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THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Character is still the best collateral."

According to a couple of local Methodist Movers, every student at Western Texas College lives on the third floor.

To welcome students to campus Sunday afternoon, several members of the First United Methodist Church showed up in the dorm parking lots to help students and parents move in.

Bill and Rona Sikes and Kim and Kathy Hall finished helping tote belongings just in time to attend the Meet the Athletes Night sponsored by the WTC Booster Club.

Rona and Kathy said everybody they helped lived on the third floor. "Not a single student on ground level," Rona panted.

The helping hands provided by the Methodists were appreciated, but they did draw the line on their generosity. "A rodeo student showed up with a trailer of hay. "We don't unload hay," Rona mused.

We were in Granbury last weekend to attend some newspaper board meetings.

We were impressed by two things — the heat index and the golf course in nearby Glen Rose.

Somervell County is the home of TU Electric's nuclear power plant. As a result, public facilities such as the golf course are top notch — thanks to the hefty taxes paid by TU.

One item built and maintained with tax dollars is the links-type Squaw Valley Golf Course. Green fee and cart is $31, but if you're a resident of Somervell County, the green fee is a mere $5.

And then there's the heat and humidity — and the absense of event a hint of a breeze. It's easy to understand why the Texas Rangers are often lethargic in late summer.

After a dose of the Metroplex in August, West Texas looks and feels good — even without the lakes and the Texas Rangers.

And you can count on a breeze in West Texas.

Feds backing off on air bag disconnect

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal regulators are studying ways to let people disable their auto air bags but said today they have not yet adopted a new rule.

In response to a published report, officials declined to say if they are leaning toward permitting cutoff switches or an alternative plan to let motorists have the air bags disconnected.

Public concern over air bag safety has mounted amid reports that some 80 people have been killed — including 44 children — by the force of air bag inflation. The devices have been credited with saving about 2,000 lives in crashes.

In January, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration suggested allowing vehicle owners to have their air bags disconnected. The idea was endorsed by President Clinton.

But automakers raised concerns that the policy would be difficult to implement properly, and dealers and mechanics worried that disconnecting an air bag would expose them to lawsuits.

Some suggested that a better option would be to install a cutoff switch, giving consumers the flexibility of leaving the bag on or disabling it depending on the circumstances of each trip.

USA Today reported that the agency is now considering dropping the plan to allow disconnection and is leaning in favor of cutoff switches.

North Korean ambassador defects to U.S.

WASHINGTON (AP) — A North Korean ambassador believed to have valuable information about his country's missile sales to Iran and Syria has defected to the United States, officials said today.

The ambassador left his post in Cairo, Egypt, and almost simultaneously his brother left his assignment with a North Korean trade mission in Paris, taking members of their families along with them, the officials told The Associated Press, speaking only on condition of anonymity.

They have left Egypt and France, and an announcement was expected later on their quest for asylum. No names were released.

Egyptian government sources said in Cairo that Chang Sung Gil, the North Korean ambassador to Egypt, was flown out on Monday using a false name and American travel document.

His defection is the first by a senior diplomat from the communist state. In 1991 and 1996, two mid-level diplomats in Congo and Zambia defected to Seoul separately.

Quoting North Korean diplomatic sources in Cairo, the official Middle East News Agency said Chang, 48, will be tried in North Korea, presumably in absentia, on charges of "escaping" and abandoning his duties.

Word on his brother's defection in Paris came from U.S. officials in Washington, who also declined to be identified.

Media reports identified him as Chang Sung Ho, North Korea's trade representative in Paris. Apparently the brothers coordinated their actions.

Cairo is a major North Korean diplomatic outpost, and South Korean officials view Chang as a valuable source of information about Pyongyang's alleged Scud missile sales to Iran, Syria and other Middle East countries.

According to U.S. and South Korean officials, North Korea can produce 150 Soviet-designed Scud missiles a year and has sold 370 to Arab countries.



BUYING BOOKS — Western Texas College bookstore employee Toni Hall helps Chris Bohanan of Stanton find the right books to start off the fall semester. Freshman students were registering today and classes are set to begin Wednesday. (SDN Staff Photo)

Weevil numbers remain low here

Treatment begins elsewhere in RPC

The Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation began applying treatments on selected fields within the Rolling Plains Central Zone on Monday but that doesn't include Scurry County as yet.

"We've not started spraying here; we'll probably get started early next week," said Cleve Cleveland, district supervisor.

Elsewhere, the numbers of weevils are leading the Foundation to begin spraying.

"We expect to treat approximately 120,000 acres this week because we are seeing some fields exceeding the infestation threshold," said Larry Smith, RPC zone manager. "We are witnessing extreme variances between the crop stage and weevil infestations in the fields throughout the zone. This explains why some fields are receiving treatments and others are not."

The Foundation has begun applying treatments on fields which exhibit more than 15 to 25 percent square damage.

That hasn't been the case in the Rolling Plains Central Zone 4904, headquartered in Snyder.

"I'd say the crops look really good. The boll weevil numbers are way low in most areas we've checked," said Cleveland.

RPC 4904 includes all of Scurry and parts of Mitchell, Borden, Fisher and Nolan counties. As of Saturday, Cleveland said there were 105,409.1 acres of planted cotton in the district.

Locally, the district office is gearing up for an active fall.

"We're getting real busy right now," said Cleveland. "We're in the process of scouting fields, determining levels of infestation, checking for bolls opening, and we will base our treatments accordingly."

Meanwhile, Smith said the diapause program's primary purpose is targeted toward next year.

"For the most part, counties in the zone have experienced ideal weather conditions this year and many of the growers are anticipating a good crop, provided the weevils stay in check at this crop stage. However, growers must keep in mind that the diapause program is designed to reduce the number of weevils entering into hibernation, consequently reducing next year's weevil population," said Smith.

The plan is to follow the 1997 diapause program with a season-long program in 1998. That wasn't possible this year because the Texas Supreme Court shut down the program until it was restructured.

"The difference between the 1996 and 1997 diapause programs is that during the 1996 program, fields received insecticide applications beginning at the open boll crop stage and continuing until all boll weevil food supply was eliminated by harvesting and crop destruction or a killing freeze, said Osama El-Lissy, Foundation acting executive director. "This year, the second diapause phase of the program will proceed with applications only on those fields with infestations that have reached the economic threshold, or fields with weevils detected by traps at open boll crop state, with continued treatments until all weevils or hostable material is eliminated."

Carriers receive heroism awards

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Texas mailman has been named hero of the year by the nation's letter carriers for rescuing a crippled woman trapped in a burning house.

Kevin C. Decker of Amarillo was named "National Hero of the Year" by the National Association of Letter Carriers. The award will be presented next month at ceremonies in Washington.

Decker was delivering mail on Aug. 23, 1996, when he smelled smoke and realized that the home of one of his postal customers, Annette Jones, was burning.

After fighting off a large dog in the yard, Decker kicked in the front door, stumbled through smoke and located Ms. Jones, a quadriplegic in a wheelchair, and dragged her out of the house.

Also honored by the mail carriers were three regional heroes and one local branch.

—Husband-wife mail carriers James F. and Deborah A. Frederick of Meriden, Conn., who spotted flames coming from a nine-unit apartment building Dec. 19, 1996. They called firefighters, alerted residents to flee, and with fellow mail carrier Joe Damiata rechecked the building to make sure everyone was out.

—Coley Hudson Jr. of Toledo, Ohio, who, seeing a 3-year-old child in a runaway car in a parking lot on Oct. 19, 1996, chased down the car, jumped in and brought it to a stop just before the car would have drifted into traffic.

—Donald J. Doyle of Riverside, Calif., who rescued two teenage girls being attacked by a large dog in Hemet on Jan. 25, 1996.

—Letter carriers branch 466 in Lafayette, Ind., was honored for a 41-year tradition of answering letters to Santa, arranging for local service groups to assist people in hardship and often taking care of hard-to-fill wishes themselves.

Christian Coalition lays out agenda

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hoping to influence Congress' fall agenda, the Christian Coalition today urged lawmakers to cut taxes for American families and fight religious persecution worldwide.

Don Hodel, new president of the conservative grassroots lobbying group, outlined his top legislative priorities. They are for Congress to:

—Pass the Freedom from Religious Persecution Act, which would create a White House office for reporting religious persecution worldwide, impose sanctions on foreign governments that carry out religious persecution and improve asylum procedures. The bill is sponsored by Rep. Frank Wolf, R-Va., and Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa.

—Pass the American Community Renewal Act to create scholarships, charitable tax credits, empowerment zones for impoverished communities and support for faith-based organizations that serve the inner city.

—Pass a religious freedom amendment to the Constitution in response to a Supreme Court ruling that struck down legislation intended to protect religious practices from undue government interference.

—Eliminate the "tax penalty" for marriages and reduce individual tax rates across the board.

—Create education savings accounts for kindergarten through 12th grade and provide more choices for public and private school students.

The push for a religious persecution law comes as President Clinton fends off criticism about his open trade policies with China. His own State Department has documented Beijing's efforts to suppress Catholic and Protestant movements through violence and threats.

"The United States' inaction on this subject is a disgrace," Hodel told reporters today. China, Sudan, Saudi Arabia, Iran and Iraq are among the countries who trample religious freedom, Hodel said.

Hodel said this country must "set aside single-minded pursuit of profits, reset our moral compass and lead the way for the rest of the world."

Whether intended or not, the remarks underscore a split within the Republican Party between free-traders who support open markets and social conservatives don't want trade at any price.

ASK US

Q—When will the homestead exemption increase take affect?

A—Immediately. The exemption will automatically be reflected on your tax bill in October. It is not necessnry to re-file, but you must have previously filed for the homestead exemption to receive the increase.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Monday, 92 degrees; low, 64; 7 a.m. Tuesday, 67; no precipitation; total for 1997, 21.27 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, fair. Low near 65. SE wind 5-10 mph. Wednesday, mostly sunny. High near 95. S wind 5-15 mph.

Tana Sullenger
Mostly sunny

Sunset: 8:14 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:17 a.m.
Of 237 days in 1997, the sun has shone 225 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

To find fault is easy; to do better may be difficult.

Plutarch

AUG 26 1997

FDA considers more warning labels for food

WASHINGTON (AP) — Alfalfa sprouts contaminated by E. coli. Hepatitis-tainted strawberries in school lunches. Children sick from unpasteurized apple juice, and 140 people struck by bacteria-laden raw oysters.

The recall of 25 million pounds of hamburger is merely the latest scare about dangerous germs contaminating Americans' food. Keeping hamburger safe mostly takes common sense — cook meat thoroughly. But consumer advocates say a larger threat may come from germs lurking in unexpected places — such as raspberries or fresh basil — that slip through the government's patchwork of safety rules.

