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Tax holiday produces traffic for local stores

Local merchants reported a good turnout this weekend for the sales tax holiday, the second such event aimed at offering families a break on back to school apparel purchases.

"Basically it went real well," Wal-Mart manager R.J. Youngclause said. "We had a lot of traffic in the store - a lot of excitement."

He said many took advantage of the tax holiday, buying both clothing items and shoes.

"We had a real good weekend. I think every year it is going to get better and better as more awareness is raised about it."

Bealls also reported brisk weekend sales.

"We did really well," manager Kathleen Huddleston said. "Shoes is what really hit us hard, and of course the next thing would be jeans."

The store also offered additional savings with discounts and sale items. Huddleston said the number of people in the store was about the same as last year, but the store had a wider selection to offer this year.

"Our selection is a lot better this time because we were prepared this year. I think it kind of took us by surprise last year," she said. "The company did not realize it was that big of a thing, but it was more prepared this year making sure we had a good selection."

Huddleston said some shoppers used the weekend to get a jump on holiday shopping.

"We've even had people go Christmas shopping. Several said they were buying for Christmas."

Hackfeld's owner Keith Hackfeld said business was steady at his store also during the weekend.

"It was pretty good. It sure increased our business, traffic was good," he said. "You couldn't say it was like Christmas, but people took advantage of it."

Other areas of Texas reported good business as well.

In North Texas, retailers reported tentative sales figures that were better than expected.

"The good news is that most of our retailers are exceeding plan," Jan Cycon, Valley View general manager in North Dallas, told The Dallas Morning News in Monday's editions. "Compared to last weekend, our traffic is up 46 percent. So we continue to look at it as Christmas in August."

The exemption's popularity may prompt improvements. Legislators were being urged to consider making school supplies tax-free in coming years and extending the weekend holiday to two weeks.

As many as 100,000 shoppers were counted at Stonebriar Centre's 150 retailers in Frisco, north of Dallas.

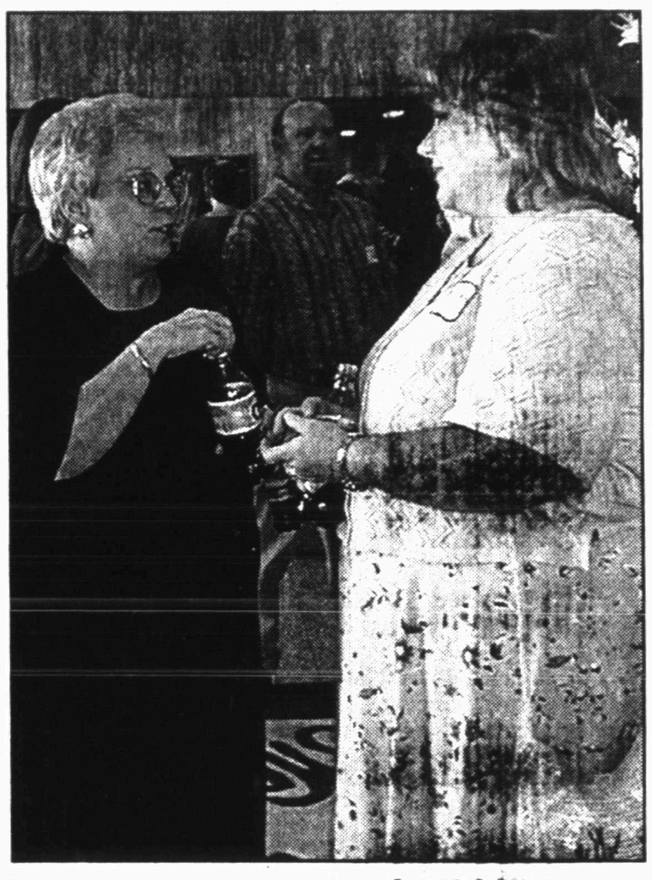
"We don't have tentative sales figures yet, but all the stores have been packed," mall spokesman Wally Brewster said. "All the stores we talked to are above their opening plan."

Opening of the regional shopping mall — one of the largest in the Southwest at 1.6 million square feet — was Friday, coinciding with the start of the tax holiday that gave shoppers there an additional 8.25 percent off in state and local sales taxes.

At Weiner's along Houston's North Freeway, employees prepared for the weekend a month in advance because the holiday caused a few problems for employees last year. Many shoppers didn't know which items were tax-exempt last year, said store manager Bryan Amberger.

"Some of them customers were downright ugly," Amberger said.

SISD faculty and staff starts a new school year...



CREATING PATHWAYS — Snyder ISD superintendent Gayle Lomax, bottom photo, used the theme "Creating Pathways" for his address this morning to Snyder ISD staff members at the opening-of-school convocation in the Jerry P. Worsham Auditorium. In the right photo, counselors Dixie Haggard and Robin Kidd visited during a break. Staff members were to report to their campuses after lunch. The school bell rings for students next Monday. (Staff Photos by Jo Ann Nunley)

During morning meeting...

Bell reports on county finances

County Treasurer Charlie Bell told commissioners this morning that the county has less money, but is making more on it.

Bell presented the second quarterly report which shows the county's cash balance as of June 30 to be $7,055,437. The figure is down almost $400,000 from the same time last year.

He reported, however, that investments are earning 6.437 percent interest.

"We are earning more interest on less money," Bell said.

Total interest year-to-date is up $23,162 over last year — $237,283 compared to $214, 121.

In other business, commissioners voted to submit an application for a Texas Community Development Participation grant.

Precinct 2 Commissioner Roy Idom abstained because he serves on the grant board.

The county received a $250,000 grant three years ago for Hermleigh Water Works and is again applying for assistance in that ongoing project.

Precinct 4 Commissioner Chloanne Lindsey said the grant money would be used to install a new 50,000-gallon above ground storage tank and approximately 5,000 additional feet of water line.

The court also gave authorization for the county to participate in the Texas Department of Transportation ramp program.

The maintenance program is 50/50 participation between the state and the county to maintain and update airports state wide.

Precinct 3 Commissioner Howard Limmer said the county plans to repair the roof on the airport terminal building and to replace a fence on the north end of the property.

Total cost is expected to be $17,100, making the county's portion $8,550.

The court also approved four line-item transfers and paid the bills.

County Judge Ricky Fritz presided and commissioners present were Lindsey, Idom, Limmer and Ralph Trevey.

NEW AMBULANCE — Snyder EMS director Perry Westmoreland, left, shows county commissioners Roy Idom (center) and Howard Limmer the county's new ambulance. (SDN Staff Photo)

Gore selects Sen. Lieberman as vice presidential candidate

WASHINGTON (AP) — Al Gore has selected Connecticut Sen. Joseph Lieberman to be his running mate, rounding out the Democratic ticket with the first Jewish vice presidential candidate in American history, The Associated Press has learned.

Gore planned to offer Lieberman the job in a telephone call later Monday, according to several Democratic sources familiar with the vice president's thinking, all speaking on condition of anonymity. Lieberman has indicated he will accept.

Picking the moderate Democrat and self-styled moral crusader as his running mate signals an effort by Gore to win over independent and Republican voters and distance himself from President Clinton's controversies. Lieberman was the first prominent Democratic lawmaker to openly criticize the president's conduct with Monica Lewinsky. Polls show Republican George W. Bush benefiting from the so-called "Clinton fatigue."

The sources said Gore made his decision after discussions late Sunday night and early Monday morning with top advisers, including former Secretary of State Warren Christopher, who headed the search process, brother-in-law Frank Hunger, wife Tipper and campaign chairman Bill Daley.

Lieberman

The vice president and his running mate will appear together at a noontime rally Tuesday in Nashville.

Lieberman, 58, beat out five other finalists: Sens. Evan Bayh of Indiana, John Edwards of North Carolina, John Kerry of Massachusetts; House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt of Missouri and New Hampshire Gov. Jeanne Shaheen.

Shaheen praised the selection as "an excellent choice." She said, "He's a man of strong character and principle, and he really understands the economy we're in."

The Gore campaign hoped Lieberman's selection would be a bold stroke heading into next week's Democratic National Convention in Los Angeles. He trails rival Bush in polls after last week's GOP convention.

One Democratic ally said Gore was driven in part by a need to make a pre-convention splash, which Lieberman's religion provides. The source said the vice president has been disturbed by polls giving Bush a double-digit edge and he fears the election will slip away unless he uses this critical two-week period to gain significant ground, particularly among independents.

Season ticket holders have two weeks to renew seats

Season ticket holders have two more weeks to purchase tickets for the upcoming Snyder Tigers football season.

Friday, Aug. 18 is the last day to purchase the tickets.

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

Any remaining season tickets will be available to the general public on Monday, Aug. 21. No season tickets will be sold after Aug. 25.

All tickets at the gate will be $5, including student tickets. Student tickets will be $2 at school and the administration the week of the home games.

The Tigers host Monahans Sept. 1 to open the 2000 gridiron season.

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

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

ASK US

Q—Has the extension service set the date for the annual Borden, Scurry County farm tour?

A—The tour is set for Thursday, Aug. 24.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Saturday, 96 degrees; low 76; high Sunday, 94; low, 73; reading at 7 a.m. Monday, 76; no precipitation; total precipitation for 2000: 15.01 inches.

Area Forecast: Mostly cloudy, high in mid 90s. Tonight and Tuesday, mostly cloudy. Low 75 and high near 95.

Lecy Blauvelt
Mostly Cloudy

Sunset:
8:34 p.m.
Sunrise:
7:06 a.m.
Of 219 days in 2000, the sun has shone 216 days in Scurry County.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Problems are only opportunies in work clothes.
—Henry Kaiser

Bush, McCain prepare for Western swing

AUSTIN (AP) — Wrapping up a whistle-stop train tour of the Midwest, George W. Bush headed back to Texas to regroup before embarking on the next leg of his Republican presidential campaign — a swing through the West with former rival John McCain.

Bush is sending running mate Dick Cheney back to the Midwest this week on his first solo tour, underscoring the importance the campaign puts on reaching out to swing voters in states such as Illinois that backed President Clinton in 1996.

On a trip Sunday that took him through Illinois cornfields, past small vegetable gardens and along highways where semis toted farm equipment, Bush touted his plans to use the surplus to cut taxes, rebuild the military, protect Social Security and improve education.

"The surplus means government has more money than it needs, not because we have geniuses in Washington but because we tax the working people too much," Bush told a crowd in Joliet, Ill., who stood in 90-degree heat. "Al Gore thinks the surplus is the government's money. We think it's the people's money."

The phrases, repeated at stop after stop, was one of his biggest applause lines.

A CNN-USA Today-Gallup poll released Sunday showed the Texas governor with a 17-point lead over Vice President Gore among likely voters.

Bush made hay of President Clinton's veto Saturday of a bill eliminating the so-called marriage penalty tax. The administration contends the bill is too expensive and benefits mostly wealthy people.

Bush called the veto "a bad mistake" and pledged to sign such a bill if he becomes president.

The newly nominated GOP candidate also tailored stump speeches — delivered from an open platform on the back of a vintage train car — to farmers and union workers in the largely blue-collar towns and rural areas he stopped in.

"I'm for ethanol," Bush told a rally in Normal, Ill. "Every day is Earth Day if you farm the land."

Ethanol, made from corn, is a clean-burning fuel highly subsidized by the federal government.

