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School district learns...

Estimated tax values may be lower

By Wade Warren
SDN Managing Editor

Snyder ISD board of trustees and the administration continued work on the district's 2001-2002 budget Tuesday night, despite facing several funding changes over which they have no control.

Karen Waller, assistant superintendent for business, said the district's overall valuation is expected to drop some $20 million to $606 million - down from initial estimates of $626 million.

Chief Appraiser Larry Crooks said this morning that the majority of the loss came as a result of a drop in mineral values on the Cogdell Unit.

"OxyPermian's CO2 injection project has not started yet, and the initial appraisal was based on their enhanced recovery figures," said Crooks. "So therefore we lowered the valuation figures."

The effect of the drop is a projected $300,000 loss in income to the district.

Other taxing entities will be affected as well because of the drop in valuations, but exactly how much will not be known until the certified values are released by the Scurry County Appraisal District by the July 25 deadline.

Due to the district's declining enrollment, state funding is expected to decrease some $900,000. And despite the recent $20 million drop, valuations are up and this will increase local revenue by $1.2 million.

This preliminary budget is tagged at just over $17 million.

Several cuts have been made from last year's budget figures and new proposals, including coaching stipends being cut in half from a proposed $1,000 per year to $500.

Supt. Gayle Lomax also said the proposed 1.2 percent raises for administrators and teachers at the top of the career ladder is being eliminated This figure totaled some $68,000.

The school is also dropping its attendance incentives this year. Last year the district paid students with high attendance records a total of $10,450 to encourage a high average daily attendance.

House Bill 2879 contains a provision that allows districts with declining enrollment to receive 98 percent of the district's 2000-2001 ADA for funding purposes. Because of this, Lomax recommended the program be eliminated.

Increases in the budget will include $110,000 in health insurance costs that the district will absorb, and $5,000 to help in maintenance of Moffett Field.

The tax rate is expected to remain at $1.50 per $100 valuation, and this includes maintenance tax notes.

The district will continue budget work in August, as state law requires the spending document to be approved by Sept. 1.

This year's budget work may be considered a breeze as Lomax warned the board about projections for the 2002-2003 budget.

"Our district is in the worse case scenario as many West Texas communities are," said Lomax. "We are facing increased valuations, and drops in attendance."

Lomax said the district could be faced with a loss of state funding in 2002-2003 of almost $2 million.

"We'll go through this year with a constant eye on those figures," Lomax added.

In action items, a public hearing on the single-member district boundary changes was held and no one questioned the proposed boundaries.

The plan will be now be forwarded to the U.S. Justice Department for final approval.

Each board member will remain in their present district, and this action has no affect on school boundaries.

Several teacher contracts were also approved.

They include Susan Brisendine, Andrea Crane, Brooke Gober and Tammy Hosemann, all fourth grade teachers at East Elementary; Cody Cox, science teacher at Snyder Junior High; Diane Huff, first grade teacher at Stanfield Elementary; Jessica Smith, science teacher at Snyder High; Zack Williams, assistant basketball coach and history teacher at SHS; and Ted Phillips, head tennis coach.

Resignations were accepted from Daisy Lewis, district diagnostician; Josefina Velasquez and Rose Smith, first grade teachers at Central Elementary; April Martin, junior high band director; Ben Reed, assistant basketball coach and history teacher at SHS; Chris Henson, special ed teacher and coach at SHS; and Katie Henson, SHS journalism instructor.

The board also approved budget amendments reflecting changes in coding, the quarterly investment report, and the addition of Waller as an authorized representative to make investments for the district.

Board president Mark McCormick presided and board members in attendance were Luann Burleson, Richard Chambers, Cathy Peoples, Glenn Clarady and Janet Stribling. Mike Levens was absent.

THE SDN COLUMN
By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "A secret is something told – to one person at a time."

There's a famous shirt slogan that reads, "My parents went to Las Vegas, and all they brought back for me was this lousy T-shirt."

When our readers take exotic trips, they often return with a newspaper from that area. Unlike the kid, we think it's neat travelers think about us back home.

Mike and Rebecca Thornton returned from a summer trip to Egypt. Mike, dean of continuing education at WTC, came into the office with a June 22 edition of The Egyptian Gazette.

Fortunately, it was an English-language publication. Established in 1880, the board chairman (publisher in America) is Samir Ragab. The editor-in-chief is M. Ali Ibrahim.

We noticed several things about the paper. Apparently, those in Egypt have better eyesight than we do in America. Instead of six columns of type, the format is eight, making for shorter lines and much, much smaller type.

While most American newspapers are printed in 9 or even 10-point type, the Egyptian Gazette was more like seven-point.

We have to feel honored. Mike shelled out Egyptian pounds to buy the newspaper. Even when we learned that three pounds is about 50 cents in U.S. money, we were still honored, although Mike did offer to sell us the copy.

Another thing we noticed was the amount of violence being reported. There was the fragile Middle East cease-fire while Israeli rightists were lobbying for an all-out war.

Another story said Iraq described U.S.-British air raids "a crime." Another front-page article told about peace efforts in Macedonia.

President George Bush also made the front page. It told about a class of British 11-year-olds who had written him a congratulatory letter. Addressed to pupils at Oakhill College in Lancashire, George W. mistakenly described them as "young Americans."

The Thorntons did visit one Egyptian tomb and had a literal army for an escort against possible terrorists. Mike said he loved the trip, but he also loved being back in the good ole USA.

And we noticed one other thing that's universal about newspaper publishing – a typo in a headline on the front page.

It read: "Egypt to *utilise* EU association"

Astronauts hook tanks to shuttle

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — Two astronauts hooked up three of four gas tanks on the international space station's new entryway early today despite a brief shutdown of a computer critical to the job.

Space shuttle Atlantis astronauts Michael Gernhardt and James Reilly II installed two oxygen tanks and a nitrogen tank needed to pressurize the new $164 million air lock during a 61/2-hour spacewalk that started late Tuesday.

NASA intended for them to add only two of the four tanks to the air lock during the spacewalk, but the work was so speedy that flight controllers decided to add the third. The fourth, a nitrogen tank, was to be added Friday during their third and final spacewalk of Atlantis' mission.

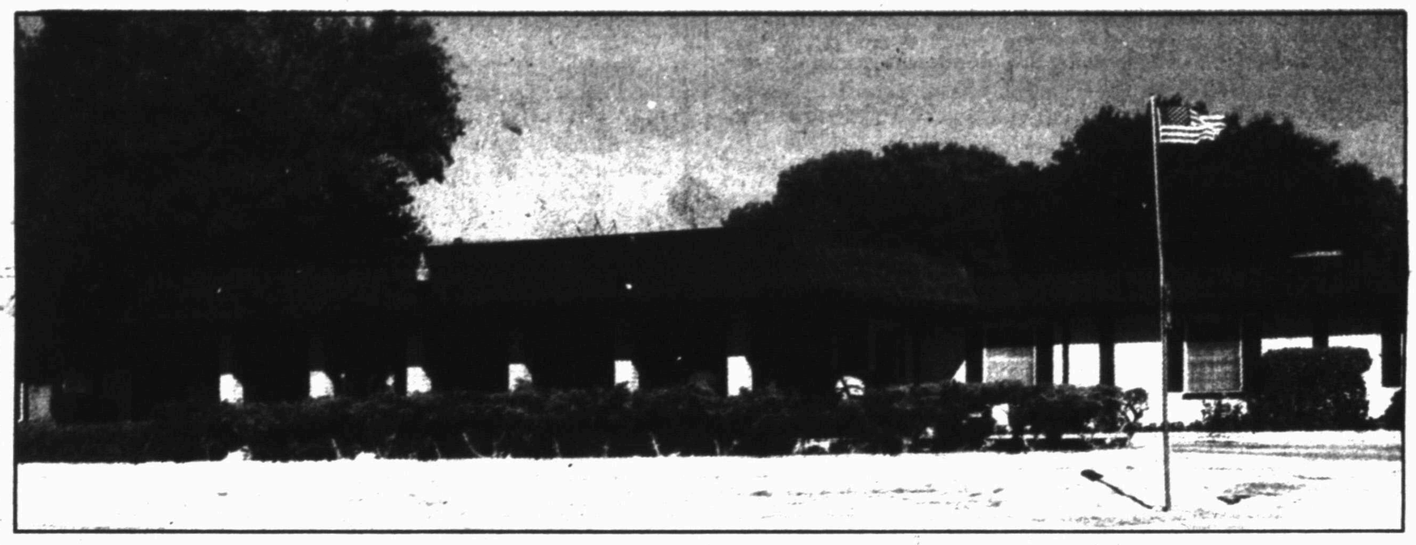
Station astronauts Susan Helms and Jim Voss maneuvered the station's 58-foot robot arm to hoist the 1,200-pound tanks from the shuttle's cargo bay and hand them to Gernhardt and Reilly, who latched them to the air lock.

"Good work, good support by the whole team today. A lot of work got done, and we got three-fourths of the tanks done. That's really good," Voss said.

Gernhardt and Reilly ventured out an hour late Tuesday because the hard drive in one of three computers needed to operate the Canadian-built robot arm failed. Flight controllers reset the computer in time for the late-night spacewalk.

"Looking at the bottom of the tank, I'm sure glad the arm's working," Reilly said as the arm prepared to lift the second tank.

"So are we," Mission Control replied.



SNYDER HEALTHCARE CENTER — Residents and workers at the Snyder Healthcare Center were busy this morning relocating to other nursing homes. Black mold discovered in the building is the cause of the evacuation. (SDN Staff Photo)

Patient, employee moves at nursing home going smoothly

By Brian Brisendine
Staff Writer

Employees and residents alike were on the move at Snyder Healthcare Center today, after decision made Monday that the facility must be vacated because of potentially hazardous black mold.

Gloria Mann, administrator, said things are "running very smoothly."

Mrs. Mann said 28 residents had already left the nursing home by the end of Tuesday and another 15 were expected to have relocated by this evening. Because of family preferences, three residents are expected to stay through tomorrow and the last will leave Friday.

"We've had no trouble finding places for all of our residents to go," Mrs. Mann said. "Quite a few of them are going to Colorado City and Roscoe, while others are going to Sweetwater or Rotan. And some are just moving to other places here in Snyder."

Senior Living Properties of Dallas, Snyder Healthcare's parent company, also owns properties in Roscoe, Rotan and Sweetwater.

Mrs. Mann said no decisions have been made regarding the long-term care facility at Cogdell Hospital. It is a private pay facility and does not have Medicaid certification.

"Those are the types of things we're still checking into," she said. "It's not a problem for our private-pay residents to relocate to the hospital, but at the moment, our Medicaid residents can't do so."

Officials at the center began notification of the evacuation late Monday. Social workers began calling family members and helping to make arrangements for relocation.

Mrs. Mann said she and her staff have been pleased with the response from Snyder citizens and businesses.

"It's just been amazing the kind of reaction we've had from the community," she said. "We've had so many calls from different people and businesses asking what they can do to help and offering their service."

Mrs. Mann also said the families have expressed gratitude for the nursing home's decision.

"The families of our patients are glad we're doing this," she said. "You don't ever want to put anyone at risk, so we're going to clear the building and have it thoroughly checked.

"The only mold we've found is in the administrative offices, but we want to check the entire building and clean up any spots that could be dangerous."

The inspections and subsequent clean up could take up to two months.

Mrs. Mann said that most of the residents weren't thrilled about having to leave their home, but they understand why the move is necessary and also that it is only a temporary inconvenience.

"None of them are overjoyed about this," she said. "We don't want any disruptions in their lives unless it is absolutely necessary. And we think this is.

"Anyone with respiratory difficulties are more at risk and as a group, elderly people are even more compromised."

Another worry at the nursing home is the fate of its almost 50 employees.

Mrs. Mann said that as many of them as possible will be used at nursing homes in nearby communities.

"We're trying to work that out right now too," she said. "We're getting with other facilities and finding out what their needs are and what their shifts are. We're going to try to keep as many of our employees working as we can."

ASK US

Q—What is the projected opening date of the new post office building?
A—July 30.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Monday, 100 degrees; low, 77; 7 a.m. Tuesday, 78; no precipitation; total for 2001, 9.44 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly clear, low near 75, SE wind 5-15 mph. Thursday, partly cloudy, high near 100, S wind 10-20 mph. Thursday night, mostly clear, low near 75.