"Almost monthly we are seeing new causes for concern based on food problems," said Caroline Smith DeWaal of the advocacy group Center for Science in the Public Interest. "We don't have a government system to fix those problems."

But the government and food makers are preparing to fight back. The Food and Drug Administration is considering putting warning labels on unpasteurized apple juices and ciders — perhaps as early as this week — after dozens of children were sickened by E. coli that got into one trendy brand. Pasteurization kills potentially deadly E. coli bacteria.

Scientists are investigating whether irradiating beef could kill E. coli and other disease-causing microorganisms, and whether irradiating fresh berries would kill cyclospora, a parasite that sickened about 1,400 Americans who ate Guatemalan raspberries this spring.

And manufacturers are beginning to advertise to consumers when they adopt a safety program called HAACP — an ungainly acronym that means companies check for contamination repeatedly as ingredients move from harvest to grocery store.

The idea is "how many hurdles can we put in the way of bugs so we reduce the risk? We're not going to be able to go to zero," said Dane Bernard of the National Food Processors Association.

The latest scare comes after 16 Colorado residents got E. coli linked to hamburgers processed by Hudson Foods Inc. The Agriculture Department says an outside slaughterhouse likely was the source, but Hudson recalled a massive 25 million pounds of hamburger after investigators discovered the company used leftover raw meat from one day in the next day's production, potentially causing a chain of contamination.

Although the U.S. food supply is considered the world's safest, about 9,000 Americans still die every year from food poisoning. A new Centers for Disease Control and Prevention study says between 6 million and 80 million Americans are sickened each year — a good count isn't possible because many mild cases go unreported.

The easiest protection is good hygiene, says FDA food safety chief Janice Oliver. She's amazed by people who admit they had no idea fruits and vegetables should be washed before eating.

The new CDC study says the biggest food poisoner — a bug called campylobacterium that lurks in unpasteurized milk and raw poultry — particularly strikes young men with "poor food preparation skills." In other words, they don't wash their hands between putting raw poultry on the grill and setting the table.

Then there are raw oysters, which every year sicken hundreds of Americans. Cooking oysters kills the bacteria, but aficionados say that just isn't the same. On Friday, the FDA warned that 140 people in Canada, California and Washington had been sickened and shipments of live oysters from northern Pacific waters were stopped.

Yet thorough cooking and cleaning only help so much. The Clinton administration has asked Congress for $43 million to begin, in October, hiring more government food inspectors and researching better poisoning prevention.

The best protection, says CDC's Dr. Mitchell Cohen, is to rapidly identify an outbreak's cause and set up steps to keep that contamination from happening again. That happened in the Hudson recall, when Colorado — one of a handful of states capable of DNA fingerprinting food poisonings — discovered 15 patients with the same E. coli strain. It matched a sample of Hudson beef from one patient's freezer.

Produce growers already are searching for more hygienic ways to grow everything from lettuce to alfalfa sprouts, both of which have sickened Americans with E. coli.

Berry's World



"As we say on Martha's Vineyard, 'That's good, Mr. President.'"

Girl sucked through drainage pipe survives

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP) — A 4-year-old girl was all giggles and smiles the day after being sucked into a drainage pipe and to the brink of death.

Thomas Klucik broke down in tears as his daughter was released from Yale-New Haven Children's Hospital on Monday. Julia, brown eyes alight and smiling broadly, clutched a balloon as her mother, Patricia, carried her out the hospital door to return home to Newtown.

She and her 8-year-old brother, Steven, were searching for crabs in the tidal pool at Hammonasset Beach State Park when the outgoing tide sucked her into a 228-foot pipe Sunday. "It was like she vanished in midair," the boy told his parents.

The parents thought nothing of the kids playing in the tidal pool because they had seen them playing there in the morning. But when the tide comes in late in the day, the water can surge to 4 feet deep.

More than a dozen people searched the water, then formed a human chain at the other end of the pipe spanning across the creek to prevent Julia from slipping past.

"Everyone helped tremendously," said Mrs. Klucik. "I don't know any of their names, but they know who they are."

Julia wasn't breathing and was in cardiac arrest when she was pulled from the other end of the pipe about three minutes later.

"We started performing CPR on her, and a big blast of water came out her mouth and she gulped for air," Klucik said.

Park staff put steel posts and a perimeter fence around both ends of the culvert Sunday night.

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Astro-graph



By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Wednesday, Aug. 27, 1997

Strive to become more involved with social organizations in the year ahead. They will provide personal fulfillment and also help you build your repertoire of helpful contacts.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You are apt to be restless today, so try to team up with a friend who is as equally energetic. Neither one of you will enjoy being a loner. Virgo, 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.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Try to channel your efforts toward a single worthwhile objective today. Aim high; your performance will improve when you push yourself.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Today you might use newly acquired knowledge to your benefit. It will help you appreciate the fact that it pays to be a good listener.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Do not settle for undesirable terms in an agreement today. Call the other guy's bluff and then walk if you don't get a satisfactory deal.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You will need to provide the motivation in a partnership arrangement today. Your counterpart will supply the back-up you might need.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) You will be cognizant of your opportunities today. You will have to be imaginative and energetic if you hope to claim them.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Someone you thought has never noticed you might put this erroneous assumption to rest today when he or she starts showering you with attention.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Friends who have you in their corner today will feel lucky. They will know you are there to infuse them with fresh courage and strength.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Your imagination could be keener than usual today, especially if you focus it on something new that has recently captured your attention.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You will be prepared to work for what you want today, and you'll have excellent prospects for getting even more than anticipated.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Your attitude is apt to be very easygoing today. However, once the gauntlet is thrown down, the Galahad in you will emerge.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Use the indirect approach today to achieve your purpose. Do nothing that is devious, but don't be too obvious about your objective.

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Bonnie Carroll, R.N.
Cogdell Hospital

What's So Great About Cogdell Hospital?

Known as "mom" to the nursing staff and patients, Bonnie thinks Cogdell is a great place to be.

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FIVE GENERATIONS — Five generations of the Wilson family gathered recently for an ice cream supper and pictures. Seated from left are Gertie Wilson and her daughter, Louise Woolever, and, her great-great-granddaughter, Emily Harris; back row, Tanner Miller, great-great-grandson; Kellie Miller, great-granddaughter; Darlene Robbins, granddaughter; Skyler Harris, great-great grandson; and Lisa Harris, her great-granddaughter. (Contributed Photo)

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Reunion of Mother and Child May Be Only a Registry Away

DEAR ABBY: Several years ago you published the address for International Soundex Reunion Registry in Carson City, Nev. Please print it again and again.

When I was 17, I gave birth to a baby girl and put her up for adoption. I had no choice about it. I wanted her to have a good life. I always wanted to know my daughter and wanted her to know how much I loved her, so when she reached 18, I registered with ISRR. I faced a lot of criticism when I decided to let her find me.

Yesterday, she found me! It is the most wonderful, amazing thing that has ever happened to me. I've waited 33 years to know her and it was well worth the wait. She's beautiful inside and out, articulate and a college graduate. Never a day went by that her parents didn't let her know how loved she was.

When she walked in, she handed me a gift and said, "Happy Mother's Day." I have no other children and have waited all my life to hear those words. She had been searching for me since 1996, and had sent her registration to ISRR last week. At 4:30 Tuesday afternoon they called her and told her they had found her mother.

I'd like to offer a huge thank-you to the Websters for taking such good care of Laura Marie, and for guiding her and raising her. Her mother died last July of lung cancer, and I am heartbroken that I could not know her.

Another huge thank-you to International Soundex Reunion Registry. They made it all possible! To birth parents and adoptees: Register with Soundex. You have nothing to lose and everything to gain.

Abby, please feel free to publish any or all of my letter, and our names. I want the world to know how happy we are.

KATHLEEN KOEHLER,
SANTA ANA, CALIF.

DEAR KATHLEEN AND LAURA MARIE: I'm pleased that your search ended so happily. It's gratifying to know I was able to help you find each other. Congratulations to you both.

The International Soundex Reunion Registry is a group I have recommended for many years. They are efficient, honest, and operate with the philosophy that neither the identity of the birth parents nor the adopted child shall be disclosed unless all parties are agreeable to a reunion. Birth parents and children can register, and when the children reach legal age — if both parties are registered and want to find each other — a match is made.

The address is: International Soundex Reunion Registry (ISRR), P.O. Box 2312, Carson City, Nev. 89702. Send a long (business size), stamped, self-addressed envelope to the registry and request Soundex forms.

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DEAR ABBY: I am fuming! I heard it again today on the news — I refer to the term "elderly." It went something like this:

"The elderly 63-year-old woman was able to give the police a description of her stolen automobile ..."

Abby, I am 69 years old and do not consider myself "elderly." Perhaps I don't walk as fast as I used to, but I still perform all my duties with enthusiasm and a clear mind. So I ask you, Abby, what age is "elderly"?

JUST WONDERING IN CHICAGO HEIGHTS

DEAR WONDERING: My dictionary defines "elderly" as "being past middle age," a definition with which a growing number of people might disagree. I suspect that when many people use the term "elderly," what they really mean is "decrepit," which means "wasted and weakened by, or as if by, the infirmities of old age," which is no compliment.

Readers, please write and tell me how *you* would define "elderly."

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Everybody has a problem. What's yours? Get it off your chest by writing to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, Calif. 90069. For a personal reply, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

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Plants typically receive about 10 percent of their nutrition from the soil and the rest of it from the air.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

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Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: South

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Opening lead: ♥ J

Black and white

A photograph in The Guardian newspaper earlier this year showed a black man standing next to a white man. Nothing remarkable about that, you're probably thinking. However, they are half brothers. Both have an Afro-Caribbean mother, but one has an Afro-Caribbean father while the other has a Czech father.

Many bridge deals are black and white: The best line of play is clear-cut. But some aren't quite so simple. Which applies here: Does South have a guess or a clear-cut play?

Defending against six spades, West leads the heart jack. Declarer wins in hand with the ace and draws trumps. He continues with the diamond ace, a diamond to dummy's king and a diamond ruff in hand. When declarer returns to dummy with a heart, East throws the queen under the king. South ruffs the last diamond in hand, then casts adrift with his remaining heart. After taking the trick, West switches to a low club. Should South play the 10 or the queen? Why? Or is it a guess?

When North makes a forcing raise (perhaps via the Jacoby two no-trump if a tournament player), South shuts his eyes and hopes to find a useful dummy.

The key play was East's sacrifice of the heart queen. If East didn't have the club king, he would keep the heart queen. Then he could win the third round of the suit and switch to a club, defeating the contract. When he carefully unblocks, it means he must have the club king. So, it is clear-cut to call for dummy's 10. With luck, West, not East, will have the black jack, and you will chalk up a slam bonus.

