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New SISD teachers...





FIRST DAY — New Snyder ISD teachers started work today with orientation at the administration building. Above, Andrea Crane and Jessica Smith compare notes. At left, Asst. Supt. Melissa Jones speaks with new instructor and coach Roger White. All SISD staffers report to work Wednesday in preparation for the school year. Students begin classes Aug. 15. (SDN Staff Photos)

Council expected to keep present tax rate

By Wade Warren
SDN Managing Editor

Monday night's budget workshop for the city turned into a question-and-answer session on a variety of subjects, but the council finally agreed to keep the present tax rate at its current level.

While the rate is subject to change, as all budget items must survive two readings before final approval, the tax rate is expected to remain at 42.46 cents per $100 valuation.

Finance Director Jeanne Johnson told the council that the difference in money raised between the current rate and the effective rate of $0.4303 is around $7,500.

City Manager John Gayle recommended cutting the planned purchases of a VCR, projector and laptop computer near that amount in order to maintain the current rate.

Councilman John Reed expressed opposition to an increase in the tax rate. Referring to the vote last week on pay raises for employees, Reed said, "We've done enough damage to the city as it is."

The pay raise question was brought up again last night despite being approved to be in next year's budget on a 3-2 vote.

Reed said he would have liked to have seen better raises given to the city's manual labor force as well as to firemen and policemen.

Mayor Francene Noah replied that if the council could come up with a more proportional plan, it would certainly be addressed.

Reed and Terry Martin voted against the pay plan last week. Voting for were David Harrell, Vernest Tippens and I.E. Martin.

Harrell said last night that the council had to take names and personalities out of the discussion and look at the position's pay. "But if you want to go line-by-line on each job, we can do that."

I. E. Martin reminded the council that the new pay plan just brought the city's employees to the average of 10 other similar communities that were surveyed. "I haven't changed my mind a lick on this."

Harrell said the council had seemed to lack a game plan in discussing the new salary structures. "We don't need to just talk about it for three more times."

I.E. Martin said if the council changed the pay structure, "it would be the biggest mess you ever saw."

No further discussion was included on the pay raises, but Gayle, responding to a question, said it can be changed before the first reading of the budget, and even changed after the second reading.

The lengthy budget sessions are apparently wearing on the council members as a question by Noah at the beginning of the session did not even draw an answer.

"Do we want to go through the budget page-by-page?" asked the mayor.

And two hours into the meeting, a question from the mayor on whether the council wanted to take a break resulted in a chorus of "let's just get through" from the council.

Monday's session lasted for almost 2½ hours and all council members were present.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "People going around in circles are often cutting too many corners."

The postmark was "Austin," and the envelope contained a clipping from the South Texas Farm and Ranch News.

Marsha Moulder writes the "My Row to Hoe" column and voiced concerned that the movie made this summer in Snyder is anti-stock show. It went like this:

"The rest of the world may call him the fireman, but I think I must just have to call him the traitor.

"I was surprised and disappointed when I read that George Strait is appearing as himself in a movie that will likely receive an award from animal activists.

"Strait the rancher, Strait the team roper, is appearing as Strait the singer in 'Grand Champion,' a film about a boy showing the grand champion steer, selling it for a record price, then kidnapping the steer to prevent it from being the main course at a barbecue.

"Every year at stock show time, I hear at least one person say something negative about youngsters raising animals knowing the steers, hogs and lambs are going to be slaughtered. So, a movie showing how unbearable it is for a boy to see the steer he has fed daily to be headed for the butcher is only going to add fuel to the fire for people who think livestock shows are cruel.

"I know it's hard for some youngsters to part with their animals once the show is over. But I think it demonstrates a definite strength of character for the youngsters to be able to face up to the reality that livestock was put on this earth to provide food for people.

"The movie was filmed in Snyder, which is in Scurry County, which has about 25,000 head of cattle. The film is scheduled for release as early as Christmas. Oh good, that'll give everybody a chance to see it before the major stock shows kick off at the first of the year.

"But then, I may be making too much out of it. After all, the script calls for the steer's owner, Buddy, and his pal, Edgar, to kidnap the steer, Hokey, in order to take the animal home. Reportedly, there is a big chase. My guess is, these boys aren't going to be old enough to drive. So how realistic can this be if the two boys are to be elusive enough to lead folks on a chase as they lead a 1,000-pound steer?

"...So, I guess we'll just have to wait and see if 'Grand Champion' stirs up any problems for livestock show enthusiasts..."

Couldn't agree more, the ag writer is making too much out of it all.

Grant Teaff to speak at SISD's convocation

Snyder native Grant Teaff will help launch the new school year in Snyder by addressing the annual Snyder ISD convocation Wednesday morning.

Teaff, a 1951 graduate of Snyder High School, was head football coach for the Baylor University Bears for 21 years. He previously coached at Angelo State University and McMurry University. He presently is the executive director of the American Football Coaches Association.

The convocation gets underway at 8:40 a.m. in Worsham Auditorium with musical selections from the SHS band directed by Donnie Reston and Kay Kennedy.

The actual convocation begins at 9 a.m. with Supt. Gayle Lomax calling the meeting to order.

Delivering greetings to the group will be State Rep. David Counts, Snyder ISD board president Mark McCormick and Snyder Mayor Francene Noah.

Other participants will be the Rev. Mike Henson who will give the invocation, Boy Scout Troop 27 which will present the colors. Louisa Gonzalez will lead the Pledge of Allegiance and Susan Scott will lead the group in the National Anthem.

Henson is pastor of First Baptist Church, Gonzalez is a graduate of the district's family literacy program, and Scott is a fifth grade teacher at Northeast Elementary.

Snyder ISD board member Luann Burleson will recognize the convocation's honorees while Supt. Lomax will introduce the district personnel.

Platform guests will be Rep. Counts, Mayor Noah and Dr. Greg Williams, president of Western Texas College.



Grant Teaff

Grand jury returns four indictments

Four people were indicted by the Scurry County grand jury, meeting Monday in 132nd District Court.

The indictments include two for felony driving while intoxicated.

Robert Lee Arnett, 77, of 5124 Reeves Circle in Midland was indicted for the July 28 DWI offense. He is out of jail on a $5,000 bond.

Arnett has two other DWI convictions in Scurry County. The first was in 1993 and the second was in 1999.

Jose Luis Chavez also was indicted for DWI. He was arrested July 1. He has prior DWI convictions in Scurry County in 1993 and 1994.

Chavez, 35, resides at 1201 22nd St. and he is also out of jail on a $5,000 bond.

Both of the DWI indictments are third degree felonies.

Lawrence Eugene Harrison, 24, of 3803 Muriel was indicted for the July 12 offense of burglary of a building owned by Steve Miller.

Harrison remains in jail in lieu of a $5,000 bond on the state jail felony charge. He has a prior felony conviction in Dallas County for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle that occurred in 1995, and a felony conviction in Scurry County in 1998.

Steven Lee Torres, 17, of 1703 20th St. was indicted for the May 24 offense of forgery. He is accused of forging a check for $74. Torres was booked into jail Monday afternoon and his bond was set at $5,000. The charge is a state jail felony.

No one shows at hearing for new college tax rate

The Western Texas College board of trustees took the first step Monday night to adopt a tax rate of 26.58 cents per $100 valuation after a public hearing that lacked one thing — the public.

No members from the community were in attendance for the hearing, prompting board members to take quick action to call a meeting for 7 p.m. Monday, the board's regular monthly meeting, to vote on the tax rate.

The proposed rate is a .799 percent increase, the maximum allowed by law without being subject to a rollback.

The rate, because of increased values, will generate an additional $150,000 in revenue next year. The rate is 4.09 cents lower than last year's rate of 30.67 cents.

The board also approved the employment of Randy Auburg as an assistant professor of computer science. Auburg owns a computer company in Midland, but will reside in Snyder.

Lee Presswood presided and all board members were present to include Drew Bullard, Jackie Greene, Scott Richburg, Eddie Peterson, Jay Kidd and Carolyn Barbee.

ASK US

Q-How many acre-feet of water are currently in Lake Thomas?

A-Just over 15,000. Last year it was double this amount. It is at 7.47 percent of it's capacity.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Monday, 100 degrees; low, 74; 7 a.m. Tuesday, 74; no precipitation; total for 2001, 9.45 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy, 20% rain chance, low 70-75, SE wind 5-15 mph. Wednesday, partly cloudy, high mid 90s, S wind 5-15 mph. Wednesday night partly cloudy, low mid 70s.



Jose Lopez
Rain chance

Sunset:
8:34 p.m.
Sunrise:
7:06 a.m.
Of 218 days in 2001, the sun has shone 206 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Everything that irritates us about others can lead us to an understanding of ourselves.

—Carl Jung

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Clinton to get record advance for book

NEW YORK (AP) — No bidding wars. No White House meetings. Not even a press conference. For all the money involved, former President Clinton's book deal proved surprisingly straightforward.

Ending months of speculation, Clinton said Monday that he would write his memoirs for publisher Alfred A. Knopf. Terms were not disclosed but a source close to the deal said Clinton's advance will top the previous record of $8.5 million for a nonfiction book.

The memoir, currently untitled, is scheduled for 2003.

"I am very pleased to be associated with the distinguished publishing house of Alfred A. Knopf," Clinton said in a statement issued by the publisher.

"President Clinton is one of the dominant figures on the global stage," said Sonny Mehta, Knopf's president and editor in chief. "He has lived an extraordinary life, and he has a great story to tell."

The Washington Post and The New York Times reported that Clinton's advance is more than $10 million. Clinton's representative, Washington attorney Robert Barnett, and officials at Knopf declined comment.

The record advance for nonfiction was $8.5 million for worldwide rights to a book by Pope John Paul II in 1994. Clinton's wife, Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, received an $8 million advance from Simon & Schuster for her memoir.

Publishing insiders doubt that Clinton sought the highest bidder. Class, not cash, was apparently the priority.

Knopf is regarded as one of the industry's most prestigious publishers. Clinton's book will be edited by Robert Gottlieb, whose other authors have included Nobel laureate Toni Morrison, the late historian Barbara Tuchman and the late publisher Katharine Graham.

"Knopf is an interesting choice. It's consistent with how Clinton's trying to change his image," said Judith Regan, president and publisher of ReganBooks, a division of HarperCollins.

"Normally, with a book like this, you go around and have personal meetings and he didn't do that. Hillary invited everyone to the White House."

Regan, who had expressed interest in the book, called Gottlieb a "very distinguished editor" and said Knopf was an "appropriate publisher if you want to low-key it."

But it's doubtful Knopf paid all that money for a policy book like Clinton's "Between Hope and History," a 1996 release that ended in remainder sections.

Asked in a telephone interview whether Clinton would write about the Monica Lewinsky scandal, Mehta said: "All I know is I came away from my discussions with him feeling it was going to be a pretty thorough and candid telling of his life, and that he was going to talk about all the principal events of his presidency.

"The heart of the book is what you'd expect it to be. The heart of it will be his presidency," Mehta said.

