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Tax holiday shot in the arm for merchants

From Local, Wire Reports

The three-day tax holiday for back to school shoppers was a shot in the arm for Snyder businesses.

"It was wonder here at Bealls," said manager Kathleen Huddleston. "I think you can even call it outstanding."

Huddleston said shoes were a popular item for her customers all three days.

"Of course it helped that we had our own sale of buy one pair, get one pair free," she added. We heard comments about the tax-holiday saving customers a lot of money." Hackfeld's owner Keith Hackfeld said this year's business compared favorably with sales last year.

"It was pretty good the two days we were open," said Hackfeld. "It got things spurred up for the fall business."

Wal-Mart manager R. J. Youngclause said the three-day tax holiday reminded him of Christmas holiday sales.

"This is kind of like the summer day after Thanksgiving," said Youngclause.

Youngclause said Sunday business was the heaviest and while Saturday was up, it was not as big as had been hoped for.

"I think the Lubbock mall promoted the sale with no taxes on anything for the three days," said Youngclause. "I think that really hurt our Saturday business."

Men and boyswear, sleepwear and all accessories sold well, said the Wal-Mart manager.

Overall, sales went well throughout the state.

Communities close to state borders did especially well as shoppers came from Oklahoma, Louisiana and New Mexico in order not to pay sales tax on back-to-school clothing and other items.

Oklahoman Susan Hanna's annual trek to Texas started as a long weekend shopping junket with some girlfriends.

But the timing of her excursions took on new urgency a couple of years ago when Texas inaugurated a sales tax holiday for back-to-school shoppers during the first weekend in August.

"And then it was like, oh, cool, we like this," Hanna said.

The three-day tax holiday, which ended Sunday, permitted shoppers to purchase clothing and footwear tax-free as long as the price of each article is less than $100.

Shoppers save about $8 on every $100 they spend. Oklahoma's state sales tax is 4.5 percent, but additional local sales tax brings the overall rate to about 8 percent in most areas of the state.

"We hit the sales along with the tax-free situation," said Hanna, who travels 200 miles from Oklahoma City to Dallas to bargain hunt. "The people I'm going with are spending a small fortune."

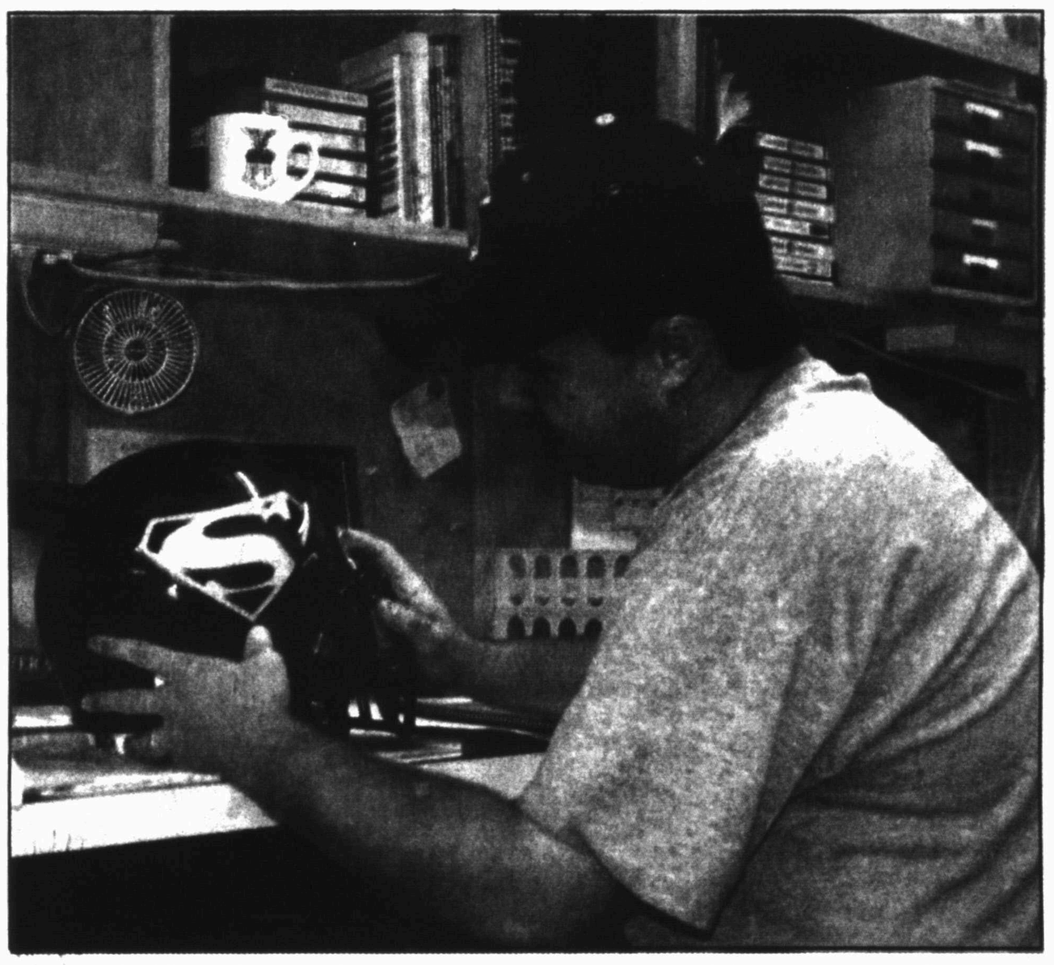
So do many Oklahoma shoppers who go to Texas during the tax holiday every year to stock up.

"Our mall does about 60 to 65 percent Oklahoma traffic," said John Kellogg, general manager of the Gainesville Outlet Shopping Mall just across the state line.

Texas' retail bonanza hits Oklahoma merchants, especially those close to the state line.

"It does hurt our economy here," said Stephanie Andrews, vice president of the Ardmore chamber of commerce.

"There goes our money again, rattlin' around in Texas' economy," said Oklahoma state Rep. John Sullivan.



THE NEW LOOK — Snyder High School assistant coach Buster Mabrey places the Tigers' new emblem on a helmet recently at the SHS coaches' office. Football teams across the state hit the field this morning for the first official day of practice. (SDN Staff Photo)

County will fight suit brought by physician

By Brian Brisendine
SDN Staff Writer

Scurry County Commissioners' Court voted unanimously this morning to direct County Attorney Mike Hartman to "defend Scurry County vigorously" in a lawsuit against the county by Dr. Joseph L. Gendreau of Washington.

The suit filed by the radiologist claims he and Cogdell Hospital entered into an oral agreement in 1997 to provide radiology services.

The suit claims the hospital promised that he would become the primary radiologist for the medical facility after the retirement of the current primary radiologist.

The suit, filed last month, further claims that the contract was violated and the promise was ignored when the hospital made an agreement with a radiology group located in Lubbock.

County Judge Ricky Fritz said today that the court directed Hartman to defend the county, which feels that the case is without merit.

"We're definitely going to defend ourselves in this case," Fritz said. "He wants to be compensated for the cost of equipment that was here during a certain period and we don't feel there is any merit in that at all."

The doctor is seeking a jury trial and recovery of technical fees, which were not paid during the period of service at Cogdell.

The suit was filed by Keith C. Thompson of the Lubbock law firm Agnew and Dodson.

The court also accepted the resignation of Dr. Gary Nussey as the county health authority, effective Sept. 1. Commissioners were presented with a letter of resignation from Nussey in which he explained that he hopes to become a medical missionary in Central America.

"We've been very fortunate to have Dr. Nussey and he's done a good job for us," Fritz said. "But I certainly do support him in his decision."

Commissioners also heard reports from Scurry County Treasurer Nelda Colvin and Sy Tabor, head of the Community Supervision and Corrections Department.

Colvin informed the court that Scurry County currently has a cash balance of $6,691,190.48.

Interest earned for the past quarter amounted to $87,769.28, a decrease of $27,081.02 from the previous quarter. Interest rates on investments were 4.2560 percent as compared to that average T-bill of 3.7695 percent.

Tabor also presented the court with his department's proposed budget for fiscal years 2002 and 2003.

The department requested $793,830 for 2002 and $749,286 for 2003.

Tabor said a public meeting has been set Aug. 20 at 10 a.m. in the correction department's office to finalize the budget.

The court also voted unanimously to issue a request for proposal for an outside audit and cost report for the county.

The county will seek a company who can combine the county's audit and the hospital's to save time and reduce costs.

Commissioners also voted to renew an interlocal agreement with the Texas Association of Counties concerning employee benefits and insurance.

County Auditor Charlie Bell explained why such an agreement is necessary. "The current trust fund was formed in October of 1980 and was designed to terminate after 21 years," Bell said. "It expires Sept. 30 this year. The trust is a living entity and it dies every 21 years. What we're doing just reinstates it."

Bell also presented the court with several line-item transfers and budget amendments.

Commissioners approved all of the requests, which included the transfer of $1,625 for indigent doctor fees in the County Welfare Department. Budget amendments included $24,000 to Precinct 4 for operating supplies, fuel and repairs, $5,000 for EMS repairs, $59,769.42 for repairs of a cooling tower at the Scurry County Coliseum, $31,576.59 for hospital expenses at the Welfare Department and $7,000 for indigent doctor fees, also at the Welfare Department.

Fritz presided and all members of the court were present to include Chloanne Lindsey, Howard Limmer, Roy Idom and

At 7 p.m. meeting...

WTC board to hold hearing on tax rate

A public hearing on Western Texas College's proposed tax rate is scheduled for 7 this evening in the administration building board room.

The proposed tax rate is 26.58 cents per $100 valuation, down from the current year's rate of 30.67 cents.

The community college was able to reduce the tax rate because of a 15 percent increase in district tax valuations this year, an increase from $649.8 million to $757.1 million.

The proposed tax rate, however, is 7.9 percent over the effective tax rate – the figure necessary to generate the same tax revenue as last year.

WTC's proposed budget of $7.8 million, approved last month, is an increase of $249,000 over the current spending level.

To finance the difference, the proposed tax rate will generate $112,364 additional in tax revenue, while tuition is projected to bring in another $109,551. WTC expects a state funding decrease of $35,732 and is anticipating $50,000 from gifts, grants and donations.

The proposed budget includes a two percent plus $500 across-the-board increase for staff which will cost an additional $136,000.

A new expense included in the budget is $100,000 to finance the start-up costs of baseball and softball. The funds will be used to hire two coaches in the spring and to begin player recruitment.

Dr. Greg Williams, WTC president, has said he hopes to use athletics as a way to increase enrollment of full-time students.

Following the public hearing, the board is expected to set the time for the board to vote on the proposed tax rate. The board's next regular meeting is next Monday.

In the only other action item on the agenda, the board will consider the employment of Randy Auburg as an assistant professor of computer science.

Council to continue work on the 2001-2002 budget

Snyder's city council will meet for another budget workshop at 6:30 this evening.

The council got personnel matters out of the way last Monday as it approved pay raises for employees on a 3-2 vote.

The total impact of the pay raises on the city's 2001-2002 budget is $248,000.

The budget is presently pegged at $9,324,167, up from last year's $8,830,040.

The tax rate is expected to remain at the present $0.4246 per $100 valuation, just over the effective rate of $0.4100.

City utility rates are expected to stay the same next year except for an increase in water rates.

The Colorado River Municipal Water District is raising its rates to member cities and Snyder city officials have said the amount of the increase would be added to customers' bills.

IHS junior, seniors will pre-register Wednesday

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, English 1301, U. S. government, Texas government, economics, and psychology. Student financial aid will be available for students who qualify.

ASK US

Q—How many uncertified teachers will be on the staff of Snyder ISD this year?
A—Two.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Saturday, 96 degrees; low, 71; high Sunday, 100; low, 71; 7 a.m. Monday, 74; no precipitation; total for 2001, 9.45 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy, low lower 70s. Tuesday, partly cloudy, 20% rain chance. Tuesday night, partly cloudy, 20% rain chance.



Tiffany Roemer
Chance of rain

Sunset:
8:35 p.m.
Sunrise:
7:05 a.m.
Of 217 days in 2001, the sun has shone 205 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

In order to succeed, at times you have to make something from nothing.
—Ruth Mickleby-Land

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Resurgence of rats concerns city dwellers

WASHINGTON (AP) — In New York City, officials held a Rat Summit and appointed a rodent task force. Sightings of the furry critters in Chicago have shot up by more than 10,000. A Houston exterminator even witnessed a police officer with loaded pistol chasing a rat through a house.

All across urban America, rats are scurrying in larger numbers and gnawing at the nerves of city dwellers, prompting federal disease specialists to seek new solutions.

Health experts say the problem can be traced to a decision two decades ago to reduce federal funding for rodent control, and more recently to ever-tightening city government budgets.

"The resurgence of the problem in recent years is connected to cities having to make hard choices about what their priorities are," said Jerry Hershovitz of the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, or CDC, in Atlanta.

"As a result, urban rat control in many communities is approached in a complaint-oriented basis, and that will not solve the problem," he said.

Rats are more than a nuisance. During the 14th century, they helped spread the bubonic plague through Europe. And more recently they have been known to carry diseases such as typhus or leptospirosis, a potentially serious bacterial illness.

"A mouse in your house or a rat — they could potentially kill you," said Robert Corrigan, a Richmond, Ind., rodent specialist. "We are competing on this earth with rats."

There's little doubt about the public's concern.

In Boston, complaints are up by 40 percent. Chicago rat sightings increased from 22,431 in July 2000 to 33,134 last month. And New York exterminations and rat inspections grew by about 19,600 between July 1999 and June 2001.

All the sun and surf doesn't help in the West, where a different breed of rat thrives on the warmth. "We have our own problems with these little critters," lamented Arturo Aguirre of the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services.

Recognizing the infestations is easy; finding solutions is a bit more challenging.

Washington, D.C., officials have stepped up their efforts, baiting 2,000 premises, inspecting nearly 5,000 homes and issuing new rat-proof garbage cans. They even created a Bureau of Community Hygiene to address the critter crisis.

"You are never going to kill all the rats. But to keep them under control, you need a viable program that can be sustained over the years," said Maurice Knuckles, rodent control program supervisor for the capital city.

New York City held a Rat Summit last November at which pest-control experts met with city officials to devise solutions. The city also set up a rat-control task force last July.

Among the solutions: new trash compactors, better education of restaurant owners about trash containers and more tickets and fines for owners who don't follow sanitation guidelines.

Philadelphia, meanwhile, is cited by some as a model. It has made rat control a priority, and the number of complaints has held steady between 8,000 and 10,000 per year.

Ken Gray, a Houston exterminator, said people don't realize their habits are the root of the problem. Instead, he said, people call 911 for rat help, kill rodents with shotguns and lock themselves in rooms.

Gray, of Rat-A-Way Pest Control and Termite Services, said he even saw a policeman chase a rat around his house with a gun. "Even our fearless fighters are frightened of the little men in gray suits," he said.

There is no central census of rat populations, but CDC has grown concerned enough to intervene with a new program that will emphasize prevention and special attention to crowded and deteriorating neighborhoods.

In September, the center will award two cities about $250,000 each to come up with a rodent-control model that state and local agencies can follow.

events

RESULTS

Lotto Texas

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

A winning ticket would have been worth an estimated $6 million.

The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 54 were 7, 10, 14, 16, 30, 51.

Wednesday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $10 million.

Pick 3

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

1-0-4

NEW ARRIVALS
Pendleton and Foxcroft
Blouses - Wrinkle Free
Linda's Style Shop
1413 Hailey Sweetwater Tx
235-1397

Randolph shuts down after water found contaminated

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Water contamination that shut down Randolph Air Force Base was continuing today, but military officials were trying to get back on schedule despite a syrupy, crude oil-type substance that first showed up in a well.

The base, which was shut down as the weekend began, had water cut off Sunday for a second time. And the origin of the dark, oily substance found in the base's water supply remains a mystery.

David McKibbin, president of the American Federation of Government Employees Local 1840, didn't agree with the decision to reopen the base. He said if the base reopened today with contamination still present, he would file an unfair labor practice grievance with the National Labor Relations Board.

McKibbin cited a December agreement in which Randolph officials and the union agreed that in an emergency situation, the base would incorporate input from the union in finding a solution to the problem. He wants a portable toilet for every 15 workers as well as adequate drinking water.

"They didn't do that at all," McKibbin told the San Antonio Express-News in today's editions. "I was called into a meeting at 3:30 p.m. and told what they were going to do. I explained my concerns for my people, and they said they couldn't guarantee what I consider to be a modest request."

He said workers were ordered to report to work.

"However, if they feel their health and safety is in jeopardy, then they have no choice but to request sick leave," he said. "I consider this to be a big safety and health hazard. An employee, not thinking, could use a water fountain and ingest whatever is in the water."

Brig. Gen. Pete Sutton, commander of the 12th Flying Training Wing, told about 350 residents that officials were working to correct the problem.

"We didn't know what we were dealing with on Friday when we told people to stay home," Sutton said. "We still don't know. But now we have water on the base for people to drink and use. And while we still have some other concerns, such as how people are going to wash their clothes and dishes, we're now able to function, which is the most important thing."

The base had briefly supplied water to about 65 percent of the 1,019 affected base housing units and dormitories late Saturday. Officials say there are no reports of anyone becoming ill so far after drinking the base water.

Pipe ruptures, which resulted when the water flow was increased, forced officials to shut off the supply to nearly 2,700 residents Sunday.

"It's been a big inconvenience," said Airman First Class Jose Martinez.

Air Force launches Titan rocket

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — The Air Force launched a Titan IV rocket today carrying a satellite designed to provide early warning of missile launches and nuclear explosions.

The pre-dawn launch of the $256 million Defense Support Program satellite had been delayed 11/2 weeks by concern over the rocket's guidance system.

This is the 21st satellite of its kind launched by the Air Force. The DSP system has been a cornerstone of U.S. efforts to monitor missile launches over the past three decades, and would be integral to the operation of the national missile defense system being pushed by President Bush, said Air Force Col. Charles Cornell, deputy system program director.

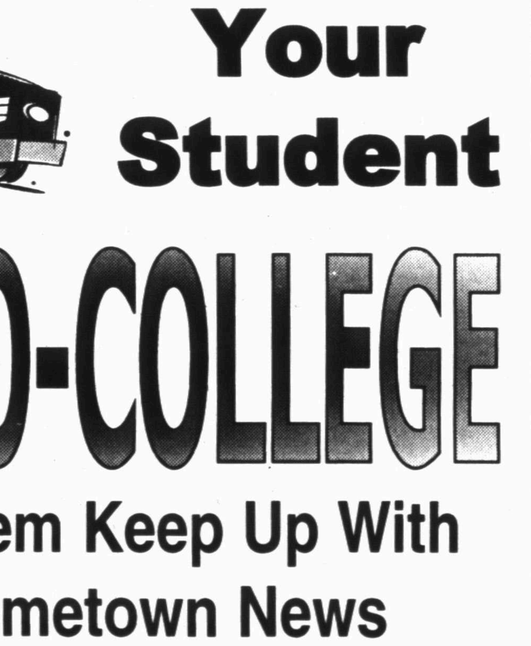
In 1991, DSP satellites provided advanced warning of SCUD missile launches during the Gulf War.

The satellite, about 33 feet long when deployed, uses infrared sensors to detect heat from rocket exhaust plumes. Cornell said the satellites also can monitor nonmilitary threats such as forest fires and volcanic eruptions.

The satellite was launched aboard a $453 million Titan IV rocket, the largest and most powerful unmanned rocket in the U.S. arsenal.

The Air Force plans to put two more DSP satellites into orbit over the next few years before the system is replaced by the more advanced Space-Based Infrared System later this decade.



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Today is the 218th day of 2001 and the 47th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1819, in Norwich, Vt., the first military school in the United States was founded by Capt. Alden Partridge. It was called the American Literary, Scientific and Military Academy. In 1834, the name of the school was changed to Norwich University.

On this day in 1926, Gertrude Caroline Ederle became the first American woman to swim across the English Channel.

On this day in 1978, Pope Paul VI died at the age of 80.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Alfred, Lord Tennyson (1809-1892), poet; Alexander Fleming (1881-1955), discoverer of penicillin; Louella Parsons (1893-1972), journalist; Clara Bow (1905-1965), actress; Lucille Ball (1911-1989), actress-comedian; Robert Mitchum (1917-1997), actor; Andy Warhol (1928-1987), artist; David Robinson (1965-), basketball star, is 36.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1952, Satchel Paige, at the age of 46, pitched a 12-inning shutout for the St. Louis Browns against the Detroit Tigers.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The secret of staying young is to live honestly, eat slowly and lie about your age." — Lucille Ball

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

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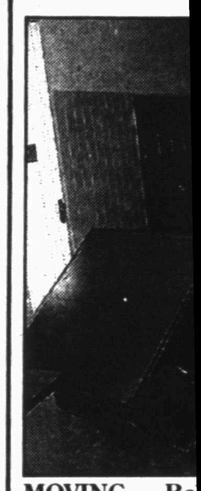
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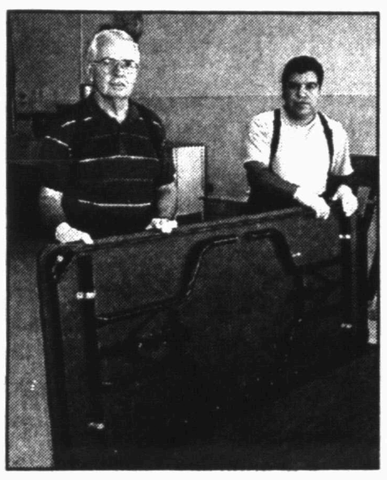
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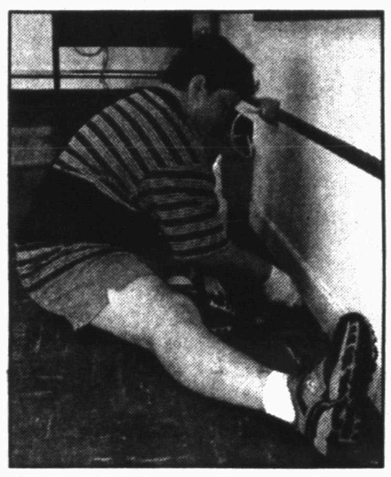
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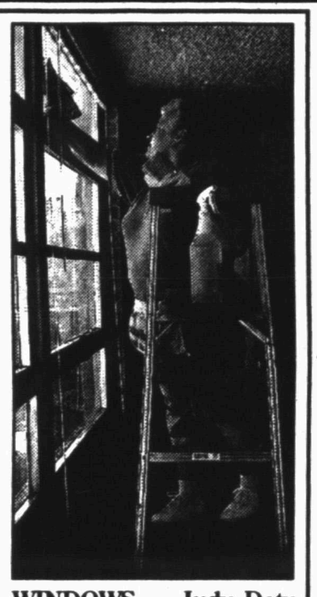
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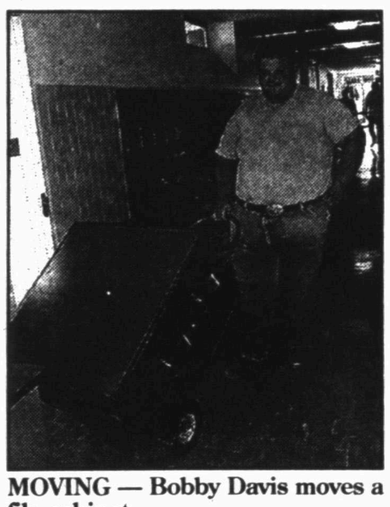
CLEANING CAFETERIA — John Hatfield, left, and Rudy Hernandez, move tables in the cafeteria so the floor can be waxed. Hatfield is a substitute janitor and Hernandez' regular assignment is custodian at Stanfield Elementary.



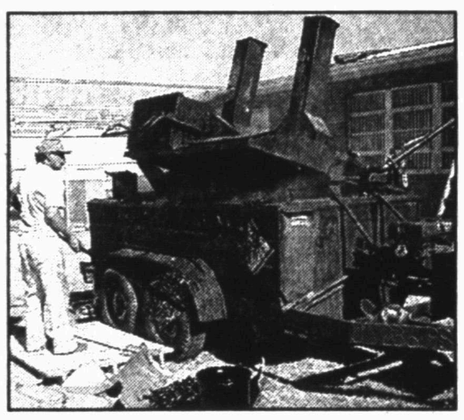
OLD WAX — Peggy Kenner scrapes old wax from a classroom floor. Her regular assignment is custodian at Stanfield Elementary.

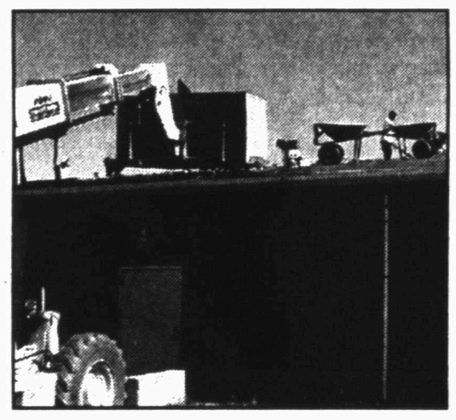


WINDOWS — Judy Doty washes windows in preparation for the new school term.



MOVING — Bobby Davis moves a file cabinet .





NEW ROOF – Workers are busy putting a new roof on the building.

SDN Photos By Shirley A. Gorman

Six Flags observes 40th anniversary

ARLINGTON (AP) — Six Flags parks all over the world had birthday parties Sunday, marking the 40th anniversary of the place where it all began.

When Six Flags Over Texas opened in 1961, visitors rode the Fiesta Train, AstroLift and Lil' Dixie riverboat. The 212-acre park is now the flagship of a multinational $1.65 billion corporation with 39 parks in seven countries.

"It's hard to believe it's been 40 years. It kind of jogs your memory and senses," said Cleveland Smith, a former ride operator at the Texas park who later became a vice president in the company. "I remember opening day was rather tame because people didn't know what to expect."

But attendance quickly soared after the Aug. 5, 1961, opening at the park, which made $3.5 million in 18 months — the cost of the project.

Smith said the success surprised oilman Angus Wynne Jr., who built the park in Arlington, now the state's seventh-largest city, nestled between Dallas and Fort Worth. Wynne thought the park would be temporary, generating money on his vacant land until it could be developed into a manufacturing area.

The park's name reflected the six flags that once flew over the state: France, Spain, Mexico, the Confederacy, Texas and the United States. The park was divided into six themed sections, with rides matching the flags.

Two years after opening Six Flags Over Georgia in 1967, Wynne sold the parks. Since 1998, all Six Flags parks have been managed and owned by Premier Parks, which changed its name to Six Flags Inc.

"No one planning the park 40 years ago expected how big the whole thing would become," Smith said.

Visitors at the Texas park Sunday signed a giant birthday card near the entrance, where colorful streamers dangled from trees. A birthday party with cake and ice cream for guests and a fireworks show were planned for Sunday night.

Homer and Kim Madden drove nearly five hours Sunday from their home in Simsboro, La., to spend the day at Six Flags Over Texas. Their three children and niece, ages 9 to 14, quickly got in line for the log flume. Next on the agenda: roller coasters.

"They pretty much ride anything," Kim Madden said with a laugh.

Industry officials say Six Flags has been innovative, doing things now considered standard at theme parks.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Woman who couldn't cut apron strings lost love of her life

DEAR ABBY: Please urge "Wants Freedom From the Apron Strings," the 34-year-old woman who lives with her controlling parents, to run — not walk — to get her own apartment. It is the only way she will ever have a life of her own.

Forty years ago, I, too, wanted my freedom from my mother's apron strings. I was 18 and had dated "Tom" for three years. After our high school graduation, Tom invited me to visit him in Tennessee where he was working. I had always been intimidated by my mother. She told me I couldn't go unless I took someone with me. I told Tom what she had said, and he replied, "If I wanted to date the baby sitter, I would invite the baby sitter." I never made it to Tennessee.

Abby, Tom treated me with respect and was always good t me. I knew he loved me. I loved him, and I felt we could have a bright future together.

Every day of my life I regret I did not stand up to my mother. I have loved Tom for 40 years and will never get over him. He is long married, but in my heart he will always be mine. I have seen him from time to time over the years, and I still feel the same way.

Twenty years ago, I was diagnosed with depression. The doctor advised me that if I did not leave my mother's house I would have a nervous breakdown. I finally got an apartment of my own. I still live in the same town. My relationship with my mother is full of resentment, even after all these years. I'm afraid I will always be ... **CONTROLLED AND TRAPPED**

DEAR CONTROLLED AND TRAPPED: I'm sorry you didn't write to me decades ago, because my advice would have been the same. You have many good years ahead of you. Counseling may help you to let go of the resentment you feel for your mother, while helping you to avoid feeling trapped. Only then will you really be free to be your own person.

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DEAR ABBY: I thought you might enjoy a true story about grandparents as role models. It honors the unsung heroes in our lives:

As a boy, I grew up on Grandfather Herb's farm. He also worked as a school bus driver. In my eyes, his wisdom was boundless.

After years of listening to my grandfather's stories, it seemed logical to ask his opinion about my career choice. I had become a teacher in an inner-city school and was doubting my "calling" to teach difficult students.

Grandpa Herb told me to look at my hands. "See," he said, "there are 10 fingers. They are all different and useful. But you don't remember the nine good fingers when you have a sore thumb!"

His "sore thumb" analogy helped me to see past problems and focus on the nine "good fingers" in my classroom. I've been teaching for more than 20 years now, and I thank heaven for my wise grandfather who taught me to focus on what's really important. — **ISADORE "IZZY" SORCE, GREENFIELD, WIS.**

P.S. Grandpa Herb is now 95!

DEAR IZZY: Only 95? Thumbs up for Grandfather Herb. He's wise beyond his years.

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

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Tommy Hilfiger planning fashion museum

ELMIRA, N.Y. (AP) — Fashion designer Tommy Hilfiger plans to turn an old mansion into a museum housing memorabilia from his 30 years in the fashion industry.

The 50-year-old designer told the Elmira Star-Gazette in Sunday's editions that he's paying $400,000 for the 1929 Strathmont mansion in his hometown, and plans to invest $2 million in developing it into a Tommy Hilfiger museum.

The deal has not yet been closed, but there already is speculation about what the museum might include. Fashion experts said it could track Hilfiger's influence on American style and pop culture.

The museum also could display Hilfiger's extensive collection of art and artifacts, including artwork by Andy Warhol and guitars signed by Mick Jagger and Eric Clapton.

"It will be decorated with all of my memorabilia from my 30 years of doing what I've been doing," Hilfiger told the Star-Gazette.

Hilfiger said he would live at the mansion when he came to town.

The Strathmont property also is known as the Rathbone Estate. The French manor sits on 18 acres and has 21 rooms, seven guest rooms and 11 bathrooms. There's also a caretaker's house, carriage house and stables.

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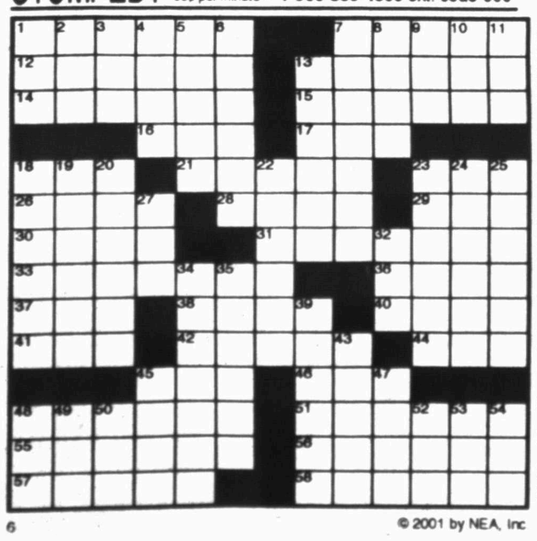
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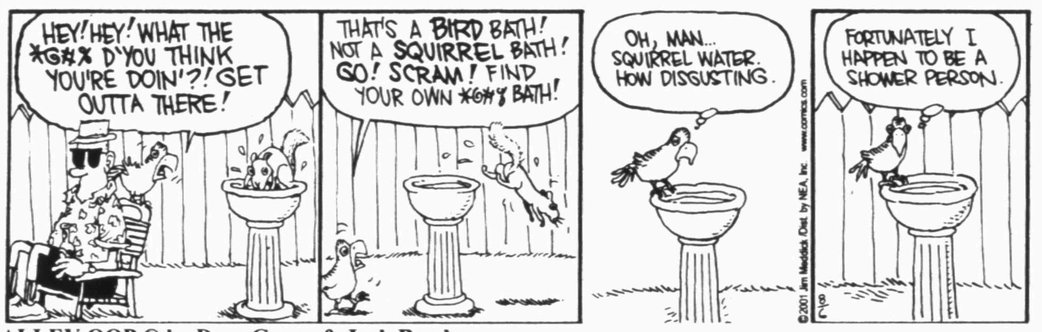
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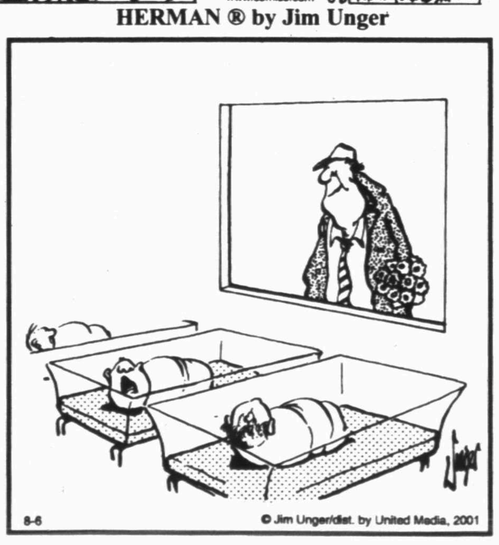
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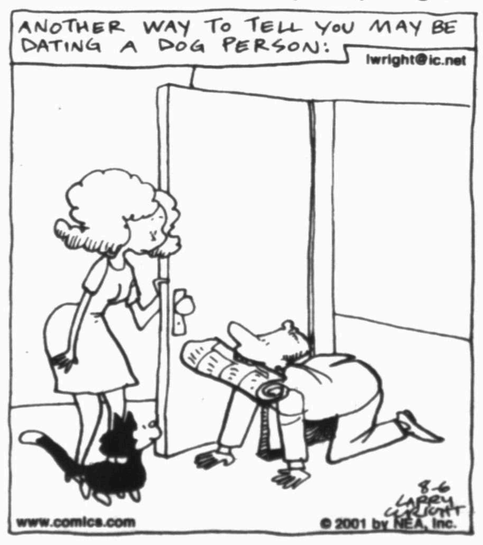
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SPORTS



LEARNING THE GAME — Snyder High School players get instruction from members of the coaching staff this morning during the Tigers' first workout of the season. The Tigers will be back on the field at 5 this evening, with two practices a day scheduled for the remainder of the week. (SDN Staff Photo)

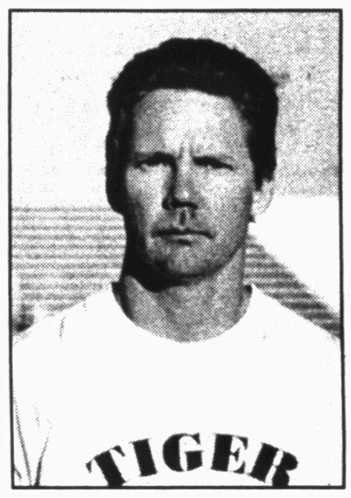
Tigers ready to battle Texas summer heat

Football two-a-days and scorching heat go hand-in-hand in this part of the country, so the Snyder Tigers take every precaution they can to ward off the sometimes fatal dangers of the sun.

Football teams across the nation are taking precaution following a recent string of on-the-field deaths in the high school, college and professional ranks, and Snyder High School is no different.

Once again this year, water will be at players' disposal during every drill, and players' weights will also be monitored for signs of dehydration.

"Water is always available to a player any time he wants it. He doesn't have to wait until the scheduled water breaks," said SHS athletic trainer Steve Kreuger. "We also give them an electrolyte (pill) that helps keep the fluids in them, and we have towels soaked in ice water and ammonium for them to use."



Steve Kreuger

Kreuger explained that the ammonium opens up the pores to allow the cool water from the towels to soak in.

The SHS trainer will also be watching for signs of heat exhaustion, which is the precursor to heat stroke.

"When someone starts suffering from heat exhaustion, they start sweating profusely, their body temperature rises and they start becoming dizzy among other things," the certified trainer stated. "With heat stroke, a player stops sweating. The system that makes sweat shuts down, so you can't get cool. Then pretty soon other systems in your body start shutting down as well."

One thing on the Tigers' side is the fact that they're acclimated to this climate.

"Acclimation is a big key," Kreuger said. "If you were to bring a team from Austin up here to practice, they would struggle more, just like our kids would struggle down there."

Humidity plays a key role in keeping the body cool and players safe. The low humidity in West Texas allows for a higher evaporation rate and quicker cool-down process.

"This dry heat allows the sweat to evaporate, and that's what keeps you cool," Kreuger remarked. "But in places with high humidity, the evaporation rate is slower. The body doesn't get cool, so it starts sweating even more. Then that just makes the player hotter, and it becomes a dangerous cycle."

There isn't a limit to the amount of water a player should drink, but there is a minimum. Dehydration occurs when a player rapidly loses about 2 percent of his body weight. To replenish those fluids, a 200-pound player would need to consume about two gallons of water.

"We urge players to weigh themselves after each workout to monitor their fluid loss," Kreuger said. "It takes a lot of water to replenish the body, and a player who uses any type of nutritional supplement, such as Creatine, will need even more water."

Snyder has morning and afternoon practices scheduled all week, and the heat isn't likely to let up. But with the right guidance and supervision, the Tigers will once again survive the dog days of summer.

Carter's performance pleases Dallas staff

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Even though it was just the preseason opener, Quincy Carter gave glimpses of why the Dallas Cowboys think he can be the long-term replacement for Troy Aikman.

The second-round draft pick already dubbed by owner Jerry Jones as the team's quarterback of the future made an impressive pro debut Saturday night, completing 9-of-15 passes for 167 yards and two touchdowns with no interceptions in a 21-14 loss to the Oakland Raiders.

"Going into the game I told myself I just wanted to relax and let it all go," Carter said.

Carter tied the game at 7 in the third quarter with a 56-yard touchdown pass to Chris Brazzell, then put Dallas ahead early in the fourth quarter with an 18-yard touchdown pass to Bashir Yamini.

The pass to Brazzell came on third-and-15 and the lob to Yamini was made while scrambling. Both receivers made nice moves, too, as Brazzell overcame a pass interference call on Oakland's Eric Johnson and the 6-foot-3 Yamini leaped over a pack of defenders.

"That was real impressive," Jones said of Carter's performance.

The Cowboys have been criticized for drafting Carter so high and for having such high hopes. He didn't seem to be helping himself in practices with wobbly passes and sloppy play.

But on Saturday night, the former Georgia star looked like a different person.

"Well, I love to compete and sometimes in practice you don't get the full level of competition," he said. "My practice habits are going to get much better. But when you go to a game-type situation like tonight, it's more broken down and I can just go out and relax and play football."

Although the Cowboys lost their seventh straight preseason game — and 15th in 16 tries — coaches saw bright spots beyond Carter.

Starting quarterback Tony Banks completed 5 of 9 passes for 36 yards against Oakland's starting defense despite not having Emmitt Smith behind him, his best blockers in front of him or his three best receivers on the field.

SHS netter nabs second



Andra Dunham

SOUTHLAKE — Snyder high School sophomore Andra Dunham battled a 30-player field over the weekend to capture second place at the Northwest ZAT tennis tournament.

Dunham cruised through the first two rounds of the 16-under division with straight-set victories, then held off Abilene's Chelsey Hughes 7-6, 5-7, 6-1 to earn a spot in the semi-finals.

Facing top-seeded Staci Olson of Arlington in the semifinals, Dunham dropped the first set, 2-6, before rebounding to win the final two frames, 6-3, 6-3.

In the finals, Dunham ran up against Lubbock's Lane Holder who continued her streak of straight-set victories with a 6-2, 6-3 decision to take the title.

Dunham's runner-up finish gave 32 of the 64 points needed to qualify for the ZAT championships.

Sports Briefs

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 registration deadline is Tuesday.

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.

WGA play day

The Women's Golf Association of Snyder Country Club holds its weekly play day at 8:30 a.m. each Tuesday. Format is fairway everywhere-front nine.

Junior high football

All Snyder Junior High football players will pick up their equipment Aug. 14. Eighth graders will be from 3-5 p.m., followed by seventh graders from 5-7.

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Cleveland	21	6	.778	—
x-New York	18	10	.643	3½
x-Miami	17	11	.607	4½
Charlotte	14	14	.500	7½
Orlando	11	17	.393	10½
Washington	9	18	.333	12
Indiana	9	19	.321	12½
Detroit	8	19	.296	13

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
xy-Los Angeles	24	3	.889	—
Houston	17	10	.630	7
Utah	16	11	.593	8
Sacramento	16	12	.571	8½
Phoenix	11	16	.407	13
Portland	11	17	.393	13½
Minnesota	9	18	.333	15
Seattle	9	19	.321	15½

x-clinched playoff spot
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Saturday's Games
Cleveland 58, New York 43
Charlotte 54, Houston 49
Detroit 70, Portland 65
Utah 65, Indiana 54
Los Angeles 79, Seattle 60

Sunday's Games
Orlando 78, Phoenix 69
Miami 52, Washington 44
Minnesota 79, Sacramento 76, OT

Monday's Games
Charlotte at Washington, 7 p.m.
Phoenix at Houston, 8 p.m.
Indiana at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

Major League Baseball

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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
Texas	49	62	.441	31

Saturday's Games
Atlanta 14, Milwaukee 2
N.Y. Mets 4, Arizona 2
Los Angeles 3, Chicago Cubs 1
Philadelphia 12, San Francisco 2
Houston 4, Montreal 1
Pittsburgh 6, Colorado 3
St. Louis 3, Florida 0
San Diego 2, Cincinnati 0

Sunday's Games
Florida 5, St. Louis 3
Atlanta 12, Milwaukee 8
Houston 4, Montreal 1
Pittsburgh 5, Colorado 4
San Francisco 8, Philadelphia 4
Arizona 2, N.Y. Mets 1
Cincinnati 10, San Diego 9
Los Angeles 3, Chicago Cubs 2, 10 innings

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.

American League
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East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	67	44	.604	—
Boston	63	47	.573	3½
Toronto	53	59	.473	14½
Baltimore	45	67	.402	22½
Tampa Bay	37	74	.333	30

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	63	48	.568	—
Cleveland	62	48	.564	½
Chicago	54	55	.495	8
Detroit	46	63	.422	16
Kansas City	44	67	.396	19

West Division

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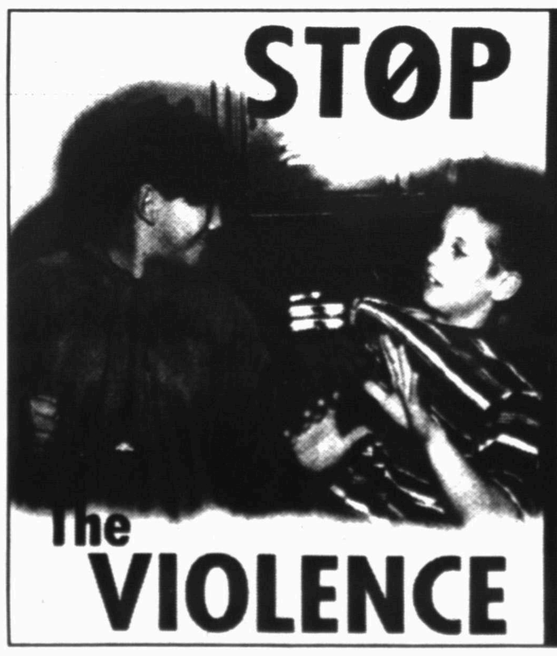
Saturday's Games
N.Y. Yankees 5, Anaheim 4
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Boston 6, Texas 2, 2nd game
Seattle 8, Cleveland 5
Toronto 2, Baltimore 1
Oakland 10, Detroit 1
Minnesota 6, Kansas City 2
Chicago White Sox 8, Tampa Bay 6

Sunday's Games
Oakland 4, Detroit 1
Toronto 5, Baltimore 4
Boston 6, Texas 3
Anaheim 4, N.Y. Yankees 3
Tampa Bay 6, Chicago White Sox 4
Kansas City 10, Minnesota 5
Cleveland 15, Seattle 14, 11 innings

Monday's Games
Oakland (Hiljus 1-0) at Detroit (Holt 7-9), 1:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Schoeneweis 8-8) at N.Y. Yankees (Hitchcock 1-0), 1:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Wallace 0-2) at Chicago White Sox (Wright 1-0), 2:05 p.m.
Texas (Bell 4-1) at Boston (Nomo 11-5), 6:05 p.m.
Seattle (Abbott 11-2) at Cleveland (Nagy 4-4), 7:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Johnson 9-6) at Kansas City (George 0-2), 8:05 p.m.

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), 10:05 p.m.

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New type of sonogram has 3-D view

ATLANTA (AP) — Two months before her daughter was born, Ann Hart had already seen her chubby cheeks and thick hair.

A 3-D sonogram also confirmed that Abigail had a cleft lip and palate — first detected during a regular ultrasound — but no other birth defects, which the 2-D sonogram can sometimes miss.

The latest in ultrasound technology gives parents a color fetal portrait of their child as opposed to the typical black-and-white flat sonogram that leaves many moms and dads squinting to make out large body parts, let alone subtle facial features.

"When she was born I was like 'Wow! She looks just like the sonogram,'" said Hart, whose daughter was born in April in Lonedell, Mo. Hart said she was better prepared to deal with Abigail's condition because she saw a vivid image of her face two months earlier.

Perinatologist Dr. Robert Gergely was so amazed by the technology that he stopped practicing in the delivery room and opened the 3-D Sonography Center in Beverly Hills, Calif., in 1999.

"It is magic," said Gergely. "Suddenly you get a portrait of the baby in the womb. The baby suddenly becomes real."

Most centers or doctor's offices charge up to $250 for an 81/2-by-11 3-D color portrait and a computer file that can be e-mailed to family and friends. Usually, insurance doesn't cover the image, unless it's a medical necessity.

"You should see the fathers," said Gergely. "They leave the office and start crying. They fall in love with the mothers again. These macho American husbands become so sensitive and emotional."

Doctors have used 3-D ultrasounds to detect birth defects, such as cleft palate and fetal tumors, for the last few years. But more doctors and sonogram centers are now offering the technology to women who simply want a clearer picture of their fetus.

Atlanta Perinatal Associates even placed a large billboard ad with a blown up sample of a 3-D sonograms on an Atlanta road. Their walk-in business immediately shot up.

Parents "are very excited about seeing the baby in 3-D," said Syretha Andrews, a sonographer at Atlanta Perinatal. "All of them say 'I wish it was available with my other kids.'"

Some medical professionals say the technology should only be used out of medical necessity, and some doctors worry parents will think a normal picture means a normal baby. Others fear parents will be shocked if they see abnormalities.

"My major concern is making sure parents are aware that there is clearly a potential where they may see an abnormality and then having to deal with it at that time rather than when the baby is born," said Dr. Paul Fernhoff, a geneticist and professor of pediatrics at Emory University in Atlanta.

Dr. Sue Moore, director of the perinatal center at St. Anthony's Medical Center in St. Louis, agrees. Moore uses 3-D ultrasounds regularly — but only in cases when she suspects it would help detect a problem. And she supervises each sonogram.

"A pregnant woman getting a 3-D portrait at the mall has no support network in case they find something," she said.

Most pregnant women have at least one ultrasound, the method used to monitor the health and development of the fetus. But the traditional ultrasound produces a blurry black-and-white outline of the fetus, which most people can barely make out.

But with the 3-D machine, which costs about $300,000, ultrasound technicians can store five-seconds worth of images in a computer and from those, create a 3-D color picture. Although it is not as clear as a regular picture, the facial features are more distinct.

Doctors who use the 3-D ultrasound say they are using it as a supplement to the 2-D — not a replacement. Almost all of Gergely's customers have had a 2-D ultrasound somewhere else first.

At Atlanta Perinatal, every patient has to have a fetal assessment, including a 2-D ultrasound, before they can get a fetal portrait.

"We make sure the baby is healthy," said Dr. Dexter Page of Atlanta Perinatal.

Gergely said the 3-D portraits have several benefits, such as strengthening the bond between mother and child and reducing postpartum depression.

"One picture has so many benefits," he said. "I generally believe that if you start the bonding earlier, the baby is going to be loved more."

Even learning about possible birth defects is positive, he said.

Christine Runge found out her baby had a cleft lip and palate during a routine 2-D ultrasound. Doctors referred her to St. Anthony's in St. Louis for a 3-D ultrasound to rule out other birth defects. They didn't find any and were able to set her up with a team of doctors. She learned about the condition, the treatment, nursing and speech pathology — all before the birth.

"It was very nice knowing prior to the baby that she had the birth defect," said Runge, of Fults, Ill. "It wasn't such a shock."

On the Net:
Atlanta Perinatal Associates:
http://www.perinatalmed.com
Sonography Center of Beverly Hills:
http://www.threedsono.com

Shark attacks man

MIAMI (AP) — A New York man celebrating his wedding anniversary in the Bahamas had part of his left leg amputated after being attacked by a shark.

Krishna Thompson, a 36-year-old Wall Street banker, was in critical condition at Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami on Monday morning, said spokeswoman Victoria Zambrano.

"He was just swimming off the beach when something, a shark, grabbed his leg and started pulling him down," Ave Maria Thompson, Thompson's wife, told The Miami Herald for Monday editions. "He kept punching and punching. He has cuts on his hands because of that."

'Rush Hour' sequel named biggest comedy debut ever

LOS ANGELES (AP) — "Rush Hour 2" caused serious traffic jams at movie theaters.

The buddy-cop sequel starring Jackie Chan and Chris Tucker grossed $66.8 million in its first three days, the biggest comedy debut ever and the third-best non-holiday opening on record, according to studio estimates Sunday.

The top non-holiday debut came just last weekend when "Planet of the Apes" grossed $68.5 million. "The Mummy Returns" is No. 2 with $68.1 million.

"Planet of the Apes" followed the pattern of many other big studio movies this summer, opening to huge crowds but taking a nosedive in the second weekend. It fell to second place with $28.5 million, a steep 58 percent decline from the previous weekend. "Planet of the Apes" has grossed $124.7 million in 10 days.

Disney's G-rated modern fairy tale "The Princess Diaries" had a strong third-place debut of $23.2 million. The movie stars Julie Andrews as a queen tutoring her reluctant granddaughter (Anne Hathaway) in the ways of royalty.

"Original Sin," a romantic thriller starring Antonio Banderas and Angelina Jolie that was trashed by critics, had a weak sixth-place debut of $6.4 million.

Playing in 2,194 theaters, "Original Sin" averaged just $2,917 a cinema, compared to $21,424 in 3,118 locations for "Rush Hour 2." "Princess Diaries" averaged $9,145 in 2,537 theaters.

"Apocalypse Now Redux," Francis Ford Coppola's new version of his Vietnam War epic, took in a whopping $96,000 playing in just two theaters in New York City and Los Angeles, plus a once-a-day screening at a large-screen Imax theater.

The film, which adds 49 minutes of previously unreleased footage, expands to the top 20 markets over the next two weekends.

The opening for "Rush Hour 2" was double the $33 million the first movie grossed in its debut weekend in September 1998. It brought back much of the behind-the-camera talent from the original movie, including director Brett Ratner.

"There's that old expression, if it's not broken, don't mess with it, and that's exactly what they did with this one," said David Tuckerman, head of distribution for New Line, which released "Rush Hour 2."

The industry remains on track to break its revenue record of $3 billion set in summer 1999. For this weekend, the top 12 movies grossed $163.9 million, up 39 percent from the same weekend last year.

Hollywood typically frontloads its biggest films toward the beginning of summer, but hits have been spread throughout the season this year, including the normally quiet late July and August.

"Rush Hour 2" shattered the record for best August debut ever, previously held by "The Sixth Sense" with $26.7 million.

"This to me sets a new precedent for the month of August as a blockbuster-producing month," said Paul Dergarabedian, president of Exhibitor Relations, which tracks movie attendance. "Patience is a virtue in this case, and they've reaped the benefits."

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



Monday, Aug. 6, 2001

Two bites of a similar apple

By Phillip Alder

Last week's columns were inspired by this deal.

North 08-06-01
♠ A 9 6 2
♥ 8 2
♦ K 7 5 3
♣ A 10 4

West
♠ 8 7
♥ A Q J 10 5
♦ 6 4
♣ K 9 3 2

East
♠ J 5 3
♥ K 9
♦ J 10 9 2
♣ Q 8 7 5

South
♠ K Q 10 4
♥ 7 6 4 3
♦ A Q 8
♣ J 6

Dealer: West
Vulnerable: Neither

South	West	North	East
	Pass	Pass	Pass
1 ♠	2 ♥	3 ♥	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♥ A

First, the bidding. South, Bob Hamman, is a big fan of four-card majors. Then, North's three hearts was a cue-bid raise announcing a maximum pass with at least four-card spade support. Despite having a balanced minimum, Hamman jumped to game because he expected partner's values to be outside hearts.

West led the heart ace, which wouldn't have been my choice. (A spade or diamond lead beats the contract with best defense.) West continued with a second heart to his partner's king. East switched to the diamond jack.

Hamman began with nine tricks: five spades (three tops and a ruff in each hand), three diamonds and one club. Since heart ruffs in the dummy were clearly unavailable and diamonds weren't 3-3, the battle was on for a second club trick.

Hamman won with the diamond ace, drew trumps ending in hand, and led the club jack. West covered with the king; otherwise, declarer would have finessed dummy's 10 on the second round. After taking West's king with dummy's ace, Hamman played three rounds of diamonds. However, instead of ruffing the last, he calmly discarded a heart loser from hand, leaving East endplayed. With only clubs in his hand, East had to cash the queen, then give a trick to dummy's 10.

Yes, East missed his chance. He had to throw the heart king under his partner's ace at trick one. Then West can play two more rounds of the suit with effect. It was a tough play to make, but not impossible, as perhaps you saw last Wednesday.

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Adoption beats abortion

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm 18, pregnant and don't want the baby. What are my legal options?

DEAR READER: Abortion or adoption.

Abortion is an emotionally charged issue, so I don't choose to detail the pros and cons. Suffice it to say, abortion is legal in the United States and in many other nations. With the guidance of your family doctor, your obstetrician or organizations such as Planned Parenthood, you can be referred to an appropriate facility, where your pregnancy can be terminated. Medically speaking, abortion is safest when performed during the first trimester (initial three months of pregnancy), and becomes physically more risky (and ethically more reprehensible) the longer it is delayed.

Adoption, on the other hand, is a win/win situation for all involved: the baby, the mother and the adoptive parents. Here is how the procedure usually works.

Once you have tested positive for pregnancy, ask the physician to refer you to an adoption agency. Or, if you prefer, refer yourself. Most cities and religious organizations have such resources.

Agencies work in different ways. Some will put you on a list and agree to place the newborn soon after delivery. Most reputable agencies will try to pair you with prospective parents before you give birth. These parents will usually pay for your prenatal and obstetrical charges. You may even get to know the parents to satisfy yourself that your baby will have a stable home and a loving upbringing. You may play a large role in selecting the adoptive parents if you wish. In addition, some agencies arrange for pregnant women to live with out-of-town families during the last weeks of pregnancy when obvious physical changes may cause embarrassment. Upon delivery — or before — you will be asked to sign a legal document releasing the baby to its new parents.

I am not against abortion. However, there are thousands of childless couples who would desperately like to adopt newborns. Because of the "shortage" of adoptable American babies, many such couples have been forced to accept children from elsewhere in the world, notably Eastern Europe and Asia. All too often, those children have severe emotional or physical problems. Therefore, I believe that adoption in the United States is a shamefully under-utilized option for pregnant women. By giving up your baby to a loving and secure couple, you will be saving a precious life and performing an act of great generosity. Out of your fear and despair, you will be giving enormous happiness; more important, you'll be secure that a part of you is being loved, nurtured and cared for. Irrespective of the moral considerations of abortion, I believe that adoption is an important alternative because it can turn an extremely negative situation into a really positive experience. As I stated earlier, everyone wins.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I was recently told that chlorine in our water is a greater hazard than cholesterol in our food. Is this true?

DEAR READER: False. No reputable scientific study has linked chlorine in drinking water to any health problem, especially atherosclerosis. This is the progressive arterial blockage that comes with age and, scientists have discovered, is related to high blood-cholesterol levels. This dietary fat appears to combine with proteins, cellular debris, calcium, and other substances to form plaque, which acts like sludge in a pipe, reducing arterial blood flow and depriving vital body organs of oxygen.

Chlorine, on the other hand, eliminates infectious microorganisms in drinking water; therefore, it is widely and safely used in public water supplies.

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AT&T Corp s	20.64	20.36	20.39	—.15
Albertsons	33.90	33.55	33.71	+ .37
Alltel	61.84	61.15	61.16	—.54
AmEl Pw	46.65	44.67	44.94	—1.36
AndarkPtr	57.20	56.05	56.86	+ .85
ATMOS Egy	20.65	20.06	20.13	—.52
Aviall	10.70	10.48	10.70	+ .08
BP PLC	49.12	48.81	49.00	—.10
BakerHughes	35.35	34.40	34.81	+ .18
Bank of Amer	63.67	62.97	63.01	—.34
BellSouth	40.75	40.11	40.18	—.44
Beth Steel	2.00	1.94	1.94	
BurlNoSFe	26.69	26.50	26.57	—.23
Caterpillar	54.02	53.40	53.52	—.93
Chevron	91.05	90.40	90.46	—.22
Citigroup s	51.40	50.67	50.80	—.33
CocaCola	44.98	44.65	44.77	+ .07
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Hanson ADS	38.15	37.81	38.15	+ .35
HarteHanks	23.65	23.40	23.60	+ .30
HomeDepot	49.65	48.25	48.32	—.81
Honeywellintl	37.09	36.56	36.78	—.02
IBM	107.37	106.50	106.73	—1.45
IntlPaper	41.35	40.46	41.28	+ .57
JohnsonJn s	54.05	53.51	53.77	+ .19
K mart	12.63	12.27	12.57	—.06
KinderMorg	53.60	52.70	52.94	—.67
Kroger Co	26.50	26.26	26.36	—.14
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Lowes Cos s	37.51	36.73	36.94	+ .01
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LucentTech	6.64	6.45	6.56	—.04
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Praxair	47.35	46.70	46.94	+ .05
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PubS NwMx	30.00	29.35	29.66	—.58
RadioShack	28.00	26.40	26.67	—2.23
ReliantEngy	31.48	30.75	30.90	—.70
RoyalDut	55.89	55.23	55.89	+ .40
SBC Comm	43.77	43.35	43.55	+ .06
SaraLee	19.48	19.11	19.15	—.46
Scripps EW	70.70	69.90	70.69	+ .59
SearsRoeb	46.27	45.55	45.80	—.47
SherwinW	23.05	22.70	22.70	—.32
SouthernCo s	23.95	23.32	23.45	—.75
SwstAirl s	19.65	19.35	19.35	—.14
SprintFON	23.20	22.95	23.09	—.09
SprintPCS	25.05	24.62	24.75	—.66
Sunoco Inc	35.44	34.94	35.10	—.04
TXU Corp	48.45	47.30	47.30	—1.21
TempleInland	60.25	59.60	59.64	—.45
Texaco	68.83	68.00	68.36	—.02
Textind	39.30	38.70	39.19	+ .43
Texasinst	37.16	36.15	36.90	—.60
Textron	56.65	55.85	56.04	—.36
TriconGlbR	44.93	44.00	44.03	—1.07
TrinityInds	26.40	25.30	25.80	—.36
TritonEngy	44.89	44.84	44.86	—.01
TylerTech	2.87	2.86	2.86	—.05
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USX-USS	19.44	19.15	19.22	—.35
UnionPacif	54.15	53.87	53.99	—.30
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Venator Grp	17.05	16.35	16.75	—.35
VerizonComm	53.98	53.50	53.69	+ .01
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WstnGasRs	28.95	28.20	28.26	—.56
WinnDixie	22.75	22.36	22.37	—.29
Xerox Cp	8.30	8.14	8.27	+ .02

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Leaders also need 'place to look forward to'

CRAWFORD (AP) — George W. Bush, a self-styled "windshield rancher," is home on the range, seeking the out-of-Washington perspective most presidents have pursued since the presidency began.

Some found it in a fish rising in blue waters or in the sight of a small white ball arching over a long green fairway.

Others took their vacation from the Oval Office behind the wheel of a sailboat off a breezy coast. Others found the same thing in the rattle of poker chips and the stories friends tell each other over a card table deep into a long summer night.

Theodore Roosevelt hunted. John Kennedy sailed. Harry Truman played poker. William Howard Taft, Dwight Eisenhower, George H.W. Bush and Bill Clinton golfed. Ronald Reagan enjoyed his California ranch so much that he rode horses and cut brush there for 335 days of his eight-year presidency.

Some presidents, much like the current one, just return to the comforts of home — homes with names like Mount Vernon, Monticello, Montpelier, Sagamore Hill, Hyde Park and the LBJ Ranch.

The current president's father galloped through his vacations at Walker's Point, the Bush family's oceanside compound at Kennebunkport, Maine. He golfed, fished, threw horseshoes and bounced and rattled over the waves on his high-power speedboat.

His son relaxes at a calmer pace at his 1,600-acre spread in central Texas, while ignoring the August heat that can push well beyond the 100-degree mark.

"The heat doesn't bother me in the least," he said last year.

His new ranch house, however, employs two breezeways to make maximum use of whatever cooling wind comes to hand.

The ranch, the president says, is "a place to look forward to."

"It gives me a lot of balance; I relax out here (and) it does help give you perspective," Bush said during a break from his 2000 presidential campaign.

Although the place has the horses necessary for a proper Texas ranch, Bush doesn't necessarily ride them.

"I'm what they call a windshield rancher," Bush said last year as he slipped behind the wheel of an all-terrain vehicle to lead a convoy of reporters through some of the seven canyons on the property and along a winding tributary of the Middle Bosque River.

But Bush has already discovered, as all chief executives do, that "the job seems to follow you around" with briefings and urgent messages and international phone calls. During his month on the ranch he plans four trips around the country to keep his name before the public.

Bill Clinton's White House vacations generally followed the golf course, with an occasional celebrity sail off the Massachusetts island of Martha's Vineyard followed by leisurely dinners out and perhaps a walk to an ice cream shop.

But polls can play a role in the choice of vacations.

With a re-election contest ahead of him, Clinton took the advice of political consultant Dick Morris and hiked in Grand Teton and Yellowstone national parks. Voters like outdoor family vacations in the West, Morris decreed.

Clinton also found it hard to leave his job — and his personal life — behind in Washington.

Clinton's public involvement with the peace process in Northern Ireland began when he agreed to meet Ireland's foreign minister on Martha's Vineyard.

And it was to Martha's Vineyard that Clinton, his wife, Hillary, and their daughter, Chelsea, came in 1998 immediately after the president's nationally televised speech acknowledging an inappropriate relationship with a former White House intern.

It was an unhappy beginning to a vacation, with reporters questioning whether Clinton had sufficiently expressed remorse.

Then came an event that the president insisted was entirely unplanned.

Switching from vacation attire, Clinton appeared before reporters in a dark suit to announce he had just ordered U.S. forces to strike suspected terrorist facilities in Afghanistan and Sudan in retaliation for bombings of American embassies in Africa.

Not all presidential vacations have been that dramatic. But many have produced news, sometimes immediately, sometimes years after the fact.

Calvin Coolidge jolted reporters accompanying him in the Black Hills of South Dakota during the summer of 1927 by handing typed slips of paper reading: "I do not choose to run for president in 1928."

Grover Cleveland used a vacation getaway in 1893 to give escape from reporters and schedule secret surgery to remove a cancer from his mouth.

The presidential operation stayed secret for decades.

Commands big bucks

CHICAGO (AP) — Actor Chris Tucker says he'd like to work with some of Hollywood's heavyweights like Robert De Niro, Denzel Washington, Steven Spielberg or Martin Scorsese.

Tucker, 29, who stars in the just released "Rush Hour 2" is already commanding $20 million per picture but has his eye on the next level: dramas.

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Cleanup underway after derailment

PINEHURST (AP) — Emergency crews worked today to clean up thousands of gallons of hazardous chemicals that were spilled by a freight-train derailment.

About 70 families evacuated their homes after 21 cars of an 84-car Burlington Northern Santa Fe train derailed Sunday, said Cpl. Denise Janeway of the Montgomery County Sheriff's Department.

No injuries were reported.

About 200 people from several agencies worked to clean up the wreck site about 34 miles northwest of Houston. "It is horribly, horribly hot out there and all of these guys are having to work in full protective gear," Janeway said.

Most of the derailed cars had been removed by today morning, said Jerry Jenkins, Burlington Northern Santa Fe's regional director for public affairs. The cause of the accident hadn't been determined.

The train was en route to Houston from Teague, about 120 miles north of Houston, when the wreck happened early Sunday.

Many of the 21 cars that derailed were tankers filled with chemicals. Tankers leaked 11,000 gallons of acetic anhydride and 23,000 gallons of 2-ethylhexyl acrylate, used in making plastics, Janeway said. She said the cleanup could take days.

Both chemicals irritate skin, eyes and the respiratory system, said state Department of Public Safety Sgt. Kevin Pullen. The Environmental Protection Agency was monitoring the cleanup.

Other cars spilled meat tallow and plastic pellets.

The derailment occurred on a curve in a wooded area.

"It's not that bad of a curve," said Jack Corey, who owns ranch land on both sides of the crash site. "But there's a long straightaway carrying them down there, and they get moving pretty good."

Missing juvenile from Arizona apprehended

•Juvenile detained

A reported gas drive-off just after midnight Sunday led to the apprehension of a juvenile reported missing from Arizona. A clerk at Rip Griffin's Truck Stop reported the $10.16 drive off at 12:09 a.m. He advised that two white males in a home-made shop vehicle with Arizona license plates had left the store headed west on U.S. 84.

The vehicle was located 10 miles into Garza County and the juvenile was taken into custody and transported to the detention center there. The driver of the vehicle was transported back to Rip Griffin's to make arrangements to pay for the gasoline.

•Arrests

A 32-year-old man was arrested for public intoxication and for evading arrest in the 1400 block of Ave. M Saturday evening. A woman reported that the man was knocking on her door and looking into her vehicle.

Officers arrested a 23-year-old man just before midnight Saturday on outstanding DPS warrants from Brownwood. The warrants were for speeding and failure to appear before a judge. The man was later released after he paid his fines.

An 18-year-old man was taken into custody just after midnight Sunday at Mulligan's Mall on charges of burglary of a business. Police received a voice activated recording of an alarm going off at the 1101 25th Street business and the man was arrested at the scene. Officers also discovered the adjoining Patterson's Used Car office had been broken into.

At 2:54 a.m. Sunday, an 18-year-old man was taken into custody at Rip Griffin's Truck Stop for Class C theft.

A 26-year-old man was arrested in the 1900 block of 30th Street Sunday morning for driving while intoxicated, first offense.

A DPS trooper arrested two men on U.S. 84 Sunday afternoon. A 33-year-old man was taken into custody on a Lubbock County warrant for forgery of a financial instrument. A 25-year-old man was arrested for Lubbock County sheriff's office bond forfeiture, capias assault and issuance of a bad check.

A 30-year-old man was arrested early this morning in the 100 block of East 37th Street. Dispatchers received a call from a woman there reporting the man beating on her door and her having a criminal trespass warning against him. Mental Health and Mental Retardation officials were contacted after the man threatened to harm himself.

•Burglary

Isaac Vasquez requested an officer in reference to someone entering his residence through a window and stealing a stereo and amplifier. An offense report for burglary of a residence was filed.

•Assault

Dispatchers received a call from the Cogdell Hospital emergency room requesting an officer in reference to a male subject being there saying he had been assaulted. Officers responded to the call and advised that an offense report for assault would be filed.

•Criminal trespass

A clerk at Allsup's requested an officer in reference to a subject on the property who was not authorized to be there. Officers responded and served the man a criminal trespass warning advising him to stay away from the store.

•Accident

Margie Jaramillo requested an officer to meet with some subjects involved in a minor accident at the underpass on 28th Street. Officers responded and advised that a U-haul truck was wedged under the bridge.

Department of Transportation officials responded and advised that the bridge was not damaged. The attic portion of the truck was damaged and U-haul was notified. The driver of the vehicle was transported to the Willow Park Inn.

•Gas drive-off

A clerk at Town and Country East notified police of a gas drive-off worth $10.01.

Fossett trying to circle world

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Again bidding to become the first solo balloonist to circle the world, American adventurer Steve Fossett said his latest quest has gone better than his five previous tries, despite losing contact with mission control for five hours.

"Joe, this is going the best of any of my flights — the capsule and the balloon systems are working superbly," Fossett said Sunday night by e-mail to Joe Ritchie, chief of mission control. "I got nearly three hours sleep last night, and I am feeling good."

As of 9 a.m. EDT today, about 36 hours since its launch from Northam, Australia, the Chicago millionaire's "Solo Spirit" balloon had gone more than 1,500 miles. It was cruising eastward at its fastest clip — 60 mph — at an altitude of 22,000 feet. The balloon was expected to reach the coast of Australia by late afternoon.

Hours into the flight, 57-year-old Fossett lost telephone and e-mail contact with mission control at Washington University — a private school he once attended here — and had to climb outside his 51/2-by-7-foot capsule to replace a broken antenna.

Obituaries

Frances Machen

1929-2001

Mary Frances Machen, a longtime Scurry County resident, died Sunday, Aug. 5, in Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock after a lengthy illness.

Memorial service for Mrs. Machen, 72, is set for 2 p.m. Tuesday in the First United Methodist Church. The Rev. Buddy Payne, pastor, will officiate. Mrs. Machen will be cremated. Arrangements were under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.



Mrs. Machen

Born Jan. 11, 1929 in Clyde, she moved with her family to the Dunn Community when she was a year old. She married Tom Machen on Nov. 23, 1950 in Dunn.

A beautician, Mrs. Machen had owned and operated her own beauty shop, Marinella's, and had been a cosmetology instructor in Snyder for a number of years. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Tom Machen of Snyder; a daughter, Cathy Kyle of Fort Worth; a sister, Modine Johnston of Snyder; two brothers, Morris Ashley and Carl Ashley, both of Snyder; and a grandson, Parker Kyle of Fort Worth.

The family suggests memorials to the Arthritis Foundation, 3001 West Street in Fort Worth, 76107.

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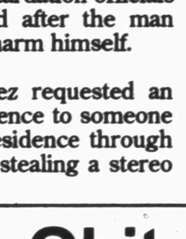
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Chris Varela

1971-2001

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

A prayer service for Mr. Varela is set for 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Wright Colonial Funeral Home Chapel.



Chris Varela

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 Lyn 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 Snyder from Lamesa and was a member of St. Elizabeth Catholic Church.

Survivors include his wife, Wendy 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.; 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.

Marie Scrivner

1908-2001

Marie Scrivner, a life-long resident of Scurry County, died Sunday, Aug. 5, at her son's home northwest of Snyder.

A private service for Mrs. Scrivner, 92, is planned, and arrangements are under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born Sept. 11, 1908 in Howard County, she married Theron Scrivner on April 4, 1927 in Snyder. He died May 9, 1992. She also was preceded in death by a son, Lowell; a brother, W.F. West; and one grandchild.

Mrs. Scrivner was a homemaker and a longtime member of the First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include a son and his wife, Jerry and Chris Scrivner of Snyder; a niece, Billie Williams of Clayton, N.M.; three grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; two stepgrandchildren; and two stepgreat-grandchildren.

Jill Candelaria

1952-2001

Mona Jill Candelaria, 49, died Sunday, Aug. 5, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Peace Justice Deborah Boyd ruled death by natural causes.

She was a resident of Ruidoso, N.M. and reportedly was visiting in Snyder when she became ill. Cremation was held and no services are planned.

Louise Moore

1926-2001

COLORADO CITY – Louise Moore, the sister of Herman Stokes of Snyder, died Saturday, Aug. 4, in a Lubbock hospital.

Funeral service for Mrs. Moore, 75, is set for 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Kiker-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Bob Jackson will officiate and burial will follow in the Westbrook Cemetery.

Born March 5, 1926 in Dawson County, she married Oren Moore on June 1, 1947 in Westbrook. He died May 4, 1999. She also was preceded in death by her parents, Newell and Annie Belle White Stokes; and a daughter, Delza Kay Moore.

Mrs. Moore was a homemaker and a member of the St. Luke's Methodist Church.

Survivors also include a sister-in-law, Ida Stokes of Snyder; a brother-in-law, Grady Moore of Dallas; and several nieces and nephews.

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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.

Bible study tapes

Bible study videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 this evening "The New Heavens and Earth," followed by "Character Counts."

New teacher luncheon

The local chapter of the Texas State Teachers Association will hold a Snyder ISD new teacher luncheon at noon Tuesday at Snyder Country Club.

Historical commission

The Scurry County Historical Commission will meet at noon Tuesday at The Shack. Information on the Distinguished Service Award will be presented.

Scurry Masonic Lodge

Scurry Masonic Lodge will have a stated meeting at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday 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.

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.

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. next Monday in the Scurry County Museum.

Snyder Junior High

Snyder Junior High students are invited to tour the building from 4-5 p.m. next Monday, Aug. 13. 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. next 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.

Stanfield teachers

It will be meet the teachers night at Stanfield Elementary on Tuesday, Aug. 14. The event if from 5-6:30 p.m.

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.

Former Sherman mayor to run for unexpired Texas senate seat

Harry Reynolds, Sherman businessman and former mayor, has announced his candidacy for the Texas Senate, District 30, to fill the unexpired term of the late Senator Tom Haywood.

Reynolds, a Republican, has been active in local politics for approximately 25 years, serving on boards and commissions as well as several terms as a Sherman city councilman and two terms as mayor.

Reynolds is a fiscal conservative who said that certain issues go beyond money, such as excellence in education, healthcare, and crime prevention. He also believes that government for government's sake is not always best and can sometimes be reduced, not only to save money, but also to be less intrusive in people's lives and pocketbooks.

Reynolds is chief executive officer of Monitor Inc., a steel fabricating facility that produces service station canopies, car wash buildings and steel buildings. He is also a certified public accountant who owned his own CPA firm and practiced public accounting for approximately 16 years before selling his firm and entering the manufacturing business.

Reynolds is a fourth generation resident of Grayson County. He graduated from Tom Bean High School and East Texas State University with a degree in accounting. He was reared on a farm and says he understands the problems that farmers face in today's economy.

Reynolds is married and he and his wife, Alera, have two grown children. The family attends First Baptist Church in Sherman.

Births

Mark and Somer Love of Plano announce the birth of their son, Eli Allen Love, on Aug. 4 in Presbyterian Hospital in Plano. Eli weighed seven pounds, two ounces.

Grandparents are Rodney and Theresa Love of Snyder and Jal and Michele Dennis of Wylie, formerly of Snyder. Great-grandparents are Pat and E.B. Dennis and Wesley and Sandra Graves, all of Snyder.

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Justice Department will not censure Freeh

WASHINGTON (AP) — A former Justice Department official confirmed Saturday that he rejected a recommendation that FBI Director Louis J. Freeh be censured in connection with the FBI's investigation of how it acted in the 1992 siege at Ruby Ridge.

"Freeh was a small part of it," Stephen R. Colgate, a former assistant attorney general, said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press.

"I just didn't think it was necessary," Colgate added. "I stand by my decision."

He declined to discuss the matter further.

The Washington Post reported in Sunday's editions that recommended disciplinary actions against Freeh and others — previously undisclosed — were cited in a July 27 letter to Attorney General John D. Ashcroft from Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., and four other members of the panel.

The letter sought documents related to Colgate's decision, which Leahy told the Post he learned of only when he asked direct questions about FBI discipline as he prepared for a July 18 FBI oversight hearing.

The reasons for Freeh's proposed censure have not been spelled out, but Leahy suggested a rationale in written questions he sent to the agents who testified at the hearing.

Without mentioning Freeh by name, Leahy asked whether it would be a breach of conduct warranting discipline if an FBI official ordered or took part in an inquiry knowing that the person conducting it was biased or a friend of the target. He also asked about officials accepting the results of such an investigation when it has "obvious holes."

Agent John E. Roberts, the unit chief in charge of the FBI's internal investigation, said this would amount to "investigate dereliction."

"In the case of Ruby Ridge investigation, we are talking about senior executives in the FBI with many years of experience," said Roberts.

He added at the July 18 hearing that culpability "goes to the highest levels of the FBI." Frank Perry, who worked with Roberts, agreed with his testimony that discipline "without question" would be warranted in the scenario Leahy described.

The Post said Freeh, who left the FBI on June 22, did not respond to a request for comment.

The paper quoted unnamed Senate investigators as saying Colgate apparently relied entirely on a memo from two deputies in which questionable assertions were made.

Colgate told the Post he took into account recommendations from his staff and "the views of the FBI's Office of Professional Responsibility."

The 11-day Ruby Ridge, Idaho, standoff began with a shootout between three camouflaged federal marshals, Randy Weaver, his 14-year-old son and a family friend in which one of the marshals and the Weaver boy were killed.

Weaver's wife subsequently was fatally shot in the head by an FBI sharpshooter who said he was trying to shoot Weaver.

The FBI agents were acting under rules of engagement that a federal appeals court ruled this year "are patently unconstitutional for a police action."

Freeh was not FBI director when the rules were put in place.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



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Tuesday, Aug. 7, 2001

In whatever you do in the year ahead, chances are things will be done on your part on a grander scale than you've done them in the past. This will take you to new heights.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Shout it loud and clear today if you have something worthy to announce that you know others would be interested hearing. They'll all be ready to jump on board. Trying to patch up a broken romance?

The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — There is something you can do today that could produce benefits for you as well as for others, albeit it you might have to do so without drawing any attention to yourself. Don't hesitate.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Once you get on a roll today, others who are slow had better step aside. You won't mind anybody jumping on board, but they'll have to be pretty sharp to do so.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Positive measures can be taken today to further your personal ambitions. You won't have to keep a low profile or be fearful of revealing your intentions. All will be in support.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Express your ideas to the fullest today to those who you know would be receptive. Not only will they be amenable to your thoughts, they'll be impressed as well.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — When establishing your objectives today, don't be afraid to elevate them further. You will perform remarkably well when you push yourself a bit higher than usual.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Today is the time to put all your cards on the table if there is an important agreement you need to negotiate. Chances are a quick understanding will be reached.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — You're not apt to waste neither time nor motion in performing your assignments today. Your modus operandi will be extremely efficient and productive.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Although your innate instincts are to operate independent from others, sometimes two heads are better than one. This could be one of those days when working in tandem is better.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — From an unselfish desire to do what you can to help others today, you could end up receiving rewards for which you didn't ask nor expect. Accept them; you'll have deserved them.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — A person who you wouldn't mind meeting up with again has something interesting to discuss with you and may contact you today. It could turn out to be a very fortuitous get-together.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — There's a good chance you could be showered today with more material opportunities than usual. You won't have any trouble knowing what to do with them.

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Comedian Jon Lovitz is trained inovator

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Comedian Jon Lovitz says he is a trained innovator.

Lovitz, one of many co-stars in the upcoming ensemble movie "Rat Race," said he isn't one of those trained stage actors who think they're too good for movies.

But he admits he likes to take control of a scene.

"There are some actors who say, 'What do you want me to do? I'll do whatever you want,' and that's all they do," Lovitz told the Los Angeles Times in Sunday's edition. "I kind of go to the other extreme. I say, 'I have an idea. Can I try something?'"

The drive to innovate comes from his training as an actor at the University of California at Irvine, he said.

"We'd do a scene, and they'd say, 'That's good, but you could do this, or you could do this'," Lovitz said.

"Rat Race" opens nationwide Aug. 17.



Scurry County

Sharp Image Energy will drill the No. 1-129 Neely, a 7,500-foot wildcat located four miles west of Ira. Location is in Section 1929, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Rocker A Operating Compan will drill the No. 3-D CHV-Browning in the Corazon field, three miles north of Fluvanna. Planned for a dpeth of 2,980 feet, drill site is in Section 541, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Garza County

Bright and Co. will drill the No. 1 Craig, a 9,400-foot wildcat located one mile south of Close City. Location is in Section 1316, Block 1, H&OB survey.

Fisher County

Oak Resources will drill the No. 1 Cox in the Claytonville field, 12 miles southwest of Roby. Planned for a depth of 5,600 feet, drill site is in Section 188, Block 3, H&TC survey.

Nolan County

Aspen Exploration Inc. will drill the No. 1 Linda Arledge, a 7,500-foot wildcat located 15 miles west of Blackwell. Location is in Section 236, Block 1-a, H&TC survey.

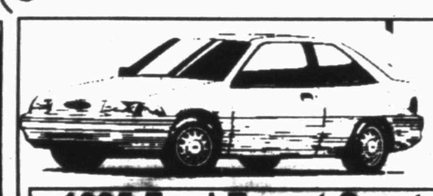
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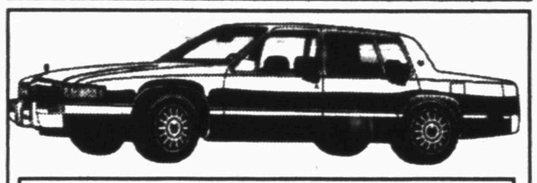


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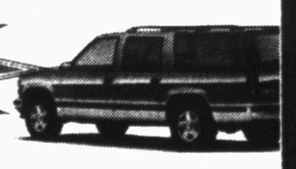


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