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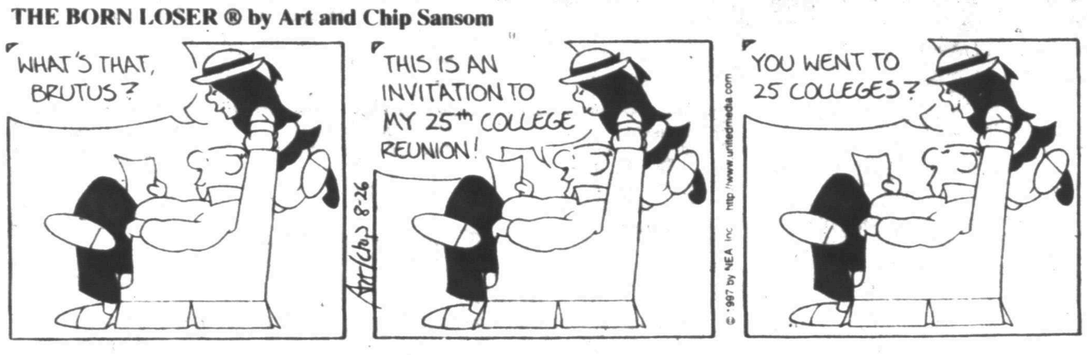
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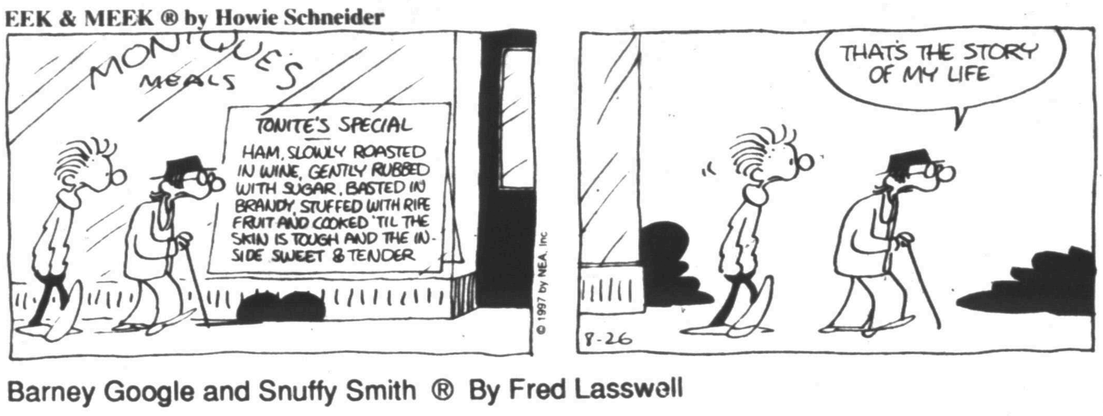
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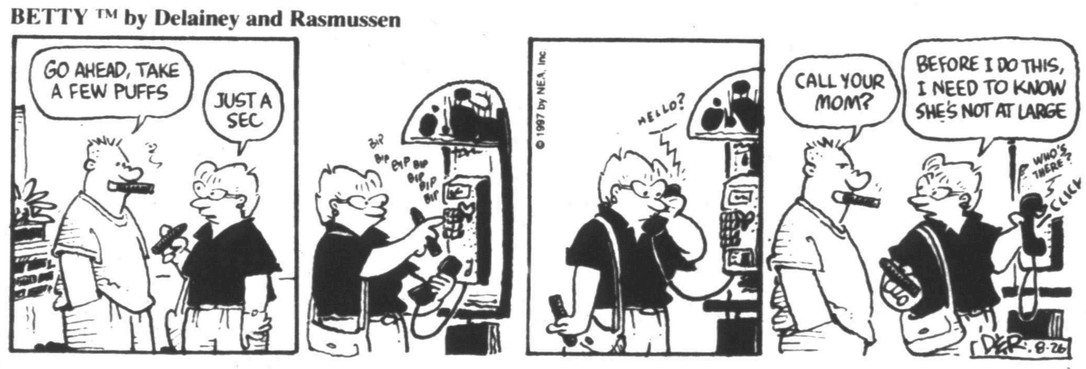
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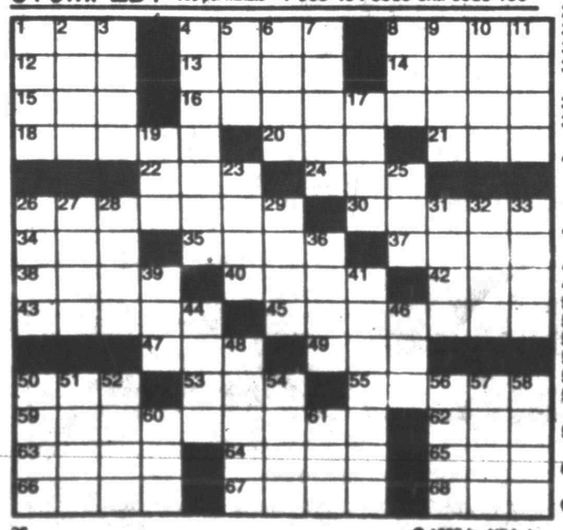
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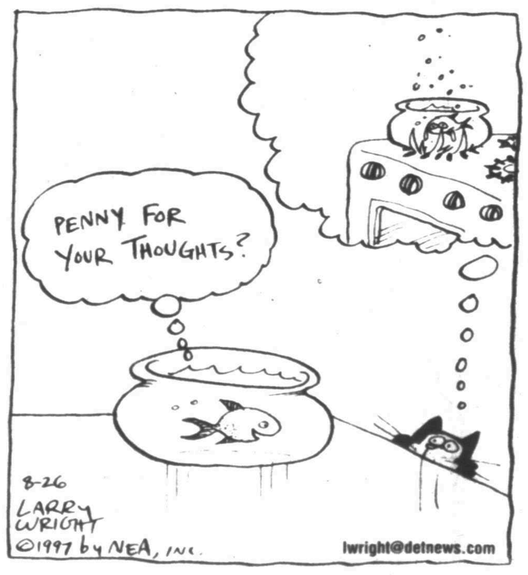
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SPORTS

Astros-Atlanta series might be playoff peek

ATLANTA (AP) — It won't be just another crucial August series when the Atlanta Braves begin a three-game set with the Houston Astros tonight.

If both teams can maintain leads in their respective divisions, the next three nights also will provide a tantalizing glimpse at the first round of the playoffs.

"It's not really a playoff series. It's far too early to call it that," said Tom Glavine, who pitches tonight for Atlanta against Houston's Shane Reynolds. "It's an important series both clubs. Our lead is a little shaky and Houston's lead is even shakier."

For now, both teams must be more concerned with what's behind them rather than what's ahead. The Florida Marlins trailed Atlanta by only 4¼ games in the NL East, while the Astros' lead in the Central had dropped to just three games over the streaking Pittsburgh Pirates.

"I wouldn't call it a playoff preview," Atlanta shortstop Jeff Blauser said. "We're not there and neither are they. There's 32-33 games left. A lot can happen."

Maybe it's the familiarity of both teams that prevents them from getting too pumped up about gaining an upper hand in August when there could be a more critical best-of-5 meeting in five weeks.

"With a team like the Astros, it doesn't matter," Braves first baseman Fred McGriff said. "Basically, they have the same guys they've had since I've been in the National League: Jeff Bagwell, Craig Biggio, Derek Bell. We've seen these guys a lot over the years."

"It may be a bigger series for them," said third baseman Chipper Jones, who made a critical error Sunday in a 6-4 loss to Cincinnati that ended the Braves' four-game winning streak. "Their lead's only three over the Pirates. We need to keep winning too, putting pressure on the Marlins. Four games can evaporate mighty quick."

The Braves have been in a miserable hitting slump most of the month, but their starting pitching has prevented a prolonged skid. The Big Four — Glavine, Greg Maddux, John Smoltz and Denny Neagle — have a combined record of 8-3 with a 2.04 ERA in August.

Glavine (11-6), Maddux (17-3) and Neagle (17-3) will start against the Astros, who were swept by Atlanta in a two-game series at the Astrodome last week. For the season, the Braves hold a 5-3 edge.

"We've had some success with them, and I have more success against Houston than a lot of other clubs," said Glavine, who will start Tuesday night against Shane Reynolds (6-8). "But they'll play you close. They're a scrappy bunch with good contact hitters, improved pitching and reliable defense."

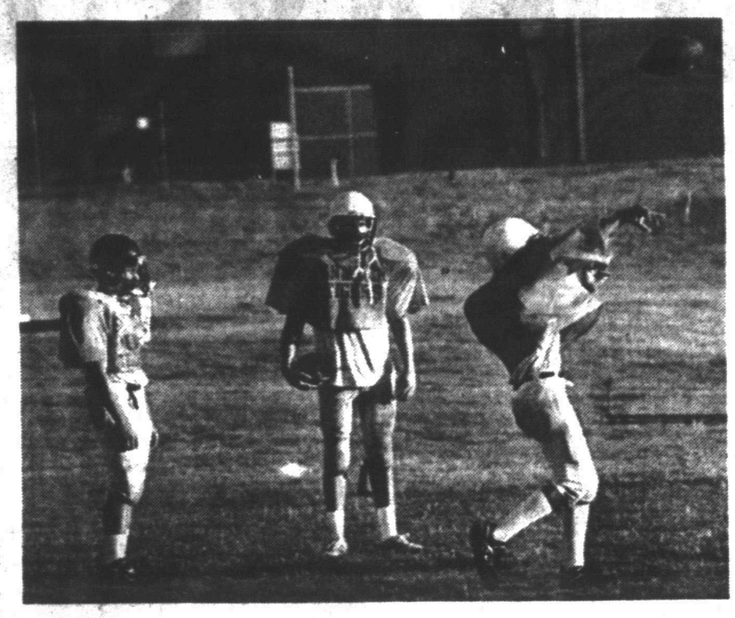
The Astros have lost six of 10 after showing signs of running away in the Central. Bagwell is having another MVP-type season (34 homers, 108 RBIs) and Darryl Kile (17-3, 2.28) is a top contender for the Cy Young Award.

Kile will start the final game of the series against Neagle.

"I like a lot of hits in a game, but if I were a fan I'd sure watch Thursday's matchup," Blauser said. "That's two guys with a Cy Young chance. Kile's having a great year. When hitters talk about nasty pitchers, they mention Maddux, (Florida's Kevin) Brown and Kile. But you're hearing more and more talk about Denny. He's had a nasty year."

One thing that's almost certain in the Braves-Astros series: every game will be close. Of the eight meetings this season, five were decided by one run and the others by two.

"There's excellent pitching on both sides," Jones said. "We'll probably have low-scoring, one-run games, like we had over there last week."



