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Home of Harold Gasaway

City holds lengthy budget workshop

By Wade Warren
SDN Managing Editor

Tuesday evening's marathon city council budget session opened with a power-point presentation playing the theme from Gilligan's Island.

The song mentions the crew is leaving on a three-hour trip. Those attending the workshop should have been so lucky.

Gilligan, Mary Ann and Ginger had to endure some strange goings-on while they were stranded on the island, but probably not a budget workshop that lasted almost seven hours.

In addition to an overall view of the proposed budget - including statements on operating revenues, expenses and working capital - the council was presented almost line-by-line requests – with photographs - from city departments ranging from a $260,000 Caterpillar dozer to a $140 chair.

The big picture reflects a 2001-2002 budget totaling $8.9 million.

The current city budget is $8.7 million.

City Secretary Jeanne Johnson told the council that most of the figures concerning the various city funds were subject to change.

"Even though we do not have the certified valuations, we have to start the budget process," said Johnson. "We can make the necessary changes when we get the valuations."

The council has until September to adopt the budget in preparation for the public hearing.

The city's administration is recommending that citizens' monthly utility rates for water, sewer and sanitation remain the same, and that the tax rate be set at the effective rate – the rate needed to raise the same amount of money as last year.

Residential water rates currently are $9.40 for the first 2,000 gallons and $2.62 for each additional 1,000 gallons used.

The basic sewer rate is $8.46 per month, with $2.28 added for each 1,000 gallons.

The basic residential sanitation rate is $14.50 monthly for residences, and $28.05 for commercial.

Johnson said the city had yet to receive this year's rates from the CRMWD and this could have some bearing on what the final rates might be.

Johnson also said the city has not received its rates for employee health insurance for the coming year,

"All of these things will have a bearing on our final budget figures," said Johnson.

Personnel expenditures will be discussed at the July 9 budget workshop.

And while the administration is not recommending any merit raises for the coming year, it is expected that city staffers will see a salary increase as a result of a consultant's realignment study on salaries.

If the study's recommendations are adopted, the total impact on the budget would be $296,061 and hopefully lower the city's almost 17 percent employee turnover rate.

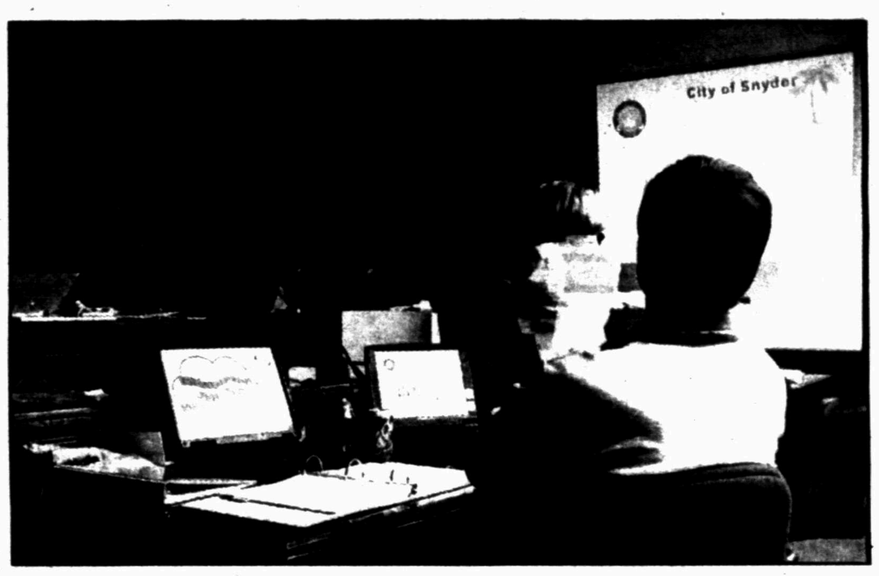
Johnson said last night that the figures presented include money for the anticipated raises.

Capital budget requests included $109,000 for the police department, $31,430 for the fire department and $63,000 for the street department.

The majority of the increase for the police department is replacing four high-mileage vehicles.

Other departmental requests include $40,400 for the sanitation department, $414,800 for the water distribution department with $350,000 tabbed for water line replacement, and $384,200 for the landfill with the major expenditure being a dozer for $260,000.

Mayor Francene Noah presided and council members in attendance included John Reed, Vernest Tippens, Terry Martin, David Harrell and I. E. Martin. James Jenkins was absent.



CITY WORKSHOP — Fire Chief Perry Westmoreland manned the laptop computers Tuesday night while Cusomer Service Director Carolyn House answered questions from the council during the budget workshop. (SDN Staff Photo)

HOW 'BOUT A KISS — Zachary Inman, a student at First Baptist Church's Vacation Bible School, pets Sugar, a two-year-old camel that visited the school Wednesday morning. Sugar's handler, Phil Kendrick, told the kids about camels and answered questions about the animals. (SDN Photo by STEPS Intern Ashley Hyer)

Drug charges will send three to pen

Three persons indicted following an undercover drug investigation late last year will now serve time in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice following guilty pleas entered in 132nd District Court.

Lonnie Aundre Thompson, 31, of 816 CR844 in Snyder pleaded guilty to an offense last Sept. 7 of delivery of a controlled substance.

District Judge Ernie Armstrong sentenced Thompson to a 10-year term in the state prison system.

Colby Shawn Ward, 18, of 2811 Ave. X pleaded guilty to three counts of delivery of a controlled substance, offenses that occurred Dec. 5, Dec. 19 and Dec. 21.

On two counts, Ward was assessed a pair of two-year terms in a state jail facility, probated for five years. On a third charge, Ward was given a 10-year term in the TDCJ and assigned to the prison system's boot camp program. He also was fined $400 on each of the three counts.

Kevin Wayne Ward, 31, and also of 2811 Ave. X pleaded guilty to three counts of delivery of a controlled substance, offenses that occurred on last Aug. 29, Sept. 1 and Dec. 19.

Kevin Ward was ordered to serve 10 years in TDCJ on one count and he was assessed a pair of two-year sentence in a state jail facility. All sentences will be served concurrently.

Lisa Kaye Villa, 34, of 4400 Ave. U, Apt. 3B11, also pleaded guilty to a Dec. 5 charge of delivery of a controlled substance.

Judge Armstrong assessed a two-year state jail sentence, probated for five years. She also was fined $1,000.

Also pleading guilty was Jose Carlos Galvan Jr. of Lubbock.

Galvan, 43, pleaded guilty to assault, family violence. He was sentenced to six years in the TDCJ, probated for six years, and fined $750. Galvan must also participate in a court-approved residential treatment program.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Learning from the mistakes of others is okay – unless you are always the others."

Every now and then we have to stop city manger John Gayle and ask him to explain what he meant.

For example, he told us that you can't "compromise the integrity of the city's water system."

We asked for a time-out and an explanation, telling him that we newspaper types read and write at about a sixth-grade level.

He then told us that means you can't mix well water with city-treated water.

If a water meter has integrity, according to the city manager, it means that the meter is working properly. In other words, it ain't broke, so leave it alone.

Another time, the city manager told the group around the coffee table about a friend of his who was making a career-path adjustment.

We learned that it has a double meaning. It can refer to someone who has been terminated (fired) and is seeking a new job, or someone who has quit and has already found gainful employment.

Now that led this ole newspaper type to another question. If there is such thing as "gainful employment" is there such a thing as "ungainful employment."

Sure there is, we are told across the table. It means the paycheck bounced.

But newspapers are not without its "journalese."

Brutal murder is just one example that makes an editor flinch. We have to wonder where to draw the line between a brutal or a gentle murder.

There are others that news writers should shy away from (avoid):

—Freak accident – we've really never known of a normal mishap.

—Grinding head-on crash – most of 'em are.

—Parents' worst nightmare – unless you're the parent, you're editorializing.

—Totally destroyed – come on, destroyed is destroyed.

—A senseless murder or tragedy – we challenge anybody to find one that had ever made sense.

So in summation, there are innumerable other state-of-the art methodologies or windows of opportunities for removing the epidermis from the feline rather than invoking a cliché.

Houston fire kills three today

HOUSTON (AP) — Three people died and a fourth was critically burned today when a predawn fire swept through a wood frame house where windows had been blocked with burglar bars, authorities said.

"We know that people put burglar bars on a home to keep bad people out, but this time it kept the good people in," Assistant Fire Chief Rick Flanagan said. "This tragic incident that took place could have been avoided."

Names of the three people killed were not immediately released. They were identified, however, as the 65-year-old woman who owned the southeast Houston house, a paralyzed uncle who was found in a hallway and the homeowner's 40-year-old son.

A 37-year-old woman found in a back bedroom was in critical condition at Ben Taub General Hospital.

Investigators said the blaze began about 3 a.m., apparently in a front room of the single-level house. The home did not have smoke detectors.

Neighbors told firefighters they were walking by the house when they saw it in flames. They broke in the windows and tried to rescue the screaming occupants but the burglar bars blocked their way.

Flanagan said the burglar bars also delayed firefighters' attempts to enter the home.

Cogdell meet is postponed

A posted budget workshop for Cogdell Memorial Hospital for 8 a.m. Thursday has been postponed.

It is expected that the board will meet within the next two weeks.

Movie company assistance to be discussed by DCOS

The Development Corporation of Snyder will meet at 4 p.m. Thursday and one item of new business is on the agenda.

The board will hear a report from the prospect committee on an incentive package for the part-time jobs generated by the filming of the movie, *Grand Champion*.

A representative of the movie company met with the board last month and provided information on how much money had been generated locally by the filming.

The DCOS has provided job-creation incentive packages in the past, but only for the creation of full-time, permanent jobs.

The board will also consider the monthly financial statements, and the payment of bills.

Executive Director John DeLille will also present his monthly report.

The meeting will be held in the DCOS boardroom at American State Bank.

ASK US

Q—Is it still necessary to register for the Selective Service?

A—Yes. Federal law requires all men to register within 30 days of turning 18. You can register on-line at www.sss.gov.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Tuesday, 95 degrees; low, 68; 7 a.m. Wednesday, 69; no precipitation; total for 2001, 9.01 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy, low upper 60s, S-SE wind 10-20 mph. Thursday, partly cloudy, 20% rain chance, high around 90, S wind 10-20 mph, becoming E in the evening.

Jessica Jalamos
Partly Cloudy

Sunset: 8:51 p.m.
Sunrise: 6:41 a.m.
Of 170 days in 2001, the sun has shone 158 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Get someone else to blow your horn and the sound will carry twice as far.
—Will Rogers

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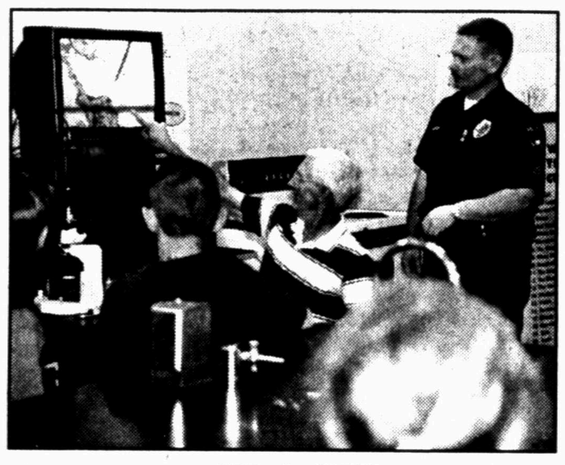
Kids College

A CLOSE SHAVE — Brittany Scott keeps her eye on the clown photo while Daniel Miller, Josh Molter and Hunter Glen give it a "close shave" with a squirt gun. Scott and Amy Fogleman teach the babysitter's class.