The Bush campaign said the tour was through Democratic territory. While the four states covered on the three-day trip — Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan and Illinois — voted for Clinton in 1996, many towns scouted by advance teams weeks before Bush's trip were in staunchly Republican areas, guaranteeing the candidate adoring, sign-waving crowds that made great fodder for campaign commercials.

UT president warns staff about sickout

AUSTIN (AP) — University of Texas president Larry Faulkner has warned staff members that participating in a sickout later this year could cost them their jobs.

Employees in June threatened a "burnt orange flu" that could keep 6,000 university employees home Sept. 6 through Sept. 8 — the university's busiest time — if officials didn't meet a list of demands regarding wages, benefits and working conditions.

In an e-mail sent Friday to UT-Austin employees on the advice of UT System lawyers, Faulkner cited a state law that prohibits public employees from participating in an organized work stoppage. He warned employees of the consequences of joining the walkout planned by the University Staff Association.

"State law says people are in danger of losing their jobs," Faulkner said. "People needed to know where we are on this."

The group, which represents about 200 of about 12,000 non-teaching employees, says the planned protest is not a strike.

Peg Kramer, association president, said the e-mail warning was intended "to threaten, intimidate, control and disempower workers" and is already having an impact.

"It's making some people more angry ... and some people have allowed the message to intimidate and scare them," she said.

The group is protesting higher health insurance premiums, the elimination of paid dental insurance and other issues.

Labor lawyer Rick Levy, who represents the Texas AFL-CIO, said the planned demonstration reflects the dilemma for university employees, who continue to lag behind the private sector in pay and benefits.

In May, about 300 workers temporarily walked off their jobs to protest changes that will take effect Sept. 1. Average out-of-pocket employee premiums are expected to increase to $66 a month, according to the University Staff Association. Employees with dependents could pay as much as $80 a month for coverage.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

History of aneurysms is often all in the family

DEAR ABBY: Please reprint the article about abdominal aortic aneurysms (AAA) that appeared in May 1997. It saved my life. My internist had told me I didn't have AAA. However, after reading your column, I insisted on having a sonogram. Much to my doctor's surprise — there it was. Surgery was performed May 2 of last year. I am fine, thanks to you. — **JOAN FELLA, HUNTINGDON VALLEY, PA.**

DEAR JOAN: I'm pleased to reprint it. After that column appeared, I received several letters similar to yours. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: Two years ago, my husband's sister had a sonogram to check for a possible gynecological problem. What the doctor discovered was an abdominal aortic aneurysm that was large enough for mandatory surgery.

Her doctor told her to notify any siblings that they, too, should have a sonogram. The unexpected result of my husband's examination stunned us all. Bill, too, had an abdominal aortic aneurysm!

Bill was monitored for one year, until the aneurysm surged significantly. The operation followed a month later. The doctor's insight about the genetic factor probably saved Bill's life.

Please, Abby, inform your readers that aortic aneurysms are hereditary. If a parent or sibling has had one, then all siblings and offspring should be examined. We have been advised that our son must be tested when he reaches age 50 and should continue to have a sonogram every five years thereafter.

The cause of aneurysms is unknown, although several risk factors — notably hypertension, smoking and atherosclerosis — could possibly contribute to their development and growth. They have been found to occur more frequently in males than in females. Abdominal aortic aneurysms are silent and usually deadly if not discovered before they rupture. Ruptures are preventable with continued use of ultrasonography and CT scanning.

I hope my letter will be a red alert to anyone whose family has a history of aneurysms. Check with your doctor. Don't put it off! And physicians who are unaware of this should consider including "family history of aneurysms" on their new patient forms. It could save lives. — **BARBARA AND BILL GOLDSMITH, SAVANNAH, GA.**

DEAR BARBARA AND BILL: I'm sure your warning will serve as a wake-up call to anyone who has a family history of aortic aneurysms. And another plus is the fact that the test is painless and non-invasive. Thank you for a letter that is sure to be a lifesaver.

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DEAR ABBY: A group of women have played cards for more than 30 years. We play for money and have a jackpot for the person with the lowest score at the end of six games.

The last couple of years — or maybe longer — one lady seems to win the jackpot quite often. At the end of every game, we count our own cards, and this one lady keeps score. Most of us know she gives us the wrong count in order to win. She has been given a few "hints."

Should we make new rules and have all the players show their cards? It seems a shame after all these years of enjoying the game. Please advise. — **PUT OUT IN THE MIDWEST**

DEAR PUT OUT: That's one way to "deal" with it. Another idea might be for the players to pass their cards to the person on the right to be tallied.

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Cisneros returning to San Antonio

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Henry Cisneros is returning to San Antonio after an absence of more than seven years.

The move, scheduled for September, is fueling speculation that the former San Antonio mayor and Clinton cabinet secretary is preparing for a Texas gubernatorial run.

"No, no, no, no, no," Cisneros responded.

"This was a conscious selection," he told the San Antonio Express-News in a copyright story for Sunday's editions. "I'm looking for a place where I can make a public contribution without the roller-coaster demands of campaigning and the political life."

Cisneros' firm, American CityVista, will enter a growing market for urban reinvestment. He plans to use some of the money he earned while president of the Univision television network to help launch a joint venture with Kaufman and Broad Home Corp. to build homes in Southwestern cities.

American CityVista will focus on building unsubsidized, affordable subdivisions, Cisneros said, although he did not rule out the use of government programs as a financing mechanism.

"I know there is a market for this concept of villages within cities," Cisneros said, explaining his company would be the first big player to invest serious capital in center-city housing in the Southwest.

An official announcement of his plans is expected today in Los Angeles.

Cisneros was Housing Secretary during President Clinton's first term and resigned in 1996. He moved from Washington to Los Angeles 31/2 years ago to run Univision Communications Inc., the nation's largest Spanish-language television network. Under his leadership as president and chief operating officer, the company's stock price increased more than five-fold, and he made millions.

Henry Cisnero

Despite his protests, Cisneros is seen by some as the Democrats' best chance for recapturing the governor's office and revitalizing a party that no longer holds a single statewide office in Texas.

His romantic involvement with former fund-raiser Linda Jones was a damaging blow to his political aspirations.

The affair, made public in 1988, later led to a four-year, $9 million federal investigation into charges that Cisneros lied about payments to Jones during an FBI background check into his nomination to head the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Date Book

Monday, Aug. 7, 2000

Today is the 220th day of 2000 and the 49th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1792, in Newburgh, N.Y., Gen. George Washington established the Order of the Purple Heart.

On this day in 1888, Theophilus Van Kannel of Philadelphia patented the revolving door.

On this day in 1959, the Explorer VI transmitted the first picture of the Earth taken from orbit.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Nathanael Greene (1742-1786), Revolutionary War general; Mata Hari (1876-1917), dancer-courtesan-spy; Louis Leakey (1903-1972), archaeologist-anthropologist; Ralph Bunche (1904-1971), U.S. diplomat-educator; Don Larsen (1929-), baseball star, is 71; Garrison Keillor (1942-), humorist, is 58; Alan Page (1945-), football star-jurist, is 55.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1906, the New York Giants forfeited a game to Chicago when Giants manager John McGraw refused to allow umpire James Johnston into the ballpark.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "We fight, get beat, rise, and fight again." — Nathanael Greene

TODAY'S MOON: Day after first quarter (Aug. 6).

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Wildlife took refuge at fallen bonfire site

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — No one knows why they showed up, but some Aggies say the small forest animals who have made their home in the remnants of a collapsed bonfire that killed 12 students and injured 27 last November give them hope of life amid death.

The logs will be removed this week, and homes will be found for the wildlife.

The tall fence surrounding the fallen logs has kept people out of the area, but has provided cover for a wide variety of species, including several birds, rabbits, squirrels, raccoons and a nutria.

Annette Hallmark, who worked as a security guard inside the fenced-off bonfire area near the university's entrance, said she took comfort in the transformation.

"This is the Bonfire site — the same place where the 12 Aggies died and other students were hurt in November in the collapse," Hallmark told the Bryan-College Station Eagle. "But months later, out of all that chaos and death has come this life."

About 5,000 logs have given the animals shelter since the structure was dismantled in last year's rescue efforts. On Thursday, C&C Lumber of Huntsville will move the logs to a nearby wastewater plant where they will be kept indefinitely in case they are needed for investigations. Twelve logs will be preserved.

The remnants of the bonfire at the university's entrance has angered some students, who said it is a graphic and constant reminder of the tragedy that killed their friends.

Charles A. Sippial, vice president for administration, said A&M was not allowed to move the logs until the Texas Attorney General's Office recently permitted it.

Last week, some small logs were removed and huts students used during the construction were taken down.

Sippial said C&C Lumber has experience with wildlife, and the animals will be relocated if necessary.

The wildlife probably came from a nearby golf course, the campus, and sewers to the newly created small forest on campus, wildlife experts said.

Donna Bligh, co-director of Nature's Haven, a wildlife refuge in Bryan, said she isn't worried about the animals' future.

"Obviously, these animals were not placed there intentionally, so they'll find their way back to their original homes or make a new home elsewhere," she said.

Her nonprofit, all-volunteer group will be at the site when the logs are removed in case some creatures need rehabilitation or to be released into wilder environments, Bligh said.

Seeing the busy life of the animals on the scene of a tragedy has given her hope, Bligh said.

"The second day I was out there, I watched all this life around me and it made me think about how life goes on," she said.

Missing school funds result in prison term

EL PASO (AP) — The former risk management director for the Socorro school district has been sentenced to 10 years in prison for siphoning $4.7 million from the district to pay a golfing buddy for unnecessary and high-priced background checks.

A jury on Saturday also assessed Mekeli T. Ieremia the maximum fine of $10,000 on each of two counts, theft over $200,000 and misapplication of fiduciary property, the El Paso Times reported.

Ieremia, 46, will be eligible for parole in 2-1/2 years. He could have received life in prison and prosecutors sought a 40-year sentence.

Socorro Superintendent Don P. Schulte testified that the $4.7 million could have bought 4,700 computers for classrooms or hired 117 teachers for one year. Schulte said the district is property-poor; its property value per student is less than half of the state average.

"It requires a greater effort on the part of a property poor district to recover $4.7 million," he said.

At the prosecution's request, Judge David C. Guaderrama said he will conduct a restitution hearing to determine what he will order Ieremia to pay back to the school system. District officials are also considering filing a civil suit against Ieremia.

Ieremia was convicted of siphoning money out of the district's workers' compensation fund while he was the director of risk management. He ordered and authorized 1,180 background reports to be done on district employees at $3,500 apiece. The reports, district officials testified, were of no value to the district.

Each personnel file already contained a criminal history, and using workers' compensation histories for employment decisions is illegal.

Work week begins with phone strike

WASHINGTON (AP) — Verizon Communications braced for busy workweek telephone traffic today, with thousands of operators and technicians on strike for the second day in a dozen Eastern states.

Negotiators for the telecommunications giant and two unions representing 87,200 workers continued to sort through thorny contract issues involving working conditions and union representation for employees in the fast-growing wireless field.

They talked until 1 a.m. today and were returning to the bargaining table around midmorning.

The contract expired at 12:01 a.m. Sunday, affecting operations in states from Maine to Virginia and in the District of Columbia. The weekend deadline gave company officials some time to prepare themselves for the normal business week, when the volume of calls typically increases.

