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State ordered to make changes in Medicaid

HOUSTON (AP) - Texas has not lived up to a 1996 agreement to make major changes in its Medicaid system, says a federal judge, who has ordered the state to improve access for children and fix other problems in medical coverage for 1.7 million low-income Texans.

The ruling comes as Gov. George W. Bush has been drawing criticism from Vice President Al Gore, who accuses the Republican of failing to do more to provide coverage for 1.4 million Texas children who lack health insurance.

U.S. District Judge William Wayne Justice's order could trigger sweeping changes in the state's program, prompting it to back off a plan to transfer most poor people into managed care and to raise reimbursements to dentists who treat Medicaid patients.

The case grew out of a lawsuit, filed in 1993, that predates Bush's election as governor in 1994, Bush spokeswoman Linda Edwards noted. Since he was elected, the Medicaid program has gotten better, she said.

"There are always ways to improve, and Governor Bush is always interested in learning about ways to improve outreach," Edwards said.

The Gore campaign saw it differently. Spokesman Mark Fabiani said, "This federal court ruling is just the latest evidence that Governor Bush's policies have left countless families in Texas without health insurance, most tragically children. Given this, it is no surprise that Texas ranks 49th of the 50 states in children with health coverage."

Justice, appointed in 1968 by President Johnson, ordered the Texas Health and Human Services Commission to prepare a plan of corrective action by October.

PROBATION BUILDING — Scurry County Work Program participant Robin Thurmond sands a wall as work continues on the new office for the Community Supervision and Corrections Department. Construction is expected to be finished around the third full week in September with a move-in date projected the first of October. (SDN Staff Photo)

Fayed threatens filing lawsuit

WASHINGTON (AP) - The father of Dodi Fayed said Wednesday that he would file suit in U.S. District Court to gain access to whatever information the United States might have about the Paris car crash that killed his son and Princess Diana three years ago.

"We have a lot of unanswered questions but without the cooperation of the United States government, I don't believe we ever will get" the answers, said John McNamara, director of security for Harrods, which is owned by Mohamed Al Fayed.

McNamara told a news conference today that a CIA official and two FBI officials were assigned to the case.

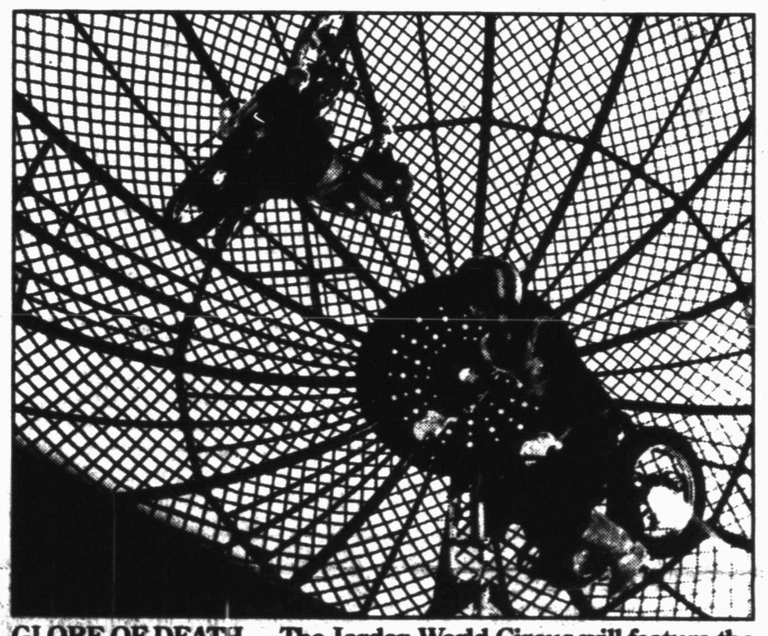
"Not one individual in the United States has been prosecuted. ... to this day nothing has happened," he said. "Not one move has ever been made by U.S. authorities.

In videotaped and written statements, Al Fayed repeated his claim that the Aug. 31, 1997, deaths were a murder conspiracy plotted by people who did not approve of Diana's relationship with his son.

"Since that tragic day three years ago I have not rested in my search for the truth," he said in the written statement.

Al Fayed said he was seeking documents from the National Security Agency, which he said monitored telephone conversations with Diana, and the CIA.

"The United States' intelligence gathering network, which through the most sophisticated satellite systems, allowed the NSA to spy on Diana," he said.



GLOBE OF DEATH — The Jordan World Circus will feature the Globe of Death in two performances today at Scurry County Coliseum. Times are 5 and 7:30 p.m. (Contributed Photo)

Brick plant bumps date for start-up

Snyder Brick & Tile Co. currently is making small batches of brick to train employees and make sure the equipment is running smoothly.

"All of the equipment in grinding and manufacturing is in place, and we are working the bugs out and training the people," general manager Mitchell Goodger said.

As far as the firing equipment, he said most of it, including the kiln and dryer, is in place.

"One day this week we will be lighting a few burners in the kiln in order to cure the new masonry work."

The date projected for the plant to be producing brick has been bumped again.

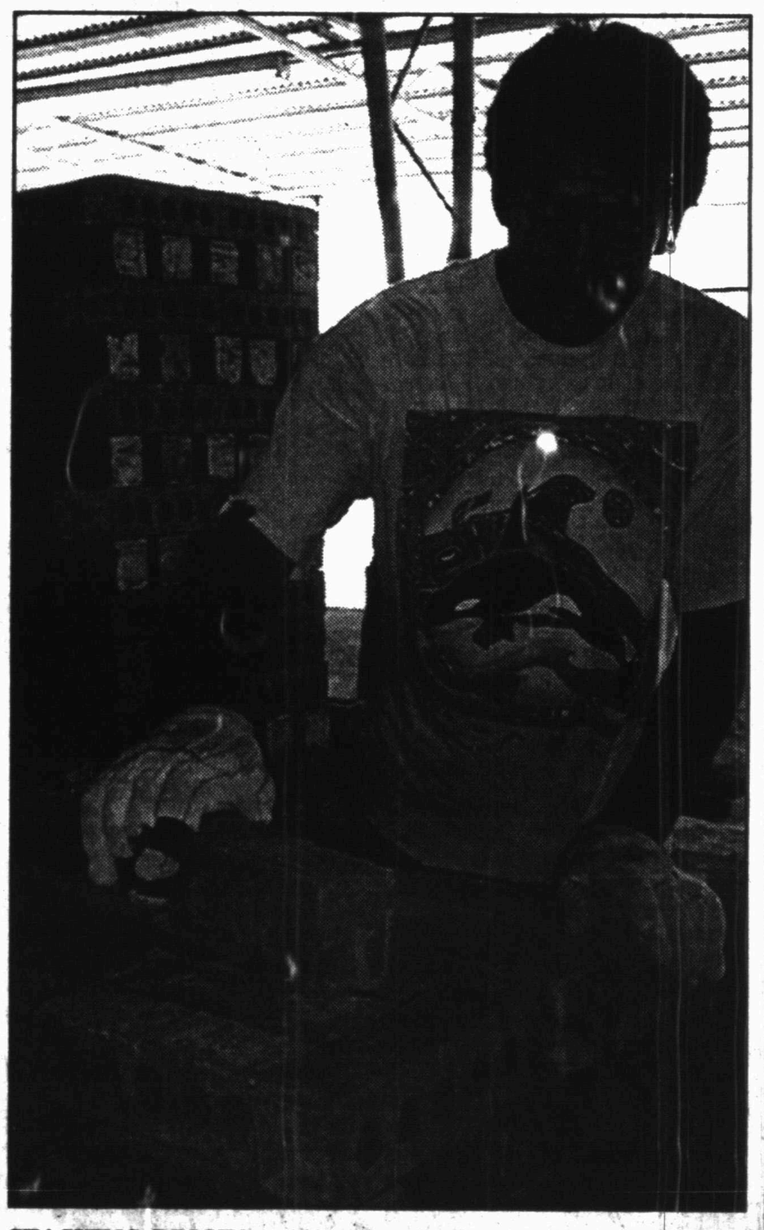
"Somewhere around the fifteenth of September we will be in limited production," Goodger said. "Everything is going pretty well as planned, but we are a little bit behind schedule. The completion date is close."

As of Monday, 41 people were on the payroll, including Goodger and the office staff.

The company still has drivers, salesman and other plant personnel to hire, Goodger said.

"It's ongoing. I hire one to three people every week."

As for the road that will directly connect the brick plant to Highway 208, Scurry County Commissioner Chloanne Lindsey said the road would be ready for traffic Sept. 7.



STACKING BRICKS — Alex Garcia, Snyder Brick & Tile Co. employee, stacks brick as work continues at the plant to begin "firing" the bricks. (SDN Staff Photo)

Hermleigh trustees give final approval to school's budget

Hermleigh ISD trustees approved the district's 2000-01 budget during a called meeting Tuesday night.

Trustees okayed the budget unanimously in the amount of $1,173,241. This is some $60,000 than last year's budget. The trustees also approved budget amendments totaling $40,000 less from last year's budget.

Trustees also set the tax rate at $1.49 per $100 valuation following a public hearing that drew no public comment. The past year's rate was $1.4142.

The board also approved Davis Kinard & Co. as the school's auditor for the 1999-00 budget.

There are hotter spots than Texas

You only think it's hot here.

Local astronomer Rollin Swanson reports that the temperature on the surface of Venus is 900 degrees F.

"Venus and Earth are about the same size, but it is an orbit closer to the sun than Earth," said Swanson. "It's location, plus the fact its atmosphere is mainly carbon dioxide, produces the ultimate greenhouse effect."

So when the evening temperature is still around 95 degrees, look to the west just after sunset and view Venus – a really hot spot.

United Way sets kickoff luncheon

Scurry County United Way will have its kick-off luncheon Tuesday, Sept. 12, from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Martha Ann Woman's Club.

This year's goal is $80,000. The funds will help to support eight agencies — Snyder Child Day Care, Boys and Girls Club, Gateway Family Services, Snyder Area Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, American Red Cross and the Food Cupboard.

The guest speaker will be Jim Bob Jones from Texas Tech University Health Science Center.

Tickets are $7.50 and reservations are necessary and must be made by Friday by calling Zola Schlegel at 573-1731.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Some say money talks. Ours may not be hush money, but it can barely whisper."

Time goes fast, and there are times that we are reminded that we fail to enjoy the moment, and are wishing our life away.

Somebody sent us the following. Don't know the title nor author, but it has food for thought.

"Someday, when the kids are grown, life will be different. The memo pad on the refrigerator will read something other than pediatrician at 2 p.m. or PTA meeting Tuesday night.

"Someday, when the kids are grown, the house will be free of graffiti. There will be no smiley faces on the walls, no names scrawled in furniture dust, no pictures fingered on steamy windows and no initials etched in bars of soap.

"Someday, when the kids are grown, I'll get through a whole chapter of an engrossing book without being interrupted to sew a nose on a teddy bear, stop a toddler from eating the dog food, or rescue the cat from the toy box.

"Someday, when the kids are grown, I won't find brown apple cores under the beds, empty spindles on the toilet paper hanger or fuzzy caterpillars in denim jeans. I will be able to find a pencil in the drawer or a slice of leftover pie in the 'fridg.

"Someday, when the kids are grown, I'll breeze right past the gumball machine in the supermarket without having to fumble for pennies. I'll stroll freely down each aisle without fear of passing the candy or toy section. And I'll choose cereal without considering what noise it makes, what prize it contains or what color it comes in.

"Someday, I'll prepare Quiche Loraine or Scallops Amandine, or just plain liver and onions, and no one will says 'Yuk.' Nobody will tell about Jimmy's mom letting him eat chocolate bars for dinner. And we'll eat by candlelight without somebody trying to roast their peas and carrots over the flame to make them taste better. And there'll be no argument over who gets to blow out the candle when done.

