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Total salary costs drop...

Cogdell board approves 2001 budget

Cogdell Memorial Hospital board of managers unanimously approved the hospital's 2001 budget this morning – a document which reflects a reduction in salaries and wages of some $217,000, or a 3.8 percent decrease from last year.

The hospital's operating budget was approved at $14,760,560. This compares with the current budget that is projected to end the year at $14,313,201.

After the budget was approved, board president Jim Bob Cave reminded members that a budget was just an educated guess of expenses and expenditures, and that the administration had been directed to continue cost containment efforts throughout the year.

Cave prefaced the discussion on the budget by noting that the proposed budget is a reflection of the fiscal policy philosophy developed by the hospital board.

He said the number one objective is to keep a focus on quality patient care for the citizens of Scurry County.

"And we have to maintain the fiscal integrity of the hospital," said Cave.

"We have to anticipate the negative financial effects of the balanced budget act. It can't be business as usual," he emphasized.

Cave said all expense adjustments should be focused on areas that do not directly affect patient care.

As for salaries, Cave said all merit raises should be tabled pending the results of a compensation survey.

The board president did say that the present salary structure at the hospital is not necessarily fair to all employees.

"We will do everything we can to compensate our faithful employees," said Cave.

The budget also reflects the hospital absorbing a 17.5 increase in employee health care coverage at a cost of $157,000 per year.

Cave presided at the hour-long meeting and board members present included Nan Swanson, Dink Foree and Terry Williams. E. D. Walton and Stanley Martin were absent.

WELCOME TO SNYDER — George Parsley, left, new CEO at Cogdell Memorial Hospital, is greeted by Dr. Bid Cooper, the hospital's chief of medical staff. Watching is Charlie Trimble, the CEO and president of Covenant Health Systems. (SDN Staff Photo)

New chief executive at meeting this morning

New Cogdell Memorial Hospital administrator George Parsley attended his first board meeting this morning and drew the praise of Covenant Health Systems president and CEO Charlie Trimble.

"I have mixed emotions about George coming to Snyder," said Trimble. "We hate to see him leave us in Lubbock as he will leave a tremendous gap in our organization."

Addressing the Cogdell board, Trimble said Snyder now has one of the very best employees Covenant had to offer. "George is a doer, not a talker," emphasized Trimble.

Trimble is not a stranger to Snyder and Cogdell Hospital as he has attended numerous board meetings since St. Mary, and now Covenant, has had a management agreement with the county-owned hospital.

During the first four years of the agreement, now in its 13th year, Trimble attended almost every board meeting at Cogdell.

"It's good to be back," he said.

Trimble said he is considering attending local board meetings on a quarterly basis.

"Our relationship with Cogdell has been very rewarding for us," said Trimble, in reflecting over the past years. "I also feel it has been very rewarding for Snyder."

"This hospital is a community asset, counting the number of employees and the quality of doctors. It has an extra-ordinary impact on the community," said Trimble.

Board president Jim Bob Cave said today's meeting marked a new beginning for Cogdell Hospital.

"We have a new CEO and I believe everyone is enthused about the future of the hospital," said Cave.

"Mr. Trimble feels the same way and he has offered his personal help and the help of Covenant Health Systems to help us in any way," Cave said.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "A good beginning and a good ending make a good speech, if they come close together."

One of the best-read items in the newspaper is the public records — folks who got hitched, who get sued and who get unhitched.

Like obituaries, it's always a relief not to find your name in some of those listings. Over the years, we've had to turn down requests to omit names.

Our most memorial request came from one rejected spouse who pleaded that their personal problems not be made public. Soon afterwards, the wife called with an opposing request: "You darn well better put it in there."

There are stories behind most filings, but that's a job that's better left to the supermarket tabloids.

Severing a martial relationship can be messy. Consider these actual divorce cases, included in the lastest issue of an anthology book of unusual occurrences:

—In New Mexico, a woman divorced her husband because he made her salute and address him as "Major" whenever he walked by.

—In Tarittville, Calif., a man filed for divorce after his wife left a note on the refrigerator that read: "I won't be home when you return from work. Have gone to bridge club. There'll be a recipe for your dinner at 7 o'clock on Channel 2."

—A woman in Delaware filed for divorce because her husband "regularly put itching powder in her underwear when she wasn't looking."

—In Hawaii, a man filed, alleging that his wife served pea soup for breakfast and dinner... and then packed his lunch with pea soup sandwiches.

—In Kentucky, a man divorced his wife because she beat him whenever he removed onions from his hamburger without first asking for permission.

—In Frackville, Pa., a woman alleged that her husband insisted on "shooting tin cans off her head with a slingshot."

—A woman in Maine asked for a divorce because her hubby wore earplugs whenever his mother-in-law came for a visit.

—A similar case occurred in Ohio. It was claimed the man's wife dressed up as a ghost and tried to scare his elderly mother out of the house.

—A woman in Colorado was narrow-minded. She objected when the hubby made her duck below the dash whenever they drove past his girlfriend's house.

—We also liked the deaf guy in South Carolina who alleged that his wife was always nagging him in sign language.

And the final one is an eye-opener for all of us demonstrative-type men.

A woman in Georgia actually left her husband because "he stayed home too much and was much too affectionate."

Annual 'Taste' is set tonight

The fourth annual Taste of Scurry County debuts tonight at 6:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church's Family Life Center. Tickets are available at the door and are priced at $12.50 for adults and $5 for children 5-12. Children younger than 5 eat free.

Taste of Scurry County is the Scurry County Museum's major fundraiser. The goal for this year's event is $5,000. For the year 2000, the funds are targeted to cover the educational expenditures for programming and outreach. Currently, a grant is pending with a Texas foundation, and the monies raised at Taste will be used as a partial payment.

Twenty-one food providers will be serving samples of their food to ticket holders. The samples range from appetizers to desserts. Several trips around the room are needed to cover even a small portion of the vendors.

Participants will include Burger King, Taco John's, The Shack, United Supermarkets, Ken's Chicken, Whistle Stop, Grandy's, Church of God, Great Western Dining, DeCoty Coffee Company, Ritz Diner, Casserole Company, White Buffalo Café, Gill's Fried Chicken, Rusty Spur Cafe.

In addition to food, a live auction will take place. There are service items as well as tangible ones awarded this year.

Auction items will include free golf lessons by Wade Hatter, a year's free Internet service from Bullard's Computer Solution, and a book by Cody Carlson, donated by Baylor University. The book, "Out of Darkness (The Mystery and Magesty of God's Creations)," is filled with pictures of nature. Carlson was a quarterback at Baylor in the mid 1980s and he served as quarterback of the Houston Oilers from 1987-1995.

A rocking horse will be auctioned as well as a painting by Jess Everett entitled, "Fisher's Peak Trinidad, Colo.

Several door prizes will be awarded during the evening event, which is targeted for under two hours.

Friday is last day to renew season tickets

Friday is the last day for season ticket holders to renew seats for the upcoming Snyder Tiger football season.

Tickets for the five-game home package are $20, and can be purchased at the administration building between the hours of 8 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

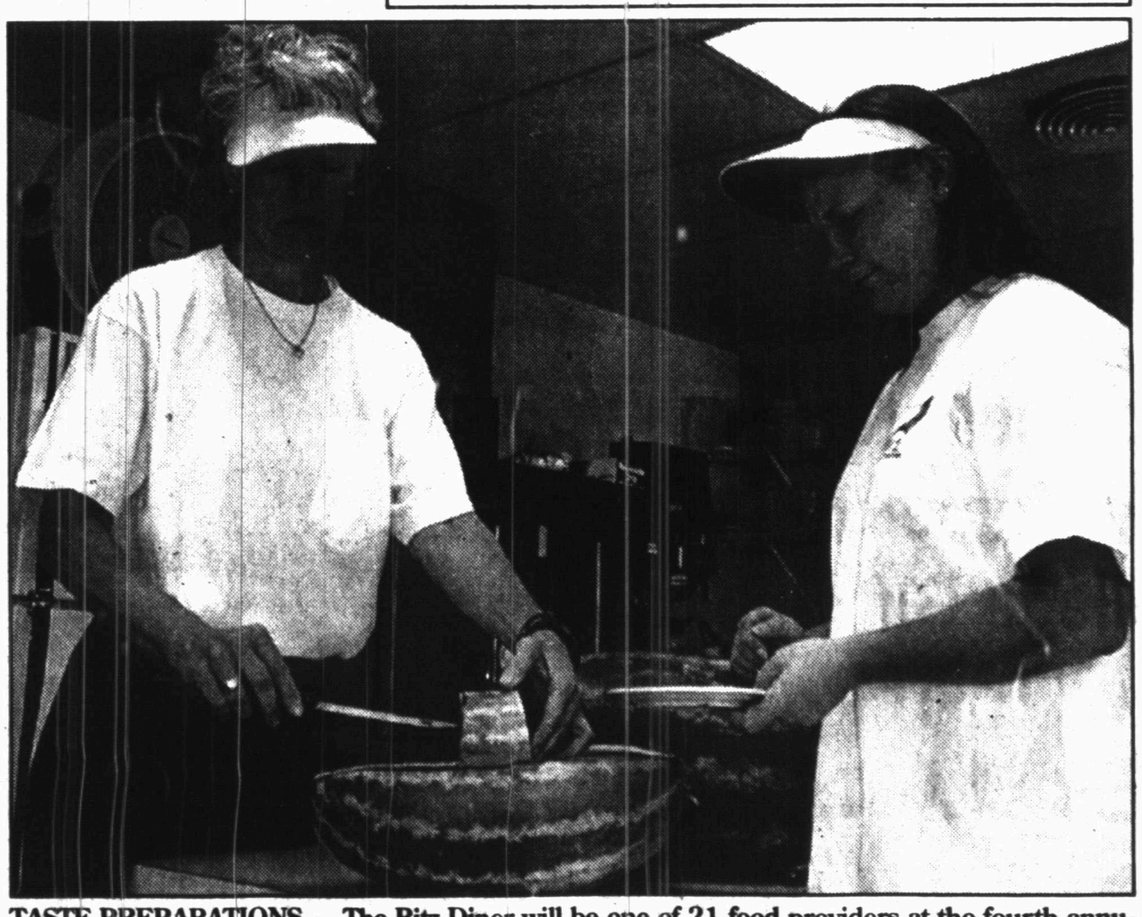
Any tickets remaining after Friday will be available to the general public on Monday. No season tickets will be available after Aug. 25.

All tickets at the gate will be $5, including student tickets. Student tickets will be $2 at the schools, and at the administration building the week of the game.

The Tigers open the season at home on Sept. 1 as they host Monahans.

Other home games are with Abilene Wylie on Sept. 15, Frenship on Oct. 6, Lake View Oct. 20, and Big Spring on Nov. 3.

Away games this season include Littlefield on Sept. 8, Plainview on Sept. 29, Andrews on Oct. 13, Levelland on Oct. 27, and Lubbock Estacado on Nov. 9.



TASTE PREPARATIONS — The Ritz Diner will be one of 21 food providers at the fourth annual Taste of Scurry County, set to begin at 6:30 this evening in First Baptist Church's Family Life Center. Tickets are available at the door and are $12.50 for adults and $5 for children 5-12. Children younger than 5 eat free. From left, Jan Kruse and Shannon Hall make watermelon baskets for the event. (SDN Staff Photo)

ASK US

Q—Will Labor Day on Sept. 4 be a holiday for county schools?

A—Yes. Snyder, Ira and Hermleigh schools will be closed that day as will Western Texas College.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Wednesday, 97 degrees; low, 67; 7 a.m. Thursday, 69; no precipitation; total for 2000, 15.01 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy. Low, upper 60s-near 70. S wind 5-15 mph. Friday, partly cloudy. High near 95. SE wind 5-15 mph.

Tom Davis
Partly Cloudy

Sunset: 8:24 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:12 a.m.

Of 229 days in 2000, the sun has shone 226 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

"Nothing in life is to be feared. It is only to be understood."