GO DEEP — Snyder freshmen football players work on their passing skills during a recent workout at the SHS practice field. The freshmen, junior varsity and varsity teams have their second scrimmages of the year Thursday night at 5 in Slaton. (SDN Staff Photo)

Lady Tigers to face Pecos, Midland Lee

Snyder High School's volleyball teams will look to continue their winning ways tonight when they travel to Midland for non-district matches against Midland Lee and Pecos.

The varsity, junior varsity and freshmen teams all won over the weekend. The freshmen team is now 2-1, while the JV and varsity are 1-2.

The Lady Tigers are likely to need big games again tonight from Keila Helms, Halea Huestis and Amanda Huff.

Helms has accounted for 15 service points, eight kills and four blocks in Snyder's first three matches, while Huff has served for nine points and Huestis has added 11 kills.

Tonight's matches are scheduled to begin at 5 on the Midland Lee campus.

The Lady Tigers' next action will be in a Fort Worth tournament on Friday and Saturday. District competition will begin Sept. 23 at Lamesa.

Parish retires after 21 years

CHICAGO (AP) — Robert Parish played in more games than any other NBA player. He was a teammate of two of the league's icons — Michael Jordan and Larry Bird. He also played for four NBA champions and in nine All-Star games.

But the 7-foot-1 center's career is now over after 1,611 games.

"I think it's time. My time has run out of time," Parish said Monday. "I know in my heart that it's time to walk away. I'm just tired of it. Not playing, but the other things — like training camp."

Parish said he would have retired last summer if the Bulls had not called him. "But I won't be back. I'm all done playing basketball," he told ESPN's "Up Close."

He said he will most remember his 14 seasons and three title rings in Boston.

"That was the team I was on at the turning point of my career," he said.

He said the secret of being a good center is not getting caught breaking the rules.

"I was good at holding, especially at close quarters," he said.

Parish, who turns 44 on Saturday, played for 21 seasons, averaging 14.5 points and 9.1 rebounds. He passed Kareem Abdul-Jabbar's record of 1,561 games during the 1995-96 season.

"I was blessed health-wise and took care of myself," Parish said.

Parish picked Jordan over Bird as his best teammate, but thought the Celtics of the 1980s were a better team than the Bulls of the 1990s. He said Abdul-Jabbar was the best offensive center he faced and Bill Walton the best defensively.

He also said he and Bird were both loners and didn't have an off-court relationship.

Parish said his biggest honor was being named one of the NBA's 50 best players in the league's 50 years.

Parish said he is considering coaching or broadcast commentary as a second basketball career.

U.S. Open finishes first day of action

NEW YORK (AP) — The fireworks were over by the time Pete Sampras took center court.

Before Sampras appeared, past champions graced the court, a plaque proclaiming the new Arthur Ashe Stadium was unveiled and Whitney Houston sang.

As the last note of Houston's song drifted into the darkness, rockets raced across the sky, punctuating the hour-long ceremony at the $254 million facility.

Even Sampras, seeking his third straight and fifth career U.S. Open title, didn't stand a chance of overshadowing that lineup, especially since he was playing a qualifier, just-glad-to-be-here Todd Larkham of Australia.

When it was over, Sampras was safely into the second round of the year's final Grand Slam tournament and Larkham, who smiled while making unforced errors and grinned at his mistakes, was eliminated 6-3, 6-1, 6-3 in a match that wasn't as close as the score indicates.

"It got a little interesting at the end with the crowd getting into it," Sampras said. "I think he knew his tournament was going to end momentarily. ... From what guys have been telling me, he was hamming it up."

In a ceremony full of pomp, the U.S. Tennis Association presented a great congregation of champions — 37 in all, spanning 60 years.

There was Don Budge, who won the U.S. championship in 1937 and 1938, and Rod Laver, whose victories in 1962 and 1969 were part of his Grand Slam years when he won all four major titles. There was Steffi Graf, last year's women's champion who is sitting out this year's event while recuperating from knee surgery.

There was Stefan Edberg, who retired after last year, and Boris Becker, who pulled out of what was supposed to be his last Grand Slam tournament when his manager and close friend died.

And there was two-time winner Monica Seles, who won her first-round match just prior to the ceremony, taking pictures of the other champions lined up from one end of the court to the other.

"This is for you," Houston told the champions before singing "One Moment In Time."

It also was a moment in time for the more than 20,000 who showed up on opening night of the 23,547-seat Arthur Ashe Stadium, named for the winner of the first U.S. Open in 1968 and the only African American man to win a Grand Slam tournament singles title.

In a moving tribute, former New York City mayor David Dinkins narrated a short film on Ashe's life, John McEnroe eloquently remembered Ashe, and Jeanne Moutoussamy-Ashe talked about how her late husband believed in inclusion rather than division.

Even in defeat, Larkham thoroughly enjoyed his brief moment in the spotlight, as it were.

"It's just an experience of a lifetime. Unbelievable," the Australian said. "Someone like me ranked 200 in the world. I've played my whole life to walk out there. There's no way I was going to not enjoy that. I just had a great time."

The biggest upset of opening day came on Stadium 2, until this year known as Louis Armstrong Stadium and where the top matches were played, when Romania's Dinu Pescariu ousted fourth-seeded Goran Ivanisevic 4-6, 7-5, 6-1, 7-6 (7-3).

"When I play like No. 4, there's no way he can win," said Ivanisevic, who continued his poor play in this year's Grand Slam tournaments. "But today I played like I was ranked No. 50 or 100, and then he can beat me."

Two seeded women players also failed to make it out of the first round. South Africa's Joannete Kruger defeated No. 14 Barbara Paulus of Austria 6-1, 6-7 (2-7), 6-1, and Lisa Raymond of Wayne, Pa., stopped No. 15 Ruxandra Dragomir of Romania.

Tonight, Andre Agassi plays fellow American Steve Campbell.

Westbrook apologizes

ASHBURN, Va. (AP) — Michael Westbrook gave an apology. What he didn't offer was an explanation.

Speaking publicly for the first time since he beat up teammate Stephen Davis during a practice six days earlier, the Washington Redskins receiver made a short statment Monday at the back door of Redskin Park.

"I thought it was very important that I came out here to say an apology to Redskins fans, the owner, my teammates, because it's a great embarrassment for the way I reacted out there on the field," Westbrook said in a soft-spoken, rehearsed manner.

"I think it's important now just to move on and not let this thing be a distraction to my team. We have to come together, and I learned a great lesson Tuesday. Thank you."

That was it. No questions. No elaboration. No direct apology to Davis, although the Redskins say Westbrook performed that duty during a private meeting Saturday morning.

Without more insight from Westbrook, it remains a mystery what prompted the third-year receiver to punch Davis several times on the sidelines during an otherwise routine practice, leaving the running back face down and bleeding.

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East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	80	50	.615	-
Florida	75	54	.581	4½
NewYork	70	60	.538	10
Montreal	64	65	.496	15½
Philadelphia	47	80	.365	31½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	69	61	.531	-
Pittsburgh	67	65	.508	3
St.Louis	59	71	.454	10
Cincinnati	58	71	.450	10½
Chicago	53	78	.405	16½

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
LosAngeles	73	59	.553	-
SanFrancisco	72	59	.550	½
Colorado	62	70	.470	11
SanDiego	62	70	.470	11

Monday's Games

Cincinnati 7, Colorado 6, 1st game
Cincinnati 6, Colorado 4, 2nd game
Los Angeles 8, Pittsburgh 2, 1st game
Pittsburgh 4, Los Angeles 3, 2nd game
Philadelphia 10, San Diego 1, 1st game
Philadelphia 6, San Diego 4, 2nd game
San Francisco 7, N.Y. Mets 1
Chicago Cubs 3, Florida 1
Montreal 2, St. Louis 1

Tuesday's Games

San Diego (Hitchcock 9-7) at Philadelphia (Grace 0-0), 7:35 p.m.
Los Angeles (Park 13-6) at Pittsburgh (Silva 0-0), 7:35 p.m.
San Francisco (Alvarez 2-1) at N.Y. Mets (Reed 10-7), 7:40 p.m.
Houston (Reynolds 6-8) at Atlanta (Glavine 11-6), 7:40 p.m.
Florida (Hernandez 7-0) at Chicago Cubs (Batista 0-1), 8:05 p.m.
Montreal (Johnson 1-1) at St. Louis (Osborne 2-6), 8:05 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

San Diego (Hamilton 10-4) at Philadelphia (Schilling 13-10), 1:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Reyes 1-2) at Pittsburgh (Cooke 9-12), 1:35 p.m.
San Francisco (Rueter 9-6) at N.Y. Mets (Isringhausen 0-0), 1:40 p.m.
Florida (Brown 12-8) at Chicago Cubs (Clark 10-7), 2:20 p.m.
Cincinnati (Remlinger 6-5) at Colorado (Thomson 5-8), 3:05 p.m.
Houston (Holt 8-9) at Atlanta (Maddux 17-3), 7:40 p.m.

American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Baltimore	83	44	.654	-
NewYork	77	52	.597	7
Boston	66	66	.500	19½
Toronto	63	66	.488	21
Detroit	61	69	.469	23½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	67	60	.528	-
Milwaukee	65	65	.500	3½
Chicago	64	66	.492	4½
KansasCity	52	75	.409	15
Minnesota	52	77	.403	16

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Seattle	73	58	.557	-
Anaheim	71	60	.542	2
Texas	62	69	.473	11
Oakland	52	79	.397	21

Monday's Games

Milwaukee 7, Texas 2
Detroit 7, Minnesota 6, 12 innings
Boston 9, Seattle 8

Tuesday's Games

N.Y. Yankees (Pettitte 14-7) at Oakland (Oquist 2-3), 3:15 p.m.
Kansas City (Rusch 5-9) at Baltimore (Key 14-7), 7:35 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Baldwin 9-13) at Toronto (Williams 7-11), 7:35 p.m.
Texas (Santana 3-5) at Milwaukee (Eldred 11-12), 8:05 p.m.
Detroit (Thompson 11-9) at Minnesota (Robertson 7-11), 8:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Nagy 12-9) at Anaheim (Springer 8-6), 10:05 p.m.
Boston (Avery 6-4) at Seattle (Moyer 13-4), 10:05 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

Texas (Oliver 10-10) at Milwaukee (Woodard 3-2), 2:05 p.m.
Boston (Saberhagen 0-1) at Seattle (Fassero 13-7), 6:35 p.m.
Kansas City (Rosado 8-10) at Baltimore (Krivda 2-0), 7:35 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Drabek 10-8) at Toronto (Hentgen 13-8), 7:35 p.m.
Detroit (Moehler 8-9) at Minnesota (Tewksbury 4-10), 8:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Wright 4-2) at Anaheim (Watson 11-7), 10:35 p.m.


