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Home of Joyce Hibbs

Vows to keep promoting city...

Chamber board expresses displeasure with loss of coliseum management

By Wade Warren
SDN Managing Editor

Despite having the management of the Scurry County Coliseum yanked from them earlier in the day, Snyder's chamber of commerce board vowed to continue to do what is best in promoting business in the community.

But that vow did not mask their disappointment evidenced at Monday's noon meeting, just minutes after County Judge Ricky Fritz announced that the coliseum will be back under county oversight.

"We're disappointed that the commissioners' court decided not to issue a request for proposal (RFP) for managing the coliseum," said chamber president Jack Whitworth. "I believe they're practicing false economy."

The chamber has been managing the coliseum with a subsidy of $165,000 from the county, but were told earlier in the summer that only $135,000 would be available next year.

Donna Fowler, chamber executive director, said the chamber could not operate the coliseum with that amount, and while waiting on an RFP, submitted a proposal to continue to operate the facility with the original subsidy.

"I can't jeopardize the entire chamber operation by pulling $30,000 from our operations to put in the coliseum," Fowler said.

Fowler said taking the management away from the chamber would cause three people to be laid off at the coliseum as well as one full-time and one part-time employee from the chamber office.

During the discussion, board members agreed that the coliseum is a county-owned facility and its use is at the discretion of the commissioners' court, but what irked them was the way the never-appearing RFP was handled.

"We repeatedly asked Ricky (County Judge Fritz) for a request for proposal and we were told repeatedly that it would be forthcoming," said Fowler.

In Monday morning's commissioners' court meeting, Judge Fritz announced that he saw no reason to issue an RFP.

Judge Fritz cited "irreconcilable differences" between the county and the chamber over the amount of subsidy and it was time to put to rest the debate over who should manage the facility.

"The chamber has adequate reserves now that will allow them to do more than they have ever done before, so I see no reason to put out an RFP," Fritz said Monday.

During the meeting, treasurer Paula McWilliams reported that the chamber had $297,000 in cash.

Of this amount, $34,961 is in the coliseum account, the hotel-motel tax fund account totals $9,166, and the western swing festival account totals $33,933.

The remainder is in CDs and the general account.

McWilliams also reported that the year-to-date books on the coliseum reflected income of $151,250, and expenses of $149,627, a difference of $1,623.

Following the discussion on the coliseum, the board approved the monthly financial report as presented by McWilliams, as well as the yearly audit by the Sweetwater accounting firm of Bowman & Guelker.

Ricky Bowman presented the audit to the board and deemed it a "clean audit," only giving suggestions to simplify the chamber's bookkeeping procedures.

The board also discussed coming events scheduled for the coliseum, including a gun and knife show this weekend and the White Buffalo Festival Oct. 26-27.

Whitworth presided at the meeting and directors in attendance were McWilliams, Carl Burleson, Dr. Missy Jones, Jeffrey Martin, Wilhelmenia Howard, Mike Thornton and Elois Pruitt.



MONDAY WRECK — DPS troopers look over the damage done after a wreck on Hwy 208 Monday afternoon. The 1991 Mercury Cougar was driven by Shirley Leftwich of Hermleigh. Leftwich was taken to Cogdell Memorial Hospital by ambulance and today was listed in stable condition. Also involved in the collision was Betty Richardson, driving a 2000 GMC Yukon. Richardson was taken to the Cogdell emergency room by private vehicle, then transferred to another facility. (SDN Staff Photo)

County budget grows

By Brian Brisendine
SDN Staff Writer

After weeks of crunching numbers, the proposed 2002 county budget was unveiled during Monday's meeting of the Scurry County Commissioner's Court.

The $22.6 million proposed spending plan is $1.5 million higher than the current budget. The majority of the increase stems from Cogdell Memorial Hospital's $16.4 million budget, up $1.2 million.

Without the hospital, the county's proposed budget totals $6.2 million. The budget also includes a proposed tax rate of 46.92 cents per $100. The rate is just under the rollback limit and roughly five cents more than the effective tax rate.

Another large increase in the budget is attributed to health insurance costs. Approximately $180,000 more is needed this year to compensate for a 31 percent increase in insurance costs.

"When you add in the hospital's increase of $1,236,885 and our insurance increase of roughly $180,000, you're not far off from the $1.5 million difference," County Judge Ricky Fritz noted.

Fritz also said the trend of rising insurance could continue.

"We've been told that in five years, our insurance rates could double. Unfortunately, we have no control over that, so we'll just have to keep on going."

Another change in the budget is the addition of a parks department to oversee all county parks and recreational facilities.

"Scurry County spends over half a million dollars every year to maintain our parks and recreation facilities," Fritz said. "The addition of the parks department and the budgeted amount for it ($591,498) is a little deceiving, because we've been spending that much all along. This year, we just consolidated all of those costs into one category."

Following the advice of a Dallas consultant, the county has inventoried all parks and recreation facilities in preparation for a state parks and wildlife grant.

The judge said the county will hire a parks and recreation director at a salary of $30,000 to oversee all facilities and handle applications for grants.

"We hope to get this done and apply for the $500,000 grant from Texas Parks and Wildlife as soon as possible," Fritz said. "But, realistically it will probably be next July before we're able to apply."

Included in the new parks department is $135,000 allotted for management of the Scurry County Coliseum. Fritz said in the proposed budget the sum is under the heading "Coliseum Management Contract," because he expected the Snyder Chamber of Commerce to accept the subsidy amount.

"Since that's not going to happen, we'll revise this and spread that money out a little," he said. "Some of it will go into the payroll portion for the parks department."

Other additions to the parks department are the boys and girls club, the senior citizens center and the museum.

The proposed budget does not include any merit raises for county employees. Mirroring the Social Security program for cost of living, all employees will receive a 3.5 percent pay increase.

The proposed budget contains no major capital purchases, but two new vehicles will be purchased for the juvenile probation officer and the sheriff's department.

A public hearing on the budget is set for 10 a.m. Monday.

Ten more students at Hermleigh start school

Hermleigh ISD superintendent Jerry Church was hoping for an increase in enrollment for the school as the new year started Monday.

As it turned out, 114 enrolled — an increase of 10 from the end of school in May, and nine more than a year ago.

At Ira, three more students have enrolled since the start of school a week ago bringing its present total to 182.

Snyder ISD has picked up 26 students since the start of school on Aug. 15.

The first day enrollment was 741 as compared to 767 presently.

Traditionally, enrollment creeps up in the public schools until right after Labor Day when it normally peaks.

Snyder junior critical after weekend mishap near Gail

A 16-year-old Snyder High School junior is in critical, but stable condition in Lubbock's University Medical Center following a one-vehicle rollover east of Gail Saturday morning around 8:30.

Jenna Neff was a passenger in a pickup driven by Cody Nowlin of Gail when the pickup overturned as it was westbound on Highway 180.

Borden County EMS transported Neff to the high school football field in Gail where an Aerocare ambulance landed and transported her to UMC.

Neff is the daughter of Doug and Wetonia Neff of Snyder.

Doug Neff said this morning that a blood drive is being organized for Jenna, but blood could be donated at the Lubbock hospital right now.

"Jenna suffered a broken arm and a critical injury to one of her lungs," her father said.

He added that she is in the surgical intensive care unit of UMC.

DPS trooper Hector Cantu of Lamesa investigated the mishap.

ASK US

Q—On my scanner, I hear DPS troopers talking about mile markers. What are the mile markers on Highway 84?

A—Markers are placed every two miles: Garza County line is 382; Dermott, 392; and Hermeligh, 416. Inadale is 424.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Monday, 95 degrees; low, 68; 7 a.m. Tuesday, 76; no precipitation; total for 2001, 10.49 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly clear, low around 70, S wind 5-15 mph. Wednesday, partly cloudy, 20% rain chance, high mid 90s, S wind 10-20 mph.



Skylar Jones
Partly Cloudy

Sunset:
8:20 p.m.
Sunrise:
7:15 a.m.

Of 232 days in 2001, the sun has shone 220 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Folks who never do any more than they get paid for never get paid for any more than they do.
—Elbert Hubbard

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "An expert is a chap who will know tomorrow why the things he predicted yesterday didn't happen today."

It appears that the decision concerning the Scurry County Coliseum is final, despite no public discussion and no public vote by the Commissioners' Court. Here's what has been said on the front page of the SDN over the past few months:

"I'm not at liberty to share with you right now. We (the commissioners) need to discuss this thing so we don't get hung out on a limb. We don't need to fight this battle in public. Talking about this prematurely would not be right." **(Commissioner Ralph Trevey, April 8)**

"One thing needs to be clarified. All the discussion about this (the coliseum) will be made in open session." **(County Judge Ricky Fritz, April 22)**

County Judge Ricky Fritz said this morning that the county will prepare the specifications (coliseum RFP) soon and would not wait until county budget talks later this summer. **(April 24)**

"I visited with each commissioner separately about the situation with the coliseum. We feel it is appropriate to reduce the subsidy to the chamber or whoever operates the coliseum.

"The county is obligated by law to issue requests for proposals for bids for lease of the coliseum." **(Judge Fritz, June 27)**

In regards to the coliseum, Judge Fritz said the court plans no action on the lease with the Snyder Chamber of Commerce unless the chamber initiates the action. "The ball is in their court now. If they are interested in continuing to lease it when the present contract expires at the end of the year, they need to let us know and we will issue a request for proposal. If they're not interested, we'll run it ourselves." **(Judge Fritz, July 11)**

Fritz said the current question concerning management of the Scurry County Coliseum would not affect the budget. He said as of Friday, the county had received no bids for managing the facility. **(July 23)**

Snyder Chamber of Commerce directors voted unanimously to submit a proposal to continue to operate the Scurry County Coliseum. **(July 31)**

Fritz said the court must vote to send a RFP and that the item would be placed on the agenda at a future meeting. **(Aug. 19)**

County Judge Ricky Fritz said today he sees no reason to issue a request for proposal (RFP) for operation of the Scurry County Coliseum.

"I feel it is time for someone to stand up and state the obvious. The coliseum is not on the agenda today. We have included in our proposed budget $135,000 for the coliseum. We feel that is a fair amount considering the big picture.

"The chamber does not agree with that and they sent a proposal to us for management of the coliseum. In my opinion and after reading about it for two months on the front page of the Snyder Daily News, I feel that we have irreconcilable differences." **(Judge Fritz, Aug. 20)**

The judge is right. We don't see the big picture. Decisions made behind closed doors and in back rooms are always foggy.

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Protesters might distract from NW fight over water

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. (AP) — An anti-government convoy has descended on the Klamath Basin to get federal irrigation water to drought-stricken farmers, but at least one farmer fears the protesters are "bringing their own agendas."

"When you get a bunch of people together, anything could happen," Steve Kandra, a leading farmer in the fight to get water, said Monday. "We want to make sure people stay focused on what the prize is."