—Marie Curie

New Wisconsin program lets troopers accept credit cards

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Drivers tearing down the interstate in southern Wisconsin shouldn't leave home without their plastic.

State troopers in Kenosha County, between Chicago and Milwaukee, are packing wireless terminals that allow motorists to pay fines for speeding or other moving violations with a quick swipe of a credit or debit card.

It's the nation's first road test of a technology that's been in stores and restaurants for years.

"You've got to understand the amount of man-hours the county clerk spends sending letters to people who don't appear in court. The postage alone is astronomical," said Trooper Keith Wynstra. "If we make them pay on the spot, we're done."

Officials with MasterCard International Inc. and Elan Merchant Services donated 10 terminals in mid-July to troopers who patrol the county. The test program is expected to last a year before it expands to the rest of Wisconsin.

One trooper collected $2,000 in fines in three days using the system, Wynstra said.

"We would have had to send 12 to 15 letters to those people," he said.

The cigarette carton-sized machines run on an eight-hour battery and send transmissions via cellular frequencies. The terminals come complete with an on-board printer for receipts.

Using either MasterCard or Visa, the wireless transactions take place in a matter of seconds and drivers are credited with paying their fines the next day.

Motorists can still show up in court and recoup any money they win back if their citation is later dismissed or reduced.

MasterCard and Elan officials chose Kenosha County after it topped the list of Wisconsin counties where troopers most frequently perform credit card transactions. Heavy traffic that flows through the county was another reason, said Lisa Brzezicki, MasterCard vice president of new markets.

Motorists stopped in Wisconsin have been handing troopers their credit cards to pay fines right away for years, but before the introduction of the wireless terminals, officers had to verbally convey the credit card information to a dispatcher for authorization.

Now, the process is faster, said trooper Jennifer Mutchler. "It's just like having a computer in your car. We're more self-sufficient," she said.

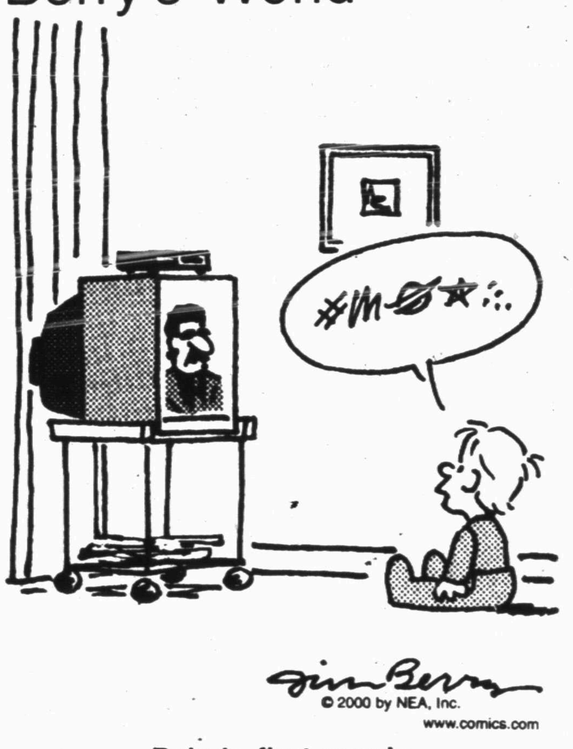
On the Net:
AAA Wisconsin:
http://www.aaawisc.com
Wisconsin State Patrol:
http://www.dot.state.wi.us/dsp/index.html

SERVICE AWARDS — WTC employees receiving service awards during Tuesday night's dinner at the Wagon Wheel Ranch include (from left) Diane M. Beard, 25 years; Ann Galyean, 20 years; Zelma A. Irons, 20 years; Barbara Preston, 20 years; and Robert Adams, 20 years. (SDN Staff Photo)

15 YEARS OF SERVICE — Western Texas College employees (from left) Mike Harrison, Sharon Gill, Tammy Wesson and Dan Osborn received 15-year service awards at the college's annual awards dinner Tuesday evening. (SDN Staff Photo)

WTC RECOGNITION — Western Texas College trustees (first two from left) Dr. Jay Kidd and Carolyn Barbee were recognized Tuesday night for five years of service on the board. Carla Thompson (center) was recognized for five years of service while Kathryn Hall and Patricia Claxton received 10-year service awards. (SDN Staff Photo)

Berry's World



Baby's first words

One is killed in Sri Lanka

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP) — A suspected rebel suicide bomber threw himself before an army vehicle Wednesday in Sri Lanka, causing a blast that killed a child and wounded two soldiers, police said.

The explosion occurred near a police station in Vavuniya, 130 miles north of Colombo. Vavuniya is the closest government-controlled town to rebel territory.

The wounded included one army officer. Pushap Lata, a 9-year-old girl, died at the scene, police said.

Tamil Tiger rebels have been fighting for a separate homeland for the minority Tamils in the north and east since 1983.

FTC, SmartScience Lab, Inc. OK settlement

WASHINGTON (AP) — The manufacturer of a topical skin cream has agreed to stop making unsubstantiated claims that the product eliminates pain from disabling joint conditions, crushed vertebrae, herniated disks and other conditions, the Federal Trade Commission said Wednesday.

The FTC accused SmartScience Laboratories Inc. of Odessa, Fla., and its president, Gene Weitz, of making false and deceptive claims about the skin cream "JointFlex." In settling the case with the FTC, the parties agreed to no longer make claims about the effectiveness of JointFlex in reducing pain unless they have "competent and reliable evidence" to support the claims, regulators said.

"Marketers must remember the first rule of advertising law: If you're making a claim, you've got to have solid evidence to back it up," said Jodie Bernstein, director of the commission's Bureau of Consumer Protection. "And newspapers and other advertisers owe it to their readers to do a better job of screening ads for false, deceptive and misleading claims."

The FTC said JointFlex was advertised in national newspapers and magazines, as well as local newspapers throughout the country.

Regulators said that while substances in JointFlex are used in pill form to relieve arthritis and joint pain, there is insufficient evidence that the substances can penetrate the skin in a cream.

Passengers use 'ghost' airport

MASCOUTAH, Ill. (AP) — Two years after it was dedicated at a cost of $313 million, MidAmerica Airport finally had its first passenger flight Wednesday.

Pan American Airways Flight 251 took off at 7 a.m. for Gary Chicago Airport in Indiana.

The airport, sitting amid farms about 25 miles east of St. Louis, was touted as an alternative to that city's busy Lambert Field. But outside of a few small planes, MidAmerica has been essentially unused, drawing criticism as a waste of taxpayer dollars. About $220 million in federal funds helped to build the airport.

All 149 seats on that first flight, a Boeing 727, were filled, many of them apparently St. Louis Cardinals fans heading to Chicago for a Cardinals-Cubs game, airport spokesman Ronald O'Connor said.

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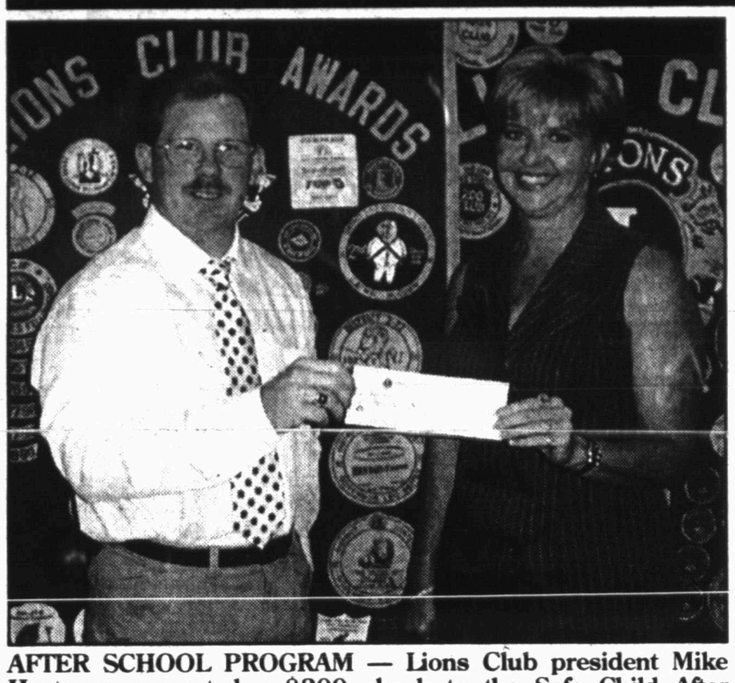

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM — Lions Club president Mike Hartman presented a $300 check to the Safe Child After School program Tuesday, accepted by Rhonda Ward, coordinator. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

After school program receives Lions' donation

Lions Club members made a $300 donation to the Snyder After School Safe Child to help with the program that cares for children after school who would be home alone until their parents get off work.

The directors recommended new members will not have to pay their first month dues but will be required to pay the initial fee of $30 that goes to International Lions.

Hartman announced District 2T2 Governor Dr. Jerry Marshall, mayor of Rotan, will visit on Nov. 14 and attend the partner in service night at 6:30 that evening and the Lions Club will host the Mid-winter Cabinet meeting on Jan. 20, 2001.

George Scifres will be chairman of the peanut sales this fall and Clifford Shiller will chair the annual golf tournament set for this spring.

Membership was discussed and it was decided to advertise over TV Cable for three months with Gary Landes to chair the project.

Peggy Vernon, Girl Scout Service Unit Chairman and Lion member, gave a program on Girl Scouts. Girl Scouts head up the Christmas for Kids, formerly known as Toys for Tots. She said it was learned that the Toys for Tots was a Marine project logo, therefore the name change was necessary.

Lions Club meets every Tuesday at noon at the woman's club.

Community Calendar

THURSDAY

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

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

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

Snyder Chapter 450 Order of the Eastern Star; Masonic Hall, 1912 35th Street; 7:30 p.m.

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; for information call 573-8268, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

Nuestra Nueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

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

Blood pressures will be taken at Cogdell Hospital Home Health Services, 1800 Cogdell Blvd., Suite B; 1-2 p.m.

ABCL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointment, call 573-0538 or 573-0770.

Hermleigh Community Center Family Night; 6:30 p.m.

Scurry County AA closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8268, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

Defensive driving Course; Texas Savings Bank; no reservations necessary, cost $30; for more information call 573-2850; 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Just For Today NA open meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-0949 or 573-8018; 7 p.m.

Rolling Plains Ratite Assn.; The Shack; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County AA open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8268, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 10 a.m.

Gym requires members to bring towel

NEWPORT BEACH, Calif. (AP) — No towel, no workout.

L.A. Fitness has begun requiring members to bring a towel if they want to work out at its 75 gyms.

The chain spends about $800,000 per year to replace towels taken by members, officials say. The Pasadena gym alone orders about 300 towels per month, at about 85 cents each.

"(Members) pay dues, but they aren't entitled to take the towels home," said David Rodriguez, general manager at L.A. Fitness in Pasadena.

L.A. Fitness used to provide towel service to members for an extra fee but ended it last year. One reason was that a member sued, claiming a towel she was using to wash her car scratched the vehicle, said Joe Torrecillas, a manager at the Pasadena gym.

Carmel to get mail deliver for first time

CARMEL, Calif. (AP) — Forget computers and e-mail. This town is bracing itself for something a little less fancy: home mail delivery.

It will be a first for the seaside community of about 3,000, most of whom have opted for the privacy and anonymity of post office boxes.

However, officials of the town, where Clint Eastwood was once mayor, will first have to number the buildings; homes and businesses have no street addresses except for quaint nicknames given by their owners. No schedule has been set for completion of that task.

"I think the service has been unreasonably withheld here," said Joe Steinfeld.

