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Home of James Jenkins

Enrollment in SISD schools drops by 115

First day enrollment in the Snyder public schools saw a drop of 115 students since the last day of school in May.

Enrollment Wednesday totaled 2,591 students as compared to 2,706 on May 18.

Comparing the start of school this year with that of 2000, there are 92 fewer students than last year.

In 2000, 2,683 students showed up for the first day of classes.

None of these totals include students attending Hobbs Alternative School. Those classes do not start until Monday. At the end of school last year, there were 24 students from Snyder enrolled at Hobbs.

At Snyder High School, there are 155 seniors as compared to 168 enrolling last year – the same number that ended school in May.

Comparing the number of students that completed the junior year in Snyder as to the number of seniors starting Wednesday, there is a drop of 36 students.

There are 196 juniors as compared to 182 last year at the start of school. The year ended with 191 eleventh graders enrolled.

The sophomore class has 189 students enrolled as compared to 215 in class in May. A year ago, 220 sophomore enrolled.

The freshman class enrolled 200 students as compared to 208 in 2000. The school year ended in May with 212 freshmen.

In all, there are 740 students enrolled at Snyder High School as compared to 786 at the end of school in May.

A year ago, 778 students were in class at SHS on the first day of school.

At Snyder Junior High, the total enrollment Wednesday was 405 – down from 416 at the end of school.

Classes showing increases from the end of school included the eleventh grade – up five students from 191. Others are the fifth grade – up four students from 180 that finished school last year. Also, the fourth grade showed an increase of 17 students – up from 190 at the close of school. The third grade enrollment was up by two students from 214, and the first grade saw an increase in enrollment of 12 students from 192 to 204.

Pre-kindergarten enrollment stayed at 61.

The number of students is expected to increase following the Labor Day holiday

At Ira, there are 182 students enrolled. This is up 11 from the same time last year and up 17 from the end of school.

Hermleigh schools do not start until Monday.

Traditionally, enrollment in public schools creeps up from the first day of classes and peaks after Labor Day.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "The best thing egotists is they don't talk about other people."

Despite the torrid Texas weather, there's still a lot going on outdoors this summer.

Unfortunately, according to a new collection of game warden field notes, not all of it was "cool" or even legal.

In early June, two game wardens at Buffalo Springs Lake near Lubbock assisted a novice boater Lubbock who was apparently under the impression that boats are launched by unhooking the trailer from the vehicle while on the ramp.

The boat was retrieved while the trailer still dangling below.

Near Lampasas, a warden responded to a call about someone shooting road signs. The warden found a man with a handgun blasting away.

When told he was violating state law, the man was flabbergasted. He told the officer that no one in his concealed handgun class had informed him that it was illegal to shoot signs.

And in Lamar County, a game warden patrolling a lake on a personal watercraft saw another craft going full throttle close to a boat ramp and then through a no-wake zone.

Someone on the bank yelled at the operator to slow down, to which the boater replied, "Why? There's no game warden around."

A similar incident occurred on land, when someone asked the officer about driving an all-terrain vehicle in the local wildlife management area.

About two hours after advising that it was against the law, the officer spotted the lights of what appeared to be an ATV in the restricted area.

When apprehended, the ATV operator responded, "Hey, I thought you had gone home."

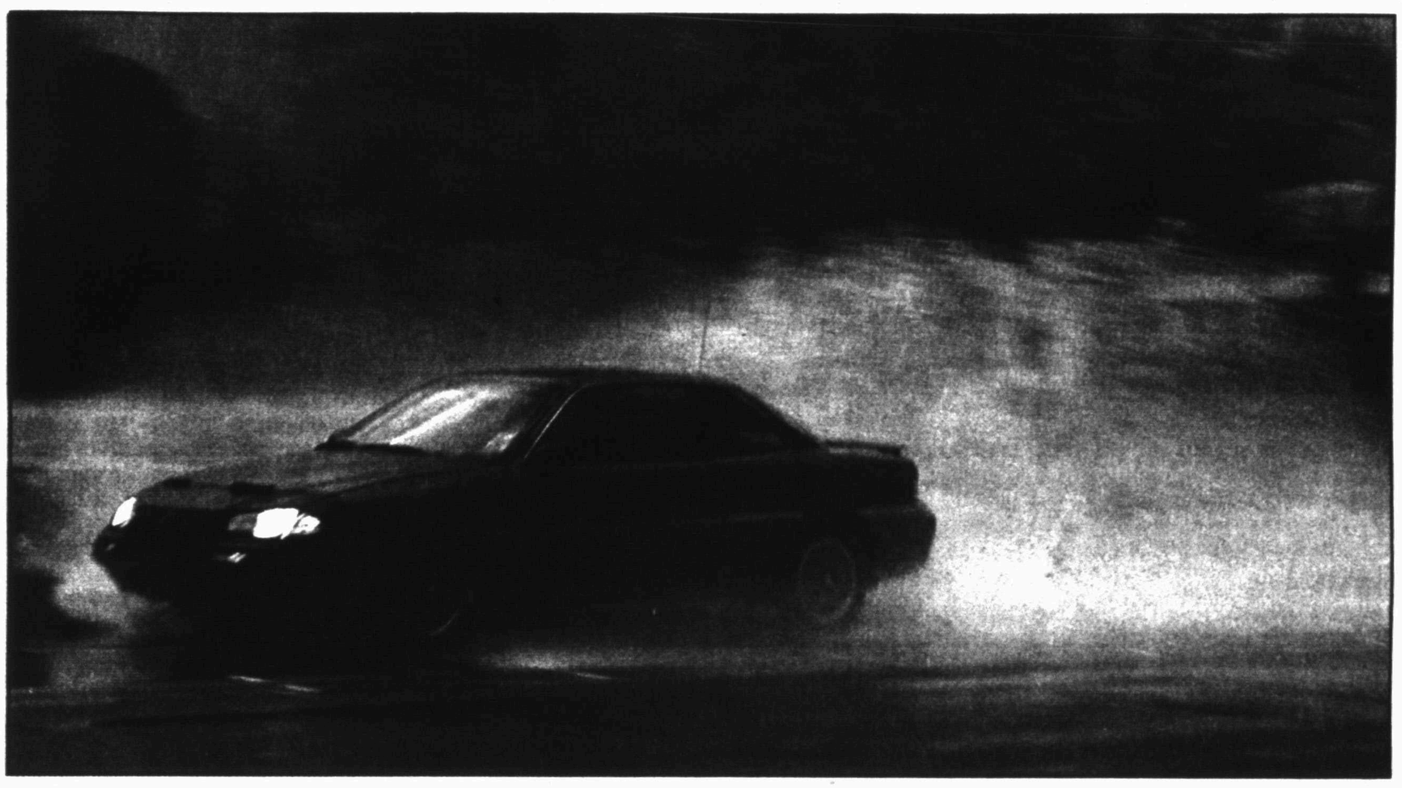
And an incident in Scurry County also made the list.

A fisherman was filed on for keeping undersize crappie. The angler had proudly showed the warden a string of legal fish, but conveniently "forgot" to mention the two buckets of smaller fish stashed in his boat and pickup.

And a game warden in Cherokee County joined other law enforcement officials in a search for a four-year-old boy reported missing from his Dialville home.

After a brief but frantic search, the story had a happy ending when the boy was found hiding under the family's mobile home.

Seems it was shady there.



SPLISH SPLASH — This car splashed through a large puddle on College Ave. Wednesday night shortly after the first storm dropped some much-needed rain on Snyder. Rainfall around Scurry County ranged from .1 to 1.5 inches. (SDN Staff Photo)

It's called rain

Scurry County received a welcome visitor Wednesday evening – a storm cloud that dropped as much as an 1.5 inches of rain on some parts of the county.

While the entire county received some moisture, the heaviest rainfall was reported to the east.

Ann Cross reported an 1.5 inches of the much-needed precipitation in her gauge at Loyd Mountain, northeast of Snyder.

Rainfall reports in the city ranged from .7 of an inch at the city water treatment plant to one inch at residences on Ave. M in the northeast part of the town.

At Camp Springs, .9 off an inch was reported and The Farmer's Co-op Gin east of Snyder reported an inch.

The Inadale Gin measured .6 of an inch at their location on Highway 84. Hermleigh residents reported a half-inch there.

Lake J.B. Thomas received .2 of an inch and the Scurry County Gin, west of Snyder, reported four-tenths.

Seven-tenths of an inch was reported to have fallen at both Union and Gail and .2 was reported at Dunn.

Ira received the least moisture, .1of an inch, from the storm, which began around 7 p.m. and continued throughout the evening.

Residents are hopeful of more showers as partly cloudy conditions and scattered thunderstorms are forecast for Snyder with a 50 percent chance of rain in the forecast through Saturday.

Rainfall Reports

Snyder	.70
North of city	1.00
East of city	1.50
West of city	.70
Lake Thomas	.20
Dunn	.20
Ira	.10
Gail	.70
Loyd Mountain	1.50
Hermleigh	.50

Passenger trains may be in Snyder's future

For Snyder folks who dread driving hundreds of miles for that next family vacation, catching a train instead might be a possibility in the not-so-distant future.

If a proposed plan for a rail route from Fort Worth to Denver is endorsed by Amtrak, the passenger line could pass through Snyder.

The federally-subsidized rail system, which uses existing rail lines, is considering the "Caprock Chief," a passenger train that would leave Fort Worth for Denver by way of Abilene, Lubbock, through the Panhandle and into Colorado. The proposed line would follow the path of the soon-to-be "Sunset Limited," into Sweetwater, where it would veer to the north toward Snyder and Lubbock.

The Sunset Limited will continue through Midland, Odessa and on to El Paso before heading to Los Angeles.

Tim Geeslin is president of the Texas Association of Rail Passengers (TARP), the organization that proposed the Caprock Chief. He said the line would be good for everyone.

"Our transportation infrastructure is beginning to bog down," he said. "The highways and airlines are beginning to be congested so badly that we have to start looking at other forms of transportation."

TARP is a volunteer organization dedicated to promoting a balanced transportation system by utilizing railways.

Geeslin said the Caprock Chief is a good way to extend rail service to Denver, which he believes is a market that Amtrak is interested in penetrating.

"People in Texas want to go to Denver," he said. "In the winter they want to go skiing and in the summer they want to go up there just to cool off. This is all just conceptual right now and in discussion, but if enough people get on board, I think it will happen."

Government officials are beginning to see the benefit of rail transportation as well.

U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison authored the High-Speed Rail Improvement Act, which includes funding for reroutes of existing Amtrak lines. The Sunset Limited just received such a reroute.

The route from Fort Worth to El Paso originally forced travelers to pass through San Antonio, far to the south. The new route through Abilene is expected to shave 10 hours off of the travel time, significantly cutting costs as well.

The bill, expected to pass this year, will also allow Amtrak to issue up to $12 billion in bonds for upgrades and building new rails.

Hutchison praised the functionality of trains in a release on her website. "Despite the nostalgia that trains evoke, I am one of those people who believe that passenger trains are the wave of the future, not part of the past," she said.

Geeslin said the senator is on the right track, but needs help getting the legislation through.