A convoy of a dozen trucks from nearby states was bringing supplies to Klamath Falls for a parade and rally scheduled for today. Along its route, the convoy has attracted protesters who oppose the federal government's decision to reduce the flow of water to farmers in order to protect endangered fish.

Organizers of today's events sought to restore irrigation for the farmers and to change the Endangered Species Act, under which the endangered fish were given priority for water access.

Farmers had pursued a failed lawsuit, with Kandra as lead plaintiff, to overturn the decision to curtail irrigation.

Competing demands for water have been building for a decade in the Klamath Basin, but they came to a head this year when drought cut water available for a federal irrigation system that supplies about half the farmland in the Klamath Basin, along the Oregon-California border.

Bulletins used to track abducted kids

WASHINGTON (AP) — Police looking for abducted children are now able to tap vast radio audiences for tips, thanks to a program in which stations interrupt regular programming to air a missing child alert in the same way they warn of storms.

Because of this program, which makes use of the same bulletin system broadcasters rely on during weather emergencies, police took only two hours to locate 5-year-old Maria Cuellar, who had gotten into a car with a stranger in Houston.

The program, which began in Texas, will soon be sponsored, publicized and expanded by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. At a time when the nation is focused on the plight of Chandra Levy, the program is gaining attention for its help in the return of 17 youngsters since 1997.

"This is a program that makes use of those first horrible, but critical hours," said Joann Donnellan, a spokeswoman for the center. "It is a way for communities to help when it is still likely that the child has not been harmed and is still in the area."

The alert program is called AMBER, after Amber Hagerman, a 9-year-old girl who was abducted and found murdered near Dallas in 1996. It is a voluntary partnership between police and broadcasters to put out an emergency bulletin when a child is missing.

In weather emergencies, the bulletin is activated by the National Weather Service, which depends on broadcasters to send out a lengthy "beep" accompanied by a message across the screen.

In the case of an abducted child, the system works the same way, with police making the decision to activate it.

"The real strength is that the police immediately gain thousands and thousands of eyeballs across the city," said Steve Mace, a spokesman for the program in the Dallas/Fort Worth area. "The strength of radio is that people receive the alert while they are driving around."

In Maria Cuellar's case, moments after a man in a stolen ambulance kidnapped her, broadcasters across the city gave a description of the girl, the ambulance and a few details about the suspect.

The bulletin produced several calls — one from a man in a nearby neighborhood who said he had seen a man fitting the suspect's description.

Police quickly searched the neighborhood, spotted the ambulance and found the man inside a small apartment. Maria was tied up in a bedroom, unharmed.

The program slowly spread over the years after success stories in Texas captured the attention of police in other areas. It is now administered statewide in Oklahoma, Arkansas, Ohio, Florida and more than 20 communities in other states across the nation.

Last year, 876,213 people were reported missing — about 750,000 of them were children. Most of the youngsters were found not long after their disappearance was reported to police.

But police say stories of those who are not found strike at the heart of communities, much in the same way that the search for Levy has captured Washington's attention. Levy has been missing since May 1.

In Oklahoma, the plan is credited with the safe return of a baby girl taken by two teenagers who stole the car she was in, unaware that she was stowed in back. A fisherman heard the alert, saw the stolen car and called the police.

In Saginaw, Texas, a man who abducted 9-year-old Fleisha Moore in 1999 forced her out of his truck when he heard an AMBER alert on the radio describing his vehicle. She was found shaken, but unhurt.

Those who tout the program say it succeeds where other alert methods have failed.

Fax machines can be busy or broken. E-mail can sit unread for hours. And Justice Department statistics show that 74 percent of kids who were abducted and found murdered were killed within the first three hours.

"Time is the enemy," Donnellan said. "It is critical to get jump start on these cases. This is the best thing going."

Donnellan's group has created instruction booklets and will publicize program at dozens of law enforcement seminars in the fall. The National Association of Broadcasters helped design the process for using the bulletin system for AMBER alerts.

"Television stations that are in the middle of their newscast can simply break in with a live report, stations in the middle of the Super Bowl could run a crawl," said Jeffrey Bobeck, a spokesman for the broadcast association.

On the Net:
National Center For Missing and Exploited Children: http://www.missingkids.com
Audio clip available at http://wire.ap.org

Paltrow wears fat suit in new movie

NEW YORK (AP) — Gwyneth Paltrow learned a lot about beauty by wearing a fat suit.

The tall, leggy actress plays an obese woman in the upcoming Farrelly brothers' movie "Shallow Hal." It took three hours to put on the suit and an hour to take it off.

"The first day I tried it on, I was in the Tribeca Grand, and I walked through the lobby," the 28-year-old told W magazine for its September issue. "It was so sad; it was so disturbing. No one would make eye contact with me because I was obese.

"I was wearing this black shirt with big snowmen on it. For some reason, the fat clothes they make ..." Paltrow stops to correct herself. "The clothes they make for women that are overweight are horrible. I felt humiliated because people were really dismissive."

"Shallow Hal," co-starring Jack Black as a man who's hypnotized and sees Paltrow's character as a thin, beautiful woman, is scheduled to open Nov. 9.

First rabid cat found in NYC in fifty years

NEW YORK (AP) — A cat found in a subway tunnel this month tested positive for rabies, in New York City's first reported case of the disease in a domestic animal in nearly 50 years, health officials said.

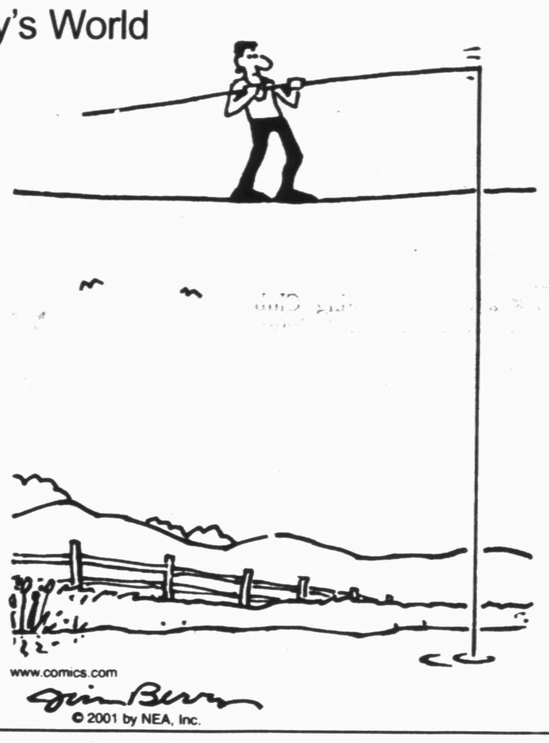
Rabies has been found in raccoons, bats and skunks in the city, but the last known case in a dog or cat was reported in 1954.

The cat found this month was discovered by transit workers in a tunnel near a station in Brooklyn. It reportedly bit a police officer who was trying to catch it. The officer, who was not identified, is being treated.

People bitten by rabid animals are treated with five doses of the rabies vaccine over a four-week period. Exposure to the disease can be fatal if not treated.

The cat was euthanized.

Berry's World



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Date Book

Tuesday, Aug. 21, 2001

Today is the 233rd day of 2001 and the 62nd day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1831, a slave rebellion led by Nat Turner began in Southampton County, Va.

On this day in 1912, Arthur Rose Eldred became the first Eagle Scout.

On this day in 1959, President Dwight Eisenhower proclaimed that Hawaii was the 50th state of the Union.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Aubrey Beardsley (1872-1898), artist and illustrator; Count Basie (1904-1984), pianist-composer; Princess Margaret of England (1930-) is 71; Wilt Chamberlain (1936-1999), basketball great; Kenny Rogers (1938-), singer-actor, is 63; Jim McMahon (1959-), football player, is 42.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1926, Ted Lyons pitched a no-hitter for the White Sox against the Red Sox. Chicago won 6-0.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Patience is a bitter plant, but it has sweet fruit." — German proverb

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (Aug. 18) and first quarter (Aug. 25).

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Texas Lottery

RESULTS

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery:
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AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
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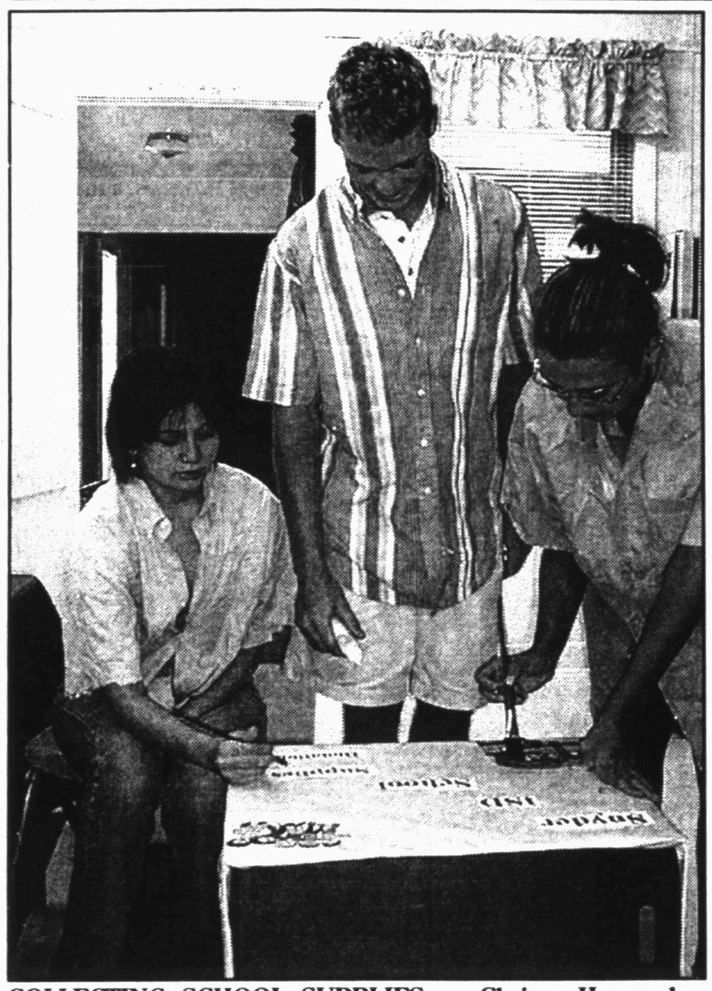
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COLLECTING SCHOOL SUPPLIES — Chrissy Hernandez, Zach Starnes and Cozy Jones, from left, are painting a box to collect school supplies for needy children. Boxes are located in Davidson's IGA, West Texas State Bank, United Supermarket, Texas Savings Bank, Wal-Mart and American State Bank. The boxes will remain until Friday for donations. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Community Calendar

TUESDAY

Overeaters Anonymous, Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for more information call 574-1254, 573-8322 or 573-3733; 6:30 p.m.

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

AA Beginner's Meeting-Open; Snyder Park Club, 1212 37th Street; 7 p.m.

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

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th and Ave. M; for more information call 573-4203, 573-8626, 573-2101 or 573-0695; 8 p.m.