Some of Verizon's 30,000 management employees already were on the job Sunday. In Philadelphia and elsewhere, picket lines blocked managers from getting inside the company's buildings, but a Pennsylvania judge issued an injunction limiting to four the number of pickets permitted in front of facilities in the state.

In New York City, police reported five incidents of vandalism against Verizon facilities, although they could not say whether the acts were connected with the strike. More than 2,500 customers in the Bronx and about 600 in Manhattan lost service.

In Maryland, workers were urged to rally today outside a Silver Spring complex to slow the 1,000 managers from getting to the site.

"We know how big a work force they (management) have, and we plan on making every single one of them late," said Bob Campbell, president of the local CWA unit.

"I feel that we need an equal share in helping this new company grow up in this competitive world," said Pearlie Mae Hughes, 63, a telephone operator demonstrating outside the company's midtown Manhattan site Sunday.

Some consumers calling for directory assistance reached a recording saying that no operator was immediately available due to the work stoppage. The company also warned to expect delays in repairs and installations.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 08-07-00
♠ K Q 5 4
♥ 7
♦ Q J 6
♣ K Q J 9 3

West
♠ A 7
♥ K 9 8 5 2
♦ 10 8 7 3 2
♣ 5

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

South
♠ J 6 2
♥ A Q 10
♦ A K 5 4
♣ 7 6 2

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 ♦	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
2 NT	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
3 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♥ 5

Picking the right horse

D.H. Lawrence, the controversial English author, claimed, "The horse, the horse! The symbol of surging potency and power of movement, of action, in man."

Today's deal is a standard notrump race, but declarer must be careful on which horse — suit — he places his bet. Where would your money be riding?

It is true that when planning to reach a game contract, we love majors and no-trump, but dislike minors. However, with a game-forcing hand, responder should bid his longest suit first. Hence North's initial selection of two clubs, not one spade.

West led the heart five: seven, jack, queen.

Looking at those juicy clubs, declarer immediately attacked that suit, but East won with the ace and returned a heart, establishing West's suit. Since the clubs failed to come in, South had only eight tricks: two hearts, four diamonds and two clubs. When declarer led a spade, West grabbed the trick with his ace and took the rest of his hearts to defeat the contract.

South should have initially mounted the spade horse — carefully. He should have crossed to dummy with a diamond, then played a spade toward his jack. If East has the spade ace and wins the trick, declarer has nine winners: three spades, two hearts and four diamonds. And if East ducks, declarer, after winning with his jack, switches to clubs, getting home via one spade, two hearts, four diamonds and two clubs.

Here, though, West wins with the spade ace but cannot continue hearts without giving South a third trick in the suit. And if West switches, declarer has time to drive out the club ace.

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Polymyalgia rheumatica is treatable

DEAR DR. GOTT: What is polymyalgia rheumatica? My sister has it and has been on prednisone for several weeks. Should she see a specialist?

DEAR READER: Polymyalgia rheumatica, a disease of unknown cause, commonly affects adults over 50. Its symptoms include muscle pain and stiffness, fever, loss of appetite, headache, weakness and malaise. Anemia may be present. Patients suffer from diffuse inflammation of the body's muscles and, often, major arteries. If the arteries in the scalp are affected (temporal arteritis), visual disorders, even blindness, can result.

The affliction is characterized by a high erythrocyte sedimentation rate: Blood cells sink swiftly to the bottom of a tube when left standing. Because not all patients with polymyalgia have elevated sed rates, biopsy may be necessary to confirm the diagnosis.

Prednisone, a form of cortisone, is the treatment of choice and typically relieves symptoms, to an astonishing degree, within 36 hours. In the presence of temporal arteritis, the medicine must be promptly administered to prevent serious visual complications.

The amount of therapy usually can be tapered as the sedimentation rate returns to normal and the patient's symptoms subside. However, if there are eye problems, prednisone should be continued indefinitely, even for years. Fortunately, in most uncomplicated cases, several weeks of treatment suffices.

Family physicians are trained to diagnose and treat polymyalgia. Therefore, your sister needn't see a specialist, such as a rheumatologist, unless she wishes. Ask the doctor about this.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Are you familiar with candida syndrome? What causes it? Is there a cure?

DEAR READER: Candida is a yeast that causes oral infection ("thrush") in infants, vaginal irritation in women taking antibiotics, and various skin afflictions in persons with diabetes or deficient immune systems.

A few years ago, the concept of a yeast "syndrome," called chronic candidiasis, was popularized by several authors — both M.D. and non-M.D. — who believed that the disorder caused chronic fatigue, depression, ill health and a host of other symptoms. Soon thereafter, candidiasis became an a-la-mode affliction, a designer disease that toppled hypoglycemia as the disorder of the decade.

Certainly, candida infection does exist; it is real and can be extremely troublesome for those who have it. But it is not a "hidden epidemic" (as has been claimed) that causes fatigue, swollen glands, susceptibility to infection and a telephone book of other symptoms, most of which are caused by other disorders. For instance, chronic fatigue syndrome, an elusive ailment of unknown cause, may actually be related to depression.

Candidiasis is diagnosed by a fungus culture and is treated with antiyeast drugs, such as Mycostatin. To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Vaginal Infections and Disorders." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

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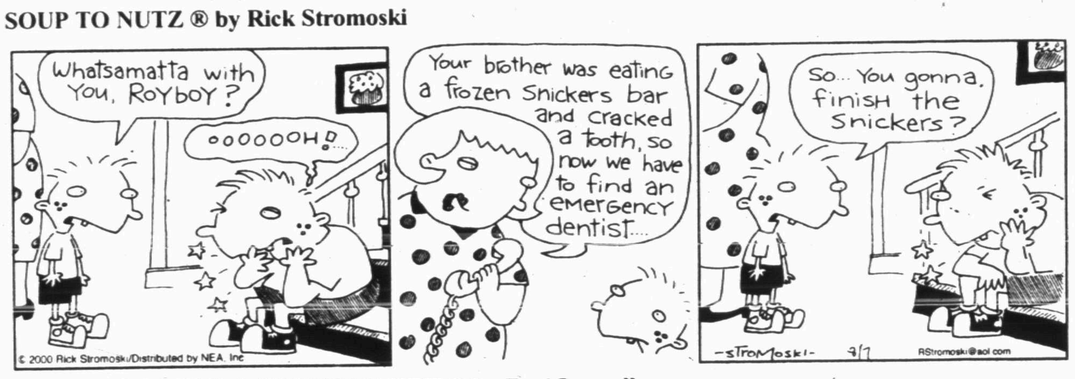

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ACROSS

1 — B. Johnson
7 Chinese fruit
13 Actress Lasser
14 Playwright Albee
15 Concurred
16 Houston team
17 Instrumental sounds (abbr.)
18 — Moines
20 White House inits.
21 Surface measures
23 Entertainer Sumac
24 Sesame
25 Russian despot
27 — — flow
29 Wine barrel
31 Science room
32 Japanese veggie
33 Building wing
34 Voice box
37 Remove (text)
40 Gull-like bird
41 — Paulo
43 Golfer Ballesteros
45 Collection of anecdotes
46 WWII area
47 Force
48 Wrench (a muscle)
51 Teenage — Ninja Turtles
54 Makes fun of
55 Title for Charles
56 Whole
57 Batter

DOWN

1 South American animal
2 Dannon product
3 Hospital workers
4 Gambler's cube
5 "Verb" finish
6 Donkey
7 Rentable
8 Psyche components
9 Hundred-weight (abbr.)
10 Set
11 Wore away
12 Ford flop
19 Uncle
22 Ringed planet
24 Articles of furniture
26 NYC's — Giuliani
28 Hairless
30 Foolishness
34 Of a pre-Easter period
35 Biblical mountain
36 Indian memorial post
38 Witty pianist, Oscar —
39 Show plainly
40 Flavor
42 Sex appeal
44 Chemical compound
49 "As far — — know"
50 Comparative suffix
52 Swiss canton
53 Small bird

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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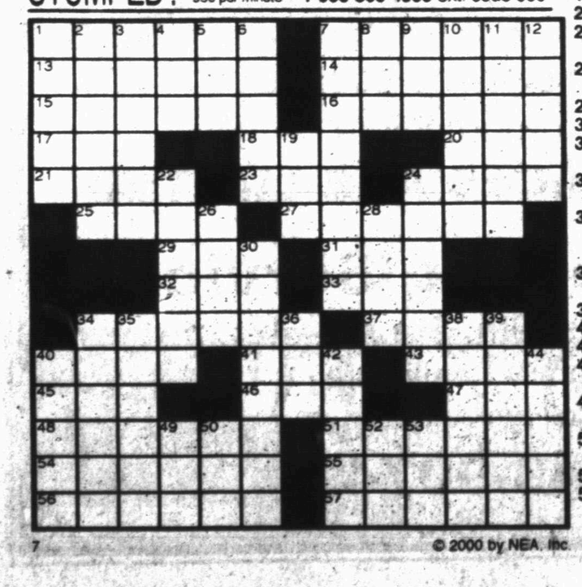

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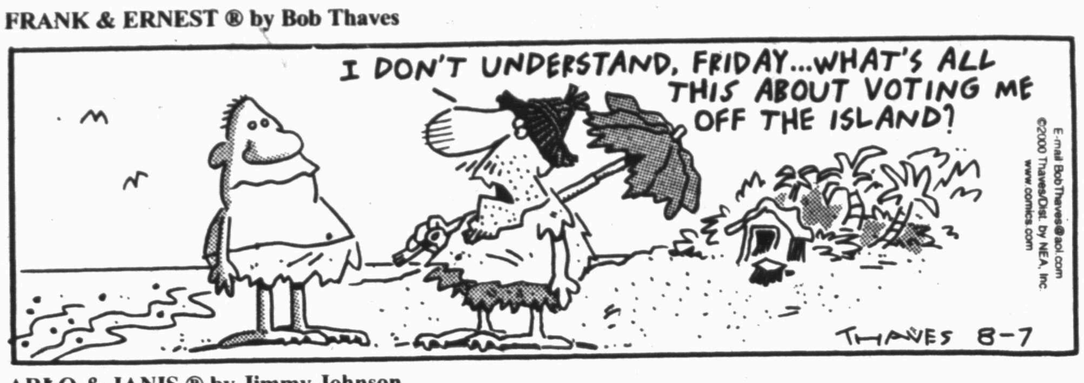

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SPORTS

Astros' 8-1 win fueled by rookie

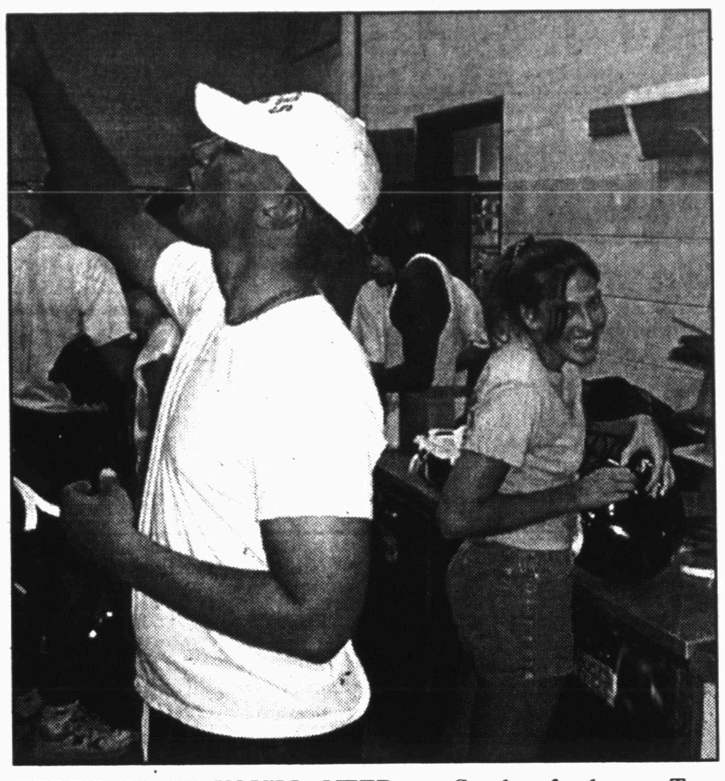
HOUSTON (AP) — Chris Truby, trying to earn a job for next season, is making a case for himself.