Asked about the size of the advance, Mehta replied: "We're very comfortable with the price we agreed to."

Knopf is a division of Random House Inc., whose parent company is the German conglomerate Bertelsmann AG.

Like so many other things about Clinton, his book plans were subject to endless gossip. Reports started even before he left office and continued for months. There were stories that his pardon of fugitive financier Marc Rich and other controversies delayed his decision. There were rumors he was writing a novel.

Barnett said the novel "never was happening." He said Clinton, who received "numerous" offers both in the United States and abroad, simply followed his own schedule in getting a book deal.

"The president, upon leaving office, wanted to have some rest, get his charitable work in line, get his speech deal done and then move on to the announcement we made today," Barnett said.

He said Clinton plans to write the memoir himself, although he will have "plenty" of research assistance. Widely known as a voracious reader, Clinton already has written an outline and has worked out much of the book "in his head."

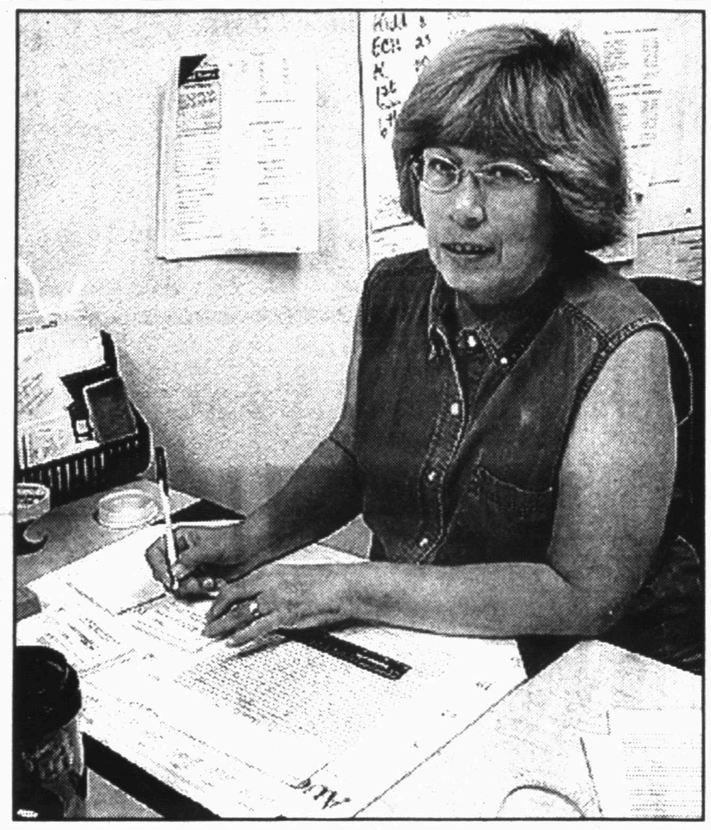
"He's thought it out very carefully," Barnett said.

Barnett added that Clinton hoped eventually to write several books and that a novel was a possibility.

But for all of Clinton's star power, he will be continuing one of publishing's less productive genres. Few presidential memoirs are valued as literature or as history, and books about presidents tend to sell better than books by them.

Harry Truman's memoir, for instance, is far less remembered than David McCullough's Pulitzer Prize-winning biography. In recent years, books by Gerald Ford and Ronald Reagan proved less popular than those written by their wives.

"Clinton defies all rules; we've learned that," said David Rosenthal, publisher of Simon & Schuster. "We're disappointed we didn't get him, but I'm sure he will write a good book and I'm sure it will be a very big selling book."



PAPERWORK — A lot of paperwork accompanies the beginning of a new school year. Ronna Posey works at West Elementary. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Ira juniors, seniors will pre-register

Pre-registration for Ira High School juniors and seniors will be held Wednesday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

All junior and senior students who want to take either the college/high school dual credit courses or college credit courses are encouraged to pre-register so high school staff will know the extent of their interest.

After interest is determined, there will be a meeting at 6 p.m. Thursday in the library with all interested students, parents and Dr. Jim Palmer, dean of academic instruction at Western Texas College.

At that time students will be enrolled in the classes of their choice. Jim Clifton, dean of student services at WTC, will also be present to discuss the college's Dollars for Grades Program.

Courses to be offered are computer maintenance I and II, emergency medical training, college algebra, Eng. 1301, U. S. government, Texas government, economics, and psychology. Student financial aide will be available for students who qualify.

Children flying solo present problems for airlines in U.S.

PHOENIX (AP) — Three recent, highly publicized instances in which children traveling alone were put on the wrong connecting flights have compelled America West Airlines to change its policies and brought an industrywide concern about kids flying alone into the spotlight.

The number of children flying on commercial airlines by themselves is on the upswing — especially in a peak travel period like summer — and some airline experts worry the potential for mishaps at any airline is too high.

"As we live in a society where families are divided, there's a lot of flying," said David Stempler, president of the Air Travelers Association, a passenger advocacy group. "But boy, oh boy, it makes me nervous."

Tempe-based America West's streak began July 14, when an 11-year-old girl flying by herself from Los Angeles to Detroit ended up crisscrossing the country for 18 hours. She was supposed to transfer to the Detroit flight at America West's hub in Phoenix, but was put on a flight to Orlando, Fla., instead.

A week later, the flight of a 10-year-old San Diego boy going home from Columbus, Ohio, was canceled and the airline failed to tell his father he would arrive more than five hours late.

On Saturday, two girls returning to San Diego from Texas were sent to the Ontario, Calif., International Airport, about 100 miles north.

"While our record of transporting these young children has been outstanding, the events of the past few weeks have been both embarrassing and disappointing," America West said in a statement.

Communication breakdowns caused the mistakes, which are still small compared to the 25,000 unaccompanied children between the ages of 5 and 11 the airline flies each year, America West spokeswoman Patty Nowack said Monday.

Stempler believes unaccompanied children and connecting flights don't mesh. "This system is a set up for failure," he said. "It scares me to death."

After the incident with the San Diego boy, America West announced that beginning Sept. 10, unaccompanied children will only be allowed on nonstop flights.

Starting this weekend, children will have to wear a tag around their neck with their destination code and identifying them as unaccompanied minors, Nowack said.

Southwest Airlines already allows minors ages 5 to 11 only on nonstop and direct flights and requires a parent to stay at the gate until departure, spokeswoman Kristin Nelson said.

Southwest and other major airlines give children a button or sticker, fearing a highly visible tag might make the youths targets for criminals. Except for Southwest, airlines charge a fee, usually $30, for children traveling alone, which mostly covers the expense of having them escorted by airline personnel.

Delta, American and Northwest Airlines don't allow children to be booked on the last connecting flights out of a hub.

Northwest flew 160,000 unaccompanied children ages 5 to 14 last year and expects a 10 percent increase in 2001. The airline requires every employee who takes care of children to sign off on the child's ticket jacket, spokeswoman Kathy Peach said.

"It requires a lot of training," Peach said. "There can be no margin of error."

While no federal agency tracks how many children traveling alone are misplaced, the numbers are likely to increase as families become more mobile.

Tags and other precautions won't prevent children from ending up thousands of miles from their destination, said Dean Headley, a Wichita State University marketing professor who co-authors an annual review of airline quality.

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Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery:

5-10-14-18-20

Pick 3

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

1-9-7

Berry's World



Date Book

Tuesday, Aug. 7, 2001

Today is the 219th day of 2001 and the 48th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1794, President George Washington appointed a commission to put an end to the Whiskey Rebellion through conciliation.

On this day in 1807, Robert Fulton's steamboat, the Clermont, began a trial voyage from New York City to Albany. It made the 150-mile journey in 32 hours.

On this day in 1964, Congress passed the Gulf of Tonkin resolution.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Nathanael Greene (1742-1786), Revolutionary War general; Mata Hari (1876-1917), dancer-courtesan-spy; Louis Leakey (1903-1972), archaeologist-anthropologist; Ralph Bunche (1904-1971), U.S. diplomat-educator; Don Larsen (1929-), baseball star, is 72; Garrison Keillor (1942-), humorist, is 59; Alan Page (1945-), football star-jurist, is 56.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1954, Roger Bannister ran a mile in less than four minutes.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "If you want to get across an idea, wrap it up in a person." — Ralph Bunche

TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (Aug. 4) and last quarter (Aug. 12).