TOPS TX56 (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5 to 6 p.m.; 2501 35th. For more information call Phillis Leatherwood at 573-6105.

WEDNESDAY

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

Spiritual Solutions for Living Problems Book Study; Snyder Park Club; 6 p.m.

Just For Today NA, open meeting; Park Club; for information, call 573-8018; 8p.m.

THURSDAY

LLL Club at First Baptist Church will meet in the fellowship hall; 9:30 a.m.

Al-Anon brown bag; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-2101 or 573-0695; noon to 1 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

FRIDAY

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

Bridge

by Phillip Alder

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Opening lead: ??

Tuesday, Aug. 21, 2001

A chip off the old bloc!

By Phillip Alder

When Lech Walesa made his first trip outside the Soviet bloc, to Paris in December 1988, he said, "You have riches and freedom here but I feel no sense of faith or direction. You have so many computers, why don't you use them in the search for love?" Weren't there Web sites for personal ads in those days?

Computers help some to find love — but they cannot play a good game of bridge. Here is another deal in which four computers were competing. I am confident it would take you quite some time to guess West's lead and South's line of play.

Given South's initial response, West decided not to lead a heart. However, selecting the spade six was particularly bizarre. (You may substitute your own word!)

Declarer's best approach isn't clear, but the computer ducked East's spade nine. East returned the spade four, West winning with the queen and continuing with the king.

Had West led the six from K-Q-6 or K-Q-J-6? (As South had been programmed by the same team as West, perhaps it should have known the answer.) Anyway, declarer cashed dummy's two top diamonds — good move. A third diamond and the contract would have succeeded. But no, South took the three club tricks (West discarded the heart 10), before exiting with the heart three from hand.

Would West play the two to allow partner to win with the six and claim the rest of the tricks for three down? No way, Jose Processor. Seeing the setting tricks, West went in with the nine to cash the diamond 10 and heart ace for one down.

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LUNCH AND GAMES PLANNED — Mayor Francene Noah, treasurer for Martha Ann Woman's Club, left, and Sandra Brace, caterer, plan the fourth Wednesday Luncheon and Game Day. The buffet will be available from 11:30 to 1:30 so those who cannot stay and play games may return to work. Cost is $7.50 and reservations are necessary by calling 573-3427 today. Games of choice are played throughout the afternoon. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

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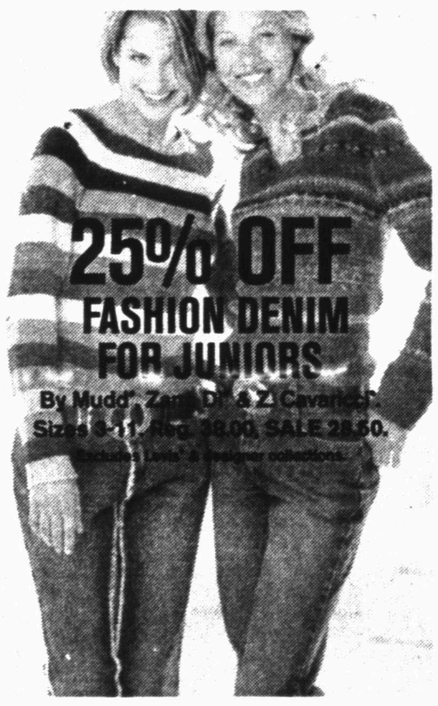
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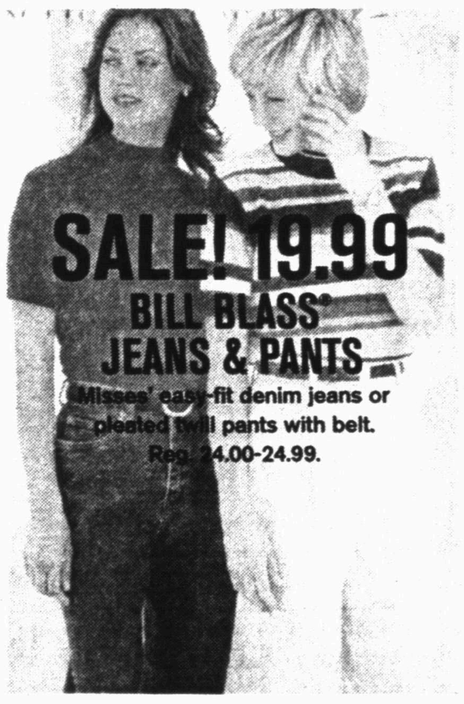
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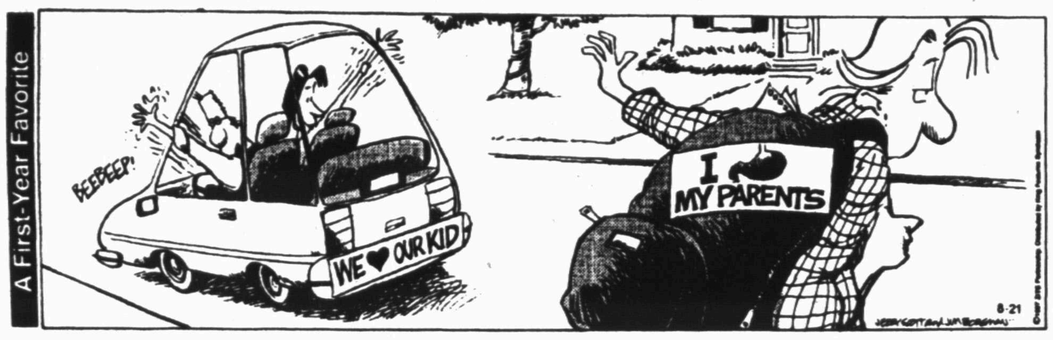
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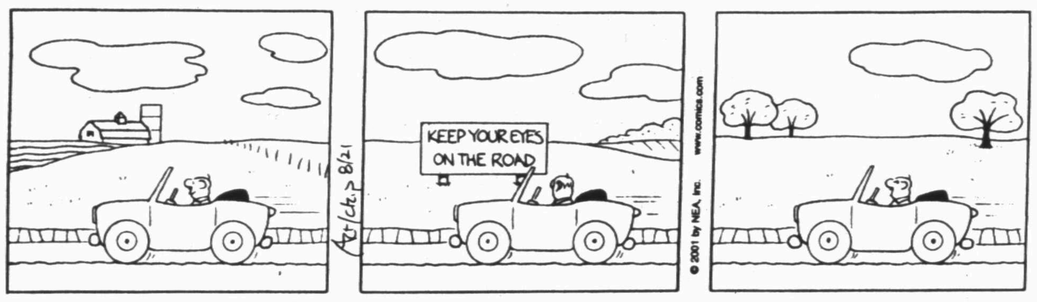
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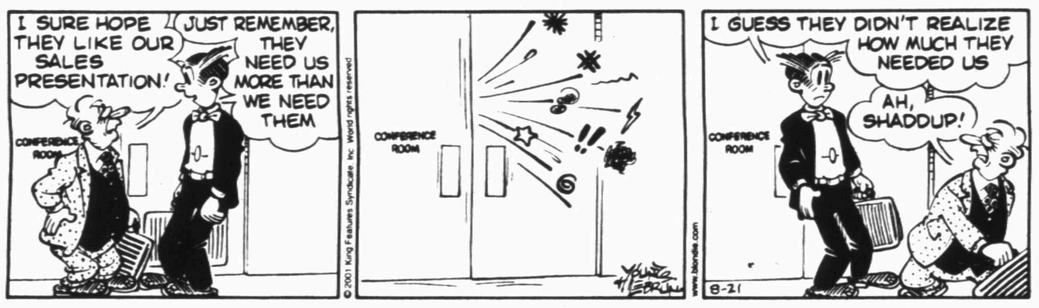
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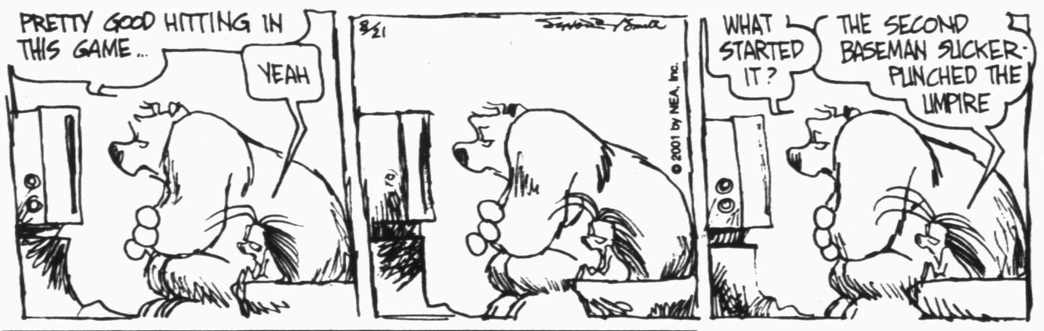
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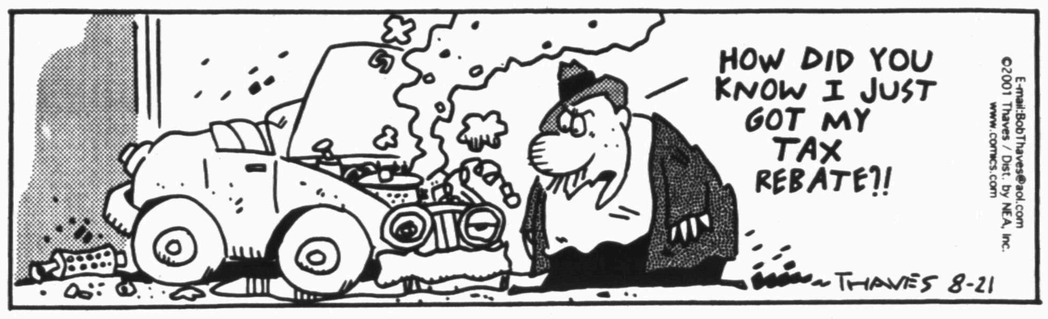
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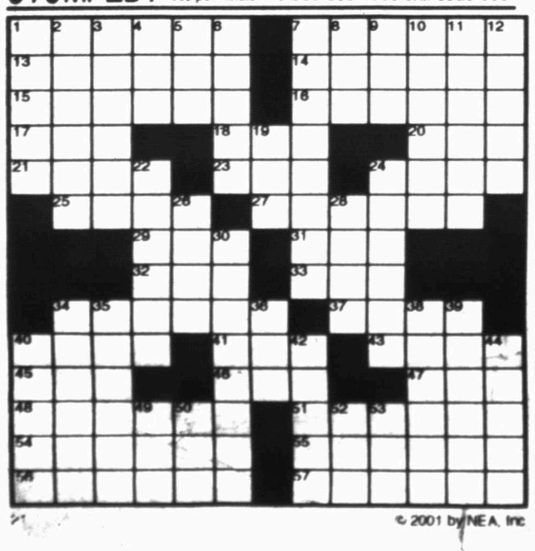
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SPORTS

Freshman spikers post pair of wins

ODESSA — Snyder's freshmen won a pair of matches and dropped only one over the weekend at the Odessa tournament.