Daisy Garcia
Partly Cloudy

Sunset: 8:48 p.m.
Sunrise: 6:53 a.m.
Of 198 days in 2001, the sun has shone 186 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

If at first you don't succeed; you're about average!
—Dr. Robert Anthony

DCOS to meet on Thursday

The Development Corporation of Snyder will meet at 4 p.m. Thursday for its regular monthly meeting.

Only routine items are on the agenda, including consideration of financial statements, and the monthly report from executive director John DeLille.

The meeting will be in the DCOS board room at American State Bank.

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Only doctors can recommend Ritalin

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — When Sheila Matthews' son was in first grade, a school psychologist diagnosed him with attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder and gave his parents information on Ritalin.

Matthews refused to put him on the drug. She believed the boy was energetic and outgoing but not disruptive, and she suspected the school system was trying to medicate him just to make it easier for the teachers.

Now the state of Connecticut has weighed in on the side of parents like Matthews with a first-in-the-nation law that reflects a growing backlash against what some see as overuse of Ritalin and other behavioral drugs.

The law — approved unanimously by the Legislature and signed by Gov. John G. Rowland last month — prohibits teachers, counselors and other school officials from recommending psychiatric drugs for any child.

The measure does not prevent school officials from recommending that a child be evaluated by a medical doctor. But the law is intended to make sure the first mention of drugs for a behavior or learning problem comes from a doctor.

The chief sponsor, state Rep. Lenny Winkler, is an emergency room nurse. "I cannot believe how many young kids are on Prozac, Thorazine, Haldol — you name it," Winkler said. "It blows my mind."

While she has no problem with the use of Ritalin under a doctor's care, Winkler said a teacher's recommendation is often enough to persuade parents to seek drug treatment for their child's behavior problems.

"It's easier to give somebody a pill than to get to the bottom of the problem," she said.

Nationally, nearly 20 million prescriptions for Ritalin, Adderall and other stimulants used to treat ADHD were written last year — a 35 percent increase over 1996, according to IMS Health, a health care information company. Most of those prescriptions were for boys under 12, IMS Health said.

In some elementary and middle schools, as many as 6 percent of all students take Ritalin or other psychiatric drugs, according to the federal Drug Enforcement Administration.

Dr. Andres Martin, a child psychiatrist at the Yale University Child Study Center, said schools have no business practicing psychiatry.

"We've all heard these horror stories of parents who are told, 'If you don't medicate your child, he can't be in the classroom,'" he said. "You never hear the school say, 'If you don't take the damn appendix out, this kid has a bad outcome.' You say, 'Your kid has a stomach ache. Take him to the doctor.'"

The Connecticut Association of Boards of Education has taken no position on the bill. Nor has the Connecticut Education Association, the state's largest teachers union. But union President Rosemary Coyle said the she believes the problem is overstated.

"I really believe teachers do not practice medicine," Coyle said. "We don't recommend kids get on drugs."

Concern about Ritalin and other drugs is widespread. The Texas Board of Education adopted a resolution last year recommending that schools consider non-medical solutions to behavior problems. The Colorado school board approved a similar resolution in 1999, and legislation regarding psychiatric drugs in school has been proposed in nearly a dozen states.

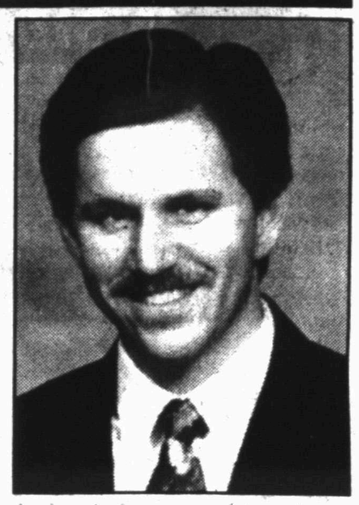
In the New Canaan school district, Matthews and her husband took their son, now 8, to a private psychologist, who said the boy has trouble with reasoning. He now receives special education from the school system.

"I was able to get, for $2,000, a different label that has an educational connotation, rather than medical," said Matthews, who did not want her son's name used.

Barbara Lombardo, the district's director of special education, said she supports the new law, but rejected the suggestion that shool officials promote behavioral drugs or other medication.

"I can state to you unequivocally that we do not in the public school system profile children" for behavior problems, she said. "Every decision we make to assess a child is made" by a team of staffers.

Matthews said she has resolved many of her differences with the school system, which did not threaten to remove her son from class.



Ronnie Warren

Warren will sing at CBC

Calvary Baptist Church will present Ronnie Warren in concert at 6:30 tonight.

He has been involved with gospel music for over 20 years. His style of music appeals to both the young and the old.

Calvary Baptist is located at 2405 35th St. Call 573-2191 for more information.

Exercise halves the death rate for obese

LONDON (AP) — Obese people who exercise have half the death rate of those who are trim but don't exercise, a leading expert says.

Previous studies linking obesity and death from heart disease and other major killers have missed the important influence of exercise, said Steven Blair, director of research at the Cooper Institute for Aerobics Research in Dallas.

"There is a misdirected obsession with weight and weight loss," he told a meeting Tuesday of the Association for the Study of Obesity in London. "The focus is all wrong. It's fitness that is the key."

However, some experts cautioned that reaching an appropriate weight is still advisable for preventing other complications of obesity that are not thought to be related to fitness, such as cancer, arthritis and infertility. The ideal is still trim and fit, they said.

"When you look at the data and the number of subjects he's studied and you recognize that Steve is an excellent scientist, I think nobody would say the data are flawed," said Dr. Susan Jebb, director of the Human Nutrition Unit at Cambridge University in England.

"I think that's good news for people who are overweight because it kind of gives them two options. You don't have to lose weight. You can instead improve your fitness," she said. "However, the reality is that both of those are quite tough challenges. The question is just how many people do manage the level of fitness that he is showing is beneficial?"

Blair said that about 50 percent of the obese people in his studies were fit. It is unclear how that compares with the rate of fitness among obese people in the general population.

The studies involved 25,000 middle-aged men and about 8,000 women who were followed for 10 years. Fitness was measured by a standard stress test — how long people could walk on a treadmill at increasing intensity before becoming exhausted.

The bottom 20 percent of the group were considered unfit.

The findings were the same whether obesity was measured by a body mass index (derived by multiplying a person's weight in pounds by 703 and dividing that result by height in inches squared), or by the percentage of body fat relative to muscle and bone, which meant the results were not due to heavy people simply being well muscled, Blair said.

Date Book

Wednesday, July 18, 2001

Today is the 199th day of 2001 and the 28th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1940, at the Democratic National Convention in Chicago, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt was nominated for a third term.

On this day in 1966, Gemini 10, piloted by Lt. Cmdr. John Young, was launched into orbit.

On this day in 1980, the Rev. Marjorie Swank Matthews became the first woman to be consecrated a Methodist bishop.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: William Makepeace Thackeray (1811-1863), writer; Clifford Odets (1906-1963), dramatist; Hume Cronyn (1911-), actor, is 90; Red Skelton (1913-1997), comedian; Nelson Mandela (1918-), South African leader, is 83; John Glenn Jr. (1921-), astronaut-politician, is 80; Dion DiMucci (1939-), singer, is 62; Hunter S. Thompson (1939-), journalist, is 62.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1970, Willie Mays of the San Francisco Giants hit his 3,000th major-league base hit.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "I never know whether to pity or congratulate a man on coming to his senses." — William Makepeace Thackeray

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (July 13) and new moon (July 20).

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Quaids still talk

NEW YORK (AP) — After filing for divorce last year, Dennis Quaid said he and Meg Ryan still talk almost every day.

"We were together for 13 years, we have a child together," Quaid said in the August issue of W magazine. "She knows me like nobody else. Why not?"

The 47-year-old actor said he has worked through the hurt and jealousy he felt over Ryan's relationship with Russell Crowe, her "Proof of Life" co-star. Quaid filed for divorce in July 2000, and she countersued a few months later.

.The couple have a 9-year-old son, Jack Henry.

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RESULTS

Texas Two Step

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Texas Two Step numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery:

6-27-20-9

Bonus number 29

Estimated jackpot: $550,000

Pick 3

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

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Graham became guiding force in journalism

WASHINGTON (AP) — The idea of taking charge of The Washington Post was suggested to Katharine Graham by a longtime friend as they strolled through a park. "Impossible!" exclaimed Mrs. Graham, still numb from her husband's recent suicide. "I couldn't possibly do it."

Yet the idea stuck. And then blossomed.

Transformed by tragedy, Mrs. Graham evolved from a self-described timid housewife into a guiding force in American journalism. With a steady hand, she led the Post through the turbulent days of the Pentagon Papers and Watergate and beyond, emerging as a powerful voice for a free and impartial press.

Mrs. Graham, who served as chairman of The Washington Post Co. for two decades, died Tuesday at age 84. She never regained consciousness after suffering a head injury Saturday in a fall outside a condominium in Sun Valley, Idaho, and died at St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise.

Mrs. Graham once recalled that a friend had died "the way anyone would hope to — with all her marbles, and not too painfully, too early or too late." So it was for Mrs. Graham, active and relevant to the end.

She still served as chairman of the executive committee of The Washington Post Co. And just three years ago, she won the Pulitzer Prize for her brutally frank autobiography, "Personal History." In it, she laid bare all the doubts and vulnerabilities she had to surmount in taking control of the Post and ascending to journalism's top ranks.

"I didn't understand the immensity of what lay before me, how frightened I would be by much of it, how tough it was going to be, and how many anxious hours and days I would spend for a long, long time," she wrote. "Nor did I realize how much I was eventually going to enjoy it all."

The influence and respect that she commanded, and her groundbreaking path as a woman, were evident in the accolades volunteered by politicians, colleagues and others upon her death.

"Presidents come and go, and Katharine Graham knew them all," President Bush said in a statement. "She was a true leader and a true lady, steely yet shy, powerful yet humble, known for her integrity and always gracious and generous to others."

Louis D. Boccardi, president and chief executive of The Associated Press, described Mrs. Graham as "a hero — for the way she met the challenge of taking over The Washington Post Co., for what she did with it, for what she stood for in journalism, and for the inspiration she provided to other women."

Arthur Ochs Sulzberger, chairman emeritus of The New York Times Co., said Mrs. Graham "used her intelligence, her courage and her wit to transform the landscape of American journalism."

The funeral was scheduled for Monday at Washington National Cathedral.

Mrs. Graham took charge of the Post in 1963 after her husband, Philip, who suffered from manic depression, committed suicide. Philip Graham had been publisher of the Post, then a mediocre newspaper, and his wife had occupied herself with their four children and the life of a Georgetown matron.

A widow at 46, she stepped into her husband's shoes, envisioning herself as little more than a placeholder until one of her children could take over.

"What I essentially did was to put one foot in front of the other, shut my eyes, and step off the ledge," she wrote in her memoir. "The surprise was that I landed on my feet."

Author David Halberstam, interviewed Tuesday on the Post's online service, said Mrs. Graham turned her insecurities into strengths.

"Because she had not been raised to do it, because she had self-doubt, it made her a great listener," he said. "Some of the weaknesses that she seemingly brought turned out not to be deficits, because she was such a good listener."

Robert Strauss, a former chairman of the Democratic Party, said of Mrs. Graham: "In her early years she didn't know how good she was. In later years, she had the assurance of knowing she had done it and had done it right."

Over two decades, Mrs. Graham turned the paper her father had purchased at bankruptcy auction into a media empire that ranked 271st on the Fortune 500 list by the time she turned it over to her son in 1991. The Post conglomerate includes newspaper, magazine, broadcast and cable properties, including Newsweek.

Ben Bradlee, her longtime executive editor, said Mrs. Graham's legacy was that "she set a newspaper on a course that took it to the very top ranks of American journalism in principle and excellence and fairness.

"I just say, 'Well done, fantastic job.'"

Mrs. Graham's mettle was forged in the tumult of 1970s, in the showdown over the Pentagon Papers, a secret study of the Vietnam War, and in the Post's dogged pursuit of the Watergate scandal that brought down President Nixon.

