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Shakespeare primer...



SHAKESPEARE PARODIES — Brad Vincent, center, Snyder High School drama director, and two former students, Trevor Vaughn and Michael Simpson, will present the abridged version of *The Compleat Wrks of Willm Shkspr* Friday and Saturday at Worsham Auditorium. Performances are set for 7:30 p.m. Admission is $5 at the door. Zachary Moore, not pictured, is the director. (Contributed Photo)

Drama instructor in variety of Shakespeare productions

A spoof of Shakespeare's plays will feature Brad Vincent, Snyder High School drama director.

The Reduced Shakespeare Company will stage two performances of an abridged version *The Compleat Wrks of Willm Shkspr* Friday and Saturday at Worsham Auditorium.

Performances are set for 7:30 p.m. Admission is $5 at the door with a percentage of proceeds going to the Worsham Foundation.

In what has been described as a classical *Greater Tuna*, Vincent, and two former students will perform parodies as Romero and Juliet, Othello and Hamlet.

The three performers will cover all of Shakespeare's 37 plays in under two hours.

Former Vincent student, Zachary Moore, who currently serves as the drama director at Alvarado High School, directs the fast-paced comedy.

Moore last presented *Godspell* at the Ritz Theatre in the summer of 1998. In addition to Vincent, performers include Michael Simpson, a student at the Julliard School in New York City, and Trevor Vaughn, currently enrolled at North Carolina School of the Arts, considered by many to be one of the top two undergraduate acting programs in the country.

"It's been a lot of fun acting with former students," Vincent said. "I feel a little out of practice, so I hope I can keep up with them."

Just as in the Texas based *Greater Tuna*, the actors perform multiple characters — men as well as women.

"Michael's portrayal as Juliet is my favorite," Vaughn said. "Although both Simpson and Vincent won state honors with Romeo, Moore thought I should have my chance to play him. I get to see Michael's Juliet up close. It isn't pretty."

The stop in Snyder is the last leg of a three-city tour.

"We rehearsed and opened the show in Alvarado, where I have everything where I need it," Moore said. "After that, we performed in McKinney, so Trevor and Michael's fans could see them.

The Snyder performance will be the first time Vincent has performed in Worsham Auditorium since graduating in 1987. "I'm kinda nervous," he said. "Performing in front of my current students will be awkward. I'm most excited that Michael and Trevor get to perform on Worsham's stage. Although they knew him briefly, they had a tremendous amount of reverence for him."

The performance at SHS also holds bittersweet feelings for Moore.

"Worsham directed me at the University of Texas one summer and had been a mentor. To have a play of mine be performed on his stage is an honor I really can't put into words."

Post office move went smoothly

Snyder postmaster Dale Lipsett said the transition from the old post office to the new one is going well, despite a few glitches.

"Monday was a bad day, but not because of the new building," he said. "We had a lot of people out that day, but we still managed to get the mail out pretty close to on time."

Lipsett said he has received few comments on the building and some have been negative ones.

"Some people have commented negatively on the looks of the building," he said. "This is pretty much what all of the new post offices look like. The only question with each one is the size of the building, not the appearance."

Lipsett, though, is proud of the new building and its "genuine Texas rock. The stone they used for this building is from right here in our state. It will stand for a long time and requires almost no maintenance."

Others have questioned Lipsett on why the new post office is so much bigger than the old one.

"This office really isn't much bigger at all," he said. "There is a lot more room in the lobby and box area, so what the public sees

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TDCJ positions are filled by former COs

Janie Cockrell, a 25-year veteran of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, has been named director of the agency's Institutional Division that oversees 73 prison units housing 130,000 inmates.

Cockrell's appointment was announced today by TDCJ's new executive director Gary Johnson. Johnson had been serving in the post to which he appointed Cockrell.

Cockrell, 48, like Johnson, worked her way up the ranks of the prison system from correctional officer to become the institutional division's deputy director for security in 1997.

"Janie is a valuable blend of formal education, professional experience and good common sense," said Johnson. "Her management ability is widely respected throughout the system."

The Institutional Division represents the lion's share of TDCJ's annual budget of $2 billion. The State Jail Division oversees 17 state jails and eight substance abuse treatment facilities.

Cockrell, a native of Corrigan in Polk County, began her career with the prison system as a correctional officer in 1976. In 1981, she supervised all correctional counselors in the classification of offenders. She was promoted to assistant warden at the Gatesville Unit in 1985, and became senior warden at the Powledge Unit in 1990.

More recent duties include regional director, deputy director of support services where she had oversight of the classifications and records department, and the food service, laundry and community liaison office.

She earned her bachelor of science degree in criminology and corrections from Sam Houston State University.

Johnson also announced the creation of a new operations division to oversee the support function of the institutional division.

"This frees prison administrators to focus on security and public safety," said Johnson.

Johnson named Ed Owens, 43, another long-time veteran of the system as the director of the new division. This division will manage such prison functions as food service, inmate transportation, laundry, record keeping, officer training and community liaison.

"It's best to place all these jobs under a single unit in order to better serve their needs," said Owens. "Our philosophy has been good, but this move will make the individual departments more efficient and relieve their staff of some of their tasks."

Owens began his career as a correction officer in 1977 and advance through the ranks reaching senior warden and regional director.

He has been deputy director of the institutional division since 1997.

He is also a graduate of Sam Houston State University with a degree in criminology and corrections.

SHS sets ninth grade orientation

Orientation for ninth graders and students new to Snyder High School is set for 1:30 p.m. Thursday at Worsham Auditorium.

Students will tour the building, learn where their lockers are and be given other pertinent information.

For more information, call the high school at 573-6301, or the counselors' office at 574-6049.

TAAS COMPARISON
2000 District and 2001 District/Region/State

Grade/ Subject	2000 District	2001 District	2001 Region	2001 State	Accountability Rating
Grade 3					Recognized
Reading	95	94	92	86	
Math	81	87	89	82	
Grade 4					Recognized
Reading	94	97	94	90	
Math	89	95	96	91	
Writing	90	91	93	89	
Grade 5					Recognized
Reading	92	91	94	90	
Math	96	97	98	94	
Grade 6					Recognized
Reading	93	91	91	85	
Math	98	95	95	91	
Grade 7					Recognized
Reading	86	92	94	89	
Math	96	95	94	89	
Grade 8					Recognized
Reading	98	95	95	91	
Math	99	95	96	92	
Writing	90	93	90	85	
Science	94	91	95	91	
Social Studies	88	79	94	76	
Exit					Recognized
Reading	92	93	92	90	
Math	93	89	91	89	
Writing	94	91	91	89	

RECOGNIZED CAMPUSES - Snyder Independent School District has received the 2001 accountability rating and every campus received a rating of recognized. The chart gives a comparison of local, region and state-wide TAAS scores.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Late night TV gives new meaning to the term boob tube."

We were reading an article on tipping and were surprised to learn that more and more service industry folks are expecting monetary gifts of appreciation.

Tipping a waiter has long been a tradition, and we think good service does merit financial recognition. But we're from the old school where lousy service should get an equal lousy reward.

A fellow once advised to always leave a tip for bad service. He said a penny says a lot more than leaving nothing, and reminds the server that you didn't forget.

Now we learn that you are supposed to tip the doorman, the valet parking guy, the bellhops and even the maid that straightens up the room.

We once failed, because of no service, to tip in a Lubbock restaurant and the waiter tried to get even by running the credit card through twice. Luckily, we caught it on the monthly bill.

Most of our acquaintances don't tip at this level.

An investment executive on business in Chicago thought his cocktail waitress deserved better than 15 or 20 percent.

A wire story told about John Boc, chief executive officer of an investment company in Quincy, Mass., who tipped Colleen Gallagher $11,000 last April after having drinks in a Chicago club.

The waitress received the hefty "thank you" from the credit card company recently. She was having a bad night, having earned only $11 in tips when she waited on the business executive.

She reported he said, "How's life treating you?"

The waitress responded that she had better days and it just went on from there. She said she revealed to the customer that she was struggling to make ends meet, having difficulty finding an affordable apartment and providing for her two young sons.

When asked, the waitress revealed that her biggest tip ever was a hundred dollar bill.

The customer handed her a credit card to pay for the drinks and instructed her to give herself a $1,000 tip.

When asked why, the customer explained, "Because I have the money, and it's not important."

Just a few minutes later, the customer handed her another credit card and told her to ring up another $10,000 tip.

Wow, those drinks must have been something else!

ASK US

Q—Does the new post office have a different phone number?

A—Yes. The new number is 573-5505.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Tuesday, 98 degrees; low, 75; 7 a.m. reading Wednesday, 75; no precipitation; total for 2001, 9.45 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly clear, low upper 70s. Thursday, partly cloudy, high around 100. Thursday night, mostly clear, low upper 70s.

Veronica Morin
Hot

Sunset:
8:39 p.m.
Sunrise:
7:02 a.m.
Of 212 days in 2001, the sun has shone 200 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

The basic problem most people have is that they are doing nothing to solve their basic problem.
—Bob Richardson

AUG 01 2001

Senators want to update mental health bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senators say they are closing a loophole in a federal law meant to force insurers to cover mental health conditions as they would any other medical problem.

Sens. Paul Wellstone, D-Minn., and Pete Domenici, R-N.M., want to update a 1996 bill that is set to expire this fall. The act's flaw, the senators said, is that it dictates equal footing only for annual and lifetime benefits provided patients. The new fix would prevent health plans from limiting hospital stays and doctors' visits for treatment of mental health symptoms.

"The big problem was that people were cut off from the very beginning, so how much you spent in a year or in a lifetime was beside the point," Wellstone said in a recent interview.

The legislation does not require companies to offer mental health coverage as part of employee health benefits. Instead, companies that do must provide the same level of coverage for mental health as they do for physical health, from routine checkups to major surgery. Insurers would have to charge the same co-payments and deductibles for either types of conditions, whether influenza or schizophrenia.

Sponsors said the original legislation was not as expansive because of political considerations. The Senate Health, Labor and Pensions Committee is set to vote on the new, expanded version of the law today; supporters expected it to head for a full Senate vote by the end of the session.

But Sen. Judd Gregg, R-N.H., has expressed strong opposition to the bill, saying Senate leaders were not allowing other voices to be heard.

Advocates have argued the human brain, as important as any other organ, should be treated as such.

"Current law is at best a partial parity that leaves many people vulnerable to inferior insurance coverage," said Ralph Ibson, a lobbyist with the National Mental Health Association.

The Surgeon General's Office has said mental disorders affect almost one in five Americans. Two-thirds never seek treatment, including even people with severe mental illness.

Health plans and employers who provide insurance coverage contend the plan amounts to a mandate from the Washington.

James Klein, president of American Benefits Council, said the plan would cause some employers to drop mental health coverage altogether. The council represents large employers who provide health coverage to workers.

Klein said the new mental health parity plan "would be one of the most restrictive and intrusive requirements ever imposed by Congress on the health benefits voluntarily offered by employers to their employees."