"Someday, when the kids are grown, I'll get ready for my bath without first having to remove a fleet of boats, two rubber alligators and a soggy tennis ball from the tub. I'll take my time and there will be no small fist pounding on the door and no voices yelling, 'Hurry, mom, I've gotta go.'

"Yes, someday, life will be different. They'll leave our nest and the house will be quiet, calm and empty.

"And someday, when the kids are gone, I'll spend my time not looking forward to someday, but looking back at yesterday."

ASK US

Q—How many season tickets were sold for the Snyder Tigers football season.

A—A total of 920 season tickets were purchased.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Tuesday, 96 degrees; low, 71; 7 a.m. Wednesday, 73; no precipitation; total for 2000, 15.01 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 70-75. S wind 10-20 mph. Thursday, partly cloudy. High, mid 90s. S wind 10-20 mph.

Megan Thompson
Partly Cloudy

Sunset: 8:10 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:20 a.m.
Of 242 days in 2000, the sun has shone 239 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

"Men are born with two eyes, but one tongue in order that they should see twice as much as they say."
—Charles Caleb Colton

Relatives watched as F-16 crashed

TULIA (AP) - Pilot Steve Simons always let his family and friends know when a flight pattern for the

Air Force reserves would take him over their tiny Panhandle town.

It didn't happen often, but before he took a solo flight Monday night he called them to say he'd be guiding his F-16 fighter jet across their piece of sky.

So a few residents of the town halfway between Lubbock and Amarillo, including Simon's father-in-law, Cletus Dobbs, gathered to watch.

What they saw was horrific: The muscular fighter jet suddenly seemed to lose power as its pilot tried to turn around for a second pass. Moments later the F-16 plummeted to the ground and burst into flames.

Simons, 41, the father of two girls, died in the crash.

"Me and my wife were out in front of the house and he rode that plane down to keep from hitting us or the house," Dobbs said. "He gave his life for us."

On Tuesday, most of the debris remained at the crash site, spread out over a quarter-mile. Disaster crews surrounded the scene as cattle roamed in a nearby field.

When the jet went down, Dobbs said he couldn't believe what he'd seen. He rushed to his truck to drive closer, hoping to help his son-in-law. Paramedics who got to the scene first stopped him nearby.

"I can just imagine how he was sitting in that plane pulling those levers trying to steer it where he wanted it to go without any power," he said.

Simons flew for Delta Air Lines and spent free time in the Air Force reserves, after attending the U.S. Air

Force Academy. Dobbs said Simons planned to retire from the Air Force next year, after 20 years of service.

The military said Simons was completing a cross-country solo training mission Monday by flying from Hill

Air Force Base in Utah back to Naval Air Station Fort Worth.

The F-16C Fighting Falcon is a single-seat, single engine $20 million airplane used in air-to-air combat and air-to-surface attack. Between January 1999 and March 2000, 16 have crashed in major accidents.

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Ryan Byrd

Ryan Byrd graduates

Private First Class Ryan D. Byrd recently graduated from the U.S. Army Advanced Individual Training as a transportation management coordinator at Fort Eustis, Va.

Byrd received the Distinguished Honor Graduate Award for having the highest grade point average of 99.8 and a letter of commendation for being the class commander.

He was a 1991 cum laude honor graduate of Snyder High School. He attended Western Texas College and the University of North Texas in Denton before graduating from the Western Texas College Licensed Vocational Nursing Program in 1995.

He was employed as a cardiac intensive care nurse at Columbia Medical City of Dallas in Dallas and Covenant Medical Centers of Snyder and Lubbock before joining the Army.

He is currently stationed at Fort Bragg, N.C. with the 18th Airborne Corp 1st Support Command.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Byrd of Snyder.

Glickman tours drought stricken area

BOYD (AP) - Gazing across a field of shrunken yellow watermelons on withered vines, U.S.Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman on Tuesday promised federal aid to four more counties in drought-stricken North Texas.

Glickman's visit marked the 60th consecutive day without measurable rainfall in North Texas, where crops are parched and reservoirs are drying up. The previous record was 58 days, set in 1934 and 1950.

"These folks are really hurting," he said. "I don't like to be here on a day setting records _ not these kind of records, anyway."

Glickman has previously declared 153 Texas counties either primary or contiguous agricultural disaster areas.

He said low-interest loans may provide some short-term relief to farmers facing a bleak situation, but if the dry weather continues, officials will be forced to find other ways to help.

"Drought is even more an insidious natural disaster than, let's say, a hurricane or floods or tornados, because it happens very slowly," Glickman said. "Its impact is more long range, far reaching."

Farmers agree. Samie Erwin, 65, who owns the 400-acre farm Glickman toured, said the dry weather the past few summers is just as bad as the Dust Bowl and the drought in the early 1950s.

Erwin's son-in-law Jimmy Gentry, who helps grow peanuts, watermelons and cantaloupes on the farm about 70 miles northwest of Fort Worth, said he has already lost at least half of his crop.

"This is just about disaster," Gentry said. "I've been farming 17 years, and I've never seen it this bad, this quick."

Drought conditions since 1996 have caused more than $5 billion in losses to farmers and ranchers statewide, said Allen Spelce, spokesman for the Texas Department of Agriculture.

Although there was plenty of rainfall in 1997, agricultural losses totaled $2.1 billion in 1996 and 1998. Last year the drought led to losses of $223 million. Losses so far this year are $595 million.

"This has been an ongoing cycle," Spelce said. "Since '96, we've just been in the same cycle over and over."

Farmers say the only real relief is rain, and lots of it. But that isn't likely to happen anytime soon, according to the National Weather Service.

Jose Esparza gets TSTC scholarship

SWEETWATER — The Texas State Technical College Sweetwater scholarship committee for the National Science Foundation (NSF) scholarship program, "Technology Tomorrow Scholarship Program," has awarded the first 25 scholarships.

The scholarship program, valued at $135,000, is designed to attract more students to two-year technical programs in the computer science and engineering technologies.

Jose Esparza of Snyder has received an $800 scholarship for the fall semester. He will study computer-networks electronics technology.

Cunnington earns degree and place on honor roll

TERRE HAUTE, Ind. — Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology conferred degrees to approximately 375 students recently at the college's 122nd commencement exercise.

Patricia Cunnington of Snyder earned a bachelor's of science in chemical engineering.

She also was named to the Dean's List for the spring semester. To qualify, a student must earn at least a 3.3 GPA on a 4.0 scale.

Cunnington is the daughter of David and Patricia Cunnington of Snyder.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Executrix vows to withhold inheritance from her sister

DEAR ABBY: My wife is concerned about potential problems with her older sister. In January, they lost their father. Their mother is still alive. Her sister is executrix of the estate. She has told my wife to her face that she hates her. She accuses me of being a liar, thief and scam artist. (I have never done anything to her. I have always been courteous.)

She informed my wife that she would do everything in her power to see to it that she (my wife) gets nothing from their parents whatsoever. Can my sister-in-law cut my wife out of her rightful inheritance?

My mother-in-law is aware of the bad blood between them, but chooses to ignore it. What can my wife do to protect herself when the awful time comes to confront her sister? According to the will, anyone contesting it would get nothing.

The two sisters have never gotten along, and this will really make them enemies. We both read your column and trust you implicitly. What do you think? — **MARRIED TO THE LESS-LOVED SISTER**

DEAR MARRIED: Your wife might suggest to her mother that she name an impartial ("without prejudice") person to be executor of her estate, in order to prevent a problem now or in the future. However, if she is aware of the antipathy her firstborn has for her younger sister and ignores it — she's condoning it, and that's a shame.

If that's not agreeable, your wife's fears might be eased were she to consult a lawyer who is knowledgeable about wills and trusts in the state in which her parents lived. When someone who has a will dies, that will is filed with the court for probate. The purpose of the probate (a court supervised administration process) is to ensure that the wishes of the deceased are carried out. For instance, if the will says the estate is to be divided 50/50, that's how it must be. As executrix, your sister-in-law may be entitled to a fee, but if it's out of line there may be legal remedies.

It's sad that there's so much ill will between the sisters — but whatever enmity the elder has for the younger, she's legally obligated to follow the terms of the will. Be prepared for any eventuality, but hold a good thought.

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DEAR ABBY: I think a secretary in another department likes me, but I know she dates others occasionally. I never get to see her alone because she works in an open office with other workers.

Do you think it would be a good idea for me to get her home phone number from the database and call her at home? I want to invite her out for coffee. — **SHY TEXAS PRINCE**

DEAR SHY PRINCE: No! Accessing personal information from the company database could cost you your job. Walk up to her as she goes on a break and issue your invitation in person. Because you are shy, it may be difficult, but the direct approach is definitely more appropriate and far more likely to get the results you hope for.

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Gov. Foster goes to school

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) _ For Gov. Mike Foster, there's just one problem with going back to school — homework is cutting into his outdoor recreation.

"I'm spending a lot more time studying than fishing," Foster said Tuesday.

The 70-year-old governor began classes at the Southern University Law Center last week.

Man executed for killing 3 people

POTOSI, Mo. (AP) - A man was executed by injection early Wednesday for killing a woman and her two sons during a 1992 robbery because he feared the family would identify him.

Prosecutors said Gary Lee Roll and two accomplices went to the Scheper's Cape Girardeau home in southeast Missouri early Aug. 9, 1992, with the intent to commit robbery. Sherry Scheper, 47, was beaten to death with a gun; Randy, 17, was shot and killed; and Curtis, 22, was stabbed to death.

The men then left with 12 plastic sandwich-sized bags full of marijuana and $214 in cash.

Date Book

Wednesday, Aug. 30, 2000

Today is the 243rd day of 2000 and the 72nd day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1918, Nikolai Lenin survived an attempt on his life in Moscow.

On this day in 1929, 26 submariners tested a portable breathing device by exiting a submarine submerged in the Thames River at New London, Conn.

On this day in 1983, the space shuttle Challenger was launched into orbit. It was the first nighttime shuttle launching.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Huey Long (1893-1935), U.S. politician; Roy Wilkins (1901-1981), U.S. civil-rights leader; Fred MacMurray (1908-1991), actor; Ted Williams (1918-), baseball great, is 82; Deborah Kerr (1921-), actress, is 79; Jean-Claude Killy (1943-), skiing great, is 57; Tug McGraw (1944-), baseball star, is 54; Robert Parish (1953-), basketball star, is 47.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1905, Ty Cobb, playing for the Detroit Tigers, made his major-league batting debut.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "We know nothing of tomorrow; our business is to be good and happy today." — Sydney Smith

TODAY'S MOON: Day after new moon (Aug. 29).

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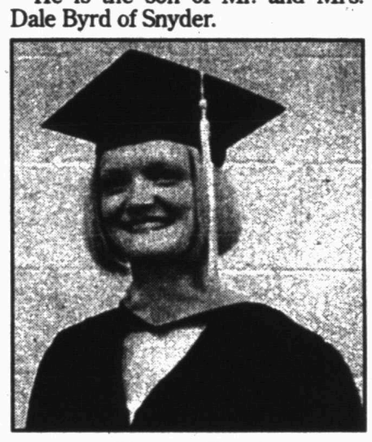
Student arrested

GREENVILLE, N.C. (AP) _ A former East Carolina University student who was arrested after hacking into the university's computer network has been hired by the school _ for his computer expertise.

Nolan Waithe Grant was hired Aug. 16 to work at the university computer system's help desk at a salary of $21,626. Three years ago he pleaded guilty to hacking into the school's Unix computer network.

Jeff Huskamp, the university's director of computer and information systems, confirmed Tuesday that Grant was an employee. He would not say whether he knew of Grant's hacking history.



