. Nunn Addition.

Gentle Dove Ministries Inc. to Estroberto and Esmeralda Maldonado, all of Lot 12 in Block 21 of the Bootheland West Addition.

Breland Wayne Ledbetter to James T. Clark, all of Lot 1 in Block 34 of the Town of Hermleigh.

Martha Sue McKiney to Jimmy Don Lloyd, the west 100 feet of the north 60 feet of Lot 4 in Block 7 of the Blakenship Addition.

Mary Alice Webb, Sidney Mae Jarred and Earline V. Webb to Leon and Billie Jean Sterling, the southeast one-quarter of Section 136, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Dorothy King Kayser, independent executrix of the estate of J. Merrill Kayser to Dorothy King Kayser, tract one being 59.09 acres in Section 37, Block 3, H&GN survey; tract two being all of Lot 1 of Mule's Stalls, a subdivision of Lot 10 in Block 13 of the Original Town of Snyder.

Alzda Middleton, independent executrix of the estate of Billy Joe Middleton, a 0.57-acre tract in the southwest one-quarter of Section 181, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Jim D. and Bonnie J. Brown to Gregory A. and Tanya T. Williamson, one acre in Section 98, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Billy Gerald Hicks to Roby and Stephanie Ducheneaux, Lot 7 in Block 15 of the Park Place Addition.

James Sparlin to Reef Chemical Inc., tract one being all of Lot 7 in Block 2 of the R.S. Moore Subdivision of Block 15 of the Cody Addition; tract two being all of Lot 8 in Block 2 of the R.S. Moore Subdivision of Block 15 of the Cody Addition; tract three being all of Lots 1-4 in Block 2 of the R.S. Moore Subdivision, a part of Block 15 in the Cody Addition; tract four being all of Lots 5 and 6 in Block 2 of the R.S. Moore Subdivision of the north three-quarters of the east one-half of Block 15 of the Cody Addition.

Tobi Monette Thompson to Rickey Lynn Thompson, all the west one-half of the southwest one-quarter of Section 51, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Virginia G. Sleeper to James Michael and Marsha McGlaun Levens, the east 55 feet of Lot 11 and all of Lot 12 and the west 20 feet of Lot 13 in Block I of the replat of the Towle Place Addition.

David W. Cotton, substitute trustee, to the Federal National Mortgage Association, the north 75 feet of the east 140 feet of Lots 5-7 in Block 19 of the A.C. Wilmeth Addition.

Janice Ilene Clement to Daniel and Teresa Alvarez, 4.5957 acres in Blocks 63 and 64 of the Cody Heights Addition.

Gordon E. and Dona Jo Witherspoon to Dosohs I, Ltd., 75.42 acres in the northwest one-quarter of Section 18, Block 1, J.P. Smith survey.

AARP Corner

By M.J. Merrit, Community Coordinator

Yes, Americans have been hearing and reading a lot about Social Security — its future and its solvency.

We have heard that Social Security is going broke. We have heard that Social Security should be scrapped. We have also heard that it should be "privatized."

Do you know and understand what the word "privatization" Means? "Privatization" has different definitions for different Americans. Therefore, it is absolutely necessary that we understand what we are talking about!

Privatization, in one sense, could be better defined as individual investments. This option requires individuals to make their own investments but would eliminate the guarantee of benefits that Americans currently have under Social Security.

A second definition of privatization calls on the government to redirect a portion of the Social Security reserves into alternative investments, such as the stock market. This would allow for a greater rate of return.

Whatever your definition of "privatization" is, be sure that it is based on a firm foundation.

We know that Social Security does the following: it must remain solvent for our children and grandchildren; it does not add one penny to the deficit; its benefits are paid to 30 million retirees, three and a half million children, four million disabled workers, and five million widows; it is not in a crisis situation — it is fully funded until the year 2029; it has provided income security for workers and families for 60 years; it is the nation's strongest defense against poverty; it is not just a retirement program, it is a family protection program; and it provides protection to spouses and dependent children of workers who die or become disabled during their working years.

Help your family and friends to understand the facts about Social Security.

Montana freeman member pleas guilty to bank fraud

BILLINGS, Mont. (AP) — A Montana Freeman arrested last year on the first day of the antigovernment group's siege pleaded guilty today to one count of bank fraud, the first such plea by any of the militants.

Lavon T. Hanson entered the plea before U.S. District Judge John C. Coughenour this morning. Sentencing was set for Oct. 3. He could face 18 to 24 months in prison.

Hanson was arrested on March 25, 1996, along with Freeman leaders LeRoy Schweitzer and Daniel E. Petersen. The arrests set off the standoff at the group's compound nearby. The siege ended 81 days later on June 13, when Freemen remaining in the rural Montana compound surrendered to FBI agents.

Hanson, a rancher, was freed without bond after his arrest, but barred from communicating with the Freemen.

In his plea, Hanson admitted that in 1993 he submitted a fraudulent "certified money order" in the amount of $428,000 to the Farm Credit Bank for payment of a debt owed by a neighbor whose property was being foreclosed. Bogus financial instruments have surfaced around the country, many of them bearing Schweitzer's signature, and Schweitzer taught classes on how to produce the documents.

Two charges of mail fraud against Hanson were dropped as part of the negotiated plea, said U.S. Attorney Sherry Scheel Matteucci. Those charges also were unrelated to the standoff.

Hanson was scheduled to go on trial July 21. It would have been the first trial among the 24 people facing Freemen-related charges in Montana.

Two others — Casey Clark and Stewart Waterhouse — face trial Sept. 22, accused of assisting federal fugitives to avoid arrest, for their roles in the standoff.

No trial dates have been set for any other defendants, most of whom remain in jail.

The Freemen group denies the legitimacy of the government. Members called their compound, a cluster of houses and other buildings on a 960-acre wheat farm, "Justus Township" and insisted they had their own laws and their own courts.

Senior Center News

Seniors who enjoy games can look forward to a full week with a Nine Ball tournament beginning on Monday and a straight 42 Tournament on Tuesday, both starting at 10 a.m.

As always, there are dominoes, snooker, and eight ball available at all times. Bridge is played Monday and Friday mornings.

Daily exercise starts at 11 a.m. and includes walking gym, exercise bikes, line dancing on Wednesday and swimnastics. We have a request to begin a low-impact aerobics, and we would appreciate a telephone call from seniors who might be interested. Call 573-4035 and ask for Pamela.

