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Home of Patsy Covey

Citizens blast commissioners over proposals for coliseum management, parks department

By Brian Brisendine
SDN Staff Writer

The Scurry County Commissioners' Court convened this morning, with a standing-room-only audience for a public hearing regarding the proposed 46.92-cent tax rate.

The tax rate was never mentioned during the 48-minute hearing, rather proposed plans for the Scurry County Coliseum, library and proposed parks department drew repeated fire from the audience.

More than 50 people were in attendance to express displeasure with the three items in the proposed budget.

Snyder native Roy Baze addressed the court for almost 10 minutes, calling the manner in which the coliseum has been addressed "highly unprofessional and very unsatisfactory."

"Time is limited, so I am going to speak in language easily understood...you will find my remarks critical," Baze told the court.

"Deliberate avoidance by the court of public review of plans, and comment thereon, has been a highlight of the year. What has been made public are bits and pieces of a scheme that hardly merits a label of half baked.

"Another highlight is breach of faith with the public by virtue of statements made apparently in behalf of the court, particularly by the county judge."

Baze read to the court comments made by County Judge Ricky Fritz as reported in the *Snyder Daily News*. Included was a recent statement in which Fritz said "it is time for someone to stand up and state the obvious" citing irreconcilable differences between the county and the Snyder Chamber of Commerce concerning the coliseum.

"I now accept the judge's back-handed invitation to stand up, state the obvious and refer to the big picture," Baze continued. "As I see the big picture, the coliseum is a major financial generator in the community and that asset is about to be set up to go down hill. The court has no acceptable plan for operation of the coliseum."

Baze said that under the chamber's non-profit management, use of the facility has blossomed to the benefit of the community.

"Chamber personnel have dedicated themselves to publicize Snyder far beyond our county limits and to enhance Snyder's reputation for providing quality activities and service," he said.

"Let's not kid ourselves about what will happen if the court assumes the primary role of management. The judge recently commented that the $135,000 in the budget for possible payment to the chamber will be spread around to numerous slots in the budget.

"If I ever heard a prescription for guaranteed failure of management and deterioration of an asset, the court is on the correct route to do just that."

Baze urged the commissioners not to approve the budget as proposed and also to issue a request for proposal for management of the coliseum, to hold a public hearing "as has been promised" and to develop a well thought-out plan for the coliseum. He told the commissioners if they proceed with approval of the budget and plans for the coliseum as proposed, "it will be more than a mistake; it will be a mistake big time – a real step backwards."

Baze went on to call the court's stance "ludicrous, even childish at times."

Randy Head, a former chamber of commerce employee, said she has lived in Snyder for 14 years and urged the court not to take the coliseum management from the chamber.

"I worked at the chamber for six years and I understand what a battle it can be to manage the facility," she said. "If Donna (Fowler, executive director of the chamber) has made financial gain, they deserve it. It's because they've worked hard.

"If you would walk down the street and talk to businesses and citizens, you would know that they are all outraged at this proposal," she said.

Rancher Judy Hays agreed. "I think it's wrong to take the coliseum management away from Donna and the chamber," she said. "They have kept it busy and if you don't keep it busy it will die."

Price Daniel Librarian Ralphene Cannon spoke to the court about increasing the county librarian's salary.

"I want all the members of the court to take a good look at the base salaries of all county employees," she said. "Our librarian is extremely vital to our county. She has a master's degree and is paid less than any other librarian in this area of the state.

"You are talking about hiring a parks superintendent with a salary of $30,000 per year. That's $10,000 per year more than you pay your librarian. I don't think we value our librarian enough."

Former Snyder Mayor Dayton Robinson addressed the court with concerns about the proposed parks and recreation department. Robinson said he saw no provisions in the budget for a master plan or for matching dollars for a $500,000 matching grant from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

"I look at the budget and I see no provisions to execute this program this year," he said. "And I would hate to see another year go by without acting on this. I'm afraid it will be overlooked, but I can promise it will not be forgotten. I will be back."

Cloyce Talbot, CEO of Patterson-UTI headquartered in Snyder, expressed similar feelings.

"I've lived in the park for 33 years and I've seen it get worse every year," he said. "Now it's more weeds and stickers than anything. I urge the court to use the plan the parks committee came up with. Just having a parks supervisor doesn't solve the problem."

The court recessed at 12:15 and planned to reconvene at 1:30 today.



STANDING ROOM ONLY — A large crowd was in attendance for the Scurry County Commissioners' Court meeting this morning. A public hearing for the proposed 46.92-cent tax rate was scheduled, but most of the comments concerned the Scurry County Coliseum, library and proposed parks department. (SDN Staff Photo)



PRECISION WORK — Jim Owen of Jim Owen Custom Knives in Odessa works to sharpen a pocketknife blade Sunday at the Canyon Gun Club's annual Gun and Knife Show. The show offered visitors a variety of merchandise, from machine guns to Beanie Babies. (SDN Staff Photo)

WTC is displaying professor's art work

A collection of oil and watercolor paintings by artist Candace A. Keller is on display in the Fine Arts Gallery at Western Texas College.

The exhibit is scheduled to run through Sept. 28. Gallery hours are from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday.

The artist received her Ph.D. in Fine Arts in Visual Arts from Texas Tech University in 2001. She received her B.F.A. in painting with a minor in art history from Sul Ross State University in 1975, an M.A. in theater from Sul Ross in 1976, and a master of education in Arts in Visual Arts from Sul Ross in 1978.

She is currently an associate professor of art at Wayland Baptist University, serving as art department head and as curator of art for the Museum of the Llano Estacado and Abraham Art Gallery.

She received a fellowship in painting, studying with artist Audrey Flack at the Atlantic Center for the Arts in Florida in 1986, California in 1990, and was selected as associate by artist Ed Paschke for painting studies at the Atlantic Center for the Arts in Florida in 1995.

She also is a member of Phi Kappa Phi, Golden Key National Honors Society, Alpha Psi Omega, The College Art Association of America, Texas Art Education Association, Tau Sigma Delta, and the National Council of Art Administrators.

Recognition for her work include awards from Fiesta de Santa Fe, Texas Caprock Art Festival, Lubbock Art Association, Lubbock Arts Alliance, Plainview Business and Professional Women's Organization, and Amarillo Art Association, among others. She also served as president of the Plainview Cultural Arts Council for 1999-2000 and was nominated for the Minnie Stevens Piper Teaching Award in November, 2000.

Ira trustees have varied agenda tonight

Ira school trustees will meet at 6:30 this evening and face a number of agenda items - including the adoption of the district's $1,574,000 budget

The current year's budget that ends Sept. 30 is $1,420,000.

The board will also be looking to keep the tax rate at its present level of $1.50 per $100 valuation, and adopt a resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of $150,000 in maintenance tax notes.

Supt. Jim Rumage said the proceeds from the sale of the tax notes could be used in maintenance projects around the campus, plus other areas.

"We will buy buses, if necessary," said Rumage. "Plus the proceeds can be used to make needed repairs at the Ira Community Center when the sale is finalized with the county."

Rumage said the facility needs roof repairs, and that central air conditioning would be added due to the installation of computers to be used in distance learning.

Trustees will also review bids for employee health insurance and for an energy maintenance system.

The board will also review a contract for collecting delinquent taxes.

The meeting will be in the school's administrative offices.

ASK US

Q—Why have some of the cable TV channels been messed up lately?

A—Because of continuing work on upgrading the system, there will be intermittent delays at times, says the cable company.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Saturday, 97 degrees; low, 67; high Sunday, 82; low, 67; 7 a.m. Monday, 69; .33 of an inch precipitation; total for 2001, 11.17 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly cloudy, 20% rain chance; low mid 60s. Tuesday, mostly cloudy, 20% rain chance, high upper 80s, SE wind 5-15 mph.



Annie Ezell
Cloudy

Sunset:
8:13 p.m.
Sunrise:
7:18 a.m.
Of 238 days in 2001, the sun has shone 226 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

When it comes to critics, remember that nobody will ever get ahead of you as long as he is kicking you in the seat of the pants.
—Tony Randall

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One in 32 U.S adults in corrections system

WASHINGTON (AP) — The number of adults behind bars, on parole or on probation reached a record 6.47 million in 2000 — or one in 32 American adults, the Justice Department says.

On the positive side, the percentage increase from 1999 was half the average annual rate since 1990, said the report, released Sunday.

Texas was second among states with the largest percentage of the adult population in the correctional system.

Across the country, jails and prisons held 30 percent of the adults in the corrections system, or 1,933,503. People on probation accounted for 59 percent of the total, or 3,839,532. An additional 725,527 adults were on parole, a period of supervision following release from prison.

Over the past two decades, the number of adults in the corrections system has tripled, so they now make up 3.1 percent of the country's adult population, compared with 1 percent in 1980, said Allen J. Beck, a chief researcher with the Justice Department's Bureau of Justice Statistics.

"It's just overwhelming," said Kara Gotsch, a spokeswoman for the American Civil Liberties Union's National Prison Project, which advocates alternatives to incarceration. "It just shows that we need to put much more into prevention."

During the 1990s, the corrections population increased 49 percent. By the end of last year, there were 2.1 million more adults in the system than there were in 1990.

The rate of growth was 2 percent between 1999 and 2000, compared with an average of 4 percent during the 1990s. Beck attributed the slowing growth to the cumulative effect of a general drop in crime rates that began in the 1990s.

"This could be the beginning of a peak," said James Alan Fox, a criminal justice professor at Northeastern University in Boston.

Nearly 2.5 million people were released from parole or probation in 2000. Among parolees, half successfully completed the terms of their release in 1990. By 2000, just 43 percent completed parole and stayed out through the end of the year.

Among those released from community supervision in 2000, 15 percent of probationers and 42 percent of parolees were sent back to prison or jail that year for new violations. Fox said that figure underestimates the large number who will probably be convicted again.

Beck noted that the number of Americans who have returned to prison has remained stable over time.

To Gotsch, that shows the shortsightedness of corrections policies that focus more on punishment and less on rehabilitation.

"It's no wonder that they're re-offending at incredibly high rates because we don't teach them anything else," she said.

The report also showed:

—Among those on probation, 52 percent were convicted of felonies, the most frequent of which was driving under the influence, followed by drug offenses.

—The percentage of women in the prison population, as well as their percentages among probationers and parolees, rose.

—The states with the largest percentage of their adult population in the corrections system were Georgia, 6.8 percent, and Texas, 5 percent. At the other end were West Virginia, New Hampshire and North Dakota, each with 0.9 percent.

500,000 pounds of ground beef recalled

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — American Foods Group is recalling more than 530,000 pounds of ground beef in 17 states because the food may be contaminated with a strain of the deadly E. coli bacteria.

No illnesses have been associated with the beef, the Green Bay-based company said in a statement Sunday night.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture found a sample of the E. coli strain known as 0157:H7 while testing the meat produced Aug. 2.

The ground beef was distributed to the following states: Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, Michigan, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia and Wisconsin.

It has a sell-by date of Aug. 19, 2001, and a label with the USDA establishment number 410. The ground beef was shipped to retailers in three-, five- and 10-pound packages, but may have been repackaged at the retail level.

"Since the sell-by date has passed, none of the product should be in commerce," Carl Kuehne, American Foods' owner and chief executive officer, said in a statement. "People should check their freezers and should not eat any of the product affected by this recall."

Anyone with the recalled meat can return it to the store where they purchased it for a full refund.

E. coli O157:H7 is a bacteria that can cause serious illness and sometimes death, especially in children and the elderly, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Symptoms include chills and bloody diarrhea.

Last week, American Foods reached a settlement with two women from Eau Claire and an Illinois family after more than 40 people in Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Iowa became ill last fall with a food-borne illness traced to ground beef sold at Cub Foods, which gets its meat from American.

American Foods remains a defendant in two other lawsuits.

Dogs attack nun

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A Catholic nun is recovering after being attacked by two pit bulls while walking the convent's dog in the school yard, authorities said.