Shanna Byrd

Byrd earns her master's

Shanna Lynette Byrd recently graduated from the Lubbock campus of Wayland Baptist University, receiving a master of education degree in instructional technology with a 4.0 grade point average.

She was a 1989 cum laude honor graduate of Snyder High School and attended Western Texas College where she received the 1991 Outstanding Biology and Chemistry Student Awards and was a nominee for the Outstanding Female Student.

She graduated cum laude from Texas Tech Health Sciences Center in 1993 with a bachelor's of science degree in clinical laboratory sciences. She received a post-baccalaureate teaching certificate in secondary biology and chemistry from Texas Tech University in 1996.

She was employed as a medical technologist at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock for four years. The past three years she was a seventh grade life science teacher at Slaton Junior High School in Slaton. She is currently employed as an instructional technology education specialist for Region 15 Education Service Center in San Angelo.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Byrd of Snyder.

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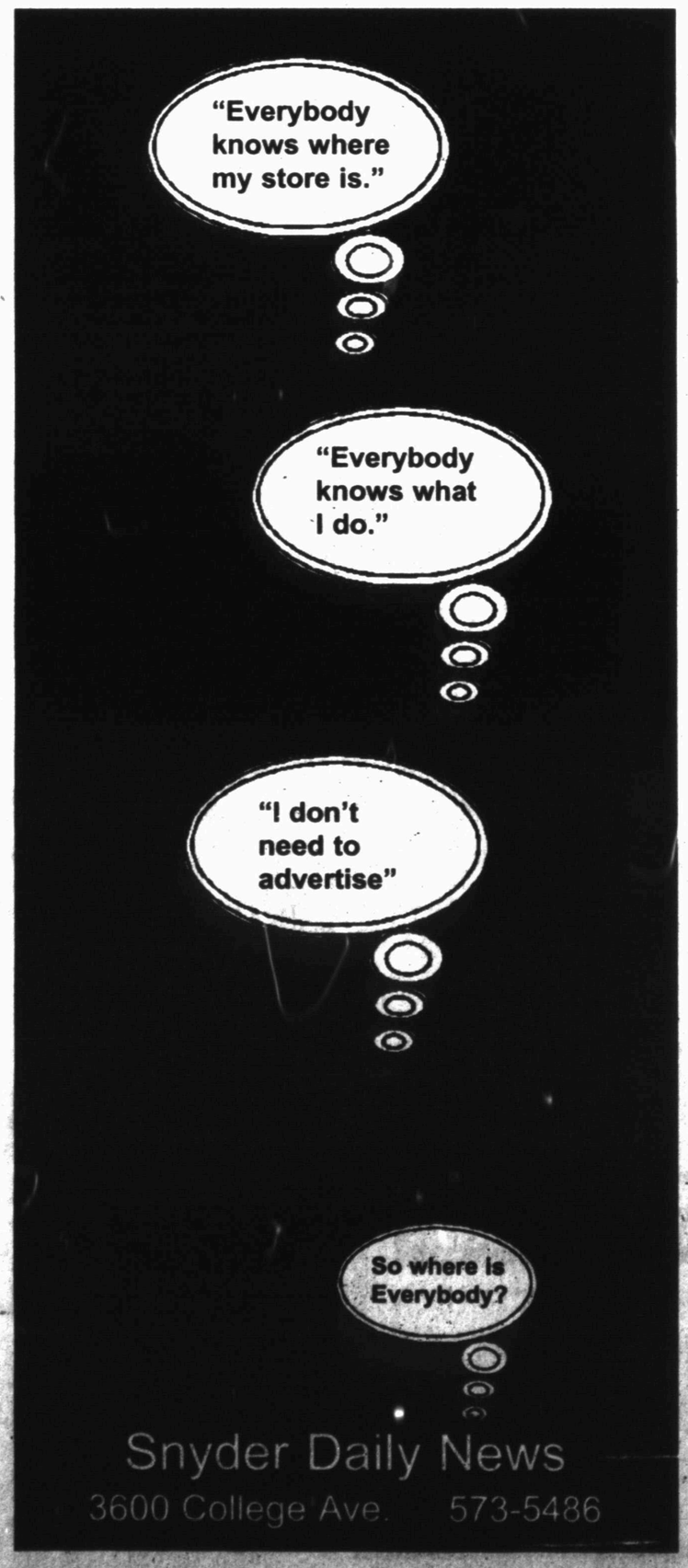

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Commission faces deadline for emergency wireless calls

HOUSTON (AP) - At the state's emergency communications agency, it's crisis time.

The Commission on State Emergency Communications faces a 12:01 a.m. Friday deadline from the Texas Legislature to set up a system so emergency dispatchers can field 911 calls from wireless phones and determine the caller's number, identity and general location.

The agency in charge of emergency phone service risks losing $2.3 million that lawmakers said they would add to its $14 million annual budget to deploy the 911 service in 75 percent of the commission's territory by the deadline, according to the Texas Journal of The Wall Street Journal.

If the money is lost, commission Executive Director Jim Goerke said, the network's implementation will be slowed.

Blame for delays in establishing a network for 911 wireless calls, commission members say, should lie with almost every major wireless carrier that operates in Texas.

The commission, as of Friday, had only certified 37 percent of its area as ready.

The agency, at a Texas Public Utility Commission meeting last week, identified eight wireless carriers as "disappointments," including San Antonio-based SBC Corp.'s Southwestern Bell wireless unit; Western Wireless Corp. of Bellevue, Wash.; Sprint Corp.'s Sprint PCS Group of Kansas City, Mo.; and AT&T Corp.'s AT&T Wireless Group, Redmond, Wash.

Officials at SBC and Sprint did not return telephone calls early Wednesday from The Associated Press.

But an AT&T spokesman says delays are due to local emergency officials not paying on time for needed equipment. Adding coverage requires new links between customers and wireless carriers to local phone companies, police, sheriffs' officers and emergency dispatchers.

At Western Wireless, an official said the company has been "working round the clock" to meet the deadline but delays are mainly due to the newness of the procedures required to build the network.

Lobster rescued

AMAGANSETT, N.Y. (AP) - All the other lobsters must be green with envy.

A live 3-pound lobster was rescued from becoming a tasty dinner when a seafood market manager noticed something unusual: Its shell was blue.

The rare royal-blue specimen was one of 50 Nova Scotia lobsters delivered to Stuart's Seafood Market last week. Owner Charlotte Klein Sasso was thrilled.

"I just started yelling, 'Don't touch that lobster,'" said Sasso, 39.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 08-30-00
♠ 10 9 8
♥ A K Q J 6 5 2
♦ K J
♣ 6

West
♠ Q 6 3
♥ 7 4
♦ 10 9 2
♣ Q 9 7 5 3

East
♠ J 7 4
♥ 10 9 8 3
♦ A Q 8 6 5
♣ 4

South
♠ A K 5 2
♥ - - -
♦ 7 4 3
♣ A K J 10 8 2

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: West

South	West	North	East
	Pass	4 ♣	Pass
4 NT	Pass	5 ♠	Pass
6 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ??

Wednesday, Aug. 30, 2000

Still leading to disaster

Deciding that slam doubles had had their time in the daylight, I hunted out a deal for this column — and promptly spotted this one. Look only at the West hand. What would you lead against six hearts?

North's four clubs was Namyats, showing a strong four-heart opening. Four no-trump was Roman Key Card Blackwood. Five spades announced the trump queen and either two aces or one ace and the trump king. (In answer to RKCB, the replier shows how many of the five key cards — the four aces and the trump king — he holds, and can also admit to the trump queen, either directly — as here — or after a further inquiry from partner. Nowadays all tournament players use RKCB.)

Against a small slam, it usually pays to make an aggressive opening lead. And short suits tend to be more aggressive than long suits. So, I would select either a spade or a diamond. Yet as partner didn't make a lead-directing double of five spades, I would opt for the diamond 10. As you can see, that would have been my one winning lead this year.

West, though, selected fourth-highest from his longest and strongest: the club five. What a disaster — declarer won trick one with dummy's club six! That allowed him to draw trumps and claim 13 tricks from two spades, seven hearts and four clubs (via the marked ruffing finesse).

Strangely, due to the bad heart and club splits, leading any club higher than the five defeats the slam (as does a spade). Declarer will ruff a club to try to get into the dummy to draw trumps, but East will overruff.

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Elderly are more prone to pneumonia

DEAR DR. GOTT: Why, if pneumonia is such a killer, aren't people being immunized against it, instead of restricting the serum to the elderly?

DEAR READER: Pneumonia, infection of lung tissue, is caused by an astounding variety of microorganisms, ranging from viruses to yeasts and bacteria. Some pneumonias are the result of inhalation of toxic compounds, such as oil-based products and gastric contents. But most pneumonia is the result of living microorganisms. Thus, the miracle of our immunity is not that we get pneumonia but that we are afflicted with it so infrequently.

You're right that pneumonia is often a killer. Before the advent of antibiotics, it was a dreaded illness — regardless of cause — that carried a high mortality rate. Today, thanks to antibiotics, it is far less a problem. Nonetheless, people still get pneumonia, and some may die from it, despite treatment. For instance, viral pneumonia is still serious business because viruses are not affected by antibiotics.

Also, old and debilitated patients, whose immune systems are often deficient, suffer pneumonia more readily. Such an infection is more severe in these people, is less responsive to therapy and is more likely to lead to death. This result is not altogether a terrible thing, however. A well-respected surgeon in my community used to call pneumonia "the friend of the aged," because it is a painless cause of death in the very elderly whose quality of life may have become severely compromised.

Scientists have developed a pneumonia vaccine (Pneumovax) that protects against 23 of the most prevalent forms of pneumoccal bacteria, a common cause of pneumonia. The vaccine is recommended for patients in the following categories: those older than 50; those with chronic, non-terminal illness (such as kidney diseases, emphysema and diabetes); and those who have had their spleens removed or who have splenic disease, such as that caused by sickle-cell anemia.

Healthy young people don't need the vaccine because their defenses are usually strong enough to fight off lung infection. In addition, because so many types of infectious agents cause pneumonia, it would be a literal impossibility to compound a vaccine that would encompass all of the possible culprits.

Finally, I would be remiss not to mention the relationship between AIDS and pneumonia. The AIDS virus literally torpedoes the immune system, opening the way to infection by microorganisms, both unusual and exotic as well as ordinary. Pneumonia is capturing medical headlines because, in part, it is a common and fatal consequence of HIV infection.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Following a biopsy of my thyroid gland last week, I was diagnosed Hashimoto's disease. What is this? My doctor is reluctant to provide information.

DEAR READER: Well, he shouldn't be.

Hashimoto's thyroiditis is a common thyroid disease, marked by inflammation and swelling of the gland, leading to hypothyroidism (underactive thyroid) that causes fatigue, constipation, weakness, slow metabolism and other symptoms. Hashimoto's disease is now believed to be an auto-immune (self-allergy) disorder that is frequently associated with other auto-immune conditions, including pernicious anemia, lupus, rheumatoid arthritis, Addison's disease (underactive adrenal glands) and hypoparathyroidism (underactive parathyroid glands, which control calcium metabolism).

Hashimoto's thyroiditis is diagnosed by blood tests and biopsy. Fortunately, the treatment is straightforward, simple and inexpensive: life-long therapy with thyroid supplement pills.

You should suffer no future consequences from the affliction (provided you take the medicine), although your doctor will probably insist on testing you for other auto-immune diseases as well, which would need treatment if discovered. To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Lupus: The Great Imitator." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

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Plane crash claims 3 lives

MEXICO CITY (AP) - A plane from the Mexican attorney general's office that disappeared on its way to pick up a drug suspect was found Tuesday crashed into a mountainside. The two pilots and a technician on board were killed.

Investigators found the wreckage of the King Air 300 aircraft and the bodies of its three occupants on Tuesday afternoon 10 miles (15 kms) outside the Ensenada, Baja California airport, the attorney general's office said in a news release.