Organizational meetings this week include Golden Kiwanis at noon Tuesday and the AARP executive board meeting at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday. Also, social security representatives will be at the Senior Center on Tuesday from 10 until noon and from 1-2 p.m.

A special presentation this week will be by Karomy Drum, a talented pianist who will entertain at 11 a.m. on Tuesday and Friday. Cool off with ice cream sundaes for dessert.

Tri-Chem fabric painting classes are scheduled July 20 and July 24. Any senior interested in learning this skill is invited. Sessions start at 9 a.m.

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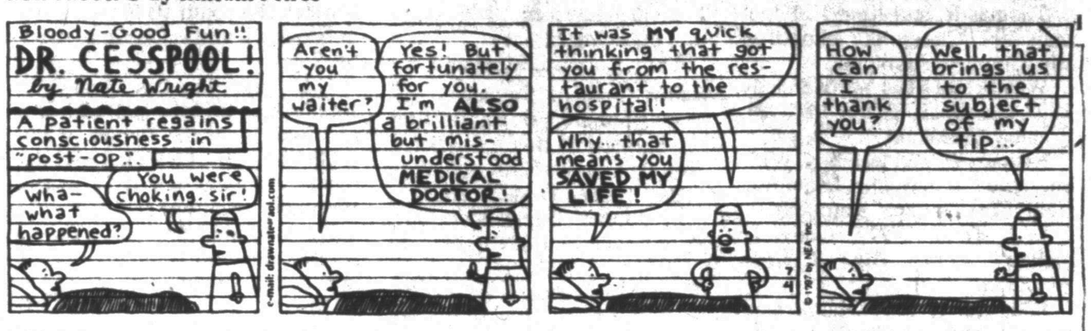

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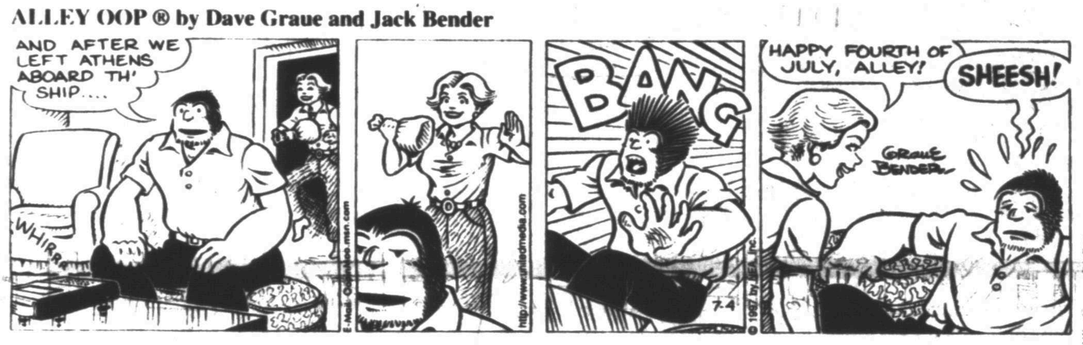

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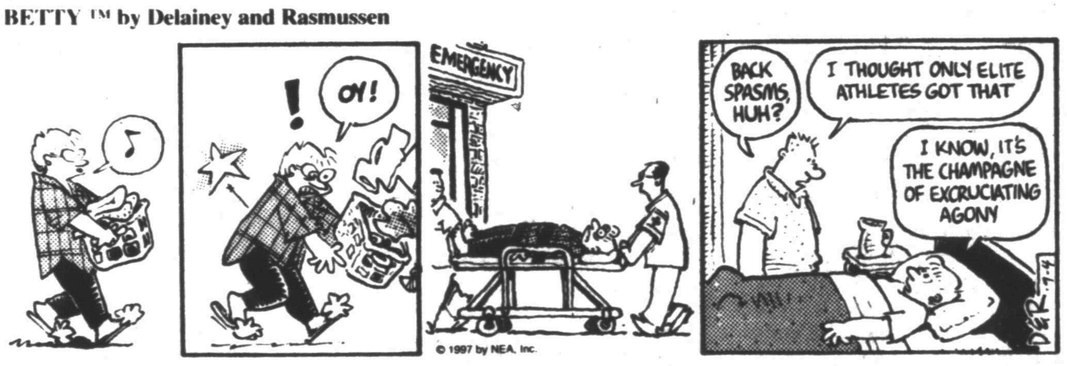

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ACROSS

1 Reflection
6 Adult insect
11 Leg bones
13 Laborer
14 Goodies for Fido
15 Borrowed (2 wds.)
16 Pizzeria need
17 Upper limit
19 Finnish first name
20 Disastrous
23 JFK sight
24 Gash
27 Extended periods
29 Make possible
31 Ventilated
35 Tidal wave
36 Four score and ten
37 Secure in place
40 A Stooge
41 Cow's chewed food
44 Believer in a god
46 Actor Montand
48 Alphabet letters
49 Positive responses
53 Type of clock
55 Entwine
57 — of London
58 Afternoon sleep
59 Like some seals
60 Iron

DOWN

1 Leave — — Beaver
2 Warhead type
3 Busy as — —
4 Legendary being
5 Sup
6 Charged particle
7 Distance measure
8 East Indian wood
9 First and reverse
10 To be — — to be
12 Get away
13 Essay theme
18 Long —
21 Give in
22 Seats
24 Fair grade
25 Actress Merkel
26 License plate
28 Transgression
30 Bikini part
32 Sleep stage
33 WWII area
34 Tint
36 Sounds
38 Confusion
39 That girl
41 Pedal
42 Palate part
43 Furnishings
45 Mary — Moore
47 Type of terrier
50 Soothe
51 Emulates Tom Hanks
52 Oceans
54 Strange
56 Bite