Sister Barbara Koehler pulled the pit bulls from Lindy, an 8-year-old Jack Russell terrier, but the dogs knocked her to the ground and bit her hands and neck.

Sister Janet Dougherty, principal of the Incarnation School, said Koehler was covered with blood from her head to her waist after Friday's attack.

Two men working nearby heard Koehler's screams and scared the dogs off with a stick.

Koehler, 61, was released Saturday from Albert Einstein Medical Center, a hospital spokesman said.

Dougherty said Lindy was injured and would be taken to a veterinarian.

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Firms restrict using cell phones in cars

NEW YORK (AP) — Attorney Jane Wagner was so busy talking on her cell phone while driving she thought the teenager she struck was a deer. It wasn't until the next morning, when she heard that a hit-and-run driver had killed a 15-year-old girl, that Wagner said she realized what she had done.

Whether Wagner was making work-related calls when the accident occurred is a matter for the courts to decide, but a $30 million lawsuit against her firm is causing some employers to restrict mobile-phone use on the road, ahead of legislation by most states.

"The recent lawsuit focused our attention, but it's a common sense safety concern," said David Fuss, a partner at Wilkes Artis, one of several Washington, D.C.-based law firms that have curbs on cell phone use.

"Our policy is that personnel are not to conduct business while using cell phones, unless they pull over and stop or use a handsfree device," said Fuss.

Even General Motors Corp., whose OnStar subsidiary sells embedded or handsfree mobile phones for cars — proclaimed safe by a company-sponsored study last week — is revising guidelines for its workers.

"Stay tuned. We're getting there," spokeswoman Carolyn Markey said. "We're working on a new policy regarding all distractions and it should be available soon."

In June, New York became the first state to ban the use of hand-held cell phones. Curbs are pending in 42 other states. Japan, Israel, Portugal and Singapore are among 23 countries with restrictions.

Chemical companies have long restricted what drivers can do behind the wheel.

"Safely operating a motor vehicle requires a driver's total attention," reads DuPont Co.'s personnel policy. Praxair, a $5-billion industrial gas maker, banned cell phone use in 1999.

Limiting liability is clearly behind the latest spate of policies, said Tom Harrison, publisher of Lawyers Weekly USA, a newspaper and Web site that tracks litigation trends.

"Companies get a lot of benefit from employees' productivity while talking on the phone from their car," he said. "It's still a question if they should be responsible for any accidents that result."

Wagner turned herself into police on March 9, 2000, the morning after killing Naeun Yoon. She pleaded guilty to felony hit-and-run and is serving a year sentence at a work-release program.

Yoon's father filed a wrongful death suit against Wagner and her firm, Cooley Godward. The details are under dispute, but the complaint states that Wagner was returning home from a meeting in Tysons Corner, Va., and made a series of work-related calls around the time of the accident.

Because of the litigation, the firm will not comment, except to say that the teen's death was a tragedy.

In another case, Salomon Smith Barney settled a 1997 suit for $500,000 when one of its brokers ran a red light and killed a motorcyclist, reportedly while trying to retrieve a dropped cell phone. The firm admitted no guilt.

By law, companies bear "vicarious responsibility" if their employee's negligence causes an accident. But legal experts say specialized policies can't completely shield employers.

"There's nothing special about the cell phone," says Kenneth Abraham, a professor of tort and insurance law at the University of Virginia.

Companies can still be responsible if employees are only slightly deviating from their assigned tasks when the accident occurs, but not when staff do something they really weren't supposed to do, he said.

Still, Abraham thinks the new guidelines make sense.

"If they have a policy, their employees are less likely to have accidents," said Abraham.

On the Net:
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration:
http://www-nrd.nhtsa.dot.gov

Missing student returns to N. York amid questions

NEW YORK (AP) — The parents of a Yale University student who was missing in Africa for more than three weeks celebrated her return to the United States, but criticized the State Department for not doing more to help.

"I felt that if I was white, they would have reached out more," Glory Smalls said at a Sunday news conference at John F. Kennedy International Airport, where her daughter Natasha had just arrived on a flight from Johannesburg, South Africa. The Smalls are black.

Natasha Smalls, 20, who was studying at the University of Natal in Durban, on a Fulbright grant, had told her parents on July 26 that she had just been released from a psychiatric hospital in Zimbabwe where she was injected with medication.

They made arrangements to bring her home, and she was scheduled to return to New York on Aug. 1, but she never arrived. They said their fear was compounded by the fact that Smalls, who is legally blind in her right eye, had told her mother that she had been assaulted in March.

Exactly what happened to Smalls during the three weeks she was missing is not clear. Natasha Smalls did not participate in the airport press conference and was kept in a separate room from reporters. She was then taken to an undisclosed hospital.

"I'm not ready to deal with that yet," Glory Smalls said. "I cannot pressure her with that. She's just been through a rough time, so we're going to take one day at a time with her."

State Department spokeswoman Michelle King said both the South African and Zimbabwean consulates were contacted about Smalls' disappearance and cooperated in the search for the student over the last three weeks.

"Of course, we're very happy that she has returned safely," King said.

Glory Smalls and her husband, Robert, also claimed that Yale University officials were slow in coming to their aid.

Tom Conroy, a Yale spokesman, said university officials learned from the media on Aug. 8 that Smalls was missing. The same day, he said, Yale contacted the State Department, which already knew about Smalls and was trying to find her.

"We immediately contacted the State Department, knowing that the State Department would have the expertise to try to locate her in South Africa," Conroy said. "We cooperated with the State Department from then on."

Natasha was eventually put in touch with Sandra Sanneh, a Yale professor of African studies who happened to be in Johannesburg last week. Sanneh, who had taught Smalls at Yale, accompanied her back to the United States.

"We know that she had been in a hospital somewhere and we're trying to find out exactly what took place. We know that she's been fearful," said state Rep. Gregory Meeks, who worked to help locate the student. "She was in fear for her life, and so therefore she's still reluctant to talk about certain things."

On the Net:
http://www.yale.edu
http://www.state.gov

Hispanic homesteaders claim U.S. Army stole their ranches

LOS ALAMOS, N.M. (AP) — Hispanic homesteaders and their children are suing the federal government, contending the U.S. Army stole their ranches more than a half-century ago to make room for the top secret World War II project that grew into the Los Alamos National Laboratory.

The lawsuit, the second filed by the group, levies many of the same allegations made in a class action lawsuit the group filed in January 2000. The first lawsuit was put on hold pending a possible congressional solution.

The new lawsuit, filed in federal court May 22, alleges the U.S. government evicted the Hispanic farmers and ranchers between 1942 and 1943, when the United States needed a secret place to build the world's first atomic bomb.

While the federal government spent several hundred thousand dollars buying out the Los Alamos Boys School and a white-owned ranch on the Pajarito Plateau, Hispanic ranchers in the area allege they were driven out with no place to live or a way to support themselves. Hispanic landowners owned about 70 percent of the plateau where Los Alamos now sits, the lawsuit says.

Joe Gutierrez, head of the group that sued, said he wants the government to admit it does not have clear title to the land. Then, he said, he'd be willing to talk about reparations.

The government has denied all the allegations in responses filed to the lawsuit. A spokesman for the Energy Department, which oversees Los Alamos lab, had no further comment.

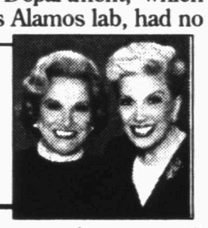
Despite a process put in place in the 1940s to pay Hispanic landowners for their property — which the lawsuit says the government valued at $7 to $15 an acre, compared with $225 an acre for the white-owned ranch — no one has received a penny, Gutierrez said.

Gutierrez said about 30 families lived on the plateau in the early 1940s, all farmers and ranchers who acquired the land through the Homestead Act, an 1862 law that deeded farmers 160 acres of public land if the farmer lived on the land for five years. By the early 1940s, many of the families had lived on the land for generations, Gutierrez said.

The lawsuit, filed by the Pajarito Plateau Homesteaders Association, the homesteaders and their heirs, names the government, Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham and Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld as defendants.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Early detection and treatment prevent diabetic eye disease

DEAR ABBY: I am an ophthalmologist who specializes in the treatment of diseases of the retina — which is the "seeing tissue" of the eye. You cannot imagine how frustrating, disheartening and sad it is to see patients on a daily basis who have vision loss from the effects of their diabetes. In many instances, I am the person who must inform them that they may not get their vision back and eventually they will become legally blind.

The reason I am frustrated is because I know that if these patients had only come in earlier, or exercised better control of their blood sugar (glucose) levels, blood pressure and cholesterol, most of their visual loss could have been avoided.

Please, Abby, remind your readers with diabetes that by maintaining control of their blood sugar they can reduce visual loss. Every patient over the age of 30 who is diabetic should have an eye exam as soon as he or she is diagnosed and a yearly exam thereafter. Diabetic eye disease does not cause pain and it must be treated early, while vision is still good, to avoid serious loss of sight. With proper care and attention, blindness — one of the most devastating complications of diabetes — can be prevented. — **DAVID S. BOYER, M.D., DIRECTOR, AMERICAN DIABETES ASSOCIATION OF L.A.**

DEAR DR. BOYER: Thank you for an important letter. I was shocked to learn that an estimated 16 million people in the United States have diabetes, and one-third of them do not know they have it. While diabetes affects people of all ages and ethnicities, diabetes is more prevalent in minority communities — especially Hispanics, African Americans and American Indians.

However, regardless of ethnicity — if there is a history of diabetes in the family, an annual physical examination and an eye examination by a medical doctor are a must. The sight you save, and the quality of life you improve, could be your own.

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DEAR ABBY: The letters from "Furious in Adrian, Mich.," the 14-year-old whose ex-boyfriend wrongly claimed to have had sex with her, and "No Big Deal in New Jersey," who suggested telling people, "... he tried, but he was sooo small ..." reminded me of an episode on the sitcom "Welcome Back Kotter."

A pretty girl in class was rumored to be promiscuous. All the guys bragged about sleeping with her at one time or another. Her solution: She announced that she was pregnant and was going to publicly reveal the identity of the father of her baby in class the next day. By morning, not one male would admit to ever having slept with her, with one exception. The character Horshack — the class nerd — proclaimed that he was the father and would marry her if she would have him. He probably couldn't even spell S-E-X, let alone get a date with a girl. But he was determined to do "the honorable thing."

If "Furious" would announce that she was pregnant and that she was bringing a paternity suit against her ex-boyfriend and his parents, I think he would stop the lying. — **TAMMY IN FLORIDA**

DEAR TAMMY: But what if he didn't? Some misguided young men are under the impression that fathering a child makes them appear manly — although nothing could be further from the truth. "Furious" has enough problems already without spreading a false rumor that could backfire.

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

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder



North 08-27-01
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♣ Q

West
♠ A K Q 6 4 3
♥ 7 4
♦ Q 10 6
♣ 8 5

East
♠ 10
♥ K 10 6
♦ 9 7
♣ 10 9 7 6 4 3 2

South
♠ J 8 7
♥ A Q J 9 8
♦ K 8
♣ A K J

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: East-West

South	West	North	East
1 ♥	1 ♠	2 ♥	Pass
4 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♠ A

Monday, Aug. 27, 2001

Bridge in the palm of your hand

By Phillip Alder

If you wish to play bridge on a hand-held device, you could buy the Saitek Pro Bridge 310.

The machine bids using five-card majors, 16-18 no-trumps, two clubs artificial and forcing, and strong two-bids in the other three suits — a strange mixture. (You may also employ the British Acol system, with four-card majors and a 12-14 no-trump.) Still, don't expect the machine to bid or play well, because it doesn't. Yet it contains 10 billion(!) preprogrammed deals.

In this layout, how should the play go in four hearts?

Holding the West cards, I opted to overcall one spade. (I replayed the deal, jumping to two spades. After two passes, South reopened with a takeout double, and North, ignoring the known eight-card heart fit, jumped to four diamonds, ending the auction. That contract was defeated by four rounds of spades, East ruffing the last with the nine of diamonds to promote a trump trick for me.)