"Where Sen. Hutchison needs help is on the House side of Congress," Geeslin said. "If we want this project to go forward, we need any support we can get from West Texas.

"This is a nice conceptual project, but like anything else, it's going to take time and work."

Geeslin said he did not know when the Caprock Chief might begin serving passengers or if the train would make a stop in Snyder.

"If we get the legislation passed, anything is possible. There is a lot of stuff happening right now."

Snyder Independent School District
First Day Enrollment Report
2001-2002

Grade	Enrolled 5/25/00	Enrolled 8/14/00	Enrolled 5/18/01	Enrolled 8/15/01
12	182	168	168	155
11	205	182	191	196
10	194	220	215	189
9	242	208	212	200
8	203	197	203	197
7	211	206	213	208
6	209	213	205	172
5	210	182	180	184
4	186	187	190	207
3	198	215	214	216
2	219	216	218	191
1	226	187	192	204
Kindergarten	187	190	195	187
PreK	62	67	61	61
PPCD	35	29	33	19
Self-Contained	9	7	8	5
Transitional	0	9	8	0
Total	2778	2683	2706	2591

ASK US

Q—I know Lake Thomas is low. What about the lakes in Colorado City?

A—Lake Colorado City is down 10½ feet from the spillway, while Lake Champion is down more than 50 feet from the spillway.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Wednesday, 97 degrees; low, 68; 7 a.m. Thursday, 71; .71 of an inch precipitation; total for 2001, 10.31 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy, 20% rain chance, low 65-70, E wind 5-15 mph. Friday, partly cloudy, 20% rain chance, high lower 90s.

Michelle Flores
Rain chance

Sunset: 8:26 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:11 a.m.

Of 227 days in 2001, the sun has shone 215 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Be bold in what you stand for and careful what you fall for.

—Ruth Boorstin

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Prosecutor opposes commuting sentence

TYLER (AP) — An East Texas prosecutor says he opposes a state district judge's request that Gov. Rick Perry commute convicted killer Napoleon Beazley's death sentence because of his age.

Less than four hours before he was set to receive lethal injection, Beazley was returned to death row Wednesday after the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals issued a reprieve.

Just before the stay was granted, Trial Judge Cynthia Kent faxed a letter to Perry's office, asking him to commute the killer's sentence to life imprisonment.

But Smith County District Attorney Jack Skeen Jr., who had almost arrived at the death chamber in Huntsville when the appeals court granted the stay, opposes the surprise request.

"I certainly didn't expect the letter to be written from Judge Kent," Skeen told the Tyler Morning Telegraph in today's editions. "I certainly disagree, to say the least, of her request and I will strongly urge the governor against commuting the sentence."

Skeen recalled that 12 jurors in Kent's 114th District courtroom in 1995 heard two weeks of evidence and considered mitigating circumstances, including the defendant's age, before recommending the death penalty.

"They found Beazley capable of committing criminal acts in the future," Skeen said. "They considered Beazley's age and all the evidence in assessing the death penalty for the premeditated, calculated, cold-blooded murder of John Luttig and the attempted murder of his wife. The jury found there was not sufficient mitigation to justify life."

Beazley was 17 when he gunned down 63-year-old John Luttig and fired shots at his wife outside the couple's south Tyler home during a carjacking. The killer then stole the Luttigs' Mercedes after rifling through the dying man's pockets for his car keys.

Skeen and Tyler Police Chief Gary Swindle are drafting their own letters to Perry, encouraging him to reject Kent's request. The district attorney said he expects other law enforcement officials to follow suit, arguing that the trial court should not ask that a sentence decided within the confines of the law be overturned.

"The jury decided Napoleon Beazley should be put to death for the crime he committed," Swindle said. "Its our job to enforce the law and its the courts job to make sure all procedures are followed through to the full extend of the law. And the death penalty prevents future crimes, especially by that person."

Beazley, now 25, is among 31 Texas death row inmates who were 17 when their crimes were committed. State law permits juries to assess the death penalty for anyone above the age of 16 who is convicted of capital murder.

But Skeen said neither Kent nor any other local judges previously appealed for leniency in a capital case based on a defendant's age. Until Wednesday's letter, the judge never hinted of an objection to Beazley's execution, Skeen added.

Kent declined to comment on her three-page letter because the matter is still pending.

"I find that there is no legal, factual or procedural basis upon which an attack upon the actual guilt or the judgment and sentence of death could properly be sustained," Kent wrote.

Although the judge described the case as fair and free of error, she urged Perry to commute the sentence.

"Although my prior rulings, in my opinion, are correct and have carefully followed the law, and I still maintain that the judgment and death sentence are in accordance with the facts and law in the state of Texas, it is my recommendation that due to his age at the time of the offense, that you consider carefully and grant his request that his sentence be commuted from the death sentence to a sentence of life imprisonment," Kent wrote.

She wrote Perry that the request came late on the scheduled execution date because Beazley's attorneys had just asked her to make the plea and she "willingly agreed to do so."

But Skeen suggested it was inappropriate for a trial judge to request the verdict be changed after it was affirmed by higher courts.

"That verdict was based on the facts of this horrible crime committed against John Luttig and his wife," the prosecutor said.

events

TEXAS LOTTERY

RESULTS

Lotto Texas

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

The numbers drawn Wednesday night are:

46-36-54-34-22-29

Pick 3

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

2-1-0

Actor is responding well to treatment

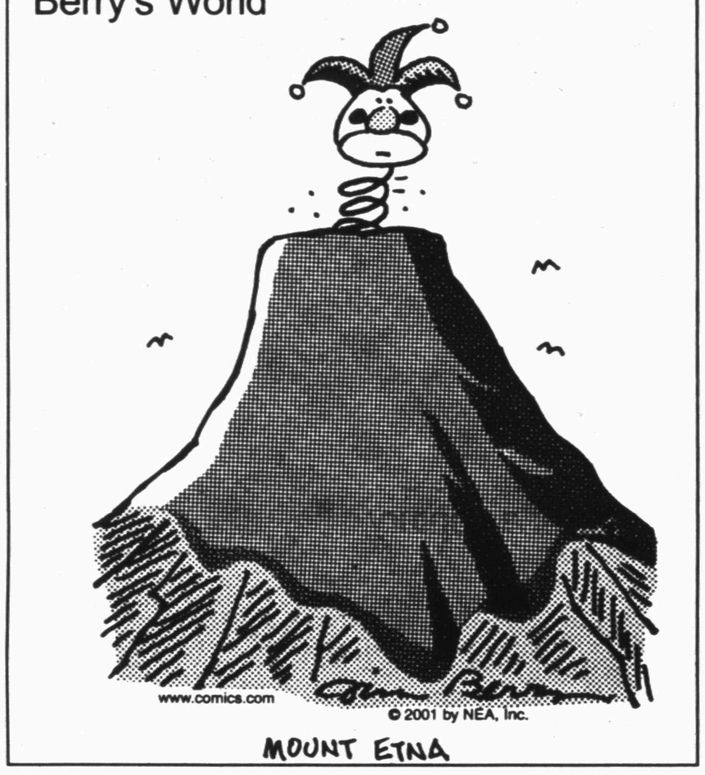
LONDON (AP) — "Inspector Morse" star John Thaw is responding well to treatment for cancer and wants to return to work, his wife said.

The popular and respected British actor, best known to international TV audiences as gruff police detective Morse, announced in mid-June that he was undergoing treatment for cancer of the esophagus.

"John is doing well; he has responded well to treatment and wants to get back to work as soon as he is well enough," said Thaw's wife, actress Sheila Hancock, who recovered from breast cancer more than a decade ago.

Her 59-year-old husband was feeling fine, she said Tuesday.

Berry's World



Date Book

Thursday, Aug. 16, 2001

Today is the 228th day of 2001 and the 57th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1894, the U.S. Senate created a special committee to investigate charges that senators had taken bribes to support tariff schedules favorable to the sugar industry.

On this day in 1954, Operation Passage to Freedom began. The operation transported refugees from Haiphong to Saigon, Vietnam.

On this day in 1963, Cmdr. Samuel Gravely Jr. and Lt. Cmdr. George Thompson became the first African-Americans to attend classes at the Naval War College.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: George Meany (1894-1980), labor leader; Fess Parker (1925-), actor, is 76; Robert Culp (1930-), actor, is 71; Frank Gifford (1930-), football great-sportscaster, is 71; Eydie Gorme (1932-), singer, is 69; Lesley Ann Warren (1946-), actress, is 55; Madonna (1958-), singer-actress, is 43.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1893, Bill Hawke pitched a no-hitter for Baltimore against Washington. Baltimore won 6-0.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Belief in oneself is one of the most important bricks in building any successful venture." — Frank Gifford

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (Aug. 12) and new moon (Aug. 18).

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MASONIC SCHOLARSHIP — Jose Juarez, a 2000 graduate of Ira High School, has been given his third $1,400 per semester scholarship by Ira Masonic Lodge 934. Jose, 19, is a sophomore pre med student at Texas Tech. He is the son of Gregorio and Luisa Juarez of Ira. From left are Corky Kruse, Lloyd Knipe, both Masons, Juarez, and Jim Rumage, superintendent. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

ABWA awards scholarship to Kristin Harless

Scurry Charter Chapter of American Business Women's Association met for its regular dinner meeting at the Martha Ann Woman's Club with Vera Pruitt presiding.

Kristin Harless of Ira was named recipient of the organization's 2001-2002 Western Texas College Scholarship. Kristin was a spring graduate of Snyder High School.

Chapter members revealed secret sisters with whom they exchanged gifts.

Pruitt gave the invocation and the benediction was given by Leona Wiggins. Hostess was Ruby Deavers.

BRIDAL SHOWER — Keila Brooke Helms was honoree at a miscellaneous shower on June 30. Seventeen hosted the event in the fellowship hall of Colonial Hill Baptist Church. She is the bride-elect of Michael Shane Bearden. They plan to wed Saturday. From left are LaNell Bearden, mother of the prospective groom; the honoree; Janna Helms, mother of the bride-elect from Rotan; Kendra Helms, her sister from Lubbock. (Contributed Photo)

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In 1760, about one-third of the ship tonnage of Britain was constructed in Britain's North American colonies.

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The basic monetary unit of Cameroon is the franc, and its chief fractional unit is the centime.

Community Calendar

THURSDAY

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

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

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

Snyder Chapter No. 450 Order of the Eastern Star; Masonic Hall, 1912 35th Street; 7:30 p.m.