Snyder's Annual Intrasquad Football Scrimmage...
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Top Video Sales

By The Associated Press

Weekly charts for the nation's most popular videos as they appear in next week's issue of Billboard magazine. Reprinted with permission:

Top Music Video Sales

(Compiled from a national sample of sales reports)

1. "Because He Lives," Bill & Gloria Gaither.
2. "Time Out With Britney Spears," Britney Spears. (Platinum)
3. "Big Money Hustlas," Insane Clown Posse.
4. "S&M," Metallica. (Platinum)
5. "Spit In Your Eye," Kittie.
6. "'N The Mix With 'N Sync," 'N Sync. (Platinum)
7. "Hell Freezes Over," The Eagles. (Platinum)
8. "Listener Supported," Dave Matthews Band. (Platinum)
9. "Death Row Uncut," 2Pac/Snoop Doggy Dogg.
10. "Whitney: The Greatest Hits," Whitney Houston.

Top Video Rentals

(Compiled from a national sample of rental reports)

1. "The Beach," FoxVideo.
2. "Magnolia," New Line Home Video.
3. "The Whole Nine Yards," Warner Home Video.
4. "The Talented Mr. Ripley," Paramount Home Video.
5. "The Ninth Gate," Artisan Home Entertainment.
6. "Drowning Mona," Columbia TriStar Home Video.
7. "The Hurricane," Universal Studios Home Video.
8. "Boiler Room," New Line Home Video.
9. "Girl, Interrupted," Columbia TriStar Home Video.
10. "The Green Mile," Warner Home Video.

Top Video Sales

(Compiled from a national sample of sales reports)

1. "The Sixth Sense," Hollywood Pictures Home Video.
2. "My Dog Skip," Warner Home Video.
3. "American Pie," Universal Studios Home Video.
4. "South Park: Bigger, Longer & Uncut," Paramount Home Video.
5. "Playboy Video Centerfold Playmate Of The Year 2000," Playboy Home Video.
6. "Sex And The City," HBO Home Video.
7. "Playboy's Lusty Latin Ladies," Playboy Home Video.
8. "Playboy's Wet & Wild — Slippery When Wet," Playboy Home Video.
9. "Mary-Kate & Ashley: Schooldance Party," Dualstar Video.
10. "The World Is Not Enough," MGM Home Entertainment.

Top DVD Sales

(Compiled from a national sample of sales reports)

1. "Romeo Must Die," Warner Home Video.
2. "Buzz Lightyear Of Star Command: The Adventure Begins," Walt Disney Home Video.
3. "Reindeer Games," Dimension Home Video.
4. "The Green Mile," Warner Home Video.
5. "The Princess Bride," MGM Home Entertainment.
6. "Fight Club," FoxVideo.
7. "The Matrix," Warner Home Video.
8. "The Whole Nine Yards," Warner Home Video.
9. "Independence Day," FoxVideo.
10. "Jaws Anniversary Collector's Edition (Dolby)," Universal Studios Home Video.

Billboard Magazine Chart Leaders

(Compiled from national retail sales/airplay/rental charts)

HOT POP SINGLE: "Doesn't Really Matter," Janet.

TOP POP ALBUM: "Country Grammar," Nelly.

HOT R&B/HIP-HOP SINGLE: "Incomplete," Sisqo.

TOP R&B/HIP-HOP ALBUM: "Country Grammar," Nelly.

HOT COUNTRY SINGLE/TRACK: "What About Now," Lonestar.

TOP COUNTRY ALBUM: Soundtrack: "Coyote Ugly."

TOP VIDEO RENTAL: "The Beach."

TOP VIDEO SALE: "The Sixth Sense."

TOP DVD SALE: "Romeo Must Die."

TOP MUSIC VIDEO: "Because He Lives," Bill & Gloria Gaither.

Further information is available at Billboard Online on the World Wide Web at http://www.billboard.com.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 08-17-00
♠ 10 2
♥ K J 10 3
♦ K Q 4
♣ A J 7 3

West
♠ 5 4
♥ Q 7 6 5
♦ 10 9 6
♣ 9 8 5 4

East
♠ 7 6 3
♥ 8 4
♦ A J 7 2
♣ Q 10 6 2

South
♠ A K Q J 9 8
♥ A 9 2
♦ 8 5 3
♣ K

Vulnerable: North-South
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	2 NT	Pass
4 ♣	Pass	4 ♥	Pass
6 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♣ 9

Thursday, Aug. 17, 2000

From over the Herring Pond

By Phillip Alder

Although the number of fish in it has dwindled appallingly, the Atlantic Ocean is still known as the Herring Pond in certain quarters. On the other side of it lie the British Isles, about whose residents an unknown 19th-century wag wrote, "An Englishman is never happy unless he is miserable; a Scotsman is never at home but when he is abroad; an Irishman is never at peace but when he's fighting."

This deal features a peaceful scrap between two Irishmen during the 1965 Killarney Congress. How should the play proceed in six spades after West leads the club nine?

Four clubs is Gerber, asking for aces.

Declarer starts with 11 sure tricks: six spades, two hearts, one diamond and two clubs. Among the several chances for number 12 are: the club queen might appear in the first three rounds; West could have the diamond ace; declarer can find the heart queen.

After winning with the club king and drawing trumps, the declarer, Jack Kelly, played a diamond to the queen. If East wins this trick and returns a diamond, declarer will pitch his third diamond on the club ace, ruff a club to try to drop the queen, then be forced to guess the hearts. Yet East, David Cohen, ducked as if he had never heard of the diamond ace.

However, Kelly continued carefully. He discarded a diamond, not a heart, on the club ace, ruffed a club, and tried another diamond. Yet when East captured dummy's king with the ace and continued with the diamond jack, Kelly ruffed. Then he played West for the heart queen to make the slam.

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Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Aug. 16—Francisca Benitez, Joe Ramos and Odyne Jones.

DISMISSALS: Gil Almanza of Rotan, Lorena Burleson, Carrie Gaona and daughter, Amy Navarette, Fuentes boy, John Cagle, Theda Hanshew and Bertha Willis.

CENSUS: 33 (Med./Surg.-8 and Long-term Care-25).

Man takes shower, gets arrested

BOUND BROOK, N.J. (AP) — An apparently naked man allegedly broke into a sleeping family's home, cooked himself some sausages, put on their son's jeans and even took a shower before he was arrested.

Brendan J. Shaw, 24, was charged with third-degree burglary, police said. His bail was set at $10,000.

The bizarre wake-up call came after the family's daughter awoke to find a man digging around in her bedroom after he entered the house at about 6:20 a.m., police said.

The daughter told police Shaw identified himself and cursed, then dashed into the bathroom, locked the door behind him and turned on the shower.

The woman then roused her parents, who confronted the man behind the door. "I'll be out in a few minutes," the man replied, said Dorothy Cody-Robertson, 49, the homeowner.

The daughter called police during the shower confrontation.

Cody-Robertson said the man also put on clothes, cooked sausages in the kitchen and started a charcoal fire on the porch to cook a steak she had just bought.

"It's been a rough day," Cody-Robertson told The Star-Ledger of Newark.

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Men began shaving during the Ice Age to combat lice breeding in unkempt hair, according to historians. The first manmade shaving instruments are believed to have consisted of a sharpened piece of flint and a pumice stone, which was used for a close shave.

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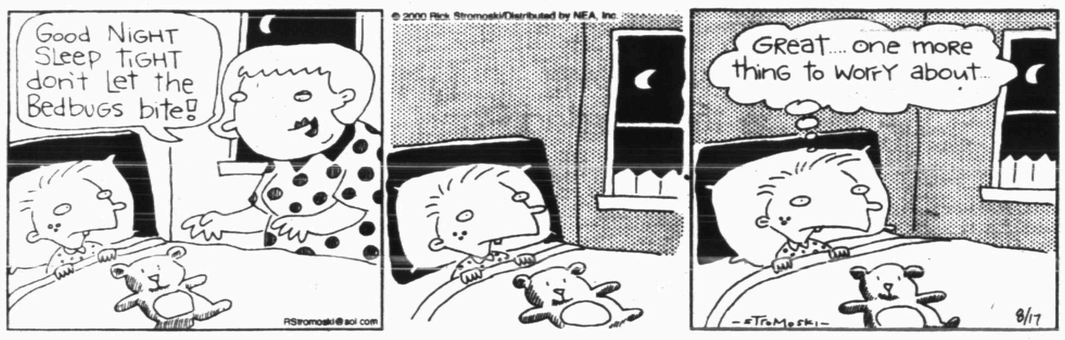

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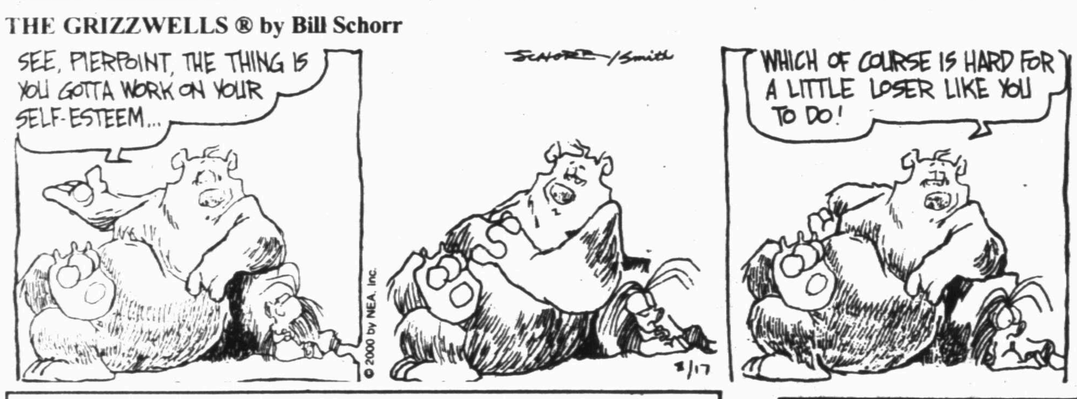

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7 Dancer Rogers
13 Tropical lizard
14 "Seinfeld" regular
15 Instruction period
16 Souped-up car (2 wds.)
17 ABA member
18 Heart
20 Different
21 Israel's neighbor
23 German city
27 Intellectual
32 Habituate
33 River of northern France
34 Russian money
35 Killed
36 Notice
39 Spirits
40 Raw fish dish
42 Hissing sound
46 "Malcolm X" director
47 Location
51 Style of type
53 Fancy dive
55 California's neighbor
56 Click beetle
57 See 55 Across
58 Bar fruits

DOWN

1 Type of monster
2 "By the time — — to Phoenix"
3 Do a cleaning chore
4 Not hard
5 Lennon's love
6 Mrs. Reagan
7 Baseball's Lou —
8 Workers' assn.
9 Basketball's Archibald
10 Female
11 Baseball's Slaughter
12 Advise, old-style
19 Mine find
21 Shows scorn
22 Tennis player Andre —
23 Architect Saarinen
24 Be rude to
25 Long sandwiches
26 Author Gardner
28 Hawaiian city
29 Jacob's twin
30 Dye plant
31 Lions' homes
37 Roman fire god
38 Language suffix
41 German philosopher
42 Chinese (comb. form)
43 Roman road
44 Keep
45 Refuse from smelting
47 Old name for Thailand
48 Toward the center of
49 Adolescent
50 Is mistaken
52 Wedding words
54 Ginger —

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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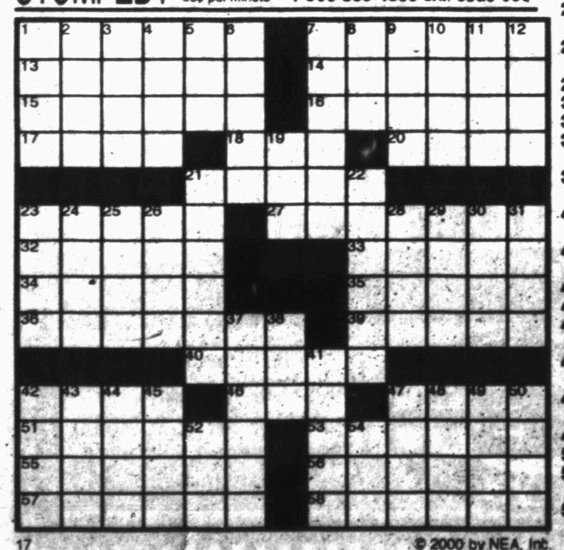