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Researchers: mutation thought harmless responsible for cancer

BALTIMORE (AP) — A genetic mutation once considered harmless has been found by researchers to cause a type of colorectal cancer in Jews, suggesting a new way to find cancer-causing mutations.

Researchers at the Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions and the Howard Hughes Medical Institute said Monday they identified the mutation in 6 percent of 766 Ashkenazi Jews studied. The defect was not found in a control group of 200 non-Jews.

The gene in question controls cell growth. A more severely mutated form has been previously identified with a more aggressive form of colorectal cancer, the nation's second-largest cause of cancer deaths.

"Really, the importance of this observation for the public at large is this is a whole new mechanism for people being predisposed to cancer," said Dr. Sanford Markowitz, professor of cancer genetics at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, who was not involved in the study.

Most reports on cancer-causing genes in the past several years have involved people born with a damaged version of the gene, Markowitz said.

"What's new about the Hopkins finding is that the gene itself that these individuals are born with functions normally, but it's a less stable form," he said.

The findings were reported in the September issue of Nature Genetics.

The study prompted researchers to recommend genetic testing for Ashkenazi Jews who have a history of familial colorectal cancer. The Ashkenazi — or Eastern European — Jews comprise 95 percent of the 6 million Jews in the United States.

If the test is positive, researchers said the person should begin routine colonoscopy examinations every two years starting at age 35. They estimated about 680,000 of the 11.2 million Ashkenazi Jews worldwide have the genetic flaw.

But Dr. Harry Ostrer, director of the human genetics program at New York University, doubted the need for the $200 test because anyone with a family history of colorectal cancer is already advised to start a colonoscopy program at age 40.

"I'm really reluctant to promote the idea of testing until we have a better idea of what it's all about," he said. "People in the Ashkenazi community are starting to feel victimized. There is a real fear of potential genetic discrimination, insurance wise, employment wise."

Despair increases health problems

DALLAS (AP) — Middle-aged men who feel hopeless or think of themselves as failures may develop atherosclerosis, the narrowing of the arteries that leads to heart attacks and strokes, faster than their more optimistic counterparts, researchers report.

People who expressed high levels of despair had a 20 percent greater increase in atherosclerosis over four years, according to a report in the August issue of the American Heart Association journal Arteriosclerosis, Thrombosis and Vascular Biology.

"This is the same magnitude of increased risk that one sees in comparing a pack-a-day smoker to a nonsmoker," lead author Susan Everson said Monday.

"People need to recognize that this sense of giving up that many people feel has strong cardiovascular consequences. Steps should be taken to try to change their situation so they gain hope or become more optimistic," said Everson, an associate research scientist at the Human Population Laboratory of the Public Health Institute in Berkeley, Calif.

Earlier studies have associated hopelessness with heart disease, heart attack and death from heart disease. This latest study, however, sought to examine the influence of hopelessness earlier in the disease process, while the arteries were in the process of narrowing.

The findings, while not unexpected, are still noteworthy, said Dr. Marty Sullivan, a cardiologist and associate professor of medicine at Duke University Medical Center.

Parole violation leads to 1 arrest

Area peace officers made one arrest and responded to reports of theft and criminal mischief during the past 24 hours.

A 23-year-old Snyder man was arrested Monday on an outstanding warrant for parole violation. Deputies took Brian Dewayne Jackson, of 4400 Ave. U, #5B-8, into custody at his residence at 11:40 a.m.

In other activity Monday, officers were called to East Elementary at 7:31 a.m. in reference to four broken windows in the cafeteria. An offense report for Class B criminal mischief was submitted.

Paul Johnson requested to speak to a deputy at a location on CR 3138 at 8:43 a.m. in reference to some property damage. A juvenile responsible for the damage was located and an agreement was worked out between the parties. No other action was taken.

An offense report for Class B criminal mischief was submitted at 9:35 a.m. in reference to damage to a vehicle and a residence in the 400 block of 20th Street owned by Gary Thurman.

An officer was requested at Snyder Chrysler at 2:11 p.m. in reference to a bad check. An offense report for theft by check was submitted.

Sheriff's deputies detained three individuals for the U.S. Border Patrol at 8:22 p.m. in the area of 16th Street and U.S. Highway 84.

Officers investigated a minor two-vehicle accident at 12:12 p.m. at 5300 College Avenue. Involved were a 1996 Chevrolet driven by Ryan Patterson of 2909 35th St. and a 1996 Ford driven by Bettie McQueen of 2513 31st St.

Officers investigated a one-vehicle minor accident Saturday night in the 3000 block of Avenue T. Involved were a 1992 Chevrolet driven by Mary Molinar of 507 28th St. and a water meter owned by the City of Snyder.

Tax dollars eyed for education at private schools

WASHINGTON (AP) — A majority of parents with children in public schools support using tax money to send children to private, and even religious, schools, according to a survey released today.

The survey by the Gallup Organization also found strong public support for putting computers in school classrooms and for national tests to measure academic performance. Standards and computers rank high on President Clinton's list of educational goals.

But Clinton opposes using public money to support private education. Still, 55 percent of parents with children in public schools told Gallup pollsters they would agree with a broad school-choice proposal that would have the government pay all or part of the tuition to private or church-related schools.

That number is up from 49 percent in 1996 and 48 percent in 1994, when the question previously had been asked in the same poll conducted for Phi Delta Kappa, a professional society for educators.

Support was largest among women, blacks, other nonwhites, the young, the poor and Southerners.

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BellAtl		73¼	72¼ 73¼
BellSouth		45¼	45 45⅛+ ⅛
BethSteel	12 1-16	11¾	12 + ⅛
BritPet s	83 15-16	83 9-16	83 15-16— ⅛
BurlNoSFe	93¾	93 7-16	93⅝— 5-16
Caterpillar s	59 15-16	59	59 — ⅛
CenSoWst	19 15-16	19¾	19 13-16+ 1-16
Chevron	78¾	77 11-16	78⅛— 5-16
Chrysler	36	35 5-16	35 15-16+ 3-16
Coastal	57¼	56½	57¼+ ¼
CocaCola	60	59 5-16	59⅝— 1-16
ColgatePalm s	66¼	64 15-16	66 + ⅛
ComclMetals	30¾	30 7-16	30 11-16+ 5-16
CooperIn	55 15-16		55¾ 55⅛+ ⅛
CyprusAmax	24 15-16	24 13-16	24 13-16—1-16
DallSemicn	40	39¾	39¾— ¼
DeltaAirl	89¾	88¼	89⅛— 1-16
DigitalEq	44 13-16	44 5-16	44 9-16— 9-16
Dillards Inc	39½	39 1-16	39¼— ¼
DowChem		89½	89 89 5-16
DresserInd	39 15-16	39¼	39 15-16+ 7-16
DuPont s	66	64 5-16	65⅜+ ¼
EastmanChem	60¼	59 7-16	60¼+ 7-16
EstKodak	66¼	65¼	66 — 5-16
EDS Corp	37 1-16	36¼	36 15-16— 1-16
Entergy	24¼	24¼	24¼— 1-16
Exxon s	62 13-16	62	62 7-16+ ¼
FstBksAm	15	7-16	15 7-16 15 7-16
Flowers s	18¼	18 1-16	18¼+ 7-16
FordMotor	44¼	44	44 13-16+11-16
GTE Cp	45¾	45	45¼— ¼
GenDynam	83¼	83 3-16	83 13-16+ ¼
GenElecs	65 7-16	63 15-16	64¾+ ⅛
GenMills	66¼	65¾	66 1-16+ 1-16
GenMotors	65⅜	65 5-16	65 9-16— ⅛
GaPacif	93¼	91⅞	92¼+ ⅛
GlobalMar	27 9-16	27	27 3-16+ 5-16
Goodrich	42¾	42 7-16	42½— ⅛
Goodyear s	63 3-16	62⅝	63¼+ 3-16
GtAtlPac	25 7-16	24 11-16	24 11-16— ⅜
Halliburtn s	43 13-16	43 3-16	43 11-16+ 3-16
Hanson ADS n	24¼	24⅛	24 3-16— 1-16
HarteHanks	30 11-16	30 9-16	30 9-16— ⅛
HomeDepot s	49 3-16	48⅜	49 — ⅛
HoustonInds	20¼	20 5-16	20⅜— 1-16
IBM s	104 3-16	103 5-16	103¼— ⅛
IntlPaper	55¼	54 3-16	54 13-16+ 3-16
JohnsonJn	57⅞	57 1-16	57¾— ⅛
K mart	14⅛	14⅛	14⅛+ 3-16
Kroger s	30 3-16	29 15-16	30 3-16+ 3-16
Litton		47	46 13-16 46¾
LockhdMart	106¼	105 15-16	106½+ ⅛
Lowes Cos	35¼	34 13-16	34 15-16— ⅛
Lubys		19	18¾ 19
LucentTech	83 15-16	83 7-16	83⅛— 7-16
MayDeptStrs	53¼	52 5-16	52½— 7-16
Medtronic	90 1-16	89¼	89¼+ 1-16
Mobils	75	74 3-16	74⅛— 3-16
Monsanto	44 11-16		44¼ 44¾+ ⅛
MorganJP	111 13-16	110 9-16	111 9-16+ 1-16
Motorola	79¾	78 9-16	78¾—13-16
NCR Corp.n	34 5-16	34¼	34 3-16— 5-16
NationsBk s	64¼	63 3-16	63 15-16— 1-16
Navistar		25	7-16 25 25¼
Norwest	58¼	57¾	58 3-16— 3-16
OryxEngy	25¾	24¼	25 — ⅜
Penney JC	60 7-16	59¾	60¼— ½
Pennzoil	78 7-16	78	78 5-16— ⅛
PepBoys	26¼	26 1-16	26¼+ 1-16
PepsiCo	36½	35 15-16	36 5-16— 1-16
PhelpDodge		83¾	83 3-16 83¼
PhilipPet	48	47 5-16	47⅞+ ¼
PilgrmPrd	11 7-16	11 5-16	11⅜— 3-16
Polaroid	54	53¾	53¾+ 1-16
Praxair	51 11-16	51	51 3-16— ⅛
ProctGamble	137	135	136¾+ ⅛
ProctGamb wi	68¼	68¼	68¼— ¼
PubSNwMx	18 7-16	18 5-16	18 5-16— ⅛
RoyalDut s	52½	52 1-16	52¼— 3-16
SBC Comm		55¼	54 9-16 54¾
SaraLee	40½		39¾ 40⅝+ ⅛
SearsRoeb	58 9-16	58	58 3-16— 1⅛
SherwinW s	30	29 11-16	29 13-16+ 1-16
SmthBc ADS	85 13-16	84¼	85½—15-16
SouthernCo	21 9-16	21¾	21½— 1-16
SwstAirlines	29¼	28¼	29 1-16— ⅛
Sprint	46¼	45¾	46¼+ 1-16
SunCo	38 7-16	38¼	38 7-16— ⅛
TNP Ent	23¾	23½	23½— 3-16
Tandy	67¼	66¼	67 + 5-16
TempleInland		66½	65¾ 66 5-16
Tenneco	46 15-16	45½	46 15-16+ 1¼
Texaco	115½	114¼	115 7-16+ 1¼
TexasInds	33 5-16	32 15-16	33 1-16— ⅛
TexasInst	121 15-16	120¾	120¾— 1-16
TexUtil	35¼	34 13-16	35 — 1-16
Textron s	63 15-16		62 63¼+ ¼
Travelers s	66¼	65¾	65 13-16— 7-16
TrinityInds	38¾	38 1-16	38¾— 1-16
TritonEngy	38¼	38 9-16	38¾+ 1-16
Tyler	2 13-16		2¾ 2 13-16+ ⅛
US WestCm	37¾	36½	36¾+ ¼
USWstMda	20 15-16	20 9-16	20 9-16— 5-16
USX Delhi	13 7-16	13¾	13⅜— 3-16
USX-Marathn	32¾	32 9-16	32¾+ ⅛
USX-USS	35 9-16	35 1-16	35 9-16+ ⅜
UnCarbde	53¾	52¾	53¾+ ⅛
UnPac s	69¾	68¾	69¾+ ⅛
UnitedTech s	80	78⅝	79 15-16+ 9-16
Unocal	38 13-16	38¼	38¼— ⅜
WalMart	36¼	36⅛	36 11-16— 1-16
WstnGasRs	18¼	18	18⅛+ ⅛
WestghEl	26¼	25 7-16	25¾+ 3-16
WinnDixie	35⅛	34 15-16	35¼— 3-16
Woolworth	24¼	23 11-16	23⅜— ⅛
Xerox Corp	77	75⅞	76 13-16— 5-16
ZenithE		10	11-16 10⅝ 10¾