Against four hearts, I began with three rounds of spades. If East had discarded both of its diamonds, I could have given it a ruff in the suit to defeat the contract. But no — it threw two clubs. My club exit was won with dummy's queen. Declarer played a heart to its queen. Now the machine only had to cross to the diamond ace, repeat the trump finesse, draw the last trump, and claim. Instead, it tried to cash its two club tricks. I ruffed the last with my heart seven for one down after all.

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Oil Patch News

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Sharp Image Energy Inc. will drill the No. 3-A Neely-Oxy, a 5,500-foot wildcat located four miles west of Ira. Location is in Section 129, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Borden County

Patterson Petroleum will drill the No. 2-677 Koonsman in the Cain field, 14 miles northeast of Gail. Planned for a depth of 5,100 feet, location is in Section 677, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Howard County

Prize Operating will drill the No. 4-W Clay in the Howard-Glasscock field, 14 miles southeast of Big Spring. The re-entry is planned for a depth of 3,300 feet, location is in Section 126, Block 29 W&NW survey.

Prize Operating will drill the No. 24 Clay in the Howard-Glasscock field, 14 miles southeast of Big Spring. The re-completion project is planned for a depth of 3,300 feet, and location is in Section 126, Block 29, W&NW survey.

Conoco Inc. will drill the No. 29 Sloan-Chalk in the Howard-Glasscock field, six miles northeast of Forsan. Planned depth is 7,900 feet, and location is in Section 114, Block 29, W&NW survey.

Midland Oil and Gas Inc. will drill the No. 1 Snidely, an 8,200-foot wildcat located 24 miles northeast of Big Spring. Location is in Section 11, Block 26, H&TC survey.

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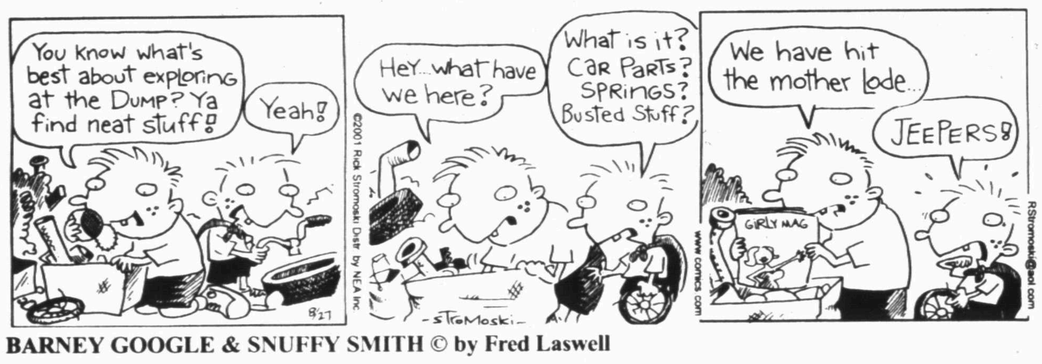
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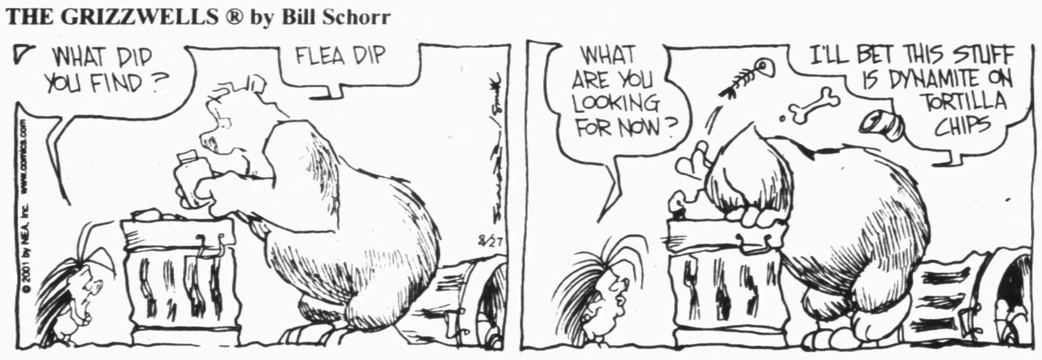
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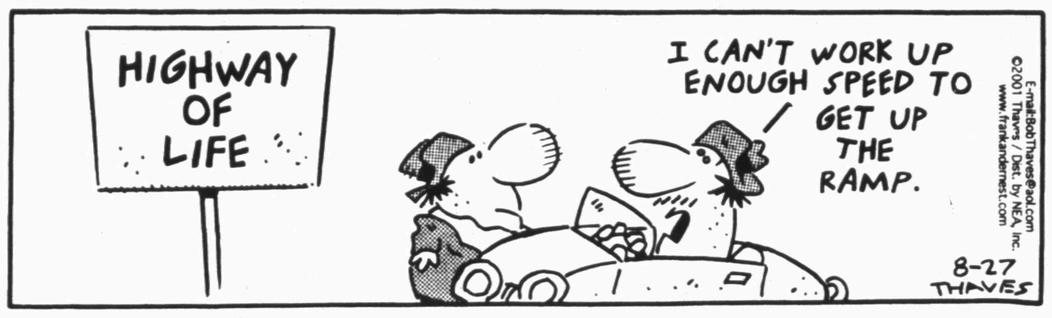
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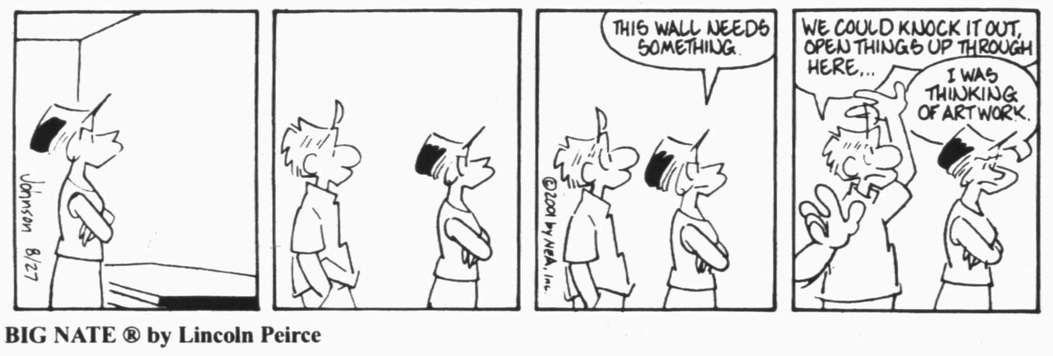
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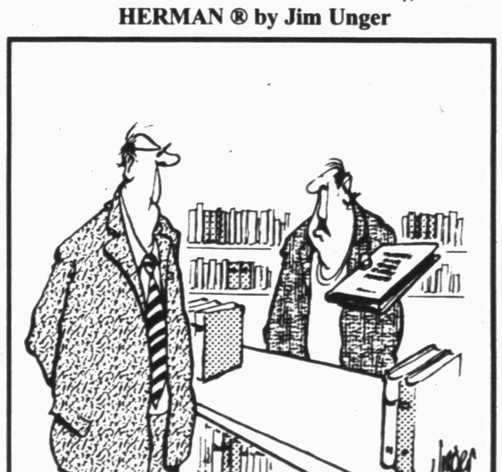
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14 Whole
15 Bread units
16 "—, a deer . . ."
17 "Japan" end
19 Notable exploit
20 Glut
23 Type of trapshooting
26 Genetic abbr.
27 Youth org.
30 Foliage
32 Egg dish
34 Fanciful
35 Devastate
36 Heights (abbr.)
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39 Pretend (2 wds.)
40 Brawnier
42 TV's "Gomer —, U.S.M.C."
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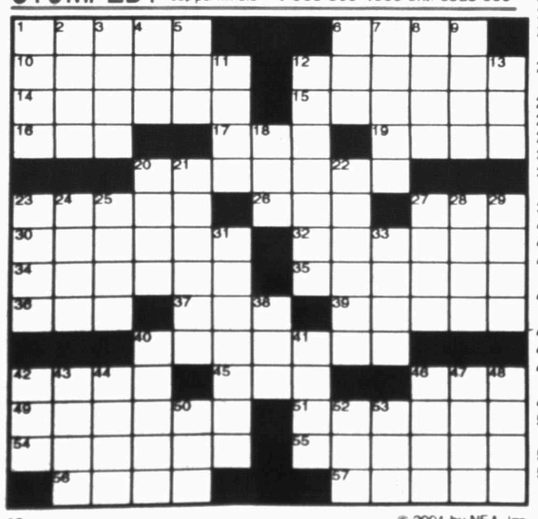
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6 Middle East org.
7 Reflection
8 Relocate
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11 Russian's "no"
12 Mrs. Roosevelt
13 Superlative ending
18 Imogene's co-star
20 Golfer Ballesteros
21 Army command (2 wds.)
22 Mexican dish
23 Urban blight
24 Midwestern college
25 Organs of hearing
27 Blurt out
28 Type of lily
29 Solar disk
31 Shirt parts
33 Happily — after
38 Football div.
40 Start
41 Made angry
42 Calif. summer time
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53 Flightless bird

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SPORTS

Autopsy results due for Luling player

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Autopsy results are due on a 15-year-old Luling student who died shortly after a football practice, according to a Central Texas medical examiner's office.

Dr. Robert Bayardo expects a report Monday on Steven Taylor's death. Caldwell County Precinct 2 Justice of the Peace Garland Grice scheduled a late morning news conference on the results.

The deaths of Taylor and Leonard Carter, 14, of Houston have heightened parents' awareness of heat dangers.

Carter, who died earlier this month after collapsing during a morning scrimmage, had an enlarged heart and doctors said heat played a minimal role.

Taylor, a 6-2, 190-pound sophomore, had been expected to start at defensive end and tight end at Luling. But his mother found him Aug. 17, unconscious and not breathing, about 40 minutes after he left practice.

Preliminary indications were that Taylor died of a cardiac arrest, said Luling Assistant Police Chief David Creed.

One of three grief counselors from the Georgetown-based nonprofit organization Intervention Services who met with students at Luling High School last week said learning the cause of Taylor's death will help his friends deal with the tragedy.

Taylor was athletic and popular, with his death coming as a shock on campus.

"Everyone wants information — the kids, the coaches, the administration, the community — they all want information," counselor Annie Burwell told the San Antonio Express-News in Monday's editions. "It makes (his death) less of a mystery."

Several football-related deaths have claimed athletes from high school to the pros.

Cowboys face Raiders in Mexico

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Three times, the Dallas Cowboys brought Emmitt Smith to Mexico to play before as many as 100,000 fans. Three times, they kept him on the bench.

Monday night against the Oakland Raiders, he promises, things will be different.

"I will be playing tomorrow, unless something drastic happens," Smith told a news conference Sunday after a Mexican reporter asked about the previous disappointments for local fans.

For Dallas and Oakland, Monday night's game is basically a key practice session en route to the season opener. For Mexican football fans, it's the only chance they'll have this year for a close-up look at the world's best players.

About 100,000 fans again were projected for the game. That's impressive when the cheapest tickets — top-deck end-zone seats in the frostbite regions of a 112,000 seat stadium — cost $16, nearly double what most Mexicans make in a day.

"It's always been popular here," Raiders fan Eduardo Aguilar said. "The thing that's changing is that the NFL is finally taking notice.

"Some of us Mexican fans can't go to the United States, and for all of us, it costs a lot of money to go there."

Forecasters say there could be a thunderstorm, too, which conceivably might fit into a Smith definition of the "something drastic" that could prevent him from playing

The Cowboys held Smith out of a 1999 exhibition game here because of a slick field, in a year when Troy Aikman and other greats were still sharing space with him in the backfield. This year, Smith has an outside chance at the league's all-time rushing yardage record.

Raiders Coach Jon Gruden, his team considered a Super Bowl threat, said he's trying to "acclimate" new players to the Raider system — in this case, at an elevation of 7,350 feet. The new players include folks such as Jerry Rice — no description needed — and sack master Trace Armstrong, who may see limited action.