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SPORTS

Tigers lose reserve QB with injury

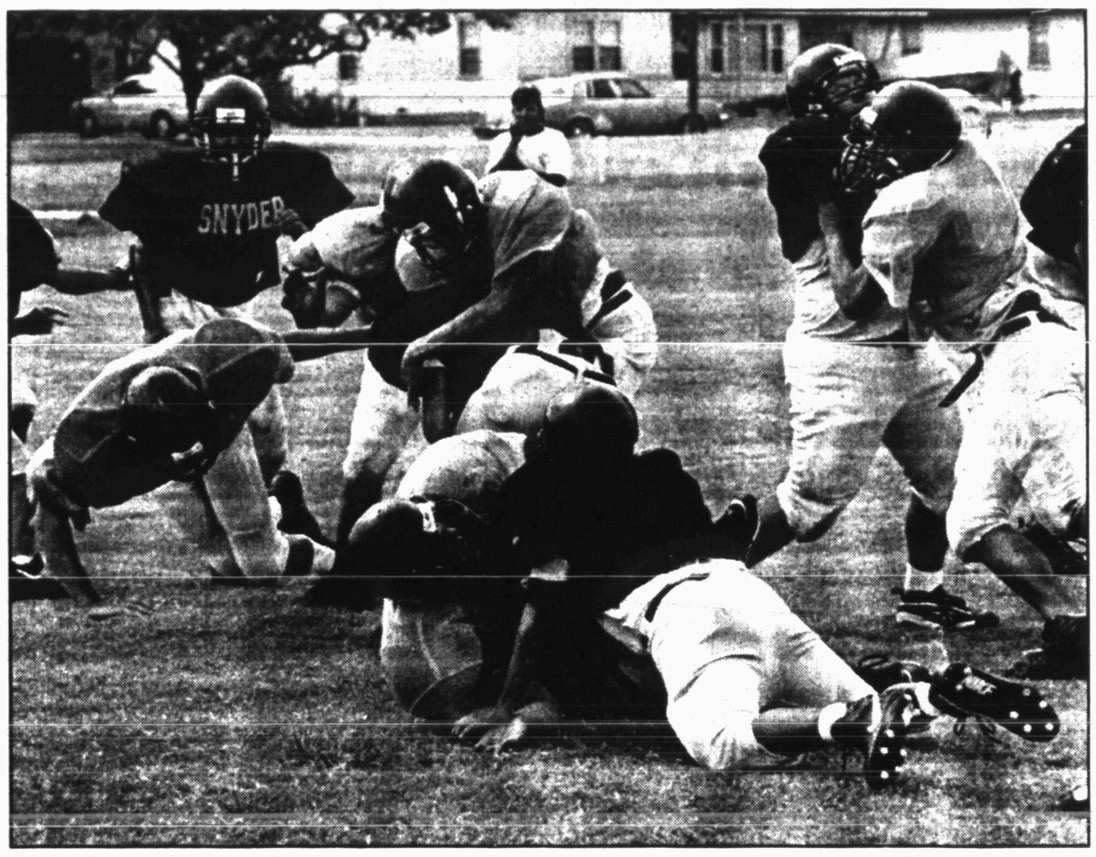
The Snyder Tigers hit their first bump in the road Wednesday afternoon when junior back-up quarterback Brooks Nunley went down with an ankle injury.

The junior signal caller is expected to be out 2-3 weeks, leaving the Tigers with only one varsity quarterback, Jesse Haines, for the season opener Sept. 1 against Monahans.

To fill the empty roster spot, sophomore T.J. Jones was elevated from the junior varsity squad. Jones will guide the Tigers' second-team offense during Friday's Watermelon Bowl and scrimmage against Sweetwater slated for Aug. 24.

"We're not going to change anything," said Baugh. "Haines will still practice on defense, and do everything he's been doing. You can't try to protect everybody all the time."

Friday's Watermelon Bowl gets underway at 6:30 p.m. at Travis Field.



COLLISION — The Snyder Tigers' defense gangs up on a ball carrier during Wednesday's workout at the SHS practice field. The Tigers will take part in the Watermelon Bowl, their annual intrasquad scrimmage, at 6:30 p.m. Friday at Travis Field. (SDN Staff Photo)

Cowboys anxiously await end of camp

WICHITA FALLS (AP) — The end is in sight for the Dallas Cowboys. Two more practices Thursday, a walkthrough Friday morning and training camp will be over.

Being done with two-a-day practices and dorm life will be quite a relief for the players who know they'll be on the final roster, such as quarterback Troy Aikman.

"It's late in camp and guys are getting a little tired," Aikman said Wednesday. "It's kind of at the point to where everybody is ready to go home."

Things are a bit more tense for players still trying to catch coaches' eyes in hopes of sticking around after the roster is cut to 65 on Wednesday — not to mention when it's cut to 53 four days later.

Coach Dave Campo said he's still watching practices closely.

"I think you learn the guys who will step it up and get back out there," Campo said.

Campo has seen some players get worn out physically. Others are mentally spent. He gave in to both by cutting short both practices Wednesday.

"There's a little more grumpiness out there and we've had a few more fights lately," he said. "It's natural. This is the point where they've been hitting it hard and some of them are tired."

Even the ever-optimistic Campo is feeling the dog days setting in. As he walked into a room for his daily news conference Wednesday, he told a reporter: "Two more days."

"This is the time when everybody is about tired of training camp," he admitted. "That's just the way it is."

Dallas (0-3) plays at Denver (2-0) on Saturday night. The team usually travels the day before, but the charter is leaving that morning because there's still work to be done at camp Friday.

"I wanted to get the extra practices in there. It's tough, but you become a better football team when you can push yourself through those things."

When the Cowboys return to work at team headquarters next week, things will be different. The routine will begin to become more game-oriented rather than trying to cram in everything from fundamentals to new plays.

"A game week is very, very different than a training camp week," Campo said. "A game week is designed to get things accomplished from a game-plan standpoint. It's not as strenuous because you cut your package down to what you're going to do in that particular ballgame.

"I think you can get overwhelmed in training camp at times because we're throwing everything at those guys, everything in our entire package, even though we're not using all of it in games right now."

They will be — not soon enough for some players, too soon for others.

Woods, Nicklaus hunt PGA title

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Tiger Woods, seeking his third straight major championship, and a saddened Jack Nicklaus drew huge roars Thursday as they teed off in the 82nd PGA Championship.

Woods missed a birdie putt on the first hole, while a grim-faced Nicklaus made double bogey in his last PGA Championship at the age of 60.

Nicklaus was playing despite the death a day earlier of his mother, 90-year-old Helen Nicklaus. He planned to fly to Columbus, Ohio, after the round to be with family before returning for Friday afternoon's round.

Also paired with Nicklaus and Woods, the defending champion, was Masters champion Vijay Singh, who birdied the first hole.

The first players off the tee were greeted by a break from the heat and humidity that has turned Valhalla Golf Club into a steam bath.

Eddie Terasa, a club pro from Menomonee Falls, Wis., got things started with a drive to the right edge of the fairway on the 446-yard, par-4 opening hole.

After temperatures in the 90s and high humidity each day leading up to the tournament, the air was still and cool and the moon had yet to set as Terasa trudged to the tee.

Just 24 hours earlier, Woods played his final tune-up round and his golf shirt was stained by sweat before he had finished the first hole.

Temperatures are expected to again hit 90, but are predicted to gradually drop through the weekend. The humidity is also expected to diminish.

The PGA's Rick Wright, prior to introducing the first group, heralded the beginning of the tournament by announcing, "Ladies and gentlemen, let's get the game started!"

Just a few feet from the tee box, the Wannamaker Trophy sat on a pedestal.

The heat had been a hot topic of discussion in the days leading up to today's start. Scotland's Colin Montgomerie, seeking his first major title, joked that the players didn't need to warm up before their rounds.

"A difficult obstacle this week is the heat and the humidity," said South Africa's Ernie Els, who has finished second in each of the year's three previous major championships.

"I never sweated as much in my whole life as I have been sweating these couple of days," said Spain's Sergio Garcia, runner-up to Tiger Woods in last year's PGA at Medinah.

At one point, Els actually said that it wasn't the heat, but the humidity.

"The humidity kind of tears you apart after 15 holes," said Els, who elected to start his final practice round at 7:30 a.m. on Wednesday. "We teed off this morning and after the first hole we were drenched. I think a lot of players are going to struggle a bit with the heat and humidity."

As if the conditions weren't enough, everyone will be chasing Woods. After winning the U.S. Open by 15 shots and the British Open by eight, the world's top-ranked player is seeking his third Grand Slam victory in a row and fourth in the last five. No one has won two straight PGA Championships since Denny Shute in 1936 and 1937.

Rangers blank Yankees

ARLINGTON (AP) — Brian Sikorski pitched into the eighth inning in his major league debut as the Texas Rangers snapped their 10-game losing streak to the New York Yankees with a 5-0 victory Wednesday night.

While Texas was able to snap its losing streak to New York, Rangers' center fielder Gabe Kapler was unable to extend his 28-game hitting streak. He was 0-for-4, ending the longest hitting streak in the majors this season.

Sikorski, called up from Triple-A Oklahoma to make the spot start, limited the Yankees to just four hits before he was pulled from the game after walking Derek Jeter to lead off the eighth. Mike Venafro finished the four-hitter.

Rusty Greer had a two-run triple and Rafael Palmeiro hit his first homer in 12 days for Texas, which avoided being swept at home by the Yankees for the second time this season.

New York's 10-game winning streak over the Rangers had included the seven previous games this year and three in last year's playoffs. The Yankees have still won 39 of the last 51 games between the two teams.

After Jeter led off the Yankees' third inning with a double, Sikorski retired 13 straight batters before walking Jorge Posada in the seventh.

Sports Briefs

Meet the Bulldogs

Ira High School's "Meet the Bulldogs" will be at 7 tonight at Bulldog stadium. There will be an introduction of the players, and an intrasquad scrimmage. Ice cream will be served. Cost of admission is a towel or bar of soap.

Watermelon Bowl

The Watermelon Bowl, Snyder's annual intrasquad football scrimmage, will be held at 6:30 p.m. Friday at Travis Field. Snyder Booster Club will sell concessions and T-shirts.

Meet the Tigers

Meet the Tigers will be held at 6:30 p.m. Monday at Tiger Stadium. All junior high and high school football players, managers, coaches and cheerleaders will be introduced. Hamburgers and sausage wraps will be sold for $4 a plate, including chips and a drink.

WTC golf tourney

Western Texas College will host an ABCD Scramble at 8:30 a.m. Saturday. Cost is $20 per player. To register, call the WTC pro shop at 573-9291.

Boys Club registration

Sign-ups are being taken for the Boys and Girls Club football, volleyball and cheerleading.

WGA playday

Snyder County Club Women's Golf Association will hold its weekly play day at 9 a.m. Tuesday. Format will be a flag tournament.

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.

Men's blowout partnership

The 12th annual Blowout Partnership will be held Aug. 25-27 at Snyder Country Club. The field will be limited to 60 teams, pre-flighted by combined handicap. A practice round will be held Aug. 25. Saturday's format will be scramble, and Sunday's will be lowball. Entry fee is $310 per team. Deadline to register is Friday. For more information, call the SCC pro shop at 573-7101.

Four teams make trade

BOSTON (AP) — The first four-team trade in NBA history was completed when nine players switched teams, with Howard Eisley going to Dallas, Danny Fortson to Golden State, Donyell Marshall to Utah and Robert Pack to Boston.

The Celtics also get center John "Hot Rod" Williams from Dallas, Utah's first-round pick in 2001 and a "substantial amount of cash," general manager Chris Wallace said.

Boston also sent guard Dana Barros to Dallas. Utah gets center Bruno Sundov from Dallas, the Mavericks get forward Bill Curley from Golden State and the Jazz sent forward Adam Keefe to the Warriors.