The cause of the crash has not been determined. The mountain where the small plane was found is on the route leading to the airport, the news release said.

The aircraft left its base in the western border state of Sonora at 12:20 a.m. Saturday en route to Ensenada, on the Pacific coast, to pick up the son of an alleged Mexican drug lieutenant and bring him back to Mexico City. The son is also wanted on drug charges.

At 1:40 a.m., the pilot asked the Ensenada control tower to turn the runway lights on. The tower had no further contact with the plane.

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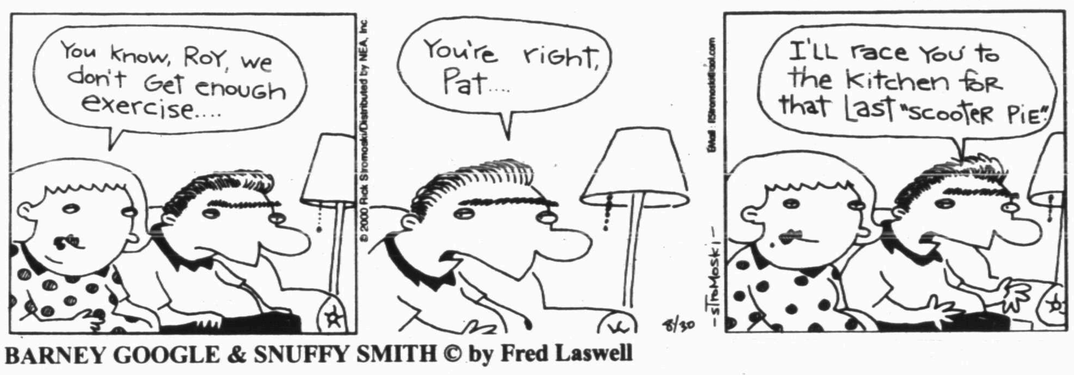

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24 Warm colors
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40 Singer Vikki —
41 Comparative suffix
43 Pickling spice
45 Hockey great Bobby —
46 Compass pt.
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10 Straw user
11 Kind of tube
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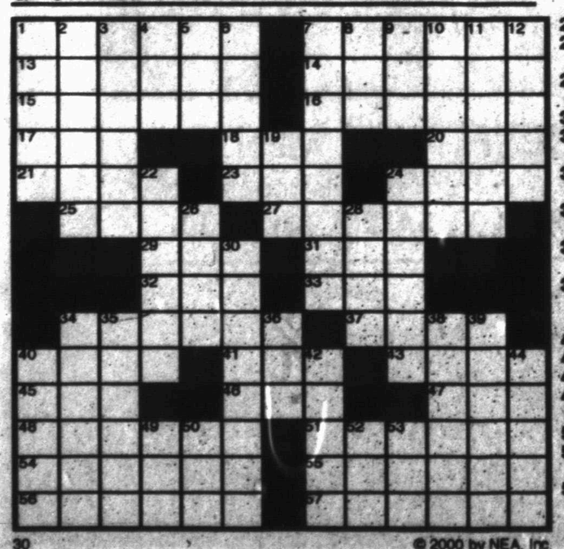

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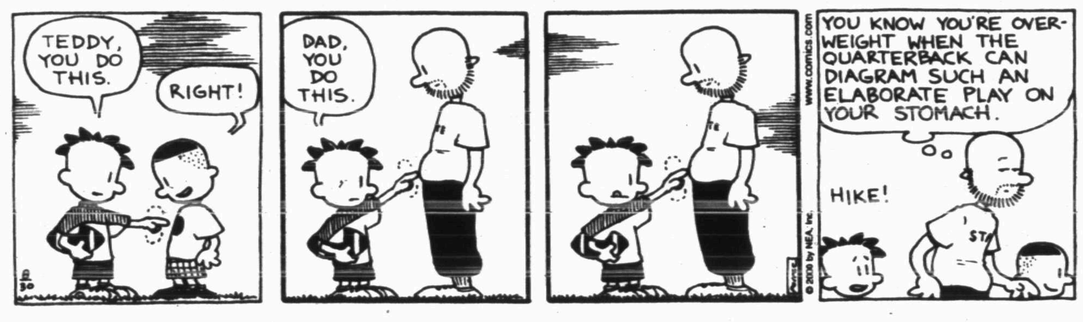

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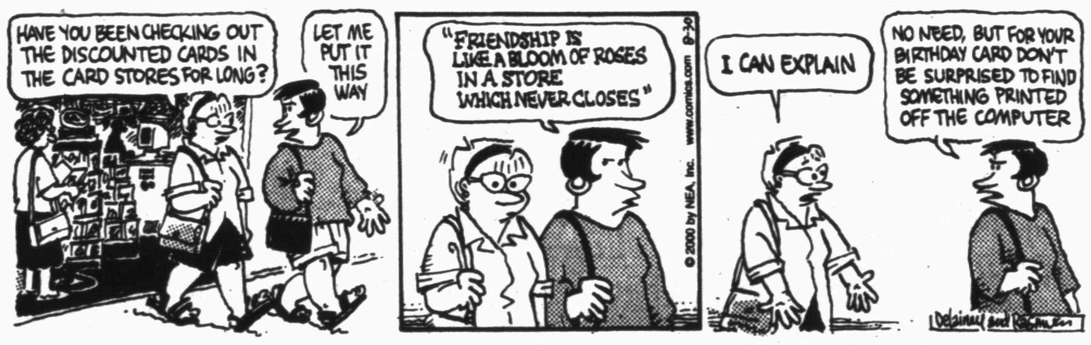

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SPORTS

Snyder spikers split matches

SEMINOLE — Coming off a weekend that featured seven matches in two days, the Snyder Lady Tigers were a little sluggish in the early going on Tuesday.

Snyder dropped a 15-2, 16-14 decision to Midland High, before bouncing back to grab a 15-6, 15-8 victory over Seminole.

It was Snyder's first time on the court since the action-packed Justin Northwest tournament over the weekend, and Head Coach Patty Grimmett said her squad still showed the effects from tourney competition.

"It was a long weekend for the girls, and they came out a little flat against Midland," Grimmett said. "But once they got their legs under them, they did a good job. We just had too many errors in the first game against Midland."

Midland registered its first seven points of the opening game on Lady Tiger errors, before Snyder's offense woke up in Game 2.

"Defensively, we played well all day long," said Grimmett. "But our offense took a while to click. In the second game against Midland, and in the whole match against Seminole, we played well both offensively and defensively."

Snyder's defensive effort paid off against the Maidens, as the Lady Tigers limited Seminole to only 14 points in the match.

Offensively, the Lady Tigers registered 13 kills, compared to only eight against Midland.

Senior Ashley Delce led the offensive attack with four kills and four blocks.

The Lady Tigers, now 8-7 on the year, take part in the season's final tournament Friday and Saturday at Wayland Baptist University in Plainview.

Snyder opens the event at 9 a.m. Friday against district foe Plainview, before taking on Sanford-Fritch, Dalhart and Dumas later in the day.

The Lady Tigers begin District 4-4A action Tuesday when they host San Angelo Lake View.

Midland High def. Snyder
15-2, 16-14

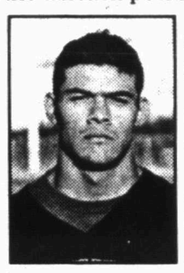
Snyder service points: L. Billingsley, 5; Webb, 4; Mackey and Kallemeyn, 3; Geiger, 1. **Kills:** Delce, Kallemeyn, Mackey and Geiger, 2. **Blocks:** Delce, 3; Geiger, 2; K. Billingsley and Voss, 1.

Snyder def. Seminole
15-6, 15-8

Snyder service points: Mackey, 9; Eicke, 8; Webb and Geiger, 4; Voss, 3; Kallemeyn, 2. **Kills:** Delce, 4; Kallemeyn and Geiger, 3; Mackey, 2; Voss, 1. **Blocks:** Delce, 4; Geiger, 3; Kallemeyn, 2; K. Billingsley, 1.

Tigers' tailback will miss first two games

Coming into the year, the Snyder Tigers felt they could rely on the tailback position for consistent production.



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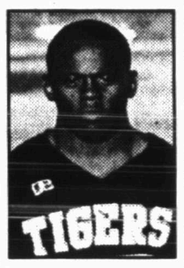

James

But now, two days from the season opener, Snyder has had to shift personnel, and will feature a platoon of tailbacks on Friday night.

Third-year letterman Josh Arizmendi will miss two weeks of action, leaving the Tigers without an experienced starter for the first two games.

Arizmendi, a senior, suffered a concussion in a car accident last May, and is still experiencing headaches from the wreck.

"He said he's still having headaches from when he had that wreck," said Snyder coach David Baugh. "So they're going to hold him out for two weeks for precautionary measures. We've had to shift some people to tailback, but we're going to stick with our same game plan."

Junior Jamaal Pruitt is Arizmendi's back-up, but will likely spend most of his time at defensive end.

Senior Edwin James will start at tailback Friday night against Monahans, with junior Shay Franks also getting some snaps.

James moves from wingback, but has some experience at tailback, according to Baugh.

"Edwin worked at tailback some this spring, so it's not a totally new situation for him," Baugh said. "He knows the running plays pretty well, but he needs a little more time to get the passing plays down."

Filling in at wingback will be juniors Wade Pinson and Cory Clay.

The season opener against Monahans kicks off at 7:30 Friday night at Tiger Stadium.

Sports Briefs

Men's bowling meeting

Snyder Men's Commercial Bowling League will hold a meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday at Snyder Lanes. Rules and number of teams competing will be discussed. League play starts Sept. 7.

Men's flag football

Registration is underway for Snyder men's Flag Football League. Cost is $220 per team, and must be paid before the season starts Sept. 23. All games will be played on Saturdays under the TAAF flag football rules. To sign-up, call Earl Ware at 573-0800, (817) 797-8078 or (817) 370-1317.

Women's bowling meeting

Roll-n-hope women's bowling league will hold a meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Snyder Lanes. Rules and number of teams will be discussed. League play starts Sept. 11.

WGA playday

Snyder County Club Women's Golf Association will hold its weekly play day at 9 a.m. next Wednesday. Format will be least and most strokes to the green on the back nine. A luncheon and business meeting will follow play.

Slingin' Sammy Baugh tourney

The ninth annual Slingin' Sammy Baugh Golf Tournament to benefit the SISD golf program will be held Sept. 9 at Western Texas College. Format will be a four-person scramble with shotgun starts at 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

Cash prizes will be awarded, with $600 going to the first-place team. Entry fee is $140 per team, and the deadline to register is Sept. 8.

Horseshoe pitching

Snyder Slingers Horseshoe Club has league play at 7 p.m. Thursdays at the courts adjacent to the coliseum. For more information, call T.C. Nunn at 573-6710 or Terry Duncan at 573-5589.

Upsets at U.S. Open

NEW YORK (AP) — Galo Blanco rallied from a 2-4 deficit in the fifth-set tiebreak to eliminate two-time champion Patrick Rafter 7-6 (3), 2-6, 6-3, 1-6, 7-6 (5) in the first round of the $15 million U.S. Open.

Also, second-seeded Gustavo Kuerten, the reigning French Open king, was beaten 4-6, 6-3, 7-6 (4), 7-6 (1) by Australian qualifier Wayne Arthurs. Kuerten became only the second No. 2 seed to be eliminated in the first round since the Open era began in 1956.

In women's singles, Miriam Oremans ousted 16th-seeded Julie Halard-Decugis 6-3, 6-4.

All the other seeded players made it safely to the second round, including defending women's champion Serena Williams, 1998 U.S. Open winner Lindsay Davenport, French Open women's winner Mary Pierce, No. 7 Conchita Martinez, No. 10 Anke Huber, No. 12 Anna Kournikova and No. 14 Dominique Van Roost.