"I just want to go out and give them something to look at," the rookie said after hitting his first grand slam and driving in a career-high six runs Sunday in the Houston Astros' 8-1 win over the Montreal Expos. "Hopefully, I'll play well enough to at least get a shot next year."

The third baseman was 5-for-6 in the series.

"The last few days have been unbelievable," he said. "Hitting a grand slam in the majors is a dream. I just don't want to put any pressure on myself the rest of the way."

Scott Elarton (12-4) pitched a four-hitter for his first complete game. He won for the eighth time in nine starts, including three in a row. After giving up a leadoff double, he retired 10 straight through the fourth inning.



HERE'S WHAT YOU'LL NEED — Snyder freshman Trey Roland (left) and senior manager Kristin York work on a helmet in preparation for today's first workout at 4 p.m. Ira began practice at 7:30 this morning, and will continue at 6 this evening, while Borden County starts at 5 today. Indoors, the Snyder High School volleyball team will hold its first workout at 4 p.m. today at the SHS gym. (SDN Staff Photo)

College grid poll released; TCU ends 40-year drought

FORT WORTH (AP) — Pardon TCU football players if they're not sure how to react to the team's No. 20 ranking in The Associated Press preseason college football poll.

After all, it's been 40 years — long before any of the players were even born — since the Horned Frogs last were listed in the preseason poll.

"Are you serious? The AP poll?" free safety Curtis Fuller said when told of the ranking. "Wow, that is very shocking to me. I don't know what to say. I don't know if that will give us more confidence or more pressure."

Even after winning their last five games in 1999, including a 28-14 victory over then-No. 20 East Carolina in the Mobile Alabama Bowl, the Horned Frogs didn't make the final AP rankings last season.

"We had hoped to get into the Top 25 after East Carolina," TCU coach Dennis Franchione said. "So we're flattered by that, but we also know that the 2000 team hasn't done anything yet. It's based on how your team finished in '99 and how many returning starters you have in 2000."

TCU returns 18 starters, including LaDainian Tomlinson, last year's NCAA rushing leader.

The last time TCU was ranked in the preseason poll was in 1960, a season in which they finished 4-4-2.

The only other Texas team in the this year's preseason Top 25 is the University of Texas. The Longhorns, who got two first-place votes, are ranked No. 7.

College Football Poll

By The Associated Press

The Top Twenty Five teams in The Associated Press preseason college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, 1999 records, total points based on 25 points for a first place vote through one point for a 25th place vote and ranking in the 1999 final poll:

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Nebraska (36)	12-1	1,732	3
2. Florida St. (29)	12-0	1,720	1
3. Alabama (3)	10-3	1,570	8
4. Wisconsin (1)	10-2	1,408	4
5. Miami	9-4	1,392	15
6. Michigan	10-2	1,380	5
7. Texas (2)	9-5	1,297	21
8. Kansas St.	11-1	1,276	6
9. Florida	9-4	1,255	12
10. Georgia	8-4	1,226	16
11. Virginia Tech	11-1	1,044	2
12. Tennessee	9-3	940	9
13. Washington	7-5	816	—
14. Purdue	7-5	751	25
15. Southern Cal	6-6	723	—
16. Ohio St.	6-6	601	—
17. Clemson	6-6	599	—
18. Mississippi	8-4	541	22
19. Oklahoma	7-5	455	—
20. TCU	8-4	404	—
21. Illinois	8-4	361	24
22. Penn St.	10-3	359	11
23. Southern Miss.	9-3	224	14
24. Colorado	7-5	166	—
25. Michigan St.	10-2	145	7

Others receiving votes: Texas A&M 139, UCLA 115, East Carolina 75, Oregon 63, Auburn 36, Colorado St. 35, Mississippi St. 34, Utah 33, Notre Dame 32, Virginia 26, Marshall 23, Arkansas 22, Georgia Tech 10, LSU 10, Syracuse 9, BYU 7, Minnesota 5, Boston College 3, Kentucky 3, Texas Tech 3, Toledo 3, Stanford 2, Arizona St. 1, Oregon St. 1.

Lamb uses bat to carry Rangers past Blue Jays

TORONTO (AP) — Rookie Mike Lamb doesn't let his errors in the field affect his hitting.

After the Texas Rangers third baseman misplayed a potential double-play grounder in the first inning for his 21st error, Toronto's Dave Martinez hit a three-run homer.

Lamb rebounded to tie a team record with three doubles as the Rangers beat the Blue Jays 11-6 Sunday to snap a three-game losing streak.

"I know he's been struggling with errors this year, but he's a great hitter," Texas starter Ryan Glynn (3-1) said. "He didn't get discouraged. Mike never does. He's strong mentally."

Lamb went 3-for-3 with three runs scored and two walks. He also had three doubles May 18 against Baltimore and is hitting .300 with 22 doubles and 33 RBIs.

"You just have to keep your defense seperate from your offense," the 24-year-old Lamb said.

Glynn allowed Martinez's three-run homer, then held Toronto to five more hits until the eighth, when the Blue Jays loaded the bases with two outs. Mike Venafro then retired Carlos Delgado on an inning-ending grounder.

Glynn wound up allowing four runs — three earned — and seven hits in 6 2-3 innings.

"That was really big on his part for him not to let my error, and the homer, affect the rest of his game," Lamb said. "He threw a great game today, and he deserved to get the win."

Delgado tied teammate Tony Batista for the AL lead in homers when he connected in the sixth for his 33rd, then hit a two-run double in the ninth off Tim Crabtree.

Kelvim Escobar (7-12), unable to hold the early lead, lost his third straight start, allowing six runs and seven hits in six innings. Only Joe Mays of Minnesota has more losses (13) among AL pitchers.

The Rangers went ahead 5-3 in the fifth on Rusty Greer's RBI single and Rafael Palmerio's double.

Penalties plague Cowboys in loss

TOKYO (AP) — Tony Graziani took advantage of his extended playing time in the preseason opener.

Graziani threw two touchdown passes as the Atlanta Falcons beat the Dallas Cowboys 20-9 in the American Bowl at the Tokyo Dome on Sunday.

"I don't know about starting (in the regular season), but I'm going to take one step at a time and keep playing well," Graziani said.

The Cowboys dropped to 0-7-1 in games played outside the United States, although they went on to win the Super Bowl after losing here in 1992 to the Houston Oilers.

Atlanta starting quarterback Chris Chandler left the game in the second quarter, and Graziani — who passed for 134 yards — saw it as a rare opportunity

"I can't wait to come back," he said.

Dallas opened the scoring six minutes into the first quarter with a 27-yard field goal by Rian Lindell that capped a 10-play, 67-yard drive.

The Falcons came right back with a 12-play drive from their 5-yard line to the Cowboys 2, but Chandler, looking for Terance Mathis, threw an interception in the end zone. Cowboys linebacker Dat Nguyen picked off the pass and tossed a lateral to Darren Hambrick, who carried it to the Dallas 38.

Tim Seder made it 6-0 with a 28-yard field goal five minutes into the second quarter.

Dallas then ran into trouble defending against Graziani, who entered the game in the second quarter. Graziani hit five passes for 46 yards in a 10-play, 74-yard scoring drive.

Falcons receiver Brian Finneran grabbed the six-yard pass in the end zone, and Morten Andersen kicked the extra point to give Atlanta the 7-6 lead.

Lindell's 45-yard field goal with 1:05 left in the second quarter put the Cowboys back ahead 9-7.

The second half, however, was all Atlanta.

Jake Arians kicked a 43-yard field goal four minutes into the third quarter as the Falcons took the lead for good, 10-9.

Arians added a 23-yarder just seconds into the fourth quarter.

Kerry Cooks recovered a Cowboys fumble on the Atlanta 32 to begin a nine-play, 68-yard scoring drive. Graziani threw a seven-yard scoring pass to Maurice Smith, and Arians hit the extra point.

Dallas coach Dave Campo said penalties cost his team. The Cowboys gave up 50 yards on 10 penalties.

"We had a lot of personal penalties and we are not happy about that," he said.

The game was the 10th American Bowl played in Japan, making the Tokyo Dome the NFL's most popular home-away-from-home.

Mavs re-sign Greg Buckner

DALLAS (AP) — Greg Buckner has re-signed with the Dallas Mavericks, getting a two-year, $2.3 million deal.

Buckner, also reportedly sought by the Vancouver Grizzlies, signed the new pact on Saturday.

Buckner, drafted No. 53 by the Mavericks in 1998, sat out all of training camp last season because of knee surgery. He was released, and then was re-signed in January and played a key reserve role as Dallas won 31 of 52 games after a 9-21 start.

Buckner averaged 5.7 points, 3.6 rebounds and 1.1 assists in 48 games last season.

Sports Briefs

WGA playday

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

SJHS football equipment

All Snyder eighth grade football players need to pick up their equipment from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Thursday at the junior high gym. A short meeting will follow. All seventh grade players will receive their equipment from 1:30 to 3 p.m. on Friday.

Golf team qualifying

Qualifying for the SHS boys and girls golf team will be held at 9 a.m. Thursday and Friday at the WTC course, according to Coach Matt Glenn. The tryout is open to all SHS students.

Horseshoe pitching

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

Junior golf classic

Western Texas College will host the Junior Classic starting at 9 a.m. Friday at the WTC golf course. Entry fee for the 10 and under age division is $10. Entry fee for the 11-14 and the 15 and older division is $15. To sign up call 573-9291.

Raggedy Ann, Andy tourney

The annual Raggedy Ann and Andy couples tournament will be held Saturday and Sunday at Snyder Country Club. Format will be a scramble with each player using at least six tee shots. The field will be preflighted into two divisions by total handicaps and then flighted after Saturday's round. Entry fee is $200 per team.

Men's blowout partnership

The 12th annual Blowout Partnership will be held Aug. 25-27 at Snyder Country Club. The field will be limited to 60 teams, pre-flighted by combined handicap. A practice round will be held Aug. 25. Saturday's format will be scramble, and Sunday's will be lowball. Entry fee is $310 per team. Deadline to register is Aug. 18. For more information, call the SCC pro shop at 573-7101.