Answer to Previous Puzzle

Y	M	A		S	U	M	P		S	U	E	D
E	Y	E		L	S	A	T		I	N	R	E
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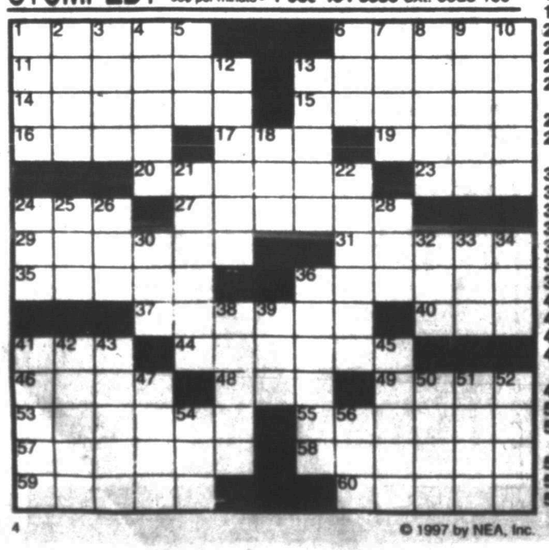

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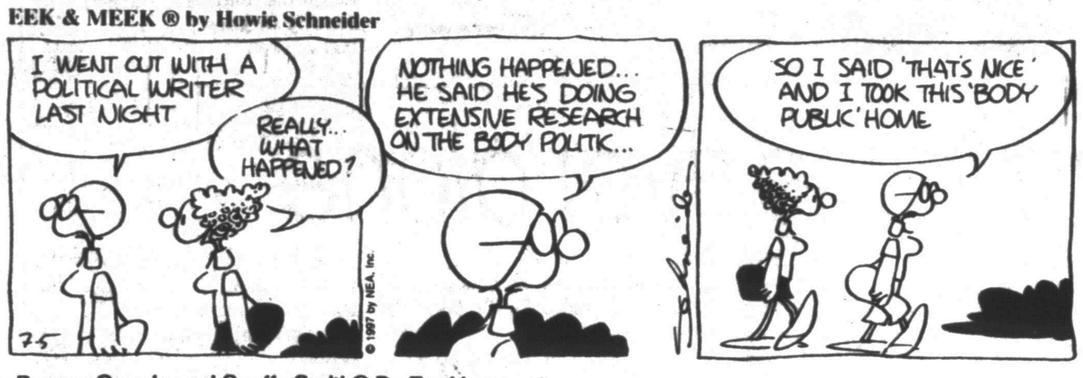

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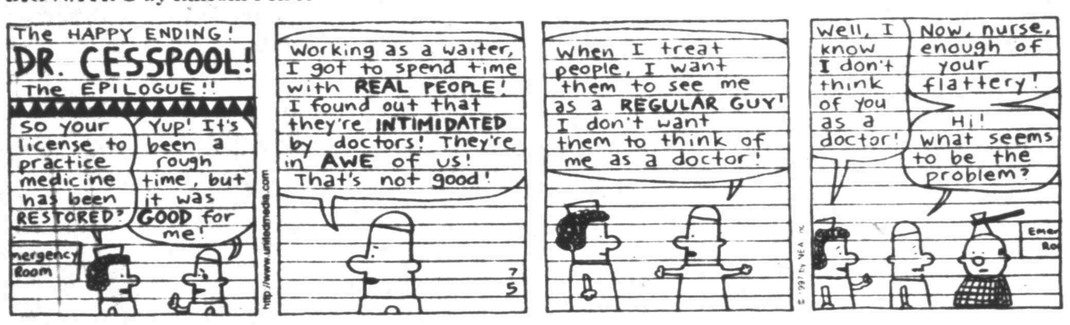

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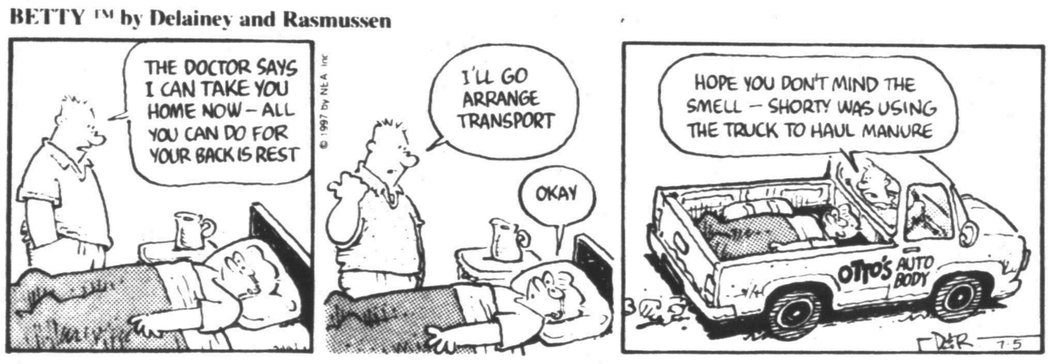

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1 6/6/44
5 Fool
9 Debtor's note
12 Soothe
13 Harrow's rival
14 Pres. initials
15 Paradise
16 Comedian Lahr
17 Marsh
18 Jimmy Carter's harvest
20 Deep gulf
22 Curly letter
23 Roman 3
24 Amphibians
27 Georgia city
31 Electrified particle
32 Dominate
34 Deli sandwiches
35 Companion of odds
37 — avis
39 Skip (stones) on water
40 Adages
42 Rows
44 Female deer
45 Tavern
46 Plant firmly
49 Put an end to
53 Pot-au- —
54 Aykroyd and Dailey
56 Singer Adams
57 Upper limb
58 Diminutive suffix
59 Dial —
60 Upper surface
61 College administrator
62 Winter vehicle

DOWN

1 Far down
2 Florida county
3 On the briny
4 Pined (sl.)
5 Obligations
6 Southwestern Indians
7 For (Sp.)
8 Involve
9 Questionable
10 Songs of praise
11 Vases
19 Old map inits.
21 Prejudice
23 Roman road
24 Cravats
25 Eugene O'Neill's daughter
26 Singer Williams
27 Woe is me!
28 Bare
29 Construction beam
30 Snakes
33 Impel
36 Facet
38 — — time (never)
41 — off (fell asleep)
43 Bays
45 Doll's House author
46 — — first you don't ...
47 Type of fish
48 Run into
49 Door column
50 Matinee man
51 Trig term
52 Pay attention
55 Had a meal