On the men's side, winners included No. 7 Thomas Enqvist, No. 8 Alex Corretja, No. 12 Juan Carlos Ferrero and No. 14 Nicolas Kiefer. Goran Ivanisevic lost 3-6, 6-0, 6-1, 6-0 to Dominik Hrbaty.

Laettner, Mills traded to Mavs

DALLAS (AP) — The Detroit Pistons traded veteran forwards Christian Laettner and Terry Mills to the Dallas Mavericks for forwards Cedric Ceballos and John Wallace, guard Eric Murdock and cash.

Wallace and Murdock never played a game for Dallas, having been acquired by the Mavs in separate trades on draft night in June.

Laettner averaged 12.2 points and 6.7 rebounds as he started all 82 games last season for Detroit. In his seven NBA seasons, he has averaged 15.7 points and 7.6 rebounds.

Mills, a 10th-year pro, averaged 6.7 points and 4.8 rebounds last season. The 6-7 Ceballos, a 10-year NBA veteran, averaged 16.6 points and 6.7 rebounds last season.

Ogden becomes richest lineman

BALTIMORE (AP) — The Baltimore Ravens and left tackle Jonathan Ogden reached terms on a six-year contract extension that would make the three-time Pro Bowler the highest paid offensive lineman in NFL history.

Ogden will get $44 million over six years, including a $12 million signing bonus, the team announced. He was the fourth overall pick in the 1996 draft, the first player the Ravens drafted after moving to Baltimore.

Woods garners award

PALM BEACH GARDENS, Fla. (AP) — The PGA of America announced Tiger Woods as the winner of the PGA Player of the Year award. Woods has been so dominant, winning three majors and eight PGA Tour events, that no one has a mathematical chance of catching him.

Woods won the award, which is decided by points, for the third time in four years. He already has a record 255 points after his victory in the NEC Invitational at Firestone. Phil Mickelson is second with 64 points.

Players earn 30 points for winning a major, 20 points for The Players Championship, and 10 points for every other PGA Tour victory. Winning two majors carries a 50-point bonus, and three majors is worth an additional 75 points.

Woods became the first player since Ben Hogan in 1953 to win three majors in one year.

JV knocks off Seminole

SEMINOLE — After a marathon match against Midland, Snyder junior varsity took care of Seminole in a hurry.

Snyder fell to Midland, 15-4, 8-15, 18-20, before posting a 15-9, 15-8 victory over Seminole in Tuesday's JV action.

Shelly Fisk paced the Lady Tigers from the service line with 14 points against Midland, and eight more against the Maidens.

Loryn Brown and Chaelyn Robinson tallied seven points apiece in the opening match, while Dara Chambers added six more. Amber Alexander served up four points, and Leticia Martinez chipped in three.

Alexander and Aaryn Stewart registered six points apiece against Seminole, with Chambers accounting for four. Robinson finished with three points. Martinez posted two, and Brown added one.

Notre Dame coach learned from Slocum

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (AP) — Notre Dame coach Bob Davie might have learned a little too much about the Lone Star State from Texas A&M coach R.C. Slocum.

Davie was a typical Yankee when he applied for a job as an assistant coach at A&M in 1985. He knew little about Texas until Slocum showed him everything from buying boots to livestock shows.

But look at the current Notre Dame roster, though, and it's apparent Davie learned something about Texas during his nine seasons at A&M.

Notre Dame has 17 scholarship players and a walk-on from Texas, including six starters and two others expected to play regularly when the Irish play host to the Aggies in the season-opener Saturday. Two of the team's four captains, defensive end Grant Irons and linebacker Anthony Denman, are from Texas.

Not only that, but about 5 percent of the overall student population at Notre Dame comes from Texas.

"There are just so many personal ties when it comes to this football game," Davie said. "Just about every one of them had the chance to go to either Texas or Texas A&M. So much went into their decision. Certainly bragging rights are involved with this. They all want to show that they made the right decision by coming to Notre Dame."

Davie said he uses the same logic that went into his decision to move from defensive coordinator at Texas A&M to the same position at Notre Dame in 1994 to try to recruit players in Texas.

"I think A&M is a tremendous place; I think Texas is a tremendous place. But let's face it, a lot of those high school teammates, a lot of those high school student body members go to A&M and go to Texas. How many chances are you going to get to go to a place like Notre Dame and do something different? It's not for everyone, but for the right person it's a tremendous opportunity."

Offensive guard Mike Gandy of Garland, Texas, said the combination of academics, Notre Dame's reputation and the exposure the Irish receive were the determining factor for him. He was scheduled to visit Texas A&M on a recruiting visit after visiting Notre Dame, but canceled after he came to South Bend.

"It was just clear the advantages of playing here," he said.

Denman, who is from Rusk, Texas, said a simple statistic helped him make the decision. A&M has a graduation rate of 32 percent for football players while Notre Dame has a graduation rate of 78 percent for football players.

Denman concedes, though, education won't be on his mind Saturday. He'll be thinking of his family and friends in Texas and what he'll have to put up with if the Irish lose.

"We can't lose this game. This is bragging rights. They recruited me and everything," he said. "It's definitely bragging rights on the line."

Indians rout Rangers

ARLINGTON (AP) — The Cleveland Indians, despite their potent lineup, are counting on their pitching to get them to the playoffs.

"The whole lineup is hitting," Indians manager Charlie Manuel said after a 12-1 rout of the Texas Rangers on Tuesday night. "But I've said all along, we'll only go as far as our starting pitching will take us."

Steve Woodard gave the Indians' rotation a boost, notching his first win since May 11, when he was with Milwaukee. Woodard allowed one run and four hits in six innings.

"It's about time," Woodard said. "With this team, if you keep 'em in the game they're going to score. It really helps your confidence knowing you've got an offense like this behind you."

Woodard (1-2) won for the first time in seven appearances since the Indians acquired him from Milwaukee on July 28. He had two losses and three no-decisions in five starts, and another no-decision in a relief outing.

Although Woodard has only one victory for the Indians, Cleveland is 4-2 in his starts.

"I think that's a stat that's overlooked," Woodward said. "Tonight I had all three pitches working. I'm a control pitcher, but since I came over (in the trade), I haven't had my good stuff. Tonight, I threw strikes and let the defense play. To get traded here to a contender is a real confidence booster."

David Segui, acquired from Texas on July 28 for outfielder Ricky Ledee, and Manny Ramirez each hit two-run homers for the Indians, who have taken over the AL wild-card lead by going 17-8 since Aug. 2.

Jim Thome followed Ramirez's two-run homer in a five-run seventh with a solo shot. It marked the ninth time this year Cleveland hit consecutive homers.

Kenny Lofton went 3-for-5 for the Indians, who outhit Texas 14-6. Every Cleveland starter got at least one hit.

Rangers rookie Ryan Glynn allowed five runs and eight hits in five innings.

SHS frosh top Maidens

SEMINOLE — After dropping a three-game decision to Midland High, Snyder's freshman volleyball team made easy work of Seminole.

Snyder rolled over Seminole, 15-5, 15-4 Tuesday night in freshman volleyball action.

The victory came on the heels of a 16-18, 15-4, 15-6 setback to Midland High.

Against the Maidens, Desiree Braziel paced the Lady Tigers with 11 service points, while Sharday McKinney tallied eight.

Erin Burleson and Kelsi Johnson served up eight points apiece to lead the team against Midland.

Midland def. Snyder
16-18, 15-4, 15-6

Snyder service points: Erin Burleson and Kelsi Johnson, 8; Dominique Braziel, 4; Kelby Drum and Sara Crawford, 3; Desiree Braziel and Sharday McKinney, 1.

Snyder def. Seminole
15-5, 15-4

Snyder service points: Desiree Braziel, 11; Sharday McKinney, 8; Kelby Drum, 5; Kelsi Johnson and Dominique Braziel, 2; Erin Burleson and Ashley Martinez, 1.

Astros' streak continues

NEW YORK (AP) — Until recently, the Houston Astros had the worst record in the majors. Hard to believe it after seeing what Wade Miller, Jeff Bagwell and their teammates did to the New York Mets.

While Tony Eusebio's 24-game hitting streak came to an end Tuesday night, almost everything else went right for the Astros in an 11-1 romp.

Miller pitched a five-hitter for his first complete game in the majors, and Bagwell hit his 40th homer and drove in three runs. The Astros finished with 16 hits, easily stole four bases and took advantage of three errors.

"The most important thing is we won and everybody's happy," Eusebio said.

Despite the loss, the Mets remained tied for first with Atlanta in the NL East. But they saw starting pitcher Al Leiter leave after three innings with a strained muscle in his right buttocks and watched right fielder Derek Bell limp off with a bruised left knee.

"It was a rough night all around for everybody," catcher Mike Piazza said.

The Mets got off to a great start when left fielder Darryl Hamilton made a diving catch on Roger Cedeno's leadoff liner. After that, it all fell apart for New York.

The Astros, the three-time NL Central champions, won for the 11th time in 15 games. Still, they're stuck at 55-77.

Miller, tagged for a team record-tying 12 runs by the Chicago Cubs in 4 2-3 innings in his previous start, struck out seven and walked one. He became the first rookie to throw a complete game for the Astros since Donne Wall.

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Police hope autopsy reports will shed light on 2 deaths

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. (AP) — Police are hoping that autopsy reports will help unravel the mystery surrounding the shooting deaths of a professor and a student, an apparent murder-suicide.

The bodies of James Easton Kelly, 36, and English professor John Locke, 67, were found on the floor of Locke's office at the University of Arkansas. Both were shot in the abdomen with a .38-caliber revolver that Kelly bought at a pawn shop five years ago, police said.

An attache case found near them contained 90 rounds of ammunition and a letter telling the student he had been kicked out of the graduate program. A .38-caliber revolver also was found between them. Investigators were still working to find out who shot whom.

"We don't want to say it was one way and it turn out to be a different way, with the location of the gun and the two bodies. It was not obvious at the scene," university police Lt. Gary Crain said Tuesday.

Police would not identify the owner of the attache, which held 46 full metal jacket rounds and 44 hollow-point rounds for a .38-caliber revolver. Also inside were five letters from the university to Kelly, including one telling him he had been dropped from the graduate program in comparative literature.

Witnesses said they heard the men arguing Monday behind the locked door to Locke's office before three shots were heard.

A panel of six professors voted Aug. 21 to dismiss Kelly from the English department's doctoral program because he habitually dropped classes and made insufficient progress in 10 years as a graduate student. Locke, who was Kelly's faculty adviser, was on the committee but abstained from the vote. The committee allowed Kelly to continue his studies as a non-degree student.

Locke was a strong advocate who supported the graduate student even when other professors gave up, members of the school's English department said Tuesday.

"John's attitude toward Kelly was one of long suffering tolerance and acceptance of the fact that Kelly wasn't going to come through with the attention and thoughtfulness given him," professor Brian Wilkie said.

Wilkie recalled that in the mid-1990s Kelly bombed on an oral examination, stumbling through answers and failing to show mastery of required reading material.

"He didn't take his work very seriously," Wilkie said. "He never struck me as a sinister person, just not very motivated."

Wilkie said Kelly had been dropped from the program at least three times. Each time, until last week, the faculty had voted to reinstate him.

Angie Albright, who was enrolled in the school's graduate program in the 1990s, said Kelly's performance was erratic.

"He wasn't ever quite on the same track as the rest of us as far as what he was supposed to do for class and coming to class," said Albright, now an assistant professor of English at Georgia Southwestern State.

"He seemed nice enough, but distant all the time."

Man set to be executed for killing his parents and sister

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — The killings of the three people at their home in Dallas were similar and the parolee arrested for them told authorities the victims _ his parents and a sister — had all run into his knife.