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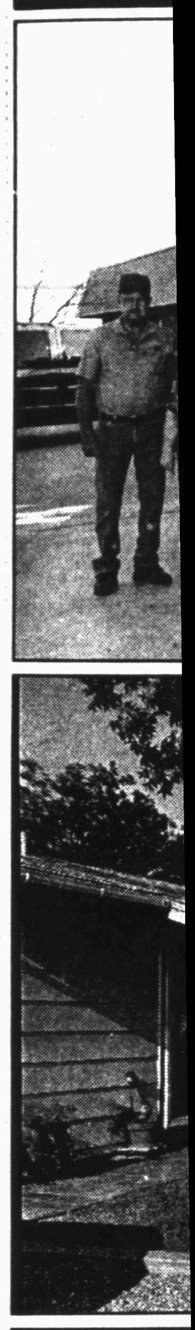
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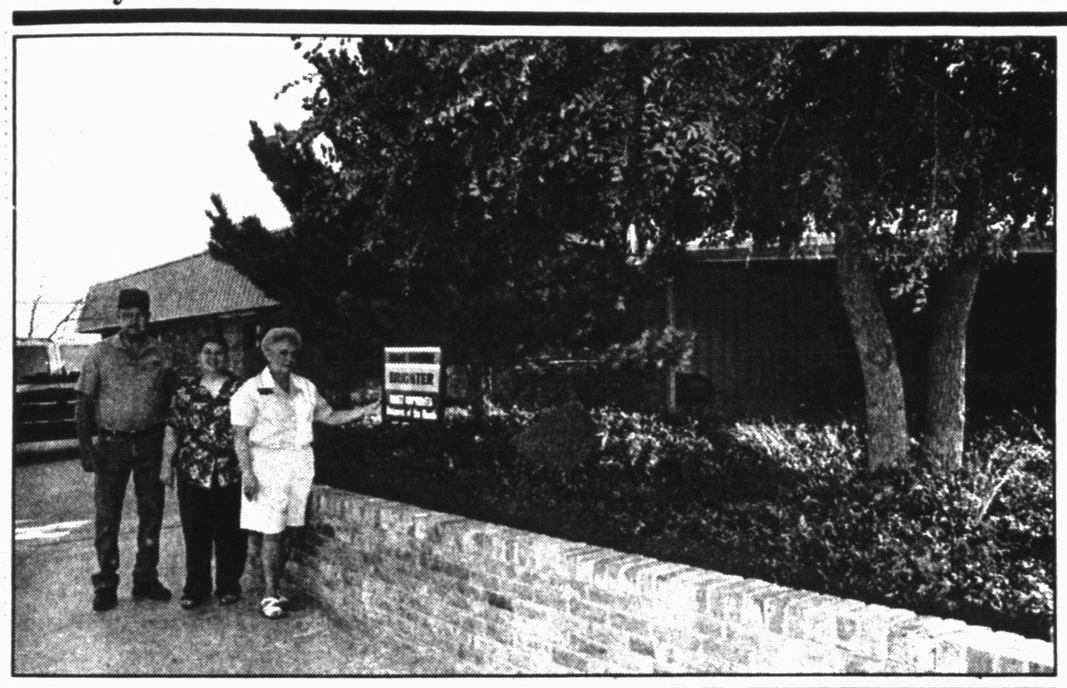
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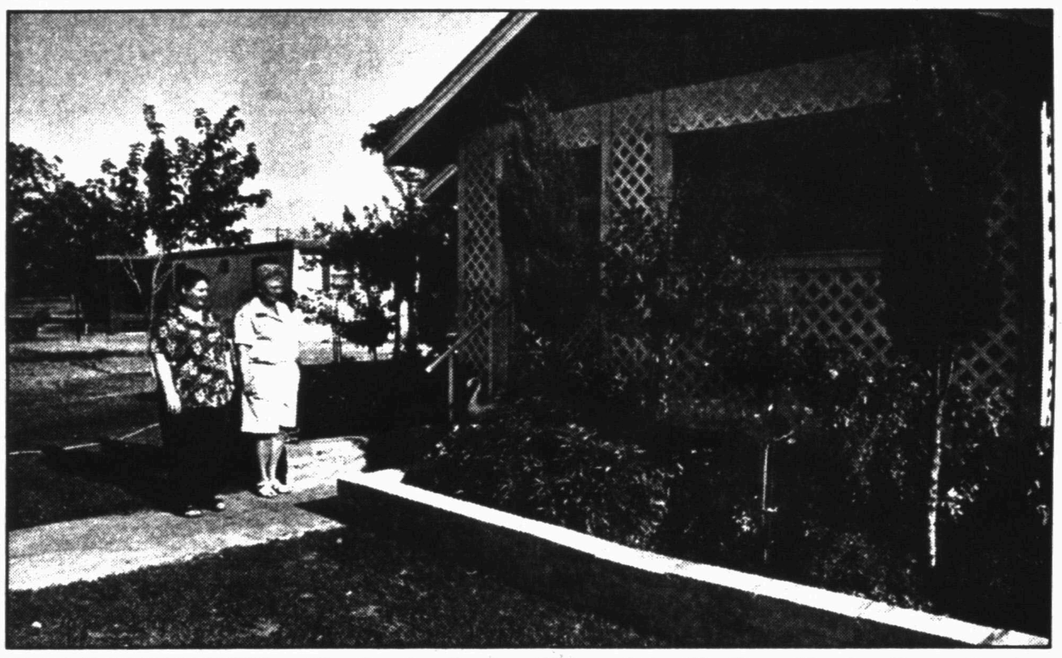
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YARD OF THE MONTH — The Snyder Garden Club and the City Beautification Committee has selected yards of the month for August. Managing to keep a green, flowering and groomed yard during the drought takes extra care and lots of hot work as displayed in these yards. Y-Z Industries was chosen the most improved business and William Powell with Y-Z is show with judges and members of the Snyder Garden Club, Bonnie Fry and Betty Wood. In the center photo the judges are shown with Wayland and Mary Ann Caldwell at 2402 Gilmore, winner of large yard of the month. The small yard of the month honor went to the residence of Padro and Lenor Lopez at 2914 Gilmore. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

District VIII garden clubs held workshop

ABILENE — A workshop was held by members of District VIII, Texas Garden Club, Inc., on June 28 hosted by Abilene Garden Club.

Patsy Huckabee of Snyder, Texas Garden Clubs trustee, discussed basic procedures in conducting a garden club meeting.

Dorman Holub, formerly of Stamford and now a member of Graham Garden Club, gave an inspirational talk on "Art of Leadership."

Loyce Rogers, Dist. VIII director from Stamford, presided and Elaine Bryant, awards chairman from Abilene, discussed basic procedures in conducting a garden club meeting.

Following lunch, Scott Warren, certified masters nursery professional of the Garden Place, gave an educational focus on gardening.

He outlined and showed examples of plants suitable for heat and drought conditions of our area.

The design segment of the program was a demonstration by Ken McConnico of Baach's Florist and Green House, as he executed a large floral arrangement designed for a church sanctuary.

Door prizes were distributed to garden clubs from Ballinger, Breckenridge, Coleman, Cross Plains, Graham, Robert Lee, San Angelo, Stamford and Snyder.

Local gardeners attending were Sandra Browning, Pamela Maresch, Anna Sears and Huckabee.

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The state tree of Georgia is the live oak.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

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Tuesday, Aug. 7, 2001

Not one of two, two of two

By Phillip Alder

Jean de la Bruyere, a French writer and moralist, wrote, "There are only two ways of getting on in the world: by one's own industry, or by the stupidity of others."

That applies at the bridge table. If you play well in this deal, you won't need to rely on the stupidity of the opponents. How would you try to make six spades? West leads the diamond 10.

North's three no-trump shows a game-forcing spade raise: at least four-card support and, in principle, 13-15 support points. Here, North upgraded slightly because he couldn't bear to hear partner pass a three-spade limit raise.

Since East didn't make a lead-directing double of North's five-diamond Blackwood response, perhaps West should have led a club. Yet that would have made declarer's life very easy.

There are possible losers in hearts and clubs. However, if East has either the heart king or club ace, you can get home if you time the play correctly.

After drawing trumps, unblock dummy's remaining diamond honor, cross to hand with a trump, and discard two clubs on the ace-queen of diamonds. Back into dummy with a trump, lead a club toward your king.

Here, East wins with his ace and switches to a heart, but you industriously rise with the ace and throw dummy's second heart on your club king — contract made.

Suppose instead that your club king loses to West's ace. If he stupidly returns a red suit, you are home. But if he correctly leads back a club, ruff in the dummy and try the heart finesse.

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Mulls career choices

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Former "Survivor" contestant Michael Skupin, who had been mulling a career in politics, says he won't be running for the U.S. Senate in 2002.

Skupin said Monday he can't take the necessary time away from his family and his new company, Michael Skupin Ministries, which fights alcohol and drug addiction. Skupin also co-owns a religious software company.

"I have three children and one on the way and raising a good Christian family where the father is home is more important than any position," he said in a news release. "I want to be certain I'm doing the right thing for them."

Skupin, 39, left the CBS-TV reality show "Survivor: The Australian Outback" after suffering burns during the sixth week.

Woolever family gathers for 77th annual reunion

The 77th annual Woolever reunion was held at Farmer's Village, 10 miles south of Snyder, in honor of the late Christi Ann Woolever's birthday, July 25.

The first reunion was held in 1924 at the Ira Cemetery where the family had met for a workday and spread a lunch together. Plans were made to have an annual reunion in honor of Christi Ann and the next year the family gathered at the Earl Woolever home five miles west of Snyder. Many reunions were held there and surrounding places around Snyder.

Brian Sitton was re-elected as president, Brad Robbins, vice president and Fran Farmer, treasurer. A private swimming party was held at Towle Park swimming pool and pizzas were delivered for the family. An auction was held Saturday afternoon to defray reunion expenses.

Buck Woolever and Patsy Sitton won the traditional 42 tournament. Winning the 31 tournament was Charlene Crump and Lindy Lowery. Children fished in the pond for prizes and books.

Special guests were the only known twins with the Woolever name, Crystal and Jessica Woolever, daughters of Mark and Janetta Woolever of San Angelo.

Attending were Billie and Wilbur Leslie of Houston; Charlene Crump of Lubbock; Kayland Leslie and friend of Denton; Dot and J.C. Wall of San Saba; Kim Cooksey, Matthew, Luke and Joshua of Big Spring.

Twylia Roberts, Kinsey and Jaycee of Coahoma; Brian, Jennifer and Emma Lee of Pflugerville; Steve Floyd of Dallas; Lisa Harris, Skylar, Emily and Madalene of Abilene; Sid Stone, Carolyn Stone and Lindy Lowery of Hayward of California; Kellie Miller and Tanner of Loraine; John and Belinda Arery of Celeste; George and Jennifer Evante of El Paso; Naxey Davis of New Braunfels and Kay and Ron Williams of San Angelo; Crystal and Jessica Woolever of San Angelo.

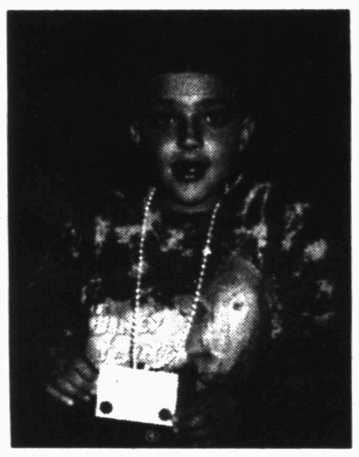
Snyder families attending were Buck and Louise Woolever, Darlene and Bill Robbins, Meggan and Brandon, Brad and Dava Robbins, Darla, Josh and Kaydra, Darrell and Susan Bills, Lori and Elvia Barrera, DeVelva and Ricky Sorrells, LaOma Floyd, Paul Farmer, Fran Farmer, Dustin Hayley, Patsy and Buck Sitton and Nancy Blair.

Texas Lions Clubs offer summer camp for children with disabilities

Through the Lions Clubs of Texas, many children with physical disabilities can look forward to an experience that all children dream about — going to summer camp!

This summer, Brandon Garvin of Coahoma attended the Texas Lions Camp in Kerrville. Clifford Shiller of the Snyder Lions Club sponsored Brandon.

The Texas Lions Camp in Kerrville offers special camping programs that serve children seven through 16 who have physical disabilities and diabetes.



Brandon Garvin

The camp offers a wide variety of activities for campers' enjoyment, including arts and crafts, field sports, riding horses, swimming, theater and camping out overnight.

It is nonprofit and funded by the Lions of Texas and private donations. Children attend the camp at no cost to themselves or their families.

Further information and camper applications may be obtained by contacting a Lions Club member in this area or by contacting the Texas Lions Camp, P.O. Box 290247, Kerrville, 78029-0247.

The Texas Lions Camp can also be found on the World Wide Web at www.lionscamp.com

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Only one president of the United States was elected to the House of Representatives after serving as president: John Quincy Adams.

Birth

Clayton McLain Echols, son of Van and Angela Echols of Lubbock, was born at 5:04 a.m. on Aug. 2 in Covenant Hospital. Clayton weighed seven pounds, 14 ounces. His brother, Carson Thomas, welcomed him home.

Maternal grandparents are Tommy and Kay Echols of Snyder. Paternal grandparents are Dick and Lois McLain of Albuquerque, N.M. Great grandparents include Mrs. Marcella McLain of Hereford and Arnold and Colene Heiden of Bradshaw, Neb.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Aug. 6-Iva Black, Ralph Evans, Erin Hackfeld, Ronald Pope and Ruby Sellars.