WNBA Playoffs

All Times EDT
CONFERENCE FINALS
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EASTERN CONFERENCE
Thursday, Aug. 17
New York at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
Sunday, Aug. 20
Cleveland at New York, 2 p.m.
Monday, Aug. 21
Cleveland at New York, 8 p.m. (if necessary)

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Thursday, Aug. 17
Los Angeles at Houston, 9 p.m.
Sunday, Aug. 20
Houston at Los Angeles, 4 p.m.
Monday, Aug. 21
Houston at Los Angeles, 10 p.m. (if necessary)

Major League Baseball

National League
All Times EDT

East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	74	46	.617	—
New York	71	49	.592	3
Florida	60	60	.500	14
Montreal	51	65	.440	21
Philadelphia	50	69	.420	23½
Central Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
St. Louis	66	54	.550	—
Cincinnati	59	60	.496	6½
Chicago	54	65	.454	11½
Milwaukee	51	69	.425	15
Pittsburgh	49	70	.412	16½
Houston	48	73	.397	18½
West Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Francisco	67	51	.568	—
Arizona	67	53	.558	1
Los Angeles	61	58	.513	6½
Colorado	60	60	.500	8
San Diego	57	64	.471	11½

Wednesday's Games
Arizona 5, Philadelphia 1
Atlanta 4, San Diego 1
St. Louis 5, Chicago Cubs 1
San Francisco 4, Montreal 1
Los Angeles 10, Florida 4
Colorado 7, N.Y. Mets 5
Milwaukee 5, Cincinnati 1
Houston 11, Pittsburgh 10

Thursday's Games
Colorado (Yoshii 5-12) at N.Y. Mets (Hampton 12-7), 1:10 p.m.
San Francisco (Estes 11-3) at Montreal (Moore 1-2), 1:35 p.m.

Friday's Games
Pittsburgh (Ritchie 5-6) at Cincinnati (Williamson 5-7), 7:35 p.m.
Milwaukee (Haynes 10-10) at Houston (Miller 1-4), 8:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Person 6-4) at St. Louis (Ankiel 7-7), 8:10 p.m.
Florida (C.Smith 1-4) at Colorado (Rose 1-0), 9:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Quevedo 1-4) at Arizona (Schilling 9-7), 10:05 p.m.
Montreal (Thurman 2-3) at San Diego (Clement 11-10), 10:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Leiter 13-5) at Los Angeles (Brown 10-5), 10:10 p.m.
Atlanta (Maddux 13-6) at San Francisco (Hernandez 11-9), 10:35 p.m.

American League
All Times EDT

East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	65	51	.560	—
Boston	61	55	.526	4
Toronto	62	60	.508	6
Baltimore	52	67	.437	14½
Tampa Bay	52	67	.437	14½
Central Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Chicago	72	48	.600	—
Cleveland	61	56	.521	9½
Detroit	58	61	.487	13½
Kansas City	55	64	.462	16½
Minnesota	55	67	.451	18
West Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Seattle	69	52	.570	—
Oakland	65	54	.546	3
Anaheim	62	58	.517	6½
Texas	55	63	.466	12½

Wednesday's Games
Toronto 8, Anaheim 6
Boston 4, Tampa Bay 3
Texas 5, N.Y. Yankees 0
Chicago White Sox 7, Baltimore 3
Kansas City 9, Minnesota 3
Detroit 12, Seattle 8
Oakland 7, Cleveland 6

Thursday's Games
Kansas City (Reichert 6-6) at Minnesota (Redman 11-5), 1:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Baldwin 13-4) at Baltimore (Parrish 1-1), 3:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Mercker 0-1) at N.Y. Yankees (Neagle 2-3), 7:05 p.m.
Texas (Helling 14-8) at Boston (Wakefield 6-7), 7:05 p.m.
Only games scheduled

Friday's Games
Oakland (Hudson 13-4) at Detroit (Nomo 4-10), 7:05 p.m.
Seattle (Abbott 8-4) at Cleveland (Colon 11-8), 7:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Kinney 0-0) at Toronto (Loaiza 6-9), 7:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Ortiz 4-3) at N.Y. Yankees (Clemens 10-6), 7:05 p.m.
Texas (Rogers 11-10) at Boston (Ohka 1-2), 7:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Stein 3-3) at Baltimore (Rapp 6-9), 7:35 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Rekar 4-7) at Chicago White Sox (Garland 2-4), 8:05 p.m.

NFL Preseason

All Times EDT
Friday's Games
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Tennessee at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
Baltimore at Carolina, 8 p.m.
New York Giants at New York Jets, 8 p.m.
Arizona at Minnesota, 8:20 p.m.
Detroit at Oakland, 9 p.m.

Saturday's Games
Chicago at Cincinnati, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Indianapolis vs. Pittsburgh, at Mexico City, 8 p.m.
Buffalo at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Jacksonville at Kansas City, 8:30 p.m.
Dallas at Denveat New York Giants, 8 p.m.
Miami at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Washington, 8 p.m.
Tennessee at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Denver at San Francisco, 9 p.m.
Anzona at San Diego, 10 p.m.

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Cloned pigs hold promise of human replacement organs

WASHINGTON (AP) — The cloned barnyard has a new resident: the pig, a creature researchers say holds promise for growing organs to replace ailing hearts, livers and kidneys in humans.

A team led by Japanese and American researchers announced in the journal Science that a single piglet had been cloned. Separately, a Scottish company said it had cloned a litter of five pigs.

"Pigs have an enormous potential for" transplanting organs to humans, said Tony Perry, a Rockefeller University researcher and co-author of the Science study. "This is a breakthrough toward that goal."

The pig, he said, is considered the best species to use for growing organs to replace ailing hearts, livers and kidneys in humans.

"The pig organs roughly match the size of human adult organs," Perry said. "They also are amiable to transplant surgery."

Work on the litter of pigs cloned by PPL Therapeutics Inc. of Scotland involved some of the same researchers who cloned a sheep called Dolly. That was the first use of cells from an adult mammal to clone another animal.

The PPL success was reported in a study released electronically Wednesday by the peer-reviewed British scientific journal Nature, five months after the researchers made public their work in the popular press.

In the Science report, researchers said they cloned a single piglet, named Xena, from the skin cells of a pig fetal.

They removed the nucleus, which contains DNA, and injected it into a pig egg from which the nucleus had been removed. An electrical pulse stimulated the egg to grow into an embryo, which was transplanted into a surrogate mother.

The researchers said four sows were transplanted with a total of 110 embryos. Xena was the only healthy animal produced.

Perry's co-authors were scientists at the National Institute of Animal Industry in Tusukuba, Japan, and the Prima Meatpackers in Tsuchiura, Japan.

The Scottish company researchers began with cells from an adult animal and cycled the transplanted nucleus through two different pig eggs.

Since Dolly's birth in 1997, research teams have used similar techniques to clone goats and cows. Dolly and some of the cloned cows have given birth to normal offspring.

Perry said swine have proved harder to clone.

"People have been trying since 1986," he said: "It has been an elusive species, but one that people have really wanted to succeed with."

Michael D. Bishop, president of Infigen Inc. of DeForest, Wis., a cloning research company that has cloned more than 100 cows, said the announcement by Perry and his co-authors is a "real breakthrough" because it showed that problems with pig cloning have been solved.

Before pigs can be used to grow organs for human transplant, Perry said scientists must overcome several problems, chief of which is the human body's rejection of the transplant. Cross-species transplants, he said, are usually "rejected within minutes."

"It will be necessary to modify the genes of the pig so that the transplanted organs will not be rejected," Perry said. "This would make the organ invisible so that the host immune system will not recognize the organ as foreign."

It may take several generations of clones and "many years" to weed out the genes that cause rejection, Perry said.

Some researchers are concerned that using pig organs for transplantation could cause humans to contract some unusual swine viruses. These viruses have been infecting pigs for thousands of generations and now are part of the swine genes, passed along from parents to offspring.

Nutrition By Ed Blonz, Ph.D.

How long before we starve?

DEAR DR. BLONZ: This may seem like an odd question, but how long can a body go without food? A friend of mine recently received a hard emotional blow, and she hasn't been able to eat anything for three days. She says when she tries to eat things, her body rejects the food and she throws up, but she has no appetite, anyway. She has lost a lot of weight rapidly, and she doesn't look good to me. — **E.P., San Diego, Calif.**

Dear E.P.: Without food, the body undergoes a sophisticated series of adaptations designed to reduce unnecessary energy usage. There can be a shutdown of nonpriority systems, such as the digestive tract, which, over time, could bring about nausea when food is eventually reintroduced.

The body also lowers its metabolic rate and body temperature. This means there will be less circulation near the skin's surface, which is one of the reasons why people who go without food tend to have a sallow look about them.

Severe psychological shock or stress can bring about similar changes, and, from your description, your friend seems to be on this path. Friends can be an invaluable source of support. While I am not a psychologist, the fact that she is not able to eat indicates to me that some professional assistance may be needed to help her through this rough time. Don't wait.

In the meantime, encourage your friend to consume water, or even sports drinks, as they provide some minerals and are a minor calorie source. The body requires water more than anything else.

The bottom-line answer to your question is, there may be long-term side effects, but, if pressed, we can survive for many weeks without food. The survival rate depends on one's overall health and the amount of excess energy (translation: amount of body fat) present at the start of the fast. We would, however, last only a few days without water. I hope your friend will be rescued from the dark implications of testing the limits of this endurance.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: I have a question regarding aristolochia fangchi, the herb that was found in some weight-loss products that can cause serious health problems. How do I know whether it is in a particular diet pill? If present, would it have to be listed? I bought some diet pills through the mail, but I haven't had the nerve to try them yet.

They are called AHA-6, and the company claims the pills are all fruit: mango, guava, lemon, pineapple and grapefruit. I have heard that the "other" ingredients don't have to be listed, although it says that the inactive ingredients are di calcium phosphate, stearic acid, microcrystalline cellulose, silica and pharmaceutical glaze. Any light you can shed on the subject would be most appreciated. Thanks. — **A.T., Portland, Ore.**

Dear A.T.: Plants in the aristolochiaceae family, which includes aristolochia fangchi, contain aristolochic acid, a substance known to cause serious adverse health effects in humans and animals when taken orally. The Food and Drug Administration sent out a warning to inform the public and health professionals that herbal products containing aristolochic acid are potentially dangerous.

A weight-loss clinic in Belgium made use of some slimming capsules that contained this aristolochic acid, and those taking the product suffered severe kidney damage. In another case, an individual taking capsules containing aristolochic acid for eczema also experienced kidney failure.

I think you are wise to refrain from using an unknown product. I don't know why you would buy such a product in the first place.

I am pretty good at finding things, and I spent some time searching for information about the AHA-6 product you mention. I could find nothing definite about what it is or what it is supposed to do. It concerns me whenever products are sold without any information about what they are and how they are supposed to work.

You ask, "How do I know whether it (aristolochic acid) is in a particular diet pill?" All active ingredients should be listed, but there is no real guarantee. Companies have only the penalty of the law if they are caught breaking the rules. It all comes down to the confidence you have in the advertising's accuracy and the manufacturer's reputation.

I encourage people to refrain from buying solely on the basis of "too-good-to-be-true" advertisements and self-serving testimonials. Always exercise due diligence and check out products and information before you buy.

If I were you, I'd toss the products. Next time, investigate products before you buy.

Send questions to: "On Nutrition," Ed Blonz, c/o Newspaper Enterprise Association, 200 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10016. For e-mail, address inquiries to: ed@blonz.com. Due to the volume of mail, personal replies cannot be provided.

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Alltel	57 1-16	55 13-16	56½	— ¼
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Aviall	5 11-16	5 7-16	5 11-16	+ ¼
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Dillards Inc	14 3-16	13 15-16	13 15-16	— 1-16
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Gore wants to shorten his title to president

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Democratic presidential nominee Al Gore, a political understudy no more, is urging Americans to reject Republicans who would take them "back to the past," and promising to deliver prosperity, progress and positive change if he wins the White House.