"The 'magic knife' confession," former Dallas County assistant prosecutor Andy Beach recalled this week. "But he forgot to say he had hit each of them a couple of times with a claw hammer."

A jury didn't buy the explanation from Jeffery Henry Caldwell and condemned him for the slayings 12 years ago of his parents, Henry and Gwendolyn Caldwell, and his sister, Kimberly, at their southwest Dallas home.

Caldwell, 37, was set for lethal injection Wednesday evening for their deaths.

He would be the sixth Texas prisoner executed this month and the 32nd this year. At least seven more condemned murderers are scheduled to die in 2000 and their deaths would make this a record year, topping the 37 prisoners executed in the state in 1997.

Caldwell's execution attracted none of the attention given earlier this summer to condemned killer Gary Graham, whose claims of innocence and an unfair trial put the focus on Texas as the nation's most active capital punishment state and support of the death penalty by Gov. George W. Bush, now the Republican presidential nominee.

One of Caldwell's brothers discovered the bodies of his parents and 19-year-old sister inside the family's motorhome parked on the driveway. They had been dead for several days.

Caldwell, who had moved with his family to Texas in 1980 from their native Chicago, already was known to authorities. He had been convicted of burglary and robbery and had been on parole for about four months when the murders occurred.

He was arrested in a telephone booth while calling one of his brothers, who were helping police try to find him. Beach said Caldwell's two brothers also convinced prosecutors to seek capital murder charges, which would make Caldwell eligible for a death sentence.

His brothers testified at the punishment phase of the trial and told jurors they believed he would be a continuing threat to society, one of the elements a jury must consider before deciding on a death sentence.

"They looked the jurors in the eyes and said yes," Beach said. "It was a very emotional case. They've lost three family members and now they're going to lose a fourth. But this was all about justice for them."

In his statement to police, Caldwell said the fatal knifings began with an argument with his father over money. Caldwell said he was upset because his father would give money to his sister but not to him.

Years later, in an interview on death row, Caldwell blamed the fatal attacks on a Jamaican mob angry because he had stolen some of their drugs.

"I had affiliated with drug individuals and I had ripped them off," he said. "They came to my house and I wasn't there."

He also insisted he didn't realize his parents and sister were dead until he was arrested for the murders and that his criminal past was responsible for his arrest.

"The phrase used in the court system is innocent until proven guilty but it's totally reversed, especially for a parolee," Caldwell said.

He declined to speak with reporters in the weeks leading up to his execution, but said earlier he would die in peace.

"The first few years I was bitter, angry because my own family had abandoned me," he said. "I'll let God handle everything. I don't feel depressed or upset about being executed. I don't say I'm glad about it. I now it's going to happen some day."

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

THURSDAY, Aug. 31, 2000
A fortunate opportunity could present itself to you in the year ahead through a dynamic person who will also participate in the involvement. It could lead to bigger and better things.

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LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) A chance to clear up an old problem may present itself today. Interestingly, the person who has caused the dilemma in the first place may be the one who now provides the solution.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) A new channel could open up for you today that would provide you with a second source of income. It'll come about for you through someone who likes you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) An admirer who has never been bold enough as of yet to express his or her feelings for you may find that courage today. Chances are you'll welcome the news with great happiness.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Because of your creativity, and developed skills, a difficult task asked of you today may seem more like child's play. The esteem in which others hold you could be elevated.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Don't tie yourself down with an inflexible schedule today that limits your mobility. There's a strong chance that an invitation you'll consider lucky to receive will be forthcoming.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Several people are looking for ways at this time to repay past kindnesses you've shown them. Today may be the day when a couple of people find ways to express their gratitude.

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20) There are strong possibilities for profitable developments today if you concentrate in areas near and dear to your heart where you'll be highly motivated.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Those with whom you'll be involved today will see the best of your charismatic qualities coming to light today. These appealing attributes will aid you tremendously.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Knowing when and how to do what needs to be done today will help you achieve your most difficult objectives. Your excellent sense of timing is the critical factor for bringing this about.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) It won't be your rabbit's foot that will bring you a lucky involvement today. It'll be your past efforts that set this happening thing in motion. Your reward is at hand.

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Lawyers responding to panel that wants to disbar Clinton

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) - The testimony at the center of President Clinton's disbarment lawsuit was so minor that stripping him of his law license would be too severe a penalty, his lawyers said.

Their comments came Tuesday in a five-page response to a state disciplinary panel's complaint that the president gave misleading testimony during the Paula Jones sexual harassment case and is no longer fit to be a lawyer.

"On the basis of the relevant facts, the governing law and the applicable decisions of the Arkansas courts ... a sanction of disbarment would be excessively harsh, impermissibly punitive and unprecedented in the circumstances of this case," Clinton's lawyers wrote.

Medical marijuana distribution barred

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Supreme Court on Tuesday barred distribution of marijuana to people in California whose doctors recommend it for medicinal purposes.

The court, voting 7-1 to grant an emergency Clinton administration request, postponed the effect of federal court rulings that would have allowed a California club to distribute the illegal drug for medicinal use.

Government lawyers had sought emergency help from Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, who referred the request to the full court.

Only Justice John Paul Stevens dissented. He said the government "has failed to demonstrate that the denial of necessary medicine to seriously ill and dying patients will advance the public interest or that the failure to enjoin the distribution of such medicine will impair the orderly enforcement of federal criminal statutes."

Justice Stephen G. Breyer disqualified himself from the case. His brother, Charles, a federal trial judge in San Francisco, previously had barred distribution of marijuana only to have his decision reversed by a federal appeals court.

The highest court's action, which came in a brief order, was the latest development in a conflict between federal narcotics laws and a 1996 California voters' initiative known as Proposition 215.

The state initiative allows seriously ill patients to grow and use marijuana for pain relief, with a doctor's recommendation, without state penalties. But federal law says marijuana has no medical purposes and cannot be administered safely under medical supervision. Initiatives similar to California's have been passed in Alaska, Arizona, Hawaii, Maine, Nevada, Oregon and Washington state.

In the California case, the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that "medical necessity" is a "legally cognizable defense" to a charge of distributing drugs in violation of a federal law, the Controlled Substances Act.

Because of that ruling, Judge Charles Breyer said the Oakland Cannabis Buyers' Cooperative could provide marijuana to people facing imminent harm from serious medical conditions and for whom legal alternatives to marijuana do not work or cause intolerable side effects.

Justice Department lawyers called the 9th Circuit court's "unprecedented ruling" a dangerous one because it created "incentives for drug manufacturers and distributors to invoke the asserted needs of others as a justification for their drug trafficking."

The government's emergency request said allowing such distribution of marijuana would "promote disrespect and disregard for an act of Congress that is central to combating illicit drug trafficking and use by giving a judicial stamp of approval to the open and notorious distribution of (illegal) substances to potentially thousands of users without any of the strict controls required" by federal law.

In response, lawyers for the marijuana club argued that the government's emergency request be rejected.

"The government has provided no evidence that states ... that have passed medical cannabis laws have any difficulty prosecuting violations of their drug statutes," they said.

The case is U.S. v. Oakland Cannabis Buyers' Cooperative, A-145.

Markets

Lubbock

The Lubbock Stockyards Inc. had a run of 1,124 head of cattle for the Thursday, Aug. 24, sale. Cows were $2 to $3 cheaper. Yearlings and calves were $2 to $3 cheaper. Trading and demand were good.

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400-500: 85-95
500-600: 80-88.50
600-700: 75-84
700-800: 70-77
Feeder Bulls — good and choice:
500-600: 83-91
700-800: 68-78
Cow and calf pairs:
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Grade: 550-675
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Doodlers: 150-230

Graham

Graham Livestock Comm., Inc. had a run of 2,335 head of cattle for the Monday, Aug. 28, sale. Calves, packer cows and bulls $.50 to $1 lower. Bred cows and pairs were steady. Heifers were $2 to $4 lower. Bull calves $4 lower, steers were $2 to $3 lower. There will be a sale next Monday. Market was active and demand good.

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David Smith, Graham
3 Blk. Hfrs, 485 lbs. $85
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7 Black Hfr., 525 lbs. @ $84.50
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S.R. Davis Ranch, Throckmorton
10 Blk Steers 378 lbs., @ $105
9 Blk Steers, 419 lbs. @ $101
David Wheeler, Granbury
Black Hfr. 445 lbs., @ $92
Black Steer, 330 lbs., @ $132.50
Ed Wood, Olney
Black WF Hfr., 485 lbs. @ $87
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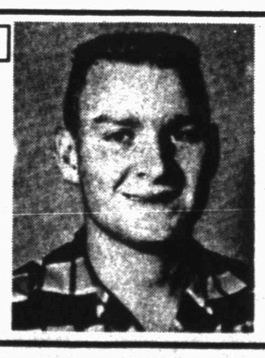
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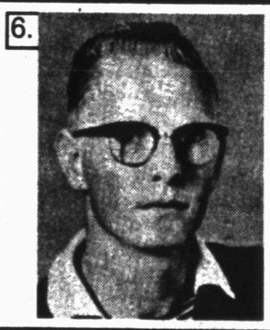
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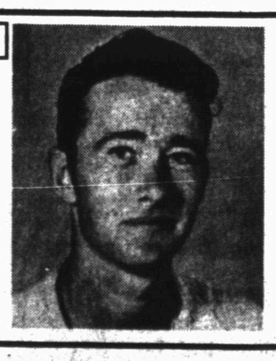
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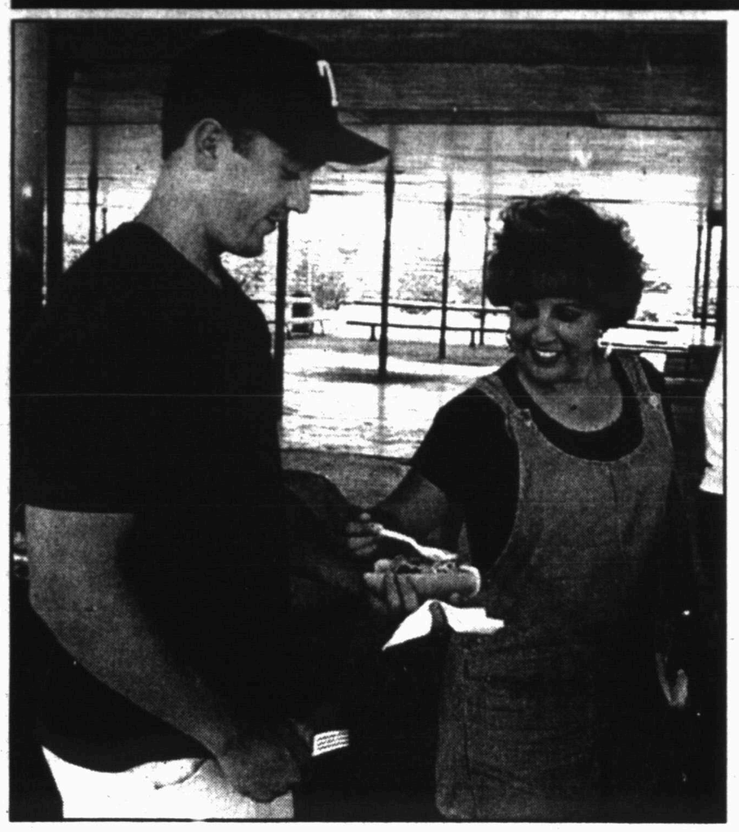
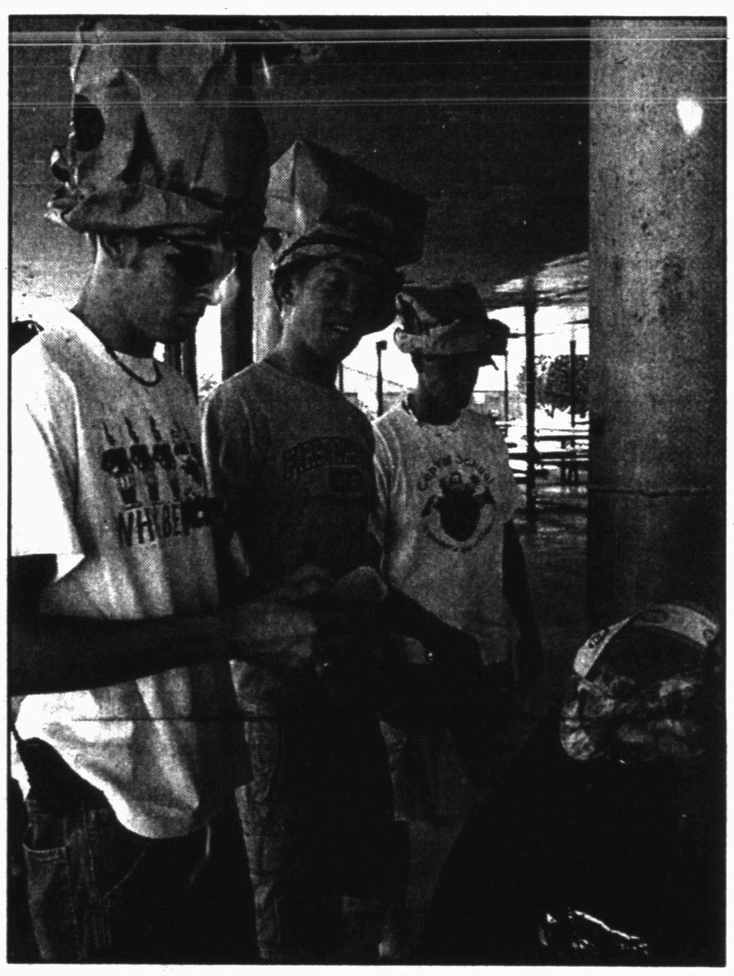