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Travis Sawyer, Jo Wright.

DISMISSALS: Kelly Fry and baby girl, Kiva Greenwood and baby girl, Stanley Peppers.

CENSUS: 41 (Med., Surg.-10, Long-term Care-31).

Births

David and Nicole Williams Kerr of Lubbock announce the birth of their son, Tyler David. He was born at 12:20 p.m. on Aug. 12 in Lubbock's St. Mary Hospital. He weighed seven pounds, three ounces.

Maternal grandparents are LaNelle and Alex Cross of Snyder and his paternal grandparents are Kay Kerr of Lubbock, and the late John Kerr. His great-grandmother is Mrs. J.E. Woodson of Snyder.

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Government program to reduce doctor glut

WASHINGTON (AP) — While many rural and inner-city areas of the United States suffer doctor shortages, the federal government has decided to use Medicare money to entice teaching hospitals to train fewer specialists.

Paying hospitals to cut the number of doctor training slots will "avert what would be a substantial surplus of physicians," said Dick Knapp, executive vice president of the Association of American Medical Colleges.

The new policy — quietly agreed to by Republican lawmakers during this summer's balanced budget negotiations — opens to all 1,250 American teaching hospitals a New York state pilot project approved by the Clinton administration earlier this year.

"We're gratified Congress agreed with the goal and design of our demonstration and expanded it nationwide," Bruce Vladeck, administrator of Medicare, the health care program for the elderly, said Monday.

Lawmakers fear that too many doctors — particularly specialists — now are being trained under the old federal incentive system.

That leaves Medicare, which this year will distribute more than $7 billion to teaching hospitals based on the number of doctors they train, paying more for services that could be provided less expensively by other health professionals.

A 1995 study by the Center for the Health Professions at the University of California at San Francisco predicts that the current doctor glut will swell to a 100,000-to-150,000-physician surplus by 2005 — even though many rural and inner-city low-income areas will still run short, and family practitioners are especially needed.

To encourage cutbacks in on-the-job training slots for new medical school graduates — known as residencies — Medicare will temporarily continue to pay fully for teaching programs that discontinue 20 percent to 25 percent of positions.

Hospitals that participate in the voluntary program will be expected to cut mainly specialized residencies — such as anesthesiology or plastic surgery — and keep the percentage of students in general practice training at least stable, if not increase it.

Under the previous policy, hospitals would immediately lose an average of $100,000 per resident in government money if they cut any positions.

The Congressional Budget Office estimates that about $900 million will be saved by 2002 as the resident slots — and subsidies — are phased out.

Mother Teresa turns 87

CALCUTTA, India (AP) — Mother Teresa turned 87 today to the cheers and applause of hundreds of school children and aid workers who gathered at the headquarters of the charity organization she founded in Calcutta's slums.

"It's a great feeling to have witnessed 50 years of Indian independence," Mother Teresa told the well-wishers, speaking from a balcony of the Missionaries of Charity order.

The Albanian-born nun assured the crowd that she was in good health. She stepped down as head of the order this year after a heart attack, lung infection and kidney problems.

Mother Teresa, who won the 1979 Nobel Peace Prize for her service to the poor, started the Missionaries of Charity in Calcutta soon after India won independence from Britain in 1947.

The order has since grown to include more than 500 orphanages, soup kitchens and other projects all over the world.

Hudson to find another buyer or close plant

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — Hudson Foods Inc. must now find someone who wants to buy more than 1 million pounds of ground beef each week from a Nebraska processing plant linked to a contamination scare.

If it can't, the company said Monday, it will sell the plant in Columbus, Neb., that was shut down last week after 25 million pounds of beef was recalled. It was the nation's largest meat recall in history.

Burger King, which bought more than half the plant's beef, announced Saturday that it would stop buying Hudson meat. It began an advertising campaign Monday to assure customers its meat is safe, though there was no indication it had received bad beef.

Hudson closed the plant after possible E. coli contamination in Colorado was traced to the facility. E. coli is a potentially deadly bacteria that can cause bloody diarrhea and dehydration.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture was examining practices at the plant.

Wal-Mart said Monday it was committed to buying ground beef from the Hudson plant, and Boston Market has also pledged to buy more meat.

But the $16 million plant — opened in 1995 to process beef for Burger King, the nation's second-largest fast-food chain — needs a another big buyer, said Tom Reynolds, treasurer for the Rogers-based Hudson.

"With all this press attention, a sale is probably the more likely option," he said.

Robert Udowitz, a Hudson spokesman in Washington, D.C., said the company wants its 230 Columbus employees to keep their jobs. The plant had produced 2.5 million pounds of hamburger each week.

A poll of 501 adults conducted for Newsweek magazine last week as the story was getting wide attention found that 41 percent of those polled were less likely to purchase hamburger at grocery stores; 54 percent less likely to buy hamburgers at fast-food restaurants. The poll's margin of error was plus or minus 5 percentage points.

Fed agency to probe Union Pacific safety

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sixty federal and state railroad inspectors launched an intensive investigation of the Union Pacific Railroad following a series of deadly accidents, the Federal Railroad Administration announced today.

Seven people have died in three Union Pacific crashes in the past three months and five other employees of the railroad were killed in other accidents since January, the agency said.

The probe got under way Saturday and involves around-the-clock inspections of the Union Pacific system, the FRA said.

The investigation is expected to last from seven to 10 days, concentrating in Chicago; Denver; Fort Worth, Texas; Houston; Los Angeles; Kansas City, Mo.; Omaha, Neb.; Pocatello, Idaho; Portland, Ore., and San Antonio.

Among the recent accidents:

—A crew reportedly failed to set the brakes properly on an unmanned train in Fort Worth on Aug. 20. The train rolled nine miles and slammed into a westbound freight train, killing two locomotive engineers.

—A freight train carrying hazardous materials failed to stop at a crossing in Rossville, Kan., on July 2 and smashed into another train, killing one crew member and injuring the conductor. Twenty cars from both trains derailed and more than 1,000 people were forced from their homes for more than six hours.

—On June 22, two Union Pacific freight trains collided head-on in the middle of the night in Devine, Texas, and exploded in a huge fireball. Four people were killed.

The system-wide inspection was first reported by the San Antonio Express-News.

"We have nothing to hide and look forward to them coming," Union Pacific spokesman Mark Davis told the newspaper.

A union representing railroad engineers applauded the probe.

"We think it's wonderful they are doing this for the interest of the public and their employees," said Ed Dubroski, first vice president of the 33,000-member Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers.

Datebook

Aug. 26, 1997

Today is the 238th day of 1997 and the 67th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1346, the canon was used for the first time in battle by Edward III of England against France.

On this day in 1946, Norma Jean Baker was signed to a contract with 20th Century Fox, and her name was changed to Marilyn Monroe.

On this day in 1994, President Clinton signed the anti-crime bill into law.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Prince Albert (1819-1861), consort of England's Queen Victoria; Christopher Isherwood (1904-1986), writer; Albert Sabin (1906-1993), microbiologist; Ben Bradlee (1921-), journalist, is 76; Irving R. Levine (1922-), broadcast journalist, is 75; Tom Heinsohn (1934-), basketball star-coach-broadcaster, is 63; Branford Marsalis (1960-), musician, is 37.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1939, WXBS televised the first baseball games, a doubleheader between Cincinnati and Brooklyn.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Dinner is to a day what dessert is to dinner." — Michael Dorris

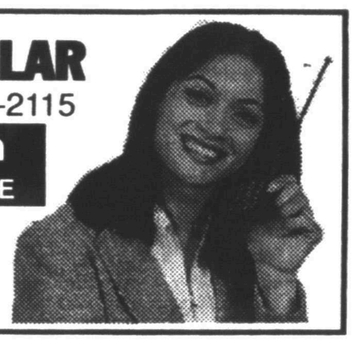
TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1883, volcanic explosions on Krakatoa Island expelled red dust that created brilliant sunsets.

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TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (Aug. 24) and new moon (Sept. 1).

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Florida deal takes some heat off tobacco firms

WASHINGTON (AP) — Florida's $11 billion tobacco settlement does more for cigarette makers than end a troublesome lawsuit: It averts the specter of damaging headlines from Florida courts just as Congress takes up the broader national tobacco deal next month.

For the state, Monday's tobacco settlement serves as an insurance policy. Florida gets $11.3 billion over 25 years and it will be allowed to ban tobacco billboards and much other outdoor advertising even if Congress never passes a national tobacco deal.

And if Congress does pass federal tobacco legislation, Florida still gets its money — the estimated amount it would receive anyway under the national deal. In addition, Florida, like every other state, also would follow the broader, nationwide tobacco policy set by Congress.

Knowing that, Florida officials said it still was important that they reach a separate tobacco settlement.

"We wanted acknowledgement of the havoc they (tobacco companies) had caused in the past and some indication that would change in the future," Florida Gov. Lawton Chiles said Monday. "There is a debt long past-due for big tobacco to pay."