At the critical moment in 1971 when she made the decision to publish the Pentagon Papers, in defiance of government protests and against legal advice — but after The New York Times had already broken the story — a frightened Mrs. Graham gulped and said, "Let's go. Let's publish."

She later wrote, "Publishing the Pentagon Papers made future decisions easier, even possible. Most of all it prepared us — and I suspect, unfortunately, Nixon as well — for Watergate."

The Post's dogged reporting of Watergate was its defining moment. Mrs. Graham, though, remembered it as "a particularly lonely" time for the paper.

"I sometimes privately thought: If this is such a hell of a story, then where is everybody else?" she wrote.

Richard Oppel, past president of the American Society of Newspaper Editors, said that when editors look back on Watergate, "It is easier today to see that Mrs. Graham and Ben Bradlee made the right decisions to publish. However, in the haze of that confusing time, it amounted to betting the ranch on a matter of principle."

Mrs. Graham also came to be known over the years for her prominence as a Washington hostess. Her dinner party earlier this year for the new president, George W. Bush, was seen as his introduction to Washington's power elite.

She also became a powerful role model for women. In 1974, she was the first woman elected to The Associated Press board of directors, serving the maximum nine years. She also was chairman of the American Newspaper Publishers Association from 1980-82. That group is now called the Newspaper Association of America.

Senate Majority Leader Thomas Daschle, D-S.D., credited Mrs. Graham for helping "change people's perceptions about the role women could play in journalism, in business and in the world."

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder

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Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Both

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6 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♦ J

Wednesday, July 18, 2001

There were one and a half lines

By Phillip Alder

Who said this? "My choice early in life was either to be a piano-player in a whorehouse or a politician. And to tell the truth there's hardly any difference." The answer is surprising — like the clever play found by West in this deal.

North's response to two clubs, strong, artificial and forcing, was a negative, showing 0-7 points. After they found the spade fit, South intended four clubs to announce that ace and express slam interest. Yet North, with a maximum, jumped to six clubs in case that was a better trump suit than spades.

West led the diamond jack: five, two, ace. Declarer cashed his top trumps, learning he had a loser there. Now he had only 11 tricks: five spades, one heart, three diamonds and two clubs. He could take the heart or club finesse, but realized it was better first to try to establish a long club. So, South cashed the club ace, played a club to the king, and ruffed a club. West discarded the heart jack.

Now declarer needed two more dummy entries, one to ruff another club and one to get to the last club, on which he would throw the heart queen. South continued with the diamond three, planning to finesse dummy's nine, West being marked with the 10 from his opening lead. However, West was ready: He inserted the diamond jack! This killed the extra entry, so South had to fall back on the heart finesse, which lost: one down.

Could declarer have made the contract? Tune in tomorrow.

The original comment was made by Harry S. Truman. Was that before or after he became president?

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Silent killer lurks at the stern of many vacation houseboats

DEAR ABBY: As the owner of a cabin cruiser on Lake Powell in Utah, and an occasional renter of houseboats, I have recently learned how easily I, or one of my passengers, could become a victim of carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning.

The level of CO found beneath some houseboats is so high it can kill a person after only a few breaths.

Swim ladder designs on some houseboat models create an air cavity beneath the stern deck. This space is a popular place for kids to go swimming. Many boats also vent the gasoline generator exhaust into this space, which has no outlet, allowing lethal levels of carbon monoxide to build up within a few minutes.

Sadly, since 1994, nine people have died, and since 1991, more than 100 have required emergency care — all from CO poisoning at Lake Powell.

Abby, please warn readers about the dangers of houseboats. Houseboats are being recalled and refitted. Houseboat owners should contact their nearest U.S. Coast Guard station for more information. — **BOAT OWNER IN FLAGSTAFF, ARIZ.**

DEAR BOAT OWNER: Your warning will be news to a lot of people — it was to me — and I hope it serves to alert individuals and families who vacation on or around rented houseboats.

The problem seems to be a design flaw in certain models of houseboats that allows carbon monoxide to collect beneath swim platforms or in the vicinity of the swim ladder near the back of the boat.

Carbon monoxide is a colorless, odorless, tasteless gas. Exposure to it causes headaches, dizziness, fatigue, confusion and nausea. The symptoms can mimic those of seasickness. When breathed in high concentrations or for prolonged periods, it can cause convulsions, seizures and death. It is also the No. 1 cause of poisoning deaths in the United States. That's why proper ventilation when burning carbon fuel is a must.

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DEAR ABBY: I am a 12-year-old about to turn 13. I don't remember all the details of a letter in your column that touched me, but I do know what it was about — sniffing inhalants.

When I read that letter I knew it had to be God speaking to me. I was experimenting with inhalants — and having problems such as depression and suicidal thoughts that were beginning to take over my life.

I looked at suicide as a way out. I had it all planned, but my cousin talked to me, sensed something was wrong, and I confided in her. I didn't think she'd squeal, but she did. At first I was mad that she'd wrecked my plan. Fortunately, I was put into "Teen Recovery" to work out some of my problems.

After five days I was out and on to a new and better life — thanks to the world's best parents, cousins, grandparents and friends that a person could ever have.

I hope my letter today will encourage some other troubled boy or girl out there to reach out if they're in trouble. Just sign me ... **PRE-TEEN WITH NEW HOPE**

DEAR PRE-TEEN: I, too, hope your letter reassures other kids who are in trouble that they can get the help they need. Caring family and friends are the best support system in the world.

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

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Good advice for everyone — teens to seniors — is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

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Writing assignment causes parent to seek suspension

SPRINGFIELD, Pa. (AP) — A high school student's father is calling for disciplinary action against a teacher who assigned his son's summer-school class to write a fictional first-person account of an armed robbery and murder.

Students in the class were given two essay options, one of which was to write a 300-word essay on the following topic: "We only meant to rob the store; we didn't want to kill him."

"I think the teacher should be suspended for three days and get some counseling," Tom Moore said. "If they found that my son had written something like this on his own, that's what would happen to him."

Teacher John Zappacosta, who has been in the Springfield School District for more than three decades, said he had apologized to the elder Moore. He said he had pulled out an old assignment from his files, which had not been circulated since the 1980s, before school violence routinely made headlines.

"The essay I normally use is: 'I was all alone in the house when I heard the back door creak,'" he said.

Zappacosta said he did not want to hand out that one because three students in this year's class were also in his class last year. Zappacosta said he had given the assignment because he wanted his students to think about the implications of violence.

Springfield District Superintendent Joseph J. O'Brien described Zappacosta as an excellent teacher but said he was wrong to distribute the essay question.

"I don't like the assignment," said O'Brien. "It was a dumb mistake. We all make them."

Tom Moore said his son was not put off by the essay assignment he turned in last Thursday.

"I'm a lot more upset than he is," Moore said. "My son is 18, but I can't see putting that into the head of a ninth-grader who's wet behind the ears."



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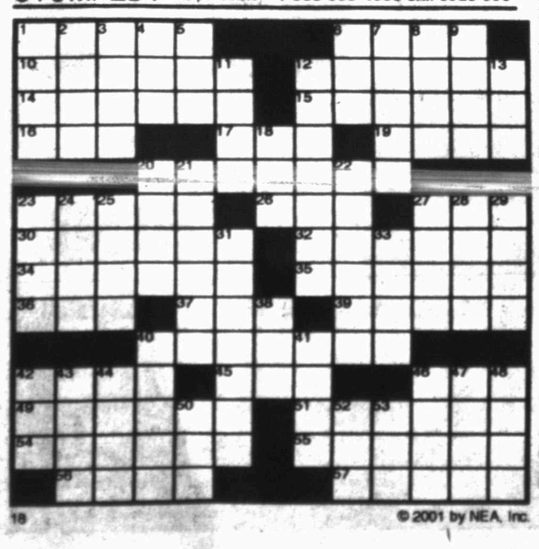
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SPORTS

At 7:30 in Graham...

All-stars face Allen tonight

With the District 5 title in hand, Snyder's 11-and 12-year-old all-stars square off with three other district champs in the sub-sectional tournament starting tonight at Graham.

Snyder's 11-and 12-year-old all-stars take on Allen at 7:30 this evening at Graham Little League Complex, while Wichita Falls faces Fort Worth Westside.

The double-elimination tourney continues through the weekend, with the eventual champion advancing to the state tournament July 28 at Waco.

Little League Sub-sectional at Graham
(all games at 7:30 p.m.)

Game 1: Snyder vs. Allen, today
Game 2: Wichita Falls vs. FW Westside, today
Game 3: Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner, Thursday
Game 4: Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser, Thursday
Game 5: Game 4 winner vs. Game 3 loser, Friday
Championship
Game 6: Game 3 winner vs. Game 5 winner, Saturday
Game 7: Game 6 winner vs. Game 6 loser (if first loss), Sunday



DISTRICT CHAMPS — After wrapping up the District 5 title over the weekend, Snyder's 11 and 12-year-old all-stars take on Allen at 7:30 tonight at Graham in the first-round of the sub-sectional tournament. Members of the team are, front from left, Ryan Claxton, Tyler Driggers, Jamie Arnold, Jesse Conner, Dustin Murdock and Brent Bollinger. On the back row are Coach David Tate, Lance Day, Lucas Munoz, Corbin Clements, Coach Dewayne Murdock, Levi Stahl, Ryan Mitchell, Matthew Schoolcraft and Coach Charles Bollinger. (Contributed Photo)

Giants pound Rangers, 10-2

ARLINGTON (AP) — San Francisco starter Kirk Rueter got plenty of help from a guy he grew up watching.

Eric Davis, the 39-year-old Giants outfielder in his 18th major league season, had a two-run homer and five RBIs Tuesday night as Rueter won his fifth straight decision in a 10-2 victory over the Texas Rangers.

Even though Rueter grew up a Cardinals fan, he watched the early stages of Davis' career while he was a teen-ager.

"That is what he always says, but if you look around, a lot of these guys did," said Davis, who won a World Series with Cincinnati in 1990 while Rueter was still in college. "It just tells you how long I've been here."

Rueter (9-6), whose previous win was June 17 against Oakland, allowed two runs and six hits in 6 2-3 innings. He has given up two earned runs or fewer in seven straight starts, including four straight no-decisions.

Davis and Rich Aurilia both hit two-run homers off Kenny Rogers (5-7) in the first inning, giving the Giants a 4-0 lead before Rueter even took the mound.

"I tried to go out and pitch like it's 0-0," Rueter said. "I'm just concentrating on being aggressive at the start of a count. I got in trouble early in the season getting behind 1-0, 2-0 and thinking I had to throw a fastball right down the middle."

Barry Bonds was 1-for-7 with six walks and didn't homer in the three-game series. His two walks Tuesday increased his major league-leading total to 94.

Even with just one homer the past 19 games, Bonds has 40 in 94 games — matching Mark McGwire's total after the same number of games in 1998, when he hit a record 70.

If Bonds fails to homer Wednesday against Colorado, he would fall behind McGwire's pace for the first time since hitting nine homers in six games in May.

Davis, starting for only the 20th time this season, homered for the first time since April 22 when his opposite-field shot just cleared the fence in right. He was credited with an RBI in the third when he reached on an error and hit a two-run double in the fifth.

"If I didn't feel like I could contribute, I wouldn't be here. I would be the first to go home," said Davis, whose five RBIs were one short of his career high. "It's a matter of getting an opportunity."

The Giants signed Davis as a free agent in the winter, and he had just one homer and nine RBIs his first 39 games. He has been limited because of a shoulder injury, playing primarily against left-handed pitchers.

"He's been chomping at the bit to play and produce," Giants manager Dusty Baker said. "He hasn't played that much and it's tough to get going, especially when we're not seeing many lefties."

San Francisco faces left-hander Mike Hampton of Colorado on Wednesday. Baker said Davis would get his second straight start.

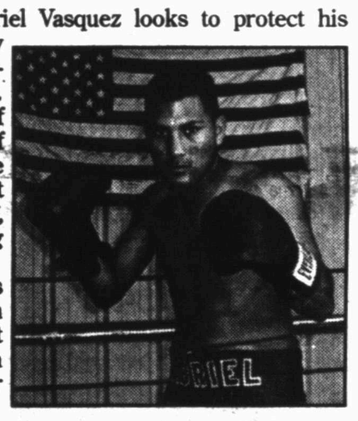
Local boxer featured on professional card

Local professional boxer Gabriel Vasquez looks to protect his unblemished record Thursday when he fights as part of an eight-bout card at Midland Civic Center.

