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Council gives approval to employee pay raises

By Wade Warren
SDN Managing Editor

Despite being kicked around like an orange traffic cone on 37th Street, a pay raise for city employees will go into effect as first proposed with the adoption of the 2001-2002 budget.

The total impact of the pay hike on the budget is $248,218. This figure includes all personnel costs related to the raises for city employees, except for health insurance.

The funds will come from four positions that have been eliminated plus cuts in capital expenditures and other projected expenditures.

The jobs that have been eliminated are those of the city engineer, community service supervisor, a municipal court clerk and the secretary in the planning and zoning office.

These cuts total $172,247 in personnel costs. The remaining $75,971 is from other areas.

The discussion on the pay increase took up almost two hours of the 4½-hour meeting.

Councilman John Reed questioned whether the entire amount should be given this budget year.

"I don't know if we should give this much raise all at one time," Reed said. "Maybe we should look at giving 60 percent of it this year and then 40 percent next year. That way it won't be as big an impact on the budget, and the employees will end up getting more."

Reed also said most of the comments he had received since the wage figures were released related to the raises for City Manager John Gayle and other higher-paid city employees.

Gayle is to receive a 9.88 percent increase, or $8,350 per year.

This will up the city manager's annual salary to $77,640.

"Maybe we should take a little from John, some more from someone else and give it to those in lower-paying spots and to our policemen and firemen," Reed suggested.

Councilman Terry Martin said most of the objections he had heard were about those city employees receiving $6,000 to $9,000 raises.

Fire Marshal Cy Posey is slated to receive an $8,465 per year increase, or 22.93 percent, while purchasing agent Patricia Warren is scheduled for a 27.21 percent increase, a raise of $8,336 per year.

"I don't know anyone in the private sector getting these kind of raises," said Martin.

City Secretary and finance officer Jeanne Johnson said the raises are based on a survey of similar-size cities.

"The reason they seem so high is that we have not received raises other than merit raises for some 10 years," said Johnson. "We're just trying to get our salaries up to the average." Johnson will receive a 12.90 percent raise, or $6,915 yearly.

Johnson also presented figures comparing city salaries with those of Scurry County, Snyder Independent School District and Western Texas College.

"We're below them in most spots," said Johnson. "We're not asking for anything more than what the local economy is now paying."

Councilman I.E. Martin asked if the $284,000 would cure the city's problem related to salaries.

"It's just going to catch them up. We need to look at raises every two or three years," Johnson replied.

"We've spent millions elsewhere," said Martin. "We just haven't spent much on help."

As the employee raise issue wound down Monday night, Johnson said the city expected to hear from citizens concerning the proposed raises. "That's why we just set the salaries at average. Nothing more."

The 2001-2002 budget is projected to total $9,324,167 – up from the present $8,830,040. No increases in water, sewer or sanitation rates are planned, except for pass through of water costs from the Colorado Municipal Water District. This is expected to be 25 to 30 cents per 1,000 gallons.

The total budget is increasing 5.6 percent, with capital expenditures increasing 35 percent. The tax rate is expected to remain the same - $04246 per $100 valuation.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Real freedom is not what we are free to do, but rather what we are free not to do."

Our world once was a lot smaller. Going to town was a big deal, and a 30-mile trip was a really big happening that could take all day.

As a result, small communities were self-contained. It had churches, a post office, schools and at least one grocery store.

And each community had its own reporter who kept the weekly county-seat newspaper supplied with comin's and goin's of folks in that particular community.

If the kids from Dallas came back for grandma's birthday, it was written up in the community news column.

We encountered our favorite country correspondent over in Gaines County. Opal Hughes wrote the Fairview News for the Seminole newspaper.

The writing wasn't particularly good, but she had a flare for putting things into perspective. As a result, people started to subscribe to the newspaper who didn't even know the people she was writing about.

Here's a sample:

"Saw Harry Jones at church Sunday. It's been a long time. Just hope he was there for the right reason.

"Aunt Mary was sitting in her usual place on the second pew from the front. She sure does look bad.

"The preacher's sermon was right on target. It was needed, and some of you know who you are.

"The wedding's off. Mary Jane is not gonna marry Billy Joe. It's probably for the best."

And some of the local editors of yesteryears were pretty entertaining. A lot of those country editors had little formal schooling beyond basic reading, writing and arithmetic.

They became country editors because they were printers. They knew how to set type and run a flat-bed press.

A country editor's column normally ran down the left side of the front page. Most were limited to one column, but the late H.M. Baggerly of the Tulia Herald would run his two columns wide and it might jump to two or three inside pages.

H.M. Baggerly was a country editor second. First he was a Democrat of the yellow-dog variety. If it wasn't Democrat, it wasn't worth writing about.

Republicans had to get their ink in nearby Amarillo.

NEW FIRE TRUCK — Fire Marshal Cy Posey explains the workings of the city's new fire truck to Mayor Pro Tem Vernest Tippens during a break in the city council meeting Monday. (SDN Staff Photo)

Tax values increase

By Brian Brisendine
Staff Writer

All six taxing entities in Scurry County saw an increase in tax valuations this year, according to information released Monday by Chief Appraiser Larry Crooks.

The increases, however, were not as great as estimated in May. Following two days of protest hearings in front of the appraisal review board, estimates were actually reduced by $25.8 million. The bulk of the reduction came in the Cogdell field.

Crooks delivered 2001 certified appraisals Monday afternoon to each of the taxing entities.

Increases over year 2000 appraisals range from the City of Snyder's .44 percent increase to Ira school districts 44.06 percent rise.

The sharp rise in values is due to a substantial increase in mineral values, Crooks said. Average oil prices have jumped by more than $10 per barrel over the last year, spurring a 106 percent increase in mineral values.

Total taxable values for Scurry County are up 26.79 percent from $597,131,027 in 2000 to $757,087,717 in 2001. Real estate values in the county are up 2.81 percent this year. They rose to $275,419,591 in 2001 from $267,898,997 in 2000.

Personal property values experienced a .54 percent dip, from $32,592,947 in 2000 to $32,417,036 this year.

Scurry County's mineral values for 2001 are calculated at $284,969,120. That amount is a 96.06 percent increase over the 2000 value of $145,348,513.

Industrial and utility values rose to $169,788,880, a 12.22 percent rise over last year's figures.

Western Texas College saw a 24.13 percent hike in taxable values. Current taxable value for WTC is $809,569,765, as compared to the school's 2000 certified value of $649,887,803.

Just like the county, WTC's mineral values increased by 96.06 percent over last year's figures. Real estate values for the college increased by 2.28 percent, while personal property values decreased by .71 percent and industrial and utility values rose by 12.23 percent.

The City of Snyder's taxable value rose the least, with only a .44 percent increase. This year's value for the city was calculated at $242,321,927 as compared to last year's total of $238,949,474.

Real estate values in the city are up 1.43 percent, with a final figure of $192,351,683 this year. Last year's real estate value was $189,642,830.

Personal property and industrial and utility values rose .18 percent and .21 percent respectively. Despite minimal production inside the city, the municipality saw the most dramatic increase in mineral values of any of the taxing entities, with a rise of 134.9 percent over last year. Snyder's mineral value for 2001 is $990,690.

Taxable values for Snyder ISD show a 28.86 percent rise, moving to $603,373,793 in 2001 from $466,209,924 in 2000.

The Snyder school district saw a 111.9-percent increase in mineral values, more than doubling last year's value of $97,969,973 with a total of $207,594,150 this year. Real estate values rose 2.27 percent and industrial and utility values increased by 12.64 percent.

Personal property values dropped .82 percent for the school district.

Ira ISD's values increased 44.06 percent during the year. The school district's net taxable value for 2001 is $101,281,916 as compared to last year's figure of $69,989,270.

All of the schools tax categories rose over 2000 values. Ira's real estate values increased 8.38 percent, with personal property and industrial and utility values rising 21.33 percent and 10.96 percent respectively. Ira's mineral values increased by 59.56 percent.

Hermleigh ISD's taxable values rose this year, after being the only entity in the county to drop in value last year. The school district is valued at $31,364,506 in 2001. It's 2000 certified value was $28,841,817, 6.77 percent lower than this year's amount.

Certified Taxable Values

Scurry County Appraisal District has released certified tax values for 2001. The following compares the 2001 estimates and certified values to 2000 certified values.

Entity	2000 Cert.	2001 Est.	2001 Cert.
Scurry	$597,131,027	$783,074,071	$757,087,717
WTC	$649,887,803	$835,455,941	$809,569,765
City	$238,949,474	$243,646,034	$242,321,927
SISD	$466,209,924	$626,687,843	$603,373,793
IISD	$69,989,270	$104,526,167	$101,281,916
HISD	$28,841,817	$32,291,581	$31,364,506

On a split vote...

Gas rate increase is delayed

Snyder city council Monday night voted to adopt a resolution suspending a proposed rate increase for TXU Gas that could impact local residents by as much as $4.32 per month.

The action is all part of the process required as the utility company is asking for the increase in 77 communities in its western region.

TXU Gas manager Daryl Thomas told council members that the city had several options in the rate case that was filed with the Texas Railroad Commission at the end of June.

Options include taking the favored nation status that would eliminate any rate case expenses for the community, or suspend the decision for 90 days and then have the rate case expenses pro-rated among the utility's customers.

"If you take the favored nation route, you will benefit from the same rate Abilene or San Angelo negotiates without having to bear the expenses of the rate case," said Thomas.

The council voted 4 to 1, however, to suspend the rate increase and join a group of cities in opposition to the rate increase.

Mike Harrell voted against the suspension, noting in the discussion that he wanted to avoid adding the rate case expenses to customers' bills.

This action came as the council heard from Mike Post, head of the city's utility committee.

"We feel we need to investigate the request further," said Post. "Therefore the committee is recommending suspending the increase for 90 days."

In the one other action item, City Attorney Dana Cooley told the council that hotel-motel funds could not be used to help fund the upkeep at Moffett Field.

A citizen's group has asked the school district, county and city for $5,000 each to continue the upkeep at the baseball field used by the high school.

"The law is very clear as to what the money can be used for, and paying for part of a salary for the upkeep is not allowed," said Cooley.

Cooley said the funds could be used for advertising in promoting the city at the ballpark.

Following this statement, a motion was passed for the city to purchase up to $5,000 in advertising at the field using hotel-motel funds for the benefit of the city. The motion passed unanimously.

ASK US

Q—What ever happened to the lawsuit against Western Texas College?

A—No suit was ever actually filed, but both parties agreed on a confidential settlement.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Monday, 102 degrees; low, 74; 7 a.m. Tuesday, 75; no precipitation; total for 2001, 9.44 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy, low upper 70s, SE wind 5-10 mph. Wednesday, partly cloudy, high around 101, SE wind 5-15 mph. Wednesday night, partly cloudy, slight rain chance.