Congress returns from an August recess next week, and will begin debating a comprehensive deal that promises to eliminate 38 more state lawsuits by setting sweeping nationwide tobacco policy.

Tobacco companies paid $3.6 billion in July to settle a suit brought by Mississippi, but they made no other concessions.

While Florida's deal was broader, the proposed $368 billion national pact still would go even further. Tobacco companies would agree to more severe advertising curbs and to pay up to $2 billion a year in fines if teen-age smoking doesn't drop. In return, tobacco companies would win protection from future lawsuits, restrictions on how strictly the government could control nicotine and get to deduct all settlement payments from their taxes.

Critics say the proposed national deal is too lenient, and President Clinton will unveil his planned changes sometime after he returns Sept. 7 from vacation.

But Congress is unlikely to act before another state tobacco lawsuit — in Texas — goes to trial late next month. Cigarette makers are expected to cut a deal there too.

"That they gave more to Florida than to Mississippi means they've got to give more to Texas than to Florida," said James Tierney, a consultant to the suing states.

He noted that Florida extracted potentially damaging evidence it didn't get to use in court — such as Philip Morris chief Geoffrey Bible's deposition that smoking "might have" killed 100,000 Americans — that could influence other lawsuits. That pressure adds to Tierney's belief that tobacco companies won't walk away if Clinton insists that the national pact be strengthened.

Continuing state settlements means "our leverage is stronger, theirs is inherently weaker," Tierney said.

Not everybody agrees. Privately, the tobacco industry insists it will fight in Congress some of the changes that Clinton is considering, including stronger government nicotine control and harsher penalties for teen smoking.

Congress should take enough time to thoroughly consider needed changes, argued deal critics like Rep. Martin Meehan, D-Mass.

"Clearly a pattern is beginning to emerge where the tobacco industry would rather settle than take a chance in court," Meehan said. "The fact that Florida has settled should not give the pending global settlement undue momentum in Congress."

Said Minnesota Attorney General Hubert Humphrey III: "Rather than a signal to enact a flawed national settlement, this is a signal to push harder for disclosure of the full truth."

At one point in the early 1920s, one U.S. dollar was worth 4.2 trillion German marks.

Critics wary of huge settlement offer

DETROIT (AP) — Jama Russano, born with a tumor on her right breast, got a Dow Corning Corp. implant to replace lost tissue when she was 14. After problems cropped up 19 years later, she got a second Corning implant.

It was taken out six years ago. Russano said her doctor had removed so much tissue that it "fell into my armpit when I lay down."

"We were told they were a lifetime device. I had no idea it could rupture," the 40-year-old said from her Northport, N.Y., home. "I started having all kinds of problems, but didn't know why. I went to my doctor and started putting two and two together."

Though the debate over whether such problems were caused by implants continues, Dow Corning offered Monday to settle breast implant legal claims for up to $2.4 billion as part of its plan to get out of bankruptcy.

Critics called the plan inadequate and an attempt to bail out Dow Corning's half owner, Dow Chemical Co. Implant claims were filed against Dow Chemical after Dow Corning filed for bankruptcy.

The money would go mostly to settle breast implant claims, but also includes claims made by people with other devices containing silicone, such as joint implants. The payment each woman would receive depends on how many approve the pact and the extent of the injuries they claim implants caused them. Individual settlement amounts would range from $650 to $200,000.

Dow Corning said the plan must be approved by two-thirds of the women who have filed claims to take effect. It also must be approved by a bankruptcy court judge.

The Midland, Mich.-based company did not admit that implants cause disease. Company officials said they made the offer to "agree to disagree" with nearly 200,000 women worldwide who blame their injuries or illnesses on the devices. Some 150,000 are in the United States.

Dow Corning chief executive Richard Hazleton said scientific evidence shows no link between ailments and breast implants, though "we do know there are local complications and that implants can occasionally rupture."

The settlement came as part of the reorganization plan Dow Corning was required to file to recover from Chapter 11 bankruptcy. It also comes less than a week after a Louisiana jury said Dow Chemical was negligent in testing silicone for breast implants, lied about the possible risks and plotted with Dow Corning to hide potential health dangers.

Dow Corning attorney Barbara Houser said the settlement money could be available by next summer. Those seeking money would have to prove they had a Dow Corning implant and sign an affidavit saying they were harmed.

By settling, women would give up the right to make claims against any Dow Corning products or its shareholders — meaning that Dow Chemical would also be free from claims, Houser said.

Plaintiff's attorneys accused Dow Corning of helping get its parent company off the hook.

"From the outset, this bankruptcy has been run for the benefit of Dow Chemical," Houston attorney Ed Blizzard said. "Now, this plan provides a bailout for Dow Chemical without them having to contribute a dime toward the plan."

If the plan is rejected, company officials said they would pursue other legal means to recover from bankruptcy.

"I felt almost insulted, I felt like this is such a tragedy," Russano said. "This is supposed to be a big American company, and how could they treat people this way, hiding behind bankruptcy laws and coming back with the same money they were willing to give a few years ago?"

The company said the plan will cover medical costs, but critics disagree. Russano, for example, said she and her husband have spent $300,000 for costs not covered by health insurance.

Dr. Lu-Jean Feng, a plastic surgeon at Cleveland's Mount Sinai Medical Center, said she has removed implants from more than 800 patients.

"It's not unusual to spend $10,000 on just one operation," she said. "I think it's good that the company is acknowledging the local disease but I think that the amount they're planning is very low."

Other implant manufacturers — Bristol-Myers, 3M Corp. and Baxter International — have offered women settlements ranging from $5,000 for those who claim the least harm to $100,000 for women whose implants ruptured and leaked silicone through their bodies.



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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



How to wean yourself from laxatives

DEAR DR. GOTT: I went on a very strict diet for six months and became constipated. As a result, I'm now hooked on laxatives seven days a week! If I don't take them, my bowels don't move. What can I do?

DEAR READER: Strict dieting may deprive people of intestinal bulk and roughage, leading to constipation. You may be able to get back on the right track by taking one of the commercially available plant derivatives such as Metamucil to add fiber to your diet. These preparations are low-calorie and will often solve the problem.

In addition, you might try eating raw vegetables and more salads which contain roughage. Such foods contain few calories, will reduce hunger, are safe and plentiful, and will provide additional nutritional benefits.

Avoid taking laxatives — especially in large quantities — because the intestinal tract may come to depend on them, as was true in your case. Ask your doctor for specific advice.

To give you more information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Constipation and Diarrhea."

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: I have suffered from painful stomachaches since I was a child. My food does not get digested or pass out of my stomach. The only way to clear it up is to regurgitate everything. At one point, my cousin gave me a muscle relaxant he was taking for his colon, and I had relief in 30 minutes. Should I see a doctor?

DEAR READER: I think you should definitely see a doctor because the exact nature of your problem should be clarified. Also, the medicine used for this type of muscle spasm is available only by prescription. I do not believe that you are safe taking your cousin's medicine. Despite the initial benefits, it may not be right for you.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I had several blackouts which I eventually traced to overdoses of caffeine. Medically, why would this drug cause blackouts when it's supposed to be a stimulant?

DEAR READER: I cannot give you a definite answer. Caffeine usually acts as a stimulant. However, certain people may experience idiosyncratic or paradoxical reactions to drugs. For example, sedatives — such as barbiturates — can cause a form of overstimulation.

Furthermore, when people exceed the full effects of medicine, their bodies may respond adversely in unpredictable ways. That is, the end result of massive overstimulation may be coma or blackouts. Ordinarily, caffeine does not produce such exaggerated responses, but the potential is there. If you haven't seen a doctor about this problem, I suggest that you do so.

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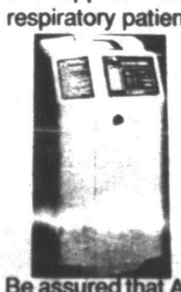
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1997 Property Tax Rates in Hermleigh I.S..D.

This notice concerns 1997 property tax rates for Hermleigh I.S.D. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the school district used to detrmine property taxes last year. This year's *effective* tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's *rollback* tax rate is the highest tax rate the school district can set before it must hold a rollback election. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes and state funds by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per $100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:		
Last year's operating taxes	$	428,312.
Last year's debt taxes	$	-0-
Last year's total taxes	$	428,312.
Last year's tax base	$	31,726,815.
Last year's total tax rate	$	1.3500 /$100
This year's effective tax rate:		
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	$	376,520.
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	$	29,278,909.
= This year's effective tax rate	$	1.2859 /$100
x 1.03 = maximum rate unless the school district publishes notices and holds hearing	$	1.3244 /$100
This year's rollback tax rate:		
Amount of local taxes needed based on state funding formulas and 1997-98 student enrollment	$	398,688.
+ This year's adjusted tax base	$	29,596,997.
= This year's local maintenance and operation rate OR	$	1.3470 /$100
1996 maintenance and operation rate	$	1.3500
= This year's maintenance and operation rate (use greater of 2 rates above)	$	1.3500 /$100
+ $0.08	$	1.4300 /$100
+ This year's debt rate	$	-0- /$100
+ Rate to recoup loss certified by commissioner of education	$	-0- /$100
= This year's rollback rate	$	1.4300 /$100

Schedule A
Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
M&O	-0-

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at Scurry County Appraisal District.
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Four generals meet with Plavsic, four others boycott talks

BANJA LUKA, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — Four of the eight top Bosnian Serb generals boycotted talks today with President Biljana Plavsic, defying a summons intended to test military loyalties in her power struggle with indicted wartime leader Radovan Karadzic.

Army sources said ahead of the meeting — which four other top generals did attend — that Plavsic would nominate a new army chief of staff, replacing a commander who appears to have thrown his support to Karadzic in the contest for control of Bosnian Serb territory.

The commander, Gen. Pero Colic, stayed away from today's talks, as did one of his deputies and the commanders of two of the Serbs' four army corps. Their boycott indicated that the dispute between the rival Bosnian Serb leaders has split the army, as it has all Bosnian Serb institutions.

Western governments and their NATO-led peace force increasingly are backing Plavsic in her challenge to Karadzic and his allies. Plavsic accuses Karadzic's camp of enriching itself through corruption, while foreign leaders believe the Bosnian peace accord is in danger as long as Karadzic wields power.

Rather than answering Plavsic's summons, Colic attended talks today outside Sarajevo with his Muslim and Croat counterparts and NATO officials. NATO intended to warn the military leaders to stay out of the country's political disputes, the alliance spokesmen said.

Those responding to Plavsic's call were generals Momir Talic and Novica Simic, both army corps commanders; air force chief Gen. Milan Torbica; and deputy chief of staff Gen. Milan Kutlesic.