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

Nuestra Nueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; for information call 573-8626; 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

Hermleigh Community Center Family Night; 6:30 p.m.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 08-16-01
♠ K Q J 4
♥ —
♦ K J 10 5 4 3
♣ Q 6 5

West
♠ 10 9 6
♥ Q 10 6 4 3
♦ 9
♣ 10 8 7 3

East
♠ 8 5 2
♥ A K J 9 5
♦ 7
♣ A J 9 2

South
♠ A 7 3
♥ 8 7 2
♦ A Q 8 6 2
♣ K 4

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: North-South

South	West	North	East
1 ♦	Pass	1 ♠	2 ♥
2 ♠	4 ♥	5 ♦	Pass
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Opening lead: ♥ 4

Their number is a quarter of a century

The contents of a book on bidding are bound to fail to win universal approval. This is true of "25 Ways to Compete in the Bidding" by Barbara Seagram and Marc Smith (Master Point Press, 2000). It is a workmanlike project, but of course I disagreed with some of the authors' advice. For example, they advise overcalling one spade with ace-queen-jack-10-fifth of spades, only those seven high-card points, and 5-3-3-2 distribution. I think if you must bid, you should make a weak jump overcall of two spades. This takes up more space, and means that when you make a simple overcall, partner knows you have something like 10-17 points, not 7-17.

Yet I concurred with a lot of the recommendations. In particular, they urge that if the dealer opens, second hand makes a simple overcall, and the responder passes, a new-suit bid by the overcaller's partner is forcing for one round. Finally, though, I wish they would look up "infinitely" in the dictionary.

The book contains only two full layouts, used to highlight the Law of Total Tricks. This deal has been built around a bidding question. Look only at that South hand. What would you do after the given start to the auction?

If West's jump to four hearts is too rich for your blood, read the book!

Despite his minimum point-count, South has a great hand. North must have at most one heart, and if he has a heart, he probably holds the club ace. South should raise to six diamonds, which makes easily.

The book is $18.95 postpaid from Baron Barclay Bridge Supplies. Call (800) 274-2221 to order.

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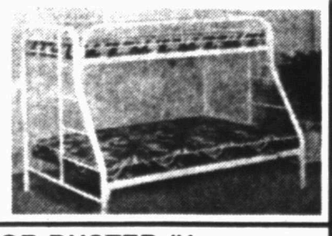

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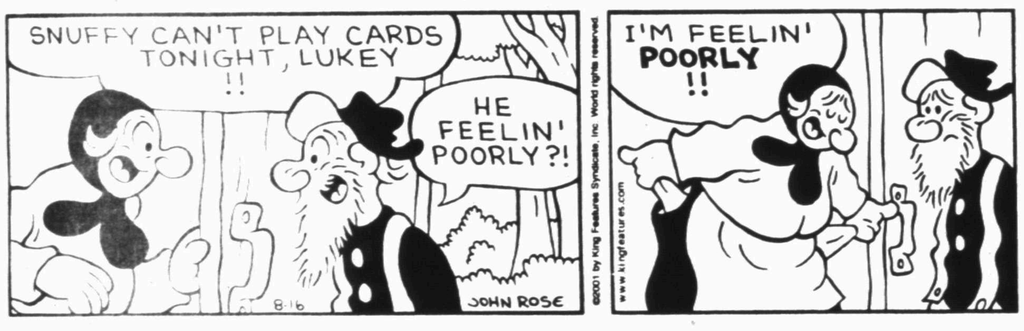

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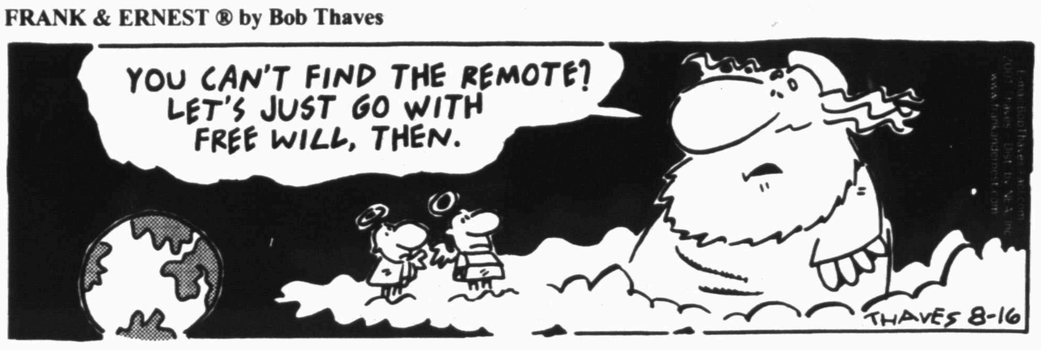

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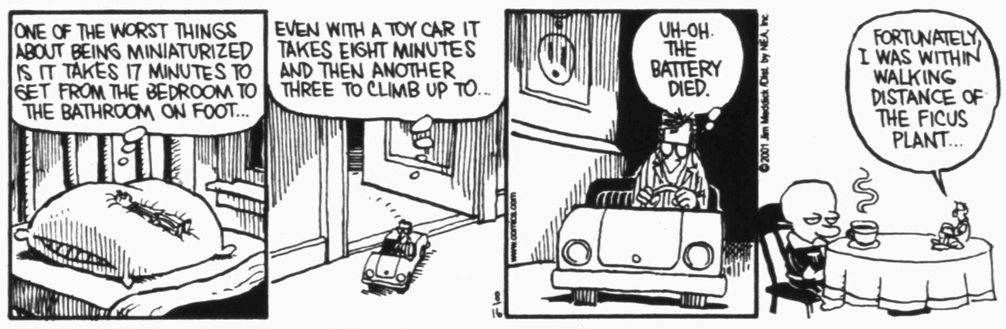

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"I'll give you my car and stereo if we call it off."

NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 Overtook a car
7 Big shindigs
13 Fruit ripener
14 Refrigerant
15 Gladdens
16 Sew-and-sew?
17 Hat holders
18 Frontiersman Carson
20 Emulate Christie Brinkley
21 Awry
23 Luster
27 Religious recluse
32 Architectural order
33 Margaret Mead's workplace
34 Be a tour leader
35 Makes sweaters
36 Goes to
39 "He — — at his desk"
40 Article of faith
42 Egyptian cross
46 Air-traffic org.
47 Years (Sp.)
51 "La —" (opera)
53 Hot Mexican specialty
55 Charm
56 Come forth
57 Past and future
58 Auto-racing org.

DOWN

1 Chirp
2 Tamarisk salt tree
3 Type of rug
4 Puts
5 Compass pt.
6 Classroom staples
7 Not so bad
8 One day — — time
9 Ocean liner
10 Circle of light
11 Baseball's Slaughter
12 Withered
19 Mamie's guy
21 Rise
22 Vest
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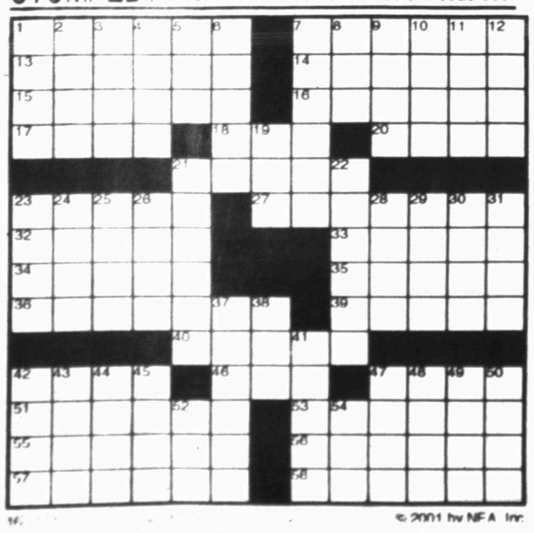

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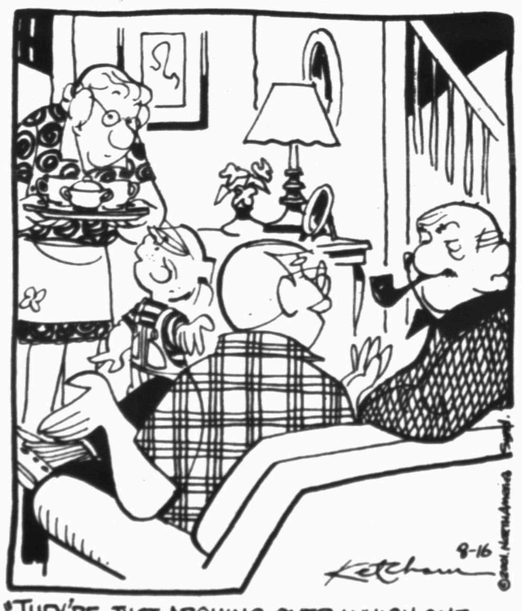

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SPORTS

Duval on track for second major title

DULUTH, Ga. (AP) — David Duval, coming off a breakthrough victory at the British Open, opened with three straight birdies Thursday at the 83rd PGA Championship.

Ernie Els of South Africa took the early lead, standing 4 under through seven holes, while Tiger Woods struggled in the prime conditions at Atlanta Athletic Club.

Woods opened with a bogey and had another on his fifth hole, leaving him 1 over and five strokes off the pace.

Duval won the first major of his career at Royal Lytham & St. Annes, perhaps signaling the start of a true Arnie-vs.-Jack sort of rivalry with Woods.

"A lot of people are yelling, 'Get your second in a row,'" Duval said. "I think it does change how you are looked at and how you are perceived."

Most of the early starters took advantage of a 7,213-yard Highlands Course softened by rain early in the week. Thick clouds covered the course but were expected to burn off during the day.

Duval and two-time PGA Championship winner Larry Nelson of nearby Marietta, Ga., were one shot behind Els. The 53-year-old Nelson won the 1981 tournament when it was held on the same course; he's now a member of the Senior Tour.

Dudley Hart and Australians Greg Chalmers and Stuart Appleby also were at 3 under.

Groups of three teed off on both nines for the first time in a major since the 1971 PGA Championship was played in February with limited daylight.

The marquee group featured the three major winners this year: Woods, Duval and Retief Goosen.

Woods won the Masters in April to complete an unprecedented sweep of all four majors. Goosen broke the streak in June, capturing the U.S. Open at Southern Hills in a playoff. Duval won the British in July.

Goosen was 1 under through five holes.

Even before the tournament started, the 18th hole drew quite a bit of attention leading up to the final major of the year.

Players such as Davis Love III have struggled in practice to find the best way to attack the monstrous 18th, the longest par 4 in tournament history and further complicated by an abundance of water and sand.

Starnes posts 2-under to win WTC junior tournament

Western Texas College golf course crowned its junior and family champions recently at the WTC Junior Classic and WTC Parent-Child Tournament.

Snyder High School junior Zach Starnes fired a 2-under-par 68 to capture the 15-over title. Stafford Gray was runner-up with a 73.

In the 11-14 age division, Blake Seale carded a 34 over nine holes to take the top spot, while Jay Weaver claimed second place with a 37.

Robbie Rinehart tallied a 45 to win the 10-under classification. Kaden Seale posted a 51 to take second.

At the parent-child event, which used the modified stableford scoring system, Randy and Daysha Weaver totaled 47 points to grab top honors in the open division. Mike and Chad Carter were second with 37 points.

Randy and Jay Weaver teamed up for 52 points to win the junior division, while Mark and Blake Seale tallied 45 to finish as runners-up.

Sports Briefs

MGA monthly tourney

The Men's Golf Association of Western Texas College will hold its monthly tournament at 8:30 a.m. Saturday. Format is medal play, and cost is $7.