Answer to Previous Puzzle

I	M	A	G	E				I	M	A	G	O
T	I	B	I	A	E		T	O	I	L	E	R
T	R	E	A	T	S		O	N	L	O	A	N
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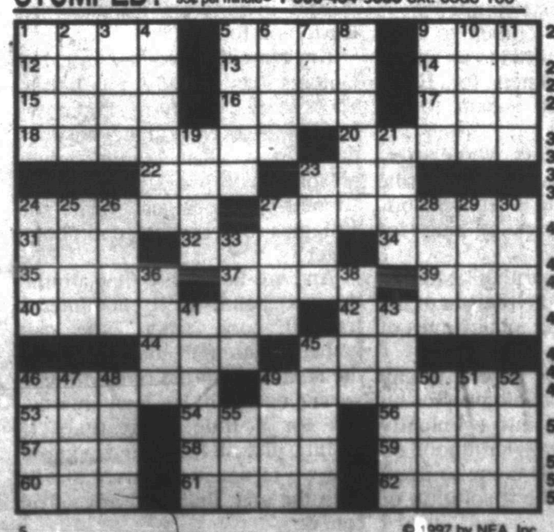

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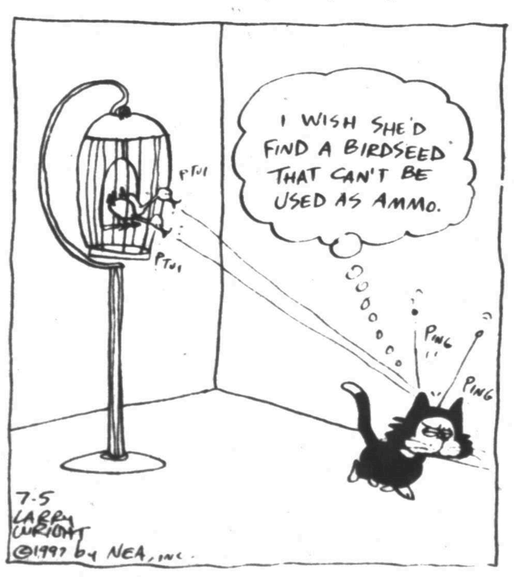

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Editorial Roundup

Texas school curriculum

The Dallas Morning News

Three years. That's how long Texas has been trying to rewrite the education standards for public schools. There has been a new state education commissioner appointed and seven new members of the State Board of Education elected since the task began in 1994.

It's time to finish the job. On July 11, the State Education Board should approve the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills document.

The drafting of new standards for students and teachers in Texas public schools has been far more controversial than education officials anticipated when the project started.

The initial draft of the essential skills and knowledge document was so filled with bureaucratic language that some educators called it "gobbledygook." Gov. George W. Bush warned he did not want a "touchy feely" essay that didn't define the state's education expectations.

The second effort largely achieves the right balance. It provides clear guidelines for students and teachers without giving the state too much control over how things should be done in the classrooms. It does not attempt to outline every detail about courses or dictate how instructors will teach their students.

The rewriting of the essential knowledge and skills document also addresses other concerns. Major changes were made in the Texas and American history sections to make sure students weren't getting a "politically correct" version of events that transpired.

This State Board of Education will never make a decision more important than the one that awaits members on July 11. Textbooks will be rewritten to reflect the new priorities for public education. And so will the state's skills-testing systems for students.

With that much on the line, the board's vote will not please everyone. But it's time for Texas to spell out what it expects from students and teachers.

Border shooting aftermath

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram

As the investigation by the Texas Rangers continues into the May 20 fatal shooting of an 18-year-old goat herder by a Marine, questions arise about not only what happened that evening along the Texas-Mexico border, but whether our country's use of military troops as drug enforcement agents is a workable solution to a complex problem.

This country has set a precedent of calling in the troops during times of civil unrest and national disaster, using men and women in military uniforms to quell riots and quash looting. But is deploying U.S. troops along America's southern border the right way to fight this nation's war on drugs?

On paper, using military personnel with civilian law enforcement for drug interdiction may appear a sound idea. There will never be enough police officers and Drug Enforcement Administration agents to go around to get the job done, and the military needs something to do when it isn't busy fighting wars.

But beyond the fact that drug surveillance is not what the men and women in an all-volunteer military had in mind when they signed up to be the few and the proud, using Marines as police is a simplistic solution to a problem rife with deadly consequences.

Line-item veto

The (McAllen) Monitor

The Supreme Court has ruled that President Clinton can use the line-item veto. Now let's see what becomes of Clinton's new power.

The court decision allows the president, for the first time, to veto specific items in government spending bills. Conservatives have long sought such a provision as a useful tool for cutting unnecessary pork-barrel items from the federal budget.

In the past, the president could only accept or veto an entire spending bill, regardless of whether or not he agreed with all its details. Thus, lawmakers could tack on amendments adding to budget bills virtually at will.

The president either had to accept the pork in order to enact the bulk of the bills, or reject the entire proposal and force Congress to start the budget process over.

We hope the line-item veto provides a new tool that leads to more dialogue between our Democratic president and Republican Congress. That alone could help reduce the number of special-interest budget items, and lead to more responsible spending of taxpayers' money.

Letters

Some realism

Dear Editor:

The column in the Sunday (June 27, 1997) edition concerning the first intercity bus route being run in Snyder was very interesting.

The idea of combining a re-enactment of the first trip with the White Buffalo Days would be nice.

To make the trip more realistic, perhaps the route could go over some of the roads in Precinct 4, because in 1997, much like 1907, "the roads were not smooth enough and getting stuck was a common problem." That would add some realism to the trip.

Jimmy Barnes
Hermleigh

We're not in the river alone

Deanie Francis Mills

Do you sometimes get the feeling that your life has become a white water ride, and you are being propelled along in your little raft, clinging to the sides for dear life, never knowing if the next bend in the river will reveal a tranquil pool, a terrifying waterfall, or a great big jagged rock?

They say if you fall out, don't try to swim. Just roll over on your back, point your feet down river and let the current sweep you along. Your life jacket will keep your head above water. And if you are lucky, somebody will come along and fish you out.

Or, you might drown.

I know my life hit the rapids a couple of years ago, and I've been hanging on ever since. The kids have never been busier, nor has my career ever been more demanding. I never seem to know what's going to happen next. I wouldn't mind a little break, a chance to pull up on the river bank and camp out for a while, but the currents are too fast. Deadlines, commitments, appointments, kids' stuff to tend to...Lord knows if I ever lost my calendar I'd be sunk for sure.

Just this past month, I was doing in-depth research for the book I'm writing, completing editorial revisions on the book I finished a few months ago, and promoting a book I wrote two years ago but was only just published — all at the same time. I put in one week of 12-hour days at the computer, overnighted the manuscript to New York, then took off for Dallas to do book signings and meet with technical experts.