Major League Baseball

National League
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East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	68	43	.613	—
New York	63	46	.578	4
Florida	56	55	.505	12
Montreal	49	53	.458	17
Philadelphia	47	62	.431	20
Central Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
St. Louis	60	50	.545	—
Cincinnati	54	56	.491	6
Chicago	51	59	.463	9
Pittsburgh	47	63	.427	13
Milwaukee	47	64	.423	13½
Houston	42	69	.378	18½
West Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Francisco	61	48	.560	—
Arizona	61	50	.550	1
Los Angeles	58	52	.527	3½
Colorado	53	56	.486	8
San Diego	52	59	.468	10

Saturday's Games
St. Louis 5, Atlanta 0
Chicago Cubs 6, San Diego 3
Pittsburgh 7, San Francisco 2
Colorado 7, Philadelphia 6
Florida 10, Cincinnati 5, 11 innings
Montreal 10, Houston 9, 10 innings
N.Y. Mets 6, Arizona 2
Milwaukee 4, Los Angeles 2, 10 innings

Sunday's Games
Florida 9, Cincinnati 6
Houston 8, Montreal 1
Philadelphia 10, Colorado 9
San Francisco 7, Pittsburgh 1
Arizona 9, N.Y. Mets 5
San Diego 8, Chicago Cubs 6
Atlanta 6, St. Louis 4
Milwaukee 9, Los Angeles 6

Monday's Games
San Diego (Clement 10-10) at Philadelphia (Person 5-3), 7:35 p.m.
Atlanta (Maddux 12-6) at Cincinnati (Parris 5-14), 7:35 p.m.
Florida (Cornelius 3-5) at St. Louis (Ankiel 7-7), 8:10 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Hampton 11-7) at Houston (Miller 1-3), 8:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Anderson 4-5) at Colorado (Yoshii 4-12), 9:05 p.m.
Montreal (Moore 1-0) at Arizona (Schilling 8-6), 10:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Quevedo 0-3) at Los Angeles (Herges 8-0), 10:10 p.m.
Milwaukee (Snyder 8-5) at San Francisco (L.Hernandez 10-8), 10:15 p.m.

Tuesday's Games
San Diego at Philadelphia, 7:35 p.m.
Atlanta at Cincinnati, 7:35 p.m.
Florida at St. Louis, 8:10 p.m.
N.Y. Mets at Houston, 8:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Colorado, 9:05 p.m.
Montreal at Arizona, 10:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs at Los Angeles, 10:10 p.m.
Milwaukee at San Francisco, 10:15 p.m.

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East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	59	47	.557	—
Boston	56	51	.523	3½
Toronto	58	55	.513	4½
Baltimore	48	61	.440	12½
Tampa Bay	47	62	.431	13½
Central Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Chicago	67	43	.609	—
Cleveland	57	51	.528	9
Detroit	51	58	.468	15½
Kansas City	50	60	.455	17
Minnesota	51	62	.451	17½
West Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Seattle	64	46	.582	—
Oakland	61	49	.555	3
Anaheim	57	55	.509	8
Texas	52	57	.477	11½

Saturday's Games
Kansas City 7, Boston 5
Cleveland 6, Anaheim 3
Toronto 8, Texas 5
Tampa Bay 5, Baltimore 4, 10 innings
Detroit 4, Minnesota 3
Seattle 6, N.Y. Yankees 5
Chicago White Sox 4, Oakland 3, 10 innings

Sunday's Games
Cleveland 5, Anaheim 2
Texas 11, Toronto 6
Kansas City 3, Boston 1
Minnesota 7, Detroit 3
Tampa Bay 7, Baltimore 4
Chicago White Sox 13, Oakland 0

Monday's Games
Seattle (Halama 9-5) at N.Y. Yankees (Neagle 2-1), 12:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Parrish 1-1) at Detroit (Nomo 4-10 or Bernero 0-0), 7:05 p.m.
Texas (Helling 13-7) at Cleveland (Burba 10-4), 7:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Redman 9-5) at Tampa Bay (Rekar 4-6), 7:15 p.m.
Toronto (Loaiza 6-7) at Kansas City (Stein 2-3), 8:05 p.m.
Boston (Ohka 0-1) at Anaheim (Washburn 6-2), 10:05 p.m.

Tuesday's Games
Seattle at Chicago White Sox, 2, 4:05 p.m.
Baltimore at Detroit, 7:05 p.m.
Texas at Cleveland, 7:05 p.m.
Oakland at N.Y. Yankees, 7:05 p.m.
Minnesota at Tampa Bay, 7:15 p.m.
Toronto at Kansas City, 8:05 p.m.
Boston at Anaheim, 10:05 p.m.

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AMERICAN CONFERENCE	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
East						
New England	2	0	0	1.000	33	10
Buffalo	1	0	0	1.000	21	20
N.Y. Jets	1	1	0	.500	48	57
Miami	0	1	0	.000	10	13
Indianapolis	0	2	0	.000	29	48
Central						
Pittsburgh	2	0	0	1.000	51	20
Baltimore	1	0	0	1.000	16	13
Cleveland	1	0	0	1.000	33	22
Jacksonville	1	0	0	1.000	34	14
Tennessee	1	0	0	1.000	14	10
Cincinnati	0	1	0	.000	20	21
West						
Denver	1	0	0	1.000	31	17
San Diego	1	0	0	1.000	23	20
Seattle	1	0	0	1.000	28	16
Kansas City	0	1	0	.000	10	14
Oakland	0	1	0	.000	17	31
NATIONAL CONFERENCE						
East						
Arizona	0	1	0	.000	17	31
N.Y. Giants	0	1	0	.000	8	20
Washington	0	1	0	.000	12	13
Dallas	0	2	0	.000	19	58
Philadelphia	0	2	0	.000	35	46
Central						
Chicago	1	0	0	1.000	20	8
Green Bay	1	0	0	1.000	37	24
Tampa Bay	1	0	0	1.000	13	12
Detroit	0	1	0	.000	10	13
Minnesota	0	1	0	.000	24	25
West						
Atlanta	2	0	0	1.000	40	22
St. Louis	1	0	0	1.000	31	17
New Orleans	1	1	0	.500	45	48
Carolina	0	1	0	.000	14	34
San Francisco	0	2	0	.000	20	43

Saturday's Games
Pittsburgh 13, Miami 10
Chicago 20, New York Giants 8
Seattle 28, Indianapolis 16
Tennessee 14, Kansas City 10
New Orleans 25, Minnesota 24
St. Louis 31, Oakland 17
Baltimore 16, Philadelphia 13
San Diego 23, San Francisco 20
Atlanta 20, Dallas 9
Denver 31, Arizona 17

Thursday, Aug. 10
Tampa Bay at Miami, 7 p.m.
Carolina at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 11
Cincinnati at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
New England at Washington, 8 p.m.
New York Giants at Jacksonville, 8 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 12
New Orleans at Indianapolis, 8 p.m.
Cleveland at Chicago, 8 p.m.
New York Jets at Baltimore, 8 p.m.
Buffalo at Detroit, 8:20 p.m.
Minnesota at San Diego, 9 p.m.
Seattle at Arizona, 10 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 13
Green Bay at Denver, 4 p.m.
Oakland at Dallas, 7 p.m.
San Francisco at Kansas City, 8:30 p.m.

Monday, Aug. 14
St. Louis at Tennessee, 7 p.m.

WNBA Glance

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EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
x-New York	19	11	.633	—
x-Cleveland	17	13	.567	2
x-Orlando	15	15	.500	4
Washington	13	17	.433	6
Detroit	12	18	.400	7
Miami	12	19	.387	7½
Charlotte	8	22	.267	11
Indiana	8	22	.267	11
WESTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Los Angeles	27	3	.900	—
x-Houston	25	5	.833	2
x-Sacramento	20	11	.645	7½
x-Phoenix	19	11	.633	8
Utah	16	14	.533	11
Minnesota	14	16	.467	13
Portland	10	20	.333	17
Seattle	6	24	.200	21

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Saturday's Games
Los Angeles 77, Phoenix 63
Charlotte 84, Utah 82

Sunday's Games
Orlando 92, Detroit 63
Houston 76, Sacramento 63
Minnesota 80, Indiana 75
Miami 57, New York 41
Cleveland 77, Washington 60
Seattle 66, Portland 58, OT

Monday's Games
Washington at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
Detroit at Indiana, 8 p.m.
Houston at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
Portland at Utah, 9 p.m.

Tuesday's Games
Cleveland at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
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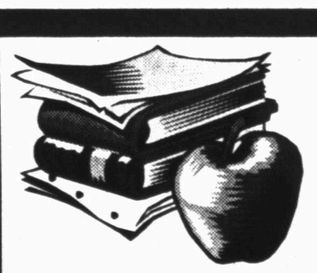

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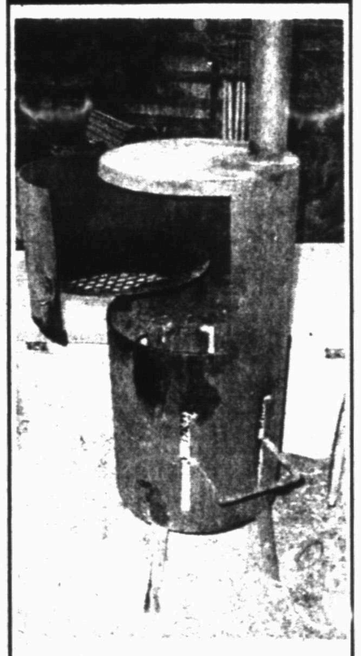

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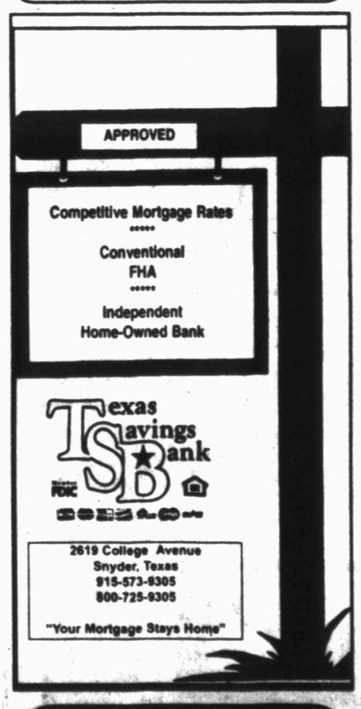

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Russia adopts flat-tax plan

MOSCOW (AP) — President Vladimir Putin announced on Monday the signing of a new tax code introducing a flat income tax of 13 percent and other measures designed to boost the lagging Russian economy.

Putin told a meeting of senior ministers and aides that he had signed the new tax code on Sunday. Government leaders say the new tax code will be a major step in reviving stalled market reforms.

"This is an important event in the life of the country," Putin told the meeting, according to Russian news agencies.

Other parts of the package include consolidating several payroll taxes into a single, lower social security tax and eliminating loopholes such as income tax exemptions for soldiers and judges.

The new 13 percent flat tax, which would take effect next year, replaces an existing progressive tax rate ranging from 12 percent to 30 percent. The new flat rate will mean a tax increase for poorer Russians who now pay 12 percent.

Tax evasion is a major problem in Russia, with most businesses and private citizens avoiding tax altogether or underreporting their incomes. Business leaders complain that the combined burden of income tax, profits tax and social security taxes would drive them out of business if they paid in full.