Flag football

Any teams interested in playing in the Texas Amateur Athletic Federation flag football league should contact Earl Ware at 573-0800.

SISD golf meeting

Parents of Snyder junior high and high school golfers will meet at 8 this evening at the junior high auditorium. Plans will be made for the Sammy Baugh tournament to be held Sept. 8 at Western Texas College.

Tuesday scramble and all-day MGA

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

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

WGA play day

The Women's Golf Association of Snyder Country Club holds its weekly play day at 8:30 a.m. each Tuesday. Format is queen of the hill.

Watermelon Bowl

Friday, August 17th,
5:30 p.m.
Travis Field
Admission:
Adults $2 Students $1
No Athletic, Teacher or Student Passes Allowed

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Dallas aerial duo sets to work

OXNARD, Calif. (AP) — In the middle of Quincy Carter's fourth practice since becoming the starting quarterback for the Dallas Cowboys, receiver Joey Galloway offered some veteran advice: Stick around.

After running sprints and peeling off their pads, Carter and Galloway returned to the practice field for another 15 minutes of work Thursday afternoon.

They focused mostly on deep passes, but also mixed in other routes as they worked to refine the timing necessary to make their relationship — and the Dallas offense — a success.

"We've got work to do, and a short amount of time to get it done," Galloway said. "We just need to be able to work with each other, talk things through. We're going to do everything we can to prepare."

Carter threw 50-yard bombs that Galloway often had to slow down or even stop to catch. They worked on some short routes, too, and for the most part Carter threw tight spirals — an improvement from the flutterballs that often slip out during practice.

"He's working extremely hard," Galloway said. "He has a lot to learn. He shows signs of being real good and signs of needing experience. That's going to happen with a rookie."

Carter moved up to first string Wednesday morning following the release of veteran Tony Banks. The second-round pick already had been tabbed the team's quarterback of the future and coaches felt he'd shown enough potential that they didn't want to wait.

Coaches also decided to change the offensive game plan to better suit his skills. Their new ball-control format features more handoffs, fake handoffs and rollouts, with less emphasis on the long ball, which had been Banks' specialty.

The Cowboys acquired Galloway from Seattle last year because they wanted him to be their deep threat for Troy Aikman. But injuries prevented them from ever completing a pass in a regular-season game.

Galloway, who is coming off a knee injury that ended his 2000 season in the opener, had clicked with Banks in practice. But because coaches wanted to bring Galloway back slowly, he never played in a preseason game with Banks.

Now Carter is throwing to Galloway — and, if things work out for them, will be for a long time. Thus the need for them to start building the type of chemistry that made Aikman and Michael Irvin so potent.

"The sooner we do it," Carter said, "the better we'll be."

Raghib Ismail is another speedy wideout Carter will be throwing to this season. They don't need extra time throwing together because they already did it prior to training camp.

Carter said although Ismail and Galloway run almost as fast as each other, the timing with each is different because they don't run the same routes.

Carter is hoping the results, however, are the same.

"They're going to be my bailout guys," he said.

JV spikers roll over Sweetwater

BRONTE — Snyder's junior varsity volleyball squad looked in mid-season form Tuesday in a 15-2, 15-7 rout of Sweetwater in the season opener for both teams.

Snyder took control early and never looked back, with Kelsi Johnson leading the way from the service line. Johnson served up seven points in the opening game, then registered four more in the second frame.

Ashley Martinez tallied five points, while Melissa Vasquez, Erin Burleson and Bethany Clements posted three apiece. Kelby Drum and Acee French accounted for two points each, and Sara Thornhill notched one.

Snyder JV is in action again Friday and Saturday at the Odessa tournament.

Astros lose more ground to Cubs

HOUSTON (AP) — Jon Lieber pitched a three-hitter and Joe Girardi drove in three runs as the Chicago Cubs defeated Houston 5-1 Wednesday night and extended their NL Central lead to 11/2 games over the second-place Astros.

After losing the series opener and dropping out of first place for the first time since May 29, the Cubs rebounded to win consecutive games for the first time since Aug. 7-8 against Colorado.

Lieber (16-5), coming off an eight-hitter against San Francisco, improved to 13-2 in his last 16 starts. He allowed Lance Berkman's second-inning homer, Craig Biggio's third-inning double and Jeff Bagwell's fourth-inning single, then retired his final 18 batters.

Lieber struck out four, leaving him seven short of 1,000, and walked none.

Pedro Astacio (7-14), who had been 6-0 in his previous eight starts against the Cubs, allowed three runs and nine hits in seven innings, striking out six. He is 1-1 in three starts since Houston acquired him from Colorado.

Girardi hit a two-run homer off Ron Villone in the ninth, just his third homer of the season.

WNBA Playoffs

All Times EDT
FIRST ROUND
(Best-of-3)
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Charlotte vs. Cleveland
Thursday, Aug. 16
Cleveland at Charlotte, 8 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 18
Charlotte at Cleveland, Noon
Monday, Aug. 20
Charlotte at Cleveland, 8 p.m., if necessary

New York vs. Miami
Friday, Aug. 17
New York at Miami, 7 p.m.
Sunday, Aug. 19
Miami at New York, Noon
Tuesday, Aug. 21
Miami at New York, 7 or 8 p.m., if necessary

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Houston vs. Los Angeles
Saturday, Aug. 18
Los Angeles at Houston, 4 p.m.
Monday, Aug. 20
Houston at Los Angeles, 10 p.m.
Tuesday, Aug. 21
Houston at Los Angeles, 9 or 10 p.m., if necessary

Utah vs. Sacramento
Friday, Aug. 17
Sacramento at Utah, 9 p.m.
Sunday, Aug. 19
Utah at Sacramento, 3 p.m.
Tuesday, Aug. 21
Utah at Sacramento, TBA, if necessary

Local Schedule

FRIDAY

Football: Watermelon Bowl, at Travis Field, 5:30

Volleyball: Snyder varsity at Abilene Bev Ball tourney

Volleyball: Snyder freshmen and JV at Odessa tourney

SATURDAY

Volleyball: Snyder varsity at Abilene Bev Ball tourney

Volleyball: Snyder freshmen and JV at Odessa tourney

Major League Baseball

National League
All Times EDT

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	67	52	.563	—
Atlanta	65	54	.546	2
Florida	59	60	.496	8
New York	54	66	.450	13½
Montreal	50	70	.417	17½
Central Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Chicago	68	51	.571	—
Houston	67	53	.558	1½
St. Louis	64	55	.538	4
Milwaukee	49	68	.419	18
Cincinnati	48	71	.403	20
Pittsburgh	45	74	.378	23
West Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Arizona	69	51	.575	—
San Francisco	68	52	.567	1
Los Angeles	66	54	.550	3
San Diego	59	60	.496	9½
Colorado	50	69	.420	18½

Wednesday's Games
Chicago Cubs 5, Houston 1
Philadelphia 8, Milwaukee 6
St. Louis 8, Cincinnati 4
Atlanta 7, Colorado 2
San Diego 2, N.Y. Mets 1
Arizona 5, Pittsburgh 2
Los Angeles 13, Montreal 1
San Francisco 2, Florida 1

Thursday's Games
Philadelphia (Figueroa 4-2) at Milwaukee (Quevedo 1-1), 2:05 p.m.
Florida (Burnett 8-8) at San Francisco (Estes 8-7), 3:35 p.m.
Montreal (Ohka 0-2) at Los Angeles (Gagne 4-5), 4:10 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Appier 6-10) at San Diego (Tollberg 6-3), 5:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Beimel 5-8) at Houston (Miller 12-6), 8:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Acevedo 3-3) at St. Louis (Hermanson 10-9), 8:10 p.m.
Atlanta (Millwood 2-5) at Colorado (Chacon 6-6), 9:05 p.m.

Friday's Games
Milwaukee (Suzuki 3-8) at Cincinnati (Rijo 0-0), 7:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (McKnight 1-2) at Houston (Mlicki 3-0), 8:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Person 10-6) at St. Louis (Kile 13-7), 8:10 p.m.
Florida (Dempster 14-9) at Colorado (Bohanon 5-8), 9:05 p.m.
Montreal (Thurman 6-8) at San Diego (Lawrence 3-1), 10:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Tapani 8-9) at Arizona (Lopez 1-3), 10:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Rusch 6-7) at Los Angeles (Adams 8-5), 10:10 p.m.
Atlanta (Marquis 2-4) at San Francisco (Hernandez 11-11), 10:35 p.m.

American League
All Times EDT

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	71	49	.592	—
Boston	65	53	.551	5
Toronto	57	63	.475	14
Baltimore	51	69	.425	20
Tampa Bay	42	79	.347	29½
Central Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Cleveland	67	52	.563	—
Minnesota	64	56	.533	3½
Chicago	59	59	.500	7½
Detroit	49	69	.415	17½
Kansas City	48	72	.400	19½
West Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Seattle	87	33	.725	—
Oakland	68	52	.567	19
Anaheim	63	57	.525	24
Texas	52	68	.433	35

Wednesday's Games
Seattle 6, Boston 2
Toronto 5, Oakland 2
Detroit 5, Anaheim 1
Cleveland 8, Minnesota 2
Baltimore 5, Kansas City 4
N.Y. Yankees 10, Tampa Bay 3
Chicago White Sox 6, Texas 5

Thursday's Games
Oakland (Lidle 7-5) at Toronto (Lyon 1-1), 12:35 p.m.
Kansas City (Byrd 5-4) at Baltimore (Ponson 5-8), 12:35 p.m.
Anaheim (Schoeneweis 9-8) at Detroit (Weaver 10-11), 1:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Rupe 5-9) at N.Y. Yankees (Hitchcock 1-2), 1:05 p.m.
Seattle (Sele 12-3) at Boston (Cone 7-2), 7:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Johnson 1-1) at Cleveland (Woodard 1-2), 7:05 p.m.
Texas (Davis 6-8) at Chicago White Sox (Garland 4-4), 8:05 p.m.

Friday's Games
Texas (Oliver 9-7) at Toronto (Loaiza 8-9), 7:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Ortiz 10-7) at Cleveland (Nagy 4-5), 7:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Towers 7-7) at Boston (Wakefield 8-7), 7:05 p.m.
Seattle (Abbott 12-2) at N.Y. Yankees (Mussina 11-10), 7:05 p.m.
Kansas City (George 1-3) at Detroit (Lima 3-4), 7:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Sturtze 7-9) at Minnesota (Reed 1-1), 8:05 p.m.
Oakland (Hiljus 1-0) at Chicago White Sox (Wright 2-0), 8:05 p.m.

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A total of seven sites were evaluated for consideration, however, only six are required to complete the RBTI ESS System. For more information, the final EA and FONSI are available for review at the following locations starting August 16, 2001: Alpine Public Library, Abilene Public Library, Ft. Stockton Public Library, Imperial Public Library, Scurry County Public Library, Tahoka City-County Public Library, Upton County Library, and the Dyess AFB Public Affairs Office.

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Poll shows most Europeans do not like the way Bush handles foreign affairs

WASHINGTON (AP) — A majority of Europeans don't approve of President Bush's handling of foreign affairs, think he makes decisions based entirely on U.S. interests and feel he knows less about Europe than his predecessors, according to a new poll.