Kimberly Nolan
Partly Cloudy

Sunset: 8:45 p.m.
Sunrise: 6:57 a.m.
Of 204 days in 2001, the sun has shone 192 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Perpetual hunger is the key to a full mind. When you stop learning, you stop.
—Hal Stebbins

Blood drive is continuing

United Blood Services and the Scurry County Blood Drive Advisory Committee will continue this month's blood drive on Wednesday from noon until 5 p.m. at Cogdell Hospital.

First Baptist Church's Family Life Center is the site of today's drive and it will continue until 7 p.m.

All blood donors will receive a free T-shirt and a mini-physical.

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Fed rule saves pipeline operations billions

AUSTIN (AP) — Pipeline operators will save billions of dollars under a rule negotiated with federal regulators that excludes hundreds of environmentally sensitive and historical sites from pollution protection.

The Office of Pipeline Safety and the petroleum industry agreed on the regulation last year.

The Austin American-Statesman reported today in a series on pipelines that the agreement centers on the legal definition of the term "unusually sensitive areas," a term not used in traditional environmental regulations enforced by other federal agencies.

Critics say pipeline operators fought to get a narrow definition of the term so that they could save money by protecting fewer areas.

OPS said it expanded its definition of unusually sensitive areas to cover nine more areas than originally proposed.

The American-Statesman said the new rules do not protect sites such as the John Heinz National Wildlife Refuge in Philadelphia, which was polluted last year by a spill of more than 170,000 gallons of crude oil from a ruptured Sun Pipe Line Co. pipeline; South Florida's Big Cypress wetlands and Indian mounds and other archaeological and historical sites, such as the USS Arizona Memorial at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

The petroleum industry spent five years lobbying lawmakers and the OPS, part of the Department of Transportation, to support the narrow definition.

The Environmental Protection Agency recommended 18 sweeping changes in the proposed "unusually sensitive areas" rule and the OPS accepted only one.

The rule forces pipeline operators to apply pollution prevention measures in the unusually sensitive areas, highly populated areas and commercially navigable waterways.

"I don't think everybody got everything they wanted in that process," said Randy Stansberry, who as environmental health and safety officer at Plantation Pipe Line Co. in Atlanta led the effort to get OPS approval of the industry's definition.

The Pipeline Safety Act of 1992 beefed up existing protective statutes and required operators to consider the environmental impact and safety of pipelines. OPS was given until 1994 to come up with a definition for environmentally sensitive areas.

Industry leaders were worried about the cost of a definition that covered more areas. The American Petroleum Institute hired a Cambridge, Mass. consultant firm to figure out the cost.

Operators must test pipelines and install expensive technologies to limit and prevent spills.

The Arthur D. Little Corp. study concluded that installing automatic cutoff valves, pressure-testing lines and requiring internal examinations with devices called "smart pigs" in environmentally sensitive areas could cost the industry as much as $4 billion.

Under broader, traditional environmental definitions, as much as 80 percent of the pipeline mileage in the country could qualify for protection, the consultants found.

The industry began to push hard for a narrow definition.

By December 2000, OPS had agreed to an industry plan that ruled out many areas that would have qualified for protection.

For example, wildlife refuges, historical and archaeological sites and even national parks were ruled out unless they qualified under the endangered species, waterbird or drinking-water protections.

Instead of protecting 80 percent of pipeline miles, the new regulation protects about 25 percent, a change that could save pipeline owners up to $3 billion.

Critics said the agreement demonstrated how the powerful petroleum industry manipulated tiny OPS.

"The pipeline industry has this sense of entitlement about OPS," said Lois Epstein, an engineer who until recently concentrated on pipeline pollution issues for Environmental Defense, a national organization.

"It goes to the fact that some people at OPS call the industry our clients, and the industry looks at OPS and says, We pay their salaries, " she added.

Almost all of OPS' $23 million annual budget comes from user fees levied against pipeline companies.

The narrow definition was criticized by the EPA, the Interior Department and several state and local governments.

It wasn't just the pipeline agency that helped the industry win the looser restrictions. It had a little help from lawmakers such as Sens. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, Trent Lott, R-Miss., and John Breaux, D-La, recipients of thousands of dollars in campaign contributions from petroleum interests since 1996, the newspaper reported.

They pushed a 1992 law through the Senate that restricted the agency's ability to write more rules and set up obstacles for approving rules.

events

TEXAS LOTTERY

RESULTS

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery:
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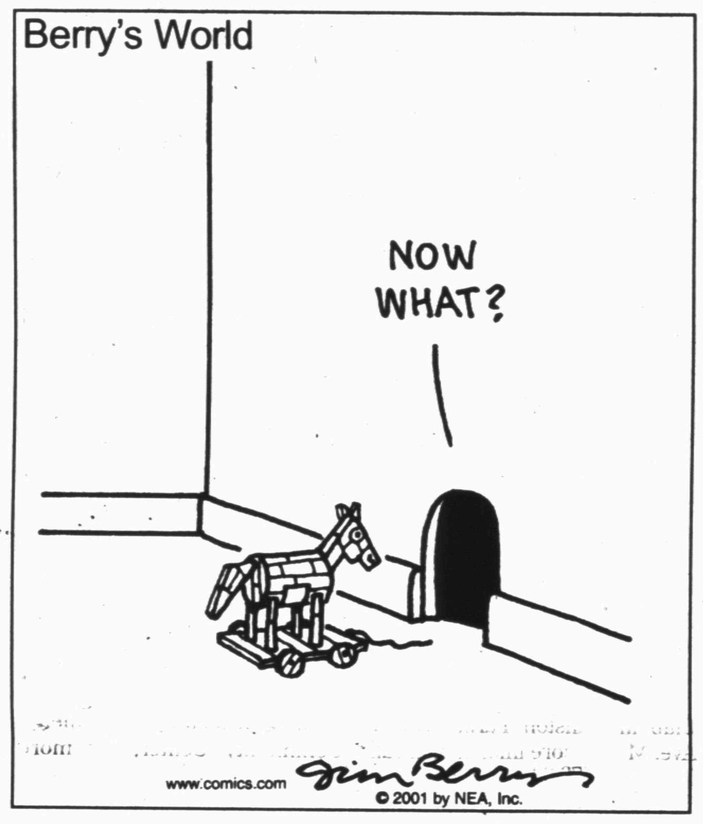
Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
3-4-5

Berry's World



Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Wednesday, July 25, 2001

In the year ahead, you should be able to bring divergent factions together for profitable purposes. By using your smarts, you can gain from most anything to which you put your hand.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — If you have faith in your ideas, others will as well. It's time to put them to the test, and today is just the day to do so. Don't be dubious, be deliberate. Leo, treat yourself to a birthday gift.

Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — When working with people who have historically steered you towards profits in the past, your financial prospects look encouraging once again today. Stick to the tried and true.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Tackle issues head on today if you hope to be productive and effective. Watch for the right moments to dive in and hammer home your points.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — The fulfillment of your hopes today could come about in ways that may appear mysterious, but, in reality, they merely stem from occurrences not as visible to others as they are to you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Your friends will be readily available to help you advance a personal interest today. Don't be reluctant to let them know what your needs are; they'll gladly assist.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — If you dedicate yourself to do so, an important objective you're eager to achieve can be accomplished today. Putting it off further will diminish your chances.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Don't waste your time on intermediaries today when something important needs to be discussed. Go straight to the head honcho where talking things out will mean something.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — The best way to get a handle on your commercial involvement today is to be firm in what you expect. However, this needs to be coupled with fairness and patience.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — You can do a lot on your own, but if you get the chance to team up with someone, go for it. Your greatest advantages come from partnership arrangements today. Unify for strength.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — The seeds for something you've sown recently should begin sprouting today. Get out in the field and make this both a productive and profitable day for you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Those natural leadership skills you possess will be bursting to get out today. Take the call; get a hold of some friends or associates and get something rolling.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Be supportive of your loved ones today, not dictatorial. If you and your family work together, things in general should work out in a manner pleasing to all.

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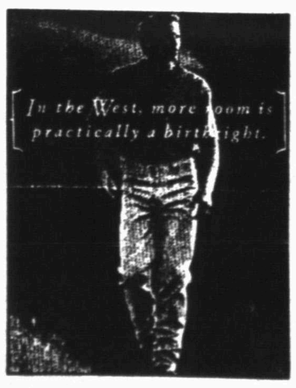

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CLASS OF '61 REUNION — Those attending the Snyder High School class of 1961 reunion were from left, front row, Lynn Brooks, Carolyn Furnace, Joyce Elam, David Wiman, Jackie Dean Byrd, Ginny Griffith, Linda Gayle McFarland, Kathie Patterson. On the second row are Keitha Warren, Pat Murphy, Carolyn Macon, Margaret Talbot, Gradine Roemisch, Nelda Huddleston, Margaret Cannon, Judy Alexander, Sandra Boiles, Nonnie Ward, Larry Patterson. Third row class members are Bob (Mokey) Hale, Roger McMennamy, Iris Brooks, Dorothy Kea, Jean Hayes, Donna Cook, Jolene Wasson, Becky Albritton. On the fourth row are Bennie Greenfield, Tom Minton, Robert Patterson, Sally Martin, Kathleen Kaun, Lynda Tolleson, Welda McHaney, Leatha Brice, Judie Reed, Patsy Dubose, Gilbert Merritt. On the back row are Bobby Brown, Gene Kea, Kent Holmes, Bill Patterson, Mike Reed and Larry Smith. Not pictured are John and Paula Carroll, Truman Martin, Franklin Moore, Ronnie Overby and Weldon Ware. (Mr. Geez Photography)

1961 SHS class reunion was held recently at Dermott School

Snyder High School Class of 1961 held its reunion July 7 with registration and visitation at the Dermott School on the coliseum grounds at 10 a.m. Forty-two classmates and 16 guests registered.

Some members and guests played golf at Western Texas College following registration and a Dutch treat luncheon was held at the Sweet Shop.

The class meeting and dinner was held at the Snyder Country Club with Larry Smith presiding. A memorial was held for 15 classmates who have died to include Dick Clemmer, Rudy Crabtree, Perry Culwell, John Curry, Eula Mae Herrington, Ramona Hewitt Cole, Judy Lockhart Hance, Sharon McCright, Troy Morris, Johnny Proctor, Kay Pylant, Jimmy Don Robinson, Marcia Faye Stone, John Amon Weaver and Skeet Whatley.

Bill Patterson from Calgary, Alberta, Canada was recognized for traveling the farthest and Bobby Brown for having the most children.

Others included Sandra Williams Boiles for having the most grandchildren; Patsy Bills Dubose for married the longest; Bill Patterson for the male who changed the most; Jackie Dean Byrd, female who changed the most; Gilbert Merritt, thinnest hair on top; Jolene Sheid Wasson, female with grayest hair; Kent Holmes, male with grayest hair; Margaret Miller Talbot, Ms. Beautiful; and Weldon Ware, Mr. Handsome.

The class flower was the white rose; colors were orchid and white; motto was "We live today so our dreams might live tomorrow," and the class song was "Climb Every Mountain."