Blown tire causes wreck of church van

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A blown tire was apparently the cause of an accident that hospitalized 10 people, most of them youth members of a Dallas area church.

The group was returning from a mission trip to Mexico when the van flipped Saturday morning on a highway in southwest Bexar County.

A 16-year-old girl remained in critical condition Sunday evening at University Hospital, while most of the injured were treated and released from area hospitals. The girl's injuries were not considered life-threatening, church leaders told the San Antonio Express-News.

The group was returning home to DeSoto after spending a week in Monterrey, Mexico, helping build a church, leaders from Brook Hollow Baptist Church said. Their ages range from 11 to 22.

According to initial reports, the group was northbound on Interstate 35 with a second church bus close behind them. Investigators believe that shortly before 8 a.m., the white van blew a tire, flipped once and then slammed into a guardrail.

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Alltel	63 13-16	62½	63 11-16	+ 1 1-16
AmerOnline s	52 9-16	51⅝	52⅜	— 1-16
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Aviall	5 11-16	5⅛	5 11-16	+ 11-16
BP Amoco s	55⅛	54¾	54⅞	+ 1 1-16
BakerHughes	36⅞	36	36 13-16	+ ¼
Bank of Amer	52 13-16	51 9-16	51⅞	— 9-16
BellSouth	40⅛	39½	39 15-16	+ 7-16
Beth Steel	4⅛	4	4 1-16	— ⅛
BurlNoSFe	24	23¾	23 13-16	— ⅛
Caterpillar	35	34 9-16	34⅝	— 7-32
Chevron	80	79⅝	79 13-16	+ 31-64
Citigroup	74	72 1-16	73⅜	— ⅛
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Coastal	61 15-16	61 1-16	61 11-16	— 5-16
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ExxonMobil	81 7-16	80¾	80⅞	—53-64
FstBksAm	17⅞	17⅞	17⅞	— ⅛
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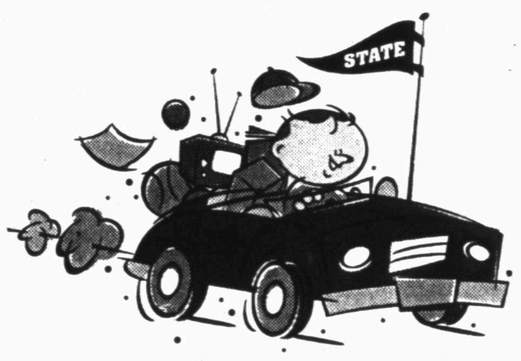

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Texans' Colorado ordeal gets little sympathy

SILVERTON, Colo. (AP) — Two passenger trucks have been freed from their mountainside perch, ending a six-day ordeal for two Texans whose predicament brought smirks and little sympathy from locals.

The Dodge Ram and Jeep Wrangler were dragged, nudged and driven to safety from a shelf above a steep 800-foot slope Saturday in what one man who helped remove the vehicles called an "extremely dangerous" five-hour operation.

Two all-terrain vehicles pulled the trucks off unstable ground.

"If one of them were to slip and fall off the side, it would pull the other off," said John Gilleland, whose Hummer helped extricate the trucks. "I can't imagine anyone surviving a roll that far down a slope."

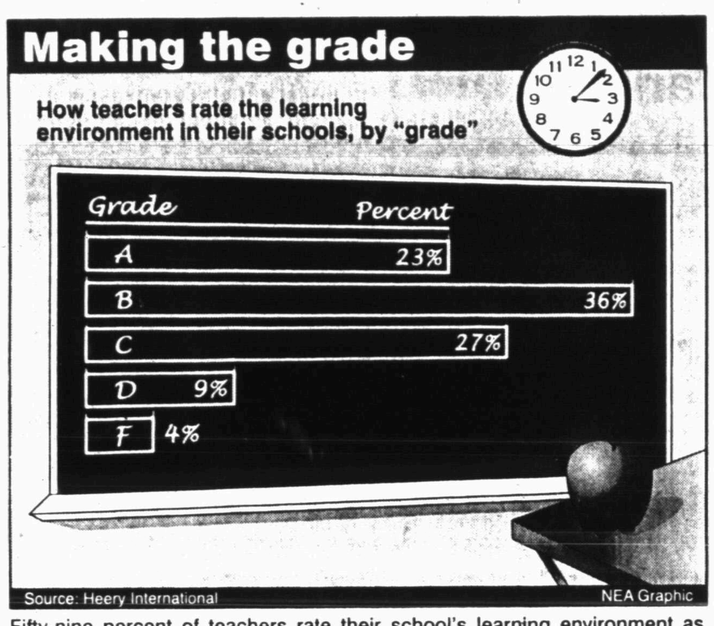
The not-so-excellent adventure began Aug. 31, when brothers Alan Hatcher, of Dallas, and Gary Hatcher, of Bryan, drove their vehicles into steep country and they couldn't turn back. Alan Hatcher's 13-year-old daughter, Kyle, was with them.

"They went down slopes they were not able to get back up, so they committed themselves to keep going farther down as they searched for a way out," said Gilleland. "They should have stopped after they made their first poor judgment."

All week, the brothers hatched plans to remove the vehicles from their perch some 12,500 feet above sea level. In Silverton, an isolated former mining town of 500 about an hour's drive away, they became the subject of remarks ranging from mild reproach to ridicule.

"I don't feel sorry for them. If they fine them, I think that's OK," said Glen Wiebe, a back-country tour driver in Silverton, about 200 miles southwest of Denver. Wiebe said the Texans were jokingly called "Bubba One" and "Bubba Two."

Some residents drove up Houghton Mountain to gawk at the spectacle.



Fifty-nine percent of teachers rate their school's learning environment as above average or better, in terms of facilities and materials.

Earthquake in Ohio is first in area in over 100 years

ALLIANCE, Ohio (AP) — A minor earthquake shook northeastern Ohio, in an area where no quake had been felt in more than a century. No damage was reported.

The tremor late Sunday measured about magnitude 2.8 on a scale on which damage doesn't occur until magnitudes above 4, said Bruce Presgrave, a geophysicist with the National Earthquake Information Center in Golden, Colo.

He said it was detected by seismology stations in Ohio, Indiana, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia.

Police Sgt. T.J. Seymour was in a patrol car and compared the tremor to driving over a small speed bump. "Maybe that's a bit dramatic," he said.

The only previous quake on record in the area was centered about 20 miles away in 1885, said Mike Hansen, a senior geologist with the Ohio Seismic Network. Overall, however, Ohio has had at least 120 earthquakes resulting in damage and injuries since the Revolutionary War.

Alliance is about 50 miles southeast of Cleveland.

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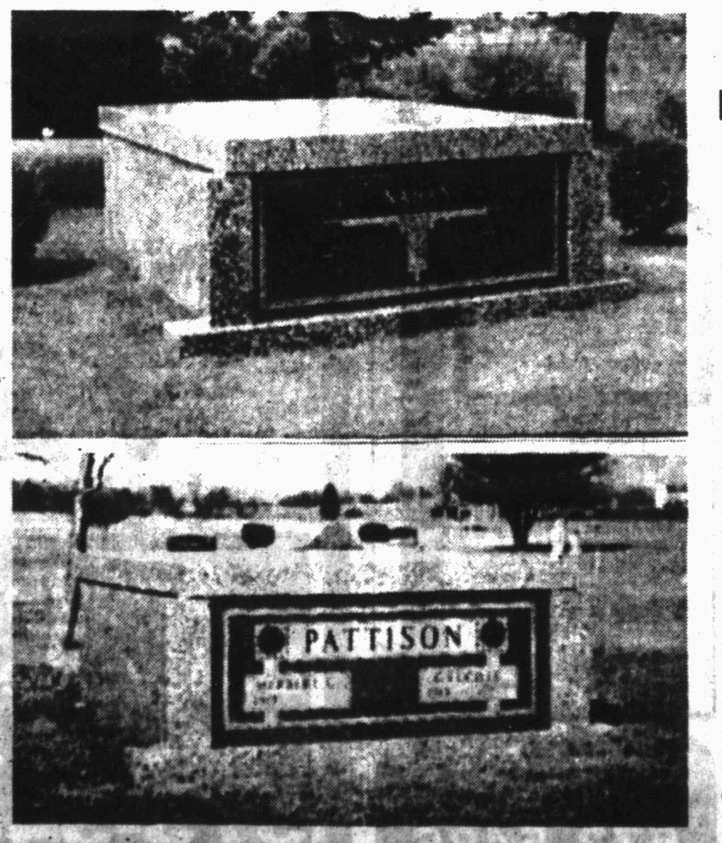

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Truck on wrong side of freeway kills four

FORT WORTH (AP) — A three-vehicle wreck that killed four members of the same family was triggered by a pickup truck's driver who witnesses say was cursing and screaming moments before the impact.

The truck's driver, heading northeast in the southwest-bound lane of Texas 121, was swerving into the path of oncoming cars which had to dodge him.

"Witnesses stated that the driver of the truck was making hand gestures and yelling at cars as he passed them," police Sgt. Anne Cummings of the department's traffic investigation unit told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram in today's editions.

The dead adults were identified Sunday by the Tarrant County Medical Examiner's Office as Jyoti Patel, 28, and 30-year-old Arun P. Patel, 30, both of Fort Worth.

The two were brother and sister, according to a family friend.

Although law officers hadn't identified the driver by early Monday, relatives confirmed that Mauricio Resendiz, 21, of Fort Worth was behind the wheel.

"Anytime you have young children that are dead and you walk up and see a family that is decimated, it is one of the sickest feelings you will ever have," said Cummings. "It is a total waste of human life."

Witnesses said Resendiz was traveling at 90 to 100 mph before Saturday's collision.

Resendiz's actions before the wreck haorker was drinking before leaving his home.

Resendiz, who had lived in the United States for several years, was homesick for his parents from Coahuila, Mexico, said a family friend.

But Seiko Fernandez, a friend of the Resendiz family, said he was a likable young man who didn't do drugs and had not been in trouble with the law.

"I think the loneliness made him get into drinking," she said.

Seven other people were injured when Resendiz' blue Chevy pickup truck slammed into a Ford Ranger pickup on southbound Texas 121. After the pickups collided, the Chevrolet pickup struck the front of a Chrysler minivan, which slammed into the guardrail and flipped onto its roof.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Tuesday, August 8, 2000

It'll be past experiences that will serve you well in the year ahead and guide you toward success. Your chances for achievement look better for knowing what you've learned.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) That clique you've been trying to penetrate might cause you to stand back today and take an honest view of their worth. When you do, you'll realize they're not the quality you thought they were. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Lady Luck can be a bit fickle today, so I wouldn't depend on her at all. She could leave you standing in the wings with no place to go. Rely on yourself only.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) If you permit yourself to hear only what you want today, don't be surprised when things don't work out and leave you wondering why you weren't provided with all the facts.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) No momentary whim today is worth using funds earmarked for essentials that could place you in hot water tomorrow when the bills come due. Think before you spend and be prudent.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Before entering into a written agreement today, make certain someone whose opinion you trust, such as an attorney, look things over for you. It's smarter to be safe than be sorry.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) To be on the safe side today, don't make any commitments of which you're unsure you can fulfill. Chances are it'll end up hurting you worse than the guy or gal you let down.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Siding with people today who tell the best stories or merely in hopes that they'll like you makes for shallowness. Don't fall prey to this self-deception.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Don't try to bluff your way though matters where you can't back up your claims, especially in career issues. The odds are you'll be called on them and it could hurt your credibility.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) It's wonderful to be optimistic, but not to the point to where you confuse it with facts and base important conclusions on faulty judgment. Know the difference today.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Be careful not to measure the value of everything by your own standards today. Failing to appreciate the worth of something could cause you to make a bum deal.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Even when attempting to spare another's feelings, it's important you do not deal in deception today. It could quickly come back and bite you if you do not tell the truth in all things.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Chances are your efforts will be rewarded today, but only to end up with a white elephant. Make sure the objectives for which you strive are really what you want.