When it comes to domestic politics, the disapproval of Europeans may not be such a bad thing, said one conservative analyst.

"In the long run, it's an asset domestically because it shows the president is willing to stand up for American interests," said Marshall Wittman of the Hudson Institute. "It probably shows that Europeans suffer from Texaphobia."

Europeans may assume a leader from Texas is not sophisticated in international matters, he said.

European approval of Bush's foreign affairs efforts runs anywhere from 40 to 60 percentage points below their assessment of the job done by former President Clinton.

The people who said they didn't yet know how they felt about Bush's policies ranged from a fourth to a third in the four countries in the poll by the Pew Research Center for the People & the Press.

"I don't think it's an irreversible situation," said Andrew Kohut, director of the Pew Research Center, noting the high number of Europeans who haven't yet made up their minds. "Most of the people in these countries don't see a broader rift developing between the United States and Europe."

The survey was done in partnership with the International Herald Tribune and in association with the Council on Foreign Relations.

White House spokesman Sean McCormack took exception with the sentiment reflected in the survey results, saying Bush has reached out to redefine the post-Cold War relationship with Russia and is committed to cooperation with U.S. allies on global warming — just not within the framework of the Kyoto treaty, which Bush rejects.

"Certainly there are many more things that unite the United States and Europe than divide us," McCormack said. As for the divisions, "these are things we're talking about and we're consulting actively about."

More than four in five disapproved of Bush's positions on the Kyoto treaty; two-thirds or more disapproved of his stand on missile defense. A majority approved of his support of free trade and his decision to keep U.S. troops in Kosovo and Bosnia.

More than seven in 10 in Germany, France, Great Britain and Italy said the president's international policy decisions are based on U.S interests, the poll indicated. Almost three-fourths of the Europeans polled felt that Bush understands Europe less than other presidents.

Approval of Bush's international policies ranged from one in six in France to three in 10 in Italy. Approval of Clinton's handling of international issues ranged from two-thirds in France and Great Britain to almost nine in 10 in Germany.

"I found it surprising — the extent of public opposition to some of the main Bush administration foreign policy initiatives," said Leslie Gelb, president of the Council on Foreign Relations.

The poll's finding that two-thirds or more of Europeans disapprove of deployment of a new missile defense system that requires withdrawal from the Anti-Ballistic Missile treaty could be the thorniest issue for Bush, said Morton Halperin, a senior fellow on the Council of Foreign Relations. The opposition could make it tougher for European governments to yield to administration pressure to go along with the missile defense system if it involves terminating the ABM treaty, Halperin wrote in an analysis of the survey.

The report was based on roughly 1,000 telephone interviews apiece in Great Britain, France, Italy and Germany as well as a separate poll of 1,227 people in the United States. The poll, taken in early August, has an error margin of plus or minus 3.5 percentage points.

The European reservations about Bush probably "reinforce the liberal opposition to Bush in this country," said Wittman.

"But unless there is a threat to peace internationally," Wittman said, the European reservations about Bush "probably make no difference."

On the Net:
Pew Research Center:
http://www.people-press.org

Cult leader linked to killings wants to contact his followers

MIAMI (AP) — A cult leader linked to a series of random killings cannot have any contact with followers after his release from prison unless he gets approval from a probation officer first, a judge ruled.

Yahweh Ben Yahweh, convicted of federal racketeering for his connection to the killings, sought an injunction against the U.S. Parole Commission's decision to bar him from communicating with followers.

He is due to be released to a halfway house Friday after 11 years in prison. His attorneys say the strict conditions of his release are unconstitutional.

Yahweh wants to retake his leadership position with the group, which attracted about 1,000 people to a gathering last year in Montreal.

In his opinion Wednesday, U.S. District Judge K. Michael Moore said the commission was justified in its decision. He said the government "may reach its hand farther into the religious freedoms of a parolee than of an innocent citizen," if it has a "compelling and legitimate interest" and "reaches no farther than it must."

U.S. Attorney Guy Lewis agreed, saying "the Court balanced the goals of protecting the public interest and assuring that First Amendment rights are protected."

Defense attorney John May called the decision a victory for Yahweh because it sent "a clear message to the parole commission that it cannot act arbitrarily and capriciously in denying a reasonable request of Yahweh Ben Yahweh to have contact with members of his faith."

The cult was blamed for 23 murders before its leader was imprisoned in 1990. Yahweh was accused of dispatching his closest followers in 1986 to kill "white devils" and return with body parts as proof.

Yahweh was charged in three murders; he was acquitted in one and the other two cases were dropped.

On the Net: Nation of Yahweh: http://www.yahwehbenyahweh.com

First planetary system similar to our own has been discovered

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Astronomers have found the first solar system outside our own where multiple planets travel round the same star in circular orbits.

"It's heartwarming to find a planetary system that finally reminds us of our solar system," said astronomy professor Geoffrey Marcy, a member of the University of California at Berkeley team that made the discovery.

The astronomers announced the discovery of the second planet orbiting the star 47 Ursae Majoris on Wednesday.

Most of the roughly 70 planets found so far outside our solar system travel in tight, erratic orbits around their stars.

But the two planets around the star 47 Ursae Majoris both travel in nearly circular orbits at a distance that, in our solar system, would place them beyond Mars but within the orbit of Jupiter.

"When we discovered the first planet around 47 Ursae Majoris five years ago, I never dreamed that we would find yet another planet orbiting the same star," Marcy said.

The two planets — one 2.5 times the size of Jupiter, the other three-quarters as large — orbit a star in the Big Dipper, or Ursa Major, constellation. The star is about 51 light-years from Earth.

On the Net:
University of California Planet Search Project: http://exoplanets.org

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Rehab may help post-polio syndrome

DEAR DR. GOTT: I had polio as a child. Now, at the age of 48, I am experiencing increasing fatigue, weakness and muscle pain. Could this be post-polio syndrome?

DEAR READER: As we age, our muscles become weaker and more easily tired. The same holds true for polio victims. However, since polio itself causes weakness, the appearance of fatigue and other symptoms may be more prominent as such patients grow older. Although some authorities have suggested that this progression may be secondary to a re-activation of the polio viruses, most experts believe that post-polio syndrome is actually an enhanced muscle dysfunction that is age-related. In any case, you are probably experiencing the syndrome. Check with your doctor to see if a program of physical therapy and rehabilitation might be suitable for you.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Physical Illness." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Newsletter, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, Ohio, 44092-0167. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have lumbar spinal stenosis. Is this the same as arthritis?

DEAR READER: No, it isn't, but it may be related. Spinal stenosis (literally, narrowing of the spinal cord) is a serious affliction marked by relatively constant, sometimes severe, sharp pains in the back, buttocks or thighs. It is caused by direct pressure on the nerves of the spinal column.

Ordinarily, the spinal cord lies within (and is protected by) the doughnut-shaped spinal bones and the discs that separate them. Arthritis and other bone disorders, such as Paget's disease, can produce bony outgrowths that extend into the spinal canal to press on nerves — or, more importantly, the spinal cord itself. Also, slipped (herniated) discs can impinge on vital nerve structures.

The diagnosis of spinal stenosis is ordinarily confirmed by an MRI scan. Depending on what is causing the problem, treatment includes special exercises and physical therapy, injections of cortisone near the pinched nerves (epidermal steroid injections to relieve swelling and inflammation) or surgery on the spinal column to correct the abnormality.

Osteoarthritis, the normal wearing-down of joints as we age, does not usually produce serious spinal stenosis; it is more likely associated with joint pain and stiffness that respond satisfactorily to medication and physical therapy.

Nonetheless, I encourage you to have a MRI if you haven't already done so. I would also advise you to explore non-surgical alternatives for your disorder, unless the MRI shows unmistakable spinal stenosis.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My daughter works at the checkout counter of a supermarket. She is constantly exposed to laser scanners. After work, her right hand is dry and flaky. Although she has been instructed not to peer directly into the scanner, could the laser beam be harming her?

DEAR READER: Laser scanners do not, to my knowledge, present a threat to health. Eyestrain can result from such scanners, but this is usually just a temporary nuisance.

I suggest that your daughter try a lubricating skin cream to alleviate the skin dryness and scaling. If this is ineffective, she should be examined by her doctor because of the possibility of a skin disorder, such as eczema.

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Jason Biggs loves humiliating scenes

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Jason Biggs says he's proud of his humiliating scenes in the "American Pie" films.

The first film included a scene with Biggs getting personal with an apple pie. The sequel, "American Pie 2," now in theaters, has a scene with Biggs and some very strong glue.

"I love doing these scenes," he said.