His biggest problem may be in one of his strong points: keeping concentration. This is his first trip out of the United States.

While Gruden insists the defending AFC West champs have a lot of work to do, the Cowboys insist that things aren't really as bad as they seem, despite finishing 5-11 last year, losing Troy Aikman and training his replacement in taking snaps.

"We're not happy where we're at right now," admitted coach Dave Campo, "but the Dallas Cowboys won't be down for long."

Owner Jerry Jones, who has spoken of a 10-win season, said the team's youth and low payroll are no bar to success:

"I have the experience of having the youngest team in the NFL and the second to last lowest paid team that went to two back to back Super Bowls, so I can't accept the fact you can't be successful with a young, low-paid team."

Smith vowed to "embrace my new teammates."

"I can't be playing on the football field with ghosts and legends in my mind," he said. "I have to go out there with the guys I have beside me."

Campo said he would be using "more movement in the defensive line" with his smaller players to confuse the offense. As he said that, Raiders quarterback Rich Gannon, appearing with him at the news conference, turned and paid unusual attention.

It's the sixth time since 1978 the NFL has brought a preseason game to Mexico City. Five of those games have been held at Azteca stadium, whose vastness testifies to the popularity of soccer

Sports Briefs

Bowling meeting

The Men's Commercial League will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday at Snyder Lanes to prepare for the upcoming season. League bowling begins Sept. 6.

Sammy Baugh tournament

The 10th annual "Slingin" Sammy Baugh Snyder Golf Tournament will be held Sept. 8 at Western Texas College. Proceeds benefit Snyder ISD golf programs.

Format is four-person scramble and cost is $140 per team. Shotgun starts are scheduled for 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Cash prizes will be awarded with $600 going to the winning team.

Entry deadline is Sept. 7. Registration forms can be picked up at the WTC pro shop.

Flag football

Any teams interested in playing in the Texas Amateur Athletic Federation flag football league should contact Earl Ware at 573-0800.

Western Texas MGA

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

Tuesday scramble and all-day MGA

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

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

WGA play day

The Women's Golf Association of Snyder Country Club holds its weekly play day at 8:30 a.m. each Tuesday. Format is flag tournament.

Woods ends winless summer

AKRON, Ohio (AP) — Tiger Woods ended his winless summer with a birdie on the seventh playoff hole to defeat Jim Furyk in the NEC Invitational.

After they exchanged pars for six holes, Woods, who started the day two behind, hit a wedge into No. 18 to finally end the longest playoff on the PGA Tour in 10 years.

He and Furyk finished at 12-under 268.

It was Woods' fifth victory of the year and 29th in his career, tying Jack Nicklaus for the most PGA Tour victories before turning 30.

Woods won the NEC Invitational for the third straight year, making him the first player to take three straight tournaments at fabled Firestone Country Club.

Tokyo rallies past USA

SOUTH WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. (AP) — The Tokyo Kitasuna team found something that worked during and after games, and stuck with it all the way to the Little League World Series championship.

For the second time in as many games, the team from Japan rallied for two runs in its last at-bat, this time beating Apopka, Fla., 2-1 in the title game.

Nobuhisa Baba hit a line drive off the shortstop's glove in the bottom of the sixth and final inning, driving in two runs and giving Japan its fifth Little League World Series title.

Astros continue to roll with 3-1 victory

PITTSBURGH (AP) — To Houston Astros manager Larry Dierker, the key to staying atop the NL Central is to win a few games when everything isn't going right, then avoid a long losing streak against the contenders.

Somebody in his dugout must be listening.

The Astros aren't hitting but haven't stopped winning, as they did Sunday by defeating Pittsburgh 3-1. It's an encouraging sign to a manager who is convinced that one of the NL's best offenses will start hitting soon.

The Astros had a .204 average and scored more than three runs only twice during a six-game swing to Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, yet still went 4-2 to maintain their three-game division lead.

Obviously, the Astros got some good pitching — as they did Sunday when spot starter Ron Villone (6-5) struck out eight in 5 1-3 effective innings before the bullpen contributed 3 2-3 scoreless innings.

"If we do that, we have a chance to be a pretty good team because those bats are not going to stay idle forever," Dierker said.

The Astros play non-contenders Milwaukee and Cincinnati over the next two weeks before finishing the season with 19 games against the teams chasing them, the Cubs and Cardinals, plus the Giants.

"With all games remaining against those teams, the longer we can go in the position we're in, it allows us to split a series and still maintain (the lead)," Dierker said. "What we want to do the next couple of weeks is expand the lead if we can; that way, we don't put so much pressure on ourselves in the head-on series we have.

"If we can put them (the Cubs and Cardinals) in position where they have to sweep, it's a hard position to be in. And that's what we want to try to do."

The Astros were limited to 10 runs in the three games in Pittsburgh but won twice as Villone and rookie Roy Oswalt each made strong starts. Oswalt beat the Pirates 5-1 Friday.

"Everybody talks about our offense, but on this road trip we stunk," Jeff Bagwell said. "But we got great pitching and came out 4-2, so we feel fortunate about that."

The Astros turned shortstop Jack Wilson's throwing error in the first inning and an intentional walk to Moises Alou in the sixth — the third time they scored following an intentional walk in the series — into just enough runs to win their eighth in 10 games.

After Villone held the Pirates to a run in his first start since June 20 with Colorado, relievers Mike Jackson, Octavio Dotel, Mike Williams and Billy Wagner finished up. Wagner pitched the ninth for his 30th save in 32 chances.

High School Football Poll

By The Associated Press

Here is The Associated Press' preseason high school poll with records, first place votes in parentheses and points based on 10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1, including the ranking in last year's final regular-season poll:

Team	Rec	Pts	Pvs
Class 5A			
1. Austin Westlake (7)	14-1	171	1
2. Midland Lee (3)	13-2	152	8
3. Lufkin (6)	9-4	149	x
4. Tyler John Tyler (2)	12-4	130	x
5. Aldine Eisenhower (1)	13-1	111	3
6. Katy (1)	16-0	94	2
7. The Woodlands	11-3	56	10
8. Duncanville	11-2	47	6
9. Gal Park North Shore	11-2	27	x
10. Arlington Lamar	10-5	18	x

Also receiving votes: San Antonio Churchill 16, Tyler Lee 16, Arlington 15, Copperas Cove 15, Flower Mound Marcus 12, Plano East 10, San Antonio Marshall 10, Waco 9, Abilene Cooper 8, Converse Judson 8, Dallas Carter 5, Houston Lamar 4, Jersey Village 4, San Antonio Holmes 4, Victoria Memorial 4, Lewisville 3, Arlington Houston 1, Garland 1.

Class 4A			
1. Bay City (8)	14-1	175	x
2. Denton Ryan (5)	12-3	163	x
3. Ennis (6)	14-2	160	10
4. West Orange-Stark	15-1	88	5
5. Stephenville	9-3	85	8
6. La Marque (1)	10-4	77	x
7. San Antonio Roosevelt	10-4	63	x
8. Corpus Christi Calallen	13-2	58	x
9. Killeen Harker Heights	10-3	40	x
10. Corsicana	9-4	38	x

Also receiving votes: Greenville 28, Wichita Falls 18, New Braunfels 16, Smithson Valley 14, Brownwood 9, Port Arthur Lincoln 8, Southlake Carroll 8, Texas City 8, Jacksonville 7, Richardson Pearce 7, Friendswood 6, Denison 5, San Marcos 5, Fort Worth Dunbar 4, Kerrville Tivy 4, Waco University 3, Andrews 2, Highland Park 1.

Class 3A			
1. Forney (10)	11-5	176	x
2. La Grange (8)	14-2	169	x
3. Commerce	13-1	137	8
4. Everman (2)	12-2	102	x
5. Abilene Wylie	14-1	94	6
6. Sinton	11-2	78	x
7. Newton	8-5	72	x
8. Sweetwater	8-4	41	x
9. Cameron Yoe	11-3	30	x
10. China Spring	10-2	25	x

Also receiving votes: Daingerfield 22, Gainesville 22, Sealy 21, Aledo 13, Crockett 12, Lindale 11, Midland Greenwood 11, Muleshoe 11, Bandera 9, Lake Worth 9, Sweeny 8, Rice Consolidated 7, Cuero 4, Gatesville 4, Gladewater 4, Atlanta 3, Lamesa 2, Yoakum 2, Graham 1.

Class 2A			
1. Celina (18)	16-0	196	2
2. Mart (2)	15-1	168	1
3. Sonora	15-0	119	4
4. Arp	13-1	114	7
5. Refugio	14-1	113	3
6. Corrigan-Camden	10-4	108	x
7. Pilot Point	11-3	83	10
8. Farmersville	12-1	43	x
9. Stanton	12-3	37	x
10. Blanco	10-5	25	x

Also receiving votes: Olney 18, Rogers 17, Elysian Fields 11, Garrison 8, Comanche 7, Alto 6, Bangs 5, Brazos 4, Spearman 4, Cooper 3, Lockney 2, Omaha Paul Pewitt 2, Poth 2, Quanah 2, Whitewright 2, Brookshire Royal 1.

Class A			
1. Stratford (18)	16-0	197	2
2. Roscoe	13-1	147	6
3. Shiner	13-1	106	1
4. Beckville	12-2	100	10
5. Windthorst (1)	10-1	99	7
6. Rankin	11-1	88	4
7. Collinsville	11-3	58	x
8. Celeste	11-1	55	5
9. Burkeville (1)	10-5	51	x
10. Itasca	9-3	48	x

Also receiving votes: Iraan 37, Wheeler 17, Bremond 15, Bartlett 12, Charlotte 9, Springlake-Earth 9, Nazareth 8, Wortham 8, Petrolia 7, Chico 5, Iola 5, Paducah 4, Petersburg 4, Menard 3, Detroit 2, Mildred 2, Mount Enterprise 2, Karnack 1, Lindsay 1.

Major League Baseball

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East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	71	58	.550	—
Philadelphia	69	60	.535	2
Florida	61	68	.473	10
New York	61	69	.469	10½
Montreal	55	75	.423	16½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	75	55	.577	—
Chicago	72	58	.554	3
St. Louis	70	60	.539	5
Milwaukee	57	72	.442	17½
Cincinnati	53	77	.408	22
Pittsburgh	48	81	.372	26½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	75	54	.581	—
San Francisco	72	58	.554	3½
Los Angeles	71	59	.546	4½
San Diego	64	65	.496	11
Colorado	56	73	.434	19

Saturday's Games

Chicago Cubs 6, St. Louis 4
Arizona 4, Philadelphia 3
Los Angeles 8, Atlanta 7
Pittsburgh 8, Houston 2
Milwaukee 5, Colorado 4
Cincinnati 4, Montreal 2
San Diego 7, Florida 1
N.Y. Mets 3, San Francisco 2, 11 innings

Sunday's Games

Atlanta 9, Los Angeles 2
Houston 3, Pittsburgh 1
Cincinnati 17, Montreal 4
Arizona 4, Philadelphia 3, 10 innings
Colorado 3, Milwaukee 2
Chicago Cubs 6, St. Louis 1
San Diego 10, Florida 0
N.Y. Mets 6, San Francisco 5

Monday's Games

Los Angeles (Adams 9-6) at Atlanta (Maddux 17-7), 1:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Jensen 1-2) at N.Y. Mets (Appier 7-10), 1:10 p.m.
San Diego (Tollberg 6-4) at Florida (Burnett 9-9), 7:05 p.m.
Arizona (Lopez 3-3) at Philadelphia (Person 11-6), 7:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Beimel 5-10) at Milwaukee (Coppinger 0-0), 8:05 p.m.