SERVICE WITH A SMILE — Mary Ann Juarez, SISD community liason, puts mustard on Colin Jones' hotdog. Jones was one of the students who made home visits during the Summer Family Outreach Program. (SDN Staff Photo)



CHEFS — From front, Layne Scott, Ryan Gibson and Seth Rosson prepare hot dogs at a cookout concluding the Summer Family Outreach Program. (SDN Staff Photo)

Summer Outreach program concludes

The Snyder Independent School District sponsored a Summer Family Outreach Program during the months of June and July.

Eight high school students and a teacher's aide made home visits to 35-40 families each week of the program.

Home visits included working with children in the area of reading and lessons from the Bowdoin Method Family Program.

This program teaches parents how to prepare their children for the beginning of school as the families are involved in many hands-on activities.

Schools involved in the program included Stanfield, East, Northeast and West elementaries. Participating students included Amy Juarez, Ryan McAnally, Erika Ynguanzo, Ryan Gibson, Seth Rosson, Layne Scott, Cozy Jones and Colin Jones.

Coordinators were Mary Ann Juarez and Patsy Benitez.

These programs will continue for each of the schools during the school year, and announcements will be sent home with the students.

The outreach program is financially supported by the Investment Capital Fund Grant, an initiative of the Texas Education Agency.

Clarification

Sunday's story about the Discovery School at First United Methodist Church did not adequately explain the current enrollment. The class for three-year-olds is almost full. The four-year-olds class is moderately full with a few vacancies remaining. The smallest enrollment is in the classes for younger twos, two-year-olds and babies from six months to 17 months.

Daily News driver made a special delivery, a baby

NEW YORK (AP) _ Delivering newspapers every morning seems pretty routine _ or so Daily News driver Robert Halberstadt thought.

On his way through the Holland Tunnel to deliver Tuesday's newspaper, Halberstadt, a trained emergency medical technician, made a special delivery _ a 7-pound, 12-ounce baby boy.

"This was definitely not part of the routine," Halberstadt said.

Halberstadt had just picked up the morning papers at the printers in Jersey City, N.J., around 4:30 a.m. when he got stuck in heavy traffic.

He noticed that each time the car in front of him stopped, the driver got out and went to the passenger side to look in the window.

"Sometimes you get a sense that something is wrong, so I asked him and he told me his wife was having a baby," Halberstadt recounted.

After calling 911 on his cellular phone, Halberstadt got out of his van and went over to the [illegible] car where he saw that the mother's water had broken, and the baby's head had crowned.

"Next thing I know, I'm holding the baby in the middle of the tunnel," Halberstadt said.

Gore embraces 3 debates; Bush will 'pick and choose'

PORTSMOUTH, N.H. (AP) - George W. Bush is dispatching aides to meet with major television network executives and a special commission to decide on times, places and formats for presidential debates that Al Gore accuses him of trying to duck.

The Texas governor denied he was trying to avoid televised face-offs with the vice president, saying he would welcome prime-time debates. To that end, Bush spokesman Ari Fleischer said top advisers Joe

Allbaugh, Andrew Card and Don Evans would be in Washington on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday to discuss debate scenarios with officials at CNN, ABC, CBS, NBC, Fox, PBS and the Commission on Presidential Debates.

"When they discuss with these groups the formats, one of the conditions they'll discuss is how to share the debates as widely as possible for all the networks to use," Fleischer said Tuesday.

The top Bush aides plan to meet this week and next with potential debate sponsors. After those sessions, Bush will present his debate schedule, a counteroffer to Gore's. If tradition holds, it may take several weeks of negotiations to reach an agreement over debate formats.

"George Bush is trying to do everything he can to avoid prime-time presidential debates that will be seen on all three networks," Gore spokesman Mark Fabiani said.

"Who said we don't want prime-time exposure?" Bush told reporters. "I welcome prime-time debates."

He made clear that he prefers relatively informal debates, such as the session during the Republican primaries in which the participants were seated around a table with CNN talk show host Larry King. Gore advisers believe a confrontational moderator better suits Gore's style.

The vice president's campaign, which has accepted every invitation it has received, on Tuesday embraced a proposal for three nationally televised face-offs with his Republican rival.

Bush has accepted no invitations but said he would welcome prime-time sessions _ but not necessarily the ones endorsed by Gore.

"The vice president said, 'I'll debate him anytime, anywhere, anyplace.' We take him at his word," Bush said. "We will pick and choose the venues that enable us both to be able to discuss what we want to do should either of us become the president."

Such debate dances are something of a tradition in presidential races, as the candidates bicker and posture for advantage on everything from logistics to lighting.

Both campaigns see advantage in their negotiating strategies. By accepting every invitation, Gore's camp can try to paint Bush as a candidate afraid to face his rival before a major TV audience. The Bush campaign, meanwhile, believes Gore likely would be flexible on details of the debates because he would have a hard time backing out of a debate taking shape in a way he didn't like.

The debate question overshadowed Bush's efforts to highlight his plan for education reform, the second straight day he was forced from his political agenda.

He was veering back to the topic Wednesday at a high school in Hampton, N.H., by pushing his plans to make higher education more affordable. Among his proposals were increasing the maximum Pell grant from $3,300 to $5,100, grant a tax exemption for those who participate in tuition savings plans and establish a $1.5 billion grant to help states offset the costs of aid for advanced-placement high school students.

Bush also proposed expanding education savings accounts to allow families or individuals to contribute up to $5,000 annually per child and withdraw funds tax free.

Bush indicated Tuesday he expects more interest in other topics, telling reporters sarcastically, "I appreciate your interest" in his education pitch.

Gore campaign manager Bill Daley on Tuesday issued a letter to the Commission on Presidential Debates formally endorsing the panel's proposal for presidential forums on Oct. 3, 11 and 17. The 90-minute debates would be available for broadcast by all TV networks.

The commission has sponsored presidential debates since 1988, including those that included Bush's father, former President Bush.

The younger Bush this year has privately grumbled to associates that the commission debates were "gimmicky," and prone to highlighting "one-liners" over substance.

Low ratings causes CNN shakeup

NEW YORK (AP) - The head of CNN's national operations, Rick Kaplan, is departing as the cable news network struggles to turn around sagging ratings.

A CNN staff meeting in Atlanta was scheduled for Wednesday to discuss the changes, said a network executive speaking on condition of anonymity. The executive confirmed Kaplan's departure.

Kaplan did not return a phone call placed to his office late Tuesday. Network spokesmen would not comment.

Kaplan, who won 34 Emmy Awards as a longtime producer at ABC, joined CNN as president of its USA operations in August 1997, given the mission to bolster the network's viewership during times it didn't have breaking news to depend upon.

Instead, CNN has frequently found itself eclipsed by CNBC as the appetite for financial news increased and beset by increased competition from Fox News Channel and MSNBC.

The network proclaimed itself "America's Campaign Headquarters" and placed a strong emphasis on political coverage this year. But its ratings for the GOP convention, for example, were 27 percent below convention coverage four years earlier.

Kaplan survived a major scandal less than a year into his tenure, when the network had to retract a story that claimed the U.S. military used nerve gas on defectors during the Vietnam War. Two producers were fired as a result of the May 1998 report and correspondent Peter Arnett left CNN within a year.

Kaplan also feuded with longtime CNN financial anchor Lou Dobbs, who left CNN for an Internet venture.

The network, founded by Ted Turner, celebrated its 20th anniversary this spring.

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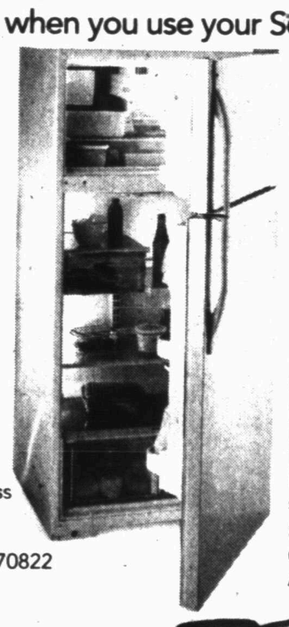

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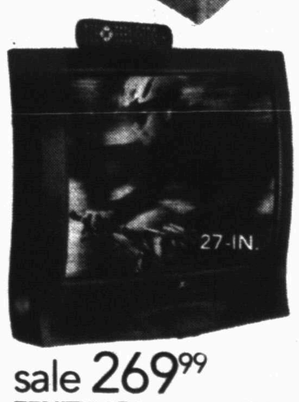

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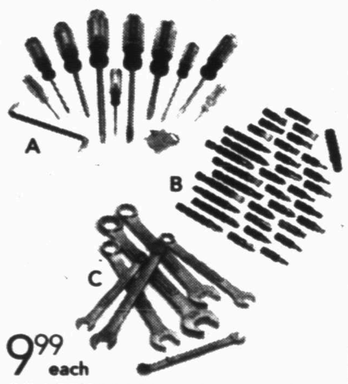

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Subway car derails in Paris

PARIS (AP) - A subway car derailed and partially flipped over in northern Paris on Wednesday afternoon, injuring at least 24 passengers, firefighters said.

The victims, all of whom were hospitalized, suffered cuts, scrapes and bruises when the Metro car derailed at 1:22 p.m. local time, said Christian Decolloredo, a spokesman for the firefighters. He said one person suffered a broken leg.

Decolloredo said no one was seriously hurt when the first car of the train tipped over and slid along the track. He added that emergency medical officials set up first-aid stations directly on the platform, with others posted outside.

In addition to the injured, 42 people were badly shaken up, he said.

"No one is left in the cars," Decolloredo said.

The accident took place at the Notre-Dame-de-Lorette station in northern Paris. Some 170 firefighters rushed to the scene with 40 rescue vehicles.