Markets

Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP) -

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	33.25	32.80	32.94	—.47
AOL TimeWrn	40.25	39.05	40.05	+.35
AT&T Corp s	19.70	19.30	19.36	—.19
Albertsons	34.90	34.25	34.83	+.27
Alltel	57.70	56.95	57.48	+.58
AmEl Pw	44.48	43.90	44.02	—.15
AndarkPtr	59.75	58.30	58.40	—1.35
ATMOS Egy	22.20	21.72	21.91	—.29
Aviall	11.00	10.89	10.93	—.05
BP PLC	52.70	52.50	52.60	—.20
BakerHughes	36.00	34.63	34.72	—.79
Bank of Amer	62.78	62.26	62.78	+.28
BellSouth	39.43	38.61	39.15	+.35
Beth Steel	2.13	2.05	2.07	—.01
BurlNoSFe	27.18	26.56	27.12	+.55
Caterpillar	55.20	54.65	54.88	—.35
Chevron	93.20	92.60	92.74	—.27
Citigroup s	48.25	47.79	47.82	—.78
CocaCola	47.70	46.92	47.13	—.45
ColgatePal	55.35	54.60	54.84	+.46
ComclMetals	31.07	30.95	31.07	+.02
CooperIn	57.40	57.06	57.15	—.31
DaimlrChry	46.70	46.12	46.60	—1.10
DeltaAirl	41.76	41.02	41.03	—.73
Dillards Inc	18.00	17.58	17.80	+.05
DowChem	35.56	35.00	35.02	—.48
DuPont	41.46	41.01	41.17	—.34
EastmanChem	41.84	41.19	41.32	—.53
EstKodak	44.95	43.67	44.84	+.76
EDS Corp	62.25	61.15	61.30	—.42
Entergy	38.00	37.39	37.58	+.19
ExxonMobil s	41.64	41.00	41.17	—.33
FstBksAm	30.70	30.70	30.70	
GenDynam	82.25	81.64	81.76	—.09
GenElec	41.60	41.05	41.12	—.66
GenMills	44.10	43.69	43.84	—.36
GenMotors	62.80	61.66	62.34	+.35
GaPacGP	36.98	36.55	36.81	+.27
GlobalMar	17.02	16.05	16.15	—.45
Goodrich	36.49	35.53	35.60	—.44
Goodyear s	27.01	26.59	26.65	—.53
GtAtlPac	19.28	18.90	18.95	—.25
Halliburtn	33.10	31.61	31.87	—.97
Hanson ADS	38.40	38.10	38.40	—.08
HarteHanks	23.30	23.05	23.30	+.10
HomeDepot	49.50	48.75	49.39	+.20
HoneywellIntl	37.15	36.81	37.03	—.10
IBM	105.15	103.66	104.24	—.77
IntlPaper	41.17	40.74	40.95	+.22
JohnsonJn s	56.60	55.31	55.60	—1.40
K mart	12.89	12.60	12.72	—.04
KinderMorg	54.48	53.40	53.55	—.78
Kroger Co	26.37	26.00	26.19	+.19
LockheedM	39.71	39.24	39.40	+.20
Lowes Cos s	36.46	35.76	35.82	—.66
Lubys	9.00	8.81	8.92	—.13
LucentTech	6.18	6.02	6.06	—.16
MayDeptStr	33.00	32.36	32.40	—.40
Medtronic	43.74	42.62	42.87	—1.06
Motorola	17.92	17.07	17.61	+.21
NCR Corp	38.41	37.70	38.00	—.21
Navistar	37.00	35.96	36.72	+.37
Penney JC	25.87	25.15	25.69	+.04
PepBoys	13.09	12.55	12.84	+.64
PepsiCo	45.76	45.40	45.62	+.06
Pharmacia	45.24	43.92	44.02	—.85
PhelpDodge	37.35	37.08	37.17	—.34
PhilipPet	59.20	58.73	58.77	—.45
PilgrmPrd B	15.15	14.95	15.01	+.06
Polaroid	1.53	1.36	1.40	—.10
Praxair	46.30	45.50	45.56	—1.36
ProctGamb	73.97	72.90	73.66	+1.48
PubS NwMx	29.47	29.24	29.26	+.01
RadioShack	24.60	24.19	24.45	—.05
ReliantEngy	30.60	30.05	30.17	—.23
RoyalDut	57.25	56.80	57.03	+.77
SBC Comm	43.82	43.01	43.47	+.11
SaraLee	19.34	19.11	19.17	—.12
Scripps EW	69.00	68.70	68.71	—.64
SearsRoeb	45.40	45.00	45.05	—.31
SherwinW	22.60	22.30	22.31	—.22
SouthernCo s	23.04	22.85	22.86	—.10
SwstAirl s	18.02	17.55	17.79	+.16
SprintFON	22.80	22.55	22.69	—.06
SprintPCS	24.20	23.76	23.90	—.59
Sunoco Inc	36.02	35.60	35.71	—.25
TXU Corp	46.56	46.01	46.05	—.15
TempleInland	60.83	60.18	60.45	—.19
Texaco	71.00	70.51	70.70	+.10
TexInd	41.30	40.20	41.20	+1.15
TexasInst	33.60	32.35	33.50	+.08
Textron	56.25	55.20	56.79	—.15
TriconGlbR	43.21	42.95	43.10	—.40
TrinityInds	27.00	26.67	26.70	+.03
TylerTech	3.28	3.16	3.17	—.16
USX-Marathn	31.10	30.86	30.91	—.12
USX-USS	20.00	19.49	20.00	+.44
UnionPacif	55.28	54.00	54.95	+.64
UnitedTech	71.65	70.40	71.41	+.57
Unocal	37.18	36.61	36.87	—.20
Venator Grp	18.05	17.76	18.03	+.20
VerizonComm	53.24	52.65	52.80	—.10
WalMart	52.20	51.05	51.21	—.79
WellsFargo	47.08	46.51	46.53	—.55
WstnGasRs	32.75	32.25	32.64	—.11
WinnDixie	24.35	23.77	24.15	+.14
Xerox Cp	8.70	8.48	8.57	—.07

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF FAIR HOUSING ORDINANCE CITY OF SNYDER

On June 10, 2000, the City of Snyder passed a Fair Housing Ordinance on second and final reading. The Ordinance declares the policy of the City of Snyder to bring about, through fair, orderly and lawful procedures, the opportunity of each person to obtain housing without regard to his or her race, color, creed, sex, religion or national origin, physical or mental disability, marital status, parenthood or age. Copies of said ordinance are available at City Hall. If citizens have any questions regarding this ordinance, please contact Carolyn House, Director Community Services, at 573-4957.

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Pharmacist turns himself in after diluting cancer drugs

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Calls from cancer patients poured into an FBI hot line as news spread that a pharmacist had been accused of diluting chemotherapy drugs.

Investigators, meanwhile, sifted through pharmacist Robert R. Courtney's records page by page to figure out which patients may have been given weakened prescriptions of the cancer drugs Taxol and Gemzar.

"This is a nightmare, a real nightmare," said Chris Whitley, a spokesman for the U.S. attorney's office in Kansas City. "We're searching for needles in a pharmaceutical haystack."

After surrendering Wednesday to the FBI, Courtney, 48, was ordered held without bond by a federal magistrate on a felony charge of misbranding and adulteration of a drug.

Courtney's attorney, Jean Paul Bradshaw, said he expected his client to plead innocent.

The drugs were allegedly diluted before being given to patients at Courtney's Research Medical Tower Pharmacy in Kansas City. Federal authorities say some intravenous drug bags mixed at the pharmacy contained less than 1 percent of the dosages ordered by doctors.

Federal investigators said there could be hundreds of patients who received improper dosages.

By Wednesday afternoon, the FBI hot line set up to find potential victims had received more than 150 calls.

Bradshaw declined to discuss his client's side of the story Wednesday, saying it would be inappropriate given Courtney has not entered a plea. He said he and Courtney were cooperating with the government to address some of its concerns, specifically the issue of the number of patients that may be involved.

"Any patients the government would be concerned about is a much smaller number than has been suggested in recent media reports," Bradshaw said. He declined to elaborate.

If convicted, Courtney faces up to three years in prison without parole and a $250,000 fine.

Authorities have refused to discuss a motive. But they've pointed to the hundreds of dollars that could be saved per dose if expensive cancer drugs are diluted.

In one instance, prosecutors said, an order of Gemzar would normally have cost $1,021, but the amount allegedly provided by Research Medical Tower Pharmacy would have cost just $242.

Courtney is worth more than $10 million in stock and property, according to the court order declaring the pharmacist a flight risk.

Federal agents seized records from Courtney's pharmacy on Monday.

Courtney's pharmacy license was placed on probation for one year beginning in July 1992 for practicing after his license had expired, said Kevin Kinkade, executive director of the Missouri State Pharmacy Board.

Courtney is also licensed in Kansas. He owns a pharmacy in that state, but Whitley said it's not under scrutiny because it doesn't dispense Gemzar or Taxol.

According to the U.S. attorney's office, the dilution was discovered by a sales representative for Eli Lilly and Co., which makes Gemzar.

The representative noticed a discrepancy between the amount of Gemzar the pharmacy ordered and the amount it had billed an unidentified Kansas City-area doctor.

Last month, the FBI and Food and Drug Administration tested samples of the drugs from the doctor's pharmacy and found some bags of Gemzar contained only 17 percent to 39 percent of the amount that had been prescribed. Tests on later samples showed Taxol at 28 percent of the prescribed strength, the U.S. attorney's office said.

Taxol is a second-line therapy for advanced ovarian or breast cancer.

ORIGINAL FACULTY MEMBERS – Six original faculty members were presented awards for 30 years of service to WTC. From left are Dr. Jim Palmer, academic dean; Bill Halbert, business professor and division chairman; Janet Halbert, English professor; Jerry Corkran, reading professor and division chairman; Dr. Ed Barkowsky, English professor; and Sam Walker, welding instructor. (SDN Staff Photo)

Study: High blood pressure rampant, but can be treated

BOSTON (AP) — Several million Americans could lower their risk of heart disease and stroke if they were simply treated correctly for their high blood pressure, according to a new study.

The vast majority of people with uncontrolled hypertension have health insurance and see a doctor, despite the perception that poverty and lack of health care are largely to blame, researchers said.

"Although lack of health care is a problem for some people, the big hunk of these people are right under the health care system's nose," said Dr. David Hyman, lead author of the study done at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

Hyman and colleague Valory Pavlik, both specialists in community health, studied data from an earlier survey of 16,095 adults age 25 or older. Their findings are published in today's New England Journal of Medicine.

An estimated 42 million Americans have high blood pressure, the study says. Of those, only 10 million are successfully treating it.

According to the study, 92 percent of adults with untreated or unsuccessfully treated high blood pressure have health insurance. Also, 72 percent who are unaware of their condition or letting it go untreated have visited a doctor at least once in the previous year.

The researchers acknowledge that blacks are more apt than whites to develop high blood pressure, a long-known phenomenon often blamed on inadequate health care among many poor people. But the study found that the same percent of whites and blacks with high blood pressure are successfully treated: 24 percent for each group. Hyman said that suggests strides in public awareness in the black community.

Dr. Richard Pasternak, a cardiologist at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, said the findings will be an eye-opener to some people who watch public health trends. "Often people have looked at this problem globally and said it must be related to inadequate health care coverage," he said.

Paula Jones sues man in New York

NEW YORK (AP) — Resurrecting a claim that was dismissed last year on procedural grounds, lawyers for Paula Jones sued a real estate tycoon they say never paid the $1 million he promised her to drop a lawsuit against President Clinton.

The lawsuit filed Wednesday in U.S. District Court seeks to force Abe Hirschfeld to fork over the money. A spokesman for the 81-year-old New York real estate mogul did not return a call seeking comment.

The lawsuit claims Hirschfeld's public promise of $1 million "was still on the table" even as Jones settled with Clinton in November 1998.

Thomas F. Cohen, a lawyer who filed the lawsuit, declined to comment. Lawyer Gregory Kitterman in Little Rock, Ark., who has represented Jones in the past, did not return a telephone message.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Parents provided safe haven for teen taunted at school

DEAR ABBY: I could have been one of those outcast teens who shoot classmates when I was younger. Like them, I felt that I did not belong within the confines of my school. The torment started in the eighth grade and continued through my senior year of high school.

I was taunted by nearly everyone in class, made fun of because I was unpopular, and made to feel small and insignificant. I remember walking up the sidewalk to school, palms sweating, stomach in knots, knowing once again I faced another day trying to make myself as invisible as possible. It rarely worked. My tormentors always managed to use me as their whipping boy.

There were times I would lay my head on my desk, tears streaming down my face, the other kids laughing and making jokes about me. Not once did a teacher or principal come to my aid. It was as if my feelings were unimportant, or they had a mindset that "kids will be kids." I struggled through school and kept my grades as high as possible under the circumstances I faced daily.

So why did I not take vengeance on my classmates with the nearest weapon? The answer is simple: My parents were always there for me. They were aware of my problems at school. Every day they listened to my fears and concerns, and reassured me that I was a special person and the taunts meant nothing with regard to who I really was. They cried with me, held me and listened to every word I said. They encouraged me to become my own person and to never let anyone tell me who I was or was not.

I'm saddened when I hear about young outcasts who can't cope being driven over the edge. These lives are cut short because nobody intervened when they saw what was happening. I wish I could tell them how important they are and what possibilities life has in store for them. I know what that would mean to them because I know what it meant to me.

Every day I thank God for giving me such wonderful parents. They understood and didn't ignore the fact that their son was in pain.