Tuesday's Games

Philadelphia (Duckworth 2-0) at N.Y. Mets (Rusch 6-9), 7:10 p.m.
Montreal (Vazquez 13-11) at Atlanta (Millwood 4-5), 7:35 p.m.
Cincinnati (Davis 6-2) at Houston (Miller 13-7), 8:05 p.m.
Florida (Dempster 14-11) at Chicago Cubs (Tapani 9-10), 8:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Beimel 5-10) at Milwaukee (Coppinger 0-0), 8:05 p.m.
San Diego (Lawrence 3-3) at St. Louis (Kile 13-8), 8:10 p.m.
San Francisco (L.Hernandez 11-12) at Arizona (Johnson 17-6), 10:05 p.m.
Colorado (Chacon 6-8) at Los Angeles (Brown 8-4), 10:10 p.m.

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East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	76	55	.580	—
Boston	71	58	.550	4
Toronto	64	67	.488	12
Baltimore	54	76	.415	21½
Tampa Bay	47	84	.359	29

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	73	57	.562	—
Minnesota	69	62	.527	4½
Chicago	65	64	.504	7½
Detroit	53	76	.411	19½
Kansas City	51	80	.389	22½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	94	37	.718	—
Oakland	75	56	.572	19
Anaheim	69	62	.527	25
Texas	58	73	.443	36

Saturday's Games

N.Y. Yankees 7, Anaheim 5
Seattle 3, Cleveland 2, 11 innings
Oakland 6, Detroit 1
Tampa Bay 8, Chicago White Sox 4
Toronto 9, Baltimore 0
Texas 8, Boston 7, 18 innings
Minnesota 7, Kansas City 1

Sunday's Games

Chicago White Sox 3, Tampa Bay 2
Toronto 5, Baltimore 1
Oakland 7, Detroit 6
Minnesota 7, Kansas City 2
Cleveland 4, Seattle 3
Anaheim 7, N.Y. Yankees 6, 10 innings
Texas 5, Boston 4

Monday's Games

No games scheduled

Tuesday's Games

Boston (Cone 8-2) at Cleveland (Burba 9-8), 7:05 p.m.
Oakland (Mulder 15-7) at Baltimore (Ponson 5-9), 7:05 p.m.
Toronto (Loaiza 9-10) at N.Y. Yankees (Mussina 12-11), 7:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Biddle 5-8) at Detroit (Lima 4-5), 7:05 p.m.
Seattle (Pineiro 3-0) at Tampa Bay (P.Wilson 5-8), 7:15 p.m.
Texas (Oliver 10-8) at Minnesota (Reed 3-3), 8:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Ortiz 11-7) at Kansas City (George 1-4), 8:05 p.m.

National Football League

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East

	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Buffalo	2	1	0	.667	36	37
New England	2	1	0	.667	40	28
N.Y. Jets	2	1	0	.667	43	37
Indianapolis	1	2	0	.333	75	76
Miami	1	3	0	.250	59	71

Central

	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Cleveland	2	1	0	.667	42	36
Jacksonville	2	1	0	.667	51	66
Pittsburgh	2	1	0	.667	47	47
Tennessee	2	1	0	.667	64	54
Cincinnati	1	2	0	.333	50	60
Baltimore	0	2	0	.000	20	36

West

	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
San Diego	3	0	0	1.000	61	54
Denver	2	1	0	.667	58	52
Kansas City	2	1	0	.667	53	37
Oakland	2	1	0	.667	48	41
Seattle	1	2	0	.333	62	62

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Arizona	2	1	0	.667	47	43
Philadelphia	1	1	0	.500	23	20
N.Y. Giants	1	2	0	.333	41	36
Washington	1	2	0	.333	33	72
Dallas	0	3	0	.000	30	57

Central

	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Minnesota	3	0	0	1.000	80	52
Green Bay	2	1	0	.667	42	29
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LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — A divorced father whose unemployment benefits were about to run out decided to gamble on the $294.8 million Powerball jackpot. He says his wager paid off.

David Edwards, 46, said one of the eight tickets he bought about an hour and a half before Saturday night's drawing was one of four that matched the Powerball drawing.

"I figured I had nothing to lose and everything to gain," Edwards told The Daily Independent of Ashland, Ky., on Sunday.

Kentucky Lottery officials would not confirm the name of their state's winner but said it was a man who talked to the lottery president by phone on Sunday.

Winning tickets also were sold in New Hampshire, Delaware and Minnesota but winners had not come forward in those states by Sunday. The winning numbers drawn Saturday night in Des Moines, Iowa, were 8, 17, 22, 42 and 47, plus the Powerball number of 21.

Edwards said until Saturday he hadn't played the lottery in months because he couldn't afford the tickets. But with the jackpot approaching $300 million, he said he decided to take a shot.

He said he bought the winning ticket Saturday night at Clark's Pump N Shop, about 100 yards from his home in Ashland, in northeast Kentucky. Lottery officials confirmed that Clark's had sold and validated a winning ticket.

Edwards, a regular at Clark's, returned Sunday morning and spent the day at the store talking to news reporters, store manager Melanie Wells said Sunday.

Edwards said he had recently been laid off from his fiber optics job and was in need of back surgery. He said he had had no idea what he was going to do once his unemployment benefits ran out.

Edwards said he purchased $8 worth of chances — seven for himself and one for his fiancee. For his first four plays, he used birthdays and other significant numbers.

On his fifth one, he decided to try something different.

"I said to myself, I'm going to look at the numbers and the first ones that come to mind, those are the ones I'm gonna pick," he said.

He and his fiancee were making the rounds on Sunday in a silver Mercedes-Benz, which he said a friend had loaned him to drive "until I can get one of my own."

The Associated Press discovered Sunday that the phone in Edwards' home had been disconnected.

The jackpot for the game, played in 21 states and the District of Columbia, was the second-largest in Powerball history. A group of factory workers in Ohio split a $295.7 million prize in 1998.

The richest lottery prize in U.S. history was $363 million in the Big Game jackpot, won last year by two players in Illinois and Michigan.

In Delaware, state lottery officials have said they would say today where that state's winning Powerball ticket was sold. They added that state law allows lottery winners to remain anonymous.

"Quite frankly, we have had four other Powerball jackpot winners in Delaware, and also multiple winners in our local lottery, and we've never been able to release someone's name," lottery director Wayne Lemons said Sunday.

Britain may send some patients abroad

LONDON (AP) — Patients facing long delays for treatment under Britain's ailing health care system welcomed a proposal today which may allow them to go to European hospitals — with Britain footing the bill.

Health Secretary Alan Milburn said that Britain accepted a European Court of Justice ruling that patients facing "undue delay" in their home countries should be allowed to seek treatment in other European Union nations.

"It is my intention to make clear to health authorities and primary care trusts that they are able to commission services from other European countries as part of their wider efforts to reduce waiting times," Milburn said.

Milburn warned that the change may require legislation to put in place "robust systems to guarantee patients high standards of care and taxpayers good value for money." Milburn also said that no patients will be sent abroad "against their wishes."

Britain's socialized National Health Service, or NHS, has faced years of criticism over what is widely seen as an eroding standard of care. Patients routinely complain of long delays, sometimes waiting more than a year for surgery, shortages of hospital beds and a lack of specialist doctors and nurses.

During his re-election campaign this spring, Blair promised to make improving the NHS, founded in 1948, a priority in his second term. He pledged to significantly increase spending, reduce waiting lists and waiting times for surgery and hire more specialist surgeons, general practitioners and nurses.

Mike Stone of the Patients Association said the government's change in policy could benefit thousands of people waiting for treatment. But he called on officials to move quickly.

"What worries us is that Milburn says this new approach will not happen quickly because we require legislation, time to put it in place and so on," Stone said. "Let's face it, as we know there are thousands and thousands of patients in this country, people who need orthopedic treatment like hip and knee operations, who are in daily pain."

Steven Thornton, chief executive of the NHS confederation, however, urged a more cautious approach. He said the new policy — offering to send some patients abroad for treatment — could remove some of the pressure on the health care system, but the plan should be carefully considered first.

"A lot of work would have to go into planning it properly," he said.

"My greatest worry in all of this is the impact on what we might call health inequalities. It is a very attractive proposition maybe to affluent middle class people ... but to poorer, elderly people who maybe have never been abroad in their lives this is very daunting."

'American Pie 2' still top film

LOS ANGELES (AP) — "American Pie 2" continues to out-gross all challengers. Amid a weak field of new films, the gross-out comedy remained the top movie for a third straight weekend.

Taking in $12.8 million over the weekend, "American Pie 2" pushed its total take to $109.6 million in 17 days, according to studio estimates Sunday. "Rush Hour 2" remained the No. 2 film with $11.4 million, raising its 24-day total to $183.3 million.

Among a rush of new movies, "Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back" drew the biggest audience. The comedy from writer-director Kevin Smith was No. 3 with $11.1 million.

The baseball flick "Summer Catch," starring Freddie Prinze Jr., debuted in sixth place with $7.5 million. The sci-fi thriller "John Carpenter's Ghosts of Mars" opened weakly with $3.8 million to finish at No. 9.

Woody Allen's "The Curse of the Jade Scorpion," playing in far fewer theaters than the other new films, had a so-so debut of $2.5 million to come in at No. 11.

"Bubble Boy," a comedy about a youth with a deficient immune system, did not even break into the top 12, opening with just $2 million.

Hollywood is in the midst of its typical late-summer doldrums, when movie-going trails off.

"It feels like summer is over," said Paul Dergarabedian, president of Exhibitor Relations, which tracks the box office.

The industry is creeping toward its all-time summer revenue high of $3 billion set in 1999, a record Hollywood should break by next weekend.

While it was a slow weekend compared to most of this summer, the overall box office still rose compared to the same weekend last year. The top 12 movies grossed $82.5 million, up about 10 percent.

"Jay and Silent Bob" drew the steadiest crowds among new films, averaging $4,014 a theater in 2,765 locations. The movie stars Jason Mewes and Smith as the title characters, who were supporting players in his previous four movies, including "Dogma" and "Chasing Amy."

The movie drew heavily on Smith's cult following, but distributor Miramax hopes it will find a broader audience.

"It's a very satisfying comedy on a lot of levels," said David Kaminow, Miramax senior vice president for marketing. "Hopefully, we'll get some non-Kevin Smith fans to come and sample what we think is a great comedy."

Playing in 2,335 theaters, "Summer Catch" averaged $3,227. The comedy played mainly to Prinze's core audience of women under 25, said Dan Fellman, head of distribution for Warner Bros., which released the movie.

"Curse of the Jade Scorpion," a comedy starring Allen and Helen Hunt, averaged $2,769 in 903 theaters. The movie was a step back from last year's "Small Time Crooks," which averaged a healthy $4,486 a theater and became Allen's biggest box-office success in years.

"This one was probably more in line with what Woody's movies historically have opened to," said Jim Tharp, head of distribution for DreamWorks, which released "Jade Scorpion." "I do think 'Small Time Crooks' probably raised expectations a little."

"Ghosts of Mars" averaged just $1,855 in 2,048 theaters. "Bubble Boy" did even worse, averaging $1,246 in 1,605 theaters.

WTC's IT program offers key classes

The Information Technology Program at Western Texas College is offering several key courses during the fall semester, with Tuesday being the last day to register.

The IT Program consists of eight core modules that prepare students for immediate entry into the job market and to provide valuable computer related skills for individuals who are currently employed. The training is comprised of both lecture and "hands-on" lab elements to ensure a complete learning experience.

Classes are designed to prepare students to take and pass multiple national certification exams. Upon completion of a given module, students may take the appropriate exam for national certification at any Sylvan Prometric Center. Currently, steps are being taken to certify WTC as a testing center. Certifications include CompTia's A+, Network +, and I-Net+ modules as well as Microsoft's MCP tests for 2000 Server and TCP/IP. Students will also receive classroom certification in Copper and Fiber Optic cabling through C-Tech Associates, Inc. after completing specific proficiency requirements.

The complete program is 28 semester credit hours in length, and modules may be taken independently for certification preparation in a given area.

Classes are offered both days and evenings in order to provide maximum scheduling flexibility and may be taken for credit or non-credit. Courses include:

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Risks of obesity are not just cosmetic

DEAR DR. GOTT: Granted, I'm overweight. But, I'm also sick and tired of hearing that obesity is unhealthful. I have fat friends in their 70s and 80s. Please confirm that stoutness is simply a normal human condition, not a health risk.