HOLE IN ONE — Lane Wood makes a hole-in-one during "Olympic Games Day." Waiting his turn is Trey Pool III. Chelsea Duncan observes the action and Meagan Smith holds the dog picture. Teachers are Evelyn Liccadi, Rhonda and Sandy Smith.

FABULOUS FRACTIONS DAY — Ty Wilkinson, Erica McCright, Abigail Jackson and Leah Jackson (from left) are studying fractions in Vicky Crawford's domino math class.

CAN YOU DIG IT? — Mason Payne (from left), Hayden Meek and Codee Aplin are coloring pictures of dinosaurs. Margare Conaway teaches the Can You Dig It? class.



GET A CLUE —Joe Carter, seated, professor of science at Western Texas College, explains forensic evidence samples using the microscope, while Get a Clue instructor Sgt. David Holley of the Snyder Police Department looks on. The "crime" the class investigates is the theft of a famous painting. The students collects evidence and establish a crime scene. The class will culminate with an "arrest" this week.

GLASSY CLASSY — Leslye Starnes shows Avery Wirsching how to wash her piece of glass while Logan Tabor waits his turn. Students in Darlene Beard's Glassy Classy class made wind chimes last week.

COOK UP A STORY — These students made edible play dough after reading *Gregory The Terrible Eater* in Terah Hatter's Cook Up A Story Class. From left, going around the table, are Madison Shaw, Courtney Pollard, Reanna Boone, Misty Smith, Alyssa Leverton and Avery Wirsching. The book is about a goat who eats what is good for him. Everyone knows that goats will eat anything.

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Kennewick Man case continues in court

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — American Indian tribes say the skeleton known as Kennewick Man is an ancient ancestor and should be buried with respect. Anthropologists say the bones should be studied first.

On Tuesday, U.S. Magistrate John Jelderks began hearing the latest round of arguments about what should happen to the 9,300-year-old skeleton found on the shore of the Columbia River five years ago. He ordered that the hearing continue today.

Eight scientists sued after the Army Corps of Engineers announced it would turn over the remains to a coalition of five Columbia Basin tribes for burial under federal law.

The anthropologists would like to further study the skeleton — one of the oldest and most complete ever found in North America — to learn more about the region's earliest inhabitants.

In September, then-U.S. Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt ruled that Kennewick Man should be turned over to the tribes for burial.

At the time, Babbitt called his decision a "close call" and said it was based primarily on the tribes' oral histories and the area where Kennewick Man was found.

Jelderks said he was most concerned with determining whether Babbitt had sufficient evidence under the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act to justify his decision. Jelderks said he would need more than three weeks to rule.

The bones, bearing a stone spear point in the pelvis, were discovered in July 1996 in an eroding bank of the Columbia River at Kennewick, Wash., by two college students who were wading in the shallows. Citing the act, the Corps awarded custody a few months later to the Colville, Umatilla, Yakama, Nez Perce and Wanapum tribes.

But the scientists challenged the Corps, saying the skeleton has too much to tell about how humans populated North America to be returned to the earth from which it came.

The scientists' attorneys argue that the government has not shown that the skeleton is Native American, which the Interior Department defines as anyone who was within the boundaries of the present United States in 1492. Using a date alone to determine whether remains are Native American is wrong, they say.

Kennewick Man could support recent theories that the continent's earliest arrivals came not by a land bridge between Russia and Alaska — a long-held theory — but by boat or some other route.

Scientists figure the bones, stored in the Burke Museum in Seattle, are the remains of a hunter in his 40s with a prominent nose and heavily muscled legs whose physical characteristics more closely resemble people from Polynesia and southern Asia than American Indians.

Last year in a similar case, the U.S. Bureau of Land Management decided not to award the 9,500-year-old Spirit Cave Man remains to American tribes.

events

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RESULTS

Texas Two Step

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Texas Two Step numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery:
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Bonus number 25
Estimated jackpot: $200,000

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery:
20-15-13-16-30

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
5-9-0
(five, nine, zero)

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Dad of slain woman tracks her killer down

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Frustrated by a sluggish official investigation, a slain woman's father conducted an 11-month probe that finally led police to a man who confessed to killing her.

"What a shame that it was I, a neophyte in criminal investigation, who had to carry out the investigation," said Eduardo Gallo in a paid statement published Tuesday in Mexican newspapers.

An attorney and hotel owner, Gallo complained that Morelos state officials not only had been sluggish investigating his daughter's case but had failed to investigate his complaint that senior officials had been obstructing justice.

Led by information from Gallo, Morelos state police on Monday arrested Francisco Zamora for the murder of Paula Gallo, a 25-year-old teacher.

She was kidnapped on July 8, 2000, in Tepotzlan, a colonial village south of Mexico City popular as a weekend retreat. Her body was discovered a week later, though Gallo had paid a ransom of about 175,000 pesos (then about $18,000).

Morelos state officials said she was apparently killed because one faction of the gang apparently betrayed others, killing three and making off with part of the ransom. Thinking police were involved, those who held the woman allegedly killed her.

"I do not believe the official version," Gallo said in his statement.

"The attorney general's office never investigated who killed my adored daughter.... If I wanted to find the truth, I would have to seek it myself."

However he praised many police, low-level prosecutors and investigators he said had helped him.

In an interview broadcast Tuesday night by the Televisa television network, Zamora admitted the killing, but claimed another member of the gang had trained a pistol on him as the blindfolded woman knelt before them on a rural soccer field.

"He told me to shoot, then ... so, well, I was forced to. I had to shoot twice," Zamora said.

Morelos state Gov. Sergio Estrada told reporters Tuesday that the government had indeed been aided by state agencies, though he admitted Gallo had played a crucial role in the probe.

"The father's pain made him move more quickly, and the attorney general's office did its work more slowly," Estrada said.

"Nonetheless, that does not mean that is the general case in the state. There are good results," he was quoted as saying by the government news agency Notimex. "Recently the attorney general's office has arrested several criminals."

Morelos, just south of Mexico City, was a hotbed of the kidnapping industry in the mid-1990s and numerous policemen there were found to have collaborated with the criminals. That led to major purges of police and investigative agencies and to the ouster of the previously governing party in elections.

Protesters take to streets in remote villages

GAUHATI, India (AP) — Protests against a government truce with separatists spread outside the capital of riot-hit Manipur state on today, as more victims died in hospitals from earlier clashes.

The death tolls from Monday's firing by police into a mob burning an official's residence rose to 16.

Dozens of people took to the streets in Bishenpur district, 70 miles east of Imphal, the Manipur state capital. They shouted slogans against the truce agreement reached last week between the federal government and the separatist Nationalist Socialist Council of Nagaland. People burned effigies of government and guerrilla leaders.

The government and the Naga rebels agreed to extend a four-year cease-fire for another year and to expand it beyond Nagaland state, a predominantly Christian region in Hindu-majority India.

Nagaland's neighboring territories — Manipur, Assam and Arunachal Pradesh — fear parts of their land could be sliced off and merged into Nagaland in any settlement with Naga rebel groups who have been fighting since India became independent from Britain.

An indefinite curfew was imposed in Imphal on Monday after nearly 50,000 rioting protesters burned the state legislature building, political offices and homes of a dozen politicians. Paramilitary forces opened fire when the protesters tried to set a top official's home on fire.

Christians make up only about 2.3 percent of India's more than 1 billion people, but in the seven northeastern states they are about 20 percent. In Nagaland, 90 percent of the 1.8 million population is Christian, as are the rebels.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 06-20-01
♠ K J 6 3
♥ 7 4
♦ K Q J
♣ A K 5 2

West
♠ A
♥ A 10 9 6 2
♦ A 9 4
♣ Q J 10 8

East
♠ 8 4 2
♥ 8 5 3
♦ 10 7 6 3 2
♣ 9 7

South
♠ Q 10 9 7 5
♥ K Q J
♦ 8 5
♣ 6 4 3

Dealer: West
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
	1 ♥	Dbl.	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	4 ♠	All pass

Opening lead: ♣ Q

Wednesday, June 20, 2001

With some points, jump

By Phillip Alder

We are looking at answering partner's takeout double. As a simple suit bid shows 0-8 points, when you have 9-11 you must jump. And you need only a four-card suit, especially in a major. When leaping to three of a minor, try to have five; but if you have no choice, you have to do what you have to do — bridge isn't a game for cowards.

Someone asked me if 0-8 and 9-11 are high-card points. No; those numbers include distribution points. As partner must have at least three cards in the suit you are bidding, if you know of an eight-card fit (you have a five-card suit), you add one point for a doubleton, two for a singleton, and three for a void. If you know of a nine-card fit (you have a six-bagger), add one for a doubleton, three for singleton, and five for a void.

This deal contains an example. You, South, have only eight high-card points, but all are in the suits partner has promised, and you add a point for that doubleton diamond. Once you show 9-11 points with four or more spades, North has an easy raise to game.

After West leads the club queen, check your losers. There are four: the three missing aces and a third-round club loser. If you lead a trump at trick two, you will (should!) lose that club trick and end one down. You need to avoid that club loser.

You must immediately play a diamond honor at trick two. Then, you can discard that pesky low club on the third round of diamonds. Once you have done that, get those trumps drawn as quickly as possible.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Most rapists know their victims, so be careful whom you trust

DEAR ABBY: I dated a childhood friend for five years, and I felt very safe with him. However, last December, he drugged my wine and raped me. I am 24 years old and would have been careful around someone I didn't know so well, but I never suspected anyone I knew would do such a horrible thing.

His mother still refuses to believe he raped me. Rather than doubt that a son could do such a thing, a parent should encourage the young man to get counseling. Rape is not a harmless "boys will be boys" game — it is violence.

There are two things I would like to say. To other women: Be very careful of whom you are alone with no matter how well you think you know the man, and watch your drink at all times.

To friends and parents of the rapist: When a woman says she has been raped, please believe her. Most women will not put themselves through the painful experience of telling people they have been raped unless it is true.

Abby, I don't blame myself for what happened, but I wish I had been more aware and less trusting. — **SURVIVOR IN SAN FRANCISCO**

DEAR SURVIVOR: Having known the man since childhood, there was no reason not to trust him. You could not have foreseen that he would criminally violate you. According to studies cited by Gail Abarbanel, president of The Rape Foundation in Santa Monica, Calif., 80 percent of rapes are committed by someone the woman knows. Although acquaintance rape is often questioned, women MUST report such crimes to the authorities. A woman has a right to say no to sex, and when a man denies her the right to say no by slipping her drugs or forcing her, he is committing a criminal act. If the victim doesn't report him, he will be free to rape again.

I urge you to report your childhood friends' crime to the authorities to stop him from violating another woman as he did you.

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DEAR ABBY: I am disturbed by the way some people categorize others. I will use myself as an example.

I have eight piercings in one ear — none in the other — and a tongue ring. (I also have a couple of tattoos, but they are not visible.) Right away, people put me in the "freak" category. What they do not know is that I am the mother of a beautiful 5-month-old girl. I am totally responsible for her and work very hard to give her a "normal" life without a father.

I need a job, and when I am on interviews, everything goes great until they notice my tongue ring. Then the interviewer's attitude changes completely.

People have different ways of showing their individualism, Abby. For some, it's through art, clothes, hairstyles, etc. I won't say I never "judge a book by its cover," but I try not to. I wish employers would take the time to get to know people before they judge them. — **OUT-OF-WORK MOM**

DEAR OUT-OF-WORK: First impressions do count. Most employers are conservative and expect a certain amount of conformity from prospective employees. Before your next interview, remove the tongue ring. In time — once you've proven yourself to be a valuable employee — perhaps you can start revealing more of your individualism in stages. Good luck.