I'd just survived that waterfall when Dolores called.

My friend Dolores, you may recall, was closer than a sister to me all through high school. For the past four or five years, she's been fighting the battle of her life against breast cancer. She's done it all: chemo, radiation, bone marrow transplant. She's a single mom with a 15-year-old son still at home.

Some months ago, I wrote about Dolores in my SDN column, about her courage and heart and humor. One of my dear readers called and passed on some information about an alternative healing progam offered by some Native Americans which involves naturopathy, homeopathy, and nutrition, as well as meditation and guided imagery. He encouraged me to tell Dolores about it. At first, I confess, I hesitated. I worried about so many quackeries that get foisted off on cancer patients, but in the end, I decided it was Dolores' decision to make, and what if it really could help?

Dolores says that when she got my card, she was doing great. It was just after the bone marrow transplant, and they were promising her two years for sure. But she couldn't bring herself to throw the card away. "I put in in the glove compartment of my car," she said. "It was the only place I could be sure I wouldn't lose it."

And then she developed a cough. A persistent cough. And then they found that the cancer had spread all over the entire body, from her liver to her lungs. "Oops," they said, more or less, "Looks like you've only got six months after all."

"I'm not buying it," she said. "I am determined to mother my son through high school. A boy needs a mama then. I've got to have three years and I'm going to find them someplace."

So she took the information one of my readers had passed along, and she checked herself into the cancer treatment camp he had told me about in the hill country for two weeks. "They told me to bring along a soul mate," she said. "Someone to take notes and help me through it."

What do you say? Do you say, "Sorry, old friend. I'm way too busy right now to help you fight for your life. Call somebody else."

Funny how things can happen to force you to realign your priorities. So after I'd assured her it would be no problem for me to come with her for two weeks, she told one hysterically funny story after another about her experiences selecting her own casket and planning her funeral.

She's 46 years old.

And I found myself laughing right along with her, and wisecracking right back, commenting that the casket color was just right, since it matched the color of the first car she ever owned.

And there were no tears. At least, not then.

I'm hanging onto my raft, but Dolores has already fallen out. She's done everything she knows is right — even pointed her toes down river. I'm leaning over, grasping her life jacket with all the strength in my fingers, while she struggles to keep her head above water.

And we both pray that around the next bend, we'll encounter a tranquil pool, where she can gather her strength and prepare for the next bend in the river. Maybe we can even pull her back into the raft for a little more time. If nothing else, at least we can know that we're not in the river alone.

In the end, that's all any of us can do.

Let's all apologize

William A. Rusher

The proposal, by a bipartisan group of a dozen congressmen, that Congress pass a resolution apologizing to our black fellow citizens for America's history of slavery is just the tip of the iceberg.

the first place, as Clarence ("Eleanor is right") Page pointed out on ABC's "This Week," it isn't enough. Already certain black spokesmen have begun suggesting that only "reparations" — i.e., cash — will ease the pain of the present generation of black Americans.

There is, after all, the precedent of the reparations paid by the government not long ago to still-living Japanese-Americans who were interned in camps, without the slightest justification, after Pearl Harbor.

But at least in that case the people being compensated where the ones who had suffered the internment. In the case of slavery, the apology is to be made on behalf of people who have never enslaved anybody, to other people who have never been enslaved. It would simply be a spectacular example of "feel-goodism, and would very probably have the unintended side effect of encouraging some blacks to conclude that the United States has officially conceded that it owes them a living.

But if we're going to apologize to our black fellow-citizens for the historic wrong of slavery, be assured that it won't (and in all fairness shouldn't) stop there.

If there was ever a group of Americans that deserves an apology from the rest of us, surely it is the Indians. We whites simply landed and took over their territory, and compounded our aggression by breaking practically every treaty we subsequently signed with them.

And Lord knows Hispinac Americans (or at least those from Mexico) are entitled to an apology for the huge swaths of territory we wrested from Mexico in the 19th Century. As a matter of fact, wouldn't common decency suggest that we ought to return most of the southwestern United States, from Texas to California, to Mexico?

But why must the United States do all the apologizing? Shouldn't other countries admit their derelictions too?

Shouldn't Britain apologize to India and Pakistan for exploiting the whole subcontinent for 300 years? For that matter, wouldn't it be nice if the British House of Commons apologized to the 13 states that comprised their American colonies for trying to keep them in subjection against their will?

Similarly, Japan certainly ought to apologize to Americans for Pearl Harbor, not to mention apologizing to the Chinese for the Rape of Nanking. Germany should apologize to the Russians for invading them as well as to the Jews for trying to annihilate them.

Turkey ought to apologize to Arménia for the Armenians it slaughtered, and South Africa's whites owe an apology to its blacks for the long years of apartheid. (Please note, by the way, that all of those listed in this paragraph as deserving an apology are still represented by living people, who thus are as entitled as the aforementioned Japanese-Americans to cash reparations.)

Widening our focus a bit, isn't it clear that women as a whole deserve an apology from men as a whole for imposing on them when the patriarchal domination of which our feminists complain?

Though, if it comes to that, aren't all men entitled to an apology from all women for Eve's having persuaded Adam to eat that apple?

The point of this whole exercise, of course, is to illustrate the absurdity of trying to right historical wrongs by apologizing for them.

As Gibson remarked, history is "little more than the register of the crimes, follies and misfortunes of mankind."

There would be no end to any serious effort to apologize for all of them, and it would eventually wind up conferring victimhood on everyone. (Though come to think of it, that might be a solution of sorts!)

Getting personal with your prayers

George Plagenz

Dr. Richard Cabot, a famous physician at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, once said that if more ministers knew how to pray for the people of the congregations who came to them for help, 60 percent to 70 percent of those who fill doctors' waiting rooms wouldn't have to be there.

Is it true that ministers, who ought to be experts in praying, don't know how to pray? Listen to what one woman has to say about her own pastor.

"Recently," she writes, "I went to speak to the senior minister of my church to tell him of my marital problems. He was very concerned and encouraging, and when I was leaving, promised to think about me every day.

"I wanted to tell him that all my unbelieving friends were thinking about me. What I needed was a prayer warrior. I am saddened that I must go to another group in my city to request prayer for me and my husband.

"I have lots of people thinking of me. What I need are people who can address God on my behalf and assure me I will be remembered in prayer."