DISMISSALS: Pauline Compton, Lucille Shaw, Juan Silvas, Clara Smith, Connie Tutt and Carl Wright.



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Teaching Our Children Well

Almost all parents have some desire to train and teach their children. We want our children to grow up healthy, well adjusted to life and happy. But how do we accomplish this goal? A clear answer is not as easy to find as we would like. Self-esteem is important. A child needs to feel loved, competent and significant. While this is basic, something more is also needed. Guidance is important. An adult with good self-esteem who received little guidance as a child may feel very good about himself while he lives irresponsibly.

Two Scriptures, one in the New Testament and another in the Old Testament give us guidance. In Ephesians 6:4 we receive this counsel:

> Fathers, do not exasperate your children;
> instead, bring them up in the training and
> instruction of the Lord.

Two ideas are clear. Work with your children patiently. It is easy to expect too much and never be pleased. Children grow discouraged in that kind of environment. Also, teach them. Tell them about the Lord and about what He wants them to do. This is basic and simple, but it is often overlooked.

As you look around at the problems we face as a nation today, one thing stands out. Children are not receiving the basic instruction they need in what is right and wrong from their parents at home. We are asking more and more of our schools as we encourage them to pass along values to our children. But parents have the primary responsibility. How do we go about this? When do we do this? We'll look next week at a guide the Scriptures give us in the Old Testament for passing on faith and morals to our children.

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13 Boxing strategy
14 Connected to the Internet
15 Church instruments
16 Makes impure
17 Egg drink
18 Bank-acct. profit
20 Skill
21 Israeli airline (2 wds.)
23 Cambodia's Lon —
24 The sweetsop
25 Sly glance
27 Leg bones
29 Roman 502
31 Scold repeatedly
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34 Type of birth
37 Pour
40 Row
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43 Former Russian ruler
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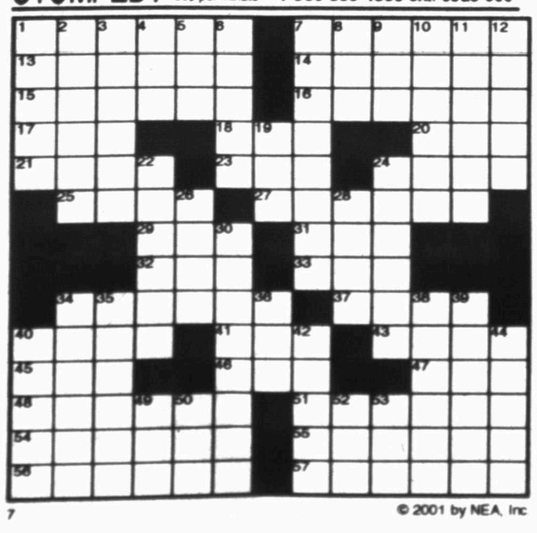
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10 Mexican party item
11 Chicken cordon bleu, for one
12 Relaxes
19 Negative word
22 Bookkeeper's book
24 Shoelace tip
26 Frost
28 Fishing need
30 Most scratch-worthy
34 Galley with two banks of oars
35 Tenant
36 Term of endearment
38 Real- — agent
39 Used the post office
40 Brass instruments
42 Computer-screen graphics
44 Long and slender
49 "Opal" finish
50 Ortho-dontist's deg.
52 Fiber cluster
53 Opp. of NNW

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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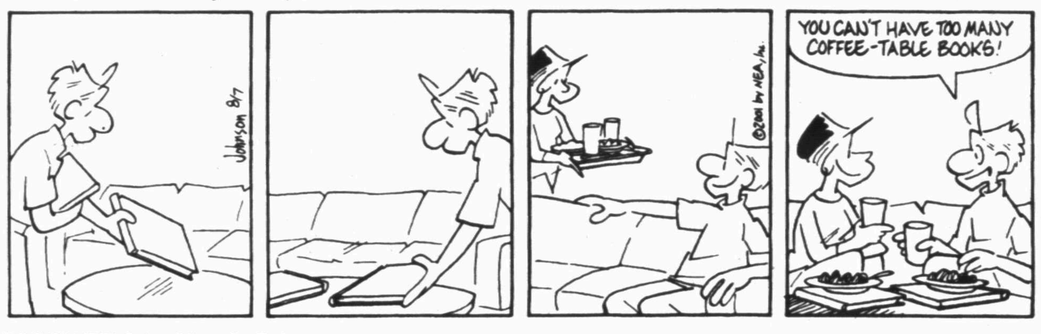


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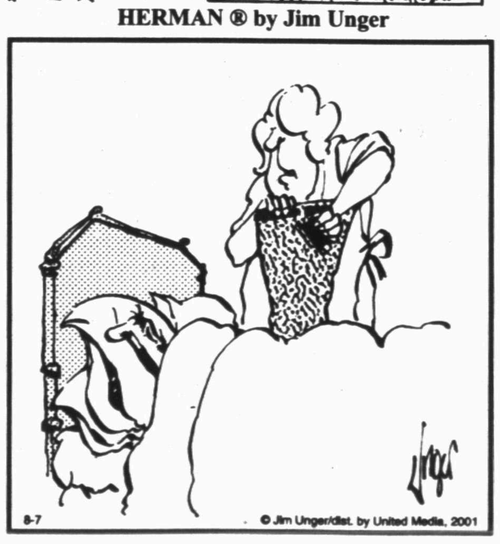
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SPORTS

Participation up at area workouts

All things considered — the heat, new coaches, first-day jitters — Monday's first football and volleyball workouts were considered a success by area coaches.

New Snyder High School coach Chad Rogers had 105 players on the field for his first practice at the helm of the Tigers, while 50 Lady Tigers showed up for volleyball.

"The first day went well. Considering all the changes that have taken place since this time last year, I think it went extremely smooth," Rogers said. "The enthusiasm was there and that's a big key. The kids were attentive and ready to learn."

One of the biggest challenges the Tigers face is learning the new wishbone offense. After Monday's practice, Rogers was pleased with how his squad is picking up the new scheme.

"I think we're right on schedule," the SHS coach stated. "We're going to do all of the little things right, so we spent some extra time on that.

"It takes a while for the backs to get used to the option, so we worked more on that also. The linemen looked really good though for the first day."

Snyder's next practice is scheduled for 5 this evening.

On the volleyball court, Snyder coach Patty Grimmett was pleased with how her team was shaping up, as well.

"We look better and better with each drill that we do. The girls are progressing quickly," Grimmett said. "We don't have a few of the big hitters that we had last year, but I think we're quicker this year. We just want to keep working, and keep improving every day."

At Ira, the Bulldogs had 23 players on the field for their first football workout.

"I think we have a couple more players than we had last year, so that's a good sign," said Goodwin. "We had a great first day. The kids were in pretty good shape, and I was extremely happy with the way things went."

After advancing into the first-round of the playoffs a year a go, Ira expects to be even better this season. The Bulldogs are starting their fourth season under Goodwin, and the coach believes his players are more comfortable in his system.

"This is the first year we've started workouts with all of the offense already installed, and with kids in place who know the system," Goodwin remarked. "We feel like we've reached a level where now we can do a few more complex things, if we need to."

Like Ira, the Hermleigh Cardinals were also pleased with their first day on the gridiron.

Hermleigh started drills a year ago with only eight players and competed in just seven games, but that's not the case this season.

Eleven players opened workouts for the Cardinals on Monday, and that in itself is reason to celebrate at Hermleigh.

"After last season, we're pleased with the number of guys we had show up on the first day," said second-year Hermleigh coach Harley Ethridge. "The more players you have, then the easier it is to do drills and the more competitive your players are."



I GOT IT — Snyder junior Zipporah Peoples, right, heads for the net after a block by one her teammates during Tuesday morning's practice at the SHS gym. Fifty players showed up to take part in this year's workouts. (SDN Staff Photo)

Sports Briefs

Snyder Bass Club

Snyder Bass Club will meet at 6:30 this evening at the TXU service center.

The club's Hord Creek tournament was won by John Stokes, with Ricky Shields grabbing second place. Biggest fish honors went to Jimmy Kiker.

Soccer coaches

Persons interested in coaching soccer for pre-k through second grades should attend a meeting at 8 p.m. Wednesday at the Boys and Girls Club. Also, anyone with soccer equipment from last year should return it to the club.

For more information, call 573-3344.

Golf tournaments

The WTC Junior Classic will be held at 8:30 a.m. Friday at Western Texas College golf course. Age groups will be 10-under, 11-14 and 15-up. The 15-up division will be contested over 18 holes and cost is $15. The younger divisions will play nine holes and cost is $10.

The WTC Adult-Child Tournament will be held at 8:30 a.m. Saturday. Format is modified stableford scoring system. Teams will be flighted by child's age, and all teams will play nine holes. Cost is $15 per team.

To register for either event, call the WTC pro shop at 573-9291.

Softball tournament

The USSSA Men's Class E State Softball Tournament will be held Friday through Sunday. Entry fee is $150 per team, and today is the last day to register.

For more information, contact Chris Maxfield at 573-4332 (evening) or 721-7517.

SHS golf qualifying rounds

Qualifying for Snyder High School golf teams will be held after school Aug. 15-18. For more information, call Coach Ricky Hunter at 573-0239.

Western Texas MGA

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

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.

Junior high football

All Snyder Junior High football players will pick up their equipment next Tuesday. Eighth graders will be from 3-5 p.m., followed by seventh graders from 5-7.

Crowd attends Stringer's funeral

WARREN, Ohio (AP) — About 1,300 people packed the First Assembly of God church for the two-hour funeral of Korey Stringer, the Minnesota Vikings' lineman who died of heatstroke last week.

The crowd was so large that a spillover group of about 300 had to watch the service on closed-circuit TV in an adjoining gym, while hundreds more gathered outside.

Patriots' QB coach dies

SMITHFIELD, R.I. (AP) — New England quarterbacks coach Dick Rehbein died Monday, making the Patriots the second NFL team this summer dealing with grief during training camp.

The 45-year-old Rehbein died of heart failure at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. A team spokesman said Rehbein, who had heart disease, checked himself into the hospital over the weekend complaining of discomfort.

Cowboys' QB battle is for second spot

WICHITA FALLS (AP) — Coach Dave Campo wanted to set the record straight. The only quarterback battle for the Dallas Cowboys is to determine who's the backup.

Rookie Quincy Carter was impressive in his debut and Anthony Wright played well despite mistakes by the third-teamers around him in the preseason opener, but Tony Banks remains the starter.

"There is no question in my mind that Tony's our quarterback, and we're going to have a battle for the next spot," Campo said Monday. "The quarterback situation, in our mind, has not changed from that first preseason game. We'll go status quo right now."

Banks is beginning his sixth season in the NFL, and though he was Trent Dilfer's backup by time the Baltimore Ravens won last year's Super Bowl, he has 61 career starts.

Wright started twice last year in place of the injured Troy Aikman, the retired future Hall of Famer and three-time Super Bowl winner the Cowboys have to replace.