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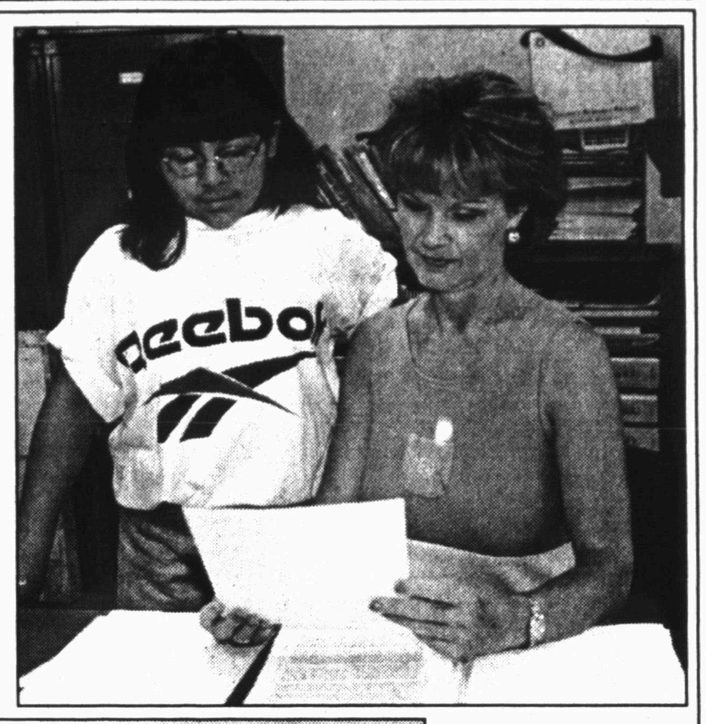
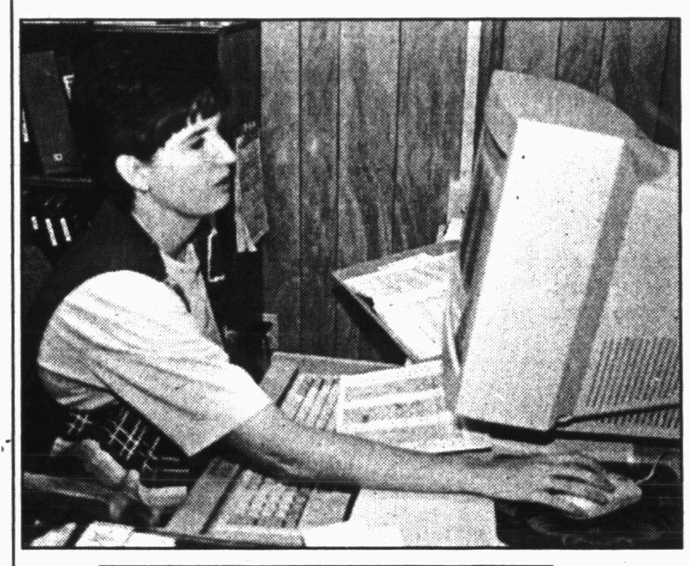
Getting ready for school year





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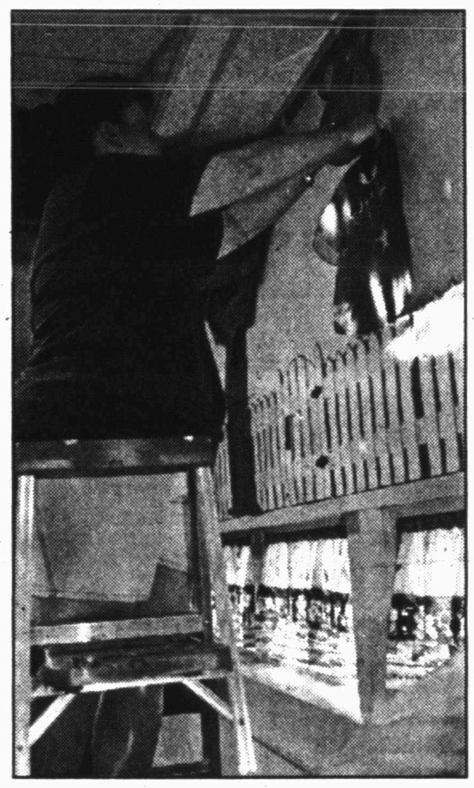

GETTING READY — With the fall term about to start at Snyder, Ira and Hermleigh , there is a lot of work being done to get the schools ready for students. Bobbie Baker, top left, is preparing for her new assignments at Ira. She will be the testing coordinator, high school English teacher and counselor. Melanie Alaracon, above photo, is putting up a bear in her classroom at Central. Judy Brown, West Elementary choir director, top right photo, confers with Wanda Martinez, who was a member of her Honor Choir last year. The 1999-2000 choir sang at the convocation this morning. Carolyn Carter, middle left photo, has been helping new Ira Supt. Jim Rumage get ready for the school year. Julie Long, bottom right photo, is the new office aide at Central Elementary. Ira students report back to class Thursday. Snyder's will follow next Monday and Hermleigh will begin on Aug. 16.

Man shoots wife, lover suspect

KINGWOOD (AP) — A 55-year-old South Texas man fatally shot his wife and the man he suspected was her lover before he killed himself, a family member said.

The slayings happened Saturday outside a hospital emergency room in this suburb of northern Houston.

Pete Brewer had suspected for about a week that his wife, Lee, was having an affair, according to the man's brother, Donald Brewer.

Lee Brewer, a 60-year-old housewife, had gone to visit a family member Saturday at Kingwood Medical Center, the brother said. She arrived with another man, not her husband, before the two were confronted by Brewer, who has been battling disease and illness.

"He was in real bad health," Donald Brewer said of his brother, during a telephone interview from his home Saturday. "He had lost his leg because of a bacteria he picked up from wade fishing in saltwater. He had had some heart attacks, and he had diabetes."

The three exchanged a few words in a gazebo outside the hospital, where the shootings occured. Lee Brewer told her husband she was going to leave him for the other man, according to Donald Brewer, who didn't say if he was present during the shooting but had talked with other members to gather details.

"I think a lot of what happened was because of his health," the brother said. "I think a big part of the reason she was going to leave him was because of his health."

After a brief conversation at the wooden gazebo, Brewer pulled out a hand gun and shot his wife, the other man and himself, about 1:30 p.m., police said.

Pete Brewer usually carried a .357-caliber Magnum pistol with him wherever he went, Donald Brewer recalled.

Police had not released the names of those killed as of Saturday.

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Oil Patch News

Kent County

Enrich Oil Corp. will drill the No. 1 Upshaw, a 4,500-foot wildcat located 14 miles south of Jayton. Planned for a depth of 4,500 feet, location is in Section 378, Block 2, H&TC survey.

Nolan County

Sinclair Oil Corporation has completed the No. 1 Brooks. The wildcat was completed to produce 174 barrels of oil and no water. Perforations were from 5,627-672 feet, and location is in Section 163, Block 1-A, H&TC survey.

Pioneer Exploration will drill the No. 8-A Jordan, a 6,400-foot wildcat located five miles southwest of Nolan. Location is in Section 20, Block Z, T&P survey.

Chisholm Exploration will drill the No. 7 Texaco fee, a 4,000-foot wildcat located six miles northeast of Nolan. Drill site is in Section 69, Block 5, T&P survey.

Pioneer Exploration will drill the No. 9 R.H. Jordan, a 6,400-foot wildcat located five miles southwest of Nolan. Location is in Section 20, Block Z, T&P survey.

L.C.S. Production Co. has completed the No. 1-A Connally Wildcat field unit, 14 miles southeast of Sweetwater. The well was finaled to produce 78 barrels of oil and 60 barrels of water. Perforations were from 3,218-236 feet, and location is in Section 3, Block 6, T&P survey.

Sinclair Oil will plug and abandoned the No. 1 Clark. Location was in Section 9, Block Z, T&P survey.

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Scientists discover nine new planets

LONDON (AP) — Astronomers said Monday they have found nine new planets circling stars outside our solar system — evidence that the Earth and its neighbors may not be as special as we like to think.

Three teams of researchers from Switzerland and the United States told a meeting of the International Astronomical Union about the discovery of the so-called exoplanets. It is only the second time astronomers have found more than one planet orbiting a star outside our own solar system.

"The findings suggest that it's quite common to have planets around other stars, so our solar system is not as unique as we might think," said Jim O'Donnell, a spokesman for the astronomical group. "That makes the possibility of life in the universe more likely."

A team from Switzerland's Geneva Observatory told the meeting in the northern English city of Manchester about the discovery of six new planets, including one known to be the second orbiting a star called HD 83443. That star is slightly smaller than our sun.

Scientists from the University of California at Berkeley said they discovered three exoplanets — including one also discovered by the Swiss group.

Additionally, astronomers based at the University of Texas at Austin's McDonald Observatory announced that they had found a Jupiter-sized planet orbiting the star Epsilon Eridani, 10.5 light years from Earth, bringing the total to nine.

Aggravated sexual assault investigated

• ***Sexual assault***

Snyder Police are investigating an aggravated sexual assault reported Friday evening at Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

The incident allegedly occurred July 30 at a residence in Snyder, according to Sgt. Patrick Coggins.

The sergeant said he would not release any details on the victim and that the case is under investigation.

Hospital emergency room employees contacted officers at 8:17 p.m. Friday.

• ***Animal carcasses***

A woman called officers to the 2700 block of Avenue W at 7:26 a.m. Saturday to report that she had found several dead rabbits and a dead coyote in her yard at 2707 Avenue W.

• ***Break-ins***

At 8:08 a.m. Saturday, Terry Bowden requested an officer at his auto center to report that someone had again broken into the business. The subjects entered through a window, but it was undetermined if anything had been taken.

The 3403 College Avenue business had been burglarized Tuesday and cash was taken.

Another Snyder business was burglarized over the weekend as someone broke into the back door of Critter Corner, 2610 College, and took some cash. The incident was reported at 4:19 p.m. Sunday.

• ***Vehicle burglary***

Teresa Moore reported the theft of her purse at 12:24 a.m. Saturday. She told deputies the purse was possibly taken from her 1998 Dodge pickup while it was parked at her 4890 CR 473 residence.

At 11:41 p.m. Sunday, James Anderson notified officers that his cell phone had been taken from his 1990 Ford pickup while it was parked at 2206 43rd Street.

• ***Subject on golf course***

A woman requested officers meet her at the Western Texas College golf course at 12:51 a.m. today in reference to several subjects rollerblading there. Officers did contact five people and advised them the college did not want anyone on the course at night.