Both Snyder victories were tight, with the Lady Tigers edging Bonham, 15-10, 16-14, before holding off Nimitz, 8-15, 15-9, 15-7. Snyder's only setback came at the hands of Greenwood, 3-15, 8-15.

Against Bonham, Courtney Cox paced the Lady Tigers from the service line with nine points, while Rebecca Aguirre and Heather Holmes added six apiece.

Heather Zajicek tallied four points, and Kalli Wesson and Stacey Williamson posted three each.

Cox served up 11 points to lead Snyder's effort against Nimitz. Wesson accounted for seven points, and Aguirre registered for six.

Holmes posted five points, while Zajicek and Williamson tallied three apiece. Joshlyn Tovar finished with two points, and Jacy Beccue chipped in one.

In the setback to Greenwood, it was Zajicek and Tovar leading he way with four points each. Cox registered two points, and J.J. Farmer accounted for one.

Snyder is in action again at 5 this evening when it visits Midland Lee.

Carter eager to make amends

OXNARD, Calif. (AP) — There were no fumbled snaps, no interceptions and no frustrated looks from the sidelines.

There was just Quincy Carter flipping tight spirals through the chilly air of Oxnard, Calif., on Monday, trying to make amends for his woeful starting debut against New Orleans.

The Dallas Cowboys' rookie quarterback handled himself with the poise of a grizzled veteran during the team's first practice since their 16-10 loss to the Saints on Saturday.

"He was about as sharp today as I've ever seen him," said Cowboys owner and general manager Jerry Jones. "He understands the ups and downs that come at this position. Quincy's going to be able to handle anything that comes his way."

Carter looked confident and patient during the team's drills on Monday, completing touch passes to his secondary receivers and occasionally zipping bullets through tight coverage.

It was exactly the kind of performance Carter expected of himself.

"I'm just going to stick in there and respond to the adversity," Carter said. "I've just got to relax, go out there and play football like I know how to."

And not play football like he did on Saturday.

Carter spent most of Saturday's preseason contest against the Saints scrambling away from defensive pressure, then tossing the ball away. He finished 5-of-17 for 27 yards, including two fumbled snaps and an interception that was returned for a touchdown.

With Carter at the helm of the offense, the Cowboys picked up only two first downs and 53 yards. They also failed to convert any third downs.

But Cowboys coach Dave Campo insisted Monday that Carter was not solely responsible for the Cowboys' offensive inefficiency.

"Other guys have to pick up the tempo, not just the quarterback," Campo said. "We've gone into New Orleans a number of times with a number of people at quarterback who've struggled."

Campo said he also saw a few — and just a few — highlights amid Carter's disastrous starting debut.

"I think Quincy got better as the game went on," Campo said. "I just felt he was getting more aware of some things as the game went on. I don't think that game bothered him a lick."

If it did, it didn't show on Monday.

During scrimmage-type drills, Carter even flashed some of the scrambling skills that has Jones drawing comparisons of him to Philadelphia's Donovan McNabb and Minnesota's Daunte Culpepper.

Carter, the Cowboys' first draft pick and the 53rd overall in the NFL draft, reminded everyone that he's just going through the typical rookie struggles.

"The season hasn't even started yet," Carter said. "People are making too many judgments. At first people wanted to know why I wasn't starting, now they don't want me to start. I just need to keep focused on the job."

Even veteran receiver Joey Galloway, who didn't make a single catch in his first preseason game of the year, said he's confident the Cowboys can win with Carter at quarterback.

"I've been conditioned to go with whoever is under center and just play," said Galloway, who worked on some pass routes with Carter after practice. "I don't think Quincy's going to have any problems. He's done a great job."

Nebraska players arrested

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — The off-field troubles for No. 4 Nebraska are building as two more players, including I-back Dahrran Diedrick, face disciplinary action after weekend arrests for an argument at a bar.

Since June, four players have been arrested and a fifth, linebacker Randy Stella, was kicked off the team for violating team rules.

Diedrick and backup linebacker Tony Tata spent about an hour in jail Saturday night after being charged with disturbing the peace.

"You cannot be out at midnight standing on the street and generally have something good happen," coach Frank Solich said Monday.

Solich said that no decision had been made on the players' status. He planned to make a determination by the end of the week.

"I'm just trying to get as many facts on it as I can," Solich said. "In a number of cases we have waited until things have played out in the court system. I don't know if that will be the case here."

Diedrick is scheduled to appear in Lancaster County Court Sept. 12. Tata is to appear two days later.

Nebraska opens the season Saturday at home against TCU.

The arrests add to a preseason that saw the Huskers lose Stella, their top returning defender, and suspend kicker Josh Brown for Saturday's game.

Stella, who had 58 tackles last season, was booted off the team this month for undisclosed disciplinary reasons. Brown was convicted of assault for fighting with a man on a date with his ex-girlfriend.

Thunder Collins, a reserve I-back, was arrested and charged in June with assaulting his live-in girlfriend, Nebraska basketball player Shannon Howell. Assault charges against Collins were dropped this month when he agreed to enter a pretrial diversion program.

Solich ordered Brown and Collins to undergo anger management counseling.

"Even though they're all classified as misdemeanors, they're all disturbing to you," Solich said.

Rangers crumble in late innings

ARLINGTON (AP) — Paul O'Neill and Tino Martinez homered in a five-run eighth inning as the New York Yankees rallied to beat the Texas Rangers 9-5 Monday night.

The Rangers led 5-4 before O'Neill and Martinez both hit long blasts off Juan Moreno (3-3), snapping the Yankees' modest two-game losing streak and keeping Roger Clemens' impressive streak intact.

O'Neill, leading off the eighth, hit Moreno's fourth pitch into the second deck of the stands in right for his 19th homer. Bernie Williams then singled and Tino Martinez hit his 28th homer.

Mike Stanton (8-3), pitching in relief of Clemens, got the win.

Clemens is 12-0 in 16 starts since his only loss May 20 at Seattle. He allowed five runs and nine hits in six innings with a season-low two strikeouts.

The Rangers threatened in the ninth against Mariano Rivera, loading the bases with two outs. But Rivera got Rafael Palmeiro on a groundout to end it.

Sports Briefs

Bowling meeting

The Men's Commercial League will meet at 7 p.m. Aug. 30 at Snyder Lanes to prepare for the upcoming season. League bowling begins Sept. 6.

Sammy Baugh tournament

The 10th annual "Slingin" Sammy Baugh Snyder Golf Tournament will be held Sept. 8 at Western Texas College. Proceeds benefit Snyder ISD golf programs.

Format is four-person scramble and cost is $140 per team. Shotgun starts are scheduled for 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Cash prizes will be awarded with $600 going to the winning team.

Entry deadline is Sept. 7. Registration forms can be picked up at the WTC pro shop.

Flag football

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

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.

Lindros officially a Ranger

NEW YORK (AP) — Philadelphia traded star center Eric Lindros to the New York Rangers, ending a 15-month ordeal for the six-time All-Star, his father/agent Carl and Flyers general manager Bob Clarke.

New York sent left wing Jan Hlavac, defenseman Kim Johnsson, young forward Pavel Brendl and a third-round draft pick in 2003 to the Flyers for Lindros — a restricted free agent — who then signed a four-year contract with the Rangers reportedly worth around $38 million.

The 28-year-old former MVP hasn't played since May 26, 2000, when a check from New Jersey's Scott Stevens in Game 7 of the Eastern Conference finals gave him his sixth concussion.

Northwestern player used stimulant

CHICAGO (AP) — Northwestern football player Rashidi Wheeler had the stimulant ephedrine in his system when he collapsed during a grueling Aug. 3 workout, but the banned substance did not cause his death, the Cook County medical examiner said. Bronchial asthma is still considered the cause of death.

FSU loses top receiver

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — Anquan Boldin, Florida State's top returning receiver, was lost for the season because of a knee injury that requires surgery.

Tyson fighting outside U.S.

NEW YORK (AP) — Mike Tyson will fight outside the United States for the third time in four bouts when he takes on Denmark's Brian Nielsen at Copenhagen on Sept. 8.

National Football League

Preseason At A Glance
All Times EDT

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
New England	2	0	0	1.000	37	8
Buffalo	1	1	0	.500	16	27
Indianapolis	1	1	0	.500	54	48
N.Y. Jets	1	1	0	.500	26	23
Miami	1	2	0	.333	47	54
Central						
Cleveland	2	0	0	1.000	17	9
Tennessee	2	0	0	1.000	50	34
Cincinnati	1	1	0	.500	40	40
Jacksonville	1	1	0	.500	23	43
Pittsburgh	1	1	0	.500	27	40
Baltimore	0	1	0	.000	3	16
West						
Kansas City	2	0	0	1.000	30	9
San Diego	2	0	0	1.000	48	44
Oakland	2	1	0	.667	48	41
Denver	1	1	0	.500	27	28
Seattle	0	2	0	.000	34	44

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Arizona	1	1	0	.500	23	23
N.Y. Giants	1	1	0	.500	27	19
Philadelphia	0	1	0	.000	3	6
Washington	0	2	0	.000	6	47
Dallas	0	3	0	.000	30	57
Central						
Minnesota	2	0	0	1.000	52	31
Detroit	1	1	0	.500	51	53
Green Bay	1	1	0	.500	25	17
Chicago	1	2	0	.333	49	50
Tampa Bay	0	2	0	.000	20	23
West						
Atlanta	2	1	0	.667	63	33
St. Louis	2	1	0	.667	51	43
New Orleans	1	1	0	.500	37	38
San Francisco	1	1	0	.500	44	42
Carolina	0	2	0	.000	24	41

Monday's Game
Green Bay 22, Denver 7

Thursday's Games
Carolina at Baltimore, 7:30 p.m.
Kansas City at Jacksonville, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Tennessee, 8 p.m.

Friday's Games
Cleveland at Washington, 8 p.m.
Indianapolis at Minnesota, 8 p.m.

Saturday's Games
Detroit at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
Buffalo at Cincinnati, 7:30 p.m.
New England at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
Arizona at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Miami at Green Bay, 8 p.m.
New York Jets at New York Giants, 8 p.m.
New Orleans at Denver, 9 p.m.
Seattle at San Francisco, 9 p.m.
St. Louis at San Diego, 10 p.m.

Monday, Aug. 27
Dallas vs. Oakland at Mexico City, 8 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 30
Buffalo at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m.
Indianapolis at Cincinnati, 7:30 p.m.
New York Jets at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
Tennessee at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at New England, 8 p.m.
Jacksonville at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 31
New York Giants at Baltimore, Noon
Minnesota at Miami, 7 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Carolina, 8 p.m.
Kansas City at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Green Bay at Oakland, 9 p.m.
San Francisco at Denver, 9 p.m.
San Diego at Arizona, 10 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 1
New Orleans at Seattle, 4 p.m.