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

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Snyder native receives degree

BROWNWOOD — Zeb Lee Alexander of Snyder received the bachelor of arts degree in Christian studies from Howard Payne University in May.

Janette Allen on TU Dean's List

SAN ANTONIO — Janette Allen of Snyder has been named to the Dean's List at Trinity University for the 2001 spring semester.

The Dean's List honors Trinity students who maintained a grade point average of 3.65 or better while enrolled in a minimum of 15 semester hours. A total of 271 students earned this distinction.

Undergoes treatment

LONDON (AP) — John Thaw, best known as the gruff police detective on television's "Inspector Morse," said he is undergoing treatment for cancer of the esophagus.

One of Britain's most popular TV actors, Thaw appeared 33 times as Morse, the cultured detective with a taste for opera and crossword puzzles.

WTC announces spring honor lists

Thirty students were named to the President's List for the spring 2001 semester at Western Texas College.

The president's list is the highest scholastic ranking achievable at WTC. To be honored, students must maintain a 4.0 grade point average while taking at least 12 academic credit hours.

President's List

Honorees include Lina Alvarez, Kristian Benjamin, Patrick Coggins, Donald Crenshaw, Helen Fare, Jennifer Freeland, Erin Fry, Ryan Gibson, Laura Greenwood, Justin Guy, Jordan Hardin, Jeannie Hart, Irene Hernandez and Romelia Hernandez.

Also, Kaleb Herrley, William Inman, Reid Johnson, Trevor LaValley, Cary Nichols, Marsha Ries, Johnnie Riggs, Trey Shirley, Rusty Starnes, Kamie Stubblefield, Tiffany Sutter, Jamie Taylor, Trevor Thompson, Dorothy Ward, Deborah Wilson, and Paul Wilson.

Dean's List

Thirty-eight students were named to the Dean's List for the spring 2001 semester at Western Texas College. To qualify for Dean's List students must have a 3.5 grade point average and carry at least 12 hours of course work.

Students named to the Dean's List include Herlinda Arizmendi, Amber Atkinson, Jennifer Bigham, Jason Bond, Kristi Bond, Joshua Burney, Cinia Cabrera, Jason Carr, Brandi Courtney, Steven Crain, Jeff Ellis, Diajaira Garcia, Judy Garza, Kristin Goff, Jamee Goolsby, Vivki Green, and Michelle Guelker.

Others are Gregorio Guerra, Renae Hall, Kyle Hammond, Stephen Hill, Heather Goad, Mindy Huerta, George Lewis, Thomas Lowery, Andrea Moore, Tonya Morrison, Crystal Porter, Melinda Reed, Keri Robertson, Jennifer Roemisch, Amber Schwertner, Everett Sharp, Matt Thackerson, John Todd, Sheri Trent, Steven Turner and Alissa Wells.

Merit List

Forty-five students were named to the Merit List for the spring 2001 semester at Western Texas College. To qualify for the Merit List, students must have a 3.5 grade point average and enroll for more than eight and less than 12 hours of course work.

Students named to the Merit List include Marissa Austin, Callie Bane, Donald Bollinger, Kerri Brunson, Angelia Burrow, Amber Burt, Neil Cooper, Claire Cotton, Michael Datesman, Janell Davis, Jessica Dea, Misty Donald, Terry Gist and Christina Goswick.

Others are Whitney Graham, Victoria Guynes, Jesse Haines, Valery Haines, Michael Hale, Amy Hall, Josh Heaton, Candelaria Hernandez, Donald Huston, Michael Johnson, Cynthia Kendrick, Dean King, Susan Lara, Phillip Lee, Whendy Lee and Marty Love.

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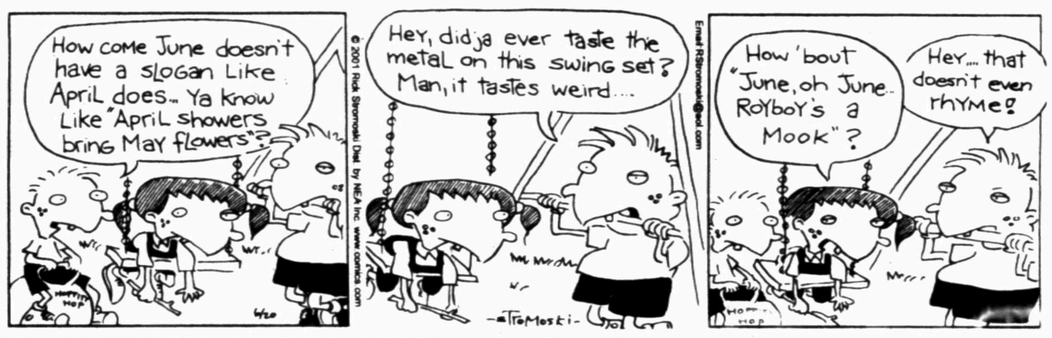

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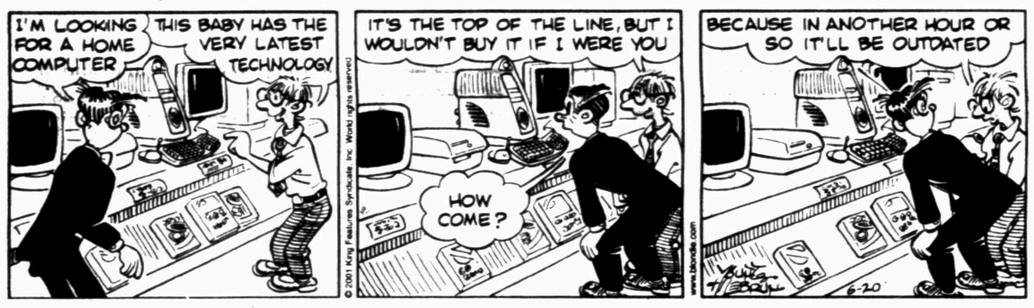

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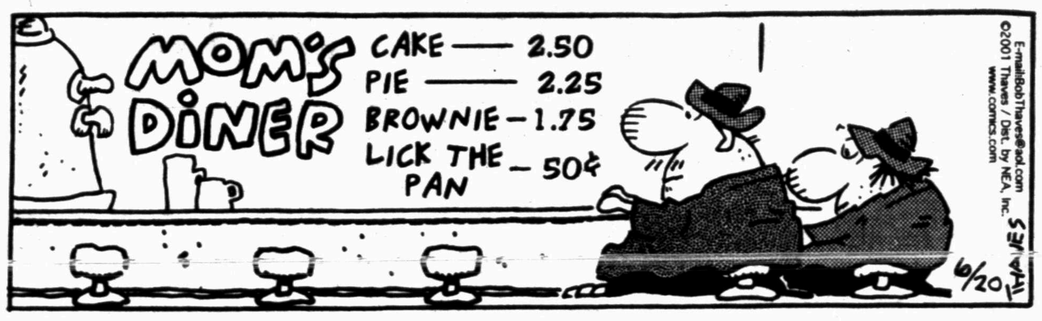

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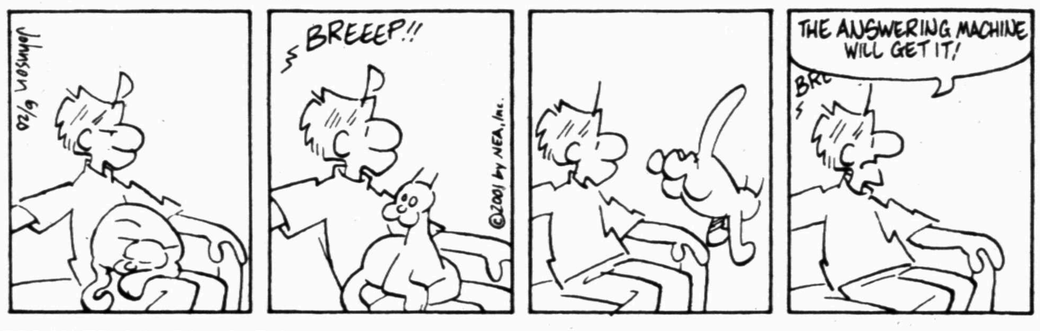

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7 Reporter's writing credit
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14 Wrongful dispossession
15 Of the eyes
16 Auto tags
17 Three-handed card game
18 "Cyan" finish
20 Ripped
21 Halted
23 Former Mrs. Trump
27 Centerpiece
32 Type of maid
33 Having flaps for hearing
34 Mountain-climber's spike
35 Demonstrate
36 Cunning
39 Devoured
40 Charitable person
42 W. Coast coll.
46 Football coach Shula
47 Keep — — on (watch closely)
51 Strained
53 Like seawater
55 Compose
56 Passes laws
57 Spring or summer
58 Throws

DOWN

1 Derisive cries
2 Rube
3 Hawaiian food fish
4 Incline
5 Lady Grey, e.g.
6 Senator Hatch
7 She lost her sheep
8 Actor Brynner
9 Future LL.Be.' exam
10 "Leave — — Beaver"
11 — -do-well
12 Gaelic
19 Ike
21 Brought in, as salary
22 More profound
23 Mischief-makers
24 Bridal attire
25 ABA member
26 Gaseous element
28 — avis
29 Cave (poet.)
30 Actress Campbell
31 Eve's garden
37 Dripping wet
38 — -Cat
41 Start
42 Information agcy.
43 Movie
44 Mother of Castor and Pollux
45 Hertz rival
47 "Woe is me!"
48 Twitches
49 Poker stake
50 Myerson or Armstrong
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54 Pedro's year

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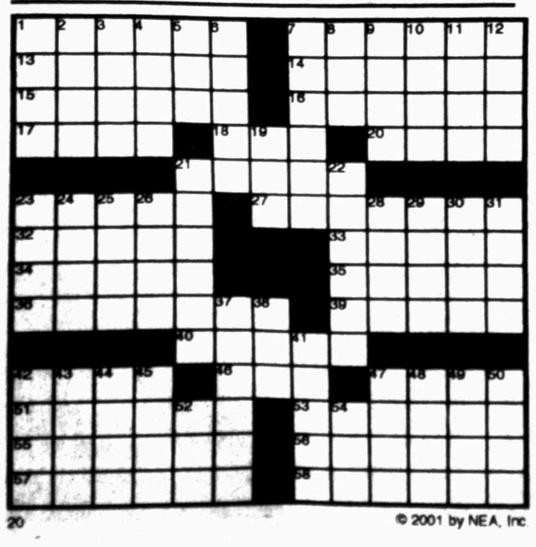

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SPORTS

Ex-Memphis coach to lead SHS netters

For the second year in a row, there's a new man in charge of the Snyder High School tennis program.

Ted Phillips, who spent the past 17 years at Memphis High School, has accepted the position as head tennis coach at Snyder High School, pending school board approval at the July meeting.

He takes over for Brad Wikse, who resigned last month after his first season at SHS.

Phillips is a 1980 graduate of West Texas A&M and has coached with new Snyder girls' athletic coordinator Mike Martin.

"We were on the same staff at Farwell in the early '80s," said Martin. "He's been a good coach for a long time, and he's a good guy. He's a good person to have on the coaching staff, and in the community."

After a stint at Farwell, Phillips went to Memphis in 1984 as head tennis coach. In 1993, he was named athletic director and head football coach, while retaining his tennis duties.

Under his direction, Memphis tennis players have advanced to the state tournament in eight of the past 10 years.

Phillips and his wife have three children, two of which will attend SHS.

Rangers pick up needed victory

ARLINGTON (AP) — Rob Bell still hasn't won a game since last September, but the new Texas starter has plenty to be excited about.