In the 21-14 loss at Oakland last weekend, Banks was 5-for-9 passing for 36 yards. Carter, the Cowboys' top pick in April, completed nine of 15 passes for 167 yards and two touchdowns, while Banks was 4-for-9 for 45 yards.

Clint Stoerner didn't play, but Campo wants to get a better look at the second-year quarterback who played just one game for the Cowboys last season and then played in NFL Europe this spring.

Still, it appears that Carter and Wright will be the primary battle for the backup spot. Both understand the position they are in.

"I had fun just being in the atmosphere those touchdowns. I've dreamed all of my life about playing in the NFL ... it was like the Super Bowl to me," Carter said. "I have to keep a level head. It is a tough game to try to conquer in one night. I'll have some ups and downs.

"If I have a bad game, they'll be different questions," he said.

Cowboys owner Jerry Jones has talked excitedly about the debut performance of Carter, who the Cowboys surprisingly took in the second round — the 53rd player overall — with their first pick.

Campo continued Monday trying to temper the situation. While some people think the Cowboys should go with the young quarterback, the coach doesn't think that would be the right move.

"I don't think at this point that we are rebuilding," Campo said. "We feel this football team can win and feel the experience of Tony Banks gives us the best chance to do that."

While Campo has told Wright that his efforts weren't going unnoticed, the third-year quarterback knows his playing time is as much a business decision — because of Carter's status as a well-paid high draft pick — as anything.

"It can be a mental strain if I allow it to be. I've got to realize that I can only control myself. I have to stay positive and work hard," Wright said. "I understand the business part of it. I can't control that."

Campo said Banks would start Saturday night's preseason game against Denver, but the determination for the rest of the rotation and the amount of playing time for each quarterback won't be made until later this week.

Major League Baseball

National League
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East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	63	48	.568	—
Philadelphia	60	51	.540	3
Florida	56	55	.504	7
New York	51	61	.455	12½
Montreal	47	65	.420	16½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	63	47	.573	—
Houston	62	49	.559	1½
St. Louis	56	54	.509	7
Milwaukee	47	62	.431	15½
Cincinnati	46	64	.418	17
Pittsburgh	43	67	.391	20

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	63	49	.562	—
Arizona	62	49	.559	½
San Francisco	62	50	.554	1
San Diego	54	57	.486	8½
Colorado	46	65	.414	16½

Monday's Games

No games scheduled

Tuesday's Games

St. Louis (Kile 11-7) at Montreal (Vazquez 10-10), 7:05 p.m.
Arizona (Lopez 0-2) at Florida (Clement 6-7), 7:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Adams 7-4) at Pittsburgh (McKnight 1-1), 7:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Schmidt 7-6) at Cincinnati (Davis 5-1), 7:05 p.m.
San Diego (Jones 7-13) at Philadelphia (Duckworth 0-0), 7:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Haynes 7-13) at N.Y. Mets (Chen 4-5), 7:10 p.m.
Houston (Mlicki 2-0) at Atlanta (Maddux 14-6), 7:35 p.m.
Colorado (Neagle 6-6) at Chicago Cubs (Tapani 8-8), 8:05 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

Colorado (Thomson 0-4) at Chicago Cubs (Bere 7-5), 2:20 p.m.
Houston (Astacio 6-13) at Atlanta (Glavine 11-5), 7:05 p.m.
Arizona (Johnson 14-5) at Florida (Sanchez 2-0), 7:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Smith 3-1) at Montreal (Armas Jr. 8-11), 7:05 p.m.
San Diego (Herndon 0-0) at Philadelphia (Coggin 2-1), 7:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Prokopec 6-6) at Pittsburgh (J.Anderson 6-11), 7:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Rueter 11-7) at Cincinnati (Dessens 8-8), 7:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Levrault 5-6) at N.Y. Mets (Trachsel 5-10), 7:10 p.m.

American League
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East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	67	45	.598	—
Boston	64	47	.577	2½
Toronto	53	59	.473	14
Baltimore	46	67	.407	21½
Tampa Bay	37	75	.330	30

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	63	48	.568	—
Cleveland	62	49	.559	1
Chicago	55	55	.500	7½
Detroit	46	64	.418	16½
Kansas City	44	68	.393	19½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	81	31	.723	—
Oakland	62	50	.554	19
Anaheim	58	54	.518	23
Texas	49	63	.438	32

Monday's Games

Oakland 6, Detroit 3
Anaheim 3, N.Y. Yankees 1
Chicago White Sox 5, Tampa Bay 2
Boston 10, Texas 7
Seattle 8, Cleveland 6
Baltimore 9, Kansas City 6

Tuesday's Games

N.Y. Yankees (Mussina 11-9) at Tampa Bay (Sturtze 6-9), 7:15 p.m.
Cleveland (Sabathia 10-4) at Minnesota (Reed 1-0), 8:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Maduro 0-3) at Kansas City (Suppan 5-9), 8:05 p.m.
Detroit (Pettyjohn 0-4) at Texas (Myette 1-1), 8:35 p.m.
Toronto (Halladay 1-1) at Seattle (Pineiro 2-0), 10:05 p.m.
Boston (Saberhagen 1-1) at Oakland (Mulder 13-6), 10:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (K.Wells 6-7) at Anaheim (Rapp 4-9 or Schoeneweis 8-8), 10:05 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

Cleveland (Colon 10-8) at Minnesota (Lohse 3-4), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Pettitte 12-6) at Tampa Bay (Bierbrodt 0-1), 7:15 p.m.
Baltimore (Mercedes 5-13) at Kansas City (Durbin 7-9), 8:05 p.m.
Detroit (Cornejo 0-0) at Texas (Davis 5-8), 8:35 p.m.
Toronto (Carpenter 7-9) at Seattle (Moyer 12-5), 10:05 p.m.
Boston (Wakefield 7-6) at Oakland (Hudson 13-6), 10:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Buehrle 9-6) at Anaheim (Washburn 9-5), 10:05 p.m.

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

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x-Cleveland	21	6	.778	—
x-New York	18	10	.643	3½
x-Miami	17	11	.607	4½
x-Charlotte	15	14	.517	7
Orlando	11	17	.393	10½
Washington	9	19	.321	12½
Indiana	9	20	.310	13
Detroit	8	19	.296	13

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Los Angeles	25	3	.893	—
x-Houston	18	10	.643	7
x-Utah	16	11	.593	8½
x-Sacramento	16	12	.571	9
Phoenix	11	17	.393	14
Portland	11	17	.393	14
Minnesota	9	18	.333	15½
Seattle	9	19	.321	16

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched conference

Monday's Games

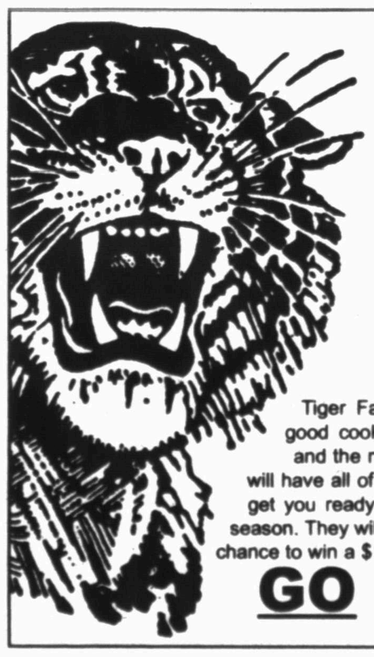
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Houston 62, Phoenix 48
Los Angeles 81, Indiana 66

Tuesday's Games

Minnesota at Sacramento, 3 p.m.
Utah at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

Miami at Washington, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
Utah at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Houston at Seattle, 10 p.m.
Minnesota at Portland, 10 p.m.
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State cut its scrutiny of tax districts in '95

DALLAS (AP) — Some North Texas developers have been creating a wave of little-known special taxing districts by providing the only voters with jobs, housing and other benefits.

Developers typically have drawn district boundaries to exclude any existing residents of an area, then moved in short-time voters in trailers. The voters, usually never more than a handful, have then approved hundreds of millions of dollars in bond sales that future homeowners would have to repay in taxes, according to today's editions of The Dallas Morning News.

The trend started six years ago, when the state attorney general's office quit investigating for signs of impropriety in special taxing district elections.

The agency frequently questioned the voters in person and checked their residency claims before 1995.

Attorney General John Cornyn's office currently requires districts to submit sworn statements from the voters attesting to their eligibility. But, the agency does not generally check accuracy of the affidavits, officials have said.

Cornyn has not decided whether to investigate the practices of taxing districts, which are being used to finance luxury subdivision developments at the edges of the state's booming suburbs.

Two months ago, state Sen. Jane Nelson, R-Flower Mound, asked Cornyn to act after the newspaper revealed a pattern of financial ties among water district developers, board members and voters.

Cornyn referred Nelson's request to his public finance division, which evaluates all government bond sales in Texas and has let special districts take on billions of dollars in debt.

Cornyn, who took office three years after the investigations ended, issued a brief statement late Monday saying it was his understanding that "the policy was resource-intensive and not calculated to legally significant information."

Developers and their lawyers have said the practice of moving voters into trailers has long been accepted as a means to build dependable water lines, sewer systems and streets in areas that cities don't want to serve.

Victims can't sue gun makers

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — In 1993, Gian Luigi Ferri entered a San Francisco skyscraper and opened fire in a law office with two TEC-DC9s and a revolver, killing eight people and wounding six before killing himself.

Survivors claimed Navegar Inc., the maker of the gun used in the shooting, was liable for damages because it marketed the TEC-DC9 to appeal to criminals, and that Navegar should have foreseen it would be used in a massacre.

Their case was originally thrown out by a judge. But two years ago, California's 1st District Court of Appeal ruled the survivors were entitled to a trial on their claims.

But on Monday, the California Supreme Court ruled that victims and families cannot sue gun manufacturers when the products are used illegally.

The court's 5-1 decision was an important victory for Navegar, as well as other weapons manufacturers.

"This decision adds to the body of law that has been growing on this topic," said Ernest Getto, a lawyer for Navegar.

Every state high court and federal appellate court to consider such lawsuits has ruled that makers of legal, non-defective guns cannot be sued for their criminal misuse.

Getto had argued there was no evidence of any connection between the manufacturer's legal activities and the criminal conduct of the suicidal gunman.

"In reaching this conclusion, we are not insensitive to the terrible tragedy that occurred on July 1, 1993," Justice Ming Chin wrote for the California Supreme Court.

However, state lawmakers have "set California's public policy regarding gun manufacturers liability under these circumstances. Given that public policy, plaintiffs may not proceed with their negligence claim."

The ruling could insulate gun makers in a lawsuit by Los Angeles, San Francisco and 10 other California cities and counties, claiming faulty design, manufacture and distribution of firearms. At least 16 similar lawsuits have been filed by local governments elsewhere.

Lucy stamp is unveiled

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Ricky didn't always want Lucy at the Tropicana, but Monday she joined a more exclusive club.

Lucille Ball, the madcap redhead who defined the golden age of television, joined the small circle of Hollywood legends honored on U.S. postage stamps. About 350 fans crammed into the Hollywood History Museum for the stamp's unveiling on what would have been her 90th birthday.