DEAR READER: I wish I could. However, the scientific data speak for themselves.

I refer you to the most recent study (Archives of Internal Medicine, July 9, 2001) of the health consequences of obesity.

During a 10-year follow-up of 122,000 middle aged women and 52,000 men, researchers from Harvard and Tufts medical schools discovered that the incidence of diabetes, gallstones, hypertension, heart disease and colon cancer increased with the degree of overweight in both men and women. In obese men, the risk of stroke was also significant.

I don't want to bore you with complex statistical analyses but I must emphasize that a study of almost 175,000 individuals is impressive — and the results were equally instructive. As you might expect, the risk of ill health increases linearly with the degree of obesity: Mildly overweight subjects had far fewer complications than did morbidly obese patients.

Thus, the implications are inescapable: The more you weigh, the greater your chances of health problems sooner or later — usually sooner. (I must add that pure body weight is not the crucial factor. Researchers depend on the Body Mass Index — calculated as weight in kilograms divided by the square of height in meters. This takes into account the difference between a 6'5" man of 220 pounds and a 5'1" female of the same weight. One is normal, the other is in trouble.) Anything exceeding a BMI of 25 is considered to be overweight; a level exceeding 30 is severe obesity.

While I would like nothing better than to reassure you that the current preoccupation in this country with body weight is driven by cadaverous anorexic models and a cultural norm for excessive slimness, the issue is more complicated. Irrespective of our societal views of beauty, overweight men and women — so much more in evidence now than in the past — are at higher risk of serious health problems. Whether our culture eventually accepts or rejects stoutness is immaterial; the risks of obesity remain. And they are real.

If you have a weight problem, I urge you to address the issue now. A diet would certainly help. If, however, you require more intensive therapy, consider a weight-reduction group (Weight-Watchers and others) or a specific program, such as Slim Fast. Your health may, literally, be at stake.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Winning the Battle of the Bulge." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Newsletter, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092-0167. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My friend recently had two dermoids removed. They are supposedly errant, unfertilized eggs that failed to develop normally. How common are they?

DEAR READER: Dermoid cysts are rare benign growths, consisting of fatty tissue, cartilage and other tissues, surrounded by a thick capsule of gristle. They are believed to arise from islets of germ cells; that is, misplaced collections of primitive cells which, for unknown reasons, grow in bizarre patterns to form cysts.

Dermoids can occur in the skin but they are more common in internal organs, such as an ovary. These growths can cause pain and swelling; once removed, however, they do not recur.

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Markets

Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP)	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	33.73	33.33	33.45	—.43
AOL TimeWm	41.79	40.89	41.02	—.79
AT&T Corp s	19.50	19.30	19.31	—.20
Albertsons	36.90	36.20	36.88	+ .32
Alltel	57.90	57.09	57.90	+ .86
AmEl Pw	45.87	45.44	45.86	+ .42
AndarkPtr	53.84	52.81	53.40	—.09
ATMOS Egy	22.42	22.30	22.38	+ .03
Aviall	10.90	10.75	10.77	—.13
BP PLC	52.50	52.17	52.22	—.07
BakerHughes	33.89	33.50	33.77	+ .30
Bank of Amer	63.49	62.75	63.15	—.09
BellSouth	38.07	37.87	37.97	+ .03
Beth Steel	1.75	1.73	1.74	—.03
BurlNoSFe	27.00	26.25	26.31	—.60
Caterpillar	52.68	52.20	52.47	+ .23
Chevron	93.61	92.71	92.71	—.09
Citigroup	48.60	47.91	47.91	—.39
CocaCola	49.23	48.80	48.96	—.25
ColgatePal	55.86	55.27	55.54	—.32
ComclMetals	32.16	31.85	32.16	+ .01
CooperIn	57.30	56.92	57.29	+ .62
DaimlrChry	46.55	46.05	46.26	—.74
DeltaAirl	40.75	40.26	40.53	—.37
Dillards Inc	18.93	18.55	18.86	+ .23
DowChem	36.50	36.17	36.48	+ .42
DuPont	42.60	42.27	42.36	+ .11
EastmanChem	41.70	40.87	41.02	—.37
EstKodak	47.16	46.62	46.63	—.15
EDS Corp	62.47	61.97	62.25	+ .46
Entergy	39.15	39.08	39.14	+ .46
ExxonMobil s	41.77	41.35	41.43	—.27
FstBksAm	27.60	27.52	27.55	—.13
GenDynam	82.90	81.90	82.44	—.56
GenElec	42.30	41.65	41.93	—.06
GenMills	45.09	44.55	44.95	+ .10
GenMotors	57.23	56.55	56.56	—.43
GaPacGP	37.35	37.15	37.20	+ .03
GlobalMar	16.11	15.70	16.01	+ .36
Goodrich	34.40	34.05	34.26	+ .24
Goodyear s	25.24	24.95	25.00	—.23
GtAtlPac	18.90	17.90	18.45	—.70
Halliburtn	31.84	31.08	31.79	+ .71
Hanson ADS	39.30	39.11	39.11	—.17
HarteHanks	24.07	23.76	23.89	+ .13
HomeDepot	49.58	48.35	48.65	—1.29
Honeywellntl	38.99	38.54	38.86	—.07
IBM	108.20	106.64	107.70	+ .71
IntlPaper	41.84	41.30	41.82	+ .35
JohnsonJn s	54.70	54.32	54.55	—.05
K mart	10.33	10.18	10.21	—.03
KinderMorg	56.05	55.90	56.01	+ .30
Kroger Co	27.15	26.40	27.01	+ .01
LockheedM	40.25	39.70	40.01	+ .17
Lowes Cos s	39.20	38.07	38.34	—.86
Lubys	9.03	9.00	9.03	—.02
LucentTech	7.44	7.03	7.41	+ .39
MayDeptStr	34.70	34.18	34.27	+ .15
Medtronic	46.95	46.62	46.95	+ .40
Motorola	18.94	18.62	18.80	+ .05
NCR Corp	37.85	37.14	37.17	—.53
Navistar	35.20	34.60	34.90	—.44
Penney JC	25.79	24.90	25.00	—.41
PepBoys	13.00	12.80	12.95	
PepsiCo	47.00	46.58	46.91	—.19
Pharmacia	42.25	41.54	42.03	+ .22
PhelpDodge	40.46	40.06	40.20	—.22
PhilipPet	59.74	59.30	59.52	+ .15
PilgrmPrd B	14.99	14.92	14.97	—.02
Polaroid	1.48	1.42	1.45	+ .03
Praxair	47.49	47.18	47.44	
ProctGamb	77.04	76.48	76.85	—.15
PubS NwMx	29.30	28.90	29.09	+ .19
RadioShack	23.35	22.96	23.01	—.31
ReliantEngy	30.60	30.39	30.51	+ .09
RoyalDut	58.86	58.40	58.45	—.14
SBC Comm	42.48	42.10	42.27	—.34
SaraLee	22.37	22.00	22.27	+ .11
Scripps EW	66.75	66.10	66.11	—.03
SearsRoeb	44.80	44.51	44.56	—.24
SherwinW	22.74	22.51	22.55	—.07
SouthernCo s	23.50	23.25	23.46	+ .30
SwstAirl s	18.54	18.26	18.28	—.32
SprintFON	22.59	22.43	22.55	+ .10
SprintPCS	24.98	24.64	24.93	+ .09
Sunoco Inc	36.92	36.54	36.62	+ .06
TXU Corp	47.92	47.23	47.85	+ .55
TempleInland	60.25	59.72	59.88	—.03
Texaco	71.55	70.76	70.76	—.44
Textind	41.90	41.22	41.26	—.06
Texasinst	36.25	35.50	36.02	+ .52
Textron	55.90	54.90	55.00	—.39
TriconGlbR	44.45	44.18	44.21	—.23
TrinityInds	25.75	25.56	25.56	—.15
TylerTech	3.30	3.20	3.30	
USX-Marathn	31.27	31.00	31.19	+ .29
USX-USS	20.38	20.21	20.25	—.10
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WinnDixie	22.94	22.85	22.89	—.05
Xerox Cp	8.98	8.81	8.89	—.01

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BC researchers closer to MD answers

HOUSTON (AP) — Growing evidence of why a mutated gene causes the most common type of muscular dystrophy in adults should help medical scientists devise effective therapies.

The latest research to be published today from Baylor College of Medicine researchers supports a theory that excess RNA, the molecule that spurs production of proteins in the body, can effectively clog cells and lead to muscle weakness and other ailments.

"The more you know, and the better you understand how things work, the smarter you'll be when developing drugs," Dr. Thomas A. Cooper, a Baylor associate professor of pathology and one of the study's three authors, said.

Findings will appear in the journal Nature Genetics. Cooper and his colleagues at Baylor, Drs. Rajesh S. Savkur and Anne V. Philips, have been studying patients with myotonic dystrophy whose faulty insulin receptors do not process enough blood sugar for their muscles to work properly.

Cooper said the disease is particularly devastating because it runs in families, often getting worse with each subsequent generation. Myotonic dystrophy afflicts about 30,000 Americans, worsening over time, weakening muscles, causing cataracts and even mental retardation.

"It's a very unfair disease to families," Cooper said.

Excess RNA copies are produced by the mutated gene of those with myotonic dystrophy. That produces the wrong types of proteins that muscles need to process blood sugar. Genes of healthy people have only a few excess RNA copies, always less than three dozen.

But patients with moderate forms of myotonic dystrophy have hundreds of copies. The most severe forms of the disease, sometimes seen in children, can have thousands of copies.

"This is a big step forward," said Dr. Sharon Hesterlee, director of research development for the Tucson, Ariz.-based Muscular Dystrophy Association, which helped fund the study.

"The pieces of this disease's puzzle are really beginning to fall into place," Hesterlee said. "It gives us a much better idea of what to target for therapies."

She said Cooper's work is consistent with research published in another journal last month also supporting the theory that RNA blockages are causing most of the symptoms of myotonic dystrophy.

The next step for researchers who identified RNA as the culprit, said Cooper, is to understand exactly why the excess RNA is botching efforts by the body's cells to produce the correct proteins allowing muscles to act as they should. He said that will provide more effective, targeted therapies.

Body found in trash bin in 1994 identified

ANDERSON, Ind. (AP) — Seven years after a homeless man who fell asleep in a trash bin was crushed to death inside a garbage truck, the mystery of his identity has finally been solved.

Two retired government officials recently identified the dead man as David Herman Hickerson, a Bloomington native born in 1953 who spent most of his adult life on the road.

That road led him to a trash container behind an Anderson shoe store, where he was sleeping among discarded shoeboxes on the morning of Oct. 25, 1994.

That morning, a garbage truck picked up the container, dumped all of its contents into its compactor and crushed Hickerson to death.

Police were unable to identify the drifter, but area residents turned out for his burial at Maplewood Cemetery. A year later, a simple gravestone was purchased, identifying him only as "John Doe."

Although Anderson police stopped pursuing the case in 1996, retired Anderson Police Chief Frank Burrows refused to give up.

Burrows spent five years contacting police agencies, checking arrest cards and following bits of information in an attempt to identify the man. Burrows said a fingerprint match through the FBI's files eventually provided the name of Hedy Anwick.

But that only led to more investigative work because as it turned out, Hedy Anwick was one of 13 aliases Hickerson used — along with seven different Social Security numbers and five different dates of birth.

Burrows checked with the Monroe County Health Department and got Hickerson's parents' name from his birth certificate. Meanwhile, another of Hickerson's arrest cards said his parents lived in Lubbock, Texas.

Date Book

Monday, Aug. 27, 2001

Today is the 239th day of 2001 and the 68th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1667, a cyclone struck Jamestown, Va.

On this day in 1859, E. Bowditch and E. Drake of the Seneca Oil Co. struck oil at Titusville, Pa.