Backers insist that increasing patients' mental health coverage will save money that is now lost to lost decreased productivity and wages. Congressional budget analysts estimated that the new plan would raise insurance premiums for individuals by 1 percent each year.

The mental health association's Ibson said rates have not risen beyond workers' means in the more than 30 states that have passed mental health parity laws.

The new plan has its drawbacks, say supporters and advocates. The Senate version does not cover equal coverage for substance abuse treatments.

"You have even more stigma in this area," said Wellstone, who promised to back future legislation. "You don't have the same people, families stepping forward with the same kind of full force. We need more of that."

A House plan would add substance abuse treatments to an overall mental health parity bill; leaders there have not scheduled a debate on the bill.

The bill is S. 543

On the Net: Senate Health, Labor and Pensions Committee: http://labor.senate.gov/

National Mental Health Association: http://www.nmha.org

American Benefits Council: http://www.americanbenefitscouncil.org/

$5.8M raised for re-election campaign

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — California Gov. Gray Davis was the state's most prolific fund-raiser during the first six months of the year, raising $5.8 million for his re-election bid, according to campaign finance documents.

The contributions from an array of donors, including the wife of a potential Republican opponent, bring the Democrat's campaign treasury to $30.5 million.

Davis' nearly million-dollar-a-month fund-raising pace was disclosed Tuesday in campaign finance documents covering the first half of the year, when the state was hit with rolling blackouts and Davis saw his popularity slide.

Davis' contributions dwarfed those of his two declared GOP challengers. Secretary of State Bill Jones' gubernatorial campaign received $960,000 during the six-month period, while Los Angeles businessman William E. Simon Jr. took in $2.9 million.

The campaign finance figures also show that the Davis campaign has spent $1.9 million, with more than a year to go before the election.

The governor's contributions include a $10,000 donation from Nancy M. Daly, wife of former Los Angeles Mayor Richard Riordan. Riordan, a Republican, has formed an exploratory committee to look into a possible run against Davis.

Riordan has been encouraged to run by President Bush and is thought to be the most formidable potential Republican candidate. He has won two elections in Democrat-dominated Los Angeles and can finance much of his own campaign.

In campaigns for lesser statewide officers, state Assemblyman Kevin Shelley led the way in fund-raising with more than $1.1 million in contributions for his bid for secretary of state.

The campaign finance figures also showed that this year's mayoral race in Los Angeles was the city's costliest ever, with the major candidates spending $25.24 million in the primary and June 5 runoff.

The sum tops the record of $21.6 million set in 1993, the last year a race for Los Angeles mayor went into a runoff.

According to the new figures, the winner of this year's election, James Hahn, spent a total of $7.28 million.

As the new figures were released, one of the governor's Republican challengers called on Davis to dismiss his press secretary for purchasing stock from an energy company that has valuable state contracts.

Jones, the secretary of state, said Steve Maviglio should be dismissed for conflict-of-interest violations and unethical behavior. He said the press secretary has "enormous power, particularly in a crisis, to affect financial markets."

Maviglio confirmed Tuesday that on June 20 he bought 300 shares of stock in Calpine Corp., a San Jose-based power generator that has received about $13 billion in state contracts to supply electricity.

Maviglio refused to resign. He also said he won't sell the stock, which he purchased for $12,000, unless asked to by Davis or his lawyers.

Hilary McLean, a spokeswoman for the governor, said Tuesday that Davis "has total confidence in Steve."

events

TEXAS LOTTERY

RESULTS

Cash Five

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

8-10-27-28-19

Pick 3

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

8-5-5

Berry's World



"TROPHY HOME!"

Date Book

Wednesday, Aug. 1, 2001

Today is the 213th day of 2001 and the 42nd day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1861, James Van Houten of Savannah, Ga., received the first patent granted by the Confederate government. The patent was for a breech-loading gun.

On this day in 1921, the Norden bombsight was successfully tested at high altitudes at a military base near Yorktown, Va.

On this day in 1986, actress Tatum O'Neal and tennis player John McEnroe were married in Oyster Bay, N.Y.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: William Clark (1770-1838), U.S. explorer; Francis Scott Key (1779-1843), poet; Richard Henry Dana (1815-1882), writer; Herman Melville (1819-1891), writer; Al D'Amato (1937-), U.S. Senator, is 64; Jerry Garcia (1942-1995), musician; Gregg Jefferies (1967-), baseball player, is 34.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1978, the pitching of Atlanta's Larry McWilliams and Gene Garber broke Pete Rose's 44-game hitting streak.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "We cannot live only for ourselves. A thousand fibers connect us with our fellow men." — Herman Melville

TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (July 27) and full moon (Aug. 4).

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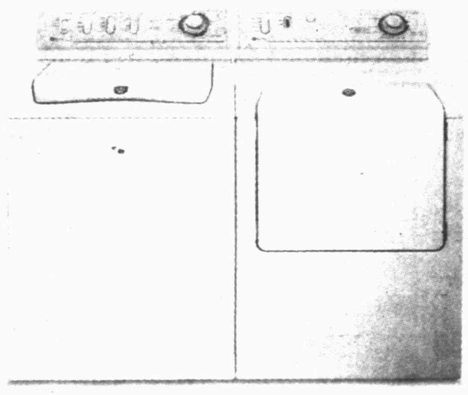
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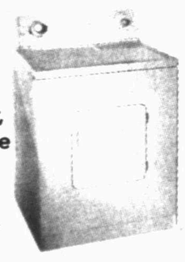
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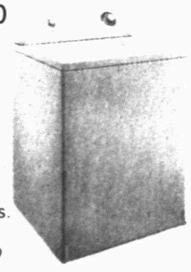


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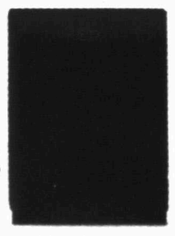
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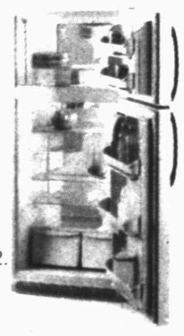
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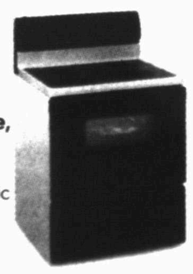
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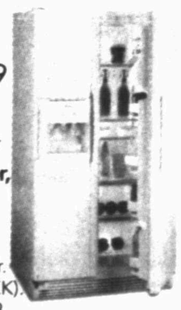
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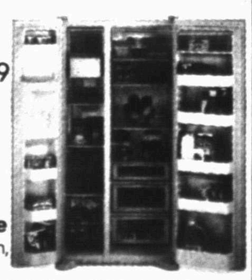
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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Thursday, Aug. 2, 2001

In the year ahead, you'll have ample chances to strengthen the bonds between you and someone who is important to you. Increased consideration, mutually shared, will benefit both parties.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — If you think you're getting the short end of things today, check your spectacles. It might be you who is incapable of seeing things from the other guy's perspective.

Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. 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) — Putting too much stock in something not based on logic could lead you down the garden path today. Only common sense and intellectual evaluations take you anyplace.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Your gestures towards your friends today might not be as sincere as they should be. If you have any strings attached to what you do, you could end up being the one tied up in knots.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — In your dealings with friends today, poor behavior could end up being placed under the magnifying glass. Don't blow things out of proportion and watch what you say or do.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Be extremely careful what you write or say about another today. It could end up being construed as mean spirited or spiteful by those who are at the receiving end of your communications.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Revealing your confidential, financial information today to anybody but those who need it to secure a loan for you could end up being turned over to people who can hurt your reputation.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — For the sake of expediency today, you might make a poor judgment call without thinking through the consequences. Actions of this ilk could put you in an awkward position later.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Should you get into one of your moods today where negative thinking overtakes all else, you will most assuredly find yourself down in the dumps. Concentrate on happy thoughts.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Be on guard today, for someone who has never been too friendly to you previously suddenly shows an interest in you. This person might have a selfish, ulterior motive.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — You may be harboring a false premise about what you think is owed you today concerning your work or career, or even a bad protective attitude with your cohorts. Turn yourself around.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Even though some juicy tidbits you know are gossip rather than gospel may be tantalizing and exciting, don't stoop to the level of passing them on to others today. Be above it all.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — What could throw things out of kilter for you today is that you'll have a pretty good handle on larger matters, but not be able to understand the smaller issues. It's the details that matter.

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder



	North ♠ J 9 7 ♥ A K 10 6 ♦ A Q 7 ♣ A K 10	08-01-01
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	South ♠ 5 3 2 ♥ Q J 8 2 ♦ 10 ♣ J 9 7 6 5	

Dealer: East
Vulnerable: Neither

South	West	North	East
			Pass
Pass	1 ♠	Dbl.	2 ♠
3 ♥	Pass	4 ♥	All pass

Opening lead: ♠ A

Wednesday, Aug. 1, 2001

It takes two to tango at bridge

By Phillip Alder

This deal, from the 1989 pro-am event in New York City, was ruefully reported to me by the pro sitting East.

Raising with a doubleton top honor in this position is a good tactical move. First, it will probably persuade partner to make the best opening lead. Also, both opponents will tend to overvalue their fit, each thinking partner is shorter in spades than he actually is.

There was a case for West's starting with a low spade, but understandably she selected the ace. Reading the position correctly, East unblocked the king! Now they were in a position for a coup: spade queen, spade ruff, and sit back to await the probable club queen.

There was just one snag: Despite her and dummy's holdings in the suit, West thought the spade king was a suit-preference signal for diamonds! She switched smartly to the eight of that suit.

Things got even worse for the defenders. South — a pro — won with dummy's queen, drew three rounds of trumps ending in hand, and played a club to the king. Only then did declarer notice that he had only one hand entry remaining (a diamond ruff). He couldn't return to hand, take a winning club finesse (as he expected), and run the clubs. He was forced into continuing clubs from the top. When East's queen dropped, South claimed 12 tricks.

East ended his story with a sorrowful smile. "I had a chance for the Defense of the Year title on the first board. Why did this deal have to come up in a pro-am?"

(Phillip Alder is happy to receive deals for possible publication in the column. Submit them in care of this newspaper.)

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Woman gets 61/2 year sentence in foster son's death

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — A woman was sentenced to 61/2 years in prison in the death of her 4-year-old foster child whom she left in a closed car parked in the sun for hours.

Tamera A. Coffee, 34, pleaded guilty in April to second-degree murder.

At a hearing Tuesday, the judge also imposed five years of supervision once Coffee is released and required that she undergo mental health treatment.

Andres Saragos died from heat exhaustion July 13, 2000 on the Warm Springs Indian Reservation. Temperatures in the sun-baked reservation town topped 90 degrees that day.

Coffee told tribal police and the FBI that she left the child in the car with the windows cracked because she was angry with him for refusing to swim with his classmates. He said he didn't feel well, and Coffee thought the boy was faking, said prosecutor Bill Williams.