Major League Baseball

National League
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East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	68	55	.553	—
Philadelphia	67	56	.545	1
Florida	59	64	.480	9
New York	56	68	.452	12½
Montreal	53	71	.427	15½
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	71	53	.573	—
Chicago	69	55	.556	2
St. Louis	68	56	.548	3
Milwaukee	54	69	.439	16½
Cincinnati	49	75	.395	22
Pittsburgh	45	78	.366	25½
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	72	51	.585	—
San Francisco	70	54	.564	2½
Los Angeles	67	57	.540	5½
San Diego	61	62	.496	11
Colorado	53	70	.431	19

Monday's Games
Chicago Cubs 7, Milwaukee 4, 1st game
Milwaukee 10, Chicago Cubs 2, 2nd game
Cincinnati 5, St. Louis 4, 11 innings

Tuesday's Games
Milwaukee (Quevedo 2-1) at Chicago Cubs (Cruz 0-0), 2:20 p.m.
Los Angeles (Gagne 4-5) at Florida (Penny 7-6), 7:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Ortiz 13-6) at Montreal (Pavano 0-1), 7:05 p.m.
Arizona (Schilling 18-5) at Pittsburgh (D.Williams 1-5), 7:05 p.m.
Houston (Astacio 7-14) at Philadelphia (Figueroa 4-3), 7:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Hermanson 11-9) at Cincinnati (Acevedo 3-4), 7:05 p.m.
Colorado (Hampton 12-9) at N.Y. Mets (Leiter 7-10), 7:10 p.m.
San Diego (Jarvis 10-9) at Atlanta (Burkett 10-8), 7:35 p.m.

Wednesday's Games
Milwaukee (Suzuki 2-3) at Chicago Cubs (Tapani 8-10), 2:20 p.m.
San Diego (Tollberg 6-3) at Atlanta (Millwood 3-5), 7:05 p.m.
Arizona (Lopez 2-3) at Pittsburgh (Beimel 5-9), 7:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Estes 8-7) at Montreal (Ohka 0-2), 7:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Kile 13-7) at Cincinnati (Davis 5-2), 7:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Adams 9-5) at Florida (Burnett 8-9), 7:05 p.m.
Houston (Miller 13-6) at Philadelphia (Person 10-6), 7:05 p.m.
Colorado (Chacon 6-7) at N.Y. Mets (Appier 6-10), 7:10 p.m.

American League
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	74	51	.592	—
Boston	68	55	.553	5
Toronto	59	66	.472	15
Baltimore	53	71	.427	20½
Tampa Bay	44	81	.352	30
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	69	55	.557	—
Minnesota	65	60	.520	4½
Chicago	60	63	.488	8½
Detroit	52	71	.423	16½
Kansas City	51	74	.408	18½
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	89	36	.712	—
Oakland	73	52	.584	16
Anaheim	66	59	.528	23
Texas	54	71	.432	35

Monday's Games
Toronto 3, Minnesota 2
N.Y. Yankees 9, Texas 5
Kansas City 10, Chicago White Sox 1
Boston 6, Anaheim 1
Detroit 4, Seattle 1
Oakland 9, Cleveland 0

Tuesday's Games
Baltimore (Mercedes 7-13) at Tampa Bay (P.Wilson 5-8), 7:15 p.m.
Toronto (Lyon 1-2) at Minnesota (Radke 10-8), 8:05 p.m.
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Bus driver charged with using suspended license

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The driver in a fatal Greyhound bus crash in Tennessee has been charged with driving on a license that was suspended in New York state in 1987, officials said.

The crash northwest of Nashville on Sunday morning killed one passenger and injured 44 passengers and the driver, Nathaniel B. Waugh of St. Louis.

Waugh, who was charged Sunday night, had his license suspended for failing to pay child support, Tennessee Department of Safety spokeswoman Dana Keeton said Monday.

She said Waugh somehow obtained a license in Missouri after his New York license was suspended, but she said the suspension "basically invalidates any license."

Greyhound spokeswoman Jamille Bradfield declined comment on the charge Monday.

Investigations by Tennessee state troopers and the National Transportation Safety Board have not determined if the driver should face charges stemming from the accident. NTSB investigator David Rayburn said Waugh told him "he's not sure what happened."

Keeton said investigators were working on a "very complicated reconstruction" of the accident scene that could take several days to finish.

Greyhound is conducting its own probe to determine the cause of the crash.

The bus overturned on Interstate 24 after drifting from the right lane to the left lane and hitting a median, Keeton said. Passengers have said the driver was dozing off before the accident.

Mark Linder, 33, of Augusta, Ga., died when he was thrown from the vehicle and trapped underneath it. Seven passengers remained hospitalized Monday night, two of them in critical condition.

Schoolwork and the Internet: U.S. sees blessings and pitfalls

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rising high school senior Amanda Campbell says the Internet makes getting started on her school assignments easier, but she still values the time she spends with books in the library.

"The Internet makes it too easy sometimes," said Campbell, a 17-year-old from New London, Pa. "I still think you should go to the library.

She says her teachers require her to have three book sources and one Internet source for school research projects, a mix of research sources similar to those often required by teachers.

A majority of teens say they can find on the Internet very nearly all of what they need for school projects. American adults, however, have a mixed view of the importance of Internet skills for children to do schoolwork, an Associated Press poll found.

About half in the poll said the ability to use the Internet is very important, and the other half said it is somewhat important or not important at all, according to the poll conducted for the AP by ICR of Media, Pa.

Some educators, like Vermont principal Elizabeth LeRoy, wonder with Amanda Campbell whether the Internet makes things too easy.

"My concern about using the Internet is that students might take an article directly off the Internet rather than reading it and summarizing it," said LeRoy, principal of the Craftsbury School, a K-12 school in rural Vermont. "Usually, teachers require something besides a Web reference, like an encyclopedia. The students can't just use the Web."

Other educators are less hesitant about the Internet.

Bruce Whitehead, principal at Hellgate Elementary in Missoula, Mont., pushes pupils to develop Internet skills quickly at his school, which emphasizes technology. The school gets computers into the homes of students through tax write-off and donation programs.

"Some teachers use it extensively," Whitehead said. "Parents can log in and go right to their child's folder, find out what their assignments are."

The percentage of adults in the poll who felt Internet skills were very important for students dropped steadily the older the respondent. The poll of 1,006 adults was taken July 27-31 and has an error margin of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

Residents of metropolitan areas were far more likely than those in rural areas to say Internet skills were very important for children in school. Older respondents were less enthusiastic than young adults.

"I think it's all right to a certain extent," said Lawanda Jackson, a 60-year-old grandmother from Middlesboro, Ky. "But ... they used to need their brains a little bit more."

While adults wrestle with their attitudes about the Internet, young people appear to be plunging forward.

More than two-thirds of teens said in a survey last December that they use the Internet as their major resource when doing a big project for school, said Lee Rainie, director of the Pew Internet and American Life Project.

Trends in public opinion have shown increasing enthusiasm for Internet use as access has grown, said Larry Cuban, author of "Oversold and Underused: Computers in the Classroom." His research has found that word processing and Internet searches were the two most frequent computer activities for students.

"Most students depend on the Internet to get their stuff," said 16-year-old Jeff Sands of Horsham, Pa. "You can most find anything by going onto Yahoo," an Internet search engine.

The use of the Internet for schoolwork has renewed questions about the authenticity of information and the temptation to plagiarize, educators say. While neither issue is new to education, the convenience of the Internet has renewed worries about both.

For Kelly Wehrle, a 46-year-old father of three from Madison, Neb., it's very important for his children to have Internet skills to do their work. "There's so much information they can use for schoolwork; it's easier to look up stuff," Wehrle said.

Minister faces grand larceny, other charges

NEW YORK (AP) — A Bronx minister who allegedly claimed $250 million in income on his state tax return and then tried to buy cars and real estate with his $5.4 million refund has been arrested and faces multiple charges.

The former minister, Clayton Harris, was indicted Monday. He faces 33 counts of grand larceny and filing false income tax returns and other documents.

Harris had claimed the $250 million each year since 1993 from Clayton Harris Ministries, according to reports in several New York City newspapers. His claim was rejected in previous years, but not for 2000, the reports said.

Harris, 43, reportedly filed a tax return claiming too much money had been withheld. He said the government owed him a refund of $5,476,398, to be wired to his account at Independence Community Bank.

The state wired the refund on June 25, and he quickly began to spend it, authorities say. He reportedly instructed the bank to send electronic payments for a Corvette convertible, another luxury car and property in North Carolina.

As the electronic transfers began to move, a bank employee noticed the spending spree and notified his supervisors. About $13,000 actually had been spent when the state tax department froze the account, the newspaper accounts said.

Harris was arrested Aug. 16 and is scheduled to be arraigned Wednesday. His lawyer, Justine Marous, declined to comment on the case.

Harris had once been affiliated with the Cleveland, Tenn.-based Church of God and Prophecy, which has six churches in Brooklyn. He was excommunicated in the early 1990s for failing to abide by church principles, church leaders told the New York Times.

Citing the pending arraignment, officials at the New York Department of Taxation and Finance declined to give details on how such a large refund check was issued.

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AmEl Pw	45.40	44.85	45.39	+ .02
AndarkPtr	56.18	55.27	55.29	— .66
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Caterpillar	53.04	52.75	52.80	+ .05
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No bail for accused Kansas druggist

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — A millionaire pharmacist charged with diluting cancer drugs will be held without bond while he awaits trial because a federal judge worries he might try to flee the country.

U.S. Magistrate Robert Larsen said Monday that pharmacist Robert Courtney was a flight risk, particularly because of his more than $10 million in assets.

Courtney, 48, has allegedly acknowledged diluting chemotherapy medications for at least 30 to 35 patients, and authorities say the number could be higher.

The pharmacist is charged with a single count of dispensing misbranded and adulterated chemotherapy drugs. If convicted, he faces three years in prison and a $250,000 fine. His attorney, Jean Paul Bradshaw II, has said he would plead innocent.

Courtney has admitted diluting the expensive drugs "out of greed," according to prosecutors. Authorities claim diluting the drugs would have saved him hundreds of dollars per dose.

The FBI has raised the possibility of homicide charges if the dilutions are linked to any deaths.

At a detention hearing in a packed courtroom, Larsen asked FBI Special Agent David E. Parker how many patients who allegedly received diluted drugs have died.

"At least one for sure," said Parker, who did not provide details.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Gene Porter said the FBI is investigating claims that Courtney tried to move $2 million to an account in the Cayman Islands, and that he looked into buying a condominium on St. Croix in the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Bradshaw said his client wasn't preparing to flee when he traveled to St. Croix three weeks ago. Bradshaw waved Courtney's passport in the air and told Larsen he was surrendering it on the spot.

He also said Courtney would surrender his pharmaceutical licenses from Missouri and Kansas and his federal drug permit.