Vasquez (5-7, 131) squares off with David Wade (5-8, 131) of Killeen as part of the Texas Title Belt Series in Midland. The first bout is scheduled for 7:30 p.m., with Vasquez climbing in the ring about 9 o'clock.

The 21-year-old Snyder fighter is 5-0 in his professional career, with two wins by knockout. His last fight was Nov. 9 in Victoria when he won a unanimous decision over Luis Alonzo Perez.

Wade sports a 2-0 record, both wins by knockout.



Gabriel Vasquez

Sports Briefs

SHS calendar sponsors

Calendar Girl Sports Productions, the official SHS athletic booster calendar, is looking for sponsors for this year's football/volleyball calendar.

Each year, Calendar Girl Productions donates money to SHS booster clubs and provides two scholarships for Snyder graduates.

Interested sponsors should call the SHS attendance office at 574-6036.

Basketball camp

The four-day Super Shooters basketball camp begins Monday at the Western Texas College gym. Former WTC basketball coach Valery Jackson will provide instruction.

Incoming third through sixth grade boys and girls will workout from 9 a.m. until noon. Junior high and high school girls only will practice from 2 to 5 p.m.

Registration will be held Monday at 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Cost is $50 per camper, and a parent or guardian must be present to sign-up.

Tennis meeting

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

Golf tournament

Price Daniel Unit will host a four-man scramble Aug. 6 at Sweetwater Country Club. Proceeds benefit Special Olympics of Texas.

Cost is $50 per player, including green fee, meal and cart. Trophies, shirts and hats will be awarded to the top teams, with $50 going to the winners. Hole-in-one prizes are a 2001 Ford Mustang, two airline tickets, a set of Hogan irons and a year's supply of Top Flite golf balls.

Entry deadline is July 31. Entry fees should be mailed to PDU c/o Connie Rushing. Checks should be made payable to Area 14 Special Olympics.

Western Texas MGA

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

Tuesday scramble and all-day MGA

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

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

Junior high football

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

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Atlanta	52	41	.559	—
Philadelphia	52	41	.559	—
Florida	48	46	.511	4½
New York	43	52	.453	10
Montreal	40	54	.426	12½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	54	38	.587	—
Houston	51	41	.554	3
St. Louis	47	45	.511	7
Milwaukee	43	49	.467	11
Pittsburgh	35	57	.380	19
Cincinnati	35	58	.376	19½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	54	39	.581	—
Los Angeles	52	42	.553	2½
San Francisco	49	45	.521	5½
San Diego	44	50	.468	10½
Colorado	40	53	.430	14

Tuesday's Games

Chicago White Sox 8, Milwaukee 4
Chicago Cubs 7, Kansas City 4
Oakland 3, Colorado 2
Anaheim 8, San Diego 7
Seattle 6, Arizona 1
Montreal 11, Boston 7
Detroit 3, Cincinnati 1
Florida 8, Baltimore 3
Los Angeles 4, Pittsburgh 1
San Francisco 10, Texas 2
N.Y. Yankees 4, Philadelphia 1, 12 innings
N.Y. Mets 1, Toronto 0
Atlanta 4, Tampa Bay 0
Cleveland 10, Houston 4
St. Louis 4, Minnesota 2

Wednesday's Games

Atlanta (Glavine 8-5) at Cincinnati (Dessens 6-7), 7:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Wood 8-6) at Pittsburgh (Ritchie 6-9), 7:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Matthews 3-4) at Houston (Oswalt 8-1), 7:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Daal 10-2) at Montreal (Vazquez 8-9), 7:05 p.m.
Florida (Smith 5-5) at N.Y. Mets (Appier 5-9), 7:10 p.m.
Arizona (Schilling 13-4) at San Diego (Williams 6-7), 10:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Levrault 4-3) at Los Angeles (Park 8-6), 10:10 p.m.
Colorado (Hampton 9-6) at San Francisco (Ortiz 10-5), 10:15 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Florida (Dempster 10-8) at N.Y. Mets (Rusch 5-5), 12:10 p.m.
Atlanta (Burkett 6-7) at Cincinnati (Brower 4-6), 12:35 p.m.
Philadelphia (Figueroa 1-2) at Montreal (Armas Jr. 8-8), 1:35 p.m.
St. Louis (Morris 11-5) at Houston (Miller 11-4), 4:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Wright 8-5) at Los Angeles (Prokopec 6-4), 4:10 p.m.
Arizona (Johnson 11-5) at San Diego (Jarvis 6-7), 5:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Tavarez 6-6) at Pittsburgh (D.Williams 1-2), 7:05 p.m.
Colorado (Chacon 5-5) at San Francisco (Estes 7-4), 10:15 p.m.

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Toronto	44	50	.468	12
Baltimore	41	52	.441	14½
Tampa Bay	30	64	.319	26

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	57	36	.613	—
Cleveland	52	39	.571	4
Chicago	46	45	.506	10
Detroit	40	50	.444	15½
Kansas City	36	57	.387	21

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
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Oakland	49	44	.527	18
Anaheim	45	48	.484	22
Texas	38	55	.409	29

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Texas (Helling 6-8) at Baltimore (Douglass 0-0), 1:05 p.m., 1st game
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Anaheim (Washburn 7-4) at Tampa Bay (Rekar 1-11), 12:15 p.m.
Boston (Arroyo 2-3) at Toronto (Hamilton 5-6), 7:05 p.m.
Texas (Davis 4-7) at Baltimore (Roberts 7-7), 7:05 p.m.
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Oakland (Zito 6-6) at Minnesota (Milton 8-3), 8:05 p.m.
Seattle (Garcia 11-1) at Kansas City (Wilson 3-1), 8:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Burba 8-6) at Chicago White Sox (Lowe 5-1), 8:05 p.m.

St. Louis bids for Big 12 title game

ST. LOUIS (AP) — The Big 12 Conference football title could again be decided here as soon as 2002, with the winners of the league's North and South division playing for a Bowl Championship Series bid at the recently renamed Dome at America's Center.

St. Louis, host of the Big 12 championship football games in 1996 and 1998, filed a bid Monday to host any of the 2002 through 2005 games.

The bid was "very similar to the one we submitted two years ago, prior to the awarding of the 1999 and 2000 games," said Frank Viverito, president of the St. Louis Sports Commission.

Other cities expected to bid for the games are Dallas, Denver, Houston, Kansas City and San Antonio.

Viverito said St. Louis has offered the Dome at America's Center, formerly called the Trans World Dome, for "any or all" of the games in the four-year period.

"But they've been alternating between north and south and although I don't think their bid specs lock them into anything, I also don't know of any reason why they wouldn't keep alternating," Viverito said.

The first four Big 12 championships moved between the Trans World Dome and the Alamodome in San Antonio. The game last year, when eventual national champion Oklahoma beat Kansas State 27-24, was played at Arrowhead Stadium in Kansas City.

The game will be played this year at Texas Stadium, home of the NFL's Dallas Cowboys, on Dec. 1.

The conference put off picking future venues in 1999, when sites for the 2000 and 2001 games were selected, to study how the event fared in an outdoor venue. Both Arrowhead and Texas Stadium are open-air stadiums.

The conference's committee on championships will meet in August and will make recommendations to the league's athletic directors by mid-September. A decision on sites on will come late that month.

Indians topple Astros

HOUSTON (AP) — Even if Bartolo Colon claimed he didn't throw at Scott Servais, teammate Travis Fryman knew it had to be done.

"You don't have to be in baseball very long to know what has to happen after two of our guys get hit in the top of the inning," Fryman said after the Cleveland Indians beat the Houston Astros 10-4 Tuesday night.

Plate umpire Andy Fletcher ejected Colon after his first pitch of the sixth inning sailed behind Scott Servais' head.

The tension began in the top half when reliever Jim Mann, just up from Triple-A New Orleans, hit Juan Gonzalez and Marty Cordova with pitches, forcing in a run.

Gonzalez injured his left hand and was forced to leave the game.

"It was very obvious that Mann wasn't throwing at our guys. He was just called up today and he was nervous," said Fryman, who drove in two runs. "But we lost Ellis (Burks)to a broken thumb and then get two more guys hit. At some point, we have to knock somebody down."

Two days ago, Indians outfielder Ellis Burks fractured the top part of his thumb when he was hit by a pitch from Astros reliever Octavio Dotel.

"I don't know why they took me out," Colon said through an interpreter. "I was trying to go inside and the ball just slipped out of my hand. If I wanted to hit somebody, I can hit them anytime I want to. I wasn't throwing at him."

Manuel agreed.

"Their guy definitely brushed us back but that's just baseball," Manuel said. "I understand that but maybe (the umpires) don't."

Colon allowed one hit through five innings with four strikeouts and a walk before the pitch got away from him.

"That was the best I've felt all year," he said. "I don't know how hard I was throwing, but I felt really good."

Finley expected to re-sign with Mavs today

DALLAS (AP) — Two-time All-Star Michael Finley, who became a free agent by opting out of his contract with Dallas, is poised to sign a seven-year contract valued at about $102 million, Mavericks owner Mark Cuban says.

The move was expected today, the first day free agents can sign contracts.

Agreement to the maximum deal allowed would mean Finley will forgo an option to sign a one-year deal that would then enable him to sign a heftier seven-year, $120 million contract next summer.

Finley did not even visit with other teams during the negotiating period.

The biggest question is the length of the contract: the minimum of one, or the maximum of seven? Either way, he's likely to get the maximum dollar amount: more than $10 million for one year or roughly $101 million over seven years.

Cuban said discussions with Shawn Bradley and Calvin Booth are on track.

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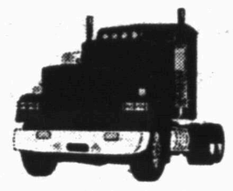
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Census: More blacks in some prisons

WASHINGTON (AP) — Black Americans comprise a greater share of prison inmates than they do in the overall population of at least 29 states, new census data show.

It is a long-held phenomenon that analysts trace in part to raw arrest figures. Separate data from the FBI show that blacks are arrested at rates far higher than their national population percentage.

Civil rights advocates and critics of the criminal justice system also point to what they call historic racial inequities in how police and prosecutors fight crime, including racial profiling.

"Part of it is that we are nervous of people who look different from us," said Jenni Gainsborough, senior policy analyst at The Sentencing Project advocacy group. "But there is no simple answer to this question."

The percentage of African Americans in correctional institutions was higher than the percentage of blacks in the total population for the 29 states and the District of Columbia for which such census data is available.

In data released Wednesday for South Carolina, 68 percent of men between the ages of 18 and 64 in correctional institutions were African American. Blacks made up 27 percent of the state's total population in the same age group.

In West Virginia, blacks made up 44 percent of the female inmates ages 18 to 64. Blacks were 3 percent of the total female population in the same age range.

The reverse was true for non-Hispanic whites in nearly all states. For example, non-Hispanic white men made up 29 percent of South Carolina inmates between 18 and 64. Non-Hispanic whites were 68 percent of all men between 18 and 64 in the state.

Joshua Marquis is district attorney in Clatsop County, Ore. and a member of the National District Attorney Association. While "there is no doubt that residual racism" exists in the justice system, court systems have gone through enormous lengths to eliminate bias, Marquis said.

Earlier 2000 census figures showed that more than 12 percent of the country's 281 million people were black.

Data compiled by the FBI from more than 8,500 police agencies show that blacks were the subject of 29 percent of arrests in 1999.

Whites were the subject of 69 percent of arrests in 1999, according to the FBI; the 2000 census showed whites made up about 75 percent of the total population.

Often overlooked are socio-economic factors correlated to race, said Marquis and others associated with the criminal justice system.

For instance, crimes tend to be committed more by poorer people and in urban areas. Historically, minorities tend to have higher rates of poverty and live in cities more.

And it is in those urban areas where law enforcement efforts, especially against drugs, are concentrated.

Hilary Shelton, director of the Washington bureau of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, said disparities can eventually be narrowed, but only after problems such as racial profiling are resolved.

More courts that focus on rehabilitation and treatment rather than prison time for drug-related offenses are also necessary, Shelton said.