It took years of struggle to get past those horrible experiences in school, but I finally accomplished it. Today I am a successful, well-adjusted human being. My only regret is that I have no fond memories of high school.

Abby, until we recognize the true impact of teasing in our schools, this situation will continue to occur. Please ask your readers — parents, teachers and even students — to be sensitive to that young person who needs support through troubling times. They might save someone's life — perhaps even their own. — **FORMER OUTCAST, WEST VIRGINIA**

DEAR FORMER OUTCAST: I applaud you for having survived your devastating teen-age years, and for so successfully overcoming the systematic trauma you experienced. While it may appear to be a bloodless crime, people who destroy the self-esteem of others with cruelty and ridicule are really committing a violent crime. To ignore it or tolerate it is to aid and abet it.

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

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What teens need to know about sex, drugs, AIDS and getting along with peers and parents is in "What Every Teen Should Know." To order, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included in the price.)

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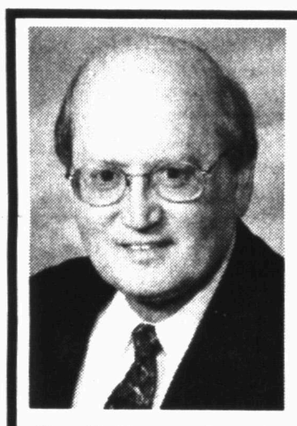

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DR. RANDALL L. GALLAWAY

Sunday, August 19th
10:45 a.m.
Fluvanna Baptist Church

Dr. Gallaway lost both of his arms in an industrial accident and has recently purchased a new computerized arm with the help of several churches. He will demonstrate the use of his arm.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The IRA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT will hold a public meeting at 6:30 P.M., AUGUST 27, 2001 in the ADMINISTRATION BUILDING at IRA, TX. **The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted.** Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	$ 1.50	$ -0- •	$ 1.50	$ 3,528.	$ 1,321.
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	$ 1.50	$ -0- •	$ 1.50	$ 9,157.25	$ 867.71
Proposed Rate	$ 1.50	$ -0- •	$ 1.50	$ 9,157.25	$ 867.71

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	$ 33,024.	$ 32,941.
Average Taxable Value of Residences	$ 21,983.	$ 22,041.
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per $100 Value	$ 1.50	$ 1.50
Taxes Due on Average Residence	$ 329.75	$ 330.62
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		$ 0.87

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is $1.50 **. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of** $1.50 **.**

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	$ 150,281.30
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	$ -0-

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Soccer—Boys & Girls in Pre-K - Kindergarten, 1st & 2nd Grades

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Rivas jurors shown arsenal of guns

DALLAS (AP) — Jurors in the capital murder trial of George Rivas were shown dozens of handguns, rifles and assault weapons seized when he and other prison escapees were captured in January in Colorado.

An FBI agent testified authorities found 22 weapons in the gang's recreational vehicle, along with police radio scanners, two-way radios, a security guard cap and more than $11,000 in cash. Some of the handguns were loaded and cocked, ready to fire.

A directory of police radio frequencies had notations near the listing for the Irving Police Department. The fugitives, who led authorities on a six-week national manhunt, are charged with killing police Officer Aubrey Hawkins, who was responding to the Christmas Eve robbery of an Irving sporting goods store.

A search of the men's sports utility vehicle found 11 more handguns, including Hawkins department- issued handgun, along with night vision equipment, said FBI agent James Mahoney.

Mahoney testified during the first week of the capital murder trial of Rivas, the first of the escapees to be prosecuted. The confessed gang ringleader faces the death penalty or life in prison if convicted.

On Wednesday, a Colorado sheriff said when he learned in January that seven dangerous prison escapees were hiding in a nearby RV park, he feared his small department would be outgunned in the dark of night.

So instead of risking their lives, Teller County Sheriff Franklin Fehn said he waited to take action until daylight and federal agents arrived.

Hours after recreational vehicle park residents told deputies they recognized the fugitives, Fehn drove to the Woodland Park campsite to check out the location.

"Technically, it was a nightmare in the dark," he said. Three of the men, including Rivas, were captured the next morning at a nearby convenience store after they left the park in a sport utility vehicle.

Several local and federal law enforcement agents told jurors how tactical officers followed the men in unmarked cars, then rushed the vehicle as soon as it stopped, quickly pulling out the men. Two of the fugitives were armed but never fired at the officers, who were carrying M-16 rifles.

During cross-examination, defense attorney Karo Johnson stressed that Rivas did not shoot anyone, although he had a pistol in his waistband.

"He could of done a lot of things differently ... but he didn't. He surrendered and didn't put up any resistance at all."

But that may have been self-preservation.

"If he'd of reached for that gun, I probably would have shot him," said El Paso County (Colorado) Deputy Roddy Alford.

Trial against tire company continues

McALLEN (AP) — Jurors considering a South Texas family's $1 billion lawsuit against Bridgestone/Firestone Inc. heard Chief Executive John Lampe admit in videotaped testimony from an appearance before Congress that the tire maker "made some bad tires."

In testimony Wednesday, Lampe said the company could have acted earlier on claims data that by 1997 showed clear problems with Firestone tires used for Ford Explorers, particularly tires assembled in the company's Decatur, Ill. plant.

The Firestone tire defect lawsuit, the first to go to trial in the United States, was filed on behalf of Dr. Joel Rodriguez, who was injured along with his brother, wife and son when their sport utility vehicle blew a tire and flipped on a Mexican toll road last year. The lawsuit claims that the company marketed the bad tires and is responsible for hundreds of deaths and injuries.

Lampe is scheduled to testify in person today, but the trial is not scheduled to resume until 1:30 p.m. CDT. today's start was delayed because a juror's wife had a baby.

Lampe said in a deposition taped in June, "In looking back, we could have been analyzing the claims data as we are today." He had told the Senate, "The mistake we made is that we never used claims data as an indicator of tire performance."

Claims data was turned over to Ford in the summer of 2000 and shortly after that the companies announced a recall, Lampe said. Nashville-based Firestone recalled 6.5 million tires, many of which came on Fords. In May, Ford Motor Co. said it would replace 13 million Firestone tires.

Lampe is expected to appear in court today.

During cross-examination, Lampe blamed the auto company for withholding its own accident data, data that emerged only under the glare of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

"We were not given the information that would have let us get an understanding of it," Lampe said. "In my opinion, this was a vehicle and tire issue, and I don't understand why we both couldn't share information."

Earlier Wednesday, Robert Martin, former vice president of corporate quality assurance at Bridgestone/Firestone, testified about design changes in 1998.

Two killed in four-story hotel fire early today in Hollywood

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Fire engulfed a four-story Hollywood hotel early Thursday, killing two women including a panicked mother who fell to her death as rescuers on a ladder were about to grab her.

At least three residents and three firefighters were injured in the blaze at the Palomar Hotel, which caters to long-term residents, authorities said.

"It is a very suspicious fire and an unusual situation here," fire Capt. Steve Ruda said.

Residents told authorities there was a loud explosion before the fire, along with a strange odor. Firefighters said there is evidence of an explosion, but it was not clear whether it came before or after the fire broke out around 3:45 a.m. More than 100 firefighters responded to the scene as smoke billowed into the sky.

"I thought it was an earthquake at first, and then I heard the explosion," said resident Robin Bright. "We went to go down the stairs, then we saw all the smoke, so we all decided to go down the fire escape. Everybody was just worried and panicked."

Fire officials described occupants as hanging from the windows and screaming for help as firefighters arrived.

One woman fell to her death as firefighters attempted to reach her with a 35-foot ladder, Ruda said. Firefighters had already rescued her two children and were trying to get her, he said.

"If she just would have waited 10 seconds, they would have had her," Ruda said. "But she panicked ... and fell right down on top of them as they were coming to get her."

Another woman, who authorities were trying to identify, was found dead under a pile a debris in her hotel room. The blaze gutted the building, hampering the search for additional victims. Authorities believe there are no other victims.

One firefighter suffered numerous broken bones after he fell down an elevator shaft from the third floor to a first-story landing, fire Chief William Bamattre said. Two other firefighters were taken to Grossman Burn Center where they are listed in fair condition. A 3-year-old boy and 5-year-old girl who suffered first-degree burns were listed in serious condition at Childrens Hospital Los Angeles, said hospital spokesman Steve Rutledge. There was no information on the third resident injured in the blaze.

Fire officials said the blaze may have started in the rear of the building near an elevator shaft. About 50 people were evacuated from the building.

Obituaries

Milton Wall

1927-2001

Milton Wall, a lifelong resident of Scurry County, died Wednesday, Aug. 15, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital following a lengthy illness.

Funeral service for Mr. Wall, 74, is set for 2 p.m. Friday in the First Baptist Church. The Revs. F.R. "Bear" Williams and Billy Hudnell will officiate.

Milton Wall

Burial will follow in the Cottonwood Flats Cemetery under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born April 6, 1927 in Scurry County, he married Libby Church on Aug. 31, 1945 in Colorado City. He was a farmer-rancher.

Two brothers, Grover Wall and Walter Wall, and two sisters, Ozzie Sumruld and Flossie Mae Wall, preceded him in death.

Survivors include his wife, Libby Wall of Snyder; two daughters and sons-in-law, Donna and Kim Billingsley of Dunn and Fielda and Larry Blair of Colorado City; two sons, Larry Wall and his wife, Teresa, and Bobby Wall, all of Snyder; two sisters, Pauline Boyd of Snyder and Raye Sterling of Ira; two brothers, J.C. Wall of San Saba and James Eddie Wall of Snyder; 10 grandchildren, Christi White of Midlothian, Amber Peaslee of Abilene, Dayla Merritt of Broken Arrow, Okla., Clint Wall of Snyder, Zach Billingsley, Kaden Billingsley and Kyler Billingsley, all of Dunn; and six great-grandchildren.

The family will greet friends from 6 to 8 this evening at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

The family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society, Box 1396 in Snyder; or to the Arthritis Foundation, 3001 West 5th in Fort Worth, 76107.

Chester Clark

1943-2001

Chester Clark, a resident of Snyder, died this morning in the Veteran's Administration Hospital in Dallas.

Services for Mr. Clark, 57, are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Chester Clark

Born Nov. 25, 1943, Mr. Clark was employed by York Transports and he had been a member of the Snyder Volunteer Fire Department for 12 years. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Hermleigh.

Survivors include his wife, Brenda Clark of Snyder.

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Criminal trespass warning issued

Arrest

A woman requested an officer in reference to wanting another woman to stay away from her residence. Officers responded to the scene and made contact with two subjects. A criminal trespass warning was issued to the woman and she was taken into custody for possession of marijuana, under two ounces, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Minor accident

Officers responded to the parking lot at Rip Griffin's Truck Stop just after midnight this morning. A report was filed for a two-vehicle private property accident. Involved in the minor collision were a 2000 Chevrolet pickup driven by Jesse Vela, 36, Levelland and a 2000 Ford pickup driven by Rachel Gonzales, 29, of Mercedes.