Coffee's attorney, Andrew Bates, said in court papers that his client knew at the time that her foster son could be hurt or killed, but that she had decided to take her chances.

Troubled by the boy's death, tribal officials had said they want to take a close look at the child welfare system.

On the Net:

Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs: http://www.warmsprings.com

Report says HUD does not ensure that property owners make needed repairs

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government frequently grants clean bills of health to buildings that provide federally subsidized housing for the poor despite the landlords' failure to make badly needed repairs, congressional investigators said.

That means thousands of tenants live in buildings with problems ranging from the minor, such as cracked windows, to the dangerous, like exposed electrical wiring and cracked foundations, said the General Accounting Office, Congress' investigative arm.

For a report released Tuesday, the GAO focused on 95 privately owned, but federally subsidized apartment buildings that had been marked for repairs by government inspectors in metropolitan areas around the country.

More than three-quarters of the properties where problems remained were nonetheless deemed OK by Department of Housing and Urban Development staff, the GAO found. And more than half of the buildings were reclassified as repaired when at least a quarter of their worst problems had still not been addressed.

"Most of the properties that HUD classified as repaired in its database had uncorrected physical problems," the report concluded. "As a result of these problems, tenants residing in properties that HUD regards as repaired may be living in unsatisfactory conditions."

Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., who requested the study along with Rep. Marge Roukema, R-N.J., said the report may slightly exaggerate the problem. But he believes the GAO's conclusions show HUD needs a larger staff to do its job well.

"I don't think these are bad people," said Frank, the top Democrat on the House Financial Services housing subcommittee. "I think it is symptomatic of the inadequate resources we are giving them."

In a response included with the report, HUD said recent changes have improved oversight of its multifamily properties and new guidelines are coming to clarify what is required before a property is cleared.

"HUD is now in a better position than ever before to manage its large complex inventory of rental housing portfolio," wrote Sean Cassidy, HUD's general deputy assistant secretary for housing.

About 2 million low- and moderate-income American families live in the approximately 30,000 privately owned multifamily buildings that receive some sort of assistance from HUD, whether through rent subsidies, federally underwritten mortgage insurance or federal financing, in return for offering affordable housing.

Federal law requires HUD to make sure that housing is safe, decent, sanitary and in good repair.

The GAO singled out 499 metropolitan-area properties that HUD inspectors had identified as being in substandard condition and that were classified as repaired during the fiscal year that ended last October. About 10 percent of HUD-assisted multifamily housing is typically designated substandard, the GAO said.

GAO investigators analyzed documentation on HUD's follow-up efforts for a sample of 95 of the 499 buildings and visited 35 of the buildings. From the findings in that sample, they estimated overall percentages for the program.

HUD critics have long suspected that the agency does not hold its landlords accountable for conditions in buildings that often house the poor.

The GAO found that the vast majority of the buildings were classified as repaired even though HUD field offices had not received required documentation from landlords, such as detailed repair plans and letters certifying repairs had been made.

Nearly a third of the buildings where serious safety violations had been found were said to be fixed with either no certification letter or a letter stating not all the repairs had been made, the report said.

Man arrested in connection with 3 slayings

WHITE RIVER JUNCTION, Vt. (AP) — Prosecutors in two states said they would seek murder charges against a man suspected in the slayings of three people in New England.

Gary Sampson, 41, of Tamworth, N.H., was arrested in Plymouth, Vt., on Tuesday after he tried to carjack a vehicle. Prosecutors declined to say what led them to suspect his involvement in the slayings.

Plymouth County, Mass., District Attorney Michael Sullivan said his office would seek murder charges in connection with the deaths of Jonathan Rizzo, a 19-year-old college student, and Philip McCloskey, 69.

McCloskey's body was found stabbed several times and covered with leaves last week in Marshfield, Mass., about a half mile from where his car had been discovered two days earlier. Massachusetts officers found Rizzo's body Tuesday night in some woods in Abington, Mass.

New Hampshire authorities had discovered Rizzo's car Monday in Meredith, N.H., near a lakeside summer home where they also discovered the body of 58-year-old Robert Whitney, of Concord, N.H.

Sullivan said New Hampshire authorities would seek a warrant charging Sampson in Whitney's death.

Sampson's arraignment on carjacking, assault, robbery, and burglary charges was scheduled today in Vermont.

Don Murray, a close friend of Whitney, said Whitney had been checking on the house as a favor to its elderly owner.

Neighbor Barbara Smart said she heard noise at the home early Sunday and "passed it off as firecrackers."

It was not clear when Sampson would be returned to New Hampshire and Massachusetts to face the possible murder charges.



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ACROSS

1 Giraffe's kin
6 Bee's home
10 Rattle that's a percussion instrument
12 Able to move spontaneously
14 Piano pieces
15 Take off part of a Halloween costume
16 Tennis-court divider
17 Annapolis grad
19 Wings
20 Diversity
23 Choose from the menu
26 — degree
27 Canine cry
30 TV's Safer
32 New teacher's career goal
34 Conceive
35 Fill with love
36 Newsman Koppel
37 Chance
39 Fanatic
40 Wedded
42 Nonprofit org.
45 San Francisco's — Hill
46 Unclose (poet.)
49 Hitchcock movie
51 Avoider
54 Made amends
55 Musician Cugat
56 Mark of a wound
57 Head supports

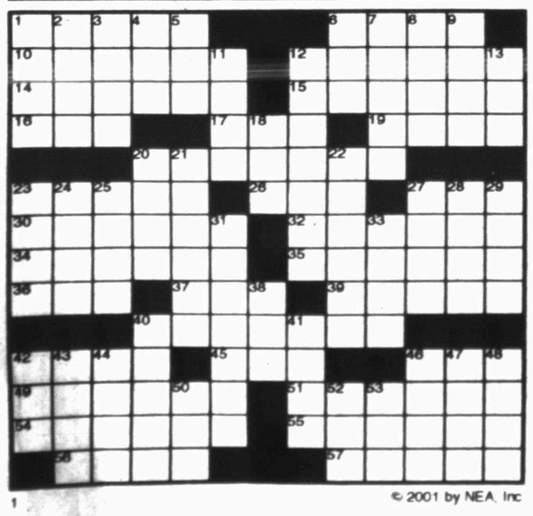
DOWN

1 Sign of the future
2 Actress Winslet
3 In — — (bored)
4 Small cushion
5 Cold cubes
6 Sweetie
7 "To whom — — concern"
8 Small container
9 Adamson's lioness
11 Jacob's son
12 French bagpipe
13 — out (stretch)
18 Author Anais —
20 Constellation near Pyxis
21 She got "respect"
22 From there
23 Fail to mention
24 Went by car
25 Slave Scott
27 Arizona city
28 Golf club
29 Worker's extra benefit
31 Longed (for)
33 Ointment
38 Paid athlete
40 Heavenly food
41 Wild goat
42 Singer Sumac
43 Small rugs
44 Gator's kin
46 Of some poems
47 Furtive glimpse
48 Slips up
50 Comparative ending
52 Pianist Cliburn
53 St. crosser

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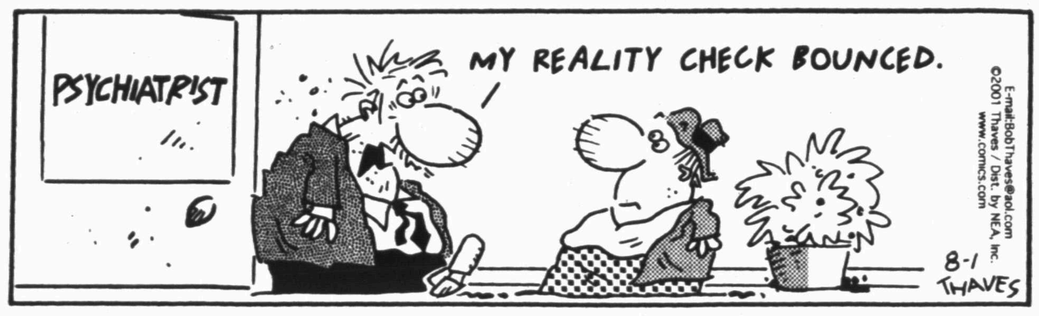
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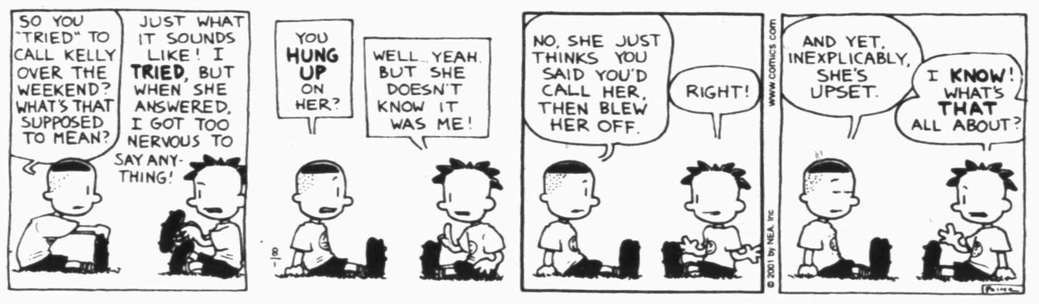
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SPORTS

Rangers top Yanks, post first winning month

NEW YORK (AP) — Alex Rodriguez struck out in the first and grounded out in the fourth.

And the New York crowd of 45,978 was enjoying it, booing heartily when the $252 milion shortstop came to the plate, cheering boisterously when he made an out.

Then in the seventh, Rodriguez figured out Yankees starter Ted Lilly, hitting a 1-2 pitch over the left-center field wall, which tied the score at 2 and quieted the crowd.

Ivan Rodriguez hit his 21st homer of the season one out later, chasing Lilly, and the Rangers went on to end New York's eight-game winning streak Tuesday night, 6-2.

"He's got good stuff," Alex Rodriguez said of Lilly. "He's real sneaky. I finally got the timing down."

Rafael Palmeiro also homered for the Rangers, who won for the eighth time in nine games to finish out their first winning month (17-10) since May 2000.

Lilly (3-4), seemingly invigorated by the vote of confidence he received from the Yankees when they chose to demote Randy Keisler to Triple-A Columbus to make room for newly acquired starter Sterling Hitchcock, struck out the side in the first.

"I can't find a lot of fault in what he did. He's earned his way here. He's earned the right to stay here," manager Joe Torre said.

Lilly did not allow a baserunner until Palmeiro homered — his 28th — to lead off the fifth. He allowed four hits in 6 1-3 innings while striking out eight and walking none. But the one pitch he wanted back was the one he made to Alex Rodriguez.

"It was a physical mistake. It was a pitch I wanted to throw, but I left it up," he said.

Darren Oliver (9-6) won his second straight start after losing four in a row. The left-hander controlled a Yankees lineup, with Derek Jeter batting third for just the third time this season, that outscored opponents 68-25 during the winning streak.

"He threw strikes, he kept coming at people, mixed his pitches up," Torre said.