"That's the first time I've left a game in the last two years and the team has come back from a deficit," Bell said. "I couldn't thank the Reds more for putting me where I am."

Bell, acquired from Cincinnati in a trade for Ruben Mateo last week, got a no-decision in his AL debut after allowing five runs and seven hits in 4 2-3 innings against Anaheim. The Rangers rallied for a 7-5 victory Tuesday night.

Ivan Rodriguez hit a solo homer and an RBI single in a five-run sixth inning. The catcher, a virtual lock to make a record-tying 10th straight All-Star Game start, also homered in the eighth for the Rangers.

After leading off the sixth with a homer to make it 5-2, Rodriguez came up again with two outs, the bases loaded and the game tied. He beat out an infield chopper, allowing Ricky Ledee to score, and pumped his fists.

"I'm a hard player and love to win," Rodriguez said. "I know we are in last place, but I come to win. I was excited I had put my team ahead."

Adam Kennedy, the second batter Bell faced, hit a two-run homer after David Eckstein walked. The Angels led 3-0 after Tim Salmon, just 3-for-50 (.060) with runners in scoring position, singled for his first RBI since June 5.

The 24-year-old Bell, 0-5 with the Reds this season, threw 34 pitches in the first inning when he walked two and gave up three hits.

"It was a nervous energy out there for me," Bell said. "It's not like I had the shakes or something. I felt I pitched good after that. I promise things will get better."

Rodriguez said Bell calmed down as the game progressed.

The Angels didn't score after the first until Garret Anderson's two-run homer in the fifth made it 5-1. Bell came out after walking the next batter.

"Bell's got a good arm, a good fastball. He threw much better after the first," Rangers manager Jerry Narron. "We just want him to come in and get his feet on the ground and be part of our future. He's going to get every opportunity here."

After his 381-foot homer to start the sixth, Rodriguez put the Rangers ahead on a high-chopper that barely went over the pitcher's mound 60 feet away.

"He led off with something soft to Pudge, then it seemed liked everything got hit and everything found a hole," Angels manager Mike Scioscia said. "Then everything just snowballed."

After Rodriguez homered, the Rangers loaded the bases before Ledee hit a two-run single. Mike Lamb, the No. 9 hitter, added an RBI single to tie it.

The outburst gave reliever Juan Moreno (1-0), who threw 1 1-3 shutout innings, his first major league victory. Jeff Zimmerman pitched the ninth for his sixth save.

Angels starter Scott Schoeneweis (6-5) tied a career high with nine strikeouts, but gave up seven runs and six hits in 5 2-3 innings.

Finley opts to become free agent

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas Mavericks All-Star forward Michael Finley said Tuesday he has decided to exercise the option in his contract to become a free agent on July 1.

"We fully expected Michael to exercise the option to terminate his contract," Mavericks head coach and general manager Don Nelson said in a statement. "This is an ordinary procedure, as many players opt out of their contract."

Finley hasn't shown any interest in leaving Dallas and has indicated he would return next season.

Finley, who appeared in his second straight All-Star game this season, helped the Mavericks to their best season since 1988. They lost in the second round of the playoffs to the San Antonio Spurs.

In his sixth season, Finley was the team's second leading scorer at 21.5 points a game and averaged 5.2 rebounds and 4.4 assists. He also logged a league-high 42 minutes a game, the second time in three years he's led the NBA in that category.

Rookie solid in Astros' win

HOUSTON (AP) — Rookie Roy Oswalt has developed a strategy for pitching in hitter-friendly Enron Park, and perhaps the veterans on the Houston Astros should consider it.

"I try to get them to hit it toward the middle of the park because I know we have a short porch in left," Oswalt said after pitching 6 2-3 strong innings Tuesday night.

Before leaving with a bruised right forearm, Oswalt helped the Astros beat the Colorado Rockies 6-4.

Oswalt (5-1) allowed three runs and three hits, striking out eight. He left in the seventh after being hit by Ben Petrick's line drive. X-rays were negative.

Oswalt has a 1.03 ERA in five games at Enron Park. The remainder of the staff has a combined 5.10 ERA at home.

"I try to make them hit the ball on the ground. I've always been real aggressive and I try to stay aggressive here," Oswalt added.

"I pitch the same on the road, but here the crowd gets behind me and gives me a lift. It's fun to pitch here."

Oswalt earned the respect of Colorado's Todd Walker.

"He was outstanding. He hides the ball well and he throws the ball 93 (mph), and the best part is that 65 mile per hour curve ball," Walker said. "It's his change in velocity that is going to make him and outstanding pitcher."

Billy Wagner, activated from the disabled list earlier in the day, pitched a perfect ninth, with two strikeouts, for his 14th save in 15 chances.

Wagner was also impressed with Oswalt.

"He pitches like a veteran. I can't tell he's a rookie. I'm a nervous wreck when I'm out there. For him, it seems like just another day at the park," Wagner said.

Lance Berkman drove in two runs and Moises Alou hit his 12th homer of the year for the Astros.

Shawn Chacon (4-4) gave up five runs and seven hits in seven innings. On June 7 against Houston, Chacon struck out 13 in eight innings at Coors Field and lost a 2-1 decision.

"Every time we get something going, something stops us. We can't continue to play like this," Rockies manager Buddy Bell said. "We may need to make a change here and there."

Houston scored first when Alou homered on the first pitch of the second inning.

In the third, Berkman's broken-bat single drove in Craig Biggio from second after Biggio was hit by a pitch and Jeff Bagwell walked. Biggio scored on a passed ball by Petrick before Richard Hidalgo hit an RBI double to make it 4-0.

"The third inning is what killed me," Chacon said. "I hit a guy, then gave up a walk and a bloop single before the double. That double was the story of the game."

After allowing a first-inning single, Oswalt retired 10 straight before Todd Helton hit his 25th homer in the fifth.

Berkman's RBI double made it 5-1 in the bottom half.

Underwood qualifies for youth state tennis team

Emily Underwood, granddaughter of Ned and Polly Underwood of Snyder, will represent Texas in the National 12's Team Tennis Tournament in Oklahoma City.

Teams of players 12-years-old and younger will represent all sections of the United States at the tourney, which will be held July 21-26.

The state team is comprised of the 30 highest-ranked boys and girls in the Texas section of the USTA.

Underwood lives in Colleyville, and is the daughter of Max and Debbie Underwood. Emily's brother, Brad, was named 6-4A district newcomer of the year this past season at Grapevine High School.

Emily Underwood

Local tandem wins doubles tennis crown

MIDLAND — Snyder High School tennis players Andra Dunham and Pat Vargas teamed up recently to win the girls' doubles title of the Highway 80 Tennis Tournament.

The local duo cruised through the first round in straight sets, before holding off its semifinal opponents, 6-4, in the third.

Dunham and Vargas earned the crown with a victory over Odessa's Blair Hunter and Lindsey Whalen in the finals.

Denton coach will not face disciplinary action

DENTON (AP) — A North Texas area football coach will not face disciplinary action because findings from a school district investigation into whether he falsified his application were deemed inconclusive.

But the Denton Independent School District's superintendent said administrators will revise their job applications to prevent future problems.

Ryan High School assistant football coach William David Thomas had responded "no" on his Denton job application to the question of whether he had ever been asked to resign or ever been discharged through due process from any district position.

But Thomas, 44, was asked to resign as Grand Saline High School head football coach in January 1997, according to state records the Denton Record-Chronicle obtained earlier.

Grand Saline's superintendent showed during a state Board for Educator Certification investigation that the Grand Saline superintendent indicated that Thomas was asked to resign after officials there determined he had written 12 personal notes and letters to a female student during a 14-month period.

Grand Saline's investigation found that there was no physical contact between Thomas and the student and that none of the letters was sexually explicit.

Thomas acknowledged that he engaged in unprofessional conduct and received an unpublished reprimand in June 2000, four months after he was hired at Ryan. He retained his teaching certificate, state board officials said.

Denton ISD Superintendent Ray Braswell said there were some chronological inconsistencies between information submitted by Thomas' former employer, Grand Saline Superintendent Gerald Gilbert, to the State Board of Educator Certification and a document signed by Thomas and Grand Saline school officials at the time of his resignation.

Thomas had applied for the Ryan High football position in February 2000, when Joey Florence was hired as head football coach.

Braswell also said Florence erred in not informing district officials of a questionable incident in Thomas' background when he was hired.

Sports Briefs

Basketball tourney

The Midnight Madness 3-on-3 basketball tournament is Friday at the Boys and Girls Club. Teams will be divided into three age groups, 11-13, 14-18 and 19-up. Cost is $30 per team and deadline to register is Thursday. For more information, call 573-3344.

Volleyball camp

Snyder volleyball camp is scheduled for July 16-19 from 9 a.m. until noon each day. Incoming fifth through ninth grade girls are eligible, and cost is $40. Deadline to register is July 13.

For more information, call Coach Patty Grimmett at 573-9416 or 575-1785. If no answer, leave a message.

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.

Athletic physicals

Seventh and ninth grade SISD athletes, and anyone who has never participated in Snyder athletics must take a physical. SISD will pay for the physicals through Aug. 3.

An appointment should be made with one of the following doctors: Raykov, Burleson, Cooper, Thompson, Nussey, Wobolt, or P.A. Beth Ashley.

All SISD athletes must return completed athletic forms to the athletic director's office or Steve Kreuger.

Major League Baseball

National League
All Times EDT

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	39	29	.573	—
Atlanta	36	33	.522	3½
Florida	36	33	.522	3½
New York	32	39	.451	8½
Montreal	27	44	.380	13½
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	41	27	.603	—
St. Louis	38	32	.543	4
Houston	35	33	.515	6
Milwaukee	35	33	.515	6
Cincinnati	25	44	.362	16½
Pittsburgh	24	43	.358	16½
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	43	27	.614	—
Los Angeles	37	33	.529	6
San Francisco	37	33	.529	6
Colorado	36	34	.514	7
San Diego	32	38	.457	11

Tuesday's Games

Milwaukee 10, Cincinnati 8
Pittsburgh 8, Philadelphia 5
N.Y. Mets 4, Montreal 1
Florida 12, Atlanta 2
Houston 6, Colorado 4
St. Louis 3, Chicago Cubs 2
San Diego 4, San Francisco 3, 15 innings
Arizona 9, Los Angeles 2

Wednesday's Games

Milwaukee (Cunnane 0-2) at Cincinnati (Reitsma 3-6), 12:35 p.m.
Florida (Burnett 5-2) at Atlanta (Maddux 6-5), 7:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Wolf 4-7) at Pittsburgh (Arroyo 3-5), 7:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Tavarez 4-4) at St. Louis (Matthews 2-2), 7:05 p.m.
Montreal (Vazquez 5-8) at N.Y. Mets (Leiter 3-5), 7:10 p.m.
Colorado (Villone 1-2) at Houston (Miller 7-3), 8:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Gardner 2-5) at San Diego (Jarvis 3-6), 10:05 p.m.
Arizona (Batista 4-3) at Los Angeles (Park 8-4), 10:10 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Florida (Penny 6-1) at Atlanta (Burkett 6-5), 1:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Lieber 7-4) at St. Louis (Benes 6-4), 1:40 p.m.
San Francisco (Estes 6-2) at San Diego (Jones 3-9), 5:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Person 4-5) at Pittsburgh (Anderson 4-6), 7:05 p.m.
Montreal (Blank 1-2) at N.Y. Mets (Leiter 4-6), 7:10 p.m.
Cincinnati (Davis 0-0) at Houston (McKnight 0-0), 8:05 p.m.
Arizona (Bierbrodt 1-0) at Colorado (Hampton 9-2), 9:05 p.m.