Criminal mischief

Jane Rogers at Skinny's requested an officer in reference to criminal mischief to a *Dallas Morning News* rack. Officers responded and advised that the wind might have blown the rack over.

Officers submitted an offense report for criminal mischief just after 10 a.m. Wednesday at Burnett Safety Services on College Ave. Melissa Hernandez reported that some windows had been shot out with a bb gun.

Juveniles

Alton Davis requested an officer at his residence at 3757 Avondale in reference to juveniles throwing apples at his window. Officers responded and made contact with the juveniles and their parents. They said they were throwing the apples at each other and had accidentally hit the window.

Officer requested

Joyce Buchanan requested the assistance of an officer at her home at 10 p.m. Wednesday. She returned home after being gone for the day and found her front door was open. Officers checked the residence and advised that everything was in order and that the wind may have blown the door open.

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ONGOINGS

SHS yearbooks arrive

The Snyder High School Tiger's Lair can be picked up from 4 to 5 p.m. today and Friday in the high school foyer. Bring your receipt.

Weigh down workshop

Registration for a weigh down workshop will be held at 7 this evening at the Word is Life Deliverance Church, 312 Coliseum Drive. For more information, call Linda Tippens at 574-8104 or Claudia Sanchez at 573-9615. Classes begin Aug. 30.

Home school planning meet

Any home schooled student who wishes to participate in field trips and activities this year are invited to a planning session at 9:30 a.m. Friday at the home of Kandi Herring. For directions or more information, call 574-2001 or 574-2002.

Snyder FFA and Jr. FFA

All current and prospective Snyder FFA or Jr. FFA members interested in showing lambs and goats must see Mr. Beard in the ag building before Friday. Call 574-6046 for more information.

Garage sale fundraiser

A garage sale to raise money for the local Christian Motorcyclist Association will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at the Towle Park Pavilion. To donate items, call Paul Glover at 573-7311 or Becky Robinson at 573-1517.

Hermleigh work day

The Hermleigh Booster Club will have a work day beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday at the football field.

Polar homecoming

The Polar homecoming will begin at noon Sunday in the Polar Tabernacle. Those attending are asked to bring a covered dish.

AARP meeting

John Gayle, Snyder city manager, will speak at the AARP Chapter 2063 meeting set for noon Monday in the Senior Citizens Center.

Hermleigh Booster Club

The Hermleigh Booster Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday in the school cafeteria to elect officers and begin projects for the coming year. All parents, faculty and other interested persons are invited.

4-H Banquet, kickoff

The annual Scurry County 4-H banquet and kickoff will be held from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Tuesday in the Family Life Center at First Baptist Church. Anyone in grades 3-12 and their parents are invited for hot dogs with all the trimmings. Bring a favorite canned drink. Dress is casual. To RSVP call 573-5423.

Emmaus ice cream supper

The Mesquite Country Emmaus Community will have an ice cream supper starting at 7 p.m. Tuesday in Towle Park Pavilion.

MAWC luncheon

Martha Ann Woman's Club will have its fourth Wednesday luncheon and game day Wednesday. Cost is $7.50 and reservations are necessary by calling 573-3427 by 5 p.m. Tuesday. Serving is from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. and guests are welcome to come for the meal only.

Taste of Scurry County

The fifth annual Taste of Scurry County, an annual fundraiser for Scurry County Museum, is scheduled for next Thursday at the First Baptist Church's Family Life Center. Chefs Jerry Baird, Jim Rumage and Kerry Clay will prepare the meats and vegetables. Local cooks will add desserts, salads and breads. A live auction featuring a variety of items will follow. Tickets in the form of a donation are $12.50, available at the museum (573-6107) or Bullard Computer Solutions (573-4801.)

Girl Scout registration

A Girl Scout registration rally will be held from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 27, at the Girl Scout Hut, 2501 35th. For information call Jo Ann at 573-3926, Judi at 573-7556 or Carla at 574-8004.

Heart Association memorial address

Memorials and donations to the American Heart Association are now processed through American Heart Association, P.O. Box 15186 in Austin, 78761-5186, or by calling 1-800-AHA-USA1, according to Dee Chasteen, president of the Scurry County chapter.

Mesquite Country Writers Guild

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

Two Discovery astronauts are working outside station

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — Two space shuttle Discovery astronauts floated outside today to install a container with spare ammonia and set up science experiment on the outside of the international space station.

The first item on the agenda for U.S. astronauts Daniel Barry and Patrick Forrester during their 61/2 hour spacewalk was removing the container from Discovery's payload bay.

The container weighs about 1,400 pounds — 600 pounds of which is ammonia that would be used to resupply the space station's cooling system if it had a leak.

Shuttle commander Scott Horowitz grabbed the container with Discovery's robot arm before the start of the spacewalk. Then, with the two spacewalkers holding on to the container, Horowitz was to move the robot arm up to a truss that holds space station Alpha's giant solar wings.

There, Horowitz was to hand off the container to the spacewalkers, who planned to bolt it in place on the truss, then attach cables to supply station electrical power to heaters on the container.

"I have a high confidence it will go off without a hitch," shuttle flight director John Shannon said.

Once the container is in place, the spacewalkers were to remove two briefcase-size containers from the shuttle payload bay that are part of an experiment. They hold about 1,500 samples of materials.

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STAFF HONORED – Recognized for 15 years of service to Western Texas College were, from left, Donna Robinson, secretary; Deborah Baremore, recruiter; and Winnie Fowler, food service. The awards presentation came during the annual dinner as part of pre-school in-service. (SDN Staff Photo)

Girl who spent nine years in hiding with mom goes home

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — For nine years, Alese Reichart tried to live her life as another girl, letting her secret slip only to a few close friends.

She enrolled in school as "Nicole Peters" and pretended to be a year younger than her age to prevent any clues to her location from reaching her father, Michael Reichart.

Alese had been just 5 when her mother, Joli Ann Taylor, took her away from their Illinois home amid a bitter legal battle that left the parents with joint custody. Taylor, on the run with her daughter, settled in Tucson and remarried, and Alese built her own teen-age life there as Nicole.

Then, late last year, their fragile life in hiding fell apart.

A classmate recognized pictures of Alese and her mother on a missing children advertisement. Their principal called authorities, and FBI agents showed up at the middle school in December and took Alese back to Chicago.

This week, after eight months in Chicago foster care, Alese learned her parents' lawyers had reached an agreement to return her to her friends and stepfather in Tucson. And on Wednesday, for the first time in nearly a decade, Alese Reichart, 15, was able to use her real name and age openly in the community she considers home.

"It means everything," she told the Chicago Sun Times earlier this week. "It means the world. I get my life back — my life that's been put on pause for eight months. I'm going to be with all my friends. I'm going to go to the mall. I might go to the mountains."

While the agreement, approved by a judge, allowed her to return to Tucson, her life will be different.

Her mother has to remain in Illinois to face child abduction charges filed against her in 1991, though she is free on bond. And after 10 years apart, Alese will be spending vacations with her father, who has had sole legal custody of her since 1994.

While she was in the foster home and in a Chicago group home for troubled youths, her parents had only supervised visits with her, said Taylor's lawyer, Nancy Donlon.

"She desperately missed her close friends," said Jeannie Walsh, the girl's foster mother.

Walsh said the teen-ager had some trouble making friends because she didn't know when she would be moved again, but she graduated from eighth grade there and even worked at a local park.

At home in Tucson, Alese was known as a creative girl with an infectious laugh who could suddenly swing into dark moods. She was in and out of therapy — at least partly dealing with her mother's claims that her father sexually abused her, according to court documents filed in May by the Cook County, Ill., public guardian.

Despite Taylor's allegations, the father was never charged with a crime, and experts determined the girl was never sexually abused by her father. Public Guardian Patrick Murphy has said in the past that Alese would be told of the experts' findings.

Part of the agreement granting her stepfather, Dan Peters, temporary custody requires her to continue with therapy to help her adjust.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Friday, Aug. 17, 2001

More opportunities than usual might come your way in the year ahead through working in close conjunction with others. Don't allow indifference to let these golden gifts slip away.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — It's imperative today that you keep in mind that giving and receiving is a two-way street. Be generous to those who deserve it, but avoid rewarding a do-nothing. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that'll govern you in the year ahead.

Send for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 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.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Not doing today what you can put off until tomorrow is a sure fire way to put you on a track of problems. Neglected tasks will be twice as difficult to handle later.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Someone you deem as an important contact may be more of a talker than a deliverer. You'd be wise not to rely simply on the word of another about whom you know little.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Trying to shift the blame onto another or trying to cover up a mistake you've made will do nothing but harm your reputation. 'Fess up to your error and don't make foolish excuses.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Any plan constructed upon a faulty premise will have ill-fated results, so today, before you move forward on a project, double check your information and/or your blueprint.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Don't purchase anything today that you can't pay for out of your wallet. Money on which you're counting may not be in the mail as promised, leaving you in the red.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Revelations of self-centeredness on the part of someone with whom you're getting more closely involved should not be ignored today. It's a sign of more to come.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Make certain any assistance your generous heart extends today is to the right people and for the right reasons. Be compassionate, but don't be a patsy.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Although you pride yourself in being a person not given to emotional judgments, today you could find yourself far too sensitive when dealing with friends for your own good.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — From your perspective today you might think the world is dumping on you while giving someone else all the breaks. Get yourself out of that negative mood; life is what you make it to be.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — One of the types of persons you personally find unattractive are know-it-alls. Be careful yourself today that you don't give others reasons to classify you as one.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Financial mistakes made today could put you or the person for whom you're working in the red. Thus, unless you're an expert, be careful about taking on managing an expensive enterprise.

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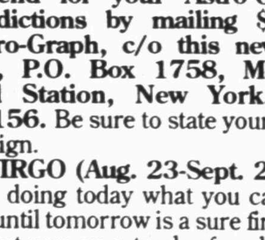

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• 2015 Lamar in Sweetwater
3 Day CLIP AND SAVE BACK-TO-SCHOOL COUPON SALE
August 17, 18, & 19th

COUPON
MRS. BAIRD'S WHITE BREAD 24 oz.
BUY ONE GET ONE FREE!
Limit 1 With Coupon, 1 Coupon Per Customer

COUPON
DR PEPPER 7 UP OR PEPSI 12 pack cans
$1.99
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COUPON
MEAD, 200 CT. NOTEBOOK PAPER Wide or College
49¢
Limit 2 With Coupon, 1 Coupon Per Customer

COUPON
MEAD OR APP SPIRAL THEME BOOKS 70 ct.
18¢
Limit 3 With Coupon, 1 Coupon Per Customer

COUPON
MEAD 1/2" SLICKER NOTEBOOK BINDERS
50¢
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COUPON
BACK-TO-SCHOOL COOKIES NUTRO ALL FLAVORS CREAM SANDWICH 5.3 oz. pkg.
8/$1
Limit 8 With Coupon, 1 Coupon Per Customer

COUPON
BEST YET BROWN PAPER LUNCH SACKS 50 ct.
49¢
Limit 1 With Coupon, 1 Coupon Per Customer

COUPON
12" PLASTIC OR WOODEN RULER
18¢
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