Class officers were Charles Merritt, president; Charles Gladson, vice president; Leatha Brice, secretary-treasurer; Reg Scarborough, reporter; and Jimmy McFarland, parliamentarian.

The principal was J.M. (Mule) Kayser and the superintendent was T.E. McCollum. Class sponsors were Mrs. Rita Carter, Jack Freeman, Miss Virginia Grove, Miss Shearburn and J.P. Ward.

Attending were Becky (Perkins) and Carroll Albritton of College Station, Judy (Wallace) and Troy Boiles of Lufkin, Lynn and Iris (Turner) Brooks of Ponca City, Okla., Bobby and Anne Brown of Odessa, Jackie (Dean) and Toby Byrd of Bowie, MD, Margaret (Cannon) Parker of San Angelo, John and Paula (Keaton) Carroll of San Angelo, Donna (Lenior) and Mark Cook of Fort Worth, Patsy (Bills) Dubose of Odessa, Carolyn (Engler) Furnace of Copperas Cove, Bennie and Jessica Greenfield of McAllen, Bob (Mokey) and Nancy Hale of Burleson,

Others were Nelda (Matthews) Huddleston of San Angelo, Kathleen (Mott) Kaun of Houston, Gene and Dorothy (Payne) Kea of Eastland, Linda Gayle (Miller) and Mac McFarland of Granbury, Welda (Bills) and Eddie McHaney of Hermleigh, Roger and Marilyn McMennamy of Rogers, Ark.

Also, Carolyn (Loyd) and Alton Macon of Flint, Truman and Bitsy Marton of Kerrville, Tom and Bafbara Minton of Sweetwater, Franklin Moore of Graham, Pat Murphy of Dallas, Ronnie Overby of Lubbock, Bill and Charlotte Patterson of Calgary, Canada, Larry and Kathie (Crooks) Patterson of San Marcos, Gradine (Sellars) and Jackie Don Roemisch of Hermleigh, Mike and Judie (Rogers) Reed of Lubbock, Larry Smith of Abilene, Margaret (Miller) Talbot of Abilene, Lynda (Mize) and Bill Tolleson of Dallas, Keigha (Walton) Warren of Argyle, Weldon Ware of Kingwood, Jolene (Sheid) and Jack Wasson of Arlington and David Wiman of Vernon.

Those from Snyder included Leatha Brice and Beal Turney, Shirley (Dyess) Bullard, Joyce (Guy) Elam, Ginny (Sims) and Dave Griffith, Jean (Fisher) and Doyle Hayes,

Kent and Ollie Holmes, Sally (Jones) and Jeff Martin, Gilbert Merritt, Robert and Marie Patterson and Nonnie (Rodgers) and John Ward.

The next class reunion will be held in mid July, 2006.

Partial list of films made in Texas

By The Associated Press

Some of the films made in Texas since 1910, according to the Texas Film Commission:

"Giant," made in Marfa, 1955.
"Hud," Claude, 1963.
"Bonnie and Clyde," Dallas, 1967.
"The Andromeda Strain," Shafter, 1970.
"The Last Picture Show," Archer City, 1971.
"The Getaway," Huntsville, San Marcos, San Antonio and El Paso, 1972.
"The Texas Chainsaw Massacre," Round Rock and Austin, 1973.
"Sugarland Express," San Antonio and Del Rio, 1973.
"Semi-Tough," Dallas, 1977.
"The Swarm," Houston, 1977.
"The Bermuda Triangle," 1978, Galveston, Harlingen and Brownsville, 1978.
"Urban Cowboy," Houston and Pasadena, 1979.
"The Border," El Paso, 1980.
"The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas," Austin and Hallettsville, 1981.
"Silkwood," Dallas, 1982.
"Places in the Heart," Waxahachie and Dallas, 1983.
"Terms of Endearment," Houston, 1983.
"RoboCop," Dallas, 1986.
"RoboCop 2," Houston, 1989.
"Blue Sky," El Paso, Van Horn and Salt Flat, 1990.
"JFK," Dallas, 1991.
"Rush," Houston, 1991.
"What's Eating Gilbert Grape," Austin, 1992.
"Jason's Lyric," Houston, 1993.
"Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls," Hondo and Kerrville, 1995.
"Courage Under Fire," Austin, San Marcos and El Paso, 1995.
"Selena," San Antonio and Corpus Christi, 1996.
"Hope Floats," Smithville and Austin, 1997.

Community Calendar

TUESDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY

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

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

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

THURSDAY

LLL Club; fellowship hall of First Baptist Church; 9:30 p.m.

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

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

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

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

Scurry Charter Chapter ABWA; MAWC; 7 p.m.

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

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

FRIDAY

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

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.

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

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

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

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

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 07-24-01
♠ Q 4
♥ K Q J 10 5 3
♦ Q 3
♣ K Q J

West
♠ J 10 9 7 3
♥ —
♦ 9 7 5 4
♣ 8 7 5 2

East
♠ K 8 6 5
♥ 8
♦ K J 10 8 2
♣ 10 9 6

South
♠ A 2
♥ A 9 7 6 4 2
♦ A 6
♣ A 4 3

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: East-West

South	West	North	East
1 ♥	Pass	3 NT	Pass
4 NT	Pass	5 ♣	Pass
5 NT	Pass	6 ♥	All pass

Opening lead: ♠ J

Wednesday, July 25, 2001

The best concert performer

By Phillip Alder

Who is the best singer-songwriter in modern country music? My answer is Mary Chapin Carpenter. I saw her in concert on 08-01-97, 08-01-98 and 07-04-99. The performances were wonderful, especially considering that Mary Chapin used to have stage fright. And each was different. Mary Chapin's lyrics are so imaginative. The one closest to bridge is a song called "House of Cards."

In this deal, South thought he had a sound foundation for his contract, but a surprise move by East caused a strong puff of wind through the room, and the house of cards collapsed. How did declarer fold in four hearts?

After a standard Stayman sequence, West led the club king. Correctly, East overtook with the ace and returned his remaining club. After winning with the queen, West continued with the club 10, declarer ruffing with dummy's heart seven.

If East had overruffed with the jack, declarer would have taken the heart finesse and got home. (Playing West for a singleton king would be way against the odds.) Better is for East to discard. Then, declarer might play a heart to his ace, placing West with the king and jack. Best, though, was when East overruffed with the king. East exited with a spade. Assuming that West had the heart jack, declarer's next move was to cash the heart ace, and now he had to lose a second trump trick: one down.

Mary Chapin's new album is called "time*sex*love," the themes of the songs. And John Jennings, one of her band, said, "Time is the great gift; sex is the great equalizer; love is the great mystery."

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Cocoa, the poodle, is registered voter

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Cocoa Fernandez is registered to vote. Problem is, Cocoa is a poodle.

Palm Beach County Election Supervisor Theresa LePore contends criminal activity got the pooch on Palm Beach County's voter rolls July 11.

LePore said she asked the state attorney to investigate whether Cocoa's owner, Wendy Albert, or someone else fraudulently filled out an election card to embarrass LePore's office.

A felony fraud charge would carry a maximum five-year prison term and a $5,000 fine.

LePore said Albert's address appears on Cocoa's election card. But Albert, a 62-year-old retiree living in Lake Worth, denies wrongdoing.

"It's kind of scary with all the problems we've had in Palm Beach County," said Albert. "Even a dog can vote."

LePore says voters are asked for picture identification at polling places before casting ballots. Absentee ballots, however, can be cast without any verification of identity.

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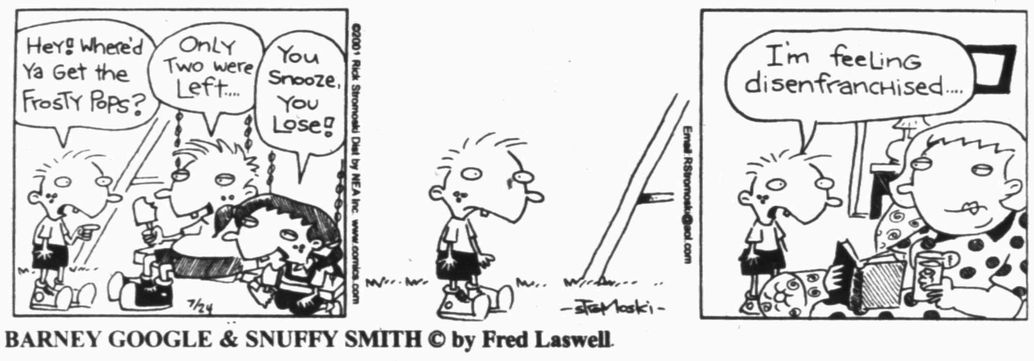

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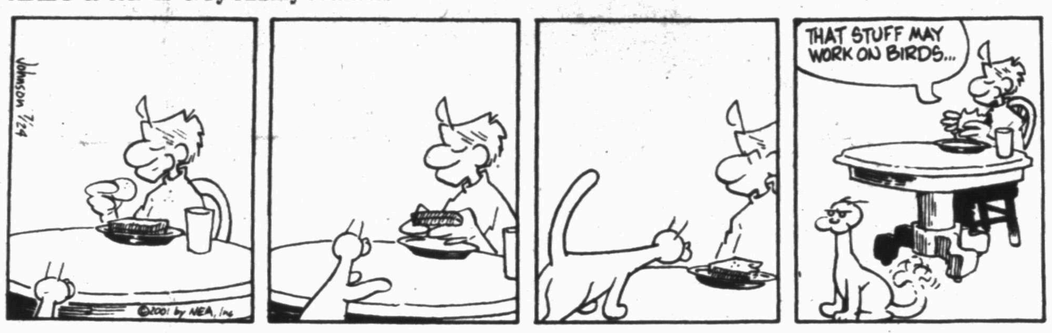

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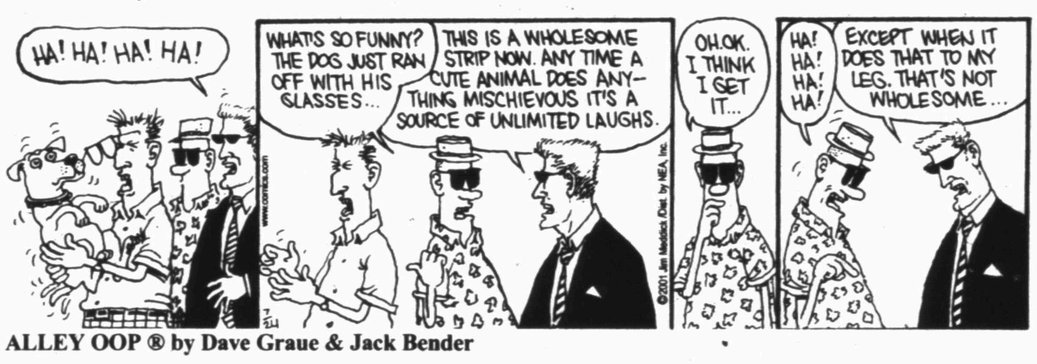