Army sources, speaking on condition of anonymity before the talks, said Plavsic would nominate either Talic or Simic as new army chief of staff.

Comments attributed by pro-Karadzic media to Colic indicate he supports Karadzic.

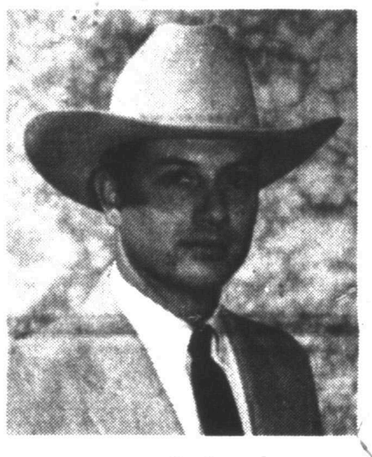
The army is generally regarded as low in morale and poorly trained. At the beginning of the Serb-Serb conflict early this summer, it was thought to support Plavsic, but it has criticized her instead.

Earlier in the conflict, Plavsic ordered dissolution of the Bosnian Serb Parliament, which generally supports Karadzic, and urged October elections for new legislators.

Parliament met today in defiance of Plavsic's order. But in a possible indication that some legislators were heeding Plavsic, only 45 of 83 members were present.



WINNER — Scurry County blood drive chairman Bill Dickinson surprises Katy Doty as the winner of a drawing held for donors of the recent blood drive. Doty won an overnight stay at the Renaissance Hotel in Lubbock, dinner for two at Joe's Crab Shack and $20 in movie money from Cinemark. (SDN Staff Photo)



Darren Jackson

Sheriff returns to work

After recuperating from injuries received from chemical burns received while preventing an inmate from committing suicide, Sheriff Darren Jackson says he is glad to be back at work.

"I was ready to get back to work," said Jackson. "I never really realized how much I enjoyed working until this happened and I couldn't."

"It was good to be back and out in the community," said Jackson. "I'm looking forward to getting out and around the county and see everybody."

Jackson was burned when he tried to prevent jail inmate Bobby Garza from drinking a concentrated drain cleaner which contained sulfuric acid. Garza was a trusty working at the Scurry County Coliseum when he threatened to commit suicide by drinking the cleaner. Jackson was burned when he attempted to get the cleaner from Garza and it spilled on him and others at the scene.

Jackson has undergone skin grafts on his left arm with the graft taken from his leg. He was also treated for burns on his right arm and chest. Garza was also treated for burns and he was released from University Medical Center in Lubbock just last week. Garza was also released from custody as he had served his 120 days for felony probation violation.

Jackson said today that the work program will continue and that the department is reviewing the method by which trustys are supervised.

"It's too valuable a program for the county to drop it for one incident," said Jackson. "The trustys put in a lot of work that might not otherwise get done in the county."

Mir crew repaired system of oxygen

MOSCOW (AP) — Mir's crew solved a potentially serious problem by swiftly fixing the balky air supply systems — but the Russian ground staff was slow in telling the Americans, resulting in a brief scare early today.

The latest breakdown and repair job on Mir was filled with confusion due to the very different ways that Americans and Russians handle public relations.

The U.S. space agency NASA touched off a brief panic Monday when officials in Houston announced that both the main and backup oxygen-generating systems on Mir were not working.

The two Russians and one American on board would have to fix the systems within days, or face the prospect of abandoning the space station.

When NASA made the first announcement it was almost midnight in Moscow, where space officials had long since gone home without reporting any new problems aboard the Mir.

It wasn't until this morning that Russian officials announced that both oxygen systems had been fixed by 10:30 p.m. Monday — before NASA even announced the problem.

"Everything is fine," Vladimir Solovyov, the head of Russia's Mission Control, told journalists today. "We have no problems with the quality of air on board."

President Boris Yeltsin said today that the space station "is living and will live on" despite attempts to "write it off," the ITAR-Tass news agency reported.

During Mir's many recent travails, NASA has on several occasions been the first to report problems, though they receive their information from their counterparts at Russia's Mission Control just outside Moscow.

The Russians have been slow to report a number of incidents, and have played down many others in comparison to the American space agency.

Russian space officials have abandoned the Soviet-era obsession with secrecy and are willing to explain problems to the media.

But after keeping Mir aloft for over 11 years, the Russians view many breakdowns as routine and simply don't bother to announce them unless asked.

Mir has had more than 1,500 breakdowns during about 4,000 days in space, or about one breakdown every 2½ days, space officials have said. Most are minor and not even reported by the Russians.

"There's a difference in philosophy between the Russians and the Americans," Geoff Perry, head of the Kettering Space Observers Group, said in a recent interview from Cornwall, England.

Company accused of defrauding thousands with photo of Clinton

MIAMI (AP) — The government calls it a multimillion-dollar pyramid scheme, while attorneys for a Miami jewelry company say the firm was victimized by overzealous law enforcement.

Both sides agree that using pictures of President Clinton with company executives to lure investors was a bad idea.

Investigators said Unique Gems International Corp. used the photos to help defraud 15,000 investors of almost $40 million in a pyramid scheme using cheap necklace kits.

Richard Sharpstein, attorney for company president Enrique Pirela, said using Clinton's photo on brochures was ill-advised but "has been blown out of proportion."

The executives fled overseas before the collapse of the fraud, one of the costliest credit-card scams in U.S. history, according to authorities.

The cost of the collapse to almost a dozen banks and financial service institutions could reach $20 million; many investors tried to issue "charge-backs" to stop credit-card payments to Unique Gems.

A judge shut down the company in March after authorities decided it was an illegal "Ponzi scheme," in which early investors are paid off not through legitimate profits but with money from more recent investors.

Sharpstein said the company was not a pyramid scheme but was hurt by premature enforcement efforts of Florida's attorney general.

"We say Unique Gems was a well-intentioned business, not a fraud," Sharpstein said Monday. "The attorney general jumped in far too quickly to shut it down."

Early investors would give the company $3,000 for a kit worth about $100 to make necklaces out of beads and thread and return them to Unique Gems for up to $4,800 per kit.

Those who charged the initial investment to credit cards could make $1,800 without spending a dime. Some invested more than $100,000 for the quick profits that were available at first.

The attorney general's office determined the necklaces were virtually worthless, assistant Attorney General Jody Collins said.

A court-appointed investigator, Lewis Freeman, said about 30 Unique Gems executives and workers attended a Democratic National Committee fund raiser at the Biltmore Hotel in Coral Gables last fall, buying their seats with $85,000 contributed to the DNC by others.

Richard Jewell settles with former employer

ATLANTA (AP) — Former Olympic bombing suspect Richard Jewell has settled his lawsuit against his former employer, Piedmont College, for an undisclosed amount of money.

Jewell's attorney, Lin Wood, said today that the north Georgia college will be dropped this week from Jewell's libel suit against The Atlanta Journal-Constitution. The newspaper will remain as a defendant, he said.

Jewell had alleged that Piedmont President Richard Cleere and a college spokesman, Scott Rawles, slandered him in statements to the newspaper about his job performance and personality.

Wood declined to say what led to the settlement or how much money Jewell will get.

"Obviously we're very pleased," he said. "We can now focus on the real culprit."

Cleere would not comment, and there was no answer today at Rawles's office at the college in Demorest.

Obituaries

Robert Gray

1929-1997

Graveside service is set for 10 a.m. in the Snyder Cemetery for Snyder native Robert E. Gray of Fairfax, Va., directed by Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Mr. Gray, 67, died Saturday, Aug. 23, at his residence.

Born Nov. 8, 1929 in Snyder, he married Nancy O'Kelley on May 27, 1955 in Weatherford. A 1947 graduate of Snyder High School, Mr. Gray received his bachelor's and master's degrees from Texas Tech University, and his doctorate from Michigan State University.

Mr. Gray was employed as agriculture economist for the U.S. Department of Agriculture. He had previously worked in the State Department. While employed by the government for 35 years, Mr. Gray had worked in Equador, Paraguay and Kenya. He lived in Fairfax for 20 years.

Survivors include his wife, Nancy Gray of Fairfax; two daughters, Kelley Snyder of New Windsor, Md., and Cristina Carlisle of Arlington, Va.; a sister, Margaret Birdwell of Snyder; and a nephew of Snyder, Borden Gray Jr.

The family suggests memorials to The Hospice of Northern Virginia; 11166 Main St., Suite 405; Fairfax, Va. 22030.

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What's Up?

Apostolic Faith revival

Apostolic Faith Church, located at 2510 25th St., will continue revival services through Wednesday with evangelist Roland Haney. Services begin at 7 p.m.

Genealogical meeting

A meeting of the genealogical society will be held at 7 this evening in the county library. The topic will be researching family trees. Visitors are welcome. A board meeting will be held at 6:30.

Cub Scouts sign-up rally

A sign-up rally for Cub Scouts will be held at 7 this evening at West Elementary. Boys in the first through fifth grades are encouraged to join. Adult volunteers are also needed.

Appraisal Review Board

Scurry County Appraisal District Appraisal Review Board will meet at 10 a.m. Wednesday for hearing of mineral and industrial protests.

Cogdell Hospital board

Cogdell memorial Hospital board will meet at 8 a.m. Thursday to consider the relocation of the physical therapy department as well as medical staff, nursing and financial reports.

JP jury call cancelled

A jury call for justice of the peace court for 1:30 p.m. Thursday has been cancelled.

Ira ISD trustees

Ira ISD board will meet at 7 a.m. Friday to set the 1997 tax rate, adopt a Texas Association of School Boards update and consider amendments to the 1996-97 budget.

Church building fund

Garage sale items are being accepted by the Lighthouse Assembly of God for their church building fund. Call 573-5124 for more information.

A Taste of Scurry County

Scurry County Museum is planning a "Taste of Scurry County" for Sept. 11. The evening-long event will begin with food sampling at 6:30 p.m. Door prizes, a silent auction and a bid auction will be offered. Tickets for a computer to be raffled in December will also be available. Tickets will be available soon from the museum and volunteers.

Canyon Community reunion

The Canyon Community reunion will be held Sept. 20 at the Ira Community Center. Registration wil begin at 9 a.m. Coffee and doughnuts will be provided. Lunch will be "on your own." Bring any momentoes, pictures and tales with you. For more information, call 573-3825 or 573-3093.

Bible study videos

Another series of Bible study video tapes is airing on Channel 2. The fifth tape, "Angels - Part of God's Creation," will air at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 2.

Pick 3

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

2-3-1

(two-three-one)

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 8-15-22-27-39.
Number matching five of five: four.
Prize per winner: $31,641.
Winning ticket(s) sold in: El Paso, Ganado, Lubbock, Mission.
Matching four of five: 380. Prize: $499.
Matching three of five: 12,733. Prize: $24.
Next Cash 5 drawing: Tuedsay night.