"We're the new guard," the vice president said in a preview of the nationally televised address he delivers Thursday night at the Democratic National Convention. That acceptance speech is a vital step in his quest to catch and beat Republican George W. Bush, Gore's hour at the center of the national stage, his send-off into the intense, 82 days of campaigning that will settle the issue.

Gore said he has been working on it for two months, "rewriting and editing and tweaking" the words with which he hopes to reintroduce himself after eight years as vice president, and persuade the voters to shorten the title by a word.

His campaign chairman, William Daley, said in advance that the speech would be an opportunity for Gore to address people who think "that he's just a boring, stiff, you know, unable-to-speak guy," and to come through as a real person.

Gore's nominators Wednesday — his college roommate, a black Tennessee legislator and friend, and his daughter — stressed the personal over the political as they presented his name for the formality of his unopposed nomination.

Sen. Joseph Lieberman, Gore's running mate, told the convention that theirs was the ticket of prosperity, reform and progress instead of partisanship in Washington.

Speaking past the cheering, standing-room convention hall to Americans watching on TV, Lieberman, the first Jew to run on a major party ticket, said that for people who share those goals, "I respectfully say to you, your choice is clear, Al Gore and I are the guys who are ready to do the job."

It would have been Lieberman's acceptance speech, but in this made-for-TV convention script, he hadn't been nominated. That formality comes in the closing session on Thursday.

Lieberman's was a sometimes emotional address; his wife, Hadassah, introduced him as "my Joey," his mother, 85, listened on stage as he spoke of his Jewish heritage, his childhood in Connecticut, his career in politics.

"Is this a great country or what?" he began, saying that he was beginning a miraculous journey with Gore. "Only in America," he concluded.

Lieberman said he and Gore will expand the prosperity of the past eight years, while a Republican victory "will squander it." He challenged Bush's tax cut proposal as a boon for the wealthy, offering an inelegant version of what used to be called trickle-down economics.

"Their tax plan operates under the old theory that the best way to feed the birds is to give more oats to the horse," he told the roaring Democrats, their red Lieberman placards waving from floor to balconies of the Staples Center sports arena.

Gore was nominated in a ritual roll call of the states, staged after East Coast television time. Gore won a shutout since there was no other candidate.

Gore's name was put in nomination by his college roommate at Harvard, actor Tommy Lee Jones, Tennessee legislator Lois DeBerry, a friend of 25 years, and his elder daughter, Karenna Gore Schiff.

"I hope, for the sake of our country and our future, that my father is elected president," she said. "But I want you to know, to me, he's already won. For he has been the most wonderful father in the whole world."

As she stepped back to the cheers of the convention, Gore walked on to hug her and walk across the stage with her, sharing the ovation. She said she was surprised, although news photographers and reporters had been alerted to Gore's cameo appearance earlier in the day.

The vice president had arrived in Burbank earlier in the day, to be greeted by Lieberman at a welcoming rally, where Gore said people deserve to know exactly what the candidates are proposing to do "so you can make an informed judgment."

He said teachers should get better pay, with smaller classes, higher standards and more accountability, that the minimum wage should be increased, that patients' rights should be guaranteed in dealing with HMOs, that there should be a hate crimes law, new gun controls, new steps to "clean up our air and water."

"More than any of that, I believe it's time for all of us to come together and lift up the ideal of the best America that we can move toward," Gore said.

"The future starts in California," he said. "The victory starts in California."

The Democrats were banking on a boost in the national polls after their convention week, with most surveys showing Bush the leader by about 10 percentage points.

Sen. Joseph R. Biden of Delaware said because of that "there's a lot of anxiety hanging over this convention," although he was the only leading Democrat to talk openly about it.

"We can't understand how a guy like George W. Bush can be leading a guy with the kind of caliber, experience and know-how as Al Gore," Biden told Michigan delegates. "Neither party has someone as their standard bearer who is emotionally exciting."

For a third night, demonstrators marched and rallied outside the convention hall for assorted causes. There was a skirmish and then a standoff with police after some protesters threw bottles and other objects at officers.

Nearly 200 demonstrators had been arrested since Monday, but there was no major violence, and none of it intruded on the tightly guarded and fenced convention hall. Delegates saw it only as they came and went.

Police and protesters face off

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Bottle-throwing protesters and baton-wielding police clashed briefly in one of the tensest moments outside the Democratic National Convention before both sides backed off without anyone seriously hurt and only a few arrested.

Wednesday's confrontation took place on a sweltering afternoon when some 2,500 protesters marching toward the Staples Center convention site stopped to block an intersection.

Some delegates arriving for the convention's evening speakers were escorted through the crowd, while others walked around to other gates through a security fence.

"Whose streets? Our streets!" the crowd chanted.

When police tried to reopen the intersection, some of the protesters began throwing bottles and other objects. Officers responded by firing rubber bullets and charging the crowd with batons. After a dramatic standoff, the march resumed.

After another brief scuffle, protesters returned to Pershing Square, the downtown park that has been their base since the convention began Monday. Police quickly surrounded them but backed off again after people began drifting away peacefully.

Earlier in the afternoon, 38 protesters were arrested for blocking the entrance to the Rampart police station, center of a scandal in which rogue officers allegedly framed, shot or roughed up those they arrested, then lied to convict them.

The arrests followed a march by about 600 people, who walked to the station chanting "No justice, no peace, no racist police," and presented a list of demands.

The parade and arrests of protesters who sat in front of the station took place with little of the angry confrontation seen in earlier protests. The Los Angeles Times reported that protest organizers and police began meeting long before the march and scripted out just what kind of civil disobedience would bring symbolic arrests without stirring the crowd to violence.

"They asked what it would take to get arrested," Capt. Michael Moore told the paper. "We looked up the law and gave them some ideas. They wanted to lie down in the street, but we told them they wouldn't get arrested for that."

Instead, the two sides settled on a plan for the demonstrators to sit on a sidewalk, he said.

The U.S. Justice Department's Community Relations Service took part in the talks, the paper said.

Protesters promised to be out in force on Thursday, the last day of the convention.

A variety of demonstrations were planned, including a march on the downtown offices of two big businesses, Citibank and Morgan Stanley Dean Witter.

Protesters said the rallies would culminate Thursday evening outside the Staples Center when Vice President Al Gore accepts his party's nomination for president. As Gore is making his acceptance speech inside, protesters planned to be outside shouting, banging on drums and making as much noise as possible.

In all, 40 people were arrested Wednesday, bringing the total for the convention to 192.

Hours after the last of the protests, some 20 police cruisers converged on an intersection near the demonstrators' headquarters and cited four people for jaywalking as they returned to the site. Organizers, who were sitting down for dinner when police arrived, locked their doors as helicopters circled overhead.

Police, who have tailed demonstrators everywhere during the convention, have defended their actions as necessary to maintain the peace.

Protesters complain they have been harassed.

"Not one person should have been arrested," Michael Novick of the August 16th Coalition for Justice, angrily told a news conference Wednesday night. "Not one person."

Date Book

Thursday, Aug. 17, 2000

Today is the 230th day of 2000 and the 59th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1859, the first balloon to carry mail departed from Lafayette, Ind. On this day in 1915, Charles F. Kettering patented an electric self-starter for automobiles. On this day in 1938, the first aircraft owned by the Forest Service went into operation. It was a fire-fighting plane with a range of 700 miles.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Davey Crockett (1786-1836), frontiersman-politician; Mae West (1892-1980), actress; Maureen O'Hara (1920-), actress, is 80; Robert De Niro (1943-), actor, is 57; Guillermo Vilas (1952-), tennis star, is 48; Sean Penn (1960-), actor, is 40.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1938, Henry Armstrong became the lightweight boxing champion of the world. He also held the featherweight and welterweight titles.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Between two evils, I always pick the one I never tried before." — Mae West

TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (Aug. 15) and last quarter (Aug. 22).

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Challenged kids get chance to shine through dancing

DEAR ABBY: Let me tell you about a wonderfully rewarding experience I was involved in this past year. I began dancing when I was 3. Now, at age 20, I am sharing my love for the art of dance through teaching. The owner of the studio, my second mother, Joanne Zavisa, was approached to participate in a unique project. We began a free class on Saturday afternoons for children with sensory deprivation disorder.

The children with whom we worked face a variety of challenges. Some of them cannot speak; some have a short attention span or cannot function in a regular classroom. All these children work with sensory therapists on a daily or weekly basis.

In our dance class, the children learned movements and exercises that involved every part of their bodies, and even learned to perform two dances with songs they could sing. It was amazing to see them progress from the first day to their performance. They seemed like a completely different set of kids.

This would not have been possible if we had not enlisted the help of some of the students at the studio. Dancers from the ages of 11 to 17 donated their Saturday afternoons for more than three months to give those special children an unforgettable experience. The only rewards these young volunteers received were the thanks of the parents and the knowledge they had been important in the life of a child.

You often print letters about acts of kindness. Those kids deserve to know how proud of them Joanne and I are. — **JULIE FURR, CANTON, MICH.**

DEAR JULIE AND JOANNE: I'm pleased to print your upbeat, heartwarming letter — and I join you in applauding your student activists. Yours was a program that benefited everyone involved, and it illustrates what a powerful force motivated young adults can be. You have every right to be proud.

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DEAR ABBY: Thank you for the letter you printed saluting military wives and husbands. I, too, am thankful for the dedicated men and women in our armed forces, and for the camaraderie of military families who support each other.

I am also pleased that the armed services have finally realized that the men and women in the services are better soldiers, sailors and Marines when their families are taken care of and watched over.

Nowadays, most military bases have family support organizations that help in these areas, and caring commanders see to it that they are manned and properly working.

A humorous incident occurred when my husband retired from the Air Force some 30 years ago. His commander also gave me a certificate of retirement. As he read the citation, "... devoted, dedicated, unselfish, unwavering ... UNFAITHFUL ... service ..." the entire division erupted with laughter. A red-faced colonel apologized, but it was a day I remember with great amusement. — **BEEN THERE, DONE THAT, COLUMBUS, MISS.**

DEAR BTDT: That's why the first rule of public speaking is to never let your mind wander — even for an instant.

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Good advice for everyone — teens to seniors — is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

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3rd daughter born

HOUSTON (AP) — Sixteen years after she won an Olympic gold medal, Mary Lou Retton has no intention of slowing down.

Retton gave birth to her third daughter, Skyla Brae Kelley, on Aug. 9, and recently completed a promotional tour for her book, "Gateways to Happiness." She also is working on a children's television program, "Mary Lou's Flip Flop Shop."

"It's great being a new mom again," Retton said Wednesday. "The birth of our third daughter is truly a blessing. As our family continues to grow, I want to work hard to reach out to families and children across America."

Retton and her husband, Shannon Kelley, have two other daughters, Shayla Rae, 5, and McKenna Lane, 3.

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Satterwhite executed for 1979 slaying

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — A man who fatally shot a convenience store clerk worried about his victim's family in the moments before he was executed by injection Wednesday evening.

"What I want to say is I have remorse and I'm really sorry about what happened to that family," John Satterwhite, 53, said in a telephone call to The Associated Press less than an hour before he was strapped to the Texas death chamber gurney for killing Mary Francis Davis, 54.

Satterwhite declined to make a final statement in the death chamber and was pronounced dead at 6:29 p.m.

Prison officials generally allow an inmate a few final calls to relatives preceding an execution, but a call to the media from a prisoner is unprecedented.

"I wanted them to know that I hope my remorse does them good. But would it help them any? No," Satterwhite said in the phone call.

Satterwhite already had been arrested eight times and had served a prison term for burglary and robbery by assault when he was charged with the March 12, 1979, killing of Davis, 54, after walking into the Lone Star Ice and Food Store in San Antonio under the guise of buying a pack of cigarettes and a soft drink — a 79-cent purchase.

Davis was found seated on a toilet, a bullet through each temple.

"I wouldn't say I'm totally innocent," Satterwhite said from death row. "I'm guilty of some things."

Asked about the shooting, he replied: "There's a possibility I could be the person that did it. ... I can't say I did or didn't."

Satterwhite was the third of six condemned killers scheduled to die this month in Texas and the 29th this year in the nation's busiest death house.