Evangelos Tzonis, 50, told reporters he was in a Metro train on the opposite tracks from the one involved in the accident. He said the train he was riding was jolted and then the "the entire station was plunged into darkness."

"About a dozen people covered in blood were climbing out of the broken windows," Tzonis said. "There was no panic but lots of people were crying."

Alain Caire, the technical director of the Paris transit authority, said the first car of the Metro train partially flipped over and slid toward another car that was stopped at the platform. The dislodged car came to a stop before colliding with the second, he said.

Caire said it did not appear that excessive speed was the cause, but there was some suspicion that an object may have been on the tracks.

Ramseys ask to be cleared of suspicion

ATLANTA (AP) - John and Patsy Ramsey emerged Tuesday from two days of police questioning in the slaying of their daughter, JonBenet, and pleaded with investigators to clear them publicly of suspicion.

"The time has come for the police to come forward and publicly acknowledge that there's nothing left to do," attorney L. Lin Wood said. "The evidence is not there."

The Ramseys said they cooperated fully and supplied leads to the possible killer of the 6-year-old beauty queen, who was found beaten and strangled in 1996 in the basement of her family's Boulder, Colo., home.

However, Boulder Police Chief Mark Beckner, who led the seven-member team that questioned husband and wife separately for a total of more than 10 hours, said the interrogations were "less than we had hoped for."

The Ramseys did not say what leads they gave investigators.

Mrs. Ramsey, addressing the investigators at a news conference, said: "Whatever obstacles are in your way that make you think I killed my child, I want to help you get over that."

Wood said the Ramseys had answered all the investigators' questions except some that covered forensic evidence because they did not have the results of forensic tests performed by police.

Beckner issued a statement saying the investigators did not cover all the ground they hoped to because of the conditions of the questioning. The sessions were held at Wood's office, and the lawyer had threatened to end the questioning if it became "overzealous."

"We need some time to digest and debrief the interviews and the information we obtained, and we're not in a position to draw any conclusions at this time," the police chief said.

The Boulder team questioned Mrs. Ramsey for seven hours Monday and a half-hour Tuesday morning, then questioned her husband separately for 21/2 hours. It was the first time the Ramseys had been questioned since June 1998.

Police first questioned the couple separately in April 1997 after months of negotiations.

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Railroad Commission head won't rule out possible offer

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) - The Texas Railroad Commission's head says he likes his Austin job, but won't rule out returning to Washington if Gov. George W. Bush wins the presidency.

Michael Williams, the commission's chairman, said the question about a possible cabinet or sub cabinet offer has been repeatedly asked at his speeches around the state.

"You never say never," Williams told the Arlington Morning News in Wednesday's editions.

A Bush spokesman acknowledged that Williams is a longtime close friend of the governor, but that it's premature to talk about opportunities in a possible Bush administration.

"The governor is focusing on the campaign and not thinking about possible appointments," said the spokesman, Ray Sullivan.

Bush and Williams helped each other with earlier, unsuccessful political campaigns after meeting in Midland.

In the spring, Williams won a GOP primary and could become the first black elected to a statewide, non judicial race in Texas if he defeats two minor party candidates in November.

Williams, a former Arlington attorney who spoke Tuesday morning during the Arlington Chamber of Commerce's new general membership meeting at the downtown City Club, was U.S. assistant secretary of education for civil rights under former President Bush in the early 1990s.

Also, Williams was a special assistant to former Attorney General Richard Thornburgh at the U.S. Justice Department.

Nine who vandalized veterans park must watch WWII movie

PORT ARTHUR (AP) - Nine young people must watch "Saving Private Ryan" and read "The Greatest Generation" after pleading guilty to vandalizing a veterans park.

District Judge Charles Carver also ordered the nine to write 1,000-word essays due Dec. 7, the anniversary of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor.

The punishment was handed down Monday as part of a plea bargain worked out in cooperation with local veterans.

Carver said he hoped the teens ultimately would learn about "the sacrifices of American soldiers in defense of your freedom."

They could have received a maximum sentence of 180 days in jail.

"We didn't want to destroy these kids lives by sending them to the penitentiary. We wanted to show them we are a compassionate generation, too," said Herb Stafford, a Veterans of Foreign Wars post commander.

More than $45,000 in damage was done to Golden Triangle Veterans Memorial Park during February, including the removal of plaques carrying the names of veterans who served during World War I, World War II, Korea, Vietnam and Desert Storm.

Eleven of 14 concrete benches in the park were toppled.

Obituaries

Mark Clark

1948-2000

DAVIS, Calif. – Mark Charles Clark, a 1966 graduate of Snyder High School, died Tuesday, Aug. 29, at his home in Davis.

Mr. Clark, 52, will be cremated and services are pending in Davis.

Mr. Clark was born July 25, 1948 in Snyder. He attended school in Snyder and Sweetwater. After graduating from Snyder High School, he attended Sam Houston State University and the University of Texas at Austin. While in the military, Mr. Clark was a member of the U.S. Army Band at Fort Ord, Calif.

He was a self-employed communications and computer consultant in Davis.

Survivors include his wife, Dianne Clark of Davis; a daughter, Kelly Pettit of Honolulu, Hawaii; two sons, Andy Clark of Davis and Lonnie Clark of Orangevale, Calif.; his parents, Henry F. and Virginia Clark of Snyder; and a sister, Marcia Brown of Fredericksburg.

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Alice Head

1900-2000

Alice Head died Wednesday, Aug. 30, in Lubbock, moving there from Lovington, N.M., the past week.

Services for Mrs. Head, 100, are pending at Wright Colonial Funeral Home.

She was born on April 25, 1900.

Schizophrenic man taken to Big Spring

• ***Suicide attempted***

A 38-year-old man was taken to the Big Spring State Hospital Tuesday after telling authorities that he felt he might hurt himself.

The man had first contacted dispatchers at 3 a.m. Tuesday from Allsup's in Hermleigh. He told dispatchers that he is schizophrenic and that he had cut his forearm with a piece of glass. The wounds were superficial.

Deputies responded and he was brought into town to speak with a MHMR caseworker and was then released.

At 11:08 a.m. Tuesday, the man called 911 from Handi-mart and said his hallucinations were getting worse and he felt he might hurt himself.

MHMR re-evaluated the subject and transported him to the state hospital in Big Spring.

• ***Problems with son***

A man requested officers meet with him at 4503 College Avenue in reference to problems he was having with his 14-year-old son. According to reports, the juvenile had made comments about ending his life and had also threatened his father. MHMR and juvenile probation were contacted.

Reports for threatened suicide and family violence were filed.

• ***Thefts reported***

Andria Gonzales reported at 10:43 a.m. Tuesday that her purse had been taken from her residence at 807 19th Street.

A woman contacted officers at 12:52 a.m. in reference to a subject refusing to return her food stamp card and money to her. She called back at 2:28 a.m. to advise that the items had been returned.

• ***Parole violator***

Joe Garza, 30, of 2710 Ave. K, was arrested at his home at 11:49 a.m. Tuesday on an Austin Parole Board warrant for parole violation. He also had city warrants for no driver's license and failure to appear.

• ***Other arrests***

A 27-year-old man was booked into custody at 11:53 p.m. Tuesday on six Municipal Court warrants. The subject had been transported from Midland County.

At 10:51 p.m. Tuesday, a Department of Public Safety trooper arrested two subjects five miles south on Highway 208. A 22-year-old man was jailed for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated and a 19-year-old man was jailed for public intoxication.

• ***Accident***

A two-vehicle accident occurred at 5:50 p.m. Tuesday in the 4500 block of College. Involved were a 1993 Ford Explorer driven by Wetonia Sheree Neff, 39, of 2605 North Business 84 and a 1996 Mitsubishi Eclipse driven by Jenna Elizabeth Thomas, 19, of 5404 Cedar Creek.

Woman's club sets bake, garage sales

Martha Ann Woman's Club garage sale and bake sale will be held Sept. 16 at the Towle Park Barn from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Several clubs and individuals participate in the sale.

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events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Northside Baptist revival

A revival continues through Sunday at Northside Baptist Church, 1909 16th Street. Evangelist is Harley Higginbotham of Hugo, Okla., with special music by the Higginbotham Family. Tonight's service is at 7 p.m. and Sunday services are at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Word is Life Deliverance Church

Jean Krisle will be at Word is Life Deliverance Church at 7 p.m. Thursday and Friday. The church is located at 312 Coliseum Drive.

FBC worship service

The First Baptist Church Sunday morning worship service airs at 3 p.m. every Thursday on TV Channel 2.

East reading night

East Elementary will hold its first family reading night of the school year from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Thursday. Pizza will be served. All parents are encouraged to attend with their children. Childcare will be provided for pre-school children.

Girl Scout registration

Girl Scout registration will be held at the scout hut, 2501 35th Street, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday.

Family night out

West Elementary's family night out will be held from 5 p.m. until closing Thursday at Snyder Lanes and Grill. All students are asked to bring their families and eat at the bowling alley.

SHS choir yard signs

Parents of former choir students who would like to recycle the signs are asked to bring them to the choir room on between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. through Friday.

Fiesta stack-up dinner

The SHS Choir Booster Club will have a fiesta stack-up dinner from 5-7 p.m. before the home game against Monahans on Friday. Tickets can be purchased from any choir student, or at the door for $5. Carry-outs will be available.

Snyder Junior High pictures

School pictures at the junior high will be taken Friday.

Deadline for United Way luncheon

Friday is the deadline for making reservations for the United Way kick-off luncheon set for Tuesday, Sept. 12. Call 573-1731 for reservations.

Enchilada dinner

Faith Revival Church will have an enchilada plate dinner from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Saturday for $5 a plate. The church is located at 3212 Ave. J. Call Olga Perez at 574-8099 for more information.

Pyron homecoming

The Pyron Homecoming will be held Saturday at the Inadale Community Center. Registration will begin at 1 p.m. and the evening meal will be served at 7 p.m. The meal will be catered at $7 per plate. Contact Mrs. Viola Stirl, 13652 FM 644, Loraine, 79532-3110.

Denim Sunday

First United Methodist Church is celebrating Denim Sunday to celebrate the Labor Day holiday by urging those in attendance to dress casual.

Snyder Lions Club

The club will not meet Tuesday. Members are urged to attend the United Way kick-off on Tuesday, Sept. 12.

SHS school pictures

Snyder High School will be taking school pictures next Wednesday and Thursday.

GED exams

GED exams will be administered Friday, Sept. 8, and again Friday, Sept. 22, at Western Texas College. For more information, call Emily Hataway at 574-211, or Molly Kattes at 573-2919.

Fish fry

An all-you-can-eat fish fry will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 10, at the American Legion, 1800 Ave. R. Tickets, $5 each, can be purchased at the Legion in advance or at the door. Call 574-6805.

Hamburger supper

The junior high choir will host a hamburger supper fundraiser from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 15, in the high school cafeteria. Tickets are $5 and may be purchased from any junior high choir member. For more information, call Marci Dennis at 573-6356.

Weigh down workshop

Exodus out of Egypt, a weigh down workshop, begins with an orientation and registration at 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 18, in the fellowship hall of Word is Life Church, 312 Coliseum Drive. The 12-week session begins at 7 p.m. Oct. 2. Coordinator is Claudia Sanchez. For more information call 573-9615.

Weigh down workshop

The weigh down workshop will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursdays at Colonial Hill Baptist Church, beginning Oct. 5. Orientation will be Sept. 21. For more information, call Debbie Hicks at 574-1061.

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
2-1-3

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) - Results of the Cash 5 drawing Tuesday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 8-10-13-18-21.
Number matching five of five: 2.
Prize per winner: $34,506.
Winning tickets sold in: Corpus Christi, Dallas.
Matching four of five: 2,424. Prize: $424.
Matching three of five: 7,707. Prize: $22.
Next Cash 5 drawing: Thursday night.