"If you wanted to study comedy she was the one you wanted to go to," said her friend, actress Virginia Mayo. "She was so popular, in America everybody loved Lucy."

U.S. Postal Service spokesman David Mazer said Ball was an obvious choice to represent the entertainment industry.

"The postal service wants to honor film and TV like we honor chemistry and physics," he said.

Ball, who died in 1989, began her long love affair with U.S. TV audiences in October 1951 when the first of her shows, "I Love Lucy," debuted.

It costarred her real-life husband Desi Arnaz as her loving if often-exasperated husband Ricky Ricardo, a bandleader who exploded into tirades when Lucy drove him to distraction in nearly every episode.

She showcased her celebrated slapstick in routines that included forcing her way onto the stage at the Tropicana nightclub, trying vainly to keep up with an assembly-line bakery operation, and struggling to fly an airplane after 30 seconds of instruction.

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Cars collide on Superman roller coaster at Six Flags

AGAWAM, Mass. (AP) — For the second time in as many weeks, riders at a New England amusement park were injured in a roller coaster accident.

Twenty-two people were sent to hospitals, mostly with minor injuries, after two cars collided Monday on the Superman Ride of Steel roller coaster at Six Flags New England.

The park remained open through the evening but the ride, one of the park's seven roller coasters, was closed.

"It was like the car that slammed into us never even slowed down," said crash victim Mattie Nichols of Hampden. "My neck hurts, but it could have been worse."

There were a few broken bones, facial cuts and bruises but most of the injuries were minor, said Deputy Fire Chief David S. Walles said.

Witnesses said one train of cars was leaving the platform when a second slammed it from behind.

"It sounded like a big balloon popping," said Ariel Rosenthal, 17, visiting from Israel. He was waiting in line to get on the ride with a few family members when the crash happened. "There was some smoke, and I saw blood on someone's face."

The 5,400-foot Superman ride, which opened in May 2000, has a maximum height of 208 feet and reaches speeds of up to 80 mph, according to the Six Flags Web site.

Dean O'Keefe, director of marketing for the amusement park, said ride engineers from Six Flags, as well as the company who made the roller coaster, were investigating the accident.

Five people were injured July 27 when two cars collided on the Yankee Cannonball roller coaster at Canobie Lake Park in Salem, N.H. That accident was blamed on human error.

In another park accident, a maintenance worker was killed June 13 when he was hit by the Boulder Dash roller coaster at the Lake Compounce amusement park in Bristol, Conn.

The next day, the Zoomerang roller coaster failed to stop at the correct location, and 26 people were stuck for over 90 minutes before firefighters were able to bring them down.

Massachusetts is one of 14 states without a state-administered inspection program for parks.

Development threatens 59 percent of wildlife corridors

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Human encroachment threatens 59 percent of California's wildlife corridors, a new study has found.

The 79-page report details for the first time 232 migration corridors used by the state's wildlife. A majority of those are threatened by development and 14 percent have already been lost, according to the study.

The thin links are crucial for the long-term survival of species such as chinook salmon, bighorn sheep and bald eagles, scientists said. In California, many of those animals already live on isolated preserves hemmed in by development.

"Wildlife corridors are an essential component of any conservation strategy on the basis that the natural habitats have been fragmented," said Paul Spitler, executive director of the California Wilderness Coalition.

The Davis-based group cosponsored the study with The Nature Conservancy, U.S. Geological Survey, Center for the Reproduction of Endangered Species and the California Department of Parks and Recreation. The goal is to promote the issue in discussions of conservation policy, which has focused on core habitat areas but not on the links that join them.

In November, 160 scientists met at the San Diego Zoo to discuss the issue. "Missing Linkages: Restoring Connectivity to the California Landscape" was the result.

The survey — believed to be the first to canvass an entire state — stresses the importance of corridors in preserving genetic diversity and the long-term health of wildlife populations, scientists said.

"They foster or maintain genetic flow — that is when animals move from one small population to another, they take their genes with them and thereby increase the genetic diversity of the population at large," said Barbara Dugelby, a Texas wildlands ecologist and expert on the issue. "It's true for everything from cougars down to butterflies."

M.A. Sanjayan, director of conservation science for The Nature Conservancy, said Southern California fares the worst. Eighty percent of its corridors used by wild animals are threatened.

"Movement corridors are of critical importance if we are to maintain the pieces we already have in the long run. Otherwise, these islands of habitat will continue to erode in biodiversity," Sanjayan said.

Notice

of Vote on Tax Rate

The Western Texas College Board of Trustees

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The Western Texas College Board of Trustees

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increase at a public meeting

to be held

on Monday, August 13, 2001 at 7:00 p.m.

at WTC Board Room, Administration Building.

Investigative board, general spar over cause of NG crash

ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla. (AP) — An investigative board concluded that crew error caused a National Guard plane crash that killed 21 people, but the general who ordered the probe argued the accident had more to do with bad weather and equipment malfunctions.

The Florida Army National Guard released the report Monday and the adjutant general of Florida, Maj. Gen. Ronald O. Harrison, immediately challenged the findings.

The Sherpa C-23 crashed March 3 in a muddy field south of Macon, Ga., killing 18 Virginia Air National Guard passengers and three crew members from the Florida Guard.

According to Monday's report, weight imbalances in the aircraft were the primary cause of the crash. Investigators said cargo shifted when pilot Eric Larson got up and walked through the plane toward the restroom, unbalancing the craft just as it hit severe turbulence.

The plane's cargo included four large toolboxes, two sets of golf clubs and a stereo system weighing 25 pounds. Investigators believe the aircraft was over its maximum weight during takeoff and most of the passenger baggage was in the back of the plane.

Harrison said at a news conference that he disagrees with the investigators' findings. He said he believes the crash was caused primarily by extreme turbulence and wind shear from a severe thunderstorm. He added that faulty weather radar, poor route selection and the imbalance of cargo contributed to the crash.

He also said there was a problem with the plane's autopilot system, which was in control when Larson walked toward the back of the plane.

"Aviation mishaps are seldom caused by a single factor; this one was no exception," Harrison said. "It was caused by a series of events that, in combination, proved fatal."

According to Harrison, extreme wind shear rocked the plane, causing G-force shifts that "rendered the crew and passengers incapacitated and unconscious and caused the breakup of the aircraft in flight."

In a letter to Harrison, Veron Atkinson, president of the investigative board, agreed that turbulence may have initiated the sequence of events that led to the crash. But, he added, "there is no evidence to suggest that a wind shear caused this aircraft to depart controlled flight."

Members of the investigative board said the weather radar's operation was not a factor in the mishap, and disputed Harrison's conclusion that the autopilot malfunctioned.

Kathryn Skurupey, whose husband, Staff Sgt. Gregory Skurupey, was killed in the crash, said she was irritated that the investigative board and Harrison reached different conclusions.

"For whatever reason, Maj. Gen. Harrison wanted to blame it on the weather," she said. "I guess he has his reason, but I'm not convinced."

But Rosemary Hines, the sister of crew member Johnny Duce, said she was happy that Harrison disputed the board's report.

"I knew when I went to the crash site that it was weather," she said.

On the Net:
Florida National Guard:
http://www.dma.state.fl.us

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Teen racing toward legal age doesn't know rules of the road

DEAR ABBY: Our daughter will be 18 in a few weeks. She has announced that at that time she will be of "legal age" and will no longer have to obey us. She believes she can drive anywhere (in our car), buy anything she wants (with our money), and not have to abide by a curfew (while living under our roof and paying no rent).

We have tried to explain that this is not how "legal age" works if she intends to continue living in our house. She insists she has the "right" to demand our money and make the rules.

Would you please shed some light on what "legal age" means? She reads your column. Thank you. — **DISTRAUGHT CHICAGO PARENTS**

DEAR DISTRAUGHT: Gladly! It's time your daughter learned the realities of life. First among them is that as long as she lives under your roof and is supported by you, she must be respectful and obey the rules of the house. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I thought you and your readers might be interested in what our local parent-teacher organization publishes for the families of high school students. It's a list of legal documents students should have when they reach their 18th birthday and are legally adults.

1. A will. A will is a document that provides for the way a person's property will be distributed upon death. Without a will, the owner's property will be distributed according to the state statute governing descent.

2. Living Will. This additional document gives specific directions in the event of a terminal condition.

3. General Power of Attorney. Through this legal document, a person appoints or empowers another person to act on his or her behalf. A young adult usually appoints a parent. For example, if the child is away at school, the parent can legally handle banking, motor vehicle and tax return obligations for the student. The document could become especially important should the child become disabled, incompetent or incapacitated, as might happen in an accident.

4. Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care. This is similar to the general power of attorney. In this case, the appointed person can make only health care decisions, and they can be made only if the individual does not have the capacity to make informed decisions.

For an unmarried teen, the typical cost of these four documents, prepared by a legal firm, is about $200 to $300. — **OHIO MOM**

DEAR OHIO MOM: I'm sure your letter will be a wake-up call to any teen who wants to be a responsible adult.

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DEAR ABBY: Recently I was informed that two of my poems are to be published by a prestigious poetry organization. My wife and I are delighted and decided to celebrate.

At first we planned to go to Busch Gardens. Upon reflection, we decided that I should go to the beach alone. We remembered the old adage: "A bard in the sand is worth two in the Busch." — **MARTY IN FALLBROOK, CALIF.**

DEAR MARTY: You win. I'm speechless. Not only are you a published bard, but from my perspective, you're quite a card.

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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.)

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Florida minister sentenced

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — A minister was sentenced Monday to 27 years in federal prison for his role in a pyramid scheme that promised followers that God would double their money.

Gerald Payne, 65, was the head of a Tampa-based church that used Bible verses to lure contributors. His wife, Betty Payne, 61, was sentenced to nearly 13 years Monday for her part in the scheme, which cost some people their life savings and homes.

Investigators estimate as many as 18,000 people from across the country invested about $448 million, money the church said came from shrewd deals in gold and platinum mines and generous interest from overseas banks.

Investigators called it a classic Ponzi scheme in which early investors were paid off with money from later investors until the program collapsed. Only about $10 million has been recovered. Authorities have yet to find the missing millions, which they believe may be stashed in secret, offshore accounts.

In March, Gerald Payne was convicted on 19 counts of conspiracy, money laundering and wire fraud. Betty Payne and church officials David Whitfield and Patrick Talbert were convicted of 16 counts each of the same charges.

Edon "Don" Hall, another church official, was found guilty of five counts of conspiracy and mail fraud and innocent on 11 other charges. Two other church officials named in the 1999 indictment plead guilty to the charges before the trial.

Hall, Talbert and Whitfield will be sentenced later this week.

Davis speaks on aging

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Ossie Davis cited his own mother as an example of productive aging while speaking on the subject to a group of black doctors.

"We look upon aging as a privilege not to be moaned, but as an adventure to be savored," Davis told the National Medical Association on Sunday.