FBI investigators are still sifting through medical records and trying to contact potential victims. More than 1,100 people have called an FBI hot line set up to locate victims.

Authorities say tests on intravenous drug bags mixed at Courtney's Research Medical Tower Pharmacy showed they contained between 39 percent and less than 1 percent of the amount of the drugs that had been prescribed. Prosecutors say Courtney reduced the strength of the chemotherapy drugs Gemzar, Taxol, Paraplatin and Platinol.

Schools weigh penalties for drug use

DALLAS (AP) — Several North Texas schools are threatening to suspend students from extracurricular activities if they use alcohol, tobacco or illegal drugs.

And some institutions are trying to extend the prohibition off campus.

The Grapevine-Colleyville school board recently revised a pledge that must be signed by students and parents: "I pledge not to drink alcoholic beverages, use tobacco illegally, take illegal drugs or be in possession of alcoholic beverages, tobacco, illegal drugs or drug paraphernalia."

It now states in bold letters: "The pledge is in effect at all times."

Arlington, Grand Prairie, Highland Park, Plano and other districts have similar 24-hour policies.

"We don't want kids out representing our district through extracurricular activities who are doing things that are illegal," Larry Guinn, executive director of student services for the Plano school system, told The Dallas Morning News in today's editions.

Critics say the school districts are out of their constitutional bounds.

"This is an unconstitutional invasion of privacy that would not be placed on others, such as teachers, who are clearly role models," said Frank Colosi, a Fort Worth lawyer who works with the American Civil Liberties Union. "The school districts are discriminating on the basis of who is willing to give up their constitutional rights to participate."

But school officials in Arlington say the round-the-clock pledge helps keep kids off drugs and alcohol, even if it's difficult to enforce.

"I don't have numbers to show you, but I can just tell you from my experience we're seeing fewer kids" for disciplinary reasons, Arlington High School principal James Adams said.

"It gives them a reason not to do it," Adams said. "Some kids tell me they didn't drink because they were afraid."

The Arlington district instituted its around-the-clock policy after a hazing incident involving several students and the gang rape of a student in 1996.

The policies are built around punishment. A first offense in Arlington suspends the student from the activity for the remainder of the school year or season. Students are given the opportunity to be reinstated one time in junior high and one time in high school.

Punishments at Grapevine-Colleyville range from a suspension of three weeks to a third violation of removal for one calendar year.

Districts have their ways of finding out which students violate pledges, including admissions by students, an employee witnessing an offense, or a citation filed by a local police agency.

Lauren Taliaferro, a cheerleader at Lamar High School in Arlington, said she agrees that students shouldn't drink, smoke or use drugs.

Special warnings sought

Cholesterol pills come with risks

WASHINGTON (AP) — Nearly two weeks after a popular cholesterol-lowering drug was pulled off the market for causing deadly muscle destruction, a consumer group charged Monday that five similar medications have killed an additional 81 people.

Public Citizen petitioned the government to force manufacturers to give special warning brochures to the millions of Americans who take those medicines — statins — telling them to quit the pills at the first sign of muscle pain or weakness.

Statins dramatically lower cholesterol and reduce patients' risk of heart attacks.

"Most people taking these drugs aren't aware that they could sustain serious muscle damage and could even die," said Dr. Sidney Wolfe of Public Citizen's Health Research Group.

"Serious muscle and kidney damage, and potentially death, may be averted only if the patients taking statins stop the drugs at the first sign of muscle pain or weakness," Wolfe wrote the Food and Drug Administration Monday.

The FDA disputed Wolfe's death count, saying its own investigation last year uncovered just 18 deaths that could be linked to the five statins on the U.S. market — Lipitor, Mevacor, Pravachol, Zocor and Lescol.

But the agency will consider Wolfe's request for stiffer warnings.

Pfizer Inc. already has asked the FDA to approve a brochure written in layman's language that would accompany every bottle of the top-selling statin Lipitor, explaining the risk.

Wolfe's petition comes almost two weeks after one statin, Baycol, was pulled off the market when the FDA linked it to 31 U.S. deaths from a side effect called rhabdomyolysis. That's a rare but life-threatening condition in which muscle cells are destroyed. In severe cases, it leads to kidney failure.

Every statin has been linked to rare reports of a muscle side effect, and their labels carry that warning.

Wolfe analyzed FDA records to uncover 772 cases of rhabdomyolysis since 1997 among the six statins sold in this country. Half — 387 cases — were caused by Baycol alone, explaining why Bayer pulled it off the market.

But Wolfe said he found another 385 rhabdomyolysis cases among users of the other five statins still sold, including 81 deaths dating back to 1987, when the first of those drugs hit the market.

That's still a rare risk, considering 8 million Americans are estimated to use statins. But Wolfe argues that severe muscle destruction and death are preventable if patients are aware of the early warning signs.

He urged the FDA to put stronger warnings on the statins' labels, to write every U.S. physician telling them about the risk, and to mandate that every patient get a brochure telling them to stop the pills and call a doctor if they suffer muscle symptoms.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Fair warning of hot tub party prevents neighbors' cry of foul

DEAR ABBY: While I don't disagree with your response to "Doin' What Comes Naturally," whose new neighbors objected to group nudity in their hot tub, the hostess could have handled the situation with more sensitivity.

Reading between the lines, I suspect that the hot tub dress/undress issues were raised for the first time at the gathering, which put the newcomers on the spot. Good hosts should never do that to their guests.

When the invitation was extended the hostess should have said, "By the way ..." and explained the situation. That way, the new neighbors could have expressed their discomfort privately, and the problem could have been avoided by keeping the hot tub covered on that occasion.

In my experience, people who are uncomfortable displaying their bodies in public are also uncomfortable with others being exposed. — **BASHFUL IN ORADELL, N.J.**

DEAP. BASHFUL: You're right. For some people, it's a moral issue; with others, it's simply insecurity about how they look. Also, a sizable number of people would rather leave to their imaginations that which they would prefer not to view in the light of harsh reality. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I was shocked and disappointed by your position regarding the "straightlaced" hot tub neighbors who didn't want to soak in the nude with the neighbors. What is this world coming to when a person of your stature condones nude hot-tubbing with neighbors? Enjoying the "therapeutic benefits" of soaking together in the nude — unless it's husband and wife alone — is a new low in moral behavior. — **HORRIFIED IN HARRISBURG**

DEAR HORRIFIED: It's neither new nor necessarily low. I have never condemned nudity — as long as it's on the up-and-up. And while I might hesitate to grin and bare it (all), scores of wholesome people from many cultures enjoy the naturalist way of life. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: My sister's pool parties (hot tub included) traditionally resulted in discarded bathing suits. Guests who were uninhibited frolicked in the waves. Those who were shy frolicked, too — but with less exposure. The swimming usually started after dinner, after the barbecue, after sundown. When the first suit came off, those who were uncomfortable with the turn of events — including our parents — would call it a day. No one ever complained.

Unfortunately, my fiance is too shy, so I don't get to do what comes naturally anymore. Sign me ... **ALL DRESSED UP, NOWHERE TO GO**

DEAR ALL DRESSED: Different strokes for different folks! Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I am a 15-year-old reader who usually disagrees with your answers because I am a lifelong conservative.

After reading the letters in your column from "Sleep-Deprived in Schenectady" (who complained about the noisy upstairs neighbors' love-making) and "Doin' What Comes Naturally" about the naked hot tub parties, I discussed them with my family. We have a practical solution for "Sleep-Deprived": Buy a fan to cover the noise, then send the couple from upstairs to the hot tub party! — **CONSERVATIVE TEEN IN WASHINGTON**

DEAR TEEN: I'm pleased that your conservatism hasn't curtailed your "liberal" sense of humor. You are a wit.

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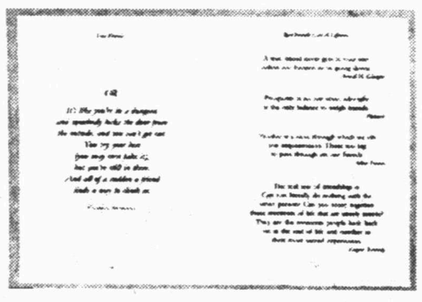
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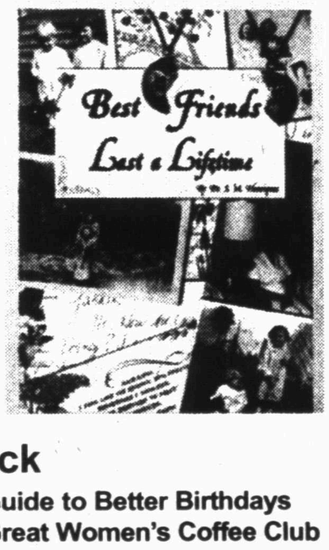
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Government to track nation's blood supply

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It comes none too soon: A tight blood supply, once a problem only around holidays, has become a year-round crisis for many parts of the country. It may worsen next month when many longtime donors are turned away as a precaution against mad cow disease — and as hospitals grapple with sharp increases in the price of blood.

"The shortage thing is just starting. It's going to get worse," says Tom Wadsworth of Fletcher Allen Health Care, Vermont's largest hospital.

"We may find ourselves back in the pre-1970s days where if we're doing an operation, we have to check the blood bank first and make sure something's in the refrigerators," adds Dr. Christopher Lowell, Massachusetts General Hospital's transfusion director.

In the last year, repeated shortages have forced hospitals from New York to California to postpone elective surgeries and issue emergency calls for donations. Last month, supplies in part of Illinois reached their lowest point in eight years. Los Angeles blood banks are debating if donors should be paid. And the government is considering a ban on blood imported from Europe, a move that could cut New York City's blood supply by a third.

In 1999, the latest figures available, Americans donated 13.6 million usable units of blood, and 12.4 million units were transfused, says the National Blood Data Resource Center. Because donated blood lasts only a few weeks and demand has risen steadily for a decade, that's too small a margin for comfort.

No one knows just how tight today's supply is because there has been no real-time monitoring — until now.

The Department of Health and Human Services is signing up 29 hospitals around the country to report every day how much blood they have in stock and how much they used in the preceding 24 hours.

Consider these hospitals sentinels. Their information will be posted on a public Internet site sometime this fall, providing a snapshot of how much blood is available day-to-day in different regions.

"That will be the earliest warning when we're heading for a serious problem," explains Dr. Gerald Sandler, transfusion chief at Georgetown University Hospital, one of the participants.

Say supplies dip in Atlanta and Miami. Blood banks could check whether it's a temporary problem — maybe there were a lot of car crashes over a weekend — or if a real shortage is brewing in the Southeast, and adjust blood drives or shipments accordingly.

The tracking begins at a crucial time, as hospitals are particularly fearful of more shortages next month.

That's when the American Red Cross is set to turn away thousands of donors who spent a cumulative time of three months in Britain since 1980, or six months anywhere in Europe. It's a precaution against the theoretical risk that the human version of mad cow disease might be transmitted by donors exposed to infected beef overseas. Experts predict it could cut blood donors by 9 percent. So the Red Cross is writing tens of thousands of donors, urging the less traveled to give blood more often.