American League
All Times EDT

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	41	27	.603	—
New York	39	30	.565	2½
Baltimore	33	36	.478	8½
Toronto	32	38	.457	10
Tampa Bay	21	48	.304	20½
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	42	26	.618	—
Cleveland	40	27	.597	1½
Chicago	32	35	.478	9½
Detroit	29	38	.433	12½
Kansas City	27	43	.386	16
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	53	16	.768	—
Anaheim	33	35	.485	19½
Oakland	33	36	.478	20
Texas	25	43	.368	27½

Tuesday's Games

Baltimore 5, Toronto 1
Detroit 7, N.Y. Yankees 1
Minnesota 10, Cleveland 9, 12 innings
Boston 5, Tampa Bay 4
Chicago White Sox 5, Kansas City 3
Texas 7, Anaheim 5
Seattle 8, Oakland 7

Wednesday's Games

Kansas City (Wilson 1-0) at Chicago White Sox (Biddle 1-4), 2:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Mays 8-4) at Cleveland (Finley 4-4), 7:05 p.m.
Toronto (Carpenter 6-4) at Baltimore (Roberts 5-6), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (A.Hernandez 0-0) at Detroit (Holt 5-5), 7:05 p.m.
Boston (Cone 2-1) at Tampa Bay (Rupe 4-5), 7:15 p.m.
Anaheim (Ortiz 4-5) at Texas (Rogers 3-3), 8:35 p.m.
Seattle (Garcia 7-1) at Oakland (Mulder 8-4), 10:05 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Seattle (Halama 6-4) at Oakland (Lidle 1-4), 3:35 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Mussina 6-7) at Detroit (Blair 0-1), 7:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Romero 1-3) at Cleveland (Burba 8-3), 7:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (D.Wells 5-6) at Baltimore (Mercedes 2-8), 7:05 p.m.
Boston (Arrojo 1-2) at Tampa Bay (Sturtze 3-6), 7:15 p.m.
Anaheim (Wise 1-0) at Texas (Helling 4-7), 8:35 p.m.

WNBA Glance

All Times EDT

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	6	3	.667	—
New York	6	3	.667	—
Miami	4	3	.571	1
Detroit	3	4	.429	2
Washington	2	5	.286	3
Indiana	2	6	.250	3½
Orlando	2	6	.250	3½
Charlotte	1	8	.111	5
WESTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	9	0	1.000	—
Houston	5	1	.833	2½
Portland	5	2	.714	3
Seattle	5	5	.500	4½
Utah	3	3	.500	4½
Phoenix	4	5	.444	5
Sacramento	4	5	.444	5
Minnesota	2	4	.333	5½

Monday's Games

Orlando 72, Indiana 65
Seattle 60, Charlotte 52

Tuesday's Games

Portland 58, Seattle 43
New York 65, Sacramento 56
Los Angeles 73, Charlotte 69
Washington at Houston, ppd., flood damage

Wednesday's Games

No games scheduled

Thursday's Games

Miami at Washington, 7 p.m.
Los Angeles at Houston, 8 p.m.
Sacramento at Utah, 9 p.m.
New York at Phoenix, 10 p.m.

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Archer County joins fed quarantine list

WICHITA FALLS (AP) — The list of quarantined Texas counties where a fungus that attacks wheat has been detected now includes Archer County.

Discovery of Karnal bunt in Archer County near the end of the 2001 harvest means extra work for regulators trying to halt the spread of the fungus that threatens grain production and quality. Archer County is the third Texas county placed under federal quarantine this year.

"We'll have to trace back to where the shipments of wheat went to if we can identify the contaminated wheat," Tim McNary, a plant protection and quarantine specialist from the United States Department of Agriculture, told the Wichita Falls Times Record News in Wednesday's editions.

Karnal bunt was detected this week in a sample taken from a grain elevator in the county, but most harvesting equipment is already rolling north with the harvest. The USDA and Texas Department of Agriculture must now test Archer County wheat and hay for Karnal bunt and steam-clean wheat-handling equipment and grain elevators.

"We will try to follow up on wheat that hasn't left the county," said McNary, who has been working in Olney since the USDA quarantined Young and Throckmorton counties on June 8.

Bunted kernels were found in wheat seed from four out of five bins Monday night by USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service specialists. Tests confirmed the seed was positive for Karnal bunt.

"Following the detection of Karnal bunt at this facility, APHIS has taken immediate action to quarantine the entire county," said Bill Hawks, undersecretary of agriculture for the USDA's marketing and regulatory programs. "This emergency action is necessary to prevent the movement of infected grain outside the area."

The quarantine lasts five years unless the disease reappears.

The USDA also was pursuing leads on infected seed that has been transported to several Texas counties, said Charles Schwalbe, director of APHIS' plant protection and quarantine program. APHIS by Tuesday had tested 150 wheat fields in Throckmorton and Young counties and found 10 percent of them contaminated with the Karnal bunt fungus.

The agency has also quarantined one terminal elevator in Fort Worth that received infected grain, and is considering whether to quarantine a second one.

Immediately after Throckmorton and Young counties were quarantined, Oklahoma began turning away combines at the Red River unless they had USDA certificates proving they had been disinfected.

While the fungus does not threaten human health, flour made from heavily infected wheat has an unpleasant odor and taste. The disease also reduces crop yields.

Shashank Nilakhe, the chief entomologist for the Texas Department of Agriculture, said the latest contamination shouldn't have much of an effect on this year's crop yield.

"It's not going to reduce yields significantly," Nilakhe said.

He said some countries aren't concerned about the contamination, although 80 countries ban imports of wheat grown in infested regions. "They want some wheat to eat, period," he said.

Cool, rainy weather in the area created conditions this spring that promoted the development of the Karnal bunt fungus.

The discovery of Karnal bunt in Throckmorton and Young counties marked the first time the fungus had been found in the nation's wheat belt, an area generally extending north from central Texas to Alberta, Canada.

The fungus first showed up in the United States in 1996, and had been confined in California, New Mexico, Arizona and southern Texas under an aggressive USDA quarantine program.

'Justice' stance on tobacco suit receives mixed reviews

WASHINGTON (AP) — Cigarette manufacturers, health advocates and lawmakers were caught off guard by word that the Justice Department is considering settling its lawsuit against the tobacco industry.

Some health advocates said they were worried the administration will not seek a strong settlement. And tobacco companies signaled they were not about to charge to the settlement table.

"We will not settle this lawsuit for any amount of money," said Seth Moskowitz, a spokesman for R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., based in North Carolina.

Philip Morris Inc., the nation's largest cigarette manufacturer, reiterated in a statement that the lawsuit was without merit."

Two Bush administration sources said Tuesday there has been concern about the government's case against the industry. These officials, discussing the matter only on grounds of anonymity, said the department would prefer to go for a settlement now rather than risk losing later.

"This is news to us. We have been contacted by no one," said Mark Smith, a spokesman for Kentucky-based Brown & Williamson Corp.

"Did we know they were going to consider this? No," said Moskowitz, the Reynolds spokesman.

Health advocates said they were shocked and expressed hope that the administration will fight for a strong settlement agreement. Some feared the government already may be on the defensive.

"No good faith negotiator would settle their litigation by announcing at the beginning that they might lose," said William Corr, executive vice president of the Campaign For Tobacco-Free Kids.

John Garrison, CEO of the American Lung Association, said he was concerned a settlement would protect cigarette makers from future lawsuits.

"Under no circumstances should the Bush administration consider granting immunity or limits on liability to the tobacco industry," Garrison said.

The Bush administration inherited the lawsuit from the Clinton administration, which filed it in September 1999.

The government suffered a setback last year when U.S. District Judge Gladys Kessler dismissed two counts that would have allowed the government to recover some expenses related to sick smokers. The Justice Department is appealing part of that decision.

Kessler has ruled the government can pursue a racketeering case against the industry to recoup profits allegedly earned through fraud. The government contends cigarette companies conspired to mislead the American public and concealed information.

Officials said Attorney General John Ashcroft has assembled a team of three lawyers, all career attorneys in the department's civil division, to work on the settlement. The lawyers met Tuesday for the first time with the department's tobacco litigation team to begin talking about a potential settlement, sources said.

These officials stressed that the department was not giving up the suit, saying instead that it would continue the litigation even as it seeks a settlement. The recommendation was made to Ashcroft by Stuart Schiffer, head of the department's Civil Division.

On Capitol Hill, most lawmakers said they had no idea the administration wanted to settle.

Sen. Ernest Hollings, D-S.C., was among a few congressional appropriators briefed by Ashcroft on Tuesday.

"The attorney general and I spoke this morning, and he promised me that he will keep the litigation alive while he pursues a mutually agreeable settlement," said Hollings.

Unlike Hollings, most tobacco-state lawmakers oppose the suit.

Replacement tires may have higher failure rate

WASHINGTON (AP) — Government investigators are examining data collected by a congressional committee that reportedly shows Ford Motor Co. is replacing Firestone tires with other brands that fail more often.

Michael Jackson, deputy secretary of transportation, told the House Commerce Committee that the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration would give a preliminary response to its analysis on today.

Rep. Billy Tauzin, R-La., chairman of the House Commerce Committee, disclosed the committee's investigation during a hearing Tuesday, but he refused to reveal which tires had higher failure rates until NHTSA has examined the data.

Joan Claybrook, president of the consumer advocacy group Public Citizen, said today that the release of the findings was inappropriate.

"This is really unfortunate the way this is happening," Claybrook said on CBS' "The Early Show." "The Department of Transportation should have been asked to evaluate this information first, then Ford. ... It really should be evaluated quickly and then resolved, as opposed to accusations that are unevaluated."

Tauzin's move also drew strong criticism from Rep. John Dingell of Michigan, senior Democrat on the committee, and Jacques Nasser, chief executive of Ford. They said Tauzin has a responsibility to let the public know such information.

"If we have a brand name that is defective ... at least tell the American people the brand names," Dingell said during a hearing.

Later, Tauzin identified two tire brands, the Goodyear Wrangler HT and the General Grabber AP XL, but did not name five other brands his office said congressional investigators determined had higher failure rates than the Firestone Wilderness AT tires Ford recalled last month.

The replacement tires are made by Michelin, Continental, Goodyear, BF Goodrich and Uniroyal.

Tauzin said the data show that one of the replacement tires has a property damage claims rate of 124 per million tires, well above the nine claims per million that Lampe said is the average for the Wilderness AT tires being replaced by Ford. Ford had told congressional investigators that the Wilderness AT tires it is replacing had 15 claims per million.

"Are we going to be replacing worse tires for the tires that come off these cars?" Tauzin asked Nasser.

"Mr. Chairman, we shouldn't be waiting 30 days," Nasser replied angrily. "If that data you have is accurate, we should be acting in 30 minutes."

Officials from Goodyear and Continental, which also manufactures the General tire brand, would not comment without having time to review the numbers Tauzin cited.

Goodyear spokesman Chuck Sinclair said the tire maker is aware of no injuries or deaths caused by tread separations for any of the replacement tires it supplied to Ford.

Ford lacks the access Tauzin's committee has because tire makers keep their property damage claims rates confidential. The Commerce Committee has been collecting the information from tire makers for several months.

Ford officials previously said they asked NHTSA about the replacement tires they planned to use and the agency said nothing about safety worries. Tauzin said NHTSA never approved any of the tires that Ford decided to use.

The Wilderness AT has been at the center of a nearly yearlong debate over the safety of Firestone tires. Bridgestone/Firestone Inc.'s voluntary recall of 6.5 million tires last August included the 15-inch version of the Wilderness AT, made at its plant in Decatur, Ill.