This woman is not alone in her search for "prayer warriors" over optimists ("I'm sure everything will be fine") or positive thinkers ("You've got to look on the bright side").

Of course, this woman could have done her own praying. In fact, she probably had. But most of us, when dealing with a crisis, would feel better if we know others will reinforce our prayers by remembering us by name in their prayers.

What bothers many of us about prayers we hear in church or find in a prayer book is that they are too impersonal to be helpful. One size prayer is made to fit all. We want prayers that speak personally to our condition — that mention our name and our need and God's name is the same prayer.

Margaret Creal's novel, "The Man Who Sold Prayers," tells of a clergyman who succeeded in doing that, Rev. St. Claire Gwynne (known as "Saintly") wrote custom-made prayers for people and soon found he was getting more requests than he could fill.

Did the made-to-order prayers work? If by that we mean, "Did the people all get what they prayed for?" the answer is no. But in another sense they did work.

Take the woman who asked Saintly to write a prayer to help her win the lottery. She said afterward, "When I didn't win. I was really disappointed. But I got used to saying the prayer the reverend wrote for me and I kept saying it. Now I've found the 'spiritual fortune' he wrote about in that prayer and it's better than anything money can buy."

But there was a down side for Saintly in all this prayer-writing. As he looked at the piles of requests stacked high on his desk — one pile for people who wanted to be healthy, a pile for those who wanted to be rich, another for those who wanted to change something (like the weather or the government) — he grew uneasy.

"They all boil down to I-want," Saintly mused. "No one orders a prayer that says, 'God how marvelous!' or 'You're simply divine.' It gets very depressing hearing all those I-wants and Give-mes."

Perhaps we are looking too hard for the answers to our prayers. There is one prayer that always works and answers all our needs.

Happiness, as we all know, is not a matter of getting everything we want. It is a matter of being with someone we love who loves us in return. Love is often all it takes to lift whatever burden we are carrying.

So the prayer that puts us in touch with God as the beloved friend and companion of our lives may be the only prayer we need.

If someone offers to sell you that prayer, buy it.

Campaign finance reform is stalled

WASHINGTON (AP) — A funny thing happened on the way to President Clinton's theatrically declared deadline for campaign finance reform.

Nothing.

The Fourth of July came and went, as Clinton lamented, without a vote, let alone a law.

And there is scant prospect of one later this year. When Clinton urged the self-set timetable on Congress, he said delay would be the enemy of change.

It is, but the president whose party raised less money more culpably than the Republicans in 1996 can only complain about inaction. It still is raising money for Democrats under a system Clinton recommends banning by law or order.

That is the unrestricted so-called soft money political parties can take, outside the limits applied to donations to candidates and their campaigns. At Monday sessions in Boston and New York, Clinton helped raise $2.5 million, at a lunch, reception and pricey performance of "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum."

Those donations were the kind Clinton wants to end, by making them subject to legal limits. As he makes his own fund-raising appearances the White House says Democrats won't do it alone, only when Republicans are subject to limits, too.

In his State of the Union message, Clinton challenged the Republican-run Congress to pass campaign reform by Independence Day, an unrealistic aim from the start. Republican leaders are more interested in investigating what the Democrats did in the 1996 campaign than in changing the rules.

Since then, the White House has prodded the issue periodically, but other issues took precedence.

There was one vote, in the Senate, on a sure-loser constitutional amendment to reverse the 1976 Supreme Court decision that bars mandatory spending limits on candidates and their campaigns as an intrusion on free speech. Sponsors of the campaign finance overhaul Clinton favors said that was only a distraction, not a serious attempt at reform.

Clinton got back to the topic in a June 28 radio address, conceding that there's been little progress. No progress would have been more accurate. He said Senate reformers will seek a vote on their bill this summer. "This will be our first chance to see who is for real on the issue of reform," he said. But the lines were drawn long ago, on other overhaul attempts, and one of them is a filibuster, meaning it would take 60 Senate votes to force a campaign finance bill to action.

"... We shouldn't wait for Congress to act, and I'm not waiting," the president said.

So, Clinton said, he has:

—Petitioned the Federal Election Commission to issue an order banning soft money contributions.

—Told the Justice Department to fight in court in favor of permitting legal limits on campaign spending.

—Asked the Federal Communications Commission to require that television broadcasters give candidates free TV time during campaigns, as a condition of receiving new licenses for digital television.

DATE BOOK

July 5, 1997

Today is the 186th day of 1997 and the 15th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1865, William Booth founded the Salvation Army in London.

On this day in 1950, Kenneth Shadrick of Skin Fork, W.Va., became the first U.S. fatality in the Korean War.

On this day in 1986, the Statue of Liberty was officially reopened by Nancy Reagan after three years of renovation.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: P.T. Barnum (1810-1891), showman; Jean Cocteau (1889-1963), writer-filmmaker; Henry Cabot Lodge Jr. (1902-1985), U.S. politician; Georges Pompidou (1911-1974), French statesman; Katherine Helmond (1934-), actress, is 63; Robbie Robertson (1944-), musician-composer, is 53; James Lofton (1956-), football player, is 41.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1975, Arthur Ashe beat Jimmy Connors and became the first black man to win the Wimbledon singles title.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The worst tragedy of a poet is to be admired through being misunderstood." — Jean Cocteau

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1900, lightening struck the Standard Oil refinery in Bayonne, N.J., causing a three-day fire.

SOURCE: 1997 Weather Guide Calendar; Accord Publishing, Ltd.

TODAY'S MOON: Day after new moon.

July 6, 1997

Today is the 187th day of 1997 and the 16th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1535, Sir Thomas More was executed in England for treason.

On this day in 1885, Dr. Louis Pasteur successfully tested his anti-rabies treatment.

On this day in 1964, the Beatles' movie "A Hard Day's Night" premiered in London.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: John Paul Jones (1747-1792), U.S. naval hero; Beatrix Potter (1866-1943), children's writer; Nancy Reagan (1921-), first lady, is 76; Merv Griffin (1925-), entertainer-businessman, is 72; Janet Leigh (1927-), actress, is 70; Della Reese (1931-), singer-actress, is 66; Ned Beatty (1937-), actor, is 60; Sylvester Stallone (1946-), actor, is 51.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1957, Althea Gibson became the first black tennis player to win a Wimbledon singles title.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "It takes a wise man to recognize a wise man." — Xenophanes

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1883, 18 inches of snow fell on the summit of Colorado's Pike's Peak.