Oliver pitched seven innings and improved to 4-1 lifetime against the Yankees. Jeff Zimmerman got the last out for his 21st save.

The Yankees started eight right-handed hitters against Oliver, though not entirely by choice. First baseman Tino Martinez was a pregame scratch when he was hit in the face by a ball while in the batting cage. After the game, Martinez said he could've pinch hit.

Switch-hitting catcher Jorge Posada had a stomach illness and did not play. Todd Greene had two hits and scored a run as Posada's replacement.

New York scored first, getting an unearned run in the fourth on Shane Spencer's single.

After Palmeiro homered in the top of the fifth, the Yankees took a 2-1 lead in the bottom half when Chuck Knoblauch hit a two-out triple to score Greene, who singled.

Ricky Ledee's RBI double made it 4-2 in the seventh and the Rangers scored in the ninth when Michael Young hit a two-run single off Mark Wohlers.

"He's really advanced quickly. He's not just going up there swinging at first pitches," Texas manager Jerry Narron said of Young.

Seattle SuperSonics eye Mav's Calvin Booth

SEATTLE (AP) — The Seattle SuperSonics, looking for a starting center after the departure of Patrick Ewing, have signed Dallas Mavericks backup center Calvin Booth to an offer sheet.

The Mavericks have 15 days to match the Sonics' offer, but they are over the salary cap and would have to make a trade in order to clear enough room to keep Booth, a restricted free agent.

Booth signed a six-year offer worth a little more than $34 million, according to a source who refused to be identified. That would be close to the league average and similar to deals reached this summer by Nazr Mohammed with Atlanta and Todd MacCulloch with New Jersey.

The team did not disclose terms.

The offer includes $4,539,000 in the first year, $1,000 more than the limit of $4,538,000 that the Mavericks could offer under the midlevel exception to the salary cap, the Seattle Post-Intelligencer reported.

"We were going to match any offer, but (Seattle) took that away," Dallas coach and general manager Don Nelson told the Fort Worth (Texas) Star-Telegram. "We couldn't match when he went over the limit."

The Sonics had more room under their salary cap because they let Ruben Patterson leave as a free agent and sign with the Portland Trail Blazers on Monday.

The 6-foot-11, 241-pound Booth becomes the first veteran player signed by the Sonics since their 2000-2001 season ended April 18.

The Sonics have lost Emanual Davis, Jelani McCoy, Ruben Wolkowyski, David Wingate, Ewing and Patterson off their roster. Ewing was Seattle's starting center for one season and will play for Orlando next season.

"Calvin was definitely at the top of our list this summer," Sonics coach Nate McMillan said. "I feel he is one of the up-and-coming centers in the league."

Cowboys counting on Dexter Coakley

WICHITA FALLS (AP) — After giving linebacker Dexter Coakley a $25 million contract with a $5.5 million bonus, the Dallas Cowboys are planning to get their money's worth.

In restructuring their defense to avoid repeating last season's problems against the run, the Cowboys have made Coakley their centerpiece.

Defensive coordinator Mike Zimmer plans to use Coakley at all three linebacker spots and to try hiding him behind linemen. Zimmer hopes the screen and the movement will make offenses overlook the speedy but undersized Coakley.

"I wasn't protected last year and teams took advantage of that," Coakley said. "The coaches saw that, went back to the drawing board and said, 'Hey, we want this guy covered up because we want him to fly around and make plays.'"

Coakley made the Pro Bowl in 1999 when he had a team-high four interceptions and nine passes defended. Last season, when Dallas gave up the most yards rushing in the NFL and in franchise history, Coakley had no interceptions and just two passes defended.

Coakley went into free agency and seemed likely to become an ex-Cowboy considering that Jerry Jones had never kept a linebacker once he hit the open market. This time, he made an exception, locking up Coakley for six years.

Once Zimmer knew Coakley would return he began shifting the pieces around to help free him and Dat Nguyen, who is also small and fast, to make plays in the backfield.

The success of the new scheme is based on everyone playing their role.

It starts at the line, where tackle Brandon Noble will line up over the center, instead of a guard, and tackle Michael Myers will set up at an angle to avoid being double-teamed. The ends also are being tilted.

Viking tackle dies from heat stroke

MANKATO, Minn. (AP) — Pro Bowl tackle Korey Stringer died this morning of heat stroke, a day after collapsing at the Minnesota Vikings' training camp on the hottest day of the year.

Stringer, 27, vomited at least three times during Tuesday morning's practice but didn't summon a trainer until the session had ended.

The 335-pound lineman developed symptoms of heat stroke, including weakness and rapid breathing, following the practice session.

Stringer was unconscious when he arrived at Immanuel St. Joseph's-Mayo Health System in Mankato, and had a temperature of over 108 degrees.

A statement from the Vikings said his organs failed throughout the day, requiring attention of multiple specialists and staff.

Stringer never regained consciousness and his heart failed at 1:50 a.m. CDT.

Stringer's death came six days after University of Florida freshman Eraste Autin died six days after collapsing of heat stroke. Figures from the University of North Carolina show that 18 high school or college players have died of heat-related causes since 1995.

Astros win twice: on field, with trade

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Astros beat the New York Mets on the field and tried to keep up with the Chicago Cubs before the trading deadline.

It was an all-around good day for the Astros, who improved themselves with a trade earlier in the day before Craig Biggio's 10th-inning homer gave them a 3-2 victory over the New York Mets on Tuesday night.

"This was a weird day. We couldn't seem to get anything started," Biggio said. "They played well and made some pitches. I just tried to hit the ball hard and get it up in the air."

The ball went well over the fence in left field, capping a day when the Astros acquired right-hander Pedro Astacio from Colorado and reliever Mike Williams from Pittsburgh.

"We were kind of flat. Maybe both teams were because so much was going on," Jeff Bagwell said. "They had a lot happening and we had a couple of teammates leave.

"But the bottom line was we got a big win and we made some really good moves, so it was a good day overall."

The Astros went into the game feeling positive after sending Scott Elarton to the Rockies and Tony McKnight to the Pirates just before the trading deadline.

"I feel better," Astros manager Larry Dierker said. "The Cubs have been trying to improve for the stretch run and they're already ahead of us, so we had to do something to narrow the talent gap."

The Astros got a solid start by Dave Mlicki and a rousing performance by Octavio Dotel, who struck out the side in the seventh inning, getting a standing ovation for his final victim, Mike Piazza.

"It was an exciting moment," Dotel said. "I feel like my house liked me. I felt real comfortable when I saw that. I've seen that in the ninth, but never in the seventh."

Biggio's 16th homer came off Jerrod Riggan (0-1). Nelson Cruz (2-1) pitched the 10th to get the win for Houston.

"That's what happens when you face a good hitter like that in a ballpark like this," Riggan said. "I try not to think about that wall. But it's always in the back of your mind. But with the ball he hit, it wouldn't have mattered."

Glendon Rusch, mentioned in possible trade talks with Houston, pitched six strong innings before loading the bases with no outs on a pair of singles and a hit batsman to start the seventh.

Rick White came in and kept the game tied at 2. He got Vinny Castilla to hit a grounder that shortstop Rey Ordonez turned into a forceout at home. White then struck out pinch-hitters Orlando Merced and Daryle

Local Sports Briefs

Volleyball workouts

SHS volleyball teams will begin workouts Monday. Varsity and junior varsity will practice from 8 to 11:30 a.m. and from 2 to 6 p.m. Freshman workouts will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. Freshmen will require physicals.

Boys Club football

Participants in last season's Boys Club football program need to return all equipment.

Also, a meeting will be held at 8:30 this evening at Elizabeth Potts Realtors for anyone interested in coaching next year.

Softball tournament

The USSSA Men's Class E State Softball Tournament will be held Aug. 10-12. 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.

High school football

All Snyder High School football players will receive their equipment at 7 a.m. Monday at the SHS field house.

Kiwanis golf tournament

Snyder Kiwanis Club will host the annual Hubert and Mary Cargile Memorial Scholarship Tournament Saturday at Western Texas College.

Entry fee for the four-person scramble is $120 per team, with shotgun starts at 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top four teams. Hole-in-one prize is $10,000.

Call the WTC pro shop at 573-9291, or Russell Fisk at 573-3438 to register.

Tennis meeting

Snyder High School tennis players will meet with Coach Ted Phillips at 6 p.m. Thursday at the field house film room to plan the upcoming season.

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.

Athletic physicals

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

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

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

Major League Baseball

American League
All Times EDT

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	64	42	.604	—
Boston	60	45	.571	3½
Toronto	49	58	.458	15½
Baltimore	44	63	.411	20½
Tampa Bay	35	71	.330	29
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	60	45	.571	—
Minnesota	60	46	.566	½
Chicago	51	53	.490	8½
Detroit	46	58	.442	13½
Kansas City	42	64	.396	18½
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	76	30	.717	—
Oakland	57	49	.538	19
Anaheim	54	52	.509	22
Texas	48	58	.453	28

Tuesday's Games
Anaheim 4, Boston 3
Toronto 3, Minnesota 1
Detroit 4, Seattle 2
Texas 6, N.Y. Yankees 2
Oakland 11, Cleveland 2
Tampa Bay 5, Baltimore 4
Kansas City 2, Chicago White Sox 1, 10 innings

Wednesday's Games
Anaheim (Schoeneweis 7-8) at Boston (Nomo 11-4), 7:05 p.m.
Seattle (Abbott 10-2) at Detroit (Holt 7-8), 7:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Lohse 3-3) at Toronto (Halladay 0-1), 7:05 p.m.
Texas (Bell 4-0) at N.Y. Yankees (Hitchcock 0-0), 7:05 p.m.
Oakland (Hiljus 1-0) at Cleveland (Nagy 4-4), 7:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Rupe 4-9) at Baltimore (Johnson 9-6), 7:05 p.m.
Kansas City (George 0-1) at Chicago White Sox (Wright 0-0), 8:05 p.m.

National League
All Times EDT

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	60	46	.566	—
Philadelphia	57	49	.538	3
Florida	53	52	.505	6½
New York	49	58	.458	11½
Montreal	45	62	.421	15½
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	62	43	.590	—
Houston	58	48	.547	4½
St. Louis	53	51	.510	8½
Milwaukee	45	59	.433	16½
Cincinnati	42	63	.400	20
Pittsburgh	41	64	.391	21
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	61	46	.570	—
Arizona	60	46	.566	½
San Francisco	58	49	.542	3
San Diego	51	55	.481	9½
Colorado	45	61	.424	15½

Tuesday's Games
Houston 3, N.Y. Mets 2, 10 innings
Florida 5, Milwaukee 1
St. Louis 6, Atlanta 2
Colorado 7, Philadelphia 6
Arizona 3, Montreal 1
Chicago Cubs 7, San Diego 3
Cincinnati 3, Los Angeles 1, 11 innings
San Francisco 8, Pittsburgh 7, 11 innings

Wednesday's Games
Atlanta (Maddux 14-5) at St. Louis (Smith 3-0), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Chen 4-5) at Houston (Redding 3-1), 8:05 p.m.
Florida (Clement 6-7) at Milwaukee (Haynes 7-13), 8:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Wolf 5-10) at Colorado (Neagle 6-5), 9:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Tapani 8-8) at San Diego (Jones 6-13), 10:05 p.m.
Montreal (Thurman 5-7) at Arizona (B.Anderson 3-7), 10:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Davis 4-1) at Los Angeles (Adams 7-3), 10:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Beimel 5-6) at San Francisco (Schmidt 6-6), 10:15 p.m.