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ACROSS

1 One who cures
7 Of an arm bone
12 Parris Island recruit
13 Wife
14 Vent, e.g.
15 Lifted
16 Singer Sumac
17 Med. specialist
18 Electrical unit
21 Relinquish
23 "I get it!"
26 Debtors' letters
28 Bathe
29 Pt. of an hour
30 Behind
31 Make amends for
33 Tabriz denizen
36 She was "Born Free"
37 Superlative suffix
38 Yule
40 Fruit skin
41 Female ruff
42 Architecture style
44 Mao — -tung
45 Massachusetts cape
46 Companion of aah
48 Sun ring
51 Dirty spot
55 Trumpeted
56 Stranger
57 Oozes (out)
58 Unite securely

DOWN

1 Type of med. insurance
2 Water for Henri
3 Museum fill
4 Easter flower
5 Foe
6 Not wholesale
7 Overturned
8 Artist's studio
9 Almond, e.g.
10 Peer Gynt's mother
11 Rudolph's nose color
13 Postpone indefinitely
18 Greasier
19 Throaty
20 Change genetically
22 Got, as salary
23 Egg dish
24 Shows disapproval
25 At a reduced price (2 wds.)
27 D.C. hotshot
32 Agt.
34 Chants
35 Wild sheep
39 Releases
43 Ladies' man
45 Pt. of RCA
47 Toes
48 Dan Rather's network
49 Bullfight cheer
50 Actress Charlotte —
52 Performed
53 "Golly!"
54 Sin

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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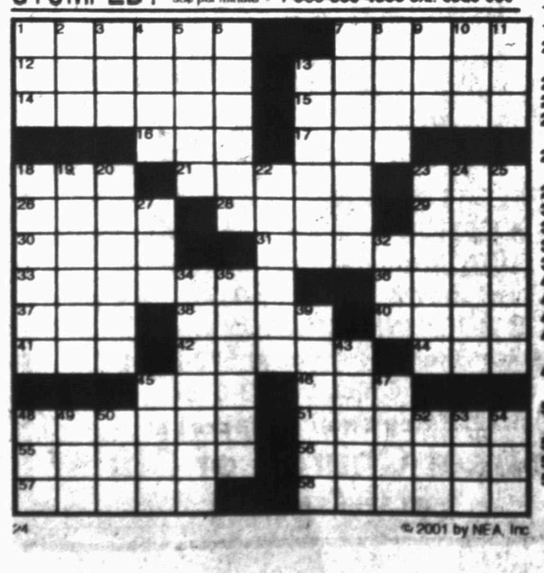

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Snyder Daily News Comics

DENNIS THE MENACE ® by Hank Ketcham

"I GUESS I DON'T HAVE A TEN-GALLON HEAD."

SPORTS

Hester, Fagin topple field at SCC tourney

Juanita Hester and Martha Fagin teamed up over the weekend to win the Ladies' Partnership at Snyder Country Club.

Hester and Fagin posted a combined gross and net total of 291 to hold off Carolyn Greene and Barb Leatherwood by nine strokes.

Kaye Cypert and Esther Guelker tallied a 307 to take third place.

Anita Talbott earned top individual honors with a two-day gross of 167. Hester and Greene posted tied for low-gross honors at 141.

Talbott and Greene also won the closest-to-the-hole contests.

LINKS LEADERS — Members of the winning teams at the Snyder Country Club Ladies' Partnership were, front from left, Carolyn Greene, Martha Fagin and Esther Guelker. On the back row are Barb Leatherwood, Juanita Hester and Kaye Cypert. (Contributed Photo)

Wood uses Ryan's advice to top Astros

HOUSTON (AP) — Struggling power pitcher Kerry Wood was throwing on his off day when he received a visit from Hall of Famer Nolan Ryan.

"He was down there the other day when I was pitching on the side," Wood said of his visit from Ryan on Saturday. "I picked his brain and what better guy could you have help you."

On Monday, Wood won for just the second time since June 17 as the Chicago Cubs beat the Houston Astros 6-2.

He didn't dominate as he did May 6, 1998, when he tied the major league record for strikeouts in nine innings with 20 against the Astros. But he was pleased with the result and with his visit with Ryan.

"We talked about pitching and what he thought I could improve on," Wood said. "I cured some of it tonight. A lot of it was mental."

With Ryan in the crowd, Wood (9-6) won for the first time in four starts since July 3, allowing two runs and 10 hits in 5 2-3 innings. He struck out five.

"I thought I had good stuff," Wood said. "I had good velocity and my cutter was working. I stuck with it. This is only the second or third time I've given up 10 hits in my career.

"I'm not thrilled with the way I pitched, but it's something to build on."

Corey Patterson and Miguel Cairo hit rare home runs as Chicago earned a split of the four-game series to maintain the 31/2-game lead they brought with them to Houston on Friday.

It was only the second homer of the season for Patterson and Cairo.

"When you've got guys on the team, you've got to play them, you can't let them sit around, you've got to use them," Cubs manager Don Baylor said.

"He (Patterson) hit a big home run and with the more exposure he gets, maybe he'll hit some more for us. Cairo faced Oswalt in the minors and he knew what to expect."

Banks confident about replacing Aikman

WICHITA FALLS (AP) — The new starting quarterback for the Dallas Cowboys wears No. 3 and has diamond studs in both ears. He's lost 11 more games than he's won and he's never completed a pass in a playoff game.

Tony Banks is no Troy Aikman. The Dallas Cowboys aren't expecting him to be.

"We asked Troy on a number of occasions to win the football game for us. We're not asking our quarterbacks to do that now," coach Dave Campo said. "They're going to manage games, do what they do best and get the ball to the guys that have a chance to win games for us."

Banks is the first player other than Aikman to go into training camp as Dallas' starting quarterback since Steve Pelleur in 1988.

But making fans forget Aikman isn't even on Banks' radar. At 28, going into his sixth season and third team, his biggest concern is to finally establish himself as an NFL quarterback.

"I think I've got one year left, maybe, with the potential label," Banks said, smiling. "I'm almost past my limit."

Banks was a second-round pick by St. Louis in 1996 and became the starter right away. He lasted two more years, but wasn't consistent enough, so he was traded to Baltimore.

While the Rams were on their way to winning the Super Bowl, Banks got off to a good start with the Ravens, going 6-4 and throwing a career-best 17 touchdown passes. He remained the starter going into last season, but lost the job to Trent Dilfer in October.

Dilfer remained in charge all the way to a Super Bowl title. Banks threw only five more passes all season.

This offseason, the Cowboys were the only team offering Banks a chance to step in as a starter, so he accepted an offer of $500,000 for one year, with no signing bonus — and the onus of replacing Aikman.

"I know there's a lot of tradition and legend there with Troy, but I'd rather come in after a guy like Troy and expectations are high than come in after a guy who didn't do anything and have no expectations," Banks said.

The 6-foot-4, 230-pound Banks is more mobile than Aikman and has the arm strength to zing the ball downfield and let speedy receivers Joey Galloway and Raghib Ismail run under it.

Banks isn't as accurate on the short and medium-range timing passes that were Aikman's specialty. He's also been fumble-prone and has thrown nearly as many interceptions (58) as touchdowns (61).

"The offenses I've been in before have had a lot more freedom to audible," he said. "Basically this is call-the-play-and-run-it. That makes it a little easier."

The Cowboys aren't looking to Banks as their long-term answer at quarterback, especially not with owner Jerry Jones already putting that tag on top draft pick Quincy Carter. Dallas also likes Anthony Wright, who broke into the NFL in the final four games of last season.

But there's no question Banks is the starter. How he handles this third chance will determine where he's playing next year and for how much.

"A one-year deal doesn't mean I'm retiring after this season. I've got to sign another deal some time," he said. "I don't know what the money situation here is, and it's not really under my control or any of my business.

"All my efforts are to try to play as well as I can this year, get us some wins, and then let the chips fall where they may."

Sports Briefs

SCC golf tournaments

The Snyder Country Club Junior Club Championship will be held at 8 a.m. Friday. Entry fee is $10.

The SCC parent-child tourney is scheduled for 8 a.m. Saturday. Cost is $20 per team. Call the SCC pro shop at 573-7101 to register.

High school football

All Snyder High School football players will receive their equipment at 7 a.m. Aug. 6 at the SHS field house.

Kiwanis golf tournament

Snyder Kiwanis Club will host the annual Hubert and Mary Cargile Memorial Scholarship Tournament Aug. 4 at Western Texas College.

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

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

Tennis meeting

Snyder High School tennis players will meet with Coach Ted Phillips at 6 p.m. Aug. 2 at the field house film room to plan the upcoming season.

Western Texas MGA

The Men's Golf Association of Western Texas College holds a weekly event at 6 p.m. each Tuesday. Players need to register in the pro shop by 5:30.

Tuesday scramble and all-day MGA

The Men's Golf Association of Snyder Country Club holds its weekly scramble at 5:30 p.m. each Tuesday.

Also, an all-day MGA event is held each Thursday.

Junior high football

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

Major League Baseball

National League
All Times EDT

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	56	43	.566	—
Philadelphia	54	45	.545	2
Florida	51	48	.515	5
New York	45	55	.450	11½
Montreal	44	56	.440	12½
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	57	41	.582	—
Houston	54	44	.551	3
St. Louis	49	48	.505	7½
Milwaukee	43	55	.439	14
Pittsburgh	38	59	.392	18½
Cincinnati	37	62	.374	20½
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	57	42	.576	—
Los Angeles	57	43	.570	½
San Francisco	52	48	.520	5½
San Diego	49	51	.490	8½
Colorado	42	57	.424	15

Monday's Games
Montreal 3, Philadelphia 0
Cincinnati 5, Atlanta 4
Chicago Cubs 6, Houston 2
Los Angeles 3, Milwaukee 1
Colorado 8, San Francisco 2
San Diego 4, Arizona 2
N.Y. Mets at Florida, ppd., rain

Tuesday's Games
N.Y. Mets (Appier 5-9) at Florida (Smith 5-5), 7:05 p.m.
Montreal (Armas Jr. 8-8) at Philadelphia (Figueroa 1-2), 7:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Brower 4-7) at Atlanta (Burkett 7-7), 7:35 p.m.
Los Angeles (Springer 0-0) at Milwaukee (Wright 8-5), 8:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Ritchie 6-9) at Chicago Cubs (Tavarez 6-6), 8:05 p.m.
Houston (Miller 11-5) at St. Louis (Morris 12-5), 8:10 p.m.
San Francisco (Estes 7-4) at Colorado (Chacon 5-5), 9:05 p.m.
San Diego (Jarvis 7-7) at Arizona (Johnson 12-5), 10:05 p.m.