• ***Bicycle found***

A bicycle was found at 6:17 a.m. today in the 2300 block of Avenue H.

• ***Arrests***

Department of Public Safety troopers took two illegal aliens, ages 25 and 26, into custody at 4:22 p.m. on U.S. Hwy. 84. The subjects were detained for the Border Patrol.

A 48-year-old man was arrested at 9:31 p.m. Saturday night for driving while intoxicated while a 22-year-old man was arrested for the offense at 3:26 a.m. Sunday.

A 26-year-old man was jailed on a charge of Class A assault/family violence at 12:24 a.m. Sunday. The subject was also issued a criminal trespass warning to stay away from a residence in the 200 block of 35th Street.

An outstanding warrant for no liability insurance sent a 21-year-old woman to jail at 4:48 p.m. Sunday.

A 27-year-old man was arrested on warrants for public intoxication and assault at 4:57 p.m. Sunday.

Officers took a 25-year-old female into custody at 7:38 p.m. Sunday on a warrant for expired motor vehicle inspection and failure to appear.

At 9:20 p.m. Sunday, a 20-year-old man was arrested on a warrant for failure to wear a safety belt.

A juvenile male was taken into custody at 2:15 a.m. today in the 2100 block of Avenue Z for violating his curfew. The boy was transported to the police department and released to his grandfather.

• ***Fire***

Snyder Fire Department responded to an oil spill fire some 17 miles south of Snyder near China Grove at 12:32 p.m. Saturday. Eleven firefighters and two trucks were dispatched and were on the scene about 45 minutes.

Obituaries

Rev. T.O. Upshaw

1921-2000

On Sunday, Aug. 6, 2000, the Rev. Therman O. (T.O.) Upshaw went home to be with our Lord.

He was born on Nov. 20, 1921 to William B. and Ora Upshaw in Roby, Texas.

Rev. T.O. Upshaw

He married Georgie Ruben on Oct. 18, 1941 at Cross Roads Baptist Church in Rotan, Texas.

He enlisted in the Air Force in 1943 and served in World War II.

He graduated from Hardin-Simmons University and attended the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He pastored churches in Hobbs, Lefors and Pampa, Texas. He then became the Director of Missions of the Double Mountain Baptist Association in which his office was in Stamford, Texas.

Rev. Upshaw served on the executive board of Texas Baptists and on the board of the Plains Baptist Hospital in Amarillo, Texas.

He was founder of Church Builders and from 1971-1997 a total of 47 buildings and churches were completed in Texas, Wyoming, Montana, Minnesota, Colorado, California, Washington, Michigan, Kansas and i. Mexico.

Rev. Upshaw also served as senior adult minister of the Snyder First Baptist Church and he served as interim pastor during the remodeling phase of First Baptist Church in Snyder.

He is survived by his wife, Georgie of Snyder; a son and daughter-in-law, Freddy and Cheryl Upshaw of Dimmitt, Texas; a daughter and son-in-law, Kay and Terry Pittman of Pampa, Texas; and a daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Russell Johnson of Midland; seven grandchildren, Dusty Upshaw, Cody Upshaw, Amy Lovvorn, Scott Lovvorn, Taylor Johnson, Travis Johnson and Trevor Johnson; and four great-grandchildren, Macee Upshaw, Tylor McDonald, Cade Upshaw and Brady Upshaw.

He also is survived by one brother, Preston Upshaw of Ransom Canyon; and one sister, Wilda Mize of Brownwood.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Shirley Ann Upshaw, in her infancy; and two brothers, Eugene Upshaw of Fort Stockton and Elton Upshaw of Rotan.

The family would like to thank all their friends and family, and the medical staff in Colorado City who gave so much love and support during this most difficult time.

Services will be at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday in the First Baptist Church of Snyder. Officiating will be the Rev. Tony Gruben of First Baptist Church in Paint Rock; The Rev. Benny Mize of First Baptist Church in Donie; Dr. Marty Akins, former pastor of First Baptist Church in Snyder; and Dr. James R. "Dick" Maples of the Texas Baptist General Convention.

Burial will be in the Belvieu Cemetery in Rotan under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Memorials may be sent to the charity of one's choice.

(Paid Notice)

Clyce Miller

1932-2000

Clyce Floyd Miller, a retired railroad depot clerk, died Friday, Aug. 4, following a brief illness.

Services for Mr. Miller, 67, are pending at Wright Colonial Funeral Home.

Born Sept. 9, 1932 in Seymour, he married Mary Frances Russell on Sept. 30, 1951 in Seymour.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Frances Miller of Snyder; a son, Steve Miller of Snyder; a son and daughter-in-law, Gary and Linda Miller of Snyder; his mother, Letha May Miller of Burkburnett; two sisters, Martha Rainwater of Spencer, W. Va., and Vivian Greschel of Burkburnett; three grandchildren, Alesha Miller, Jeremy Miller and Michelle Miller.

Maxell Porter

1933-2000

Maxell Porter, 66, died Friday, Aug. 4, in Snyder Oaks Care Center.

Funeral service for Mr. Porter was set for 2 p.m. today in the McNett Funeral Home Chapel in Andrews. The Rev. Ivy Shelton, pastor of Second Baptist Church, was to officiate. Burial was to follow in the Andrews West Cemetery.

Born Aug. 23, 1933 in Fayette, Ala., he married Biddie Guyton on Jan. 23, 1954 in Fayette. She died on Aug. 26, 1995.

He moved to Andrews in 1956 and worked for Union Oil Company for 36 years. He moved to Odessa in 1996. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include two daughters, Debra Smith of Lubbock and Darla Stevenson of Odessa; three sisters, Francis Norris, Opal Porter and Chestin Pollard, all of Winfield, Ala.; and five grandchildren.

Joe Martin

1912-2000

COLORADO CITY – Joe Floyd Martin, a former Scurry County resident, died Sunday, Aug. 6, in a Bridgeport nursing center.

Services for Mr. Martin, 87, are pending at Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Born Aug. 22, 1912 in Knox County, Mr. Martin was a retired rural mail carrier for the U.S. Postal Service, and he later worked at the Texas Electric power plant at Lake Colorado City.

Mr. Martin was a member of the 22nd and Austin Street Church of Christ where he had served as an elder. He was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy Hall Martin.

Survivors include two daughters, Dixie Holland of Paradise and Linda Clark of Abilene; a son, Larry Martin of Colorado City; a sister, Nettie Faye Gillespie of Marble Falls; and three brothers, I.E. Martin of Snyder, Bill Martin of Colorado City and formerly of Snyder, and Frank Martin of Lufkin.

Willie Bogle

1928-2000

HAMLIN - Willie Bogle, a former resident of Snyder, died Thursday, Aug. 3, in a Cleburne hospital.

Funeral service for Mr. Bogle, 72, was set for 4 p.m. today in the Church of the Nazarene in Hamlin with the Revs. Phillip Brown and Darryl Lackey officiating. Burial was to follow in Hamlin Memorial Cemetery under the direction of Foster-Adams Funeral Home.

Born in Hamlin, he was the son of the late Richard "Dan" and Martha Clawson Bogle. A U.S. Army Air Corps veteran of World War II, he married Odessa Boren on July 5, 1946 in Hamlin. She died in 1996.

Mr. Bogle was a retired construction supervisor and had lived in Hamlin and Snyder before moving to Cleburne in 1990.

He also was preceded in death by two brothers, Jack and Dan Bogle.

Survivors include one son, Willie "Bill" Bogle of Cleburne; three daughters, Betty Davis of Keene, Sonya Brumit of Cleburne and Nancy Brown of Stuarts Craft, Va.; five brothers, R.T. Bogle of Lubbock, Johnny Bogle of Stamford, Leon Bogle and Joe Bogle, both of Hamlin, and Charles Bogle of Hattesville; three sisters, Ruby Traughber, Rose Mary Butler and JoAnn Bogle, all of Hamlin; 14 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

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events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Football booster club

The SHS football booster club will meet at 7 tonight in the high school student center.

Bible study tapes

Bible study tapes air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 this evening is "Genesis: A World in Turmoil," followed by "The Goodness and Severity of God."

Kings Kids opens registration

Registration for Kings Kids at First Baptist Church will be from 8:30-9:30 a.m., and 5-6 p.m. today and Thursday. Registrants enter through the east door. The program is for children one to four-years-old, and pre-K. Call 573-5683 or 573-7401 or come by 1701 27th St. for more information.

School supply donations

Snyder ISD and the Scurry County Child Welfare Board are seeking donations for school supplies for needy children. For more information, call Mary Ann Juarez at 574-6012.

Social Security reps

Representatives of Social Security will be at the Senior Citizen Center Tuesday. Hours are from 10 a.m. until noon and from 1-2 p.m.

Locate SJHS homerooms

Snyder Junior High School students are invited to tour the building and locate homerooms between 5 and 6 p.m. Thursday.

FBC worship service

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

GED Exams

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

WTC success seminar

Success Seminars at Western Texas College will be held Aug. 16-17 for all new students and their parents. Students planning to attend either session must inform the Admissions Office and mail payment by Friday. Call 573-8511, Ext. 230, for registration information.

Meet the teachers

Stanfield Elementary will host an open house and meet the teachers event from 3-4 p.m. Sunday. Refreshments will be served in the cafeteria. Students are also encouraged to bring their school supplies and find their desks. Stanfield's event falls on the first annual Texas Parents Day, as designated by the Legislature.

Discovery School registration

Registration is underway for Discovery School at First United Methodist Church. The school provides quality childcare in small groups for ages six month through pre-K, Monday through Friday. Parents choose the days. Register now from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. as classes start next Monday. Call 573-4770 for more information.

Joy School pre-registration

Pre-registration for Joy School is now underway. Joy School will be accepting infants through pre-K five days a week. For more information, call 573-3554.

Sonshine School registration

Pre-registration for Sonshine School at 37th Street Church of Christ is in progress. Classes begin Aug. 15 for ages two to five and will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays. For more information, call Lora Lord at 573-1700, or the church office at 573-0154.

Holiday poems sought

Mesquite Country Writers Guild is soliciting original, short holiday poems for its quarterly poetry newsletter, "Bards of A Feather." The deadline is Aug. 15. Submissions may be mailed to 9221 S. Hwy. 208 in Hermleigh, 79526, or e-mailed to dade@bigcountry.net.

Northeast Elementary cookbooks

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

Polar reunion

The Polar reunion will be held at noon Sunday, Aug. 20. Bring a covered dish.

Pyron homecoming

The Pyron Homecoming will be held Saturday, Sept. 2, at the Inadale Community Center. Registration will begin at 1 p.m. and the evening meal will be served at 7 p.m. The meal will be catered at $7 per plate. Reservations need to be made and the meal must be paid for by Aug. 15. Contact Mrs. Viola Stirl, 13652 FM 644, Loraine, 79532-3110.

Cancer treatment transportation

Transportation for cancer patients is available every day free of charge to Lubbock, Abilene or Midland. For more information call Martha Schiebel at 573-8626 or Sammie Jarrell at 573-5993. If not home, leave message on answering machine.

Pick 3

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

4-6-2

Lotto Texas

One ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The ticket was worth an estimated $9 million. The ticket was sold in: Hitchcock, Tex. The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 54 were: 3-8-23-32-36-43.

Wednesday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $4 million.