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Charlotte	12	14	.462	8
Orlando	9	16	.360	10½
Washington	8	16	.333	11
Indiana	8	17	.320	11½
Detroit	7	18	.280	12½
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Los Angeles	22	3	.880	—
Houston	16	8	.667	5½
Sacramento	15	10	.600	7
Utah	13	11	.542	8½
Phoenix	11	13	.458	10½
Portland	11	14	.440	11
Seattle	9	17	.346	13½
Minnesota	7	17	.292	14½

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Tuesday's Game
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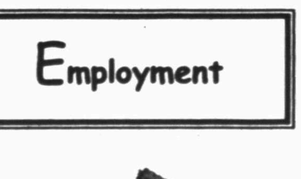
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World population will peak at 9 billion over 7 decades

By The AssociatePress

The world's population will peak at 9 billion over the next 70 years before beginning a decline into the 22nd century, researchers predict in a new study.

The world population currently stands at 6.1 billion, and the study projects that most of the new growth will continue to occur in developing countries.

It also predicts some demographic changes. For example, the authors say, the number of people aged 60 or older will more than quadruple by 2100.

The study, published in the latest issue of the journal Nature, was greeted with skepticism in many quarters. Some researchers argue the predictions are misleading because of unforeseeable changes in everything from air quality to food supply.

However, the study's authors at the International Institute for Applied Systems in Laxenburg, Austria, say they have developed a statistical computer model that considers uncertainties in migration, mortality and birth rates.

The result: There is an 85 percent chance the world's population will stop growing by the next century.

"Everybody thinks quite correctly, 'You can't predict the future,'" said Warren Sanderson, co-author of the study and a professor at the State University of New York at Stony Brook. "We have much more confidence in predicting a range."

The computer model predicted that in 2070, the world population would peak at 9 billion people. By 2100, the population would dip to 8.4 billion. Both represent the midpoint of the projected population range.

The probabilities were determined from historical demographic data. The researchers also asked outside experts to predict key outcomes, such as the number of children born to each woman.

The researchers also expect the world's population to become older. The study predicts the portion of the population age 60 or older to increase from the current 10 percent to about 22 percent by 2050. It's expected to increase to about 34 percent in the next 100 years.

Nico Keilman of the University of Oslo, Norway, praised the study's forecast. But he warned that using information from historical predictions may be inaccurate and that overconfident experts could give very narrow prediction ranges.

United Nations officials stuck by their 1998 assessment, in which they predicted an increase of 3 billion over the next 50 years to 9 billion. It would be the second largest population jump in history. From 1950 to 2000, world population increased by 3.5 billion.

"The first most rapid growth is over, but we're still growing," said Joseph Chamie, director of the United Nations' Population Division.

But Sanderson believes the United Nations' estimates are off because its calculations only allow fertility rates to fall to 2.1 children per woman. Sanderson said fertility rates are already below that level in many countries.

Incorrect hospital lab tests may have caused 2 deaths

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A miscalculation by a lab worker may have led to the deaths of two hospital patients who were given the wrong amount of a blood-thinning drug.

Officials at St. Agnes Medical Center in south Philadelphia said Tuesday that the hospital made a mistake in hundreds of lab tests to determine what dosage of Coumadin, a blood-thinning drug, patients should receive. The faulty test results led medical staff to administer the wrong amount of the drug.

The test results were calculated incorrectly for 932 patients between June 4 and July 25, the hospital said.

"Following preliminary internal review, Medical Center officials are reasonably certain, at this time, that two deaths may be linked to this incident," the hospital said in a statement. "A review is ongoing to determine if there are any other adverse outcomes."

The victims were in their mid-80s to mid-90s. Hospital officials did not release any other information about them.

The mistake may also have endangered 58 other patients, who are all being retested, hospital spokeswoman Diana Lewis said.

"The negative impact on some of the patients would be through increased bleeding time, and so they would have bruising or could have internal hemorrhage," said Dr. James Bonner, president of the center's medical staff.

Coumadin is given to patients at risk of stroke or heart attack to prevent blood clots. The lab miscalculation made it appear that the patients' blood was clotting, and they were given higher doses of the drug than they should have received, officials said.

A lab worker calculating the results misunderstood what type of chemical was being used with the blood to conduct the tests, said Sister Marge Sullivan, hospital president. That caused the worker to enter an incorrect number in the calculations.

"Members of the St. Agnes Medical Center hospital family are deeply troubled and saddened," Sullivan said.

Bonner said the blunder was discovered when a patient called a doctor about lab results that seemed unusual.

Hospital authorities have been notifying patients and physicians whose patients could be affected.

State health authorities were investigating the mistake, state Department of Health spokesman Richard McGarvey said.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Insomnia is a health issue

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm 74, very active in my retirement, happily married, have no financial worries and enjoy a positive outlook on life. Yet, I've been a victim of insomnia for 20 years. Without Xanax at bedtime, I get no more than three hours sleep a night. I've tried all the tricks: yoga, warm milk, breathing exercises, sex — you name it. Is there any harm in continuing the Xanax?

DEAR READER: According to an article in the April 7, 2001 issue of the British Medical Journal, lack of sleep is an international scourge that has yet to be addressed by the medical community. Researchers have found, as an example, that 17-19 hours without sleep caused deterioration of performance that was similar to the effects of a .05 percent blood alcohol level. Also, a survey has shown that adolescents, as a general group, don't get enough sleep — with resulting interference in daytime functioning. In short, sleep deprivation is a common cause of problems related to physical skills and cognitive function, not to mention the high risk of motor-vehicle accidents involving sleepy drivers. Thus, I'm surprised that your life seems to be so unaffected by your abnormal sleep pattern.

True, some people are simply poor sleepers. This chronic problem can be a source of great anxiety. In addition, insomniacs often have difficulty estimating the length of time they actually sleep. They may doze off and on or sleep longer than they realize.

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DEAR DR. GOTT: My son, age 10, is having "spells" during which he seems in a daze. Sometimes his eyes blink and roll back, and he appears to be in outer space. What's going on?

DEAR READER: He may be experiencing petit mal seizures, a mild form of epilepsy.

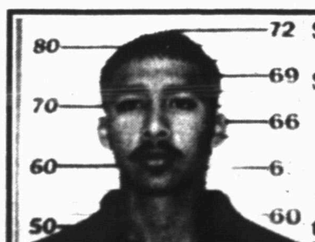
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NOTICE

The following person has registered with the Snyder Police Department as a convicted sex offender.

(1) Jeremy Paul Ramos, 21 years of age, male, 1408 19th Street, Snyder, Texas 79549, convicted of "Sexual Assault". Victim was a female child 15 years old.

NOTIFICATION

El siguiente persona se a registrado con el Departamento de Policia de Snyder, y fue convicto de una offensa sexual.

(1) Jeremy Paul Ramos, Un hombre, 21 anos de edad, 1408 19th Street, Snyder, Texas 79549, convicto de "Asalto Sexual". La victima era nina, quince anos de edad.

(s) Stephen W. Warren
Chief of Police

Markets

Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP) -

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp		35.30	34.76 35.16 + .01	
AOL TimeWrn		45.88	45.54 45.74 + .29	
AT&T Corp s		20.49	20.25 20.26 + .05	
Albertsons		32.90	32.46 32.78 + .05	
Alltel		63.25	62.31 63.25 + 1.60	
AmEl Pw		45.15	44.36 44.60— .40	
AndarkPtr		58.60	57.20 58.59 + 1.79	
ATMOS Egy		20.29	20.06 20.18— .02	
Aviall		10.45	10.20 10.27— .15	
BP PLC		50.20	49.95 50.17 + .75	
BakerHughes		36.39	35.12 35.57— .01	
Bank of Amer		63.73	63.32 63.42— .20	
BellSouth		41.30	40.60 41.06 + .36	
Beth Steel		2.05	2.02 2.03	
BurlNoSFe		26.79	26.51 26.66— .08	
Caterpillar		55.06	54.65 54.93— .17	
Chevron		91.89	91.23 91.80 + .41	
Citigroup s		51.40	50.38 51.22 + 1.01	
CocaCola		44.75	44.26 44.38— .22	
ColgatePal		54.40	53.91 53.95— .25	
ComclMetals		31.50	31.32 31.40— .20	
CooperIn		52.10	51.41 51.87 + 10.36	
DaimlrChry		49.68	49.40 49.52 + .22	
DeltaAirl		44.82	44.01 44.77 + .39	
Dillards Inc		15.40	14.55 15.26 + .42	
DowChem		36.70	35.81 36.49 + .09	
DuPont		42.93	41.85 42.83 + .01	
EastmanChem		43.89	43.21 43.89 + .01	
EstKodak		43.58	43.34 43.40 + .09	
EDS Corp		63.85	62.90 63.22— .63	
Entergy		37.80	37.10 37.79 + .29	
ExxonMobil s		42.49	41.96 42.34 + .58	
FstBksAm		28.99	28.85 28.85— .15	
GenDynam		81.05	80.35 80.98 + .09	
GenElec		43.53	43.00 43.10— .40	
GenMills		44.16	43.70 44.00 + .02	
GenMotors		64.26	63.61 64.15 + .55	
GaPacGP		36.99	36.01 36.30— .30	
GlobalMar		17.55	17.11 17.55 + .27	
Goodrich		35.35	34.94 35.30 + .36	
Goodyear s		28.70	28.46 28.63 + .05	
GtAtlPac		17.00	16.50 17.00 + .39	
Halliburtn		36.35	35.15 36.29 + 1.28	
Hanson ADS		36.40	36.05 36.05 + .17	
HarteHanks		23.60	23.20 23.55— .02	
HomeDepot		50.70	50.12 50.33— .04	
Honeywellnt		37.55	36.96 37.44 + .57	
IBM		107.90	105.31 107.62 + 2.41	
IntlPaper		41.13	40.51 40.91 + .16	
JohnsonJn s		54.24	53.80 53.82— .28	
K mart		11.70	11.47 11.58 + .01	
KinderMorg		53.52	52.20 53.52 + 1.12	
Kroger Co		26.28	25.92 25.94— .42	
LockheedM		40.01	39.71 39.80 + .18	
Lowes Cos s		37.90	37.30 37.37— .81	
Lubys		9.10	9.08 9.10— .06	
LucentTech		6.19	5.90 6.10— .60	
MayDeptStr		33.62	32.90 33.44 + .24	
Medtronic		47.65	46.50 46.52— 1.51	
Motorola		19.39	18.75 19.25 + .56	
NCR Corp		39.50	39.05 39.44 + .08	
Navistar		32.33	31.72 32.30 + .19	
Penney JC		28.44	27.91 28.21— .23	
PepBoys		13.75	13.61 13.65— .05	
PepsiCo		46.64	45.90 45.95— .68	
Pharmacia		44.83	44.40 44.52— .10	
PhelpDodge		40.90	40.00 40.57 + .17	
PhilipPet		58.01	57.35 57.90 + .81	
PilgrmPrd B		15.03	14.92 14.94— .08	
Polaroid		1.23	1.19 1.23 + .04	
Praxair		45.60	44.87 45.51 + .17	
ProctGamb		71.93	71.03 71.80 + .78	
PubS NwMx		29.85	29.21 29.48— .13	
RadioShack		29.00	28.25 28.85 + .62	
ReliantEngy		31.95	31.50 31.85 + .15	
RoyalDut		59.09	58.65 58.80 + .80	
SBC Comm		45.29	44.85 44.92— .11	
SaraLee		20.10	19.86 19.88— .29	
Scripps EW		69.85	69.61 69.74— .08	
SearsRoeb		47.27	46.55 47.14 + .16	
SherwinW		23.30	22.80 23.19 + .30	
SouthernCo s		23.72	23.34 23.65 + .15	
SwstAirl s		20.13	19.81 20.04 + .03	
SprintFON		23.95	23.35 23.55 + .21	
SprintPCS		26.50	25.92 26.18 + .26	
Sunocp Inc		35.65	35.10 35.55 + .97	
TXU Corp		47.18	46.32 46.97 + .47	
TempleInland		61.20	60.20 60.98— 1.07	
Texaco		69.64	69.11 69.60 + .35	
Textnd		38.34	38.10 38.26 + .31	
Texasinst		37.20	36.29 36.99 + 2.49	
Textron		56.91	56.01 56.80 + .48	
TriconGlbR		45.45	44.50 45.42— .33	
TrinityInds		23.16	22.90 23.16 + .14	
TritonEngy		44.80	44.78 44.79 + .01	
TylerTech		2.80	2.70 2.76 + .11	
USX-Marathn		30.05	29.68 29.90 + .23	
USX-USS		19.90	19.74 19.74 + .04	
UnionPacif		53.90	53.31 53.48— .21	
UnitedTech		74.00	73.58 73.59 + .19	
Unocal		36.20	35.55 35.90 + .12	
Venator Grp		18.50	16.35 16.45— .05	
VerizonComm		55.16	54.20 55.07 + .92	
WalMart		55.83	55.07 55.54— .36	
WellsFargo		46.50	46.01 46.37 + .31	
WstnGasRs		30.40	29.70 30.00 + .28	
WinnDixie		22.74	22.50 22.59— .35	
Xerox Cp		8.38	8.10 8.32 + .34	