At least 11 other death row inmates have lethal injections set through the end of 2000, which could wind up a record year for executions in Texas, topping the 37 condemned prisoners put to death in 1997.

Brain scan could be mental stress test

By The Associated Press

The brains of people with a genetic risk for Alzheimer's have to work harder than normal to perform simple memory tasks long before any outward symptoms of the disease develop, a study suggests.

The findings suggest that the measuring technique used in the study could develop into a kind of mental stress test for early detection of Alzheimer's, much like treadmill tests for heart abnormalities.

Zaven Khachaturian, former director of the Alzheimer's Research Office at the National Institutes of Health, said the study is exciting because it bolsters hope of identifying patients who could benefit from early drug treatment.

"There's something wrong already, but you can't see it clinically," he said.

The study was conducted by scientists at the University of California at Los Angeles and was published in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine. They recruited 30 people ages 47 to 82, all of whom had tested normal on conventional memory tests.

They were checked for APOE E4 allele, a gene variant already known to be associated with Alzheimer's. Then, their brains were scanned with magnetic resonance imaging while they recalled words memorized from a list.

Those with the Alzheimer's gene produced scan signals that were about twice as strong and more widespread than those of other participants. The magnetic signals indicate greater blood flow — and thus greater mental effort — in regions of the brain near the temple and forehead, the researchers say.

Earlier research had implicated those areas in Alzheimer's.

In recent years, researchers have pinpointed metabolic brain deficiencies and other early markers that may foretell Alzheimer's. This study, though, is the first time that researchers have identified brain differences in at-risk people while they perform assigned mental tasks.

"The brains appeared to be compensating. The brains of people with the genetic risk have to work harder," said UCLA psychiatrist Dr. Gary Small, who led the research.

In its early results, his team tested 14 of the same people two years later. None was diagnosed with Alzheimer's, but those with the strongest signals two years earlier tended to lose the most memory ability.

"It has the potential to be a diagnostic tool," said Dr. Reisa Sperling, a neurologist at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston.

Scientists cautioned that patients must be studied for longer to be sure the test is picking up on early Alzheimer's, not just the normal effects of aging.

Anti-inflammatory and other drugs are now being tested to delay the onset of Alzheimer's symptoms. Scientists said early detection could be combined with such drug treatment, perhaps within several years.

Drugs can now relieve symptoms but not cure the disease.

3rd brother dies from assault

DOUGLAS, Ariz. (AP) — A third Naco, Sonora, Mexico boy burned in an attack by an angry customer at their family's jewelry store died Wednesday.

Reymundo Canedo Silva, 5, died about 9 a.m. as a result of the burns and complicatons from removing a leg, said Sara Harper, spokeswoman for the Maricopa Medical Center in Phoenix.

Silva and three of his brothers were injured Aug. 10 when a man entered the jewelry store, doused the boys with gasoline and set them on fire.

The youngest of the brothers, Alejandro Canedo Silva, 4, died Tuesday morning at the Phoenix hospital after struggling with heart failure and a similar leg amputation. On Monday, Francisco Contreras Silva, 13, was the first to die from the burns.

The remaining brother, Erasmo Contreras Silva, 14, is listed in critical condition at MMC, Harper said.

Jesus Fernando De La Cruz, commander of the state police in Naco said authorities have not made any arrests and the investigation is now being conducted by the Sonora state prosecutor in Cananea.

Mexican police authorities in Naco at first believed the jewelry store fire was started from a propane tank explosion. Witnesses said they saw a man leave the jewelry store, Joyeria Canedo, shortly before the fire.

Police detained the man — whom the Mexican Consul in Phoenix, Salvador Cassian-Santos, identified as Bertolo Beltran Mendez, The Arizona Republic said — but released him soon after when they concluded there was no evidence linking him to the fire.

Naco's police chief and chief investigator subsequently resigned over that issue, the Republic said.

Authorities have been seeking Beltran Mendez since then but believe he has fled.

At the time of the fire, the father, Reymundo Canedo, was away on business in Hermosillo, Sonora. The mother, Martina Silva, had stepped out of the store and went to the bathroom in the house behind the store. The oldest brother, Erasmo, told his mother that the suspect was upset with them, accusing the family of stealing some gold.

Meanwhile, Miguel Escobar Valdez, the Mexican consul in Douglas, said Wednesday the consulate will pay for returning the boys' bodies to Mexico. Their parents had been told they must pay more than $1,500 per child for the bodies to be released from the mortuary, a family member told The Arizona Daily Star.

The fire destroyed the family's jewelry store.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

Urologist can test for genital warts

DEAR DR. GOTT: After my girlfriend broke up with me, she informed me that she has venereal warts, a nice going-away present. Consequently, I saw my doctor whose response was: "No symptoms, no worry." He performed no tests on me. How can I discover whether I am carrying the wart-virus and whether I am contagious?

DEAR READER: Men who have been exposed to venereal warts, a sexually transmitted disease associated with cervical cancer in women, may have no symptoms, yet be contagious. In my opinion, your doctor was dead wrong; you should have a special test for genital warts performed by a urologist. If the test is negative, you needn't worry. However, if it is positive, you will need treatment so that you don't spread the virus to unsuspecting and vulnerable female partners. Until you have undergone the necessary examination, use a condom when you have sex.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have high cholesterol and triglycerides. I am overweight. Would alcohol or sex lower my blood fats? I don't drink but would consider it if it would help.

DEAR READER: Alcohol will raise your weight and your blood fats. Sex may lower both, depending on whether 1. you engage in such strenuous sex that it provides regular exercise, and 2. sex keeps you from eating too much. Before you run out to make a commitment that may net you more trouble than benefit, let's explore other, more rational options.

Because you are overweight and have high blood fats, you could be helped by a low-fat, low-calorie diet. There are many such diets; in my experience, the easiest and cheapest is the elimination of sugar, starches, alcohol, fried foods, organ meats and egg yolks. Limit yourself to modest portions of lean meat, fish, poultry, vegetables, salads and fresh fruit.

Engage in regular exercise, such as walking, biking swimming, golf or skiing. Cut out snacks.

As a second option, check with your doctor to make sure that you don't have a metabolic disease, such as diabetes. Also, your doctor can suggest a specific diet for your needs.

Next, consider joining a weight-reduction support group, such as Weight Watchers.

I believe you will need to consider a major change in your lifestyle to accomplish your goal. Relying solely on sex, alcohol or any other shortcut may be fun, but it will not help you to succeed. Try a more balanced approach. To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Winning the Battle of the Bulge." 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.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My dermatologist has prescribed tetracycline for a rash and blisters all over my body that she diagnosed as pemphigoid dermatitis. Any comments? I'm not improving after four weeks of therapy.

DEAR READER: Pemphigoid is an unusual skin disorder, marked by areas of itchy, large, raised, reddish blisters. It is not a harmful condition and is believed to be caused by an auto-immune reaction, during which patients become allergic to their own skin. Prednisone is the standard therapy; it shortens the course of the ailment and often prevents new lesions from breaking out.

Pemphigoid must be differentiated (by biopsy) from a lookalike disease called pemphigus, a serious related skin disorder that is much more difficult to treat and can lead to generalized infection and death.

Evidently, your dermatologist chose to prescribe an antibiotic. Ask her about prednisone; it might make you more comfortable.

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LSU named top U.S. party school

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — It's a list Louisiana State University officials were desperately trying to avoid, but instead, they came out on top — LSU has been named the No. 1 party college in America.

The designation by The Princeton Review was disheartening news to university officials still shaken by the August 1997 death of an LSU student who celebrated his acceptance into a fraternity with a night of excessive drinking.

"I think the whole survey, from my point of view, would be very laughable if it didn't misinform people about the university's environment," Mark Emmert, chancellor of the school, said Wednesday. "LSU is no more of a party school than any other American university."

Last year's No. 1, Florida State University, fell to fourth.

The Princeton Review, which isn't affiliated with Princeton University, ranks schools based on a survey of 59,000 college students across the country.

The top 20 party schools, according to the Princeton Review:

1. Louisiana State University
2. University of Alabama
3. University of Texas
4. Florida State University
5. University of Colorado
6. University of Tennessee
7. University of California - Santa Cruz
8. Tulane University
9. University of Wisconsin
10. Ohio University - Athens
11. University of New Hampshire
12. University of Michigan
13. University of Vermont
14. Ohio State University
15. New York University
16. Lehigh University
17. Southern Methodist University
18. University of Florida
19. University of California - Santa Barbara
20. Union College (Schenectady, N.Y.)

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

FRIDAY, Aug. 18, 2000

A number of beneficial things can happen to you in the year ahead as you start to treat life more philosophically than you have in the past. A relaxed attitude opens up your horizons and brings luck.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Your popularity is presently at a high point, and, because of this, several good things could happen for you today. It's all the result of your buoyant, optimistic attitude. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that'll govern you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) A secret desire concerning your career or an ambitious aim has better than average chances of being fulfilled today. At the very least, some door may open for you to make this possible.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Chances are you're going to receive that nominal support today that you need from others to effectively implement a present plan of action. Move on it with vigor.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Through the good graces of another you may get an opportunity today to make some extra money that could really come in handy. This might be work related.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Look for not only a fun day with friends today involving an activity that might be more physical than mental, but for something very lucky to come out of the encounter.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) A valuable lesson in optimism might be learned today when something about which you finally quit worrying takes a turn for the better. You'll learn that fretting never makes things happen.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Good times could be had today through getting out and mingling with others, be they work- or social-related. There's a chance you could make a new friend in the process.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Operate along lines of least resistance, and major achievements of a material nature are possible today. This is one of those days in which you need to let life happen to you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) The chances for success in your major involvements are already excellent today. However, the more methodical and diligent you become, the more likely Lady Luck will lend some help, as well.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Capitalize on what you already have at hand, instead of placing all your hopes on a pot of gold at the end of a rainbow. There is plenty of bounty within your reach if you're resourceful.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Temporarily set aside any personal concerns that can wait, and concentrate today on those things that will provide the greatest good for the greatest number. The rewards will be tremendous.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Career-oriented matters could provide you with the greatest array of opportunities today. They're exceptionally promising for you, so long as you're not looking for a free ride.

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American tourist found dead on beach

IOS, Greece (AP) — The body of an American woman was found Wednesday, a week after she was reported missing at sea off a nearby Aegean island.

Maryanne H. Alix, 45, was last seen Aug. 9 when she left on a Jet Ski outing off Naxos, about 90 miles southeast of Athens. She had been staying on a boat anchored off the island with her husband and two daughters.

A Coast Guard patrol spotted Alix's body, still wearing a life vest, floating at sea. A coroner was expected to announce the cause of death Thursday, but authorities said they suspected she drowned.

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2 dead and 3 injured in wall collapse

WOODLAWN, Md. (AP) — The deafening boom at a business park construction site didn't come as much of a surprise to construction worker Rickey Samuel.

"At first I thought it was just some blasting going on," said Samuel, who was part of a crew from Sody Concrete Construction Inc. working on the building in suburban Baltimore. "I turned around and saw the cloud of dust and rubble."

This time, the boom wasn't routine: A 25-foot-high cinder block wall had collapsed on five workers, killing two.

Before paramedics arrived, about 50 co-workers frantically tried to free the workers from the rubble pile. "We were grabbing blocks and equipment and trying to lift it up off the guys," said Samuel.

The wall at the Rolling Road Commerce Park was propped up with steel braces, although workers on the scene Wednesday said some of the braces had been removed where fresh concrete was being poured.

Tyrone Tucker, a Sody worker, identified one of the dead as Adolfus Harding, 68.

"I saw him breathing for a while. Then he took a real deep breath. Someone took his pulse and said it was real weak. I think that must have been his last breath," said Samuel.

State investigators were trying to determine what caused the 100-foot section of the wall to collapse onto a concrete pad that was being laid as a floor for the building.

"We're interviewing management, site supervisors, employees who were working on the site and other witnesses," said Norman Jackson, assistant chief of the Maryland Department of Occupational Safety and Health.