The company insisted that other sizes of the tire made at other plants were safe. But last month Ford said it was still concerned about safety and announced it would replace all 13 million Wilderness ATs still on its vehicles.

The Wilderness AT had been standard equipment on the Ford Explorer, the world's best-selling sport utility vehicle. Many of the 203 fatal accidents among the thousands of crashes reported to the highway safety administration in the last year were rollovers of the Explorer that occurred after the tires failed.

Ford insists the problem is the result of flawed tires, but Bridgestone/Firestone says the design of the Explorer also is a factor.

"Ford can replace all our Wilderness AT tires, but Explorers will continue to roll over, and we need to understand why," said John Lampe, chief executive of Bridgestone/Firestone.

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GtAtlPac	14.95	14.25	14.75	+ .35
Halliburtn	43.40	41.54	43.25	+ .67
Hanson ADS	33.60	33.25	33.52	+ .32
HarteHanks	23.45	23.15	23.16	—.28
HomeDepot	50.75	49.38	50.61	+ 1.12
Honeywellintl	37.85	36.75	36.88	—1.62
IBM	114.99	113.50	114.02	—.82
IntlPaper	36.99	36.25	36.68	+ .48
JohnsonJn s	54.20	53.50	53.94	+ .66
K mart	11.60	11.44	11.54	—.11
KinderMorg	54.95	54.70	54.76	—.09
Kroger Co	24.76	24.00	24.17	—.83
LockheedM	37.50	36.90	36.95	+ .20
Lowes Cos	78.45	76.11	78.24	+ 2.28
Lubys	8.64	8.50	8.56	+ .01
LucentTech	5.55	5.12	5.15	—.35
MayDeptStr	33.95	33.50	33.81	+ .31
Medtronic	48.00	46.95	47.72	+ 1.01
Motorola	13.65	13.15	13.28	+ .12
NCR Corp	45.83	45.25	45.36	—.14
Navistar	27.53	27.35	27.51	+ .31
Penney JC	24.50	24.01	24.49	+ .34
PepBoys	9.50	9.30	9.30	—.12
PepsiCo	44.24	43.62	43.96	+ .25
Pharmacia	49.99	49.34	49.82	+ .31
PhelpDodge	41.70	41.16	41.19	—.24
PhilipPet	60.98	60.00	60.77	+ .31
PilgrmPrd B	12.15	12.10	12.15	+ .07
Polaroid	2.68	2.55	2.65	+ .10
Praxair	51.22	50.20	50.79	+ .76
ProctGamb	62.93	62.45	62.54	+ .13
PubS NwMx	33.12	32.65	32.71	+ .06
RadioShack	26.57	26.11	26.41	—.34
ReliantEngy	33.55	33.01	33.23	—.12
RoyalDut	60.62	60.00	60.43	—.17
SBC Comm	40.99	40.10	40.39	—.03
SaraLee	19.48	19.18	19.43	+ .23
Scripps EW	65.50	64.80	65.50	+ .60
SearsRoeb	40.20	39.61	40.10	+ .50
SherwinW	22.80	22.25	22.75	+ .54
SouthernCo s	23.45	23.10	23.29	+ .29
SwstAirl s	17.07	16.61	17.02	
SprintFON	19.80	19.50	19.77	+ .21
SprintPCS	20.20	19.91	20.15	+ .72
Sunoco Inc	36.62	36.15	36.33	—.36
TXU Corp	47.99	47.32	47.77	+ .41
TempleInland	53.46	52.71	53.35	+ .81
Texaco	71.80	70.64	71.73	+ .27
TexInd	32.80	32.30	32.80	+ .46
TexasInst	29.65	28.25	29.17	—.43
Textron	57.48	56.70	57.37	+ .37
TriconGlbR	45.90	45.75	45.85	—.10
TrinityInds	22.30	22.00	22.11	—.26
TritonEngy	30.33	29.40	30.28	+ .67
TylerTech	2.57	2.56	2.56	—.01
USX-Marathn	31.50	31.03	31.48	+ .05
USX-USS	20.99	20.20	20.98	+ .68
UnionPacif	52.11	51.61	51.99	+ .29
UnitedTech	74.98	73.74	74.75	
Unocal	36.63	36.06	36.60	+ .30
Venator Grp	15.82	15.12	15.80	+ .39
VerizonComm	52.50	51.75	52.29	+ .19
WalMart	49.77	48.98	49.54	+ .75
WellsFargo	44.28	43.37	44.14	+ .63
WstnGasRs	35.90	35.35	35.84	—.01
WinnDixie	26.40	26.15	26.18	+ .03
Xerox Cp	7.91	7.75	7.83	—.18

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Training exercise instructors had live ammo

ARLINGTON (AP) — Although safeguards were in place to ensure that police in a training exercise were disarmed, all three instructors continued to carry loaded weapons before an officer's accidental shooting death, according to a published report.

An internal police memo obtained by the Arlington Morning News for today's editions showed that Officer Blane Shaw, one of the three trainers, accidentally shot fellow trainer Cpl. Joseph Cushman in the head with a live round from a Glock service pistol earlier this month.

Cushman had volunteered for an exercise on June 7 to demonstrate how a plastic safety helmet would deflect a fake bullet. Although Shaw said he thought he was firing a rubber bullet, live ammunition was in his gun, authorities said.

Officer Johnny Spruiel, the third trainer, also carried live rounds during the exercise at Ousley Junior High School, according to the memo.

"Our investigation has shown that comprehensive safety procedures were in place to ensure that none of the students were in the training environment with a loaded weapon," stated a June 15 memo sent to the Tarrant County medical examiner from the Arlington police sergeant in charge of the criminal investigation. "However, all of the instructors were armed with fully functional and loaded handguns."

Following a meal break in the 10 trainees' instruction, Cushman had donned a training helmet, face shield and neck protector to show trainees that the simulated ammunition being used would not hurt them. Spruiel fired a fake Simunition round from a shotgun converted for training, but missed.

"Had Spruiel not missed with the 12-gauge round, (Officer) Shaw would not have proceeded with the handgun demonstration," stated the memo. "Because the demonstration failed, (Officer) Shaw decided to complete the demonstration by firing a handgun Simunition round at Officer Cushman."

"Officer's Shaw's statement is that he thought he had a Simunition-converted weapon in his holster," the memo stated.

Training weapons have blue handles to identify them, according to the memo, but weapons converted to shoot only training rounds are also distinguishable.

Cushman, 27, was pronounced dead at John Peter Smith Hospital in Fort Worth about three hours after he was shot. The officer, who had been with the Arlington department 41/2 years, had been promoted to corporal only a day earlier.

Sgt. James Hawthorne, an Arlington police spokesman, confirmed that the memo was sent to the medical examiner but would not elaborate.

"We're in the process of wrapping up the criminal investigation," Hawthorne said Tuesday. "We expect to forward that information from that investigation to the district attorney next week. I still can't speak to the specifics because it is still very much under investigation."

The tactical team training section of the department's Field Operations Manual prohibits live ammunition at training sessions, except at a firing range.

Policies were violated, according to the memo from Sgt. Mark Simpson, head of the department's homicide investigations. But he concurred with the medical examiner's earlier ruling that the shooting was accidental.

"There were a number of errors that led to this tragedy, but none of them rise to the level of criminal negligence," wrote Simpson. "While there are procedural irregularities that will be addressed administratively, we have found no act of negligence that would rise to the level of criminal culpability."

Pending the outcome of a police internal affairs inquiry, Shaw remains on paid administrative leave but Spruiel has returned to the tactical team.

Training at Ousley, which was suspended after the shooting, was not expected to resume until preliminary findings of the internal affairs investigation are complete, possibly by July 2.

Unemployment, low-paying jobs hike heart disease rate

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP) — Men who live in regions with high unemployment and low-paying jobs are more likely to die from heart disease than those in other parts of the country, a study released today found.

The study of men age 35 and older found those living in Mississippi, West Virginia and Kentucky were more likely to die of heart disease than men elsewhere in the United States, while those in Hawaii, Utah and Colorado were less likely.

"These findings really reflect differences in opportunities for healthy living and differences in access to healthy living," said Elizabeth Barnett, director of the Office for Social Environmental and Health Research at West Virginia University. Barnett was the lead author of the study by WVU and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The report, based on heart disease death rates between 1991 and 1995, found the highest rates in Appalachia, the Ohio-Mississippi River Valley, the Mississippi Delta, and the eastern Piedmont and coastal regions of Georgia, South Carolina and North Carolina.

Many of the same areas have large pockets with low median family incomes, few white collar jobs and high unemployment rates.

The underlying social and economic factors often determine whether a person is able to exercise or eat healthy, Barnett said. Other risk factors include lack of social support, depression, job stress, adverse work environment, racism and discrimination, she said.

Overall, the heart disease death rate for all men was 675 per 100,000.

Mississippi had the highest rate with 878 deaths per 100,000. West Virginia was second with 797 deaths per 100,000, followed by Kentucky with 783. Hawaii's rate, 482 per 100,000, was the lowest in the nation.

Among racial groups, there were 841 deaths per 100,000 black men, 666 for white men, 465 for American Indian and Alaska natives, 432 for Hispanics and 372 for Asians and Pacific Islanders.

The report mirrors findings from a companion study released last year on heart disease among women in the same age range, who have a death rate of 401 per 100,000.

Both studies found that higher rates were concentrated in the same parts of the country and differences existed across racial and ethnic groups.

"What is similar is the pattern, which shows that, in fact, these social and economic issues are important," said George A. Mensah, chief of the CDC's Cardiovascular Health Program. "If we are going to address these disparities, we must pay attention to these factors."

On the Net:
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:
http://www.cdc.gov/nccdphp/cvd
American Heart Association:
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Date Book

Wednesday, June 20, 2001
Today is the 171st day of 2001 and the 93rd day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1782, Congress adopted the Great Seal of the United States.

On this day in 1898, U.S. forces occupied Guam.

On this day in 1948, a television variety show called "Toast of the Town" premiered. The host of the show was Ed Sullivan.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Lillian Hellman (1905-1984), writer; Errol Flynn (1909-1959), actor; Danny Aiello (1933-), actor, is 68; Brian Wilson (1942-), singer-songwriter, is 59; Anne Murray (1945-), singer, is 56; Andre Watts (1946-), pianist, is 55; Lionel Richie (1949-), singer-songwriter, is 52; John Goodman (1952-), actor, is 49.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1960, Floyd Patterson became the first heavyweight boxer to regain the world title. He did so by knocking out Ingemar Johansson in the fifth round.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "To require a citizen to sign a loyalty oath is to destroy some of the loyalty he could otherwise claim, since any subsequent loyal behavior may then be attributed to the oath." — B.F. Skinner

TODAY'S MOON: Day before new moon (June 21).

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Released from Hospital

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Rock 'n' roll pioneer Jerry Lee Lewis has been discharged from a Memphis hospital where he had been treated for pneumonia.

"Mr. Lewis is doing just fine," said Ruth Ann Hale, a spokeswoman for Methodist Hospital.

Lewis, 65, checked into the hospital early Friday, and was released Tuesday. He was treated for pneumonia about a month ago.

Lewis lives in Nesbit, Miss., just south of Memphis.

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Man convicted in dog's highway death

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — Sara McBurnett says she doesn't believe in closure, but she breathed a sigh of relief when a man was convicted of tossing her small dog to its death on a busy highway.

"It doesn't bring Leo back, of course, but at least Leo had his day," McBurnett said after the verdict Tuesday. "One cruel person has been (held) accountable for their cruelty."