American League
All Times EDT

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	58	41	.586	—
Boston	56	42	.571	1½
Toronto	47	53	.470	11½
Baltimore	42	56	.429	15½
Tampa Bay	32	67	.323	26
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	57	40	.588	—
Minnesota	58	41	.586	—
Chicago	48	49	.495	9
Detroit	43	53	.448	13½
Kansas City	38	61	.384	20
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	72	27	.727	—
Oakland	53	46	.535	19
Anaheim	50	49	.505	22
Texas	40	57	.412	31

Monday's Games
Anaheim 9, Baltimore 4
Seattle 3, Minnesota 2
N.Y. Yankees 7, Toronto 2
Cleveland 2, Chicago White Sox 0
Oakland 7, Kansas City 2

Tuesday's Games
Toronto (Hamilton 5-6) at Boston (Cone 5-1), 7:05 p.m.
Detroit (Sparks 7-4) at N.Y. Yankees (Pettitte 9-6), 7:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Lowe 5-2) at Cleveland (Burba 9-6), 7:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Ponson 5-6) at Texas (Helling 7-8), 8:35 p.m.
Minnesota (Milton 9-3) at Oakland (Zito 6-7), 10:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Kennedy 3-4) at Anaheim (Washburn 8-4), 10:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Wilson 4-1) at Seattle (Garcia 11-2), 10:05 p.m.

Sports Whirl

By SDN Sports Editor Eric Drennan

Evidently, Murphy's Law applies on the golf course.

While getting in nine holes recently at Western Texas College, nothing seemed out of the ordinary at first. I was my usual inept self around the greens, so everything appeared normal.

Then on the par-5 7th hole it happened. A player in our group got a birdie, literally.

The gentleman hit a screaming line-drive that elevated only a few inches off the ground. The ball was headed left when all of the sudden there was a thud, followed by feathers floating to the ground.

Apparently, the bird never saw it coming. It must have been unaware that it was our group in the fairway.

To top it all off, Game Warden Mel Reed was playing in the group ahead of us.

Luckily, we had made only one other birdie that day, so we weren't over the limit.

And now for a little reminiscing…

Whatever happened to baseball pants that stopped at the knees, bullpen cars that looked like giant caps, Monday Night Baseball, and uniforms in which the Royals and Braves were powder blue, the Padres were brown and yellow, and the Astros looked like they were sponsored by Wienerschnitzel?

There once was a time when stadiums were named after the county instead of an airline (i.e. Atlanta Fulton County Stadium), the Orange Bowl was played in the Orange Bowl, and the national championship game was on New Year's Day.

I miss Shell's Wonderful World of Golf, barefoot kickers, golden gloves boxing on TV, and breaks during football games for "You make the call."

How come these days you never see indoor soccer, the Harlem Globetrotters, Battle of the Superstars, or that guy with the rainbow wig and a sign that reads "John 3:16"?

Today's youth never get the chance to play Strat-O-Matic baseball, electric football with vibrating players, and that basketball game where you flip the levers on the side of the box to shoot.

Those were the glory days.

Here are a few dates to keep in mind.

Football and volleyball workouts start Aug. 6, with "Meet the Tigers" scheduled for Aug. 11 at Tiger Stadium.

The Lady Tigers' first volleyball match is Aug. 14 at Bronte, while their home opener is Aug. 28 against Midland High and Seminole.

The Tigers' Watermelon Bowl is set for Aug. 17, and the season opener is Aug. 31 at Monahans.

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Snyder, TX
79550

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Owner

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All vehicles to be sold as is. Can be seen at:
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Cooks & Wait-staff needed. Must be reliable, willing to work. PT/FT Apply in person @ Red Barn, Hwy 84. *No phone calls*

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MD Laundry
See Margaret or Lance

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Purple Sage Motel needs reliable clerk nights/weekends shift. Uniforms provided, insurance available. Computer experience helpful. Apply in person.

Snyder Oaks Care Center is now hiring LVNs and CNAs on all shifts. Call Ladell or Trisha 573-9377 or apply in person 210 E. 37th.

WAIT-STAFF NEEDED
Experience preferred. Apply in person, White Buffalo Cafe, 3703 College. *No phone calls*

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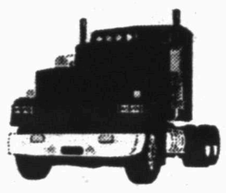

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Brick 3-2-1, Lease/12-mo. CH/A, fenced. Good location. 2101 43rd $475/mo., $200/dep. 573-7960/721-3418

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For rent, 1 bedroom apartment. Also has livestock pens available. Call 573-4789, 573-8533 or 721-9788.

Large furnished apartment. Bills paid, carpet, shower. Close in. $375/mo. + deposit. 573-0990 or 573-5525

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1801 39th, 2 bedroom with $275/mo., $100/dep. Call **573-0900.**

1808 37th, 3-1, CH/A $400/mo.
3714 Noble 2-1, CH/A $350/mo.
Call 573-9066

1 bedroom, 1 bath. 2505 27th $200/mo., $100/dep. 725-2764 or 573-2720

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Charming farm house, 3 bedroom, 1 bath, utility room, washer/dryer furnished, satellite dish. We pay utilities. $550/mo., $250/dep. 1-year lease required. Call **338-0026** for more info.

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HOUSES FOR RENT
*3709 Highland 3-2.....$425
*3789 Highland 3-2.....$425
Sarah Jamison 573-4028
Elizabeth Potts Realtors 573-8505

Nice brick 3-2-1½-FP-office, covered patio. $450/mo., $200/dep. Available Aug. 1st. 4102 Eastridge Dr. 573-0032, 915-336-0171

Sunroom, 2 bedroom duplex, garage, appliances, CH/A. Call 573-1012.

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Owner Finance
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For Sale or Lease
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Really Nice Starter 302 36th Pl 3-1 $32.5T
Nice & Roomy 3-2-2 + 2 LAs $92.5T
ATTRACTIVE! 4-2-2 2211 27th $42T
C. City 4.45 A's Lovely Hm 3-2-2 $60T
CRP Acreage w/3-1¾+2 + Office + Great Shop
Doris Spikes.....573-6602

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Patterson's earnings up

Patterson-UTI Energy Inc., headquartered in Snyder, today announced the first financial results following the completion of the merger of Patterson Energy and UTI Energy Corp.

Patterson-UTI, the second-largest operator of land-based oil and gas drilling rigs in North America, revealed that consolidated net income for the second quarter ended June 30 totaled $56.6 million, or $0.71 per share, an increase of 55 percent over $36.6 million, or $0.46 per share for the first quarter ended March 31.

Earnings were up 1,130 percent over net income of $4.6 million, or $0.06 per share, for the three months ended June 30, 2000.

Revenue for the quarter was $287.6 million, compared to $238.6 million for the prior quarter, and $123.3 million for the three months ended June 30, 2000.

Cash flow for the quarter ended June 30, 2001 was $111.8 million, up 42 percent from cash flow of $78.5 million for the prior quarter.

Consolidated net income for the six months ended June 30, 2001 was $93.2 million, or $1.18 per share, compared to $5.7 million, or $0.08 per share for the six months ended June 30, 2000.

The merger was treated as a pooling-of-interests for accounting purposes. Historical results given were restated to reflect the combined results of the firm.

Markets

Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP) -

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	36.29	35.97	36.19	+ .01
AOL TimeWrn	43.69	42.50	43.65	+ .65
AT&T Corp s	19.89	19.08	19.88	—.17
Albertsons	32.43	31.94	32.43	+ .23
Alltel	62.30	61.03	61.33	—1.05
AmEl Pw	43.40	42.10	42.20	—1.21
AndarkPtr	53.25	52.25	53.10	+ .12
ATMOS Egy	20.60	20.16	20.21	—.37
Aviall	10.78	10.60	10.78	+ .03
BP PLC	47.65	47.23	47.26	—1.14
BakerHughes	33.49	32.50	33.10	—.58
Bank of Amer	62.87	62.30	62.66	+ .31
BellSouth	40.80	40.04	40.79	+ .39
Beth Steel	2.25	2.20	2.20	—.01
BurlNoSFe	29.43	27.62	27.70	—1.88
Caterpillar	54.20	53.65	54.11	+ .21
Chevron	87.29	86.40	86.84	—.80
Citigroup s	50.44	49.35	49.63	—.59
CocaCola	44.55	44.31	44.50	+ .02
ColgatePal	54.50	53.72	54.05	—.42
ComclMetals	31.85	31.61	31.81	+ .16
CooperIn	39.77	39.45	39.57	—.01
DaimlrChry	49.79	49.30	49.76	+ .52
DeltaAirl	45.87	45.51	45.74	+ .08
Dillards Inc	14.80	14.52	14.77	+ .11
DowChem	34.90	34.22	34.57	—.09
DuPont	44.33	43.52	43.73	—.50
EastmanChem	44.90	44.11	44.38	—.38
EstKodak	44.55	44.10	44.44	—.16
EDS Corp	64.75	63.75	64.10	—.74
Entergy	36.23	35.15	35.36	—.54
ExxonMobil s	42.48	41.15	41.43	—1.07
FstBksAm	26.90	26.85	26.90	+ .05
GenDynam	80.85	80.60	80.65	—.96
GenElec	45.55	44.85	45.00	—.30
GenMills	44.61	44.15	44.60	+ .37
GenMotors	63.49	62.89	63.15	—.10
GaPacGP	35.95	34.88	35.20	—.05
GlobalMar	18.15	17.57	17.68	—.33
Goodrich	37.15	36.56	36.60	—.63
Goodyear s	29.98	29.25	29.35	—.49
GtAtlPac	15.15	14.75	14.91	+ .26
Halliburtn	33.90	32.70	33.18	—.46
Hanson ADS	36.30	36.19	36.19	—.11
HarteHanks	23.36	23.20	23.21	—.36
HomeDepot	48.40	47.25	47.89	—.08
HoneywellIntl	37.10	36.56	36.82	+ .65
IBM	106.15	104.85	105.28	—.57
IntlPaper	39.30	38.65	39.00	—.52
JohnsonJn s	53.94	53.00	53.90	+ .30
K mart	10.82	10.71	10.75	+ .04
KinderMorg	51.79	50.75	51.00	—1.31
Kroger Co	25.09	24.82	25.02	—.01
LockheedM	37.69	36.85	37.55	+ .41
Lowes Cos s	38.60	37.50	37.79	—.50
Lubys	9.10	9.05	9.05	+ .07
LucentTech	7.21	6.71	6.80	—1.10
MayDeptStr	32.82	32.49	32.78	+ .03
Medtronic	48.80	47.70	47.78	—.81
Motorola	18.05	17.80	17.89	—.16
NCR Corp	39.15	38.30	39.07	+ .77
Navistar	33.25	32.40	32.50	—.56
Penney JC	28.00	27.59	27.83	—.10
PepBoys	13.45	12.82	12.99	—.33
PepsiCo	44.94	44.55	44.89	—.16
Pharmacia	43.36	42.70	42.99	—.42
PhelpDodge	40.68	39.78	39.89	—.79
PhilipPet	55.16	54.07	54.37	—.78
PilgrmPrd B	14.75	14.60	14.70	—.24
Polaroid	1.23	1.12	1.13	+ .01
Praxair	44.56	43.70	44.55	—.50
ProctGamb	68.60	67.60	68.60	+ .80
PubS NwMx	28.21	27.30	27.64	—.36
RadioShack	29.85	27.53	29.85	—1.90
ReliantEngy	28.31	27.66	27.75	—.62
RoyalDut	55.80	55.38	55.49	—.11
SBC Comm	41.95	41.34	41.70	—.36
SaraLee	20.00	19.66	19.84	+ .04
Scripps EW	67.43	67.08	67.26	—.17
SearsRoeb	46.45	45.81	46.07	—.23
SherwinW	22.53	22.10	22.19	—.33
SouthernCo s	22.83	22.51	22.75	—.08
SwstAirl s	19.45	19.10	19.20	—.01
SprintFON	22.15	21.80	22.00	—.04
SprintPCS	26.58	25.50	25.97	+ .14
Sunoco Inc	33.80	33.19	33.49	—.34
TXU Corp	46.00	44.56	44.85	—1.24
TempleInland	57.04	56.10	56.40	—.64
Texaco	65.97	65.23	65.63	—.47
TexInd	40.37	39.94	39.95	—.29
TexasInst	32.15	30.04	32.05	+ 1.25
Textron	54.21	53.70	54.04	+ .03
TriconGlbR	45.39	44.90	45.29	+ .05
TrinityInds	21.65	21.49	21.52	—.32
TritonEngy	44.72	44.68	44.70	+ .01
TylerTech	2.50	2.35	2.50	+ .05
USX-Marathn	28.40	27.93	28.00	—.25
USX-USS	19.65	18.90	19.08	—.44
UnionPacif	56.00	54.60	54.61	—1.89
UnitedTech	75.40	74.40	75.14	—.26
Unocal	34.10	33.51	33.54	—.52
Venator Grp	15.83	15.69	15.77	—.08
VerizonComm	54.88	54.25	54.60	—.40
WalMart	53.19	52.54	52.97	—.06
WellsFargo	45.95	45.48	45.93	+ .03
WstnGasRs	28.00	27.20	27.70	—.22
WinnDixie	22.00	21.65	22.00	—.05
Xerox Cp	8.15	7.95	8.10	—.1