On this day in 1990, guitarist Stevie Ray Vaughan died in a helicopter crash near East Troy, Wis.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel (1770-1831), philosopher; Theodore Dreiser (1871-1945), writer; Samuel Goldwyn (1882-1974), film producer; Lyndon Johnson (1908-1973), U.S. president; Lester Young (1909-1959), musician; Mother Teresa (1910-1997), missionary; Martha Raye (1916-1994), comedian-actress; Tuesday Weld (1943-), actress, is 58.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1911, Ed Walsh pitched a no-hitter for Chicago against Boston. Chicago won the game 5-0.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "It is easier to discover a deficiency in individuals, in states, and in Providence, than to see their real import and value." — G.W.F. Hegel

TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (Aug. 25) and full moon (Sept. 2).

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Prison term sought in mail fraud case

DALLAS (AP) — A former aide to George W. Bush's media adviser who admitted shipping the Al Gore campaign a videotape of Bush and his advisers preparing for presidential debates should serve up to one year in prison, prosecutors say.

The U.S. attorney's office, which is preparing for Juanita Yvette Lozano's sentencing Friday on mail fraud and perjury, also has alleged that the office worker ran up thousands of dollars in unauthorized charges on a credit card issued by Bush's media adviser.

"Presidential elections are unquestionably rough contests; but it is equally clear that embezzling a campaign's most sensitive work product and secretly mailing it to the opposition has no lawful place in such contests," federal prosecutors wrote U.S. District Judge Sam Sparks. "The defendant's crime was a serious one."

Lozano, 31, pleaded guilty in June to mail fraud and perjury. She told the judge that she stole and mailed the videotape, then lied about it to a grand jury.

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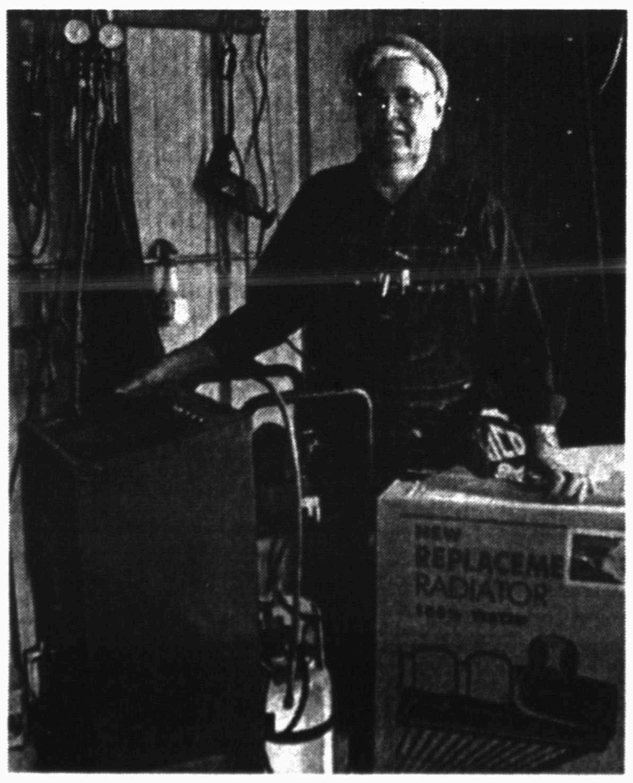
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Interns learn how to organize workers

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — The wake-up call comes too early, but the eight interns have to be at the dump before dawn if they're going to catch the trash haulers.

They give the garbage haulers updates about a recent unionization vote. Later in the day, they return in matching "Union Yes!" T-shirts and demonstrate outside the dump.

For those working to spread the message of unionizing — a tough sell in today's global workplace — early mornings and long nights approaching workers, giving out information and demonstrating are the norm.

It was exactly how 22-year-old Pam Newport wanted to spend her summer.

"I've been around labor my whole life," said Newport, the daughter of a steelworker and labor organizer in Ohio. "I wanted to experience some of the things myself."

Newport is one of 200 "summeristas" taking part in the AFL-CIO's Union Summer program, a four-week crash course in labor organizing held in Hartford, Los Angeles, Boston, Chicago and a dozen other U.S. cities. The programs all end by the end of August.

For the AFL-CIO, the interns are more than extra hands. They're an opportunity to connect with a generation whose coming of age coincided with the steady decline of the labor movement and the loss of manufacturing and industrial jobs.

"We lost a couple of generations when we were not out explaining why people need unions," said Linda Chavez-Thompson, executive vice president of the national AFL-CIO.

The Union Summer program began in 1996 as an attempt to fix that, Chavez-Thompson said.

Since then, 2,000 college students have gone through the program and the AFL-CIO has added two more summer programs — one for seminary students and another for students of law.

Many of the interns are college students who participated in living-wage campaigns or writing for left-leaning newspapers at school. Some, like Newport, come from labor families with parents who were active union members.

Others, such as Jonathan Bibbs, a 20-year-old from Richmond, Va., arrive fired up for social change and giving people a voice at work but with very little knowledge in what the labor movement really does.

"I thought it would be all picketing," Bibbs said. "That's the image you get with unions — unions, strikers, same thing."

Aside from holding signs at the dump, the eight interns working in Connecticut haven't seen any strikes. Instead, they have worked with Teamsters in East Hartford and helped hospital workers in New London try to organize a union.

At the hospital, the interns met workers on their lunch break to get updates on who would and would not be voting for the union. They visit workers at their homes, often meeting resistance from workers warned by the hospital that the union was invading their privacy.

With many workers not home and others closing doors in their faces, the interns said getting someone to sign a petition indicating they'd vote union was a victory.

The face-to-face contact with real working people — hospital cafeteria workers, Teamsters, garbage haulers, janitors and many others — provided insight into today's working conditions, labor leaders say.

"We're trying to teach the next generation to care about what's happening with workers' rights," Chavez-Thompson said. "We're trying to show the next generation what's at stake."

What's at stake for the AFL-CIO, the national umbrella organization for unions, is a slipping percentage of the work force. Where unions once represented about 20 percent of American workers, the AFL-CIO now says about 13 percent of the American work force is unionized.

The organization looks with hope to its Union Summer graduates, Chavez-Thopson said. Already, former interns have helped unionize graduate students at private universities, worked campus anti-sweatshop campaigns and had a sit-in at Harvard University demanding living wages for the janitors.

Last victim of bonfire returning to A&M

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — The last survivor of the Texas A&M bonfire collapse to leave the hospital is returning to classes on campus, almost two years after he was injured in the tragedy.

John Comstock was scheduled to attend a midday business math class today as he begins the school year. It follows a long road to recovery, including surgery and months of intensive physical therapy, to heal his injuries and their effects.

"I'm just trying to finish out my education; that's my main goal right now," Comstock, a junior biomedical sciences major, told The Battalion at Texas A&M.

"Certain parts of my personality are different, but I have the same feelings as before," said Comstock, sitting in his wheelchair in his room in Moses Hall. "I want to have fun, and I just want to be a college kid."

Trapped for seven hours beneath the fallen stack of logs on Nov. 18, 1999, Comstock was the last of 27 people pulled alive from the collapse. Twelve Aggies died while building the log tower as part of traditional festivities leading up to the annual A&M-Texas football game.

When the 59-foot-high stack of more than 5,000 logs fell apart, a 90-year-old Aggie tradition was put on hold. A five-member commission appointed and financed by the university blamed the collapse on flawed construction techniques and lack of adequate supervision of students assembling the stack.

A steering committee's members are now completing a plan for a "forever safe" bonfire that they hope will resume in November 2002.

Comstock, who has a bonfire tattoo on his right shoulder and plans to hang a poster-size picture of a log stack in his dorm room, shares that optimism.

"Bonfire is a deep part of me now," Comstock, 21, told The Dallas Morning News in today's editions.

He said he recognizes that things will have changed but refuses to return to the university with anything less than a positive attitude.

"It's different than it used to be," he said, rubbing his left knee. Comstock's left leg was amputated below the knee and is partially paralyzed.

The number 13 is pasted on his prosthetic leg. "I was the 13th guy pulled out, and I was first able to drive on the 13th of July," Comstock said. "It's a lucky number for me."

Comstock's hopes of returning to A&M in spring 2001 were delayed when therapists decided he needed more time at Zale Lipshy University Hospital in Dallas. He attended Richland Community College near his Dallas area home and gathered 24 credit hours toward his degree at A&M.

"I have to spend my energy towards rehabilitation and getting back to where I was, not in being upset about an accident," he said. "Besides, I'm going to light (Bonfire) 2002. It won't be the same, but it'll be something ... one of those things to help people get over the collapse."

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Tuesday, Aug. 28, 2001

Many splendid opportunities could be in the offing for you in the year ahead. However, they will be the types of situations where the rewards will be in proportion to the efforts you expend.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Even though your companions may not share your point-of-view concerning the outcome of an important event, be hopeful and expectant. Negative thinking generates defeat. 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 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092-0167.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — If you start a rumble today don't expect family members to strew your path with rose petals trying to make you happy. They're more likely to toss stumbling stones in front of you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Don't take an arrangement that is beneficial to all and try to turn it around today to benefit only No. 1, nor allow anyone else to do so either.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Others can not be expected to bail you out of a financial situation today you got yourself into. It's going to be up to you to take care of the matter yourself.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Try to get things started on your own today and invite in partners only as it becomes necessary. Partners could hamper things instead of help you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — This is not a day to lay aside your tools and make it a time of rest. Even if your heart isn't in your work projects, keep going until you finish your tasks or you'll pay the piper.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Dealings with friends need to be handled with kid gloves today. People are more touchy than usual and could easily become unglued over the simplest of slights.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — If things don't go as you'd hoped today, be careful not to take your disappointment out on innocent bystanders, such as coworkers or family members.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Be more guarded than usual about what you say or sign today. Chances are you could blurt out something you don't mean or put your signature to paper without reading it first.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Unless you have your desires for instant gratification under total control today, this is not a good day for you to go shopping. Emotions mustn't be allowed to rule your purse.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Persons with whom you choose to associate today could have a big influence over your mood. Negative types would rapidly smother your enthusiasm and zest, and put you in a funk.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Normally you face matters squarely and realistically, but today you're apt to believe certain duties or responsibilities will somehow take care of themselves.

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Family buried but killer still at large

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — As thousands packed a church for the funerals of six members of a family slain last week, sheriff's deputies stood watch, fearing the man believed responsible for the killings might surface at the service.

Sunday's two-hour funeral, in Russian and Ukrainian but with English translation, brought together Sacramento's Russian-Ukrainian community that has grown to as many as 75,000 immigrants.

Six hearses stood waiting in the sunshine outside Bethany Slavic Missionary Church. Inside, five white caskets stood open at the front of the church, with a smaller white casket for Nikolay Soltys' son, Sergey.

Soltys, 27, tops the FBI's 10 Most Wanted list. Investigators said he most likely remains in the Sacramento area nearly a week after he allegedly slashed the throats of his pregnant wife, 3-year-old son, aunt, uncle and two young cousins during a rampage that spanned several hours and three locations Aug. 20.

Anatolly Nakonchay, the oldest of Soltys' wife's four brothers, said there were periods of "disquiet and domestic unrest" between the couple.

"There were episodes where I and my brothers had to physically intervene," Nakonchay said. When Lyubov decided to leave Ukraine, "There were many who asked her not to go. Her answer was 'I want my son Sergey to have a father.'"

Condit faces new problem

WASHINGTON (AP) — There's a new problem for California Rep. Gary Condit, who's already under intense criticism at home and in Washington for his responses to questions about his relationship with missing intern Chandra Levy.

James Robinson, the lawyer for flight attendant Anne Marie Smith, says he'll ask a grand jury to indict Condit on grounds the congressman tried to coerce Smith into denying they had an affair.

Rainfall Reports

Snyder	.33
Polar	.30
Lake Thomas	..90
Fluvanna	.20
Dunn	1.50
Ira	.30
Gail	.30
Union	.40
Inadale	1.00

Totals as reported by area residents for the weekend.

Several arrests made over weekend

Arrests

A 28-year-old man was taken into custody Saturday evening in the 4000 block of Eastridge. He was arrested on warrants from Potter, Swisher and Randall counties for Class B theft, failure to have liability insurance and failure to appear.