A jury convicted Andrew Burnett, 27, on felony animal cruelty charges for killing the fluffy, white bichon frise last year in a fit of road rage. He faces up to three years in prison for the attack, which outraged dog lovers.

The defendant sat motionless as the verdict was read, pausing only to wink and say "I love you" to his fiancee, seated in the front row.

Burnett, who never took the stand, is scheduled to be sentenced July 13.

McBurnett and other witnesses testified that after a minor traffic accident in February 2000, Burnett yelled at her, reached through her open car window, grabbed the dog and hurled it into oncoming traffic. The 10-year-old pet was struck seconds later.

"It wasn't just a dog to me," she said. "For me it was my child. He killed my baby right in front of me."

Burnett's attorney, Marc Garcia, said his client instinctively snatched the dog from the car after it bit him. He said the court of public opinion worked against his client.

"The deck was so stacked against him in this case from day one," Garcia said.

Prosecutor Troy Benson said Burnett was "the only person in the whole world" who would think what he did to Leo was reasonable.

"No ordinary person would have done this," he said.

Authorities released a sketch of a suspect in the case in March 2000, but the investigation stalled after McBurnett failed to pick Burnett out of two photo lineups.

Police said an anonymous e-mail tipped them to Burnett. He had been jailed since Jan. 4 on charges connected to the disappearance of a repair van from his employer, Pacific Bell. The van was filled with $68,000 worth of equipment. He also faces four charges of perjury for allegedly lying to authorities to get out of speeding tickets.

Dog lovers and others had donated $120,000 in reward money for help in finding Leo's killer. Santa Clara County officials plan to meet with the county's Humane Society next week to determine how to distribute the reward.

Planet Mars set to pass close to Earth

By The Associated Press

If you look up at the sky on Thursday night, the first day of summer, you will see a golden-colored Mars looming larger and brighter than it has in over a decade.

The Red Planet is at its closest point to Earth since 1988 and will be visible to the naked eye anywhere in the world for the next two weeks, with Thursday being its brightest night.

The planet, which is 42 million miles away, will appear 80 times brighter and six times bigger than last July, when it was 244 million miles from Earth on the other side of the Sun, said Jack Horkheimer, director of the Miami Space Transit Planetarium.

"Go outside after it gets dark, between 10 p.m. and midnight and look southeast," Horkheimer said. "It will be very bright and spectacular."

Mars and Earth line up in "opposition" about every two years, meaning Mars is directly opposite the Sun as viewed from Earth. But because the planets' orbits are not circular, some oppositions are closer than others.

Horkheimer advised holding up an empty toilet paper or paper towel tube to one eye and closing the other to block out extraneous light and have a better view of the planet.

Mars will glow with a shiny metallic orange-gold color, said Horkheimer, the writer and host of PBS's nationally syndicated Star Gazer series. He said Mars looks redder when it is farther away or seen through the thick layers of the Earth's atmosphere near the horizon, such as close to sunset and sunrise.

Man gets 9-month prison term in animal cruelty case

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A San Antonio man accused of setting a cat on fire earlier this year will spend nine months in jail and pay a $4,000 fine after striking a deal with prosecutors on Tuesday.

Kenneth Matt, 21, pleaded no contest before his trial on a misdemeanor animal cruelty charge was to begin. He had been facing up to a year in jail if convicted on the charge.

Matt and his co-defendant, Brian Tarver, are accused of dousing the cat with flammable liquid and igniting the animal with a cigarette lighter on Jan. 23 at a San Antonio apartment complex. Tarver, 19, will be tried today.

The seriously burned cat was put to sleep.

Even after his no-contest plea, Matt insisted that he was innocent of the charges.

"I really wish they'd find the right person," Matt said as he left the courtroom, the San Antonio Express-News reported in its today editions.

The judge ordered Matt to report to jail on Monday.

Animal rights advocates were pleased with the sentence.

"The big thing to me is he's serving a significant amount of time," said Rita Braeutigam, a spokeswoman for the Animal Defense League.

Earlier this month, Gov. Rick Perry signed a bill that will increase penalties for people who commit crimes against animals.

The law, which takes effect Sept. 1, increases some acts of animal cruelty to a felony, including seriously injuring or killing an animal, using an animal as a lure or to fight and horse tripping. Such offenses could be punishable by up to a two-year jail sentence and up to a $10,000 fine.

Ted Williams continues rehabilitation after open-heart surgery

GAINESVILLE, Fla. (AP) — After a 4-1/2-hour flight from San Diego, Ted Williams returned to Florida to continue rehabilitation from open-heart surgery.

Upon landing in Gainesville, the 82-year-old baseball great was wheeled off the airplane Tuesday and placed in a waiting ambulance that drove him to Shands Hospital at the University of Florida.

A handful of Williams' family members were at the airport, but they refused to talk to reporters.

Williams was discharged from Sharp Hospital in San Diego earlier Tuesday and taken to Lindbergh Field for his flight aboard an air ambulance.

In early November, the Hall of Famer was admitted to Shands and a pacemaker was placed in his chest to regulate his heartbeat. His problems continued, however, and Williams underwent heart surgery Jan. 15 in a 91/2-hour operation at New York's Weill Cornell Medical Center.

He had several setbacks after the surgery, including kidney failure, infections and the need to return to a respirator.

Williams was moved to Sharp in February.

"While the majority of his time at Sharp was spent in the intensive care unit, Williams made significant improvements and was in fair and stable condition for his transfer to the University of Florida," Dr. Allan Goodman, Williams' admitting physician, said in a statement.

Williams has lived in Florida since his playing days with the Boston Red Sox. Gainesville is about 50 miles from his home in Hernando.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Thursday, June 21, 2001

In the year ahead, several new and important friendships could be established with either groups or individuals. They will serve to have a major, positive influence over your affairs.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Some kind of change could take place today that'll give you a more direct control over a situation that has been previously managed by another. With you in charge, things will get better. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. T

The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — A secret ambition you've been privately nurturing has a chance to become a reality today. If you see the opening, jump on it and don't settle for second best.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — In talking to an associate today, something that is said could cause you to become deeply involved in new interests. The project might produce benefits for all involved.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — A constructive new wind could blow in today that will give an ambition of yours the life it needs. Your aim may be either career related or personally oriented.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — What you learn today will have a use that you will be able to start applying immediately. This new knowledge will be implemented on something that could be quite profitable.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — A channel might open up for you today that could start to produce a second source of income for you. It could be a gold mine that is just waiting to be tapped.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Someone you meet at this time or whom you just recently met may be destined to become a valued relationship. The first signs of this could take place today.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — You may or may not realize it, but chances are you'll be more closely observed today by your superiors for purposes of a possible promotion. Give a good performance.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Several key social associations that haven't been too stable of late can be strengthen today. It will be well worth any effort you apply towards this end.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — You could get the opportunity today to remove an obstacle that has been impeding your progress and replace it with something workable that can lead to success.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Any bright ideas you get today concerning something new you could do to your home or abode would serve like a breath of fresh air flowing in on your surroundings. Follow up on them.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Although you may be placing greater emphasis than usual on your material interest today, it will be a good thing. This focus could produce impressive results.

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Pit bulls maul California boy

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Three pit bulls savagely mauled a 10-year-old boy who was riding a bicycle his parents had just given him for doing well in school.

The dogs ripped off both Shawn Jones' ears and left bite wounds all over his face, arms and upper body Monday night, police said. He was hospitalized in critical condition Tuesday after 31/2 hours of surgery.

Dr. James Betts said the boy would be hospitalized for at least a month. It took about four hours just to clean the wounds, Betts said.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Tattoos and hepatitis C linked

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm 19 years old and have two tattoos. I want to get a third. I can deal with my mother's objections to the whole scene, but I need to know whether tattooing could affect my health. That's a different issue. Please advise.

DEAR READER: Indeed, it is an important issue, so I must tell you that tattooing appears to be a major cause of hepatitis C, a serious liver infection that may lead to cancer or liver failure. In fact, the authors of an article in the March issue of Medicine believe that tattooing may cause more hepatitis than does the injection of illicit drugs.

In the study (from the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School), researchers surveyed and tested over 600 patients. Of the 113 people with tattoos, 22 percent were infected with the hepatitis C virus, whereas only about 4 percent of the nontattooed group were similarly infected.

The risk of hepatitis increased in people who had several tattoos or who sported large and complex ones. Commercial tattoo parlors had the worst record, probably because of poor sterilization of equipment and the re-use of needles and dyes. While only a few states have laws about tattoo parlors, even these states often fail to monitor and enforce the standards.

Nearly 4 million Americans have hepatitis C, and about 10,000 deaths occur each year from the consequences of this infection.

My advice? Listen to your mother, be content with only two tattoos, and consider having a blood test for hepatitis C.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Blood — Donations and Disorders." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm confused about saturated and unsaturated fats. What is their effect on health?

DEAR READER: Fats are classified by weight: in chemical terms, their saturation.

Fats are composed of long chains of carbon atoms. Each atom has four bonds — or hooks — that attach to other atoms. Carbon bonds that are not taken up (by attaching to other carbon atoms) readily accept hydrogen atoms. The more hydrogen atoms attached to the carbon bonds, the more saturated the fat.

Liquid unsaturated fats have relatively few hydrogen atoms. Hence, they're lighter in weight and texture. In contrast, saturated fats, which are usually solid at room temperature, have their full limit of hydrogen. The most saturated fat is candle wax. Less saturated fats include animal fat, butterfat and tallow. Other fats may be relatively unsaturated or, at the extreme, polyunsaturated.

In general, saturated fats contain high levels of cholesterol and are not healthful in a diet. Polyunsaturates, such as olive oil, have less (or no) cholesterol and are considered to be superior to saturated fats for people who wish to lower their blood cholesterol levels.

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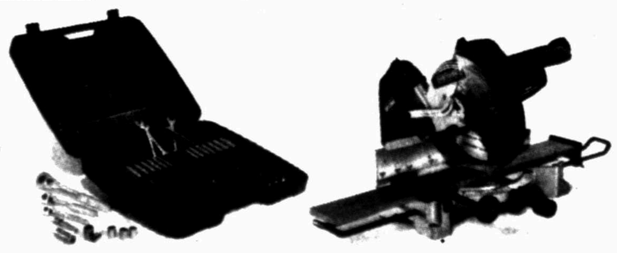

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

U.S. and Britain deny damage claims

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Iraq claimed today that a U.S.-British airstrike on a soccer field in the north killed 23 people and injured 11 others, but U.S. and British authorities categorically denied the accusation.

The Iraqi News Agency said the planes attacked the sports field in Tall Afar, 275 miles northwest of Baghdad, the capital. It did not say when the attack took place, but it said the victims were buried earlier today.

"America and it's ally, Britain, have committed a new ugly crime that will be added to the record of their heinous crimes against Iraq," the Iraqi News Agency said.

U.S. and British officials denied the report.

Maj. Scott Vadnais, spokesman for Operation Northern Watch at Incirlik air base in Turkey, said no bombs were dropped.

"We flew today (today), but we did not .. .drop anything," he said.

Maj. Ed Loomis, public affairs officer for U.S. European Command in Stuttgart, Germany, said routine flights were also conducted on Tuesday, but that no bombs were dropped then either.

"The Iraqi allegations are absolutely false," he said.

In London, Britain's Defense Ministry also rejected the Iraqi claims.

"This is not true. Neither the Americans nor ourselves dropped any ordinance either yesterday or today. This is another attempt by the Iraqi authorities to mislead their public," the ministry said.

Clean up begins after Wisconsin storm

SIREN, Wis. (AP) — Volunteers are converging on this northwestern Wisconsin village to help clean up after a tornado ripped more than 100 homes apart and killed three people.