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TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (July 4) and first quarter (July 12).

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COOKOFF WINNERS — Jay Butler and Kerry Clay placed in the Chisholm Trail BBQ cookoff at the Stockyards in Fort Worth. Butler won sixth place in beans and seventh in brisket. Clay earned 9th in brisket. (Contributed Photo)

Flag preservation cost at $15 million

WASHINGTON (AP) — Time and pollution are doing what the British could not: They're slowly destroying the huge red, white and blue flag that inspired "The Star Spangled Banner" back in 1814.

Preserving the banner, which hangs in the Museum of American History on the Mall, could cost up to $15 million. And experts, anxious to make the right moves as they restore the flag, haven't even decided yet how to proceed.

"I think it's our duty to make it available to people for as long as we can," said associate museum director Ron Becker, in charge of saving the flag.

Visitors now see the flag as they enter the museum's main door. It hangs from the ceiling, stretching 40 feet down a wall — the size of a four-story building.

The banner had to be big for composer Francis Scott Key to spot it from the deck of a small storm-tossed sloop, rolling in the Patapsco River nine miles away, in the dawn's early light of Sept. 14, 1814. Key got real help from "bombs bursting in air."

The flag still flew from its staff after an all-night British naval bombardment of Baltimore's Fort McHenry during the War of 1812, signifying the fort remained in American hands.

Now, unless the flag is taken down and subjected to extended high-tech preservation, it may crumble.

The flag's natural fibers have been inevitably damaged by air pollution and decay, said Suzanne Thomassen-Kraus, the museum's authority on textiles. The 15 stripes and blue field are wool, and the stars are cotton. Sewn with linen thread, the flag had cost $405.90 by the time Baltimore widow Mary Young Pickersgill and her 13-year-old daughter Caroline finished it a month before the attack.

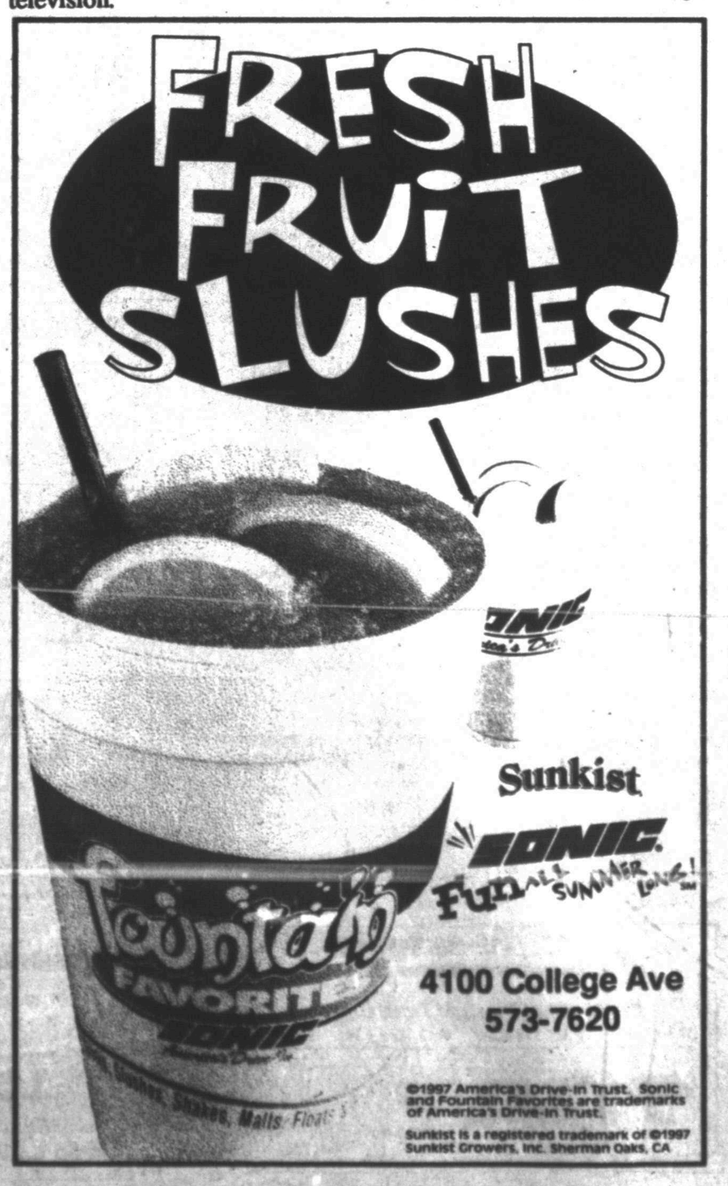
The flag used to have a huge plain cloth hung over it, raised every hour so visitors could see it as the national anthem played. Conservationists decided the cloth gave little protection from visitors' breath and fibers in the atmosphere, so the flag is now on permanent display.

The Star Spangled Banner also got a light vacuuming in 1982, but nothing like the effort now planned, said Thomassen-Krauss.

"We used a vacuum with very low suction, so as not to remove any of the original fiber," she said. "It just took off the same light dust you'd find on your furniture."

Last November, Becker assembled about 50 conservators who met for two days, then broke up into groups available for consultation. Each deals with a part of the problem.

"It's a community we can go back to," Becker said.



Dear Abby By Abigail Van Buren

Woman Who Wants Piano Back Strikes Sour Note With Sister

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DEAR ABBY: Seven years ago, my sister called and offered me her piano. She told me none of her children wanted it, she was moving, and there was no room for it in her new place. Since I love to play the piano and am quite good at it, I said yes immediately.

I have moved twice since I have had the piano. It is very heavy, and the second time I moved, I had to pay a piano mover to move it. In October of '95, my mother passed away. Then in December of '96, my other sister passed away, and I've been sick for quite a while myself.

Last February, the sister who gave me the piano called out of the blue and told me she wanted her piano back because her granddaughter was taking piano lessons and needed it so she could practice. I hadn't heard from her for quite a while, and it upset me that she had called not to inquire about my health, but to ask me to return something she had given me seven years ago.