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Cancer victims will not benefit from inmates' donations

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Seventeen inmates and guards at a state women's prison cut their hair so the locks could be used for making wigs for Nevada youngsters battling cancer. Instead, their contributions will benefit children with a balding disorder.

The volunteers each donated 10 inches or more of their hair to the nonprofit Locks of Love, which makes wigs for children who've lost their hair because of medical reasons.

But it was only after the cutting was done that inmates and guards at the Southern Nevada Women's Correctional Facility in Las Vegas learned the organization doesn't provide hairpieces for chemotherapy patients.

"That's not what we do," explained Cathleen Cason of the Palm Spring, Fla.-based group. "It takes four months to make a hairpiece. They're custom-made. A lot of times, (chemotherapy patients') hair will start to grow back by then."

Cason said the group has helped 400 children nationwide since 1997, but most have a balding disorder called alopecia.

The intended beneficiaries of the prison's July 2 cut-a-thon were young victims of a cancer cluster in Fallon, a northern Nevada farming and Navy town where more than a dozen children are being treated for acute lymphocytic leukemia. One boy died of the disease and authorities are still searching for clues that might explain the high number of cases diagnosed.

"My hair will grow back," said Shannon Grillo, 30, a murder convict serving two life sentences. "Theirs won't, at least not yet."

Assistant Prison Warden Robert Paige, who coordinated the cut-a-thon, said he contacted Locks of Love about the rules for donations but didn't realize how the hair would be used.

Bright lights spark calls in Northeast

POTTSVILLE, Pa. (AP) — James Mennig's story of what he saw in the sky was so incredible his own mother didn't believe him.

To him, the bright lights looked like a plane engulfed in flames. But authorities said it was likely a meteor shower or a different type of natural phenomenon known as a fireball or "bolide."

"It was about the size of that Jeep Cherokee," the 22-year-old Pottsville resident said Monday evening.

Similar sightings were reported throughout the Northeast, with people from Virginia to New York saying they saw lights in the sky and heard loud noises.

"This is a natural event, which is called a bolide or a fireball. It is similar to the shooting stars you see sporadically at night in its appearance, but as far as the physical nature of this object is concerned it's quite different from the periodic meteor showers we get," U.S. Naval Observatory spokesman Geoff Chester said.

"This is a random piece of rock that happened to have the misfortune of being in the same part of space occupied by the Earth at the same time," he said. "In this particular case, the Earth won."

In Buffalo, N.Y., National Weather Service observers received reports of a bright meteor in western and southern New York state.

"We got our first call at about 6:25," meteorologist Dave Sage said. "Then the calls just started coming in."

In Wellsboro, a town in the northern Pennsylvania mountains, Patrick Kane was on a porch with friends about 6:30 p.m. when they saw a bright yellow streak move rapidly across the sky. It was trailed by a long plume of white smoke.

Less than a minute after the fireball was gone, a loud boom shook the windows, Kane said.

"It almost sounded like when you're at the fireworks and they send out the one to just kind of make noise," he said.

At McGuire Air Force Base in Wrightstown, N.J., Airman Sharon Carpenter was on break around 6 p.m. in the air traffic control tower when she looked up and saw an orange streak north of the base. In less than a second, the westbound streak was gone, seen by no other air traffic or radar controllers in the tower.

"I spent the rest of the night trying to prove to them that I wasn't going crazy," Carpenter said.

Alexander Wolszczan, an astronomy professor at Pennsylvania State University, said that the shaking that people felt could have resulted from a sound wave produced by a meteor breaking apart in the atmosphere.

Septuplets' mother released from hospital

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Saudi Arabian woman who gave birth to the nation's second surviving set of septuplets less than two weeks ago was discharged from Georgetown University Hospital on Monday.

The woman, whose last name is Al Qahtani but whose first name has not been released, had remained at the hospital until now at her own request since giving birth July 12, said Dr. Craig Winkel, chairman of obstetrics and gynecology at the hospital.

While Mrs. Al Qahtani, 28, was slow to regain her strength, Winkel said she could have been released late last week, but asked to stay at the hospital so she and her husband could make arrangements for the lifestyle adjustments that come with having seven babies.

"You go from a family of three to a family of 10 — I don't think there's a van that'll hold seven baby car seats," Winkel told The Associated Press.

The family has been looking for a new home and has been trying hard to protect their privacy, he said.

"It is a beautiful day to be able to escort my wife out of the hospital today, after such a long road we have traveled," Fahad Al Qahtani, the father of the septuplets, said in a statement released by the hospital.

The five boys and two girls will remain in the hospital's neonatal intensive care unit for at least seven to 10 more weeks, and may be discharged from the hospital intermittently as they become stronger, said Winkel.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Church's scare tactics cause family to flee from the fold

DEAR ABBY: Last year, our family went through the most traumatic experience of our lives: We left the church we'd been attending for more than a decade.

I always suspected our church was a little "unusual," but because I saw what appeared to be positive changes in people's lives, I kept telling myself we couldn't possibly be involved in a "cult."

My family and I were led to believe we were members of a "special" group — that we had a "different" calling than other churches, which was why we had to work harder and sacrifice more than the average Christian. We were ordered to terminate any activity or relationship that pulled us away from our church obligations or planted seeds of doubt in our minds.

Finally, things got so weird my husband and I could ignore it no longer. We informed the pastor we would not be coming back. He said if we did, we would become "shipwrecked" — doomed to divorce, and our kids would not serve God when they grew up. Then two church leaders called to beg us not to "leave the fold."

By the grace of God, we escaped. I suffered nightmares, depression and total mistrust of any other church for a long time after that. We, who were once part of the trusted few, the "elite inner circle," were now the enemy. We lost all our friends. We had known some of them more than 10 years. Although they claimed to love us, they were forced to cut us off — the same thing we had done to those who had left before us.

Please print my letter as a wake-up call to let people know that scare tactics, manipulation and mind control techniques are very much alive. They are not just reserved for "cults," but are used by some churches. It's called "spiritual abuse," and it's as real as any other form of abuse. Books on the subject can be found at local bookstores and public libraries.

Thankfully, we now belong to a church that does not control our lives, does not shame us when we ask questions, does not resort to belittling and name-calling, and does not blame us for their failures. Instead, our church serves as a positive symbol and source of strength.

If people have doubts about an organization or church to which they belong, they should check it out. If it's a legitimate organization, it will stand up to scrutiny. Please, Abby, urge your readers not to ignore their conscience or bury their feelings. If someone feels something is wrong, there's a good chance it is. Sign me ... **FREE AT LAST**

DEAR FREE: You are 100 percent right in saying that if something feels uncomfortable, it's time to examine it more closely and do something about it. It's not a sin; it's healthy, mature behavior. Anything that requires all your time and money is depriving you of a balanced life.

DEAR ABBY: I know the world reads your column. I'd be so grateful if you would print my letter.

Why is it that when a person becomes a senior citizen, cashiers, hairdressers, everyone starts calling us "Sweetie," "Hon," "Honey," "Sweetheart" — one even called me "Kitten"! It really upsets me and other seniors.

Is this something that comes with age, and is there something I could say to them? — **OHIO GRANNY**

DEAR GRANNY: The names are intended as terms of endearment. They are far nicer than some of the names people are being called today. However, since you find the designations demeaning, inform these well-meaning people that you prefer to be addressed by your name only.

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

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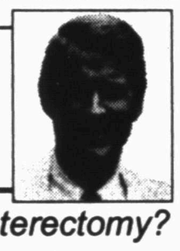
By Peter Gott, M.D.



Can depression be linked to hysterectomy?

DEAR DR. GOTT: About three years ago, I had a complete hysterectomy (and removal of the ovaries) for excessive bleeding. Since then, I have battled depression, which is aggravated by a complete loss of sexual urges. My doctor wants to change my estrogen medication to an estrogen/testosterone preparation, but says that I may have increased facial hair as a result. I'm only 48. What are my options?

DEAR READER: To begin with, your depression and loss of libido may not be related to your surgery. Many women in mid-life experience an alteration of feelings that can be successfully treated by professionals trained in managing depression and emotional imbalances. In such a situation, some counseling, with or without the use of anti-depressants, might help you.

If, however, your symptoms are related to the hormone changes taking place in your body, revision of your medication (or change to a different brand or strength) could solve the problem. The addition of testosterone, for example, could enormously improve your faltering libido. Although some women do notice an increase in facial hair from certain hormone preparations, the growth is usually scant and can be minimized by reducing the dose of the medications. I think that it's all right for you to try the combination, and if you are unhappy with it, make a change.

Finally, you can always request a second opinion. Judging from your comments, I believe that your doctor is right on the mark. Nevertheless, do not hesitate to share your concerns with him and, if appropriate, ask for additional guidance from another specialist.