"People have come from everywhere to help," said Tom Cole, 25, who lives a half-mile outside Siren and volunteered to cut down trees that were broken and twisted by Monday's storm. "A little town like this can't do it alone."

More than 400 volunteers had registered by today. "Today we're hoping for as many people as we can that have chain saws," county emergency director Roberta Sichta said today.

The tornado struck without any warning siren being sounded, because the siren had been knocked out by lightning in a recent storm, authorities said.

The tornado flattened or damaged 120 homes in Siren, a village of 900 people about 65 miles northeast of the Twin Cities. Sixteen people were injured; all but one had been released from a hospital Tuesday.

"There is no words to describe what you feel right now," Julie Melton, whose father died in the storm, said as she fought back tears.

Village President Larry Blahauvietz said the storm damaged most of the new businesses developed over the past three years, including two hotels, a theater, four-store mall and ice arena.

"It's sad to see all these businesses destroyed, but we anticipate a lot of them will rebuild," he said.

"It's catastrophic," said Judi Radel-Trigg, owner of Timberland Gifts & Goods, as she boxed up merchandise to move from her roofless store.

Gov. Scott McCallum toured the storm-damaged area Tuesday and declared a state of emergency in Burnett County and adjoining Washburn County, the first step in seeking a federal disaster declaration.

"I think people are calming down. Everybody's efforts are focused on cleaning up," said Dennis Quinn, a firefighter from the nearby village of Webster.

On the Net:
National Weather Service: http://www.crh.noaa.gov
Wisconsin Emergency Management: http://badger.state.wi.us/agencies/dma/wem/index.htm

Davis demanding billions for electricity overcharges

WASHINGTON (AP) — California Gov. Gray Davis demanded that power generators refund nearly $9 billion in electricity overcharges and complained that federal regulators have "looked the other way while energy companies bilked our state."

Davis told a Senate hearing today that the decision by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to curtail price spikes in California and 10 other Western states was a step forward. "But its actions do nothing about the overcharges" over the past year, he said.

The governor, a Democrat, has been criticized by Republicans, who charge he has allowed the California power crisis to get out of hand.

Davis defended his actions, saying the state has stepped up approval for new power plants and strengthened conservation programs. He also said the state has little control over price gouging by out-of-state power generators.

"The governor once said he could solve California's problems in 15 minutes. ... But it appears that California has continued to try and hide the true cost of power by having the state pay for it instead of the utilities," putting California taxpayers in jeopardy, said Sen. Frank Murkowski, R-Alaska.

Murkowski said many of the alleged overcharges are by public power entities not under FERC jurisdiction

Sen. Joe Lieberman, D-Conn., chairman of the Governmental Affairs Committee, said the FERC, which regulates wholesale electricity sales, has been slow to respond and "surprisingly reluctant" to assure that electricity prices are just and reasonable, as required by the 1934 Federal Power Act.

The agency's response to the Western power problem "raises serious questions about whether (FERC) has or will oversee the newly deregulated energy markets" not only in the West but across the rest of the country.

The federal agency, whose commissioners were to testify later in the day, imposed limited, market-based price caps on Monday in California and 10 other Western states from Washington to Arizona. The agency also ordered the parties to attend a conference next week to try to work out agreements on overcharges and other issues.

Months ago, the FERC singled out $124 million in alleged overcharges by power generators. The power companies have since challenged the agency's findings and the matter remains in dispute.

"To date not a single penny in refunds has been returned to California," complained Davis. He said that between May 2000 and the beginning of this month power generators are believed to have overcharged California $8.9 billion.

"They must be required to give us back our money," said Davis. "It is unconscionable that FERC looked the other way while energy companies bilked our state for up to $9 billion."

The state spent $7 billion for electricity in 1999 and $27 billion in 2000 and is projected to pay nearly $50 billion this year, said Davis. "Power generators have been able to exert extreme power over our energy market," he said.

Davis rejected Republican criticism that the state is not addressing the problem. He said newly approved power plants will provide 20,000 additional megawatts of electricity by 2003.

Criminal trespass warning issued

Criminal trespass

Sue Stroud at 2900 Ave. X requested an officer in reference to a neighbor's child trespassing on her property. The child's mother was issued a criminal trespass warning.

Arrests

A 23-year-old man was arrested at 1 a.m. today in the 4000 block of Eastridge for public intoxication.

Disturbance

Dispatchers received a 911 call at 11:10 a.m. Tuesday from a male subject requesting an officer in reference to a disturbance with his father. Officers responded and made contact with both individuals who advised they were involved in a verbal disagreement. The son agreed to leave the residence at that time.

Theft

Tami Castillo requested to speak with an officer in reference to the theft of three dogs. Officers responded and advised Castillo that an offense report for Class B theft would be submitted.

Motorist assist

A deputy with the Kent County Sheriff's Office requested a trooper at 3 p.m. Tuesday in reference to a dark blue 1997 Chevrolet pickup stranded on U.S. 84. The deputy reported that a woman and two small children were in the stranded pickup. Troopers checked the area, but the pickup was not located.

Criminal mischief

Mrs. Bud England requested an officer at her residence on Gary Brewer Rd. in reference to someone damaging her mailbox. Officers responded and advised an offense report for criminal mischief would be filed.

Fire notes

Craig Brooks requested the fire department in reference to a grass fire on FM 1610. Fire fighters were dispatched.

911 hang-up

Dispatchers received a 911 hang-up at 10:42 Tuesday night from a residence in Hermleigh. There was no answer on callback. Officers responded to the residence and made contact with a woman who said her 16-year-old grandson was out of control.

The juvenile was taken into custody and the juvenile probation officer was contacted. Officers transported the juvenile to the sheriff's office where he was released to family members.

Loud music

Officers received a complaint from an unknown person at Royal Trailer Park in reference to loud music. Officers were dispatched, but the caller contacted them and advised that the music had been turned down and all was in order.

Accident

Police were called to a major accident at 5:30 Tuesday afternoon on 37th Street in the construction zone. A 2001 Chevrolet Suburban driven by Lisa Ann Gray, 36, Gray Rd., struck a 1995 white Kenmore utility truck driven by Roman Hernandez Rodriquez, 59, of Pecos. The truck belongs to Laredo Paving. No injuries were reported.

Obituaries

Ruth Varner

1912-2001

SWEETWATER - A memorial service for Ruth Varner is set for 2 p.m. Sunday in the Faith Lutheran Church with the Rev. Dale Snyder officiating. Cremation was held under the direction of Cate-Spencer & Trent Funeral Home.

Mrs. Varner, 88, died, Monday, June 18, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. She was the mother of Clara Denny of Snyder.

Born Nov. 13, 1912 in Indianapolis, Ind., Mrs. Varner was a former resident of Sweetwater.

She is survived by another daughter, Virginia Akin of Sweetwater; and one son, John F. Denny of Bangor, Wis.; two stepdaughters, Ethel Martin of Indianapolis, Ind., and Wilma Frymire of Irvington, Ky.

Helen Nuchia

1918-2001

BEAUMONT – Helen Dell Nuchia, the mother of Mary D. Price of Snyder, died Monday, June 18, at her home in Beaumont.

Funeral service for Mrs. Nuchia, 82, is set for 10 a.m. Friday in the Forest Law Chapel and interment will follow in Forest Lawn Memorial Park.

Survivors also include a son, Sam Nuchia of Beaumont; two sisters, Netta Mae Craig of Livingston and Beth Runnels of Zavalla; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

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Census: 39 (Long-term care, 23; Medical II, 15; OB, 1)

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events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Head Start registration

Scurry County Head Start's registration for fall classes ends at 4 p.m. today. For more information, call 573-7403.

First Baptist VBS

"Truth Trackers" is the theme for Vacation Bible School underway at First Baptist Church from 9 a.m. until noon this week through Friday. VBS is for kindergarten through those who have completed 6th grade.

Lucky 13 car wash

Lucky 13 will have a car wash from 11:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. Saturday at Wal-Mart. Cost is $5 or a donation.

Car wash fundraiser

A car wash to raise funds for Josh Oretegon's trip to New York to participate in modeling and acting competition will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at United. Cost is $5. Ortegon, a senior, is a SHS cheerleader.

Children's Saturday fun time

Children's Saturday fun time will be held at Avenue D Baptist Church at 10 a.m. on Saturdays throughout the summer. All children are invited. Puppets and snow cones will be part of the fun. For more information, call 573-0971 or 573-6878.

Class of 1971 reunion

Snyder High School's class of 1971 will have its 30-year reunion Saturday at Snyder Country Club. Members of other classes may visit after 9 p.m. at a cost of $5 per person. For more information, call Lou McMillan at 573-5131 or Nancy Wilson at 573-3234.

MAWC Sunday luncheon

Martha Ann Woman's Club will host a luncheon Sunday starting at 11:30 a.m. Tickets are $10 for adults and $4 per child and may be purchased by calling MAWC at 573-3427, Jan at 573-6443 or Jane at 573-5586. Proceeds are used to maintain the woman's club facilities.

Biker Sunday

The second annual Biker Sunday will be Sunday at Colonial Hill Baptist Church. Services start at 10:45 a.m. and there will be bike rodeo games, door prizes, free food and a live band.

Bible study tapes

Bible study videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "Learning to Forgive," followed by "Getting to Know God's Person and Problem."

American Legion officers

American Legion Post 181 will elect officers at 7:30 p.m. Monday. All members are urged to attend.

SHS football booster club

The SHS football booster club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the film room of the field house. Upcoming fundraisers will be discussed and all parents are urged to attend.

Genealogical Society

The Scurry County Genealogical Society will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Scurry County Library. Members will read narratives about their paternal great-grandfathers. Visitors are welcome. Yearly members are $12.50 per person or $15 per couple.

Steer validations

The 2001-2002 steer validations will be at 6 p.m. Tuesday. It will be held at the Ricky Miller residence on Round Top Road. Tags must be paid for at this time, and a parent should be present for the necessary signatures. Exhibitor's social security numbers will also be required. For all new feeders, a hair care and management demonstration will be held during the validation process.

Certified nurses aide course

Snyder Oaks Care Center will hold a certified nurses aide course of 75 hours beginning June 30. The class will meet 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. For more information, call 573-9377 or Maggie Barnes at 863-2426.

Christian concert

Christian singers, Mercy Me, Jonathan Moore and Macy Hill, will be live in concert at 7 p.m. Sunday, July 1, at the Scurry County Coliseum. Tickets are $5 for general admission and $7 for floor seating. Tickets are available at The Rest Stop. For more information, contact Becky at 573-1517.

Class of 1966 reunion

The SHS class of 1966 will hold a reunion July 27-28. Anyone with classmate's addresses are asked to write to Janeen Patterson at Box 208, Snyder.

Senior water aerobics

Senior water aerobics at the WTC pool will be from 11 a.m. until noon on Tuesdays and Thursdays. For more information, call Bobbie Taylor at 573-7144 or the Senior Center at 573-4035.

WTC swimming pool

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

Free lunch program

The free lunch program at Central Elementary continues through July 27. Meals will be served on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from noon until 1 p.m. All children who qualify for free lunches at school may eat. An adult accompanying a child will also be served. For more information, call 573-6915.

SHS 1986 reunion

The SHS class of 1986 will hold its reunion July 6-7. Classmates are still being contacted. Call Xalyn Harris Palacios at 574-3343 or 573-2148, or Mike McWilliams at 573-6543 for information on classmates.

Cancer treatment transportation

Transportation for cancer patients is available every day free of charge to Lubbock, Abilene or Midland. For more information, call Sammie Jarrell at 573-5993 or Blakely Fargason at 574-8041. If not home, leave message on answering machine.