Officers arrested a 34-year-old man in the 3000 block of Ave. N Saturday morning on a misdemeanor theft warrant.

A 50-year-old man was arrested early Sunday morning for public intoxication in the 1500 block of Ave. T.

Dispatchers received a call from a juvenile at 1:55 p.m. Sunday reporting that his father was assaulting his mother. Officers arrived on the scene and arrested a 29-year-old man for Class A assault, family violence.

At 8:30 p.m. Sunday, DPS troopers arrested a 20-year-old male on U.S. 180 for public intoxication and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Dispatchers received a 911 hang-up call at 10:40 Sunday night, but on callback spoke with a woman who requested an officer in reference to family violence.

Several officers responded to the residence and took a 35-year-old man into custody for Class A assault, family violence.

Disturbances

A woman in the 2300 block of 40th Street called 911 Saturday afternoon in reference to a 15-year-old juvenile creating a disturbance at the residence. Officers responded to the scene and escorted a juvenile male to the police department where he was released to other family members.

At 7 p.m. Saturday, a woman called 911 and requested an officer at a residence in the 1500 block of 27th Street in reference to some subjects creating a disturbance concerning child visitation with her granddaughter.

An officer was dispatched and served criminal trespass warnings on three people, advising them to stay away from the residence.

Assaults

Police received a call from Cogdell Hospital in reference to the victim of an assault being treated there. An officer responded and filed a report for Class A assault, family violence.

A woman at the Plaza Truck Stop requested an officer in reference to a woman being assaulted there.

The woman advised that two women had been in an altercation, but did not wish to file charges. The responding officer advised that a criminal trespass warning would be issued.

Theft

Bill Blackley requested an officer at United Supermarket in reference to a shoplifter in the store. An officer responded and transported a juvenile to the police department. A report for Class C theft was filed.

Obituaries

Katharine Williams

1917-2001

Katharine Williams died Saturday, Aug. 25, in Snyder Oaks Care Center after a lengthy illness.

Funeral service for Mrs. Williams, 84, was set for 2 p.m. today in Wright Colonial Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Raymond A. Dunkins, pastor of New Hope Baptist Church, was to officiate. Burial was to follow in Snyder Cemetery.

Born March 13, 1917 in Dallas, she married John Henry Williams in 1948 in Carlsbad, N.M. He died Jan. 8, 1983.

A homemaker, Mrs. Williams was also preceded in death by her parents; four brothers; and three sisters.

Survivors include two daughters, Pearline Randle of Chickasha, Okla., and Audrey Brown-Worthy of Wichita Falls; eight grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Rudy Norwood

1932-2001

Rudolph Harold Norwood, a resident of Dunn, died Sunday, Aug. 26, in the Veteran Administration Hospital in Big Spring after a lengthy illness.

Funeral service for Mr. Norwood, 68, is set for 10 a.m. Tuesday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Norman Burgess, pastor of the Dunn Baptist Church, will officiate. Burial will follow in the Dunn Cemetery.

Born Dec. 9, 1932 in Tallahassee, Fla., he married Renee Nail on Sept. 24, 1968 in Big Spring.

A member of the Dunn Baptist Church, Mr. Norwood was an auto mechanic in the U.S. Air Force for 21 years.

He was preceded in death by two sisters.

Survivors include his wife, Renee Norwood of Dunn; three daughters, Debbie Cargill of Mountain Home, Ark., Christi Adkins of Colorado City and Carla Norwood of Snyder; four sons, Rudy Norwood Jr. of Odessa, Colton Norwood of Sand Springs, Charles Norwood of Magnolia and Matt Taggart of Abilene; two sisters, Rou Meil Greene and Jean Shields, both of Tallahassee; a brother, Morris Norwood of Tallahassee; 11 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Family visitation will be held from 6 to 8 this evening at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

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Mardell Winter

1911-2001

Frank Mardell Winter, longtime Snyder resident, died this morning in Cogdell Memorial Hospital after a lengthy illness.



Mardell Winter

Services for Mr. Winter, 89, are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Mr. Winter was born on Oct. 21, 1911 in Merkel. He married Nora Nell Smith on Dec. 17, 1933 in Snyder. He was a retired farmer and a member of East Side Church of Christ.

Milton Winter, a brother, preceded him in death on Dec. 26, 1998.

Survivors include his wife, Nora Nell Winter of Snyder; a daughter, Marie Ball of Snyder; a brother, Tommy Winter of Las Vegas, Nev.; two granddaughters, Donna Freeman of Fort Worth and Lisa Ball of Colorado City; two great-grandsons; and three nephews, Tom Winter of San Angelo, Mickey Winter and Ted Winter, both of Snyder.

Buster Lewis

1910-2001

COLORADO CITY –J.M. "Buster" Lewis, a former Scurry County resident, died Saturday, Aug. 25, in a Colorado City hospital.

Graveside service for Mr. Lewis, 91, was held Sunday in the Colorado City Cemetery under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Born March 14, 1910 in El Reno, Okla., He married Laura Banks on Nov.15, 1941 in Snyder. A resident of Loraine, Mr. Lewis had been a Mitchell County farmer and rancher since 1940.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Gabe and Martha Lewis; three brothers, Roy Gabe Lewis, Melvin Lewis and Stanley Lewis; and one grandson, Stetson Lewis.

Survivors include his wife, Laura Lewis of Colorado City; two sons, Laddie Lewis of Colorado City and Quail Dobbs of Coahoma; a daughter, Brenda Hammond of Burnet; five grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter.

Santa Gonzales

1939-2001

ODESSA – Santa Rios Gonzales, the mother of Esme Olvera of Snyder, died Friday, Aug. 24, in Medical Center Hospital.

Services for Mrs. Gonzales, 61, are pending at Odessa Funeral Home.

Born Aug. 26, 1939 in Sanderson, she was a homemaker and a Baptist.

Survivors include her husband, Ramon T. Gonzales of Fort Stockton; four other daughters, Sally Picharado and Anna Rodriguez, both of Carlsbad, N.M., Martha Rodriguez and Olga Amparon, both of Fort Stockton; her mother, Antonia Rios of Fort Stockton; five brothers, Fidel Rios, Tonis Rios, Juan Rios, Lucio Rios and Leno Rios, all of Fort Stockton; five sisters, Modesta Rios of El Paso, Alejandra Lopez, Nieves Celaya, Maria Rios and Elvira Feyry, all of Fort Stockton; 15 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Johnny Huddleston

1960-2001

CHARLESTON, Ark. – Johnny Weldon Huddleston Jr., the nephew of Billy Don Huddleston of Snyder, died Friday, Aug. 24, in Paris Hospital.

Funeral service for Mr. Huddleston, 41, was set for 10 a.m. today in the Smith Mortuary Chapel in Charleston. Burial was to follow in the Garden of Memories.

He was preceded in death by his father, Johnny Weldon Huddleston Sr., on May 27, 2001.

Survivors include his mother, Clyde Mae Huddleston of Caulksville, Ark.; a sister, Christy Dawn Huddleston of Paragould, Ark., and another uncle, Wayland Huddleston of San Angelo and formerly of Snyder.

Ann Lisko

1966-2001

TAHLEQUAH, Okla. – Ann Lisko, the sister of Janie Klien of Snyder, died Friday, Aug. 24, in Tulsa, Okla.

Funeral service for Mrs. Lisko is set for 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Hart Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Don Niblett officiating.

Born Feb. 15, 1966 in Odessa, she married Bobby Lisko on June 13, 1988 in Mt. Home, Ark.

A homemaker, she was preceded in death by her parents, Ellis and Doris Eubanks; and her grandparents.

Survivors also include her husband, Bobby Lisko of Tahlequah; two sons, Christopher Grube and John Michael Grube, both of Tahlequah; a daughter, Krystalina Maria Grube of Tahlequah; three brothers, Jeff Eubanks of Tahlequah, Tommy Eubanks of Denver and Thomas Brown of Odessa.

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Pick up SHS yearbooks

Snyder High School yearbooks can be picked up all this week in the journalism room, from 8-8:10 a.m. and 12:10-12:20 p.m. Ten extra annuals are available at $60 each.

Girl Scout registration

A Girl Scout registration rally will be held until 6:30 p.m. today at the Girl Scout Hut, 2501 35th. For information call Jo Ann at 573-3926, Judi at 573-7556 or Carla at 574-8004.

Bible study tapes

Bible study videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 this evening is "Witnesses of the Resurrection," followed by "Lest We Forget."

Genealogical society

The Scurry County Genealogical Society will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the children's room at the Scurry County Library. Society member Amy Shankles, program chairman, will present a short program on sending for WWII military records. The public is invited.

American Cancer Society

The Scurry Unit Board meeting is set for 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in Cogdell Hospital boardroom.

Meet the athletes

Hermleigh High School cheerleaders will sponsor a meet the athletes and coach at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday in the high school cafeteria. Drawings for prizes will be held. The hamburger plate, at $5 each, will include the burger, beans and desert.

Caregivers dinner

Community Care Hospice's staff and volunteers will host a care givers dinner at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday at Colonial Hill Baptist Church's fellowship hall.

Ira ISD open house

Ira ISD open house is set for 5:30-6:30 p.m. Tuesday. A spaghetti supper will be served from 5:30-7 p.m. in the cafeteria. Tickets are adults $5 and children 12 and under, $3. Meet the Bulldog football team and cheerleaders at 7 p.m. in Bulldog Stadium.

Weigh down classes

Weigh down classes begin at 7 p.m. Thursday at Word is Life Deliverance Church. There is still time to sign up by calling Linda Tippens at 574-8104 or Claudia Sanchez at 573-9615.

Faith Revival fundraiser

Faith Revival Church will have an enchilada dinner fundraiser from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday. Plates are $5 each.

Volunteer training

Gateway Family Services, a domestic violence and sexual assault crisis center, will offer a volunteer training class from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 6, at the shelter in Snyder. To RSVP, call 573-1822 and ask for Yvonne.

Enchilada dinner

Discovery School will have an enchilada dinner from 11:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 9. Tickets are $5 for adults and $3 for children under 12. Take-outs will be available. Tickets will be available at the door or by calling 573-4770.

Gateway support group

Gateway Family Services will begin a support group for victims of family violence on Mondays, beginning Sept. 10, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the facility. Call 573-1822 in advance to reserve a place.

Speech team boosters

There will be a Snyder High School Parent Speech Team Booster Club and team member meeting at 6 p.m. Monday, Sept. 10, in room 109 at the high school. Topics to be discussed will be upcoming tournaments, fundraising and orientation.

Senior citizen water aerobics

Water aerobics for seniors will be held from 1-2 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the WTC pool.

Ira 2001 annuals

The Ira 2001 Bulldog annuals are in and can be picked up from Becky Hudgins at the high school. Extra copies are available for $22 each.

WTC pool opens

The WTC swimming pool opens this evening for the fall semester. The public schedule for lap swimming is from 6:30-8 a.m. and noon to 1 p.m. M-F. Open swimming is 7 to 9 p.m. M-Th. Cost is $2 per person or $50 for a semester pass. Thursday night is family night at a cost of $5 per family. The pool also is available for parties on Friday and Saturday. For information, call Lisa Christensen at 573-8511, ext. 290.

CRP haying, grazing recently authorized

Scurry County was recently approved for emergency grazing and haying of Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acreage. This means producers participating in CRP are now authorized to graze or bale acreage due to the continuing drought and hay shortage in the county.

"Producers will be allowed to graze or bale through Sept. 30," according to Joe B. Hefner, county executive directive for the Scurry County Farm Service Agency.

The required payment reduction will be 25 percent of the per acre annual rental payment rate times the number of acres actually grazed or baled in fiscal year 2001.

A request signed by all participants on the CRP contact must be filed with the local office prior to any grazing or haying.

Producers will not be allowed to bale and graze the same acreage. For more details on this emergency authorization, contact the Scurry County Farm Service Agency at 573-0171