In summary, you should follow your doctor's suggestions, seek further opinions when necessary, and consider counseling and/or antidepressants to relieve your depression.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Mental and Emotional Illness." 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 serum calcium level is consistently way above normal. Can this cause a problem?

DEAR READER: Hypercalcemia, an excess of calcium in the blood, may reflect a number of diseases, including cancer, overactive parathyroid glands (which control the mineral's metabolism), hyperthyroidism, excess dietary vitamin D and various bone disorders. Thus, the cause of your high calcium level must be investigated, diagnosed and treated before kidney failure, weakness and coma - all complications of chronic hypercalcemia - develop. This is a potentially serious situation that should be promptly addressed.

Inasmuch as a physician must have ordered the calcium blood tests, I'm a little concerned that he or she has failed to act responsibly by testing you further. In my opinion, you should review the situation with your practitioner. If there is a reluctance to proceed, request a referral to an endocrinologist or a specialist in internal medicine.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My grandfather had a hip replaced about two months ago. Post-operatively he did fine, but for the past 10 days, his hip has been swollen and sore. He can barely walk. What do you advise?

DEAR READER: The obvious, of course. Your grandfather's surgeon should examine him immediately. Joint replacements, like any other surgery, do not come with a lifetime guarantee; unfavorable complications sometimes occur. These include infection, rejection of the prosthetic components or slippage of the prosthesis. Your grandfather's surgeon should, in all likelihood, be able to repair, resolve or correct the situation, calling on super-specialists or rehab experts if needed.

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A Biblical Faith

Some people really want to have a faith based on the Bible and its teachings. They believe the Bible is God's Word. If they believe something about God or Christ, they want it to be found in the Bible. If they practice and teach something as a part of their Christianity, they want to be sure it is something Jesus or his apostles taught. This desire to follow the Bible and its teachings has much to commend itself to those who want to follow Christ. Following the Bible is really following the example of Christ. He found the will of God for himself in the Word of God. When confronted by the devil with specific temptations, he quoted Scripture which was stored up in his heart, Matthew 4:1-11. Jesus had complete respect for the word of God. When he approached the end of his life, he was certain that he had to die on the cross. This was what the prophecies of Scripture clearly said, Matthew 26:54. Religious rules and traditions of men received little respect from Jesus, Matthew 15:1-9.

There are also many people who are not too sure they want a Biblical faith. After all, the Bible was written a long time ago. Surely the writers reflect the limitations of their time and culture. We live in new times, with new insights and new problems. Going back to the Bible and following the teachings found there sounds like a step backwards rather than forward. This makes sense to many today. Why would we want to go back to an old book in new times?

It is certainly true that the Bible was written in times very different from our own. Some of the problems were remarkably similar to ours, while some were very different. What many do not realize about Bible is that while it was written in a time long ago and in places very different from our own, it does not really reflect the thinking of the times. Instead, at every point it challenges the thought and culture of the time. Jesus' teachings did not reflect the Jewish thought of his day. He challenged their teaching and their lives. The apostles wrote letters from the midst of the pagan world of their time. Their teachings are not reflections of that culture, but are challenges to it and a clear call to live and believe in a distinctive, different way.

One of the most amazing aspects of the Bible is the way its teachings challenge us today and really meet our problems head on. Why not open the Book and begin to learn what is there. Make your decision on what you believe about the Bible and following it based on what is there, not on what you have heard is there. A Biblical faith is a powerful thing.

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Bush visits U.S. troops in Kosovo

CAMP BONDSTEEL, Yugoslavia (AP) — President Bush told U.S. troops in Kosovo on today that he wants to speed the day when peace is self-sustaining here and they can go home. "America appreciates your service and sacrifices," he said.

The president brought with him a defense spending bill passed by Congress that includes $1.9 billion to boost pay, benefits and health care for American troops. He signed it before thousands of cheering soldiers in green camouflage fatigues.

Bush told the troops of Camp Bondsteel that their presence has been vital to neighboring Macedonia, where a U.N.-brokered ceasefire is threatened by fighting between government forces and ethnic Albanian rebels. He said there is now "a hope for peace" because border patrols by U.S. soldiers have helped keep weapons out of rebel hands.

"But there's still a lot of work to do," Bush cautioned. "Kosovo must not be a safe haven for insurgencies elsewhere. ... That's why we need you to keep patrolling the border and cutting off the arms flow."

The president issued a statement backing efforts by Western diplomats to broker a peace settlement, and called on rebels and the Macedonian government to respect the ceasefire.

"Those here in Kosovo who support the insurgency in Macedonia are hurting the interests of ethnic Albanians throughout the region," Bush said. "The people of Kosovo should focus on Kosovo."

The United States, the president vowed, will work with NATO allies in pursuing freedom and tolerance "from Kosovo to Kashmir." He said the presence of U.S. soldiers of diverse religious and ethnic backgrounds has served as an example of peaceful coexistence for Serbs and ethnic Albanians.

"It's a rebuke to the ethnic intolerance and narrow nationalism that brought us here in the first place," Bush said. "We must not allow difference to be a license to kill, and vulnerability an excuse to dominate."

The United States' goal, Bush said, "is to hasten the day when peace is self-sustaining, when local democratically elected authorities can assume full responsibility, and when NATO forces can go home."

Greenspan hints of another rate cut

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan said Tuesday another cut in interest rates may be on the horizon if the flagging economy doesn't improve.

Greenspan, however, told the Senate Banking Committee that the central bank's interest rate cuts are working and that monetary policy hasn't lost its punch.

"The complexity of our economy is such ... that you essentially get very complex differences in the way monetary policy plays out, but at the end of the day it does seem to be effective," Greenspan told the committee.

On Wall Street, stocks were down. Just before midday, the Dow Jones industrial average was off 100 points and the Nasdaq index had lost 13 points.

In an effort to avert the first recession in 11 years, the Federal Reserve has cut interest rates six times this year, totaling 2.75 percentage points. It has been the most aggressive credit-easing campaign in nearly two decades.

In his written testimony, Greenspan said another decrease in interest rates may be on the horizon if the flagging economy doesn't improve.

The Fed meets next on Aug. 21 and many economists believe policy-makers will cut rates for a seventh time, probably by a more conservative quarter-point.

Greenspan also told the committee that there's no evidence that President Bush's new tax cuts are affecting inflation.

"All of our measures suggest fairly firmly that inflation is being contained," the Fed chairman said.

Addressing financial upheaval in Argentina and other countries, Greenspan said "the tinder out there is much less" than in the global financial crises that started in 1997 and eventually led the Fed to slash interest rates.

"The problems that we have seen are in one sense, more domestic than they are international," Greenspan said.

Greenspan's twice-yearly economic report card tracked the written report he presented to the House Financial Services Committee last week.

"The period of subpar economic performance ... is not yet over, and we are not free of the risk that economic weakness will be greater than currently anticipated and require further policy response," Greenspan said in prepared testimony.

Greenspan again expressed hope that the Fed's actions, falling energy costs and tax-rebate checks will bolster an economy stuck in low gear for a year. The first nearly 8 million tax rebates were mailed out Friday.

The central bank chief's words are typically awaited with anxiety and anticipation. Decisions that he and the Fed make in terms of directing monetary policy substantially affect peoples' lives.

Guilty plea is entered in sexual assault case

Jury selection in 132nd District Court was stopped short Monday afternoon after the defendant entered a guilty plea.

Jeremy Ramos, 20, of 1408 29th St. changed his plea and was sentenced to three years in prison, probated for three years.

Ramos was charged with sexual assault of a 15-year-old female on Jan 26.

District Judge Ernie Armstrong also fined Ramos $750 and ordered the defendant to stay away from playgrounds, or other areas where children might gather.

Ramos was represented by Pete Greene, while District Attorney Dana Cooley represented the state.

Reckless driver reported

Arrests

Dispatchers were alerted to a reckless driver Monday night on College Ave. A man in a green pickup with flames on the side was reportedly doing donuts on the busy street and in several parking lots along the street.

Officers located the 32-year-old man in the United parking lot and placed him under arrest for public intoxication. The subject's vehicle was left at the scene and later released to his mother. A female passenger also was transported to the sheriff's office and later taken to her residence.

Officers arrested a 17-year old man Sunday afternoon for possession of marijuana.

Close patrol

Monday, a man requested a close patrol at 911 17th Street. He reported that juveniles were throwing rocks and knocking windows out of his house.

Criminal trespass

A woman in the 100 block of E. 37th Street requested an officer in reference to issuing a criminal trespass warning. Officers located the man and issued the warning, ordering him to keep away from the woman's residence.

Noise disturbance

An anonymous caller requested an officer in the 200 block of 20th Street in reference to a neighbor playing loud music. When an officer contacted the neighbor and advised him of the complaint, he agreed to comply.

As soon as the officer left the scene, the subject reportedly turned the music back up. The officers returned to the residence and issued a citation to the subject who told the officer he would not pay the fine. The officer warned the subject that if he had to return to the residence, he would be arrested.

Officers were called to the Budget Inn at 10 p.m. Monday on a noise disturbance in the parking lot. The officer made contact with several residents at the motel who advised no noise disturbance had occurred.

Criminal mischief

Barbara Bryant Monday evening requested an officer at her residence at 202 Ash in reference to neighborhood children shooting out one of her windows. An officer made contact with the parents of the children who agreed to pay for the damages.

Obituaries

Opal Evans

1913-2001

Graveside service is set for 8:30 a.m. Friday in the Fluvanna Cemetery for Mrs. Opal Alene Evans, 88, of Brownwood. Chris Alltrock, a grandson-in-law, will officiate. Arrangements are under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Mrs. Evans, a former longtime Snyder and Fluvanna resident, died Monday, July 23, in the Oak Ridge Manor Nursing Center in Brownwood.

Born July 18, 1913 in Mena, Ark., to the late James A. and Lenora Barton Gatlin, she moved to Scurry County in 1931. She married Bunyon Evans on Oct. 28, 1933 in Hermleigh. He died Aug. 25, 1996.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Nelda and Kenneth Hardin of Brownwood; three sons and daughters-in-law, J.V. and Carolyn Evans and Troy and Betty Evans, all of Brownwood, and Ricky Don and Terri Evans of Lorenzo; one sister, Edna Mears of Snyder; 16 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Friends are contributing to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 1396 in Snyder; the American Diabetes Association, 2209 N. Big Spring, Suite J, in Midland, 79701; or to the National MS Society, 1031 Andrews Hwy., Suite 201, Midland.

Family visitation will be held from 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

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Lee Gardner

1915-2001

ASPERMONT – Lee Gardner, the father of two Snyder residents, died Sunday, July 22, in an Abilene hospital.

Funeral service for Mr. Gardner, 86, is set for 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Aspermont First Baptist Church with the Rev. Mickey Waggoner officiating. Burial will follow in the Aspermont Cemetery under the direction of McCoy Funeral Home.

Born in Stonewall County, he was an U.S. Army veteran of World War II and married Florine "Sticker" Thorne on Aug. 7, 1943 in Dickens.

