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City nixes salary hike, raises tax rate

By Wade Warren
Managing Editor

Snyder's city council adopted the city's 2000-01 budget on a unanimous vote Monday evening, and that action will see citizen's taxes go up by almost eight percent and water and sewer rates increase by three percent.

A public hearing on the proposed tax rate will be held next Tuesday.

The council adopted a tax rate of 42.46 cents per $100 valuation, up from the present 39.35 cents — an increase of 7.9 percent compared to last year's rate.

This action will see taxes on the average homestead increase by $10.68 per year, allowing for changes in property values. The average homestead is valued at $32,890.

The three percent increase in water and sewer rates will see the minimum charge for these services increase only slightly.

The current minimum charge for water, sewer, sanitation and the state sales tax is $35.25 monthly. The new minimum is $35.84.

Breaking these services down, the new minimum rate for water is $9.40 per month as compared to the current $9.13. Excess usage over the basic 2,000 gallons will go from $2.54 per 1,000 gallons to $2,62 per 1,000 gallons. Sewer rates presently are $8.21, as compared to the new $8.46.

There is no change in sanitation rates as the minimum stays at $14.50 for a residence.

Before voting on the tax rate, Mayor Dayton Robertson had the council consider several items separately, including a 2.7 percent pay raise proposed by council member James Ashley.

Ashley, who called the 2.7 percent an adjustment and not a pay raise, made a motion to incorporate the 2.7 percent salary hike in the budget, but it failed for lack of a second.

That action, or lack of action, followed a statement by Robertson that he would use his veto power as mayor if it passed.

A wage study at a cost of $15,000 was again discussed.

Terry Martin made a motion to fund the rate study only after an in-house study is made.

Martin agreed with Robertson who said he felt the city had the means and people to collect the necessary information.

"We can budget the $15,000, but our own people should take the first shot at the survey. If we get fruitful information, then we have sayed $15,000," Robertson said.

The mayor then proposed that one percent of the current payroll total be set aside for possible pay raises pending the wage survey, and if the $15,000 is not used for the survey, it too could be used for pay increases.

This proposal passed with Ashley voting against it. Ashley also cast a no vote for the wage study.

The city's budget was about $9,000 short of being balanced when the meeting started.

Robertson had compiled a list of possible cuts, and the council agreed on three of them that got the city some $4,600 closer to a balanced budget.

These cuts included eliminating the Tiger Fitness contract for police officers. Robertson said only five officers out of 19 are using the gym, and they use it inconsistently. This will save the city $2,500 per year.

Also cut was a contract for $1,000 per year for Data Transmission Network for weather information. Robertson said the city could get better information off the Internet.

The city also cut advertising on ZTV at a cost of $1,181 per year.

Robertson said the above action left about half of the $9,000 for the city administration to trim.

The mayor also suggested the city look into the feasibility of cutting some of the street lights off at the industrial park to save even more money.

"We need to look at the feasibility of cutting off the lights past Lorber toward the water tower," said Robertson.

He also suggested the city look into other areas of the city where lights might be cut as long as it did not affect safety. The approximate budget figures for the coming fiscal year total $8,714,780 million, as compared to the present $8,776,990 million — down some $62,000.

In other action Monday night, the council:

—Approved a request from the Snyder Boys and Girls Club to relinquish a tax lien on a piece of property near the club and tabled until the next meeting a request to close the 1500 block of 29th Street. The club requested the action to reconfigure its athletic fields.

—Approved a contract with Whitewater Construction of Waco for $298,327 to construct 19,000 feet of water line in the areas of Northeast and North Elementaries. The city will pay $90,000 and the remainder of the cost is from a grant.

Approved a resolution to apply for a grant to replace water lines in the 2001-2002 budget year.

—Appointed Mark Cypert and Mike McWilliams to the Development Corporation of Snyder board to replace Jack Gorman Jr. and Roy McQueen. Both Gorman and McQueen had served two terms on the board.

—Granted Cox Communications another 30-day extension to operate local cable TV, pending a new franchise agreement.

Robertson presided at the meeting and council members in attendance included Ashley, Martin, Vernest Tippens and I.E. Martin. James Jenkins was absent.

SUCCESS SEMINAR — Lina Alvarez, Chelsie Birks and Crystal Purser prepare for Western Texas College's success seminars set for Wednesday and Thursday. (SDN Staff Photo)

Season tickets still on sale

Friday is the last day for season ticket holders to renew seats for the upcoming Snyder Tiger football season.

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

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

All tickets at the gate will be $5, including student tickets. Student tickets will be $2 at the schools and at the administration building the week of the game.

The Tigers open the season at home on Sept. 1 as they host Monahans.

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

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

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Today is the pupil of yesterday."

It may just be a coincidence, but we find that we are reading more and more of these kinds of articles.

Just learned where the brain researchers at John Hopkins University say that forgetfulness is a way of life.

Guess we are supposed to find that finding comforting.

They further say that Baby Boomers as well as full-fledged senior citizens have memory lapses and all worry about 'em.

According to the brain research docs, remembering and forgetting is merely a way of life. But just in case, they have come up with another blasted test.

The last time we ran one of those, we forgot to put in all the answers.

1. How often do you forget where you put things?
a) Not within the last six months
b) Once or twice in the last six months
c) Once a month
d) Once a week
e) Daily
f) More than once daily

2. How often have you had to check whether you have done something that you meant to do, such as lock the door or unplug the iron before leaving home?
a) Not within the last six months
b) Once or twice in last six months
c) Once a month
d) Once a week
e) Daily
f) More than once a day.

3. How often do you forget something that you were told yesterday, or even a few days ago, and had to be reminded about ?
a) Not within the last six months
b) Once or twice in last six months
c) Once a month
d) Once a week
e) Daily
f) More than once a day

While "normal" is said to vary widely, folks with average memory answered c or d to question one; d to question two; and b or c to question three.

We were gonna grade our test, but we forgot our answers.

There are benefits to being older:

—In a hostage situation, you are likely to be released first.

—It's harder and harder to get sexual harassment charges to stick.

—There's nothing left that you have to learn the hard way.

—People no longer view you as a hypochondriac.

—People are always complimenting you on your alligator shoes – even when you are barefooted.

Today is deadline for 'Taste' tickets

Today is the deadline to purchase tickets for Thursday night's Taste of Scurry County.

The fourth annual event will be held at the First Baptist Church's Family Life Center on starting at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets are $12.50 for adults and $5 for children 5-12. Children younger than 5 eat free. Tickets are available at the museum, from board members and at Bullard's Computer Solution.

Taste of Scurry County is the museum's major fundraiser. The goal for this year's event is $5,000. For the year 2000, the funds are targeted to cover the educational expenditures for programming and outreach. Currently, a grant is pending with a Texas foundation, and the monies raised at Taste will be used as a partial payment.

Twenty-one food providers will be serving samples of their food to ticket holders. The samples range from appetizers to desserts. Several trips around the room are needed to cover even a small portion of the vendors.

Participants will include Burger King, Taco John, The Shack, United Supermarkets, Ken's Chicken, Whistle Stop, Grandy's, Church of God, Great Western Dining, DeCoty Coffee Company, Ritz Diner, Casserole Company, White Buffalo Café, Gill's Fried Chicken, Rusty Spur Cafe.

In addition to food a live auction will take place. There are service items as well as tangible ones awarded this year.

Auction items will include free golf lessons by Wade Hatter, a year's free Internet service from Bullard's Computer Solution, and a book by Cody Carlson, donated by Baylor University. The book, "Out of Darkness (The Mystery and Magesty of God's Creations)," is filled with pictures of nature. Carlson was a quarterback at Baylor in the mid 1980s and he served as quarterback of the Houston Oilers from 1987-1995.

A rocking horse will be auctioned as well as a painting by Jess Everett entitled, "Fisher's Peak Trinidad, Colo.

Several door prizes will be awarded during the evening event, which is targeted for under two hours.

Terry Martin and Bill Eiland have donated an afternoon dove hunt for four people with a current Texas hunting license.

Karen Wadleigh is donating a portrait and frame.

Present rate is 31.43 cents...

WTC trustees lower tax rate to 30.67 cents

By Joyce May
Staff Writer

Western Texas College trustees approved a proposed tax rate of 30.67 cents and consequently set the schedule for public notifications and hearings during Monday evening's board meeting.

The proposed rate is lower than the current 31.43 cents per $100 valuation, but it is 7.9 percent above the effective tax rate, thus the need for public hearings.

The effective rate, which is the rate needed to generate the same amount of tax dollars as the previous year, is 28.41 cents.

An almost 60 percent jump in mineral values and increases in personal property and industrial values triggered the lower effective rate.

Public hearing on the budget and proposed tax rate will be conducted next Tuesday at which time trustees will set a meeting to vote on the tax rate.

Trustees are expected to vote on the tax rate and adopt the budget Aug. 28.

In Monday's meeting, trustees looked over the current fund budget again and were presented the college's student services fee budget and the auxiliary-enterprise budgets.

Administration has presented a $7.6 million current fund budget for the coming school year as well as a student services fee budget of $111,000 and an auxiliary-enterprises budget of $729,086.

The board also handled several personnel items.

The resignations of Dr. Helen Cogan, Dr. David Kattes, Mary Pilant and Merry Trammell were accepted.

In addition, the retirement of Richard Lancaster was approved.

Melanie Graf was hired as an English instructor, and two faculty changes were also approved.

Mike Harrison, who has been serving as adjunct division chair, will return to the physical education department, and Carolyn Osborn will move from the counseling office into the division chair position.

In other business, the board approved a tuition waiver for disadvantaged students wishing to enroll in concurrent enrollment classes. The classes allow students to receive both high school and college credit. Trustees left it open for the individual high school to determine whether a student qualifies as disadvantaged.

Approval was also given to purchase new hardware for the college's central computer systems. The estimated cost is approximately $21,000 for the hardware and some $6,000 for the installation.

The need for new hardware stems from the expiration of a maintenance agreement on the old system as well as the expense and difficulty of finding parts.

Administration was given the green light to seek bids on the purchase of a new vehicle to be used for travels to WTC extension sites.

Following the regular session, the board met in executive session for a just over an hour to discuss the college and country club golf courses. No action was taken following the session.

Lee Presswood presided and all trustees were present including Carolyn Barbee, Eddie Peterson, Scott Richburg, Drew Bullard, Dr. Jay Kidd and Jackie Greene.

ASK US

Q—When will the city start its annual seal-coating project?
A—It is scheduled to begin around Sept. 1.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Monday, 100 degrees; low, 70; reading at 7 a.m. today, 70; no precipitation; total rainfall for 2000, 15.01 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy. Low lower 70s. SE wind 10-20 mph. Wednesday, becoming mostly cloudy. High mid 90s. SE 10-20 mph.

Kelcey Stafford
Cloudy

Sunset: 8:26 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:11 a.m.
Of 227 days in 2000, the sun has shone 224 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

"All the wonders you seek are within yourself."
—Sir Thomas Brown

Pursuing small debt pays off for Holocaust survivor

SALEM, Mass. (AP) — Holocaust survivor Boris Abel survived more than four years in concentration camps. The Nazis killed two of his sisters. And his factory, his offices and his home in Lithuania were taken from him during the war.

He also lost some rope.

Certainly no one could repay Abel for everything he'd suffered in the war. But he remained determined to get back the 90 British pounds — now about $135 — he'd paid just days before the war started for a shipment of hemp that turned out to be defective.

The amount of money "was not the point," Abel, 85, said. "I thought, they got cash money from me back then. Maybe they will give it to me now."

It took 60 years, but he finally got it.

After sending two dozen letters over six decades, the British government's Department of Trade and Industry sent Abel a check this summer for $3,000 in American currency — the equivalent of 90 British pounds, plus 60 years of inflation.

Before the war, Abel had notified the hemp company's underwriter, Lloyd's of London, about the damaged shipment. But Lithuanian mail service was frozen when the war began, and England declared Lithuania enemy territory since it was taken over by Russia, and later by Germany.

Abel's first attempt to get his hemp money was in 1945, when he was liberated from the Dachau concentration camp.

But even after the war ended, England kept frozen all assets seized from enemy countries. Though Abel himself had been a victim of England's enemy, he still couldn't get his money back.

After the war, Abel spent a year in a United Nations camp for displaced persons, and another three years trying to survive in Germany while waiting for permission to emigrate to the United States.

He landed in New York in 1949, and the United Nations paid for him to go to Salem because he remembered that his father had received New Year's cards each year from a relative who lived there.

Abel eventually got married to a local girl and opened an electric razor repair shop in Salem. And he never forgot the 90 pounds that Lloyd's of London owed him for the defective hemp.

Several years ago, Abel read something in a newspaper that gave him hope. England was trying to return seized property. Abel wrote yet another letter asking for his money. This time, he got something back: a thick pile of blank forms.

Eventually he received confirmation from the British government that his debt would be repaid.

Convicted man tries to solicit murder

DALLAS (AP) — A suburban Dallas man behind bars for almost decapitating his wife with a pair of scissors as his three children watched faces charges he tried to orchestrate the murder-for-hire of her brother and his family from jail, prosecutors said.

Timothy Richardson, an accountant in University Park serving a 60-year sentence after pleading guilty in his wife's death, is accused of offering to pay a fellow Dallas County jail inmate to burn the home of Raymond Williams III while the Williams family slept.

According to court records, the offer came three days after his bid for a new trial was rejected in July.

Williams said at the time, "I think the system did work and he is now facing a very severe penalty in the Texas penal system for 60 years. That's where he needs to go."

Martin LeNoir, Richardson's attorney, could not immediately be reached for comment Tuesday by The Associated Press.

Vengeance is a "pretty accurate" description of his motive, Assistant District Attorney Howard Blackmon said.

"I'm past being surprised by him," said Blackmon.

Richardson pleaded guilty in May of strangling his wife, Mary Williams Richardson, 35, with a lamp cord before almost decapitating her on Sept. 19.

His 7-year-old son testified he brought Richardson the scissors to cut the lamp cord, which had been wrapped around her neck — but instead his father took the scissors and sliced her throat.

The jurors rejected defense arguments that Richardson acted with "sudden passion," which would have reduced the punishment range to two to 20 years.

AC failure blamed in woman's death

ARLINGTON (AP) — An elderly North Texas woman is the latest victim of the summer heat wave that has claimed almost three dozen lives statewide.

Temperatures inside Eunice Gibson's apartment were close to 100 degrees before her death, the Tarrant County medical examiner's officers and Arlington city inspectors said Monday.

The 73-year-old woman died Sunday after a thermostat in her west Arlington apartment's cooling system malfunctioned.

Funeral services for Gilbson were pending at Moore & Sons Funeral Home.

After Gibson's death, inspectors found that the thermostat inside her apartment unit had short-circuited, making the air conditioner inoperable.

Friends telephoned emergency workers after they had not seen Gibson. Police and paramedics found the retired nurse in a chair inside her apartment. The windows inside her second-story apartment were closed.

The chief executive officer for the apartment management company, Robinson Management, told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram in Tuesday's editions that Gibson had not reported the malfunction, so repair crews were not aware the air conditioner was not working.

Arlington code enforcement workers had visited the 52-unit Wilshire Manor apartments on Aug. 9 after a complaint that the cooling system was not working properly. Repairs were made the same day and no citations were issued.

Don Robinson, the CEO, said his company has repair workers on call around the clock and responds quickly to complaints.

Nizam Peerwani, the Tarrant County medical examiner, said heat exhaustion aggravated by heart disease caused Gibson's death — the second blamed on the summer heat this year in the county. Nine deaths have been blamed on high temperatures in Dallas County.

Maintenance crews had worked on Gibson's thermostat last week, said Ed Costello, one of Gibson's neighbors. He said he and other friends became concerned after he didn't see Gibson reading the newspaper early Sunday before church.

High temperatures are especially dangerous for the elderly, people with heart problems and skin diseases, as well as those who are overweight or who have been drinking alcohol, Peerwani said.

"It's not just the temperature, it's also the lack of air circulation and humidity," he said.

Judge says New York man to be deported

WASHINGTON (AP) — An immigration judge ruled Monday that a retired auto mechanic in New York served the Nazis as a concentration camp guard during World War II and ordered him deported, the Justice Department said.

Michael Gruber, 84, of New City, N.Y., had admitted serving as an armed Waffen SS guard in Oranienburg, Germany, but denied any knowledge of the Sachsenhausen concentration camp there, the department said.

Gruber immigrated to the United States in 1956 but is a citizen of Austria. The government said it would seek to deport him to Austria, which must agree to accept him.

Citing captured Nazi documents found by the department's Office of Special Investigations, which hunts Nazis in this country, Immigration Judge Robert Weisel ruled that Gruber had served in the SS Death's Head Guard Battalion at Sachsenhausen.

Weisel found that Sachsenhausen "was a place of death and extreme human suffering" and ruled that Gruber's service there constituted assistance in the persecution of civilians on the basis of their race, religion and national origin, thus making him ineligible to immigrate to the United States.

Gruber has the right to appeal Weisel's decision to the Board of Immigration Appeals and then into the federal courts if he chooses to do so.

He could not be reached for comment immediately because he has an nonpublished telephone number.

Eli M. Rosenbaum, head of the special investigations office, called the decision "an important victory."

"Gruber and the other SS Death's Head guards at the Sachsenhausen concentration camp were essential components in the Nazi machinery of degradation, brutality and murder," he said.

Born in Krndija, Croatia, Gruber became a member of the Waffen SS in September 1942, and captured Nazi documents showed he served at Sachsenhausen from January 1943 to September 1944, the government said.

Established in 1936 about 20 miles northwest of Berlin, Sachsenhausen was one of the earliest permanent Nazi concentration camps. The camps were used to isolate and destroy Jews, Gypsies and others viewed as enemies by the Nazis, first in Germany and later in occupied countries.

Thousands of civilians were victims of atrocities at Sachsenhausen during Gruber's service there, Weisel ruled. He found that during Gruber's service in it, the SS Death Head's Guard Battalion subjected inmates to forcible confinement, slave labor, physical and emotional abuse, torture and murder.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Wednesday, Aug. 16, 2000

You have the wherewithal to achieve several ambitious undertakings in the year ahead, provided you operate within your financial means, knowledge and talents. Know your limitations.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Today is not the time to make any unwarranted changes concerning a financial arrangement that is running smoothly just because you think it's due for a change. You could kill the golden goose. Leo, 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.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Even if the behavior of a close friend provokes opposition, try to be diplomatic and forgiving in handling the situation. You have everything to win and nothing to lose.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) In order to try to advance your position, you could take on an assignment you know in your heart you're not qualified to handle. Chances are you'll that you'll hurt your position.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Risky, uncalculated ventures should always be avoided, and today's aspects will demand this of you or pay the consequences. Play everything close to the vest and don't look for free rides.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Regardless of how hard you try today, it might be impossible to please some family members. However, that doesn't give you license to act any differently. Do your best.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Be careful today, because you might be a trifle more talkative than usual. You could inadvertently disclose something you shouldn't to the wrong set of ears. Weigh your words carefully.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Better lock the barn door today before going off and leaving things unattended. If problems take place while you're gone, some kind of financial loss is likely.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) If you wait for others to tell you what to do and how to do things today, unfortunately, you'll end up serving their best interests, not yours. Be self-directed.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Lady Luck isn't always around to serve our special interests. Today is one of those days where you must personally take control of matters instead of leaving them up to chance.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Tricky conditions could exist today in your social involvements. Be careful not to get drawn into a situation where one pal has something to settle with another. You could be used as a pawn.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) One of the reasons you may not achieve your objectives today will be the poor tactics and procedures you use. Think your moves and methods through carefully before engaging in your tasks.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Don't be unduly influenced by suggestions that may be unsound today, but, by the same token, do consider any advice offered you. Be discerning and discriminating.

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Berry's World

"How about running for the U.S. Senate in CALIFORNIA?"

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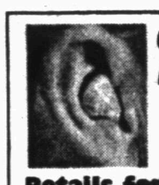

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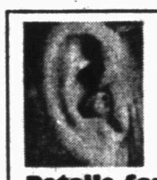

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WEDDING SHOWER — Susan Shoults, bride-elect of Wes Everett, was given a gift bridal coffee on July 15 in Colonial Hill Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. Nuptials are planned for 7 p.m. on Aug. 26 at First United Methodist Church. From left are Lou Everett, grandmother of the prospective groom; Rachel Everett, his sister; Ann Everett, his mother; the honoree; Cindy Shoults, mother of the future bride; Amy Owen, her sister from Lubbock; and Flo Nobles, her grandmother from Big Spring. (Contributed Photo)

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 08-15-00
♠ A K 6 2
♥ K 10 9 5
♦ 7 5 4
♣ A 7

West
♠ 8 3
♥ 8 4 3 2
♦ 8 2
♣ J 9 6 5 2

East
♠ J 10 9 7
♥ - - -
♦ A K J 9 6
♣ K 10 4 3

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

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: East

South	West	North	East
			1 ♦
1 ♥	Pass	4 ♥	All pass

Opening lead: ♦ 8

The women exude power

By Phillip Alder

Who wrote the following in a letter to her husband? "If particular care and attention is not paid to the ladies, we are determined to foment a rebellion, and will not hold ourselves bound by any laws in which we have no voice, or representation."

Squeezes are considered the domain of experts, whether they be women or men. Yet the simple squeeze isn't hard to effect. And when you are one trick short of your contract with apparently no chance to find that elusive winner, think squeeze. Run your winners and hope an opponent "discards wrongly," turning a loser into a winner.

Take this deal as an example. Holding all four women of the deck, you are in four hearts. West leads the diamond eight. East wins with the king, cashes the diamond ace, and gives West a diamond ruff. Back comes the club five. How would you continue?

There are only 13 high-card points missing, so East must hold the club king. Therefore, unless the missing spades are breaking 3-3, you apparently have only nine tricks. Still, rather than assume the 3-3 spade split, call for dummy's club ace, then cash your five trump tricks.

This brings everyone down to four cards. The dummy has its four spades; you hold three spades and the club queen. And which four cards does East retain? If he discards the club king, you will cash the established queen. However, if East parts with a spade, the suit will run. East has been squeezed.

The passage about women's rights was written on March 31, 1776, by Abigail Adams.

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Tuesday, Aug. 15, 2000

Markets

Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP) — Morning stocks:

	High	Low	Last	Chg
AMR Corp s	33 11-16	33¼	33 5-16	— ¾
AT&T Corp	31 11-16	31	31⅜	— ⅛
Albertsons	30 1-16	29¾	30	— 1-16
Alltel	63⅜	62 11-16	62¾	— ¾
AmerOnline s	54 5-16	53¼	53 15-16	+ 1
AmEl Pw	35⅜	35	35 5-16	+ 5-16
AndarkPtr	59⅛	58 1-16	58 3-16	+ 1-16
ATMOS Egy	22⅞	22 5-16	22¾	+ 5-16
Avialt	5¼	5⅛	5 3-16	+ 1-16
BP Amoco s	54 13-16	54⅜	54⅜	+ 1-16
BakerHughes	38 7-16	37 11-16	37 11-16	— ½
Bank of Amer	54⅞	54¼	54¼	— ¾
BellSouth	37 15-16	37	37 15-16	+ 7-16
Beth Steel	4¼	4⅛	4⅛	
BurlNoSFe	25⅜	25 3-16	25¼	+ ⅛
Caterpillar	39½	38¼	38 7-16	— ⅝
Chevron	85¼	84 7-16	84 7-16	+ 1-16
Citigroup	74⅛	73 1-16	73⅜	— ⅝
Coastal	68 15-16	67⅛	67⅜	— ½
CocaCola	62 9-16	61 11-16	61 15-16	— 1⅛
ColgatePal	54⅜	53 13-16	54⅛	+ 3-16
ComclMetals	29	28⅞	28 15-16	+ 1-16
CooperIn	35¾	32	35 1[illegible]-16	
DaimlrChry	56⅛	55¾	55 13-16	— ⅝
DallSemicn s	36 7-16	35 3-16	35¼	— 7-16
DeltaAirl	52 7-16	51 11-16	52	— ⅝
Dillards Inc	15	14 15-32	14⅝	— 5-16
DowChem s	28 13-16	28⅛	28⅜	— 3-16
DuPont	49 11-16	49⅛	49 5-16	— ⅝
EastmanChem	45 7-16	44⅞	45⅛	+ ¼
EstKodak	63⅛	62 9-16	62⅞	— ¼
EDS Corp	48 11-16	48	48⅛	— 9-16
Entergy	31½	31 1-16	31⅜	+ ⅜
ExxonMobil	83⅜	82	82⅛	— 7-16
Fluor s	21⅜	21⅛	21 5-16	+ 1-16
GenDynam	61½	61	61 7-16	+ ⅛
GenElec s	56 13-16	56 3-16	56⅝	— ½
GenMills s	35	34 15-32	34 11-16	— 1-16
GenMotors	64 9-16	63¾	63⅞	— ⅜
GaPacGP	29¼	28 11-16	28 13-16	+ ⅜
GlobalMar	32 5-16	31	31 3-16	—13-16
Goodrich	37 13-16	37⅜	37 7-16	— 5-16
Goodyear s	23 11-16	23¼	23¼	— 5-16
GtAtlPac	15 1-16	14 13-16	15 1-16	+ 3-16
Halliburtn	53⅛	51½	51¾	— ½
Hanson ADS	30½	30 3-16	30 7-16	— 1-16
HarteHanks	25 7-16	25 5-16	25 5-16	— ⅛
HomeDepot s	56 1-16	54½	55⅜	—4 5-16
HoneywellIntl	36 3-16	35⅛	35½	+ 5-16
IBM	122⅝	121 9-16	121 13-16	—1 7-16
IntlPaper	35⅛	34½	34¾	— ⅜
JohnsonJn	96 15-16	96	96 5-16	—15-16
K mart	7 5-16	7 1-16	7¼	— 1-16
Kroger Co	20 11-16	20½	20⅝	— 3-16
Litton	54⅞	53 11-16	54 1-16	+ ⅛
LockheedM	29 5-16	29	29⅛	— ⅛
Lowes Cos	46 9-16	44 15-16	46 3-16	— ⅝
Lubys	7 15-16	7 13-16	7 13-16	— ⅛
LucentTech	41 13-16	40 9-16	41⅜	+ ⅝
MayDeptStr	24⅞	23 15-16	23 15-16	— ⅞
Medtronic s	54 3-16	53¾	54	— 5-16
MorganJP	146 15-16	146	146⅛	—1 13-16
Motorola s	36	35 3-16	35 11-16	+ 1 1-16
NCR Corp	34 3-16	34	34 3-16	— 1-16
Navistar	38 11-16	37	37⅛	—1 15-16
Penney JC	17	16 5-16	16 9-16	— 1⅜
PepBoys	5 5-16	5 3-16	5¼	
PepsiCo	46 11-16	46 5-16	46 5-16	—11-16
Pharmacia	56 3-16	55 11-16	55¾	— ⅜
PhelpDodge	43⅜	42 13-16	42⅞	+ ⅛
PhilipPet	56 11-16	56	56 1-16	+ ¼
PilgrmPrd B	7	7	7	— 1-16
Polaroid	17 15-16	17 11-16	17 11-16	— ¼
Praxair	44	43½	44	+ 3-16
ProctGamb	61 1-16	59 9-16	60 13-16	+ 1 9-16
PubS NwMx	21 13-16	21 9-16	21 11-16	+ ⅛
RadioShack	69 1-16	64⅞	65	— 4
ReliantEngy	37 1-16	36⅞	37 1-16	+ 1-16
RoyalDut	61¼	60¾	60 13-16	+ ⅝
SBC Comm	42 11-16	42⅛	42 5-16	+ 7-16
SaraLee	18 13-16	18 5-16	18 13-16	+ 3-16
Scripps EW	50¾	50¼	50⅝	+ ⅝
SearsRoeb	31¼	30½	30 9-16	— 9-16
SherwinW	23 11-16	23 7-16	23 9-16	+ 3-32
SmithklBchm	65½	64⅝	65 5-16	— ⅝
SouthernCo	27 11-16	27⅛	27⅝	+ ⅛
SwstAirl	24 3-16	23⅞	24 1-16	— ⅜
SprintFON	36 3-16	34¼	35 9-16	+ 9-16
SprintPCS s	54	52½	52 9-16	— ⅝
Sunoco Inc	27	26 7-16	26⅝	+ 1-16
TXU Corp	35 13-16	35⅛	35⅝	+ 11-16
TempleInland	47 1-16	46⅜	46 7-16	— 3-16
Texaco	52	51½	51½	+ 7⁄16
TexInd	34⅞	34⅝	34¾	+ 3-16
TexasInst s	67 7-16	65¼	66⅜	+ 2⅝
Textron	60½	58 11-16	59 1-16	—15-16
TriconGlbR	29⅞	29⅝	29 13-16	
TrinityInds	18 13-16	18⅜	18⅜	— ½
TritonEngy	45 13-16	45	45⅛	— ⅜
TylerTech	2	1⅞	1 15-16	
USX-Marathn	26 15-16	26 9-16	26⅝	+ 1-16
USX-USS	17⅞	17 9-16	17 9-16	— ¼
UnCarbde	43¾	43	43⅜	— ⅜
UnionPacif	44 5-16	43 13-16	43 15-16	— ½
UnitedTech	61¼	59¾	60 1-16	— ⅞
Unocal	34 3-16	33¼	33 5-16	— 9-16
Venator Grp	15⅞	15⅝	15¾	+ ⅛
VerizonComm	42 3-16	41½	42	+ ¼
WalMart	51⅞	51¼	51⅝	— ⅞
WellsFargo	45	43⅞	43⅞	— 1⅜
WstnGasRs	21 3-16	20¼	21 3-16	+ 9-16
WinnDixie	14⅝	14 7-16	14 7-16	— 3-16
Xerox Cp	16 13-16	16 9-16	16¾	+ 1-16

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Aug. 14—Lorena Burleson, Burtha Deere, Janie Dever, Carrie Gaona, Amy Navarette, John Cagle and Emetrio Romo.

DISMISSALS: Priscilla Olvera and daughter.

CENSUS: 42 (Med./Surg.-12, Long-term Care-25, ICU-1, OB-2 and Nursery-2)

Births

Eloy and Twylla Chavez announce the birth of their daughter, Makayla Anne Chavez, at 2:22 a.m. on Aug. 4 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. Makayla weighed five pounds, 13 ounces and was also welcomed by a brother, Korbyn Chavez.

Paternal grandparents are Joe and Mickey Chavez of Snyder. Maternal grandparents are Teresa Brown of Carrollton and great-grandparents are Garlan and Frances Williams of Snyder.

Carrie Gaona of Snyder announces the birth of her son at 4:01 p.m. on Aug. 14 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. He weighed seven pounds, 13 ounces.

The Central London Electric Railway opened in 1909.

Community Calendar

TUESDAY

ABCL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 7 p.m.

AA Beginner's Meeting-Open; Snyder Park Club, 1212 37th Street; 7 p.m.

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-8268, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th and Ave. M; for more information call 573-4203, 573-8626, 573-2101 or 573-0695; 8 p.m.

TOPS TX56 (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5 to 6 p.m.; 2501 35th. For more information call Phillis Leatherwood at 573-6105.

WEDNESDAY

Storytime at the Scurry County Library for 4- and 5-year-olds; 10 a.m.

Spiritual Solutions for Living Problems Book Study; Snyder Park Club; 6 p.m.

Just For Today NA, open meeting; Park Club; for information, call 574-1292 or 573-8018 p.m.

THURSDAY

Al-Anon brown bag; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 574-1292, 573-2101 or 573-0695; noon to 1 p.m.

Horseshoe Pitching For Fun; horseshoe courts located at the coliseum; everybody welcome, for further information call 573-9762.

Rock and Roll Quilting Club evening meeting; Hermleigh Community Center; for more information call 863-2426; 6:30 p.m.

Deep Creek Cloggers lesson; American Legion; 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Snyder Chapter 450 Order of the Eastern Star; Masonic Hall, 1912 35th Street; 7:30 p.m.

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; for information call 573-8268, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

Nuestra Nueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

Free blood pressure clinics; Senior Citizens Center; 9:30 to 11 a.m.

Blood pressures will be taken at Cogdell Hospital Home Health Services, 1800 Cogdell Blvd., Suite B; 1-2 p.m.

ABCL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointment, call 573-0538 or 573-0770.

Hermleigh Community Center Family Night; 6:30 p.m.

Scurry County AA closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8268, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

Defensive driving Course; Texas Savings Bank; no reservations necessary, cost $30; for more information call 573-2850; 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Just For Today NA open meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-0949 or 573-8018; 7 p.m.

Rolling Plains Ratite Assn.; The Shack; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County AA open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8268, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 10 a.m.

Girl Scouts will register Saturday

Girl Scouts will register Saturday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Girl Scout Hut, 2501 35th Street.

There are six levels of scouting — Daisy, kindergarten; Brownies, first through third grades; Juniors, fourth through sixth grades; Cadettes, seventh through eighth grades; Seniors, ninth through 12th grades; and adult leaders.

All troops meet weekly and activities are geared to fulfill the Girl Scout Promise and the Girl Scout Law. Questions about scouting can be answered by calling Carla Seale at 574-8004 or Jo Ann Cearley at 573-3926.

Envelopes too small for ballots

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — Jean Lessard can't mail in her vote.

She requested an early ballot for Arizona's Sept. 12 Republican primary because she would be leaving for a trip to Lake Powell.

However, she and her husband — and apparently an undetermined number of other would-be early voters — found their ballots wouldn't fit inside the official return envelopes provided by the Maricopa County Elections Department.

Yet the official envelop must be signed by the voter and returned if the ballot is to be counted.

"I still haven't figured out how I'm going to return our ballots," Lessard said Monday. "It's exposed at the open end, and there's no way you can seal it."

Maricopa County elections officials said improper gluing by the envelop manufacturer was the apparent problem. They also said they don't know how many envelopes are defective.

"We've sent out about 89,000 ballots, and we certainly haven't had a rush of calls," elections director Karen Osborne said. "We've had a few."

In any event, there is a solution for the Lessards and others like them, elections officials said.

They may either tape the flap shut and mail it with the ballot partially exposed, or they may enclose both the ballot and the defective envelope in a bigger envelop and send it back that way.

Crayola wants to know favorite color

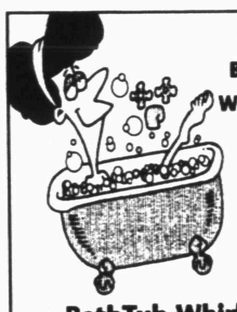
PHILADELPHIA (AP) — If you're mad about mulberry or sweet on cotton candy it's time to stand up, log on and be counted.

The company that makes Crayola crayons is conducting its first online poll of the nation's favorite crayon colors.

"Knowing that people's color preferences change over time, and since this is a census year, we thought it would be fun to do a census of a different color," Binney & Smith spokeswoman Stacy Gabrielle said Thursday.

Since the "Crayola Color Census 2000" began Monday at www.crayola.com, about 3,000 voters have weighed in on their choices among 120 crayon colors.

The current palette includes 23 reds, 20 greens, 19 blues, 16 purples, 14 oranges, 11 browns, eight yellows, two grays, two coppers, two blacks, one white, one gold and one silver.



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VISION IN CHRIST

Paul wrote, "He is the image of the invisible God... He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together" **(Colossians 1:15, 17)**. The noted astronomer, Dr. David Rittenhouse, has found, the distance in space so great that if one strand of silk is placed across the lens of a telescope it will appear to be larger in diameter than a star. In fact, a silk fiber, however small, could actually conceal so much of the heavens that it would obstruct a whole galaxy of stars.

There are times when a very small self-gratification, a very little love of pleasure, a very small thread may hide the light of God's word. The world's small pleasures can at times become greater in our minds than God and Christ, judgment and eternity. In the same manner as the veil hid Moses' glory, some small possession which will perish with the using, can veil the great and matchless glory of the gift of our Savior. Let us take care to preserve the true vision of our triumphant Lord.

Community CPR Classes
Saturday, August 19, 2000
American Heart Association Heart Saver (adult CPR) and
Pediatric (infant/child) Basic Life Support

INSTRUCTOR:
Cathy Boden, RN, MSN, AHA BLS Instructor

Classes will be held at Cogdell Memorial Hospital - Education Room #218

HEART SAVER CLASS
(adult CPR)
9 a.m. - 12 noon
COST: $5 per person

PEDIATRIC BASIC LIFE SUPPORT
(infant/child)
1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
COST: $10 per person

PRE-REGISTER
(pay only when attend class)
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Cogdell Memorial Hospital

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ACROSS

1 Comfort (someone) in sorrow
7 Dissolved substance
13 Sign of the bull
14 Puzzling problem
15 Planets' paths
16 Author Washington —
17 On the ocean
18 Ventilate
20 Concerning (2 wds.)
21 Former Secretary of State Vance
23 Babylonian abode of dead
27 Of an era
32 Worker with rattan
33 Macaw
34 Presses
35 Moslem sacred book
36 Thickest
39 "Dallas" family name
40 Challenged
42 Pairs
46 Be a shrew
47 "Scotch" or "red" follower
51 Closed securely
53 Helen — Brown
55 Sandstone
56 Actor Peter —
57 Took a break
58 Cleared as profit

DOWN

1 Greek colonnade
2 Rowers' needs
3 Garage job, for short
4 Operatic song
5 Use scissors
6 Certain writing assignment
7 Instigate (2 wds.)
8 Above (poet.)
9 Volcanic flow
10 Information agc y.
11 Camper's home
12 Therefore
19 Indignation
21 Said four-letter words
22 Waterlogged
23 Sour substance
24 Scarce
25 Soon
26 Part of the eye
28 As the — flies
29 Mata —
30 — Islands, off the Irish coast
31 Fr. or Ger., e.g.
37 Used a smoothing tool
38 "La-la" lead-in
41 Goad (2 wds.)
42 Russian ruler
43 "The Way We —"
44 Furniture woods
45 Vegas machine
47 Horse's gait
48 Many (2 wds.)
49 Soccer star
50 Observed
52 Compass pt.
54 American Indian

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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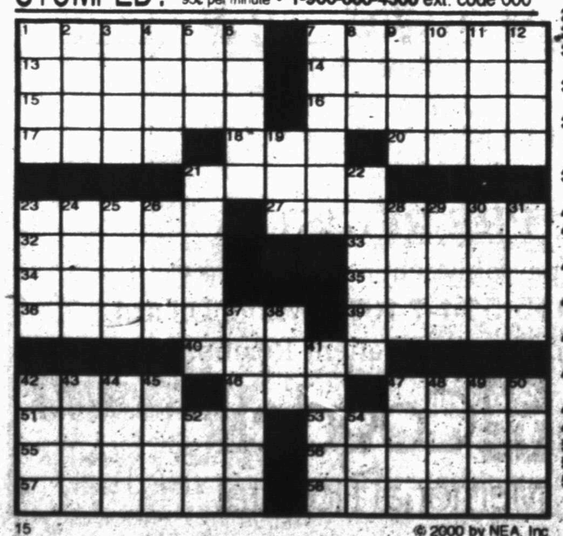

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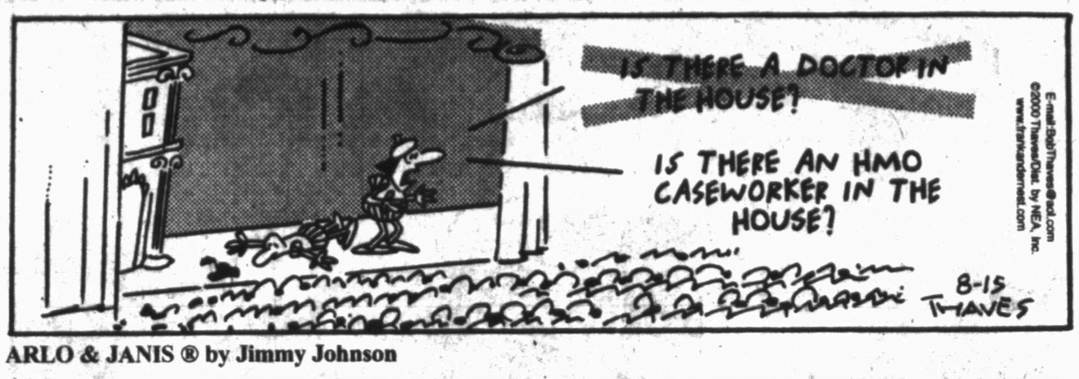

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"I HOPE WE HAVE LOTS OF PAPER TOWELS!"

SPORTS

SHS hosts Abilene...

Volleyball opener set for tonight

After only four days of practice and two scrimmages, the Snyder Lady Tigers hit the court tonight for the volleyball season opener.

The Lady Tigers host Abilene High at 7 tonight at the SHS gym, amid high expectations for another successful season.

Snyder captured the district title a year ago, and this year's mix of experience and athleticism has the Lady Tigers eyeing another crown.

"We expect more from ourselves this year," said Head Coach Patty Grimmett. "And so far, things have gone pretty well. Overall, we looked good in the scrimmages.

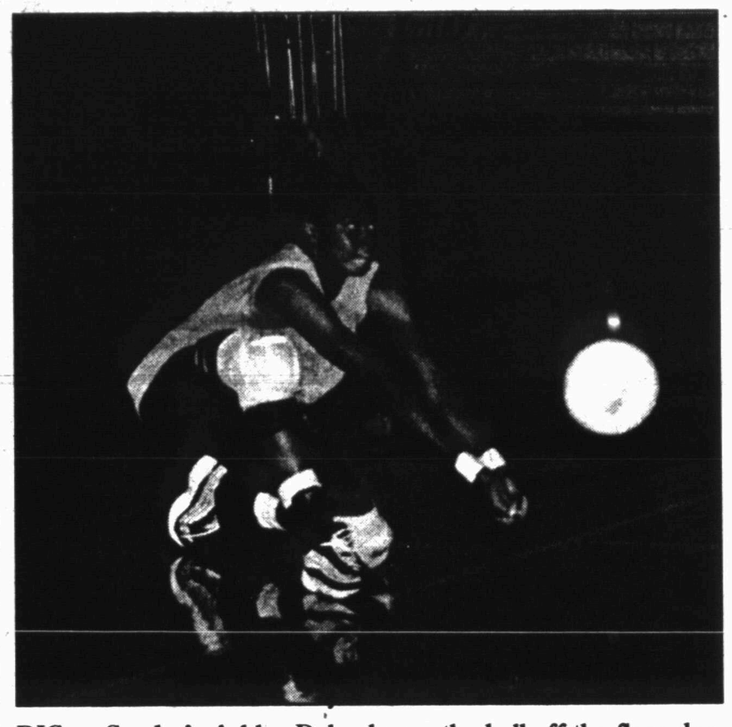
"The girls have gelled earlier than they have in years past. This group of kids has worked together for a long time, and it shows on the court."

As always, a strength of Snyder's will be its front line. Seniors Kameron Kallemeyn, Ashley Delce and Rina Geiger will be joined by junior Katie Voss to form a formidable attack along the net.

Senior T'Leah Eicke will handle the setter's duties, with fellow seniors Whitney Webb and Cameron Mackey anchoring the back row.

"We'll see how we handle pressure tonight," Grimmett stated. "We played well in the scrimmages, but it was a relaxed atmosphere. Tonight, there will be some nerves for the season opener at home, so I'll get a chance to see how we can work under pressure."

Snyder's freshman and junior varsity squads also play host to Abilene at 6 this evening. The freshman team will play at the junior high, with the JV competing at the high school.



DIG — Snyder's Ashley Delce keeps the ball off the floor during practice last week at the SHS gym. The Lady Tigers open their season tonight when they host Abilene High at 7 o'clock. (SDN Staff Photo)

Williams' return should shore up Cowboys' line

DALLAS (AP) — After three preseason losses with a patchwork, battered offensive line, Erik Williams is on his way to training camp Tuesday with the Dallas Cowboys after a three-week holdout.

"We were told he is in the car with (defensive lineman) Leon (Lett), and they're heading up to Wichita Falls as we speak," owner Jerry Jones said Monday.

Over the last three games, the Cowboys have been outscored 79-29, had 43 first downs, had 226 yards on 70 carries and been sacked 6 times for 39 yards.

On Sunday against the Oakland Raiders, Dallas rushed for only 19 yards on 10 carries in the first half, and finished the game with only 58 yards rushing on 24 attempts.

Sure, wide receiver Michael Irvin's retired, running back Emmitt Smith's nursing a leg injury and Troy Aikman's still adjusting to speedy receiver Joey Galloway. And it is, after all, only the preseason.

But the return eight-year veteran right tackle, who is coming off his third Pro Bowl selection in four years and the fourth of his nine-year career, will shore up a problem-plagued line.

Only one Cowboys offensive lineman has been playing in position, left tackle Flozell Adams. Starting right guard Solomon Page had been bumped to play right tackle and backup guard Jorge Diaz filled Page's spot.

Pro Bowl Left guard Larry Allen is also nursing a fractured hand.

"This is great news," Jones was quoted as saying on dallascowboys.com, the team's official Web site. "Erik can really help us."

The Pro Bowl right tackle didn't report to camp four weeks ago amid rumors he was considering retirement.

Some suggested the eight-year veteran, who is coming off his third Pro Bowl selection in four years and the fourth of his nine-year career, was holding out for more money.

Williams is due $1.85 million this season and next under a six-year deal he signed after the 1995 season. Cincinnati's right tackle Willie Anderson recently got a a six-year deal that averages $5.1 million, slightly more than Philadelphia tackle Jon Runyan's $5.08 million per year deal.

If Williams wasn't holding out for more money, it could have been to avoid some of the grind of training camp in Wichita Falls, which has been in constant high 90- and 100-degree weather.

It's unlikely Williams will play in Saturday's preseason game in Denver, but he could be ready for the preseason finale against the St. Louis Rams Aug. 24.

Astros pummel Pirates, 16-2

HOUSTON (AP) — Tim Bogar couldn't have felt worse.

But Chris Holt understood and didn't blame his shortstop for failing to make a difficult play in the seventh inning that would have kept Holt's no-hitter going.

Holt finished with a five-hitter Monday night, leading the Houston Astros to a 16-2 victory over the Pittsburgh Pirates. But all Bogar could remember was his seventh-inning play on a grounder by Brian Giles.

The ball bounced out of Bogar's glove, and second baseman Julio Lugo grabbed it, but couldn't throw Giles out.

"They almost made that play," Holt said. "It would have been amazing if they had. Bogar was trying to apologize to me afterwards, and I told him he shouldn't.

"It was going to be a great play. But it didn't happen, so you just go on."

Bogar was disappointed in himself.

"It was unfortunate I didn't come up with the ball," Bogar said. "I felt like climbing under second base.

"It wasn't an easy play, but you have to make the great plays to keep a no-hitter going. It was a makable play."

Lugo still almost beat Giles with his throw.

"We were playing jai-alai," Bogar said. "If the ball had still been in my glove, I could have made the throw in time. But Julio almost did, anyway."

The end result was still better luck for Holt (5-12) than he has had most of the season. He has become known as a hard-luck pitcher the last two years when he has pitched well often, but had little to show for it.

"Jeff Bagwell says that hitters come down to first base and ask him, 'How does this guy lose so many games with the stuff he has?'" manager Larry Dierker said. "It's that he doesn't have good control sometimes or we don't score runs behind him or we don't field well some games.

"But that hard-luck pitcher stuff to a certain extent is self-fulfilling prophecy. If you think you'll have bad luck, you will."

Holt was pitching for the first time since Aug. 4, when Montreal's Peter Bergeron hit a line drive off his cheek. He says he doesn't think about the hard-luck tag.

"I'm not worried about that any more," he said. "I never really worried about it. It's just one of those things. Hopefully, it doesn't stay with me too long."

Glynn scratched from start

ARLINGTON (AP) — Texas Rangers right-hander Ryan Glynn, who fainted in the dugout after being pulled out of his last game, was scratched from his scheduled start Wednesday to give team doctors more time to evaluate his condition.

Medical tests haven't determined why Glynn passed out in the dugout after being taken out of Friday night's game. The Rangers originally said that Glynn would make his next start Wednesday against the New York Yankees.

Dr. David Hunter, the team's internist, said Glynn would be put through a series of medical tests over the next 7-10 days. The Rangers decided later Monday to put Glynn (3-2 with a 4.70 ERA) on the 15-day disabled list, retroactive to Saturday, meaning he will miss at least two starts.

Hunter said he had no new medical information, but felt uncomfortable allowing Glynn to return to game action until the tests could be completed.

"We want to find the cause and make sure it doesn't repeat itself," Hunter said.

Glynn has no medical background that would explain the fainting. After he threw 95 pitches Friday, when the temperature was 98 degrees, speculation was that the pitcher may have suffered from heat exhaustion.

Sports Briefs

Meet the Bulldogs

Meet the Bulldogs will take place at 7 p.m. Thursday at Bulldog stadium. There will be an introduction of the players, and an intrasquad scrimmage. Ice cream will be served. Cost of admission is a towel or bar of soap.

Watermelon Bowl

The Watermelon Bowl, Snyder's annual intrasquad football scrimmage, will be held at 6:30 p.m. Friday at Travis Field. Snyder Booster Club will sell concessions and T-shirts.

WTC golf tourney

Western Texas College will host an ABCD Scramble at 8:30 a.m. Saturday. Cost is $20 per player. To register, call the WTC pro shop at 573-9291.

Meet the Tigers

Meet the Tigers will be held at 6:30 p.m. Monday at Tiger Stadium. All junior high and high school football players, managers, coaches and cheerleaders will be introduced. Hamburgers and sausage wraps will be sold for $4 a plate, including chips and a drink.

Boys Club registration

Sign-ups are being taken for the Boys and Girls Club football, volleyball and cheerleading.

Horseshoe pitching

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

Men's blowout partnership

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

Bruce signs for $40 million

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Wide receiver Isaac Bruce signed a six-year, $40 million contract extension with the St. Louis Rams. He will receive an $11.5 million signing bonus.

Brooks leaves retirement

GREELEY, Colo. (AP) — Insisting he is healthy again after retiring a year ago because of a back injury, wide receiver Robert Brooks signed a one-year contract with the Denver Broncos.

Chiefs cut Rison

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Wide receiver Andre Rison was released by the Kansas City Chiefs. The 12-year NFL veteran has made five Pro Bowls, but he had just 21 catches for 218 yards and no touchdowns last year.

Major League Baseball

National League
All Times EDT

East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	72	46	.610	—
New York	69	48	.590	2½
Florida	59	59	.500	13
Montreal	51	63	.447	19
Philadelphia	50	67	.427	21½
Central Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
St. Louis	64	54	.542	—
Cincinnati	59	58	.504	4½
Chicago	54	63	.462	9½
Pittsburgh	49	68	.419	14½
Milwaukee	49	69	.415	15
Houston	46	73	.387	18½
West Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Francisco	65	51	.560	—
Arizona	65	53	.551	1
Los Angeles	60	57	.513	5½
Colorado	59	58	.504	6½
San Diego	57	62	.479	9½

Monday's Games
Colorado 4, Montreal 3
San Francisco 11, N.Y. Mets 1
Atlanta 9, San Diego 2
Milwaukee 4, Cincinnati 3
Houston 16, Pittsburgh 2
Chicago Cubs 7, St. Louis 3
Florida 11, Los Angeles 2
Arizona 4, Philadelphia 3, 11 innings

Tuesday's Games
St. Louis (Stephenson 12-7) at Chicago Cubs (Arnold 0-0), 2:20 p.m.
Colorado (Astacio 9-8 and Wasdin 0-1) at N.Y. Mets (B.J. Jones 6-5 and Mahomes 4-1), 2, 5:10 p.m.
San Francisco (Rueter 8-7) at Montreal (Johnson 5-6), 7:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Herges 8-1) at Florida (Dempster 10-8), 7:05 p.m.
Arizona (Guzman 3-3) at Philadelphia (Wolf 9-6), 7:35 p.m.
San Diego (Williams 7-4) at Atlanta (Burkett 8-5), 7:40 p.m.
Cincinnati (Harnisch 4-6) at Milwaukee (Snyder 3-6), 8:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Benson 8-9) at Houston (Lima 4-14), 8:05 p.m.

American League
All Times EDT

East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	64	50	.561	—
Boston	60	54	.526	4
Toronto	61	59	.508	6
Baltimore	52	65	.444	13½
Tampa Bay	51	66	.436	14½
Central Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Chicago	70	48	.593	—
Cleveland	61	54	.530	7½
Detroit	56	61	.479	13½
Kansas City	54	63	.462	15½
Minnesota	54	66	.450	17
West Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Seattle	69	50	.580	—
Oakland	63	54	.538	5
Anaheim	61	57	.517	7½
Texas	54	62	.466	13½

Monday's Games
Boston 7, Tampa Bay 3
Baltimore 8, Chicago White Sox 2
N.Y. Yankees 7, Texas 3
Detroit 15, Seattle 4
Oakland 8, Cleveland 1
Only games scheduled

Tuesday's Games
Anaheim (Wise 0-1) at Toronto (Wells 17-4), 7:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Sturtze 3-2) at Boston (Fassero 8-5), 7:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Biddle 0-1) at Baltimore (Johnson 1-8), 7:35 p.m.
Kansas City (Suppan 6-6) at Minnesota (Milton 11-6), 8:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Cone 2-10) at Texas (Davis 4-3), 8:35 p.m.
Detroit (Sparks 2-2) at Seattle (Sele 13-6), 10:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Burba 10-4) at Oakland (Mulder 6-8), 10:05 p.m.

NFL Preseason

All Times EDT
Saturday's Games
Indianapolis 17, New Orleans 0
Chicago 19, Cleveland 6
Baltimore 10, New York Jets 0
Detroit 15, Buffalo 13
San Diego 31, Minnesota 7
Arizona 21, Seattle 3

Sunday's Games
Denver 26, Green Bay 20
Oakland 21, Dallas 20
San Francisco 33, Kansas City 10

Monday's Game
Tennessee 30, St. Louis 3

Friday, Aug. 18
San Diego at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Tennessee at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
Baltimore at Carolina, 8 p.m.
New York Giants at New York Jets, 8 p.m.
Arizona at Minnesota, 8:20 p.m.
Detroit at Oakland, 9 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 19
Chicago at Cincinnati, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Indianapolis vs. Pittsburgh, at Mexico City, 8 p.m.
Buffalo at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Jacksonville at Kansas City, 8:30 p.m.
Dallas at Denver, 9 p.m.
San Francisco at Seattle, 11 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 20
Tampa Bay at New England, 4 p.m.

Monday, Aug. 21
Green Bay at Miami, 8 p.m.

WNBA Playoffs

All Times EDT
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Monday, Aug. 14
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Tuesday, Aug. 15
Orlando at Cleveland, 8 p.m.

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Sunday, Aug. 13
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Monday, Aug. 14
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Bone marrow stem cells produced by some researchers

By The Associated Press

Scientists have been able to produce nerve cells in the lab by using stem cells drawn from bone marrow, a breakthrough that could help people with Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease or spinal-cord injuries.

If the findings are borne out, they might one day enable doctors to take cells from a patient's bone marrow, turn them into nerve cells and then inject them into patients' brains and spinal cords, replacing injured cells.

The research, conducted at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey and MCP Hahnemann University in Philadelphia, was funded in part by the Christopher Reeve Paralysis Foundation. An account of the research was published Monday in the Journal of Neuroscience Research, based in Los Angeles.

It could be years before the technique is tested in humans, however, since studies and tests in animals will be needed first. Still, other researchers were excited by the possibilities.

"Clearly it is important to generate neurons from other tissues," neuroscientist Ronald McKay told The Philadelphia Inquirer in Tuesday's editions.

"We have to demonstrate that these cells will perform ... specific functions" in the brain and spinal cord, and not behave like stem cells only in the lab, said McKay, of the National Institutes of Health.

"It's really beautiful," Dr. William Greenough, a neuroscientist at the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign, told The New York Times. "I see this as a truly significant step along the way toward developing new technologies for the repair of the damaged brain."

Stem cells are stored in various organs and grow naturally into the specific types of cells needed by those organs. Stem cells from fetal tissue can grow into any type of cell; the latest study suggests that the same might be true for adult stem cells.

Dr. Ira Black of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey reported the stem cells, treated with growth factors and antioxidants in tissue culture experiments, quickly divided into two cells — another stem cell and a nerve cell.

By tinkering with the chemical signals he used to stimulate the conversion, Black and his colleagues were able to turn 80 percent of the bone marrow cells taken from rats and humans into nerve cells. He said he transplanted rat nerve cells to the brains and spinal cords of rats and found that they formed connections with other neurons and survived.

Convicted millionaire seeks new trial

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — Convicted murder-for-hire millionaire Allen Blackthorne is asking a federal judge in Texas to declare him innocent or order a new trial, contending he was denied a fair proceeding.

Blackthorne's attorneys filed a 42-page motion with U.S. District Judge Edward C. Prado in San Antonio on Monday, the St. Petersburg Times reported in Tuesday's editions.

Among the attorneys' arguments: federal prosecutors did not disclose to the defense team an investigative report by the lead investigator.

Blackthorne was convicted July 6 of arranging the 1997 murder of his ex-wife in her Florida home.

Sheila Bellush was killed shortly after moving with her second husband and six children to Sarasota. Her 2-year-old quadruplets from her second marriage were discovered unharmed in the house, two of them crawling in their mother's blood.

Blackthorne faces a mandatory life sentence. His sentencing has been scheduled for Nov. 2. in San Antonio.

Prosecutor Richard L. Durbin Jr. said he had not seen Blackthorne's motion, but planned to fight it.

"I think the evidence against him was overwhelming," said Durbin, an assistant U.S. attorney. "By the time the case was over, there was no room for any doubt, period, of what Blackthorne had done."

In the motion, Blackthorne's attorneys argue that access to the investigative report, which contained witness testimony and case work, would have bolstered their defense by detailing inconsistencies in testimony from two others convicted in the slaying, Sammy Gonzales and Danny Rocha.

Durbin said he was not required to hand over the report because the investigator was not a witness for the prosecution.

Prosecutors alleged during the trial that Blackthorne asked Rocha during a golf trip to Oregon to find a hit man to kill his ex-wife. Rocha testified he contacted his friend Gonzales, who hired his cousin, Jose Luis Del Toro, the alleged triggerman.

Both Gonzales and Rocha are serving prison terms in Florida for solicitation of murder. Del Toro, 23, is serving life in prison with no parole after pleading guilty to Bellush's murder.

Blackthorne has summed up his accomplices' testimony as lies and has asserted his innocence in his ex-wife's death.

The motion also contends the court committed errors and the jury may have been exposed to news coverage of the case the morning of the verdict.

Murder suspects say they targeted the wrong home

HOUSTON (AP) — A man who died in a robbery and shooting was the victim of assailants who had broken into the wrong town house, investigators have been told.

The two suspects told homicide investigators they had planned to rob acquaintances in a neighboring town house, believing drugs and a safe were inside.

Instead, they said they broke into Kevin Vaughan's house and shot him in the head, police spokesman John Cannon told the Houston Chronicle in Tuesday's editions.

Roger Dale Dean, 26, and 20-year-old Justin Daniel Lindsay, both of Porter, were held Tuesday without bail on capital murder charges in the July 28 death of Vaughan.

The 35-year-old man and his girlfriend had returned from a restaurant about 15 minutes before the shooting. Two armed men pushed their way into the town house after the woman answered a knock on the door.

One assailant went upstairs and confronted Vaughan, who was in bed. The woman told police she then heard gunshots.

The second suspect bound the woman and put her in a downstairs bathroom, threatening to kill her if she broke free. Both suspects then demanded money and ransacked the town house.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Neuromas are benign and treatable

DEAR DR. GOTT: What is a neuroma on the foot?

DEAR READER: A neuroma is a benign growth, composed of nerve cells and fibers, that forms on a nerve, any nerve, most commonly the acoustic nerve (in the ear) or nerves in the feet (Morton's neuroma). No one knows what causes these lumps to appear; however, they often grow at the sites of previous nerve injury.

As neuromas enlarge, they exert pressure on the nerves to which they are attached, with resulting malfunction. For instance, acoustic neuromas lead to deafness, facial numbness, disturbances in balance and tinnitus. In contrast, Morton's neuromas cause pain, numbness and tingling in the affected toes.

Neuromas can occur in various parts of the body. They are diagnosed by the various symptoms they produce. Sometimes, special tests, such as CT scans, are required for diagnosis. Depending on the location of the growths, medical therapy — such as cortisone injections — may relieve symptoms for weeks. In cases that don't respond to this treatment — or where the neuroma cannot be injected (such as the ear) — surgery is necessary to remove the growth and allow the compressed nerve to recover.

As a general rule, Morton's neuroma responds to cortisone injections and orthotic appliances worn in the shoes. Surgery is rarely required and, when needed, is almost always successful. A podiatrist or orthopedic surgeon can advise you.

DEAR DR. GOTT: You have repeatedly stated that alcohol is bad for a person to drink, yet I've read that moderate drinkers live longer than non-drinkers. I'm 70 and my doctor has suggested that I have a glass of wine with dinner. Isn't a little alcohol beneficial?

DEAR READER: Some drinking is not harmful for most people. One drink, however, is poison to an alcoholic. And heavy consumption is hazardous to anybody. Therefore, this issue — like so many others in our complex modern world — is one of moderation. But what is moderation?

A few years ago, when I was a child, businessmen traditionally enjoyed what was called the "two-martini lunch"; this was followed, in the evening, by a round or two of cocktails at home, wine with dinner and, perhaps, a nightcap. This was considered to be MODERATE social drinking!

We now know that this amount of alcohol, consumed for years, is unquestionably unhealthy for both men and women, and will lead to cirrhosis (liver scarring), "wet brain" (mental changes, such as memory loss) and premature heart disease — yet this astronomical amount was considered to be "moderate," average and acceptable by people in my parents' generation.

Modern research has conclusively demonstrated that more than 4 ounces — less for women — of 80 proof spirits (or the equivalent in wine or beer) a day is about all a person can tolerate without risking serious health problems.

Sure, millions of responsible adults enjoy a cocktail or a glass of wine every day. This is harmless. In fact, it is an enjoyable activity that is statistically associated with longevity; truly moderate drinkers have been reported to live longer. The reason for this is unknown.

If your doctor has suggested a glass of wine a day, fine. But remember that our concept of moderation has been turned upside down: Less is better. Moderation really means light drinking. To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Understanding Heart Disease." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Dress code helps swimming instructors avoid embarrassment

DEAR ABBY: I'm sure you'll get a lot of mail about the letter from the man who was accused of sexual harassment after he commented that the bathing suit his child's instructor was wearing had become transparent.

I agree the father should have discussed the transparent suit with his wife or another woman for guidance. You are right; the woman would have nipped the "problem" immediately. However, as a former water safety instructor for the American Red Cross, and a former pool manager at the Piedmont Park Pool for several years (1983-86), I feel the need to comment.

Certified swimming instructors take their jobs seriously. If they do not, they should be dismissed. Their job is to teach water safety to children, adolescents and adults. Women and men learn at a young age which colors become transparent due to contact with water; it is safe to say that light-colored suits (white, tan and yellow) are inappropriate for lifeguards or swimming instructors.

All of that said, I blame the parents (today's society always blames the parents) for allowing their 17-year-old daughter to wear a transparent suit while teaching. Second, I blame her employer for not providing guidance — a dress code — as to what is acceptable swimwear. Young women on my staff knew to wear dark-colored suits. The suits had to be functional, not cut high at the legs or low at the chest. The uniform code helped to prevent distraction due to dress — or lack of it. This would have saved the well-meaning parent, who happened to be male, embarrassment.

My advice to the father: Find another instructor for your daughter and another aquatic facility with a swimming program where safety is the No. 1 job description. — **LAURA E. DeMARS, ATLANTA**

DEAR LAURA: You have written a sensible letter — and believe me, I received fire and brimstone from readers who thought my answer was sexist for not taking the young woman to task. However, one letter in particular did not. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I would like you to know that the young swimming instructor was NOT wearing a transparent suit, but rather a