Many advocacy groups have also long contended that inner-city black drug offenders do not have the money to afford good legal representation, drug treatment, and other programs that white suburban offenders can afford.

National census data on the topic is not yet available, but Justice Department figures released earlier this year showed similar trends:

—Non-Hispanic blacks were 42.3 percent of all local jail inmates in June 2000, down slightly from 42.5 percent in 1990.

—Non-Hispanic whites were 41.9 percent of jail inmates in 2000, up slightly from 41.8 percent a decade ago.

Since the 1980s, anti-drug activities have tended to focus on crack cocaine, which is more prevalent in the inner city. Crack cocaine is also associated more with violent crimes than the powdered cocaine prevalent in white suburbs.

The 2000 census data referred only to those Americans who selected just one race on their census form.

Al Gore edging toward political world

WASHINGTON (AP) — After seven months of self-imposed silence, Al Gore is beginning to edge back toward the political world.

Rebounding from the closest presidential election in more than a century, the Democratic nominee is emerging in a very gradual way that aides insist has no firm deadline.

With little fanfare, Gore opens an office in Nashville, Tenn., this Friday that will be his new base of operations after the closing of his vice presidential transition office. He holds a workshop on grass roots politics for young people at Vanderbilt University Aug. 11 along with Republican Lamar Alexander.

Associates anticipate he will gradually re-emerge into public life in the coming months, starting a political action committee and campaigning for Democrats.

Key Gore supporters in states like Iowa and New Hampshire have been on hold.

"My personal feeling is that it must be akin to the girlfriend of a lost soldier," said Raymond Buckley, a veteran New Hampshire Democrat who was a senior adviser to Gore there. "You don't know if he's coming back, don't know whether to go on and look for a new love. Many of us who essentially dedicated our lives to his political career are in suspended animation."

Close aides caution a decision by Gore whether to run for president in 2004 will be made down the road.

"He has committed nearly 25 years of his life to public service and has been grateful to do so," said Gore aide Kiki McLean. "I suspect he will continue to play a role — however undefined it may be at this point — as an advocate of the issues he's always believed to be important to America and its families."

A private citizen for the first time in a quarter century, Gore has spent time savoring the graduation of his children from high school and college, expanding his backyard deck, writing a book with wife Tipper, and teaching college courses.

Back in Washington, Democratic insiders continue to squabble over what factors caused them to loose the closest election in more than a century. Gore and former President Clinton haven't communicated much since the election, last seeing each other at the funeral of Massachusetts Democratic Rep. Joe Moakley.

When asked about Gore late last week, Clinton offered compliments to his former vice president, saying through an aide that he is "profoundly grateful" for the work done by Gore as vice president and "for the extraordinary quality of advice and support he gave me." Clinton said Gore had "a more positive impact on a wide range of issues than anyone who has ever held the job."

Associates say that after the election, Gore was acutely aware of the need to give the nation a break from the Bush-Gore chronicles.

"I think he's very consciously — and temporarily — unplugged from that," said Carter Eskew, a Gore adviser, adding Gore understands the precedent of candidates who didn't win an election "holding their peace for a while."

Gore aides won't confirm reports he plans to hire former fund-raisers for the Democratic National Committee soon. But they acknowledge he eventually plans to form a political action committee to raise money and help other Democrats.

The 53-year-old Gore will also be very involved in teaching "family-centered community building" at Fisk University and Middle Tennessee State University, while keeping his ties with Columbia University in New York and the University of California at Los Angeles.

"My sense is that he's handling this next phase of his life pretty well," said William Daley, who was Gore's campaign chairman.

Gore has been quietly reaching out to supporters, political friends and campaign workers, but aides say those efforts are focused on thanking them for their work. New Hampshire Democrat Bill Shaheen, husband of Gov. Jeanne Shaheen, said they heard from Gore recently when he called to chat. And he said other Democratic associates in New Hampshire report getting letters of thanks from Gore.

Gore held a party for about 100 of his staffers at his home in Arlington last month and he also held a party for 1,000 campaign workers at a downtown pub. One associate said the topic of a possible presidential run in 2004 was "the 800-pound gorilla in the room" which Gore never addressed. Chants of "Gore in Four" broke out at one point, but Gore reportedly told the crowd that his party was simply to say thank you.

Some Democrats are getting restless to find out what comes next for Gore, but veteran Democratic consultant James Carville counters: "What he's doing now is pretty smart."

Ohio couple who met in lottery line strike it rich with record lotto jackpot

NORTH CANTON, Ohio (AP) — Cyrus Yaghooti has good luck with lottery ticket lines.

Eleven years after meeting his future wife in a lottery line, Yaghooti won half of a record $54 million Ohio Lottery jackpot last week with a ticket he bought in the same store.

"The thing we will do right now is take a nice trip and take it all in," Betty Yaghooti said.

The Yaghootis met while waiting to buy lottery tickets at Spee-D-Foods in 1990. Cyrus Yaghooti called and asked her on a date a month later, but she turned him down two consecutive days.

He said after the second rejection, "There's seven days in the week. Are you busy every one?" Betty Yaghooti recalled.

They were married six months later.

Cyrus Yaghooti was at the store last week to buy a newspaper. Because he had only a $20 bill, he decided to buy something else besides a 35-cent newspaper — $10 in lottery tickets.

The purchase landed him one of the two winning tickets.

Although the prize was $54 million, both ticket holders requested the discounted lump-sum payment and will split $16 million. The Yaghootis will receive their $8 million in three to six weeks.

The holder of the other winning ticket has not yet come forward.

The odds of winning the lottery jackpot were 1 in 14 million.



On Nutrition by Ed Blonz, Ph.D.

Are processed foods over-salted?

DEAR DR. BLONZ: My husband has high blood pressure, and he is watching his salt intake. He doesn't want me to add salt to foods, and he thinks he is being careful, but I am concerned about all the hidden salt in foods. Processed foods and condensed soups have a lot of sodium, but since it is not in a form that means anything to us, it doesn't really hit home on how much is in there. Knowing how many milligrams of sodium there are in 1 teaspoon of salt would help us relate to the information. I am guessing it is a lot. Thanks for your help. - **M.A.K., Arlington Heights, Ill.**

Dear M.A.K.: According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's nutrient database, there are 2,325 milligrams of sodium in 1 teaspoon of salt. It may be of interest to know that our health can be maintained with as little as 1/10 teaspoon of salt per day. The Daily Value — that single set of values developed for use on food labels — recommends an upper limit for sodium of 2,400 milligrams per day. The average intake in the United States is between 4,000 and 5,000 milligrams of sodium per day.

The main concern about excess salt stems from its association with hypertension, or high blood pressure, which currently affects about 50 million Americans. Hypertension is defined as blood pressure readings above 140 over 90. The first number (140, in this case) is the measure of the pressure in the arteries when the heart contracts, and the second number (90) is the pressure in the arteries as the heart relaxes between beats.

Hypertension is called the silent killer because there are no warning signs until problems such as heart disease, stroke or kidney disease have already developed. The only reliable way to find out whether you have hypertension is to have regular blood pressure checks.

If your husband has high blood pressure and you have been placed on a low-salt diet, you are correct in being concerned about processed foods. With the exception of sugar, we add more salt to our food than any other condiment. About 10 percent of the salt we eat is naturally present in food; 15 percent is added during cooking and at the table; but 75 percent of the salt in our diet comes from processed foods.

Salt added to processed food is there for a number of reasons. Depending on the amount used, it can retard the growth of certain microorganisms. Before refrigeration, salting was the only practical way to keep meat and fish from spoiling. Salt can also play a role in food texture. Processed meats such as bologna, frankfurters and luncheon meats contain higher levels of salt because it helps form and maintain the product's gel-like consistency. Then, of course, there is salt's role as a flavor enhancer. (The key, however, is to enjoy food's natural flavor, not that which comes from the salt shaker.)

There is a definite relationship between salt intake and high blood pressure, but not everyone with high blood pressure will benefit from reducing their sodium intake. Research tells us that the most reliable way to help reduce elevated blood pressure is to decrease excess weight, increase activity and decrease excess alcohol consumption. (Be sure to check with your physician before beginning any exercise program.) Impressive data have been coming out of the DASH studies (Dietary Approaches to Stop Hypertension), showing how blood pressure can be lowered by using a low total- and saturated-fat diet that is rich in fruits, vegetables and low-fat dairy products. Follow-up studies showed that lowering dietary sodium in conjunction with the DASH eating can help even more.

In your letter, you describe a number of processed foods. Each should contain a Nutrition Facts label on the product that indicates the number of milligrams of sodium per serving. I suggest you begin making note of the processed foods you eat, keeping track of how much sodium they contain.

Send questions to: "On Nutrition," Ed Blonz, c/o Newspaper Enterprise Association, 200 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10016. For e-mail, address inquiries to: ed@blonz.com. Due to the volume of mail, personal replies cannot be provided.

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Ryan will teach at 'Boston Public'

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — A former android will be teaching at "Boston Public" next season.

Jeri Ryan, best known as the half-robotic Seven of Nine on "Star Trek: Voyager," has agreed to join the ensemble cast of the quirky high-school drama, Fox officials said Tuesday.

Ryan, 33, will play a disgruntled former corporate lawyer who leaves her practice to become a teacher at the troubled urban school, said Gail Berman, Fox entertainment president.

"Her teacher will be wealthier than the other teachers, having made money in her corporate life," Berman added.

Ryan's character, Ronnie Cooke, will clash with the other teachers because she tries to bring her money into the classroom by purchasing supplies her colleagues can't afford, Berman said.

"There is a tremendous amount of drama and friction she will add to the show," Berman said.

Markets

Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP) -

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp		36.00	35.12	35.30—1.10
AOL TimeWm		48.14	44.57	44.69—4.76
AT&T Corp s		20.92	20.50	20.88 + .07
Albertsons		30.50	29.40	30.50 + 1.68
Alltel		64.51	63.07	63.10—1.80
AmEl Pw		48.12	47.39	47.67 + .16
AnderkPtr		48.15	46.52	47.45—1.43
ATMOS Egy		21.85	21.74	21.75—.15
Aviall		10.99	10.85	10.99 + .11
BP PLC		46.80	46.20	46.74—.61
BakerHughes		30.55	29.80	30.51 + .08
Bank of Amer		64.13	63.05	64.10 + .40
BellSouth		41.40	40.65	40.78—.42
Beth Steel		2.23	2.20	2.21—.01
BurlNoSFe		31.10	30.80	30.93—.21
Caterpillar		53.83	52.60	52.98—.22
Chevron		86.25	85.10	85.70—1.15
Citigroup s		50.91	49.88	50.20—.51
CocaCola		46.91	46.00	46.12—1.01
ColgatePal		56.28	55.25	55.35—.95
ComclMetals		31.73	31.62	31.62—.17
CooperIn		40.60	40.15	40.35—.11
DaimlrChry		48.37	47.92	48.37—.88
DeltaAirl		45.36	44.61	44.72—.87
Dillards Inc		14.83	14.59	14.77 + .09
DowChem		34.48	33.90	34.46 + .84
DuPont		44.64	44.10	44.55—.08
EastmanChem		44.55	43.60	44.55—.54
EstKodak		45.97	45.40	45.53—.50
EDS Corp		63.70	62.86	63.00—.29
Entergy		39.46	39.05	39.29 + .47
ExxonMobil		84.75	83.45	84.20—1.10
ExxonMob wi		42.50	41.82	42.00—.71
FstBksAm		26.50	26.50	26.50 + .25
GenDynam		79.85	78.75	79.80 + .58
GenElec		46.13	45.40	45.85—.26
GenMills		44.25	43.78	43.94—.05
GenMotors		65.95	64.45	64.72—1.27
GaPacGP		35.00	34.72	34.88 + .07
GlobalMar		16.06	15.35	15.65—.35
Goodrich		38.00	37.52	37.80—.15
Goodyear s		31.00	30.55	30.70—.30
GtAtPac		14.49	14.10	14.34 + .49
Halliburtn		30.70	29.24	30.20—.46
Hanson ADS		36.20	36.11	36.19—.02
HarteHanks		24.82	24.16	24.39—.03
HomeDepot		49.90	48.55	48.90—.82
Honeywellint		36.44	35.80	36.40 + .50
IBM		107.80	105.15	105.90—2.63
IntlPaper		39.78	38.65	39.50 + .50
JohnsonJn s		54.91	54.10	54.60—.31
K mart		11.31	11.11	11.25—.07
KinderMorg		52.50	51.70	52.20—.55
Kroger Co		24.85	24.42	24.76 + .27
LockheedM		36.70	36.20	36.59—.17
Lowes Cos s		38.01	36.56	37.82 + 1.36
Lubys		9.05	8.82	8.83—.27
LucentTech		6.87	6.00	6.60—.24
MayDeptStr		32.15	31.67	31.77—.13
Medtronic		47.40	46.99	47.29 + .19
Motorola		17.96	17.45	17.70—.41
NCR Corp		40.54	39.90	40.20—.33
Navistar		33.37	32.52	32.60—1.00
Penney JC		29.50	28.81	29.23 + .13
PepBoys		12.26	11.90	11.90—.10
PepsiCo		46.70	46.21	46.65 + .50
Pharmacia		43.37	42.85	42.97 + .37
PhelpDodge		40.68	40.10	40.67 + .48
PhilipPet		53.56	52.77	53.02—.65
PilgrmPrd B		14.40	13.50	14.08 + .98
Polaroid		1.05	.91	1.02—.09
Praxair		45.24	44.50	45.07—.07
ProctGamb		69.90	69.03	69.41—.14
PubS NwMx		31.10	30.48	30.87 + 1.47
RadioShack		31.61	31.16	31.50 + .19
ReliantEngy		30.79	30.25	30.31—.19
RoyalDut		55.10	54.35	54.85—.95
SBC Comm		44.30	43.70	44.05—.01
SaraLee		20.02	19.76	20.00 + .19
Scripps EW		68.05	67.40	68.01—.24
SearsRoeb		46.50	45.70	45.89—.71
SherwinW		22.84	22.73	22.76—.18
SouthernCo s		23.84	23.37	23.60 + .02
SwstAirl s		19.93	19.52	19.70—.08
SprintFON		22.15	21.71	21.92—.11
SprintPCS		23.98	23.45	23.67—.38
Sunoco Inc		33.03	32.31	32.70—.33
TXU Corp		48.06	47.55	47.70 + .06
TempleInland		57.30	56.55	57.05 + .15
Texaco		64.50	63.70	64.24—.76
TexInd		39.20	38.80	38.93 + .13
TexasInst		31.79	30.40	31.00—.72
Textron		55.80	54.50	55.79
TriconGlbR		44.51	44.25	44.39—.03
TrinityInds		22.18	21.89	22.00—.21
TritonEngy		44.62	44.55	44.60 + .02
TylerTech		2.20	2.16	2.20 + .04
USX-Marathn		28.00	27.18	27.52—.63
USX-USS		21.39	21.20	21.34—.06
UnionPacif		57.69	56.80	57.20—.50
UnitedTech		75.51	74.63	74.80—1.76
Unocal		32.71	31.55	32.16—.54
Venator Grp		15.88	15.60	15.61—.37
VerizonComm		56.87	56.18	56.69 + .22
WalMart		53.35	52.56	53.19—.16
WellsFargo		47.10	46.28	46.93—.57
WstrnGasRs		28.67	28.15	28.38—.48
WinnDixie		21.75	21.21	21.50 + .55
Xerox Cp		8.70	8.40	8.70 + .16

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Scurry County Country

Diversified

By Greg Gruben, County Extension Agent

Pre-vacation planning pays

Landscape preparation for a summer vacation may sound like a lot of extra work, but it is really not much more than the normal weekend routine of maintaining a healthy, well-groomed landscape. Just a little extra effort on your part before leaving can make a big difference in the health and well being of your plants.

Here are some practical tips that should help ensure that your home landscape will not suffer the post-vacation blues.

WATER — Water the home grounds well prior to leaving. Soak your lawn, gardens and all landscape plants deeply. Our shallow soils can dry out rapidly even after heavy watering, so if you will be gone over a week, plan to have a neighbor hook up your hose and do a little supplemental watering.

CUT — Mow your lawn a day or two before you leave. Use the same cutting height that you normally do. Don't lower the mower blade for a "close shave." Doing so could easily cause sun scald and damage. If you plan to be gone more than a week, it would be a good idea to arrange to have a friend or neighbor mow the lawn for you. Prune hedges and other plants likely to get gangly by the time you return. Be sure that walks and flowerbeds are neatly edged before your departure. A buildup of growth while you are away will be difficult to manage on your return.

MULCH — Mulching helps conserve valuable moisture needed for plant growth while you are at home or away. Choose a clean mulch, free of weed seed, and one which will remain loose and well aerated. Consider grass clippings, pine bark, compost or a variety of other organic materials. Mulching will also reduce or eliminate the weeding problem.

CHECK FOR INSECTS AND DISEASES — Spray, if necessary, for insects and diseases, to prevent a buildup of pests during your absence. Summer insects and diseases do not take a vacation and will work overtime on your healthy plants. This goes particularly for chinch bugs. Make sure you have applied chinch bug control to your St. Augustine lawn, or you just might find it severely damaged by this little critter when you return.

HARVEST — Pick all ripe or nearly ripe fruit and vegetables. If you will be gone over a week, arrange for a friend to pull and use produce. Vegetables left unpicked will frequently cease to bear.

MAINTAIN EQUIPMENT — Take lawn and garden equipment by the repair shop if needed. They will have it ready by the time you return.

PROTECT PROPERTY — Arrange for a neighbor to pick up newspapers, or ask the paper delivery service to hold them until you return. Newspapers scattered over the front lawn are a dead giveaway that no one is home. Lights on a timer are a good idea and can provide the impression that someone is home.

Information taken from Horticulture Update July 2001.

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In 1450, Nicholas of Cusa, a German archbishop, speculated that stars are suns, and that some of them may have planets that sustain life.

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Before Europeans settled there, California was inhabited by more than 100 Native American tribes.

Veneman calls House farm bill an important beginning

WASHINGTON (AP) — Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman says an overhaul of federal farm programs proposed in the House is an important beginning toward improving farm policies and promised to offer her own ideas soon.

The proposal by leaders of the House Agriculture Committee, Republican chairman Larry Combest and senior Democrat Charles Stenholm, represents a reversal in policy from the GOP-authored "Freedom to Farm" law passed in 1996 to wean farmers from government subsidies.

Instead of lowering farm supports, their plan sets up a third form of payments to go with two subsidy programs that already exist.

The Bush administration won't offer its own bill but is developing a set of principles it wants Congress to follow for "ensuring a strong income safety net, pursuing a more market-oriented U.S. farm policy, and opening up new trade opportunities abroad," Veneman said Thursday.

Combest said he hopes his committee will approve the plan before Congress quits for its August recess. Stenholm predicted Congress would send a farm bill to the White House by the end of the year. Both Combest and Stenholm are Texans.

Stenholm said the plan "was the best we could do" within the spending limits set by Congress for the next decade.

Veneman is to testify before the committee later this month. The Senate plans to write its own farm bill this fall.

The cost of the House plan is $168 billion over 10 years. Some highlights:

—Fixed payments totaling $5.2 billion a year to all grain, cotton and soybean farmers regardless of what or how much they grow in a given year.

—Subsidies based on fluctuations in commodity prices. Farmers would be eligible for two separate payments on the same crop, tied to different rates for each commodity.

For corn, farmers would get one payment if the market price is below $1.89 a bushel and a second payment if the price also was below $2.75. The rates for wheat would be $2.58 and $4 per bushel. For cotton, 52 cents and 73 cents. For soybeans, $4.92 and $5.76.

Farmers would be allowed to plant anything they want, other than fruit and vegetables, and still qualify for the payment programs. Fruit and vegetable growers are not subsidized.

—The Conservation Reserve Program, which pays farmers to idle environmentally sensitive land, would be expanded from 34 million to 40 million acres.

—The plan authorizes $1.2 billion a year for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program, which subsidizes the cost of manure control and other conservation projects. Half the money would go to livestock producers, who don't qualify for most other subsidy programs.

—The plan adds $2 billion to the federal food-stamp program to encourage more people to sign up for the benefits.

The 1996 farm law was supposed to end farmers' reliance on subsidies in return for abolishing a Depression-era system of production controls. But commodity prices collapsed after it passed and Congress has approved $25 billion in special relief over the past three years.

Initial reaction from House committee members was cautious but positive. "Preliminarily, I think it looks good," said Rep. Tom Osborne, R-Neb. "The problem is that there is only so much money." Rep. Marion Berry, D-Ark., called the plan "a good start."

But a prominent conservation group, Environmental Defense, said the plan doesn't put enough money into programs that help farmers control fertilizer and manure runoff, major sources of pollution in rivers and streams.

Colorado City

The Colorado City Livestock Auction had a run of 850 head of cattle for the Saturday, July 14, sale. Compared to last week: Feeder steers and heifers were mostly steady. Slaughter cows were $1 to $3 lower and bulls were steady. Bred cows and pairs were too few to test. Trade was active and demand good.

Feeder steers:
200-300: 113-120
300-400: 104-113
400-500: 97-104
500-600: 95-99
Feeder heifers:
200-300: 101-107
300-400: 93-100
400-500: 91-96
500-600: 83-86
600-700: 76-80.50
Replacement cows
Older cows: 600-630
Younger cows: 425-550
Pairs: 745
Aged: 625-640
Slaughter cows:
Breakers: 1000-1250 Lbs. 35-42
Boners: 1000-1200 Lbs. 37-43
Lean: 900-1200 Lbs.: 35-40
800-1000: 32-37
Under 750 Lbs.: 25-30
Slaughter Bulls: 1300-2100 Lbs. 50-56.75
Low Dressing: 1000-1300 Lbs. 45.50-52.50

Lubbock

The Lubbock Stockyards, Inc. had a run of 1,346 head of cattle for the Thursday, July 12, sale. Cows were steady. Yearlings were steady. Calves were $2 to $3 cheaper. Trading and demand were good.

Slaughter cows
(High dressing — cutters — utilities: 42-50
Canner and low cutters: 37-42
Slaughter bulls: 50-61
Feeder steers — choice:
300-400: 110-135
400-500: 90-110
500-600: 85-100
600-700: 85-92
700-800: 80-85
Feeder heifers:
300-400: 100-112
400-500: 85-100
500-600: 85-90
600-700: 75-83.50
700-800: 72.50-81
Feeder Bulls — good and choice:
500-600: 83-93
700-800: 70-77.50
Cow and calf pairs:
Good: 650-775
Grade: 550-650
Springers: 650-625
Baby calves: 50-175
Doodlers: 125-235

FSA updates

Production flexibility contract

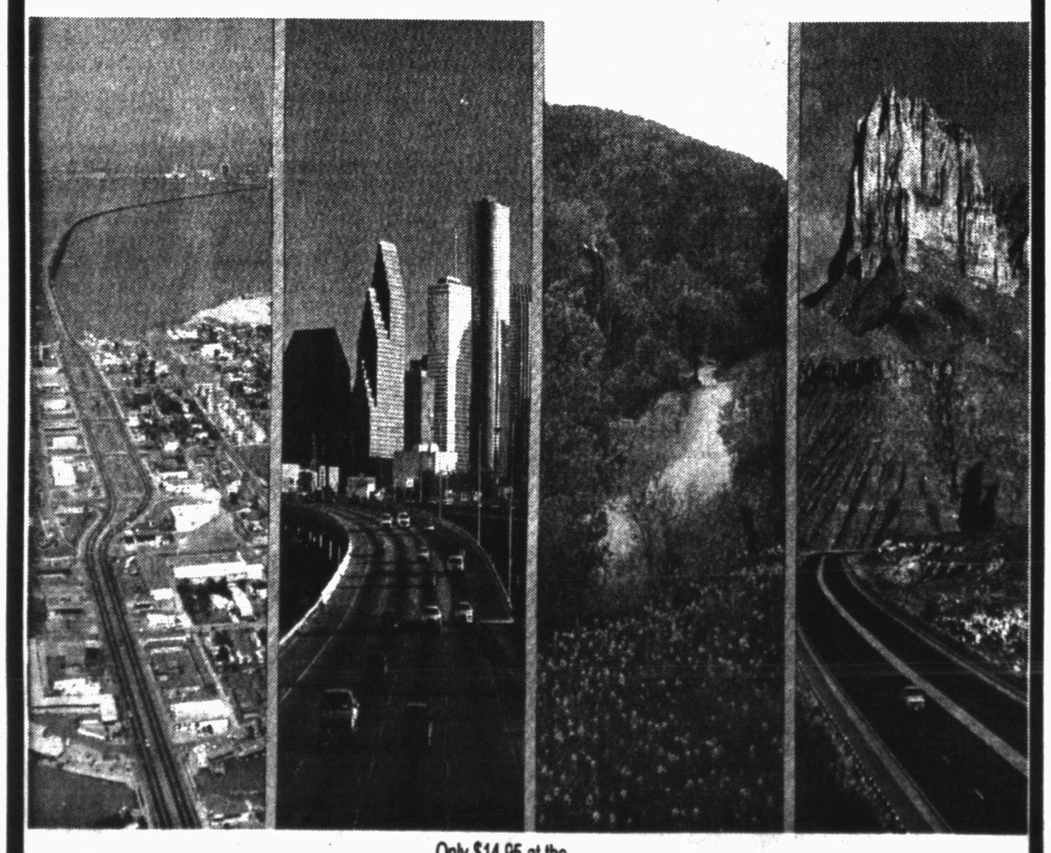
Producers must inform the local FSA office by Aug. 1 of any changes to PFC acres whenever a new or different producer farms land covered under the contract or the shares change.

If a change occurs that requires a contract update, and the office is not informed of the change by Aug. 1, then the payment is considered unearned for that farm for the current year.

Neither the predecessor (old operator/owner) nor the successor (new operator/owner) will be eligible for the current year on that farm. Any payment issued to the previous participants will have to be refunded plus interest.

Additionally, if a successor contract is not timely filed, then the PFC contract will be terminated with respect to the predecessor for all future PFC payment years. This is not a new regulation and has been a requirement of the PFC since 1996. This office should be kept informed of any and all changes on your farm.

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By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Thursday, July 19, 2001

In the year ahead, you're likely to start discarding some old interests in deference to the new ones. Your fresh approaches will contain seeds to success, producing a bountiful harvest.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Start laying out long range plans today to achieve a personal ambition. Your thinking is so keen now that what you map out has excellent chances of coming to fruition. Cancer, treat yourself to a birthday gift. **Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.**

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Don't hesitate to get into a gamesmanship situation today. You'll be a very clever strategist capable of developing plans not rapidly fathomed by your competition.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — One or more of your friends or associates may serve as a source of inspiration to you today for a new, creative undertaking. Whatever it is, it will have an uplifting effect.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — You have all the brains and willpower to achieve your objectives today. What makes success even more probable, however, is that you won't be afraid to go after them.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — This is a good day to focus your thinking on things that have perplexed you and now require unraveling. Your mental processes are as sharp as razors and fast as bullets today.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Your innate abilities for uncovering hidden information is always rather remarkable. Yet today, it'll be even more exceptional. Work on that which requires detection, investigation or probing.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Owing to the effects of outside influences, today you might find it necessary to revise a decision you recently made. Your new approach will be far more constructive.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Pursue your purposes today with boldness and gusto, because active measures taken now can fulfill an important ambition you've long been nurturing.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — On everything you do today, you'll leave your creative imprint behind. It'll just come naturally to you with the results being extremely pleasing to the eye.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Basically, your destiny is in your own hands today. If you have the determination to do so, a situation that has been giving you

fits can be satisfactorily concluded.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — If you have something you are trying to sell or promote today, the secret to beating out your competition is to give your prospect the kind of deal you'd want for yourself.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — The knowledge you already possess holds the ammunition for developing creative ideas today. Put your thinking cap on for ways to increase your earnings or add to your resources.

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Segregation increasing in U.S. schools

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP) — Segregation in U.S. schools increased during the last decade, despite the nation's growing racial diversity, according to a Harvard University study.

The study, released Tuesday, found that 70 percent of black students and more than one-third of Hispanic students attended predominantly minority schools during the 1998-99 school year, the latest data available from the National Center of Education Statistics.

The study also found that white students were more segregated from other minorities. While the average black student or Latino student attended a school that was 53 to 55 percent black or Latino, the average white student attended a school more than 80 percent white.

"White children are growing up in a society that is going to become more than half minority, and they are almost totally isolated from those minorities," said Gary Orfield, a Harvard professor and co-director of The Civil Rights Project that conducted the study. "These suburban kids are vastly unprepared for the future."

One reason the researchers cited for resegregation was the U.S. Supreme Court's 1974 ban on desegregation across city-suburban boundaries, which they said left central city schools overwhelmingly poor and overwhelmingly segregated.

"Cleveland is a classic case of a place that had to go through a desegregation experience that was very difficult and often counterproductive because the city and suburbs were so separate," Orfield said.

Last year, the Cleveland schools were released from court control, ending a 27-year-old desegregation case that required schools to reflect the racial composition of the district. Today, half of the district's more than 120 schools are considered all black.

The Harvard study's data also shows that Latinos have become increasingly isolated. In 1968, 23.1 percent of Latino students attended schools with a minority enrollment over 90 percent; in 1998, that number was 36.6 percent.

The 1990s, a decade which brought Supreme Court decisions limiting desegregation remedies, also saw an increase in the number of black students attending schools in which more than half the enrollment was minority, from a low of 62.9 percent in 1980 to 70.2 in 1999.

The Harvard study also included several recommendations, including creating metropolitan magnet schools with programs to attract students of all races across district boundaries, drawing foundation support to continue local programs aimed at integration, and promoting teacher exchange programs between cities and suburbs.

On the Net:
http://www.law.harvard.edu/civilrights/publications/pressseg.html

Settlement reached in wrongful death

HOUSTON (AP) — The family of a man who died after being beaten and hogtied at a Dillard's store has settled the wrongful death lawsuit that it brought against the department store.

In May, a jury in Houston awarded the family $800,000 plus interest, which would have brought the award to about $1.5 million.

But after the verdict, Dillard's lawyer Brock Akers said the family was entitled to only about half the $800,000 award and that he would be asking Judge Katie Kennedy to reduce the award.

The settlement reached last week was confidential. Lawyers representing Darryl Robinson's family and Dillard's declined to say how much the family received.

"I'm sure that the family is very proud to have their son's reputation back and they feel vindicated by the results of the trial," said James Doyle, one of the family's lawyers.

The jury found the negligence of two Harris County sheriff's deputies and a Dillard's assistant manager caused Robinson's death.

The Robinson family witnesses and the deputies provided divergent accounts of what happened

Robinson, a 37-year-old courier company driver, was beaten and hogtied by the deputies on June 1, 1994, after arguing loudly with a store clerk, according to the family's witnesses.

Deputy Jeff Robinson and then-deputy Collier Bridges, both doing off-duty security work at the store, testified that they got into a violent struggle with Darryl Robinson after he jumped on a counter, demanded $1 million and began cursing.

Robinson fought the officers with superhuman strength because he was in the throes of a bipolar rage that pumped him full of energy and made him impervious to pain, a Dillard's-hired psychiatrist testified.

The Harris County Medical Examiner's office concluded in an autopsy performed shortly after his death that Robinson died of a heart attack. Two years later, a pathologist hired by Robinson's family determined he died of asphyxiation.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Radiation may cause edema

DEAR DR. GOTT: Two years ago, I received a course of external radiation for prostate cancer. The gland itself wasn't removed, although some lymph nodes were taken out. Six months ago, I began experiencing extreme swelling in my groin, penis, testicles and pelvic area. After a day on my feet, the front of my trousers bulges. My doctor says that nothing can be done except to stay off my feet, which is impractical. What can you suggest?

DEAR READER: I believe that there are three possible causes for your problem.

First, the radiation treatment itself may have lead to scarring of the lymphatic channels that empty the legs and lower pelvis. As a result, lymph fluid, aided by gravity, may build up in the tissues. This is called edema and is difficult to treat.

Second, the original cancer may not have been eradicated from the lymph nodes. In the two years since your surgery and radiation, it may have spread, causing further lymph blockage and edema.

Third, the X-ray therapy may have failed to obliterate the malignancy in your prostate. The cancer cells may have become activated again and spread to the lymph channels.

In my opinion, you need to know which of these possibilities is the basis of your symptoms. A lymphangiogram would indicate if the lymph nodes and channels are blocked, where — and why. During the test, a substance ("dye") is injected into the lymph channels in the lower leg or foot. As the material works its way up into the body, serial X-ray exposures are obtained, showing the exact location, extent and type of blockage.

Also, a PSA blood test for prostate cancer would be useful, as would a prostate biopsy that could demonstrate the presence or absence of malignant cells in the gland.

If your edema is due to scar tissue, the problem is, unfortunately, permanent, and no specific therapy will help. However, periodic bed rest or the use of diuretic (kidney stimulating) medicine might lessen the edema's severity.

On the other hand, if cancer is the culprit, more radiation, additional hormone therapy or further surgery could substantially reduce the edema and improve the quality of your life.

Ask your doctor to refer you to the urology/oncology service at a teaching hospital for a second opinion.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Viruses and Cancer." 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: One doctor told me I have Parkinson's disease, but another said it was a harmless tremor. What concerns me is that my grandson, age 12, has the same problem with shaking hands. Isn't he too young for Parkinson's disease?

DEAR READER: Yes, I believe he is. Parkinson's disease, a progressive neurological disorder, typically begins after age 40. It is marked by slow movements, muscular rigidity and resting tremor.

Perhaps you and your grandson have a benign hereditary tremor, an annoying but harmless shaking of the hands, head and voice. It runs in families and tends to worsen with stress and age. Mild tranquilizers will often reduce the severity of this common affliction. You and your grandson should be examined by a neurologist who can establish the cause of your difficulties.

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Sony is suing Dixie Chicks over royalties

NEW YORK (AP) — Sony Music Entertainment has escalated a royalties dispute with the Dixie Chicks by suing the popular country act for breach of contract.

A complaint filed Tuesday in federal court in Manhattan accuses the Dixie Chicks of trying to leave Sony on "sham" claims that they've been underpaid.

Sony lawyers asked the court to enforce the current contract and bar Emily Robison, Martie Seidel and Natalie Maines from signing with another label.

A call to attorneys for the Dixie Chicks was not immediately returned.

Since signing with Sony in 1997, the group has recorded two albums — "Wide Open Spaces" and "Fly" — selling 15 million records worldwide, the complaint said. Sony claims the contract calls for up to four more albums.

Despite being paid millions of dollars, the Dixie Chicks demanded the company renegotiate their contract for millions more, the suit said. Talks broke off last week when the group announced it was leaving the label based on false claims Sony was withholding royalties, it alleged.

News Briefs

Shooters warn of plans before attacks

DENVER (AP) — Most students involved in school shootings discussed the attacks beforehand and could have been stopped if authorities had been notified, a Secret Service study has found.

Appearing at a school safety conference, two agents discussed a Secret Service report to be released this summer that looks at 41 children involved in 37 school shootings since 1974. Agents interviewed 25 youths.

"There was no instance where the attack in a school was impulsive," said agent Bryan Vossekuil, co-director of the agency's Safe School Initiative. "It was not a case of a kid getting up in the morning and saying, 'I'm going to take a gun to school today and shoot somebody.'"

Vossekuil and agent Matt Doherty told educators and police that the findings suggested they could prevent shootings like the 1999 massacre at Columbine High School that left 15 dead. Doherty said most of the shooters had done something that caught the attention of police, fellow students or teachers before the attack.

The report also said two-thirds of shooters reported feeling bullied before their attacks. Rich Harvell, president of the North American School Safety and Law Enforcement Officers, said educators must let students know they won't tolerate bullying.

The study found there is no profile of the typical school shooter. Attackers ranged in age from 11 to 21, and came from a variety of ethnic and economic backgrounds. But the study did find that the assaults were planned and directed at specific targets.

Some juvenile sex offenders get break

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — The state Supreme Court ruled that some of the youngest sex offenders should be spared the stigma of being listed as sex offenders for the rest of their lives, but it stopped short of nullifying Megan's Law for all minors.

The 1994 state law requires most people convicted of sex crimes to register with police so the communities they live in can be notified.

In its ruling Tuesday, the Supreme Court said juveniles convicted of sex offenses before age 14 should be given a second chance if they complied with court-ordered treatments and could prove they had been rehabilitated by their 18th birthdays.

The case involved a 17-year-old who had pleaded guilty to sexual assault after he was found at age 10 rubbing up against an 8-year-old girl in his mother's care.

"This ended up being a life sentence, or a potential life sentence," said Craig Hubert, an attorney representing the boy, publicly identified only as J.G.

Authorities had classified the boy as a moderate-risk sex offender and sought to notify officials at his high school and other schools. The Supreme Court said Tuesday that was unwarranted.

Emily Hornaday, a spokeswoman for the attorney general's office, said the agency was pleased that despite the ruling the court affirmed the basic notion that sex-offender laws can be applied to juveniles.



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More trouble for the FBI: Guns, computers missing

WASHINGTON (AP)— Senators said today the loss of 449 guns and more than 180 computers from the FBI proves the nation's premiere law enforcement agency needs to be reformed.

"There are some very, very serious management problems at the FBI," said Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., who chairs the Senate Judiciary Committee.

The Justice Department revealed Tuesday that 449 side arms and submachine guns and more than 180 computers — at least one containing classified data — are missing.

Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee, which held an oversight hearing on the FBI's management today, were outraged at the loss of so much dangerous equipment.

"To have laptops missing that could have national security information on them would be atrocious," said Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, a longtime FBI critic. "For the FBI to have lost firearms and failed to account for them is inexcusable."

Added Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y: "The fact that, with computers with classified information and with weapons like machine guns, the FBI had such lax procedures is damning, especially for what has been regarded as the premier law enforcement agency in the world. One scratches one's head in wonderment and asks: 'How does a law enforcement agency lose guns, especially machine guns?'"

The FBI has been under fire for missteps going back years, including the failure to provide thousands of documents to Timothy McVeigh's lawyers, the Robert Hanssen spy case, the bloody Branch Davidian and Ruby Ridge standoffs and the botched investigation of former nuclear scientist Wen Ho Lee.

"Large FBI foul-ups used to be extraordinary events, yet now they appear to be deteriorating into regular occurrences," said the House Judiciary Committee chairman, Rep. James Sensenbrenner, R-Wis.

Embryonic stem cell research urged

WASHINGTON (AP) — Embryonic stem cell research should be included among the possible avenues for treating disease, federal researchers told the Bush administration as it considers whether to allow federal funding of the approach.

Bush asked the federal researchers for more information on the issue, but the confidential report from the National Institutes of Health does not make a recommendation one way or the other on federal funding.

However, Sen. Bill Frist, R-Tenn., the only physician in the Senate and a close Bush ally, announced his support today for federal funding. Noting his opposition to abortion, Frist said he feels compelled to support research that could save lives.

"I conclude that embryonic and adult stem cell research should be federally funded within a carefully regulated, fully transparent framework," Frist said.

An executive summary of the NIH report, obtained Tuesday by The Associated Press, focused on science.

"During the next several years, it will be important to compare embryonic stem cells and adult stem cells in terms of their ability to proliferate, differentiate, survive and function after transplant, and avoid immune rejection," said the report.

The report was presented formally at a Senate subcommittee hearing today. The White House received a copy Tuesday, said presidential spokesman Scott McClellan.

"The report is one component of the scientific, ethical and legal issues involved," McClellan said. "The president intends to look at it in that context."

Bush is weighing whether to allow federal funding of embryonic stem cell research, which is opposed by some because isolating the cells requires the death of a human embryo.

Scientists believe they can learn to direct the development of embryonic stem cells to grow mature cells or tissues that could be used to treat disease. Some estimate that stem cells could benefit more than 100 million patients with such disorders as Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, diabetes and spinal cord injuries.

Bush in Europe to promote free trade

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush set off today on a weeklong trip across Europe to promote international free trade as a tool for igniting the lagging economies of developing nations.

He is also denouncing in advance anti-trade demonstrators he expects to encounter, saying they are no friends of the impoverished developing nations they champion.

Before leaving the White House, Bush greeted about 170 students from the Seeds of Peace Program, which fosters friendships among teen-agers from conflict-stricken parts of the world. While he posed for pictures and shook hands, first lady Laura Bush waited in a light drizzle for a few minutes, then walked out alone to board Marine One. The president followed shortly thereafter.

The Bush trip is centered on the meeting in Genoa, Italy, of the Group of Eight, the leaders of the seven largest industrial democracies — Britain, France, Germany, Japan, Canada, Italy and the United States — and Russia.

As in his first presidential trip to Europe five weeks ago, Bush will make clear that the United States intends to develop, test and deploy an anti-missile shield, despite agreements reached during the Cold War with the former Soviet Union.

"The Europeans heard me once, and they'll hear me again, say that the Cold War is over, that Russia is not our enemy and that we should not adhere to a treaty that prevents the United States and other freedom-loving people from developing defenses," Bush said in a pre-departure interview with the BBC.

Boarding Air Force One, Bush flies first to London.

Obituaries

Nellie E. Petersen

1929-2001

CHEYENNE, Okla. — Nellie E. Petersen, mother of David Petersen of Snyder, died Saturday, July 14, in Roger Mills Memorial Hospital in Cheyenne, Okla.

Graveside service was set for 10 a.m. today at White Rose Cemetery with the Rev. Alberta Helton officiating. Burial was to follow at White Rose Cemetery.

Mrs. Petersen attended school at Rankin, Okla., and entered the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps in August, 1942. She married John Reynolds Petersen at Reydon, Okla., on Nov. 24, 1946 and they made their home in the Reydon community.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Frankie and George Washington Easterling; her husband, John Petersen in 1990; and two brothers, Arcie and Howard Easterling.

Survivors also include a daughter-in-law, Dorothy Petersen of Snyder; another son and daughter-in-law, John and Teresa Petersen of Pawnee, Okla.; one sister, Georgie Hughes of Joplin, Mo.; and three grandchildren, Tracie, Jill and Christy.

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Michael McNair

1979-2001

Michael Leroy McNair Jr., 22, died Tuesday, July 17, at his home in Snyder.

Mr. McNair will be cremated and no services are planned. Born June 28, 1979 in Portland, Ore., he married Vickie Villegas on Feb. 22, 2001 in Deming, N.M. Moving to Snyder from Deming last March, he was employed by Price Construction Co.

Survivors include his wife, Vickie McNair of Snyder; one daughter, Alexis Marie McNair of Deming; one stepson, Kodee Cristofur Villegas of Snyder; his mother and stepfather, Marcella and Chris Carter of Maui, Hawaii; his father, Michael McNair Sr.; a sister, Jamie Kidd of Dallas, Ore.; his grandparents, John and Lenna Kidd of Dallas, Ore.; a stepsister, Jennifer; and a stepbrother, Joe Carter.

Major accident investigated

•Accidents

A two-vehicle major accident at 1501 E. Coliseum Dr. occurred at 3:45 p.m. Tuesday. A 2001 Ford Escape driven by Melinda Burns, 35, of 2273 McMullan was involved in the accident with a 1998 Chevrolet Suburban driven by Shonna Butler, 36, of 817 E. Hwy 180. Both refused treatment at the scene. Bill's Wrecker Service towed both vehicles.

Officers responded to a private property accident just before 6 p.m. Tuesday in the parking lot of Barbee Medical Supply, 3801 College Ave. Involved were a 1999 Ford pickup driven by Shaun Barnes, 22, of 5704 CR 4151 and a 1993 Chrysler driven by Vanessa De Paz, 19, of 707 28th Street.

•Criminal mischief

John Walker requested an officer in reference to someone possibly contaminating his stock tank, causing his fish to die.

•Fire notes

Dena Floyd reported a grass fire near 3434 CR 278 early Tuesday afternoon. The fire department was dispatched.

Another grass fire was reported on county road 183 Tuesday afternoon. Rebekah Franklin reported the fire behind her residence. The fire department responded.

•Shoplifter

Rachel Perez at Wal-Mart requested an officer in reference to a shoplifter in custody. Officers issued a citation for Class C theft to an elderly man who was then released.

•Family disturbance

A woman came to the police department at 6 p.m. Tuesday to report being assaulted by her husband. She advised that he had grabbed her around her neck. An offense report for family violence was filed.

•Thefts

Tiger Aguilar requested an officer in reference to her purse being stolen out of her vehicle while it was parked at her in-laws' residence.

Linda Proctor at the Snyder Cinema reported the theft of two bicycles taken from the east side of the cinema. She said the bikes were taken between 7 p.m. and 9:15 p.m. Tuesday.

•Criminal trespass

Officers served a woman with a criminal trespass warning Tuesday night after her ex-husband called to report that she was at his residence beating on his door. The man said she had no business being there and she had been warned several times before to stay away.

•Prowlers

Police received two calls reporting possible prowlers during the night. Vanessa Stewart at 3742 Ave. V reported a subject running across her neighbors' yard just before midnight.

Zack Blakey reported several subjects prowling around West Elementary just after 4 a.m. today. Officers checked the building which appeared to be secure.

Births

Tommy and Jayna Hunter of Snyder announce the birth of their daughter, Jesi Lea Hunter. Born at 3:05 p.m. on July 13 in Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock, Jesi Lea weighed six pounds, six ounces.

Paternal grandparents are Keith and Rosy Hunter. Maternal grandparents are Sue Boucher and Jady Gilbert. All are of Snyder.

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ONGOINGS

Gospel concert

Calvary Baptist Church, located at 2405 35th St., will present Ronnie Warren in concert at 6:30 p.m. today. The singer has been involved in gospel music for over 20 years.

Order of Eastern Star

The Order of Eastern Star will meet at 7:30 Thursday at the Masonic Lodge. Initiation ceremonies will be held and a patriotic program will be given.

Gold Coaters luncheon

The Gold Coaters luncheon will be at noon Friday at Jaramillos.

Children's Saturday fun time/VBS

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

1991 SHS class reunion

The SHS class of 1991 will hold its 10-year reunion Friday and Saturday. For more information call Robbie Braziel at 573-6632 or Melissa Lee at 574-8005.

Noah's Ark Church

Noah's Ark Church, located at 18th and Avenue R, will hold a revival at 10:30 a.m. Sunday. Pastor Randy Acevedo of the Lord's Supper Church of Lubbock will lead the services.

Discovery School registration

Discovery School that provides daycare for children from birth to school age will register for the fall session from 11 a.m.-1 p.m., and 4-5:30 p.m. Monday and Tuesday. Classes will begin Aug. 13. Call 573-4770 for more information.

Masters Degree

The Masters Degree will be held at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 26, at the Snyder Masonic Lodge.

Class of 1966 reunion

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

Class of 1976 reunion

The SHS class of 1976 will hold its reunion July 28 at Jack Greene's pasture. For information, call Lorinda Hardin at 573-2700 or Sherry Thompson at 338-0026. The website is classmates.com.

SHS football booster club

The SHS football booster club will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, July 31 in the film room. It is important that members be at the meeting at the Aug. 11 "Meet the Tigers Night" will be discussed.

Gateway Family support group

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

Kids' College project pick-up

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

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.

Mesquite Country Writers Guild

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

F-16 crashes in SE Turkey

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) — A U.S. F-16 fighter jet crashed in southeastern Turkey today as it was heading toward northern Iraq to patrol a no-fly zone, the U.S. military said. The pilot was rescued.

It is believed to be the first U.S. airplane to have gone down in 10 years of patrols over the no-fly zones. The U.S. military has flown more than 200,000 sorties over the no-fly zones during that time.

The pilot, Lt. Michael A. Nelson Jr., ejected from the aircraft and was rescued uninjured, said Maj. Scott Vadnais, spokesman for Operation Northern Watch, the allied patrols over northern Iraq.

The pilot was taken to a hospital in the nearby city of Batman, the Anatolia news agency reported.

The Turkish military said the aircraft crashed at 10:00 a.m. due to engine failure and that military police are examining the wreckage.

Vadnais said the cause of the crash was not known, but added that it was not due to hostile action. Maj. Ed Loomis, a spokesman for the U.S. European Command in Stuttgart, Germany, said an inquiry board would be set up to determine the cause of the crash.

The plane took off from Incirlik air base in southern Turkey and crashed near the town of Diyarbakir, about halfway between Incirlik and the Iraqi border. The aircraft was based in Aviano, Italy.