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By Greg Gruben, County Extension Agent

Much to do with Mulch

Are you aware of the advantage of using mulch in your garden? In one stroke you can reduce weed problems, improve soil structure, attract beneficial earthworms, keep the soil moist and cool, prevent erosion and add nutrients to the soil. In short, good gardeners have much to do with mulch.

Texans should be thoroughly familiar with mulch; after all, nature has been depositing it for years on the floor of our Texas forests. Mulch is a ground covering and the spring carpet of the forest floor is a natural example. The forest carpet decomposes, adding nutrients to the soil beneath. An organic garden mulch does the same thing for the garden, adding humus to the soil and improving its structure. Man simply takes his cue from nature, applying his own ground covering, natural or inorganic.

By depriving developing weed seedlings of light, mulch minimizes weed problems in garden. The occasional weed that does appear is easier to pull. This easy weeding is a result of another benefit: moisture retention. Mulch slows moisture evaporation, protecting tender new roots from overheated soil while also lessening the watering chore.

A mulch can consist of inorganic or organic materials. Organic mulch includes straw, pine needles, and bark. Inorganic mulches include gravel, stones, and even plastic. Availability is one factor to consider in selecting a mulch. Your choice of mulch depends on your personal preferences as to what looks the best and will be readily available. Of the materials listed, sawdust is probably the least desirable (even though it is available in most parts of Texas) because of its ability to rob nitrogen from the garden plantings. The key to using sawdust successfully as a mulch is to find well-rotted and aged material. If you are tired of seeing the weeds in your garden doing better than the plants, or if you want to reduce your water chores and your water bill, give mulch a try in your garden.

The following is a list of mulching materials, along with their advantages or disadvantages (if any):

• Ground Bark — inexpensive, attractive, long lasting, available in chip size or finely ground.

• Peat Moss — Expensive and somewhat difficult to prepare. Initially attractive, but it can dry out, lose aesthetic appeal and shed water.

• Pine Needles — Durable, resist wind disturbance, locally abundant. Potential fire hazard when dry.

• Grass Clippings — Available to most gardeners. Mats quickly, generating heat, disagreeable results if initial application is not too thick. Spread thinly, allow to dry before applying to the garden. Do not use fresh clippings in your garden.

• Straw — One of the best choices. Long lasting, can reduce moisture evaporation by as much as 70 percent. Will deplete soil nitrogen, which should be replaced by adding nitrogen fertilizer or blood meal.

• Plastic Film — Black polyethylene film is an excellent mulch. But unattractive where aesthetics are a consideration (it can be covered with decorative bark). Keep soil temperature even, eliminates weeds entirely. Punch holes in it for water penetration.

• Newspaper — Readily available, builds humus. Can be used shredded or in sheets to desired thickness. Can be held in place by rocks, brick, soil, etc, and covered for better appearance. The ink contains trace minerals beneficial to plant growth.

Senators spar over size of farm aid bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — A $7.5 billion package of special farm assistance stalled in the Senate as Democrats risked a presidential veto rather than give in to White House demands for a bill offering farmers $2 billion less.

The White House says $5.5 billion is enough, given recent improvements in the agricultural economy.

President Bush pressed the issue in a private meeting Tuesday with Republican senators and later told reporters he wants lawmakers "to stay within the limits of the budget."

But in a party-line vote, the Senate rejected, 52-48, a $5.5 billion GOP alternative identical to a measure that passed the House in June.

"We have to meet our needs," said the Agriculture Committee chairman, Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa.

It was not clear when the Senate would vote on the $7.5 billion package backed by Democrats. The Senate was expected to move on to other bills today.

Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., said he is determined to send Bush a final version of the farm measure by the end of this week, when Congress is scheduled to begin its month-long August recess.

"Everybody acknowledges that this is a must-pass bill," Daschle said. "I don't think anybody would feel good about leaving here without completing it."

Also looming over the farm bill is a battle over price controls for milk. An amendment offered Tuesday, then withdrawn, would expand a New England price-setting system, set to expire Sept. 30, and create another such compact for the South.

Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., said he might offer the dairy measure again today. Sen. Herbert Kohl, D-Wis., claimed to have enough votes to sustain a filibuster, a parliamentary delay that would effectively kill the legislation.

The price controls are bitterly opposed by farmers in major dairy-producing areas of the Midwest and West.

The congressional budget agreement provided $5.5 billion in farm aid for the fiscal year that ends Sept. 30. Democrats want to use all of that and $2 billion set aside for farm programs in fiscal 2002.

The Senate bill contains $5.5 billion for direct payments to grain and cotton farmers, almost $900 million more than the House approved.

In addition, the Senate measure includes $542 million for conservation programs, $150 million for apple growers, $53 million for sugar growers, and $20 million to subsidize some older Americans who shop at farmers markets.

In a rebuff to Senate Democrats, the House Agriculture Committee's Republican chairman and senior Democrat issued a joint statement late Tuesday urging swift passage of an aid bill.

"It is unwise to encumber the bill with unnecessary, nonemergency items like increased conservation spending when our farmers' livelihoods hang in the balance," said Reps. Larry Combest, R-Texas, and Charles Stenholm, D-Texas.

Spending the extra $2 billion will make it that much harder for Bush and Congress to live within next year's budget without eating into Medicare surpluses, Republicans contend.

Congress has provided farmers $25 billion in special assistance over the last three years, mostly to compensate for collapsed commodity prices.

The Agriculture Department estimates net farm income this year at $42.4 billion, $2.8 billion below last year. The 2001 estimate does not include the supplemental aid lawmakers are considering.

Two Republicans broke ranks to oppose the $5.5 billion measure on Tuesday, Olympia Snowe of Maine and Tim Hutchinson of Arkansas. One Democrat voted for it, John Edwards of North Carolina.

The bill is S. 1246

On the Net: Senate Agriculture Committee: http://agriculture.senate.gov

Markets

Colorado City

The Colorado City Livestock Auction had a run of 992 head of cattle for the Saturday, July 29, sale. Compared to last week: Feeder steers and heifers were steady. Slaughter cows were $1 to $2 higher, and bulls were steady. Bred cows and pairs were steady. Trading was active and demand good.

Feeder steers:
200-300: 117-126
300-400: 111-120
400-500: 102-106
600-700: 85.50-86.50
700-800: 80-81.50
Feeder heifers:
200-300: 106-112.50
300-400: 94.50-101
400-500: 88-92
500-600: 83-85.50
600-700: 79-83
700-800: 71-74
Replacement cows
Older cows: 570-645
Younger cows: 450-530
Pairs: 720-825
Aged: 585-690
Slaughter cows:
Breakers: 1000-1250 Lbs. 38.50-43.50
Boners: 1000-1200 Lbs. 41-46.50
Lean: 900-1200 Lbs.: 38-44
[illegible]
Slaughter bulls
High Dressing: 1300-2100 Lbs. 52.50-57.25
Low Dressing: 1000-1300 Lbs. 47

Lubbock

The Lubbock Stockyards, Inc. had a run of 1.243 head of cattle for the Thursday, July 26, sale. Cows steady. Calves and yearlings were steady. Trading and demand were good.

Slaughter cows
(High dressing — cutters — utilities: 42-50
Canner and low cutters: 37-43
Slaughter bulls: 52-62.50
Feeder steers — choice:
300-400: 105-125
400-500: 90-110
500-600: 85-100
600-700: 85-92
700-800: 77.50-84
Feeder heifers:
300-400: 100-110
400-500: 85-100
500-600: 85-90
600-700: 77.50-85
700-800: 72-81
Feeder Bulls — good and choice:
500-600: 83-95
700-800: 72-80
Cow and calf pairs:
Good: 650-775
Grade: 525-625
Springers: 400-640
Baby calves: 40-150
Doodlers: 150-240

Bilingual education under attack

BOSTON (AP) — In 1998, millionaire businessman Ron Unz spent about $750,000 to successfully push a ballot question to dismantle California's bilingual education program.

Now Unz is bringing his campaign to Massachusetts, the state with the oldest bilingual education law. And he's meeting early opposition.

Unz's proposal, which he hopes to put on the 2002 ballot, would require children who are not fluent in English be placed in intensive language classes to teach them English within a year. Parents would have the option of keeping their children in a traditional bilingual education program.