Even as supply concerns mount, hospitals are struggling to pay more for blood as the Red Cross raised prices by 10 percent to 35 percent. At Wadsworth's Vermont hospital, for example, costs rose from $124 per unit of blood to $182. Insurance doesn't directly reimburse hospitals for blood, so Wadsworth anticipates spending an extra $750,000 a year.

Pricey blood has many hospitals considering starting their own in-house blood bank like the one that supplies half of Massachusetts General's supply. Vermont's 14 hospitals are discussing trying that or importing blood from a Red Cross competitor outside the state. Other hospitals are considering trying to save and recycle patients' own blood to reduce surgical transfusions.

Red Cross director Bernadine Healy says the price increase pays for numerous new safety tests and procedures performed on blood, many that blood banks began years ago without passing on the cost. But many hospitals argue the charges are too high, saying the Red Cross holds a monopoly in parts of the country where independent blood banks might charge less.

Still, it is getting more expensive to process blood no matter who does the work. Expect federal blood advisers soon to tackle whether the government should do more to pay for it.

Rape charges are dropped

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — Rape charges against a former Ku Klux Klansman accused in a deadly church bombing have been dropped because the accuser, his former stepdaughter, has disappeared.

Shelby County Circuit Judge Al Crowson dismissed the charges Monday against Bobby Frank Cherry, 72, who has also been indicted on murder charges in a 1963 bombing that killed four black girls at Birmingham's Sixteenth Street Baptist Church.

Cherry had been charged with rape, sodomy and sexual abuse. His accuser, Gloria Dean LaDow, hasn't been seen since last year.

LaDow's attorney, Larry Hardaway, said he saw her in October when she came by his office and said she was getting a job.

District Attorney Robert E. Owens said he searched for LaDow until late Monday afternoon without success. Owens has said taking Cherry to trial on rape charges without LaDow's testimony would be impossible.

Cherry could be indicted again if LaDow is found, Owens said. But he said an indictment is unlikely because "my witness has lost credibility."

LaDow, 41, claimed that Cherry raped and molested her when she was a girl living with him and her mother, one of Cherry's former wives.

A judge recently ruled Cherry mentally incompetent to stand trial for murder in the church bombing. Cherry is undergoing farther court-ordered psychiatric testing.

Bear kills woman in home

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — A black bear smashed through a kitchen window and killed the 93-year-old woman living in the home, authorities said Monday.

Adelia Maestas Trujillo died Saturday of "multiple bite injuries" in her home in Cleveland, in northeastern New Mexico, medical investigators said.

The 250-pound adult male bear, about 4 years old, was tracked down and killed, state Game and Fish Department officials said.

The death comes during a summer of increased encounters between humans and bears in New Mexico and other Western states. Officials have said dry weather has limited the growth of food, forcing bears into populated areas for food.

Paul Harvey returns to broadcasting

CHICAGO (AP) — Paul Harvey returned to the airwaves sounding a bit hoarse but telling his audience he "feels so good to be back."

"Americans, in judging the speaking voice which is still undergoing renovation, please be merciful," Harvey said Monday as he closed his five-minute morning program, "Paul Harvey News and Comment."

The 82-year-old broadcaster had been absent from his daily radio shows since mid-May while recovering from what he believed at first was a severe case of laryngitis. Doctors later diagnosed a virus that had settled in one of his vocal cords, and he was treated in Chicago earlier this month, Chris Berry, vice president of ABC News Radio, said Monday.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Don't swallow chewing gum

DEAR DR. GOTT: My 4-year-old loves bubble gum. However, she often forgets and swallows it. Is this harmful?

DEAR READER: Being indigestible, bubble gum can cause intestinal obstruction. Therefore, swallowing the gum can be harmful. I believe that chewing gum ought to be reserved for older children and adults. In my opinion, bubble gum (and other similar substances) ought to be kept away from young children who might be tempted to swallow this material.

DEAR DR. GOTT: A few years ago, my husband was prescribed Lopressor for angina. He retired five years ago, has had no pain, but the doctor wants to keep him on the medicine. My husband is always cold and has little energy. What are his choices?

DEAR READER: Angina is heart muscle cramps caused by poor oxygen supply. It is helped by a variety of drugs, notably nitroglycerine. Beta-blockers, such as Lopressor (metaprolol), are sometimes prescribed to reduce cardiac work; when the blood pressure is lowered, the beating heart need not contract as forcefully. Consequently, it works less hard and the symptoms of angina are less pronounced. However, lassitude and a feeling of being cold are common side effects of Lopressor.

To confuse matters further, these symptoms are also associated with angina. Therefore, I do not know whether your husband is experiencing side effects from his disease — or from the medication. His doctor should be able to figure this out, and that's where your spouse should seek help.

Evidently, the Lopressor is preventing angina, inasmuch as your husband is pain-free. Nevertheless, he may need an adjustment in his dose of medicine. Or, as an alternative, his physician may choose to use another drug, such as nitroglycerine, in place of the beta-blocker. This is the sort of therapeutic decision best made by the patient and the doctor working together.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My doctor put me on Sinamet. What is this for?

DEAR READER: Ask him. I advise readers not to take any medicine unless they know the reason for it, the drug's side effects and its potential dangers.

Sinamet is ordinarily prescribed for treating the tremors of Parkinson's disease. It is a good product but can worsen glaucoma and cause nausea, depression, brain disorders (involuntary movements and confusion), peptic ulcer, heart irregularities, urinary retention and other serious side effects.

Check out this medication thoroughly with your physician before continuing it.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I take medicine for congestive heart failure and high blood pressure. I was recently told that I have a stress fracture in my foot, but can take only Tylenol for pain, because of bad kidneys. This doesn't do the trick. Any suggestions?

DEAR READER: I'm concerned about the implausibility that someone with heart failure could exercise to the point where a stress fracture could occur. Therefore, I suspect that you may have osteoporosis, brittle and calcium-deficient bones. This should be investigated with a bone density test and, if present, treated with calcium/vitamin D supplements and medication.

Meanwhile, consider using over-the-counter ibuprofen for your pain. This drug should not harm your kidneys. Also, see an orthopedic specialist for further advice about the fracture.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Can emptying washing machine water into a vegetable garden for irrigation be injurious to health if the produce is later eaten?

DEAR READER: Washing machine water contains many compounds, such as the soil in the washed fabrics, detergents, phosphates and so forth. Some of these chemicals may retard plant growth. However, if you can get your garden to grow despite a diet of dirty water, the produce should be safe to eat. But wash it thoroughly first and run it through the spin cycle. (Just kidding.)

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Wednesday, Aug. 22, 2001

In the year ahead you could be drawn into a new, exciting and stimulating group who will turn out to be both business associates and good friends. Much can be accomplished together.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — If you are involved in a venture today that you believe you understand better than your peers, don't let the control of the situation slip from your hands. Leo, treat yourself to a birthday gift.

Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092-0167. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Family matters you've been unable to resolve can be worked out amicably today if you use more logic than emotion. Put your desires aside for the moment and deal only with the facts.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — It doesn't matter that you might not be too fond of an individual who now deserves a pat on the back, do so anyway. Be courteous and gracious about it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — You could do everything right in handling your resources all day long, but as the day wears on, your prudence may weaken. Don't ruin that which you took such pains to protect.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Get an early start today on working on your immediate concerns. You'll be more upbeat and positive early in the day, which will help you past the rough spots.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — You can actually be luckier today through other people's accomplishments than you might from your own. Enjoy the free ride while you can.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Although you may feel flattered when someone who usually doesn't seek advice comes to you today for guidance, you may later learn this person was merely trying to put you on the spot.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Your judgment is reasonably good today, so long as you keep emotions out of your decision-making. Introducing feelings or passion into things will lead you astray.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Carefully check all the details when forming a partnership arrangement today, because although initially it may appear to be favorable to you, things might turn out quite differently.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — If you feel your work truly warrants a raise and you're thinking of talking to the boss about it, do so early in the day. Do not wait until later when s/he might be tired or discouraged.

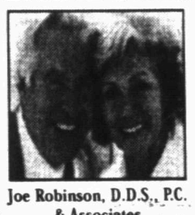
GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — So long as it fits in with your plans, you'll honor your commitments today. However, the minute your commitments interfere with what you would prefer to do, it'll be another story. Keep your promises.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — You may start the day off in a whirlwind of activity, but it won't take long before you burn yourself out. Set a pace that you can sustain throughout your work.

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"I"

"I've got my rights!"
"I want what I want!"
"I have needs!"
"I only want to be happy!"
"I need to take care of myself!"
"I need time for myself!"

The statements are made every day. There are different settings for the statements. Sometimes they reflect important issues in our life. Stress presses in and we search for a way to deal with it. Injustices abound in life, and it is not unreasonable to talk about our rights. The problem comes in the focus of all of these statements. All of them are talking about "I," "me," and "my." Too many times these statements can really reflect the true focus of our lives. Though to call someone self-centered may sound like an insult, to live a self-centered life may make us the envy of our peers. We are thought to be "standing up for ourselves," "looking out for ourselves," or "really fulfilling ourselves."

Jesus taught that the real truth about life and God is often upside down from the normal ideas:

> Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.
>
> Matthew 10:39

> Whoever wants to be great among you must be your servant and whoever wants to be first must be your slave.
>
> Matthew 20:26, 27

> Jesus replied, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment.
>
> Matthew 22:37, 38

What stands out in Jesus' words is the focus is on God and others. Our needs are important, but fulfillment is found when we lose ourself in the love of God and the service of others. Our blessing and our good is found when we seek God and seek to bless others.

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Ukrainian immigrant sought for murder

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Investigators searched through the night for a Ukrainian immigrant who allegedly went on a family killing spree, stabbing his pregnant wife to death and slaying four more relatives before fleeing with his toddler son.

Nikolay Soltys, 27, was described by friends and authorities as a quiet man who grasped for a new life in America but could not shake the demons that followed him from overseas.

Authorities said he was seen leaving his suburban Sacramento home Monday morning after stabbing his 27-year-old wife, who stumbled to a neighbor's doorway and collapsed. She was about three months pregnant. He then allegedly drove to a duplex 20 miles away where he killed an aunt, uncle and two young cousins, police said. They had no motive for the killings.

"We've had investigators out all night tracking down leads," Sgt. James Lewis of the Sacramento County Sheriff's office said today.

Officers were stationed at bus terminals and airports in the Sacramento area today in hope of finding Soltys and the 3-year-old son. Detectives also were investigating reports that Soltys headed to Oregon, where he may have relatives, Lewis said.

Late Monday, sheriff's deputies found Soltys' 1995 Nissan Altima in a parking lot behind a Sacramento home improvement store. The car was empty and a nearly three-hour search of the area using helicopters and dogs turned up nothing, authorities said.

"He could be in the area or he could be in another vehicle," said sheriff's Lt. Steve Ahee. "We don't know."