A farmer and rancher, Mr. Gardner was a longtime member of the First Baptist Church. He was preceded in death by a brother, Jack Gardner; and a grandson, Jake Menix.

Survivors include his wife, Florine Gardner of Aspermont; two daughters, Sara Menix and Rita Wolfe, both of Snyder; a son, Cary Lee Gardner of Aspermont; two sisters, Elizabeth Hart of Rotan and Lydia Marie Knott of Marrero, La.; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to First Baptist Church Building Fund, Stonewall County Senior Center or to the Stonewall County Food Pantry.

Winnie Lee Bell

1927-2001

TEMPLE — Winnie Lee Bell, a former Snyder resident, died Saturday, July 21, in a Temple hospital.

Service for Mrs. Bell will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday in the Branford-Dawson Funeral Home in Temple. The Rev. Shannon Harrison will officiate. Burial will follow in New Hope Cemetery in Temple.

Born in Bryson to Claude and Estell Ward Stewart, she attended Bryan Public School. She was married to Raymond T. Bell Sr. and was a member of Mount Olive Baptist Church in Snyder.

A homemaker, she was preceded in death by her husband, her parents and two brothers.

Survivors include one son, Robert Ward of Abilene; two daughters, Delores King of Temple and Brenda McKnight of San Angelo; three sisters, Linda Cooper of Texas City, Ivie Lee Williams and Inell Stewart, both of Bryan; nine grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and three great-great grandchildren.

Visitation continues until 7 this evening at Branford-Dawson Funeral Home.

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ONGOINGS

Discovery School registration

Discovery School at First United Methodist Church provides daycare for children from birth to school age. Registration for the fall session continues today until 5:30 p.m. today. Classes begin Aug. 13. Call 573-4770 for more information.

Masters Degree

The Masters Degree will be held at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the Snyder Masonic Lodge.

Car wash

Hermleigh High school cheerleaders will have a fundraising car wash starting at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Wal-Mart. Donations will be accepted which will go to pay for camp and uniforms.

Class of 1966 reunion

The SHS class of 1966 will hold a reunion Friday and Saturday. Anyone with classmates' addresses is asked to contact Janeen Patterson at Box 208, Snyder.

Class of 1976 reunion

The SHS class of 1976 will hold its reunion Saturday at Jack Greene's pasture. For information, call Lorinda Hardin at 573-2700 or Sherry Thompson at 338-0026. The website is classmates.com.

Huddleston family reunion

The 57th annual family reunion for the descendants of John and Mollie Huddleston is set Saturday at the Baptist Student Center at Western Texas College. Registration will begin at 9 a.m.

Children's Saturday fun time/VBS

Children's Saturday fun time has joined the Vacation Bible School at Avenue D Baptist Church, 324 30th St. Sessions are planned from 9 a.m. until noon on Saturday during July. The VBS is for those who have completed kindergarten through the sixth grade. This year's them is "Truth Trackers." For more information, call 573-6878 or 573-0971.

Appreciation service

The public is invited to an appreciation service in honor of Reid (Magic) Johnson. The service, "Saving the Best for Last," will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday at The Word Is Life Church, 312 Coliseum Drive, to show appreciation for Johnson's stewardship of the Sunday Morning Gospel Program on KSNY.

SHS football booster club

The SHS football booster club will meet at 7 p.m. next Tuesday in the film room. "Meet the Tigers Night" set for Aug. 11 will be discussed.

Gateway Family support group

Gateway Family Services will offer family support groups for family violence victims from 6-7 p.m. starting Wednesday, Aug. 1. There will be groups for adults, for children under four and for children four and older. To attend, call 573-1822.

Kids' College project pick-up

All projects from Kids' College summer session need to be picked up by Aug. 1 at the continuing education building on the WTC campus. Projects may be collected from 8 to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

Certified nurse's aide program

Snyder Oaks Care Center will conduct a certified nurse's aide program starting Sunday, Aug. 5. Classes will be held each weekend, for a total of 75 hours. Call 573-9377 or 863-2426 for more information.

WTC swimming pool

The WTC swimming pool is open for public use. Lap swimming: M-TH 6:30-8 a.m. Open swimming: M-TH 2-5 p.m. Cost is $3 per person or $50 for a semester pass. The pool is also available for parties on Fridays and Saturdays. For more information, contact Mike Harrison at 573-8511, ext. 279.

Free lunch program

The free lunch program at Central Elementary continues through Friday. Meals are served on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from noon until 1 p.m. All children who qualify for free lunches at school may eat. An adult accompanying a child will also be served. For more information, call 573-6915.

Mesquite Country Writers Guild

Mesquite Country Writers Guild invites citizens to send in original poetry to be considered for publication in the newsletter, "Bards of a Feather." The limit is 20 lines and the theme is fall and the holidays. Deadline is Sept. 15 to mail entries to MCWG, Box 237 in Ira, 79527, or e-Mail to dade@bigcountry.net.

Lucent to cut 20,000 jobs

NEW YORK (AP) — Lucent Technologies Inc. plans to cut an additional 15,000 to 20,000 jobs from its payroll and is eliminating its dividend in a bid to return to profitability.

The announcement today came as the embattled telecommunications maker posted a fiscal third-quarter loss of $3.25 billion, far wider than expectations.

Lucent said it was eliminating its 2-cent-per-quarter dividend beginning Sept. 1, a move the company said would free up $68 million per quarter.

Lucent already has cut its work force by 19,000 jobs since January, and has eliminated 5,500 contractor positions. The additional cuts will mean Lucent has trimmed its work force, which numbered 123,000 at the beginning of the year, by 32 percent.

Lucent will take a $7 billion to $9 billion charge in its fiscal fourth quarter to pay for the restructuring, as well as additional asset write-downs as the company streamlines its product offerings.

Chief executive and chairman Henry Schacht called the cuts "a new phase of our restructuring to reshape Lucent for future growth and profitability even more quickly."

For the three months ended June 30, Lucent lost 95 cents per share, compared with a net loss of $301 million, or 9 cents a share, in the year-ago quarter, the Murray Hill, N.J.-based company said today.

Excluding discontinued operations, Lucent lost $1.89 billion, or 55 cents per share. Excluding other one-time items, including a $684 million restructuring charge, Lucent lost 35 cents per share.

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Lubbock police chief placed on paid administrative leave

LUBBOCK (AP) — Police Chief Ken Walker's ability to lead the Lubbock Police Department is under scrutiny and led to his being placed on administrative leave Monday pending the outcome of a probe into the shooting death of an officer.

Sgt. Kevin Cox was fatally shot during a standoff with a Lubbock man July 13.

In a letter to Walker notifiying him of the move, City Manager Bob Cass said, "Procedures used by the Lubbock Police Department during this event have shaken the confidence of the city administration in your ability to effectively lead the police department and bring into question your abilities and professionalism."

Walker, who was placed on paid leave, was out of town the day of the standoff. He became chief in 1994 after having led the McKinney force for 12 years.

Richard Robinson, the 47-year-old man originally charged with capital murder in Cox's death, was released Friday after tests determined that he did not fire the fatal bullet.

Robinson's attorney has maintained that Robinson, who suffered a gunshot wound during the incident, never fired a shot.

Assistant Lubbock Police Chief Dale Holton stopped short Friday of saying Cox was killed by friendly fire. He said police were only sure Robinson did not fire the shot and they don't yet know who did.

Robinson's South Lubbock home was riddled with bullet holes, the result of almost two minutes of gunfire.

"I encourage our residents to be patient as this investigation continues," said Cass, whose voice at times trembled with emotion during a late afternoon news conference. "In light of recent comments to the media regarding potential litigation, I am not at liberty to discuss the investigation at this time."

Mayor Pro Tem Tye Cooke said the city charter gives the city manager the authority over department heads and such a decision does not require action by the City Council.

"This is my decision," Cass said earlier.

Assistant Chief Claude Jones will lead the department during Walker's absence.

Walker was out of town Monday and not available for comment, the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal reported.

Walker is not allowed to go into his office or onto any property of the department without Cass' permission.

Cox was killed as he and other members of a SWAT team stormed the house where Robinson had held officers at bay for about four hours.

Robinson, an unemployed automobile mechanic, had barricaded himself inside the home after a dispute with his wife. He had also allegedly burned furniture and household items in his front yard before police arrived.

Police negotiators learned that Robinson had access to guns and had talked to a relative earlier in the day about suicide.

Mother, stepdad are both indicted

DALLAS (AP) — A Dallas County grand jury has indicted the mother and former stepfather of an 8-year-old girl locked in closet and severely malnourished.

Barbara Atkinson, 30, and Kenneth Atkinson, 33, were indicted Monday on felony charges of injury to a child. They were arrested last month after police rescued the girl, who weighed only 25 pounds and had been locked in a feces- and urine-covered closet in a Hutchins mobile home.

The girl was released from the hospital last week to Bill and Sabrina Kavanaugh, a Van Zandt County foster couple that hope to adopt her. Last month, Barbara Atkinson said that she would relinquish her parental rights.

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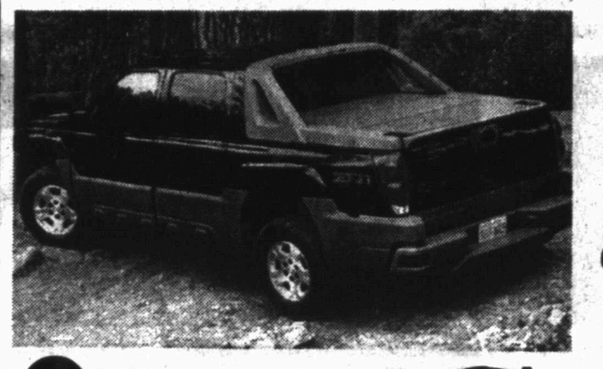

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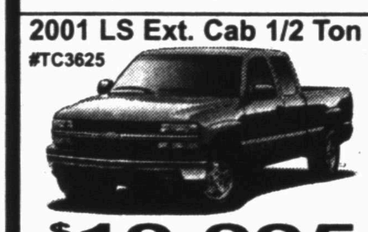

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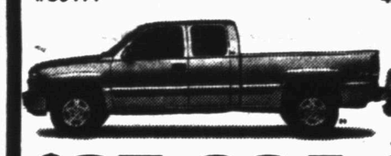

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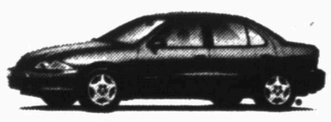

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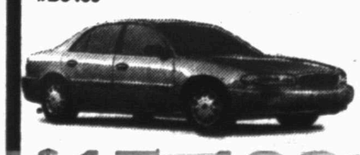

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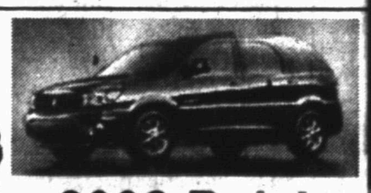

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