"The parents and voters of Massachusetts should have a right to decide if the children of Massachusetts are taught English or whether they are not taught English," said Unz, who said test scores in California improved after the ballot question took effect.



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'Code Red' worm warnings continue

WASHINGTON (AP) — The viruslike "Code Red" worm hasn't reared its head again yet, but federal officials monitoring Internet traffic say they won't know for sure that the Internet clogger hasn't returned until next week.

The original Code Red worm took seven days to hit its stride, according to Alan Paller, director of research at the SANS Institute, a computer security think-tank.

"We don't know yet whether we are safe and we won't know for sure until seven days pass with no major disruptions" said Paller, who was helping the FBI monitor the Internet. "We never expected to know whether there was a problem today."

Government and private security officials made a last-ditch effort Tuesday to persuade Internet site operators to inoculate their computers against the Code Red worm.

"There has been an amazing effort to ensure that the public and private sector proofed their computers against (Code Red)," said Ronald L. Dick, the director of the FBI's National Infrastructure Protection Center.

"As of now, the Internet is operating normally."

The worm can spread quickly without human intervention on unprotected Internet computer servers and threatened to slow down Web traffic. It does not affect most home computers.

The malicious program can only be stopped if enough Web site operators install Microsoft's software patch, which plugs the security hole the worm uses to attack.

FBI officials said late Tuesday that over a million people had downloaded the patch from Microsoft. Although it was impossible to guess how many computers have actually been fixed, the FBI seemed optimistic.

"This should have a measurable impact upon the overall effect of the worm," the FBI's National Infrastructure Protection Center said in a statement.

Experts' predictions ranged from the infection of a million or more computers and a massive Internet slowdown to little effect. The government took few chances, pressing to get as many Web site operators as possible to inoculate their systems before the attack.

Code Red infected several hundred thousand computers during its first outbreak July 19.

Russ Cooper, surgeon general for TruSecure Corp., said the new spread could reach half-million to a million computers within three days.

As a result, the infected computers would spew out more junk data than the Internet can handle, Cooper said, resulting in "a meltdown."

"If it does slow down as I expect it will, then you won't even be able to get to Microsoft's site to install the patch," Cooper said. "I expect that to happen."

Code Red is the most infamous computer worm since the first worm, created in 1988, which took down most of the fledgling Internet.

Other computer security experts were more measured in their predictions, saying that it would cause some troubles but that the onslaught of media coverage would prompt computer users to fix their systems.

Firefighters battle grassfire Tuesday on 10 acres of land

•Grass fire

A grass fire in the 400 block of N. Ave. O burned around 10 acres of land Tuesday. The fire department was dispatched at 5:45 p.m. and responded with five fire trucks and 18 firefighters.

The fire consumed 10 acres of land owned by Jason Coy and a number of unoccupied chicken pens. A welder on adjoining property was believed to have started the blaze.

•Accident

Officers responded to the scene of a two-vehicle accident on College Ave. Tuesday evening. Involved in the accident were a 2000 tan Ford Taurus driven by Clinton Wolboldt, 48, of 12524 Hwy 180 in Hermleigh and a 2000 silver Daewoo driven by Brande Wells, 20, of 8351 Hwy 180 in Gail.

The accident occurred in front of United Supermarket and a report for a major accident was filed. There were no injuries.

•Theft

Larry Thompson at Snyder Country Club requested an officer at the club in reference to the theft of a golf cart battery charger. An offense report for Class A theft was submitted.

Tony Treat reported a bicycle stolen from his residence at 1663 Huffman Tuesday evening. A report for theft was filed.

•Family disturbance

9-1-1 dispatchers received three calls from a woman in Kingswood Apartments just before noon Tuesday who advised that a man had struck her. Officers responded and located the man in the 3600 block of Hill. He was transported to the apartment complex for identification then taken into custody for Class A assault, family violence. The man was 18 years old.

•Loud music

Officers were dispatched to a residence in the 3000 block of 40th Street Tuesday afternoon in reference to a complaint of loud music. The occupants were advised of the complaint.

•Alarm

Larry Martinez alerted police of an alarm sounding at Snyder One Stop just after 10 p.m. Tuesday. Officers responded to the store and advised a report for attempted burglary was submitted.

Government will borrow $51 billion

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government, squeezed for cash by the slumping economy and the need to pay for tax rebate checks, will have to borrow $51 billion in the current quarter, the Treasury Department announced today, signaling a sharp reversal in borrowing plans.

Democrats seized on Treasury's about-face, blaming President Bush's $1.35 trillion tax package, which includes the rebate checks, and expressing fears it will sow the seeds for a return to days of government red ink.

But the Bush administration sought to dismiss those fears, saying the need to borrow in the third quarter is a short-term cash squeeze and doesn't signal a move from budget surplus to deficit.

"The net borrowing for this quarter should not be looked at as anything more than a cash management factor," said Brian Roseboro, assistant secretary for financial markets.

"To put it in perspective: the year 2000 — record surplus year. There were several months in which Treasury had to borrow," he added. "Looking back over the last 19 quarters, nine of them Treasury had to borrow."

On April 30, Treasury said it expected to pay down $57 billion of the publicly held portion of the national debt this quarter.

Slowing tax revenues from a sagging economy, the need to pay for tax rebates and the shift of the due date for corporate tax payments from mid- September to Oct. 1, the start of the next fiscal year, were the main factors in the reversal, the department said.

Treasury's April projection was made before congressional passage of Bush's tax-cut package, which includes the rebates, and before Congress changed the due date for corporate tax payments.

Rep. Charles Rangel of New York, the ranking Democrat on the House Ways and Means Committee, said: "The whole Republican rationale for passing such a big tax cut is that we needed to send the surpluses back to the people. How ironic is it that we are now borrowing from the people in order to pay them their checks?"

Obituaries

Frances Allen

1921-2001

Funeral service for Frances Allen, a lifelong resident of Scurry County, is set for 11 a.m. Thursday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Jake Chaney, pastor of Lake Colorado City Christian Fellowship Church, will officiate. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Mrs. Allen, 80, died Monday, July 30, at her home in Snyder after a lengthy illness.

Born July 3, 1921 in Snyder, she married Travis Allen on Oct. 30, 1937 in Scurry County. He died on Nov. 13, 2000. She also was preceded in death by a son, Calvin Allen in 1982; two brothers, H.P. Wellborn and Junior Wellborn; and a sister, Joyce Wellborn.

A homemaker, Mrs. Allen had lived in Snyder about six months, having moved from the Lake Thomas area. She was a member of the Christian Fellowship Church at Lake Colorado City.

Survivors include two daughters and sons-in-law, Sandra and Fred Turner of Brady and Comelle and Roger Williams of Lubbock; a son and daughter-in-law, Charles Woody and Jean Allen of Lubbock; a sister-in-law, Sandra Allen of Midland; three sisters, Estelle Pierce of Snyder, Doris Alexander of Big Spring and Charlene Jarrett of the Dallas area; 13 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Family visitation will be held from 6-8 this evening at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to Community Care Hospice, 1510 S. Gregg St. in Big Spring, 79720.

Juan Trejo

1937-2001

ROTAN – Juan M. Trejo Sr., the brother of Pauline Luna of Snyder, died Sunday, July 29, in Fisher County Hospital.

Funeral service for Mr. Trejo, 64, is set for 2 p.m. Thursday in the St. Joseph's Catholic Church and burial will follow in the Belvieu Cemetery.

Born March 30, 1937 in New Braunfels, he married Ofilia Randez on July 4, 1960 in Rotan. He had worked at the cotton oil mills in Rotan and Sweetwater, for Brazos Transport and had farmed.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Pablo and Juanita Trejo; and a sister, Christina Trejo.

Survivors include his wife, Ofilia Trejo of Rotan; two sons, Juan Trejo Jr. and Paul Trejo, both of Rotan; a daughter, Diamantine Martin of Rotan; two other sisters, Gravel Martinez of Rotan and Mary Marrow of Rising Star; a brother, Domingo Trejo of Huntsville; and seven grandchildren.

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Post office

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is bigger. But the work area in the back isn't as big and the restrooms and break area are quite a bit smaller. Things are built much more functional these days."

The transition from the old building to the new one will end tonight, according to Lipsett.

"We're still picking up bits and pieces from the old building, but all of our operations are over here now," he said. "The doors to the old building will be locked for good tonight. Any mail left over there will be brought over here."

Lipsett also said the key exchange has gone well with several hundred people already getting their new keys.

Another change is the post office's new telephone number — 573-5505.

"I really don't know why we got a new number," Lipsett said. "Our phones are handled out of Fort Worth. The postal service opted to get a bulk deal in order to lower phone bills, so we get our service from there."

Despite some early problems, Lipsett is keeping an open mind during the transition and hopes Snyder residents will too.

"This is a change, and like all changes, it will take some getting used to," he said. "With a little luck we'll have it hammered out in less than 40 years."

Births

Michael Arizmendi announces the birth of his sister, Tori Mishael, weighing seven pounds, 13 ounces. She was born at 10:15 a.m. on July 31 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital to Gilbert and Amanda Arizmendi of Snyder.

Maternal grandparents are Locadio and Alice Luera and paternal grandparents are Fernando and Mary Romero and Gilbert and Linda Arizmendi, all of Snyder. Great-grandparents are Asencion Castillo of Snyder, Paula Ortiz of Ganado, Juan and Sally Avila and Emma Arizmendi, all of Snyder.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: July 31-Edith Blair, Sarah Bryant, Helen Crouse, Floy Kimzey of Hermleigh, Jimmy Layne, Carl Wright, Wanda Cody, Eva Moore, Cloyce Scarberry, Milton Stephens, Stanley Woolever and Amanda Arizmendi.

DISMISSALS: Herbert Aikin, Inez Beaver, Judy Rhone, Milton Stephens and Chrystalene Woolsey.

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events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

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.

New SHS students

Students new to Snyder High School and to Snyder ISD need to attend a registration today. There will be an orientation at 1:30 p.m. Thursday for ninth graders and new students. For more information, call the high school at 573-6301, or the counselors' office at 574-6049.

Shakespeare parodies

Brad Vincent, SHS drama director, and former students Zachary Moore, Michael Simpson and Trevor Vaughn, will present parodies of Shakespeare's plays Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. in Worsham Auditorium. Tickets are $5 at the door.

Gateway Family support group

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

GED testing

GED testing will be offered at Western Texas College today and next Wednesday. For more information, call Molly Kattes at 573-2919 or Emily Hataway at 574-2112.

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School at Snyder First Church of the Nazarene, 2462 So. Hwy 208 (across from Big Country Autoland) will be from 6-8 p.m. today through Saturday. Puppets, games, refreshments, Bible stories will be featured. Awards will be presented Sunday. For a ride or more information, call 573-5601.