She insists that she told me seven years ago that she was giving me the piano with the stipulation that if one of her children or grandchildren should decide some time in the future that they wanted to play, I would return it. My feeling is that it was inconsiderate of her to ask for the piano back, when she knew I was sick and depressed, regardless of any stipulation under which she might have given it to me. I explained to her that due to chronic fatigue and depression, I haven't been able to keep my house in order and that she could have someone come for the piano after I am well enough to straighten up my place.

I am writing to you because I would like to know if you think my sister was inconsiderate in making her request, or if I am just being overly sensitive about it.

STRESSED OUT, HURT AND CONFUSED, WHITEHALL, PA.

DEAR STRESSED OUT: If you and your sister had not spoken in some time, it is possible that she was unaware that her request was coming at a time when you were sick and depressed. Give her the benefit of the doubt and return the piano.

Although chronic fatigue syndrome is an elusive illness and difficult to diagnose, help for it is available. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) operates a chronic fatigue syndrome hotline with recorded updates on diagnosis, causes, treatment and support groups. The number is 1-404-639-1338. You might benefit by giving it a call. (For those with computers, CDC has a home page; the address for information on chronic fatigue syndrome is: www.cdc.gov/ncidod/diseases/cfs/cfshome.htm.)

Also, the National Chronic Fatigue Syndrome and Fibromyalgia Association provides scientifically accurate information to patients in writing, on videotape and by telephone. Call 1-816-313-2000, or write to the association at P.O. Box 18426, Kansas City, Mo. 64133. Please enclose a long, business-sized, self-addressed, stamped (32 cents) envelope.

As depressing and debilitating as CFS can be, adding to it a feeling of isolation is even worse. If you haven't already done so, start networking today. I wish you the best of luck.

DEAR ABBY: Your advice to "Lucky Lady" — to keep a small flashlight on the nightstand to use in finding her way to the bathroom when in strange surroundings — is fine, *if* she tells her hosts about it.

Otherwise, they might think there's an intruder in their house, and shoot without bothering to ask, "Who goes there?"

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DEAR MRS. SYLL: That's good advice. Better to be safe than sorry.

DEAR ABBY: When I read the letters from women complaining about the lack of service they receive at lumberyards and hardware stores because they were female, I had to laugh.

The opposite is true for my husband and me. The secret lies with reverse sex discrimination. I put on makeup and wear a tight T-shirt and never lack for attention. My husband makes me come along with him, just to lure the sales clerks so he can get help.

JANIS IN CAPISTRANO BEACH, CALIF.

DEAR JANIS: Your letter proves that flies are attracted to honeys in tight T-shirts.

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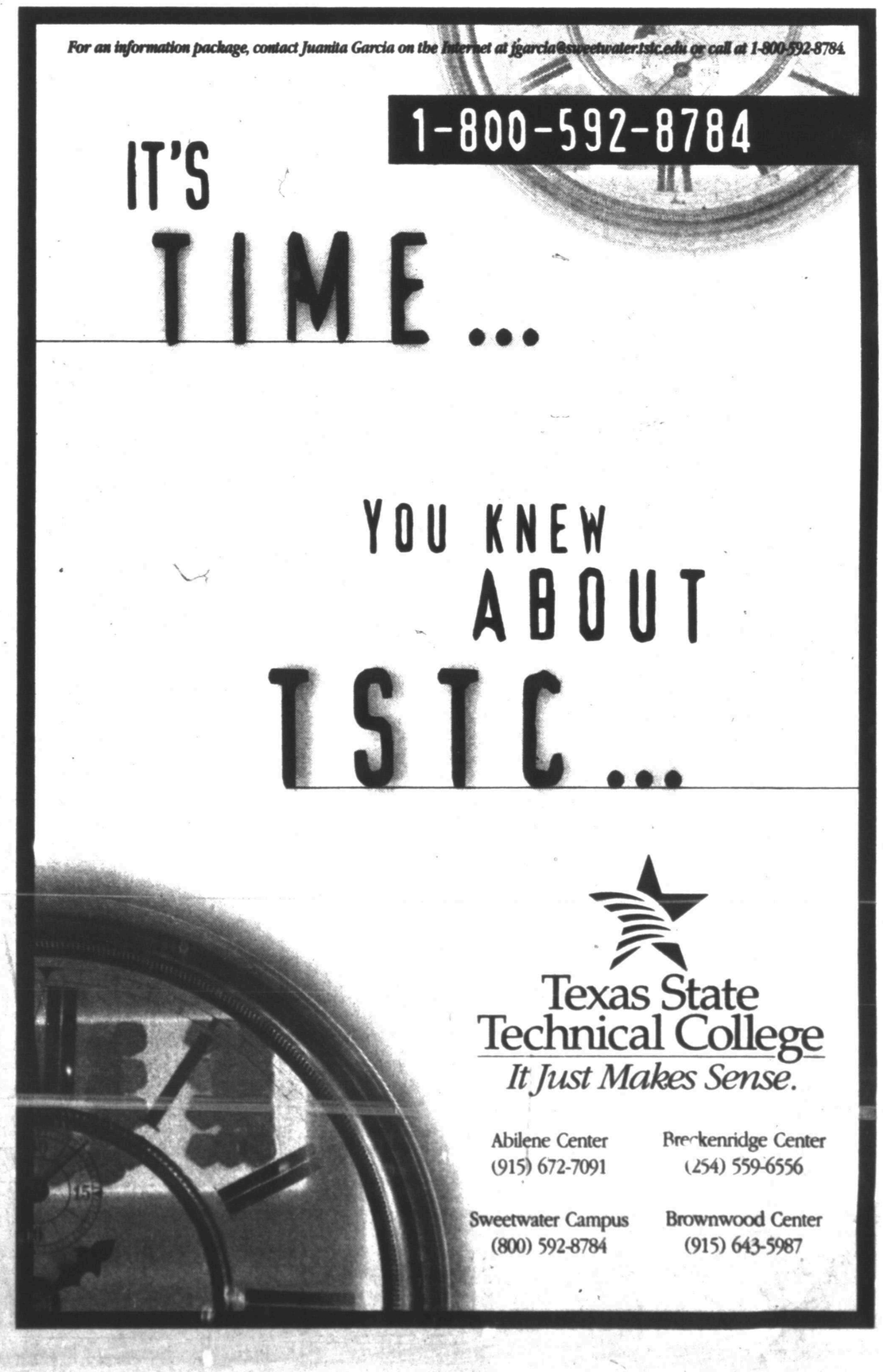

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