The other fatality was 28-year-old Javier Tascano, who worked for T&W Concrete Finishing, The Washington Post reported Thursday. Of the injured, one man was in critical condition and the other two were in stable condition, hospital officials said.

Underwater rescue capsules fail again

MOSCOW (AP) — Underwater rescue capsules fighting to reach 118 seamen trapped on a Russian nuclear submarine failed again Thursday as new evidence suggested a massive explosion shattered large areas of the vessel and many sailors had no time to escape.

Navy officials said there were no signs of life on the vessel, but some of the crew could still be alive. Rescue capsules trying to link up with the submarine for the past three days were again driven back Thursday by racing currents and swirling sand in the inky darkness on the sea bottom.

Prime Minister Mikhail Kasyanov said Thursday the situation was "close to catastrophic," according to Russian news reports.

A British rescue team heading for the scene by ship was not expected to arrive until Saturday, raising fears it would be too late. A Norwegian rescue team was expected to take even longer, not reaching the scene until early Monday.

The navy has given contradictory estimates of how long the Kursk's oxygen could last, but some officers say air generators may have been destroyed when the submarine slammed into the sea bed last Saturday.

Top navy and government officials met Thursday to review the rescue effort and study new approaches, but officials gave no details. The committee would consider how to use a British mini-submarine being rushed to the scene, Russian news agencies reported.

Film of the submarine being studied Thursday showed massive damage reaching from the front to the conning tower that would have sent the vessel crashing to the bottom in seconds, navy officials said. The control room where most of the crew work is below the tower, suggesting many sailors had no time to escape when the submarine went down.

"The accident happened so quickly we can say it was like a flash," said navy spokesman Capt. Igor Dygalo.

U.S. submarines monitoring Russian navy exercises when the Kursk was lost detected two explosions at the time, according to U.S. officials who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The Russian navy refused to confirm this, but officers have said an explosion in the torpedo compartment at the front of the submarine apparently caused the Kursk to sink. A likely scenario was that one torpedo exploded, setting off a much bigger blast.

Laser project estimate soars

WASHINGTON (AP) — Development of the world's most powerful laser to monitor the nation's nuclear arsenal without testing — a project already dogged by cost overruns and delays — could cost nearly three times its original $1 billion price tag, congressional auditors say.

The Energy Department told the General Accounting Office the cost of the laser project at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in California has soared to $2.2 billion — twice what it was predicted to be in 1995. But the GAO, the investigative arm of Congress, said a more accurate total is closer to $3 billion.

As recently as January, its price was said to be $1.5 billion.

The soon-to-be-released GAO report says that the project has been mismanaged by Lawrence Livermore and that technical problems as well as unexpected expenses and scheduling delays were withheld from outside reviewers and the Energy Department.

While costs have soared, the project has lagged far behind schedule, with its completion date now put at 2008, six years behind schedule.

The laser, which is to be the most sophisticated and powerful ever developed, is a key part of the department's nuclear weapons stewardship program. The project consists of 192 laser beams used to simulate a nuclear explosion. The beams are to shoot energy onto a single target, recreating in a laboratory the thermonuclear conditions caused by a nuclear detonation.

Formally known as the National Ignition Facility, the laser is also part of a government effort to properly maintain, test and monitor the nation's nuclear weapons stockpile without resumption of actual testing of warheads and bombs at the Nevada Test Site.

A draft copy of the GAO report was obtained Wednesday by The Associated Press from two citizen groups that have been critical of the National Ignition Facility.

The GAO report attributes the cost overruns to an unrealistic original budget, poor management at Lawrence Livermore and "an absence of effective independent reviews" and oversight by the Energy Department.

GAO investigators also found that senior managers of the laser project withheld their concerns about the technical and management problems from the Energy Department and the director of the Livermore Lab.

Obituaries

Nell C. Clayton

1927-2000

Nell C. Clayton, 72, of Snyder died Tuesday, Aug. 15, in Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock following a brief illness.

Nell C. Clayton

Funeral service for Mrs. Clayton is set for 2 p.m. Saturday in the First Baptist Church. The Rev. Miller Robinson, interim pastor at First Baptist Church, and Ken Andress, chaplain with Hospice of the Big Country, will officiate.

Burial will follow in Snyder Cemetery under the direction of Wright Colonial Funeral Home.

Born on Oct. 8, 1927 in Scurry County, she married Jimmy "Hoss" Clayton on Aug. 11, 1945 in Yoakum County. Mrs. Clayton was a member of the First Baptist Church and the Caring Friends Sunday School Class. Mrs. Clayton was a retired custodian of First Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother.

Survivors include her husband, Jimmy "Hoss" Clayton of Snyder; two sons, James Clayton of Kermit and Danny Clayton of Dallas; a brother, Don Howard Lee of Wister, Okla.; nine grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Family visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday in Wright Colonial Funeral Home.

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Sixth quake in two weeks reported in Amarillo area

AMARILLO (AP) — For the sixth time in two weeks, the Panhandle rocked when the strongest of a series of minor earthquakes rumbled about 10 miles north of town.

No damage or injuries were reported Wednesday night.

The earthquake, which measured 3.9 on the Richter scale, hit at about 8:08 p.m., said Diane Noserale with the U.S. Geological Survey.

Thomas Tomlinson, who had experienced several large earthquakes in California, said Wednesday's temblor felt similar, if slightly less powerful.

"I was standing near my door, and the floor started rolling," Tomlinson told the Amarillo Globe-News in Thursday's editions. "The walls were shaking, and the windows were rattling pretty good. It felt like the other quakes I'd been through, only it was like you were a good distance away from ground zero."

The first minor earthquake was reported on Aug. 2.

Those who felt it were taken by surprise, but since then an additional five earthquakes have resulted in some being a little less jolted by each additional shake.

"It lasted a couple of seconds, maybe," said a dispatcher with the Amarillo Police Department.

The agency received only a few calls about the latest quake.

John Minsch, a geophysicist with the National Earthquake Center in Golden, Colo., said the center doesn't have an explanation for the quakes and isn't about to speculate.

"All we can say at this point in time, is that this is the largest in a series of minor earthquakes in the area," he said. "We certainly wouldn't be surprised if there are more, but there is no way to say with any certainty."

Two women report vehicle burglaries

• ***Vehicle burglaries***

Yvonne Fletcher reported at 8:45 a.m. Wednesday that her wallet had been taken from her 1987 Oldsmobile while it was parked at her 3716 Ave. U residence.

At 10:16 p.m. Wednesday, Theresa Larralde of 2212 41st Street notified officers that her purse had been stolen from her 1993 GMC Jimmy while it was parked at her residence.

• ***Juvenile located***

A woman requested officers attempt to locate her 13-year-old son at 11:19 a.m. Wednesday in reference to the boy leaving the residence through his bedroom window. The juvenile was located, transported back to his residence and released to his mother.

• ***Harassment***

A woman spoke to officers at 12:51 p.m. Wednesday to report that another woman was calling and harassing her. Officers spoke to the second woman and advised her of the complaint.

• ***Credit card abuse***

A report was taken at 1:59 p.m. Wednesday for credit card abuse. Wilbert Daniel told officers that someone had used his credit card number without permission to make phone calls.

• ***Vandalism***

An employee with Elizabeth Potts Realtors contacted the police department at 5:34 p.m. in reference to vandalism at a rent house at 3706 Austin. Light fixtures and screens were damaged at the house.

• ***Assault***

At 8:27 p.m. Wednesday, a 30-year-old woman reported to officers that she had been assaulted by her 35-year-old husband. According to the report, she said he struck her in the back of the head.

• ***Felony arrests***

Fernando Orosco, 44, of 1802 15th Street was taken into custody at 11:19 a.m. Wednesday for felony motion to revoke probation.

At 2:33 p.m. Wednesday, Raymond Guzman was arrested on a warrant for injury to a child. His address is listed as 3718 Highland.

• ***Misdemeanor arrest***

A 22-year-old man was jailed Wednesday on a misdemeanor warrant for revoking his probation.

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FBC worship service

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

Ira hamburger supper

Ira School will have a hamburger supper from 5:30-7 p.m. today at the cafeteria. The cost is $4 per ticket. Open house and Meet the Bulldogs will follow. All proceeds benefit the senior class of 2001.

Hermleigh hamburger supper

The Hermleigh cheerleaders will host a hamburger supper from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the high school cafeteria. Meet the coaches and the junior high and high school football players. The meal includes hamburger, chips, pinto beans, dessert and drink. The cost is $5 per plate.

Girl Scout registration

All levels of Girl Scouts will register from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the Girl Scout Hut, 2501 35th St. For more information, call Carla Seale at 574-8004 or Jo Ann Cearley at 573-3926.

Choir parents to meet

SHS choir parents are to meet at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday in the choir room. All parents are urged to attend. Business items will include the Mexican stack supper to be held before the first football game on Sept. 1.

Breast feeding awareness

August is World Breast feeding Awareness Month. A breast feeding awareness celebration is planned from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. next Wednesday at Outreach Health Services (WIC), 5305 Trinity Blvd., Suite A. Breast feeding information packets will be available. Door prizes will be given away. Refreshments are included. The public is invited.

Glory Room open

The Glory Room, a Christian library located at Trinity United Methodist Church (across from the hospital), is open to everyone from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, and from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. Everyone is asked to please return materials so that others may check them out. If other hours are needed, contact the church at 573-3988.

Northeast Elementary cookbooks

Copies of the Northeast Elementary millennium cookbook are still available for $7. Call Diane Arnold at 573-2159, or Libby Whitworth at 573-6870.

Fish fry

New Hope Baptist Church, 3305 Ave. L, will have a Fish Fry starting at 11:30 a.m. Saturday. Plates are $6 for adults and $3 for children under 12.

Car wash

Our Lady of Guadalupe Queen candidate Bonnie Pesina is holding a car wash starting at 10 a.m. Saturday at United.

Class of '60 reunion

The SHS Class of 1960 will hold its 40th reunion this weekend. There will be an ice cream social at 7 p.m. Friday at Martha Ann Woman's Club. Saturday, there will be a 10 a.m. brunch at MAWC and a 7 p.m. dinner and dance at Snyder Country Club with music by Hwy 208. For information, call Patsy Hart at 573-8060.

Polar reunion

The Polar reunion will be held at noon Sunday. Bring a covered dish.

Snyder FFA booster club

The Snyder FFA booster club will meet at 7 p.m. Monday in the SHS ag building. Officers will be elected and fund-raisers will be discussed. A work day at the school farm will also be scheduled. Membership is not limited to parents. Ex-students, friends and others are invited.

Cancer board meeting

The board of the Scurry County unit of the American Cancer Society will meet at 5 p.m. Tuesday in the board room at Cogdell Hospital.

GED exams

GED exams will be administered Friday, Aug. 25. at Western Texas College. For more information, call Emily Hataway at 574-2112, or Molly Kattes at 573-2919.

Chamber banquet

Fiddlin' Frenchie Burke will be the featured entertainer at the Snyder chamber banquet Saturday, Aug. 26. Tickets are $12.50 for adults and $7 for children and are on sale at the chamber office. Serving begins at 6:30 p.m.

Northside Baptist revival

A revival begins Sunday, Aug. 27, and continues through Sept. 3 at Northside Baptist Church, 1909 16th Street. Evangelist is Harley Higginbotham of Hugo, Okla., with special music by the Higginbotham Family. Sunday services are at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. and weekday services are at 7 p.m.

Pyron homecoming

The Pyron Homecoming will be held Saturday, Sept. 2, 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. Reservations need to be made and the meal must be paid for by Tuesday. Contact Mrs. Viola Stirl, 13652 FM 644, Loraine, 79532-3110.

Dieciseis parade

Anyone wishing to participate in the Dieciseis parade sponsored by Our Lady of Guadalupe Church can call Lucy Garcia at 573-5996.

Pick 3

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

0-1-7

Lotto Texas

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

The ticket would have been worth an estimated $9 million.

The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 54 were: 12-14-27-35-42-49.

Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $12 million.