In Ukraine, Soltys was rejected by the national army and had a history of domestic violence and mental instability, according to sheriff's department Chaplain Frank Russell, whose office counseled relatives after the killings.

Soltys came to the United States more than a year ago and has no known criminal record. His wife reluctantly joined him about five months ago, Russell said.

After reuniting with his wife and son, Soltys apparently began trying to refashion his life.

Unemployed, he began taking English classes full time and was set to start attending American River College on Monday, the same day his wife was to start a new job, said Sheriff Capt. John McGinness.

Budget has enough money for tax cut, SS, Medicare, military

INDEPENDENCE, Mo. (AP) — With campaign swagger, President Bush told a crowd in Harry Truman's hometown today that the federal budget has enough money for his massive tax cut and bolstering the military, Social Security and Medicare.

"There are some who say tax relief is going to make it hard to meet the budget," Bush said at Harry S. Truman High School. "But the reality is it will boost the economy. I trust you. I would rather you spend your money than the federal government spend your money."

Bush said Congress must be frugal, avoiding temptations to leave education and defense bills until last.

"There is a temptation not to listen to the budget in the first place," Bush said. "We don't want the budget to be a hollow noise. We want the budget to be real."

His speech was aimed at shifting pressure to Congress as the White House Office of Management and Budget prepares to report how big this year's budget surplus will be. Because of the tax cut and slowing economy, the report is expected to show that the current-year surplus has plummeted to roughly $160 billion from the $284 billion projected in April.

Bush went through a list of his initiatives and defended his plan, calling on Congress not to overspend.

Democrats were responding with a television advertising campaign that said Bush's budget "violates one of Harry Truman's basic principles — protecting our seniors. The Bush budget raids the Medicare trust fund. Now he's using gimmicks to hide a raid on Social Security."

The spots, prepared by the ad campaign team used by former Vice President Al Gore, will run in about a half dozen cities including Independence; Waco, Texas; and Washington, according to Democratic National Committee spokeswoman Jennifer Palmieri.

The White House acknowledged that budget projections to be released Wednesday will show that the surplus in Medicare Part A, which pays for seniors' hospital visits, has been depleted.

But Karen Hughes, counselor to the president, argued that the numbers do not mean Bush broke his promise to protect Medicare because they used the Part A fund to cover doctor visit benefits in Medicare Part B, which has been in deficit.

"The Democrats' logic is they will fund only the hospital part of Medicare, not the doctors' part, and we think we should pay both," Hughes said.

Bush reiterated his call for partial privatization of Social Security.

Former Texas prisons chief 'Andy' Collins found guilty in VitaPro trial on Monday

HOUSTON (AP) — Former Texas prisons chief James A. "Andy" Collins could become a prisoner himself this fall after being convicted of taking bribes for pushing through a multimillion-dollar contract to feed a meat substitute to state inmates.

Collins and the president of a Canadian company that makes the meat substitute VitaPro were found guilty Monday of federal charges stemming from a 1995 kickback scheme to distribute the product in Texas prisons and market it elsewhere.

Collins and Yank Barry, president of VitaPro Foods Inc. in Montreal, will be sentenced Nov. 19. Both face up to 70 years in prison and fines of up to $2 million if given maximum sentences for their convictions on bribery, fraud, money laundering and conspiracy.

The six-man, six-woman jury deliberated just more than an hour after a two-week trial in federal court in Houston. Collins, visibly distraught, hugged Barry and declined comment after hearing the verdict.

Collins was forced out as executive director of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice in December 1995 before the VitaPro scandal broke early the next year. His attorney, Bill White, said he was "acutely disappointed."

Barry said he was "surprised and disappointed" at the outcome. His attorney, Michael Ramsey, said he was "more shocked than I have ever been by a verdict."

Both attorneys said they will appeal.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Gary Cobe said he was pleased with the jury's decision. U.S. District Judge Lynn Hughes ruled that Collins and Barry would remain free on bond until sentenced, denying Cobe's request that they be taken into custody right away.

Collins is now a credit manager for a concrete company in Austin. Cobe said Barry, who lives in the Bahamas, is a flight risk and should be immediately incarcerated.

Jurors, who made no statements, determined that Collins took $20,000 in bribes to push through the five-year deal.

Major accident sends 2 women to Cogdell's ER; 1 remains hospitalized

Major accident

Dispatchers were alerted to a major accident on Hwy 208 Monday afternoon that sent two women to Cogdell Memorial Hospital's emergency room.

Three DPS troopers, three sheriff's deputies, EMS technicians and fire department personnel responded to the scene between FM 2763 and Brick Plant Rd on Hwy 208.

Involved in the mishap were a 1991 Mercury Cougar driven by Shirley Leftwich, 65, of 6479 CR 465 in Hermleigh and a 2000 GMC Yukon driven by Betty Richardson, 57, of 2000 E. FM 1606.

Richardson was transported to the ER by private vehicle, then transferred to another facility.

Leftwich was transported to Cogdell by ambulance. She was admitted to the hospital and this morning was listed in stable condition.

Truck fire

The fire department responded to reports of a truck fire on U.S. 84 just south of Hermleigh early this morning. Two fire trucks and three firefighters arrived on the scene and controlled the small fire.

The right rear tires were on fire and the flames were quickly extinguished and no other damage was reported. The cause of the fire is still under investigation.

Garland Hardman of Dublin was driver of the truck, which is owned by Ward-Hunter Trucking of Dublin.

Minor accident

Officers responded to a minor accident at 37th Street and College Ave. at noon Monday. Involved in the accident were a 1986 Ford Ranger pickup driven by Eric Sickler, 17, of 2808 23rd Street and a 1992 Oldsmobile driven by Anne von Roeder, 67, of 4330 W. Hwy 180. No injuries were reported.

Arrest

A DPS trooper arrested a man on U.S. 84 just after 10 p.m. Monday for failure to identify himself and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

Theft

Fred Castillo requested an officer at 314 25th Street in reference to articles being stolen from his vehicle while it was parked at his residence. The responding officer advised a Class B theft report would be filed.

Burglary

Brian Beights called police at 3:30 p.m. Monday to report his apartment had been burglarized. Officers responded and filed an offense report for burglary of a residence.

Trespass

Officers issued a criminal trespass warning just before 7 p.m. Monday. A man requested to speak with an officer in reference to having child custody problems with his child's mother.

After talking with the woman and her landlord at Fieldcrest apartments, a criminal trespass warning was issued to the man at the police department.

Obituaries

Berry Cribbs

1920-2001

LUBBOCK – Berry Cribbs, a native of Scurry County, died Sunday, Aug. 19.

Funeral service for Mr. Cribbs, 91, is set for 10 a.m. Wednesday in the Resthaven Abbey Chapel. Graveside service is set for 11 a.m. Thursday in the Oak Grove Cemetery in Walnut Springs.

Born May 9, 1920 in Fluvanna, he was a 1938 graduate of Fluvanna High School. An U.S. Air Force veteran of World War II, he married Lucilla Shirl on Dec. 18, 1950 in Clovis, N.M.

A Baptist, Mr. Cribbs worked for Duval Mining for 17 years, retiring in 1981.

Survivors include his wife, Lucilla Cribbs of Lubbock; two sons, Allen Cribbs of Atlanta, Ga., and Dalton Cribbs of Fort Worth; three daughters, Tonya Kummer of Mesa, Ariz., Tammy Cribbs of Lubbock and Shawna Townsend of Atlanta; seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

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DISMISSALS: Aug. 19-Christy Brown, George Keith, Lucille Shaw, Lucio Sollis and Ester Tarin; Aug. 20-Ann Cody, Sabrina Graham, Gary Kasparek, Margie Sanderson, Geneva Bryce, Tricia Cannedy and baby, Phoung Chea, Dorothy Rodriguez and Faye Lee of Sweetwater.

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events WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Central orientation

A parent orientation for kindergarten and first grade students at Central Elementary will be held at 3 p.m. Tuesday in the child's classroom. Orientation for parents of third graders will be held at 7 tonight in the student's classroom.

Band booster club

The band booster club will meet this evening at 7 o'clock in the SHS band hall. All band parents are invited to attend.

4-H Banquet, kickoff

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

FFA Booster Club

The Snyder FFA Booster Club meeting set for this evening has been canceled and will be rescheduled.

Emmaus ice cream supper

The Mesquite Country Emmaus Community will have an ice cream supper starting at 7 this evening in Towle Park Pavilion.

MAWC luncheon

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

Snyder Neighbors Sharing

Snyder Neighbors Sharing will meet at 5:15 p.m. Thursday in Sam Robertson's Insurance office. All board members and volunteers who would like to serve on the board are invited.

East open house

East Elementary's open house and meet the teachers night is set from 6-7 p.m. Thursday.

Cub Scouts signup

Cub Scouts signup day is set for 7 p.m. Thursday at West Elementary's cafeteria. Boys in grades 1-5 are eligible, but must be accompanied by their parents. Parent volunteers are also needed. For more information call Rhonda Fletcher, 573-7065 or Chris Smauley, 573-5183.

Taste of Scurry County

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

Garage and bake sale

Discovery School is having a garage and bake sale from 6-8 p.m. on Friday and from 8 a.m. until noon Saturday. It will be held at 27th St. and Ave. R. All proceeds go to buy toys and equipment for the school. The school will also have a bake sale Saturday at Wal-Mart.

Annual museum rummage sale

The Scurry County Museum will hold its annual rummage sale from 8 a.m. until noon Saturday. Items also will be on sale Monday through Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. All proceeds go to the operation of the museum, located on the WTC campus.

First Church of Nazarene

Pastor and Mrs. Michael W. Howard's last day in Snyder will be Sunday. A potluck dinner will be provided after the morning service. The two are moving closer to their home in Tennessee.

Girl Scout registration

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

Enchilada dinner

Discovery School will have an enchilada dinner from 11:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 9. Tickets are $5 for adults and $3 for children under 12. Take-outs will be available. Tickets will be available at the door or by calling 573-4770.

SHS annuals

Snyder High School annuals may be picked up in the foyer of the high school from 11:40 a.m. until noon and from 3:35 to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Heart Association memorial address

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

Third death from rare illness

AUSTIN (AP) — A Houston-area boy who had been swimming in a Central Texas lake has become the third child fatality from a rare form of meningitis in the past month.

The 9-year-old boy died Sunday after skiing and swimming in Lake Travis near Austin the previous weekend, according to state health officials.

The victim had been with his family during the Aug. 11 weekend and at Lake Travis. The lake was the last body of water the boy swam in before he died, health officials said.

Officials did not know what part of the lake the family visited. They declined to identify the boy, citing medical confidentiality.

Lower Colorado River Authority officials said they were aware of no previous cases involving the lake, northwest of Austin.

"Lake Travis is a very unlikely source of infection in general because the organism is usually found in more shallow water where the water is standing," Dr. Steven Harris of the Austin-Travis County Health Department told the Austin American-Statesman in Tuesday's editions.