Davis, 83, has appeared in Spike Lee's "Do the Right Thing" and "Malcolm X." His TV acting credits include the '90s sitcom "Evening Shade."

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Liberals: Bush Medicaid plan may hurt poor

WASHINGTON (AP) — The idea is to get health insurance to more low-income Americans, but liberal advocates worry that a Bush administration plan for Medicaid may shortchange those who already have government-funded insurance.

And they complain that there are no guarantees that states will use the money they save from cutting some benefits to insure more people.

The Bush administration unveiled the plan over the weekend, touting it as a way to bring health insurance to some of the 40 million uninsured Americans without spending any new money. States may trim services or increase premiums for some Medicaid participants; in return, they can use the extra funds to offer basic insurance to the uninsured.

But officials at the Department of Health and Human Services said Monday that states will not necessarily be required to spend money on the uninsured, and advocates worry that states facing tight budgets could pocket the savings.

"Contrary to the way this is advertised, states could reduce benefits and offer either no or a very small coverage expansion so they save state dollars," said Leighton Ku, a Medicaid expert at the liberal Center for Budget and Policy Priorities.

HHS spokesman Bill Pierce said he doubts that states would want to cut benefits without providing new coverage. The proposal is a response to state interest in covering more people, he said.

"States would be under a tremendous amount of pressure if they took benefits away from someone," Pierce said. "We're just trying to give them the ability to be as creative as they possibly can."

Therefore, he said, HHS will consider applications from states even if they don't reinvest the savings into health insurance.

Medicaid typically consumes 15 percent of state budgets, and governors are constantly complaining about its rising costs, suggesting they might be open to cutting the program. At the same time, because increased state Medicaid spending attracts increased federal spending, states have been reluctant to trim the program.

The Bush plan does not require a change in law and is being implemented immediately.

States have long been allowed to ask HHS for permission to experiment with their Medicaid programs, as long as the changes do not cost the government more money. The weekend's announcement made clear that HHS will encourage and quickly approve applications for this particular sort of experiment.

The plan would not affect the poorest Americans, whom states are required to serve. Rather, it would let states create cheaper health benefit packages for others with low incomes.

Medicaid serves about 40 million Americans, including about 12 million who could be offered fewer benefits or asked to pay higher premiums or co-payments. People who are not eligible for Medicaid at all right now — such as adults without children — could be offered any plan that is offered to state workers.

Advocates for the poor argue that requirements for comprehensive benefits are there to protect people with low incomes.

"These are basic protections," said Laurie Rubiner of the National Partnership for Women and Families, who helped write Medicaid policy when she worked in the Senate.

She said federal law requires comprehensive coverage because states were failing to provide it. For example, she said, states might have paid for checkups but not for treatments.

If the coverage is not comprehensive or costs patients too much, it's worthless, said Judy Waxman of Families USA, another liberal group.

"They can say, 'Isn't something better than nothing?' Not necessarily," she said.

HHS spokesman Kevin Keane responded that states proved in overhauling welfare that they could be trusted to look after poor Americans. "The same people who cried wolf under welfare reform are crying wolf when we try to give benefits to the uninsured," he said.

Others wonder which Medicaid participants will see their benefits trimmed. Most of the beneficiaries are low-income children and their parents, and states could require them to pay more for their coverage or cut out extra benefits like prescription drugs or dental care.

But the people who incur the greatest costs under Medicaid are the elderly and disabled — who get services such as rehabilitation and occupational therapy that aren't typically available through private-sector plans. States might have to look at them if they want to generate enough money to cover substantially more people, said Diane Rowland, a Medicaid expert at the Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured.

Teens favor smaller classes in survey

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush believes national testing is the ticket to improving America's schools. But students give a better grade to former President Clinton's focus on smaller classes.

A survey released today suggests that high-school students see reducing the number of pupils in each class as the best path to better schools.

The "State of Our Nation's Youth" survey is an annual production of the Horatio Alger Association, which gives college scholarships and financial aid.

The gauge of adolescent attitudes and expectations is based on a telephone survey of 1,014 13-to-18 year olds in May by pollster Peter Hart. The results had a margin of error of 3 percentage points.

House and Senate negotiators are working out the differences in their separate versions of the new Elementary and Secondary Education Act, which provides most of the federal money for public education through high school.

Bush has called for students to take nationally standardized tests in math and reading each year to measure school performance. If schools don't improve in three years, parents of pupils in those schools would be given public money to seek private tutoring for their children or to transfer them to a better public school — but not for vouchers for private school tuition.

That idea received the support of 52 percent of the students surveyed. Giving students greater access to computers and the Internet was even more popular, with 56 percent saying that would significantly help schools. Increasing teachers' salaries was cited as a good approach by 46 percent, while lengthening the school day or year was decidedly unpopular, with 7 percent saying it would help.

The winner — favored by 64 percent — was reducing class sizes, an idea favored by Clinton and Democrats in Congress.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Herpes is easily spread

DEAR DR. GOTT: My boyfriend assumes that I can't get pregnant if he withdraws in time. Is this true? He also says that herpes cannot be spread by oral sex.

DEAR READER: Wrong, wrong, wrong. Sperm are often expelled before ejaculation and can cause pregnancy. In fact, pregnancy has been reported in situations where orgasm didn't occur — but penetration did. This myth is similar to the classical incorrect responses "your check is in the mail" and "I'm from the government and I'm here to help you."

Second, herpes is readily spread from the genitals to the mouth — and vice-versa. Unfortunately, many young and inexperienced girls believe this is not the case. But I have several patients who learned the hard way that herpes - and even gonorrhea - are easily communicable in this fashion.

Based on the recent media reports that fewer couples are using condoms, I would urge you to consider this option. These devices can often prevent pregnancy and will provide significant protection against sexually transmitted diseases, including herpes and AIDS.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: My mother's physician dismisses her complaints of urinary incontinence as an inevitable part of the aging process. Is she correct?

DEAR READER: Urinary incontinence, the inability to regulate the act of emptying the bladder, has been estimated to affect up to 15 percent of the elderly, particularly women. The causes vary from poor muscular control and the effects of multiple pregnancies to hormone deficiency and chronic infection.

Because incontinence is embarrassing, few men and women actually complain of this symptom to their doctors, unless the physicians question them in detail. Hence, experts have termed incontinence a "neglected" diagnosis. Such patients often resort to absorbent pads; when traveling they make certain that they are aware of the location of every restroom on the journey.

I believe that your mother's doctor spoke prematurely in that he has yet to experience the discomfort and mortification of uncontrolled urgency and incontinence. (When he hits my age, he'll have more sympathy and understanding about the condition.)

In both men and women, prescription medication (such as Detrol, Cardura and Hytrin) will often work wonders because the drugs block inappropriate bladder spasm. Men should first be examined by urologists because various prostate problems, which are treatable with surgery or medicine, may be to blame.

I advise women to get a joint consultation from a gynecologist and a urologist; many causes of incontinence are curable (as, for example, with a pessary, a device to hold the uterus in a more normal position or with surgery) or, they are at least treatable, using techniques such as behavioral modification or electrical stimulation.

Consequently, in your mother's case, I urge you to insist on such consultations. If your mother's incontinence could be helped (and it certainly could be by modern techniques), the quality of her life would surely improve.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I've been told that I can reduce my cholesterol level by eating Certa, a product used for making jams and jellies. Is this true?

DEAR READER: According to the label, Certa contains pectin, lactic acid, citric acid, potassium nitrate and sodium benzoate — none of which, to my knowledge, will lower cholesterol. If a low-cholesterol diet has not been effective and you are interested in natural compounds to help you achieve your goal, I suggest that you try niacin (a B vitamin), oat bran or other fiber products that contain psyllium.

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Wednesday, Aug. 8, 2001

There's a strong chance in the year ahead that you may switch your emphasis from your material interests to life's more esthetic values. As a result, happy times are in the offing.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Don't try anything cute today, because what you think may be a clever maneuver expressly devised to further a personal aim will most likely backfire on you and hurt your image.

Leo, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — People, in general, won't be in too giving a mood today, and even less so should they think you've adopted a what's-in-it-for-me attitude. Take care not to act too self-serving.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — In a contested situation today, should you be confronted by an individual who has more authority or rank than you do, tactfully back off. Chances are you'll come in second.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Today, in your haste to get things done, there's a strong chance you could become very careless. Pace yourself wisely, concentrating at all times on what you're doing.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — This is not a particularly good day for your pocketbook. It may be all too easy to purchase extravagant items you don't need, having little regard for your budget.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — You're a pretty good negotiator today, but you might lack the instinct as to how much is enough. If you push too far, all that was agreed upon could be lost.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — It's always important to be able to see the big picture, but the details are significant as well. Today, be careful not to focus so hard on the forest that you forget to look at the trees.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — If you've been involved in something for quite awhile that still hasn't produced a return, today may be the day to cut your losses and stop pouring more into a bottomless pit.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Attitude is everything today. If you become too headstrong or unyielding in dealing with others, nobody will respond to you in a kind, loving manner.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — A strong personality can end up dominating your thinking without any trouble today if you have too little faith in your own ideas. It could hurt both you and your ego.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — You could be forced to trim some nonessential expenses today due to overspending in the past, which may include several items you depend upon to soothe your ego. Make the sacrifice.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — It's not likely an effective resolution will be found today concerning a critical career situation, because everyone, including you, may be at odds with one another.

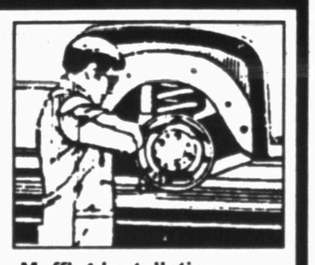
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CAMPAIGN STOP IN SNYDER — Craig Estes, a Wichita Falls businessman, made a campaign stop at the Snyder Senior Citizens Center Monday. Estes, pictured with Margaret Johnston, is running for the Texas Senate in District 30 to fill the unexpired term of the late Tom Haywood. (SDN Staff Photo)

Researchers debate merits of cloning

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congregating in an atmosphere of controversy, researchers argued publicly today over whether cloning is a sound science or an error-prone process that could produce abnormal embryos.

"At present there is no way to predict whether a given clone will develop into a normal or abnormal individual," Rudolf Jaenisch of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology told a National Academy of Sciences panel on human cloning.

Dr. Severino Antinori of Rome said that during his years of work in fertility clinics, he has developed methods to screen out abnormal embryos.

"There is no way to do this," Jaenisch responded, saying even apparently normal clones may have abnormalities too subtle to detect at that stage.

In some cases embryos grow abnormally large, Jaenisch said. Others have abnormal placentas, suffer respiratory problems or heart and circulatory abnormalities.

Since the day in 1997 that scientists in Scotland announced the successful cloning of a sheep named Dolly, the fear of — or hope for — human cloning has been a major focus of discussion and of legislation in many countries banning the practice.

Citing widespread confusion about human cloning and the complex ethical issues it raises, the National Academy of Sciences brought together an international panel of scientists to discuss the technology and where it may be heading.

Panayiotis Zavos, like Antinori an advocate of human cloning, contended that Jaenisch was focusing only on failures.

"But there are also successes. If we can clone an animal, we can clone an animal," said Zavos.

Russian and U.S. delegates to meet today

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration looked for a Russian response today to a U.S. proposal for a new relationship that would include anti-missile defenses.

Delegations from the two sides planned to meet all day at the Pentagon and there again on Wednesday, with Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld taking part in some of the discussions.

Rumsfeld tried to lower expectations. The talks "will more likely be an exchange of information rather than an exchange of views," he said beforehand.

Rumsfeld will fly to Moscow next weekend with Assistant Secretary of State John Bolton to follow up.

The talks are the first in a series of three rounds designed to implement an agreement President Bush and Russian President Vladimir Putin reached July 22 in Genoa, Italy, to link U.S. planning for a missile defense system with large cuts the Kremlin wants made in the two nations' still-massive nuclear weapons arsenals.

"They will have, one would hope, a much more detailed understanding of the kinds of things we're thinking about with respect to our offensive and defensive capabilities and the various ways that our two countries can cooperate," Rumsfeld said.

Spurgeon Keeny, president of the Arms Control Association, said he did not doubt the Russians wanted a better understanding of the cloudy U.S. position.

But, Keeny said in an interview, Russia has made it clear it does not want to scrap the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty, which prohibits a national anti-missile shield, "or other formal accords limiting offensive strategic arms."

Russia's delegation will be headed by Col. Gen. Yuri Baluyevsky, first deputy chief of the general staff, and the U.S. delegation by Douglas Feith, undersecretary of defense for policy.

Bush, national security adviser Condoleezza Rice and Rumsfeld have talked about trying to develop a new relationship with Russia. They are hoping to soften Russia's resistance to the administration's program for a multi-billion-dollar missile shield — one that Russia and most U.S. allies consider unnecessary, unworkable and possibly a spur to a new nuclear weapons buildup.

"There is an awful lot of baggage left over in the relationship, the old relationship, the Cold War relationship between the United States and the Soviet Union," Rumsfeld said. "It is baggage that exists in people's minds, it exists in treaties, it exists in the structure of relationships, the degree of formality of them. And it will require, I think, some time to work through those things."

Rice last week said Russia might share defense plans with the United States and buy American missile technology if the two countries are able to devise a new strategic framework.

Even membership in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization alliance is not ruled out, Rice told The Associated Press. NATO was designed initially to confront Moscow.

"I am hopeful there can be a new day with Russia," Rice said. "We are talking about a bigger issue than what we do about missile defenses and strategic weapons."

Mideast reports second fatal attack in three days; 1 dead

JERUSALEM (AP) — Palestinian gunmen killed an Arab Israeli motorist in an ambush shooting today outside a Jewish settlement in the West Bank, the second fatal attack in the area in three days.

Israeli security officials were trying to determine if the Palestinian attackers targeted the Arab Israeli man, or if they killed him inadvertently, believing he was a Jewish settler.

The man was traveling toward the Jewish settlement of Tzofin when his car was riddled with gunfire by Palestinian attackers hiding behind a greenhouse along the side of the road, Israel's army said.

Palestinian militants have targeted Jewish settlers throughout the Mideast conflict, and the assailants may have thought they were shooting a settler in today's assault.

Palestinian security sources identified the man as Wael Ghanem, and said he was a Palestinian collaborator who left the West Bank and moved to Israel proper in 1992, receiving Israeli citizenship.

The sources said they did not know if the attackers were intending to kill Ghanem, or if they ambushed his car by chance. It was not immediately clear why he was traveling to the Jewish settlement.

He was driving a car with the yellow license plates issued to Israeli-registered cars.

Obituaries

Chris Varela

1971-2001

Christopher "Chris" John Varela, 30, died Friday, Aug. 3, in a one-vehicle accident about five miles north of Fluvanna.



Chris Varela

A prayer service for Mr. Varela is set for 7 this evening in the Wright Colonial Funeral Home Chapel.

A funeral mass will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday in the St. Elizabeth Catholic Church with the Rev. Gerald Leatham officiating. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens under the direction of Wright Colonial Funeral Home.

Born April 29, 1971 in Douglas, Ariz., he married Wendy Lynn Tuttle on Nov. 23, 1990 in Yuma, Ariz.

Mr. Varela had worked as a pipeliner for about 10 years and was an employee of Jack's Roadboring for the past three months. He had moved to Texas from Yuma, Ariz., two years ago and was a member of St. Elizabeth Catholic Church.

Survivors include his wife, Wendy Lynn Varela of Snyder; two sons, Michael Anthony Varela and William Rafael Varela, both of Snyder; a daughter, Elizabeth Marguerite Varela of Snyder; his parents, Ruben and Mary Varela of Bakersfield, Calif.; one brother, Ruben A. Varela of Yuma; his mother-in-law and father-in-law, LeRoy and Shery Tuttle of Snyder; a brother-in-law and sister-in-law, LeRoy and Bethan Tuttle of Seattle, Wash.; a brother-in-law, Jeffery Tuttle of Lubbock; a sister-in-law, Jill Tuttle of Flagstaff, Ariz.; two nieces; two nephews; and numerous aunts and uncles.

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Couple recant violence reports

•Family disturbance

Law enforcement officers spent a few anxious moments late Monday following a report that a man had dumped his wife in the country and had threatened to kill their child.

After responding, officers learned that a husband and wife did have an argument, but recanted their reports to do physical violence.

9-1-1 dispatchers received a call from a woman on a cellular phone just after 11 p.m. Monday, reporting that she was stranded in the county. The woman told dispatchers that her husband had dumped her somewhere on CR 1607 and told her that he was on his way back to their residence to kill their child.

Several officers and deputies responded to the couple's residence and also to CR 1607 to attempt to locate the woman. She was located at the intersection of county roads 1607 and 1609 and transported to the sheriff's office. The child also was taken to the sheriff's office.

A family violence report was submitted, but no charges have been filed. The case remains under investigation by Deputy TJ Wood.

•Gas drive offs

A clerk at Rip Griffin's Truck Stop requested an officer at 3:45 p.m. Monday in reference to a gas drive off. The vehicle, which made off with $20 worth of fuel, was a silver Camaro traveling south on U.S. 84.

Another drive off was reported at Rip Griffin's later Monday evening, this time in the amount of $33.98.

The clerk told officers that vehicle was an Amarillo ambulance. The Amarillo EMS was contacted, but advised that they had no vehicles in the area.

The Town and Country East reported a gas drive off at 8 p.m. Monday. The amount was $18.35 and no description of the vehicle was given.

•Accident

Officers responded to a two-vehicle accident near the White Buffalo Café Monday afternoon. Involved were a 1993 white Lincoln driven by Betsy Griffin, 53, of 2801 Ave. W and a 2000 white Ford pickup driven by Robert Highfield, 43, of 1205 28th Street.

•Dog bite

Mary Hernandez requested an officer at 306 34th Street in reference to her daughter being bitten by a dog. Officers made contact with Hernandez and advised that an offense report would be submitted. The dog was taken to the shelter for quarantine.

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SHS band practice

Summer practice for Snyder High School marching band is underway from 8:30 a.m. until noon and from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. daily. All band members are required to attend. Report to the band hall or call Donnie Reston, director, for more information at 574-2323.

Scurry Masonic Lodge

Scurry Masonic Lodge will have a stated meeting at 7:30 this evening and an EA degree from 8-9 p.m. on Thursday.

Joy School registration

Joy School registration will be from 4-6 p.m. Thursday at the East Side Church of Christ. Call 573-3554 or 573-5927 for more information.

SHS choir fittings

Snyder High School choir members will have fittings for dresses and tuxedos in the high school choir room on Friday. The schedule: Women in Strictly Treble, 8-10 a.m.; women in a cappella, 10 a.m.-noon; women in choir concert, noon-2 p.m.; men in concert choir, 2-3 p.m.; men in a cappella, 3-4:30 p.m. All high school choir students should have received a letter this week to let them know which choir they are in. Anyone who does not know may call Ronda Haire at 573-6301.

Country and gospel music

There will be country and gospel music played beginning at 6 p.m. Saturday at Scurry County Senior Center. Call 573-3996 for more information.

Meet the Tigers

A hamburger supper and Meet the Tigers will be held at 6:30 p.m. Saturday at Tiger Stadium. Cost is $5 a plate. The Booster Club will have Tiger Memorabilia for sale. Boosters also will be selling raffle tickets for a chance to win a $10,000 certificate of deposit.

Brisket dinner

Our Lady of Guadalupe Church will have a brisket dinner beginning at 10 a.m. Sunday. The meal includes brisket, potato salad, beans, dessert and tea. The church is located at 13th St. and Ave. K.

WTC president reception

A reception for Dr. Greg Williams, new president of Western Texas College, will be held at 10 a.m. Monday in the Scurry County Museum.

Snyder Junior High

Snyder Junior High students are invited to tour the building from 4-5 p.m. Monday. Students will report to homerooms at 8:20 a.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 15.

Married For Life

Married For Life outreach, information and sign-up night is set for 7 p.m. Monday at the Word Is Life Church, 312 Coliseum Drive. The Home Cell Bible study for married couples starts in August and September. For more information call, 573-7471.

Sonshine School open house

Open House for Sonshine School at the 37th Street Church of Christ will be held from 9-11 a.m. next Tuesday. Pre-regristration for the fall term that begins Thursday, Aug. 16, is now underway. Classes are held from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Meet Stanfield teachers

Stanfield Elementary will host Meet the Teachers Night from 5 to 6:30 p.m. next Tuesday. Texas Parents Day also will be celebrated to recognize the importance of parents taking an active role in the life of their children.

Weigh down workshop

Registration for a weigh down workshop will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 16, 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.

Mexico consulate visit

Representatives from the Consulate of Mexico office in Midland will visit Snyder from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 16, at the Scurry County Senior Center in order to issue passports and matriculas.

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-USA, 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.

Ashcroft wants tougher laws against money laundering

WASHINGTON (AP) — Attorney General John Ashcroft called on Congress today to strengthen laws against money laundering, saying current laws are full of loopholes that make it difficult to combat organized crime groups smuggling dirty money in and out of the country.

Ashcroft said the Justice Department plans to ask Congress in the coming months to update money laundering laws passed in the 1970s. New laws should target bulk cash smuggling, transporting cash proceeds from drug deals on highways or airplanes and foreign criminals who smuggle money into the United States, Ashcroft said.

"Our money laundering laws have not changed significantly since they were enacted," said Ashcroft in prepared remarks for a conference on organized crime.

Ashcroft said Congress should: —Make bulk cash smuggling a crime. Ashcroft said the only law currently on the books to combat smuggling is a requirement that shipments of more than $10,000 by accompanied by a report from the U.S. Customs Service. The Supreme Court has ruled that failing to file reports is not a serious enough offense to warrant confiscating the cash, so at worst couriers for organized crime serve a short jail sentence.