Food handler seminar

The Scurry County Health Unit will hold a food handler seminar Thursday in Room A of Scurry County Coliseum. The first class will be from 9-11 a.m., and the afternoon class will be from 2-4 p.m. Inspection form E-5 will be addressed. Tom Lackey, food and drug investigator with the Texas Department of Health, will be the speaker.

Lloyd family reunion

The Lloyd family reunionwill be held Saturday and Sunday at Willow Park Inn.

Potter's House event

The Potter's House will present Live at the House and the rap group Urban Soldierz at 11 a.m. Saturday, at 2524 Ave. R. There is no charge. For more information, call 573-6510.

Certified nurse's aide program

Snyder Oaks Care Center will conduct a certified nurse's aide program starting Sunday. Classes will be held each weekend, for a total of 75 hours. Call 573-9377 or 863-2426 for more information.

Heart walk meeting

The American Heart Association directors will meet at 1 p.m. Monday at The Shack to plan the heart walk.

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.

Brisket dinner

Our Lady of Guadalupe Church will have a brisket dinner beginning at 10 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 12. The meal includes brisket, potato salad, beans, dessert and tea. The church is located at 13th St. and Ave. K.

Married For Life

Married For Life outreach, information and sign-up night is set for 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 13, 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.

Heart Association memorial address

Memorials and donations to the American Heart Association are now processed through American Heart Association, P.O. Box 15185 in Austin, 78761-5186, 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.

Cleanup begins as firefighters wrap up wildfire near Jackson

JACKSON, Wyo. (AP) — Homeowners began cleaning fire-retardant foam from their ritzy mountain retreats as the 1,400 firefighters who saved the houses from a stubborn blaze wrapped up their task.

With the fire in the southwest corner of the Jackson Hole valley expected to be contained this week, fire crews turned their attention to a new blaze that forced the closure of an entrance to Yellowstone National Park.

About 200 more firefighters were added Tuesday to the 900-acre fire, which was difficult to reach because of its location in treacherous terrain, park spokeswoman Cheryl Matthews said.

"It was one of the areas in 1988 that did not receive burn, so you have a lot of heavy fuel," Matthews said. Fires burned nearly a million acres in Yellowstone in 1988.

That blaze also threatened the Pahaska Tepee resort, which features a hunting lodge built in 1904 by Buffalo Bill Cody.

The fire near Jackson no longer posed the danger that it did last week, when it threatened more than 100 homes, including a subdivision where houses average $5 million. The fire brought an aerial blitz of water and fire retardant.

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One in five high school girls abused by dating partners

CHICAGO (AP) — One in five high school girls has been physically or sexually abused by a dating partner, significantly increasing their risk of drug abuse, suicide and other harmful behavior, a study suggests.

The research published in today's Journal of the American Medical Association stems from surveys of 4,163 public school students in Massachusetts, but the authors say the results likely apply to teens nationwide.

According to estimates from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 22 percent of high school students are victims of nonsexual dating violence, with girls slightly more likely to report being victims.

The results also mirror domestic violence rates among adult women, although some statistics indicate young women and teens are especially prone, perhaps in part because they generally have more dating partners.

The study also suggests that a disturbing number of adolescent boys "have adopted attitudes that men are entitled to control their girlfriends through violence," said lead author Jay G. Silverman of Harvard University's School of Public Health.

The study was based on results of statewide surveys given to students in grades nine through 12 in 1997 and 1999. More than 70 percent of the girls who participated were white, about 10 percent were Hispanic and about 6 percent each were black or Asian.

Participants were asked if they'd ever been shoved, slapped, hit or forced into any sexual activity, including rape, by a date. They also were asked about recent risky behavior. Victimized girls were:

— About eight to nine times more likely to have attempted suicide in the previous year.

— Four to six times more likely to have ever been pregnant.

— Three to five times more likely to have ever used cocaine.

— Three to four times more likely to have used unhealthy dieting methods such as laxatives or vomiting.

The data don't indicate whether date violence is a cause of teens engaging in unhealthy behaviors or whether already troubled girls are more likely to date violent partners.

Silverman said some of the statistics and previous research suggest the violence likely preceded the unhealthy behavior.

Dr. Marla Kushner, director of adolescent medicine at Chicago's Weiss Memorial Hospital, said she suspects the problem may be more widespread than Silverman's data suggest, since so few blacks were sampled and previous studies found that blacks were more likely than whites to report such violence.

NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH AND CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS 2001-2002 INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

FAMILY SIZE	ANNUALLY		MONTHLY		WEEKLY	
	FREE	REDUCED PRICE	FREE	REDUCED PRICE	FREE	REDUCED PRICE
1	$11,167	$15,892	$931	$1,325	$215	$306
2	15,093	21,479	1,258	1,790	291	414
3	19,019	27,066	1,585	2,256	366	521
4	22,945	32,653	1,913	2,722	442	628
5	26,871	38,240	2,240	3,187	517	736
6	30,797	43,827	2,567	3,653	593	843
7	34,723	49,414	2,894	4,118	668	951
8	38,649	55,001	3,221	4,584	744	1,058
9	42,575	60,588	3,549	5,050	820	1,166
10	46,501	66,175	3,877	5,516	896	1,274
11	50,427	71,762	4,205	5,982	972	1,382
12	54,353	77,349	4,533	6,448	1,048	1,490
For each additional family member add:	+ $3,926	+ $5,587	+ $328	+ $466	+ $76	+ $108

SISD offers free, reduced price meals

Snyder Independent School District has announced its policy for providing free and reduced-price meals served under the National School Lunch/Breakfast Program. Application forms will be available for Snyder elementary children when their parents register them for school. Snyder secondary students will receive their applications by mail.

The information provided on the application is confidential and will be used for the purpose of determining eligibility; however, this information may be subject to release to other federal, state and local education, health or means-tested programs.

Under the provisions of the free and reduced-price meal policy, Mary Burton will review applications for Snyder students and determine eligibility

Parents or guardians dissatisfied with the ruling of the official may wish to discuss the decision with the reviewing officials on an informal basis.

Snyder parents wishing to make a formal appeal for a hearing on the decision may make a request either orally or in writing to Gayle Lomax, superintendent of schools, 2901 37th Street, Snyder, Texas, 79549 or call 573-5401.

Again this year, Snyder ISD staff is available to assist in completing applications. They today, elementary registration day, and assistance will be available through the beginning of school. Applications should be returned to the Humble-Smith building across 37th Street from West Elementary starting Wednesday from 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Applications may also be turned in Monday-Friday from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and 5 p.m.-7 p.m. on Thursday for the next two weeks.

The final week will be Aug. 13-17 from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. except for the first day of school Aug. 15; they plan to be there from 5 p.m.-7 p.m.

An income eligibility chart is listed above.

Property tax prompts calls for revolt

NEWINGTON, N.H. (AP) — Townspeople haven't called out the militia, but some frustrated residents of this feisty town of 850 want to secede from the state over the same issue that led to the American Revolution: taxation.

At issue is the state property tax, under which wealthy communities — so-called "donor towns" — send money to the state for redistribution to poor towns.

Residents from Newington and other donor communities packed a town hall meeting Tuesday night to respond to a petition signed by 52 residents urging the town board to invoke a constitutional clause giving them the right to revolt.

Many blamed the governor and other officials for the tax, as well as the state Supreme Court for keeping it on the books.

The meeting attended by about 200 people ended with the town's board of selectmen promising some sort of referendum in the fall, but likely not a motion to secede.

"The whole taxation idea is trash," said Bettey Tobey, a Rye resident, holding a homemade picket sign urging citizens to revolt.

The state imposed the property tax two years ago as a temporary measure to pay for schools. Under it, Newington paid $1.9 million in state taxes to fund education this year and is scheduled to pay another $2.1 million next year.

Newington and two dozen other donor communities sued the state over the tax. In January, a judge declared the tax unconstitutional and ordered the state to repay the communities the $884 million it collected.

But a divided state Supreme Court reversed that ruling in the spring.

In June, lawmakers voted to make the property tax permanent.

"I think that was the straw right there," said Selectman Jack O'Reilly.

Critics of the tax say it hurts those on fixed incomes — often the elderly who may be property rich, but income poor.

"I'm fighting for my home," said Portsmouth Mayor Evelyn Sirrell, who attended the public hearing to support Newington.

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The first person to sail around the world alone was Joshua Slocum. In 1895, he set out from Newport, R.I., in a 36-foot sailboat and returned three years and two months later. He was 51 years old when he began the voyage.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Partner becomes invisible man to lover's political friends

DEAR ABBY: My lover, "Jim," and I are gay and have been together for more than 10 years. Jim is deeply involved with Republican politics. He belongs to several local and state-wide Republican organizations.

When Jim and I go out together, sometimes people approach Jim and say, "Hi." They are usually acquaintances he knows from his political activities. Although I stand right next to Jim, he never introduces me. When this first started happening, I would stand there and smile at the person. They'd usually give me a "Why are you listening to a private conversation?" look, so I would step aside and pretend to be doing something else.

Jim's excuse is always the same: "I would have introduced you, but I forgot (his or her) name."

This evening was the last straw. A woman came up to Jim while we were shopping. They started to chat and I was ignored again. I was so hurt and angry I walked out of the store and sat in the car. When Jim came outside he gave me the same "I forgot her name" excuse. Jim could see I was angry, so he changed his story and I caught him in a lie. Then he said he intended to introduce me, but I'd left the store before he had a chance. During the drive home, he told me several times that he really does love me.

Abby, Jim may love me, but I don't think he respects me. I'm seriously considering ending our relationship. Do you think I'm being too sensitive? — **"JULES" IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA**

DEAR JULES: You are not too sensitive; you may have been too tolerant. Your love is afraid he will lose his status among his political cronies by admitting that you are a couple, so he's being dishonest — with them, with you and himself. How sad for all concerned.

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DEAR ABBY: I am an athletic 71-year-old lady. I golf, snow ski and scuba dive. My new husband (No. 4), "Geoffrey," is involved in all those sports. When I met him 14 years ago I decided to take up these activities because I didn't want to sit at home while he played.

Geoff retired last year after 50 years as a physician in family practice. We immediately sold our home and moved to the beach. We have always enjoyed a loving relationship and since his retirement have been inseparable — until I had surgery on my elbow for a problem caused by playing too much golf, which is Geoff's passion.

While my elbow is healing, I'm out of commission, so Geoff joined a private course. He chooses to play with other women, as that is how most tournaments are set up. Geoff is turning 81 this year, but looks and acts much younger. Abby, he's a big flirt, and talks to women constantly.

I am very depressed about not playing right alongside him, and I'm beginning to feel completely excluded. How should I handle this? Do I let him do as he wishes? (By the way, he's also been married four times.) Thanks for any guidance you can give me. — **ON THE SIDELINES IN VERO BEACH, FLA.**

DEAR ON THE SIDELINES: Don't try to curtail your husband's activities because you are unable to participate. Become his biggest fan — sit in his golf cart or in the gallery and cheer him on as he swings with the ladies! He'll love the attention, and it may make it more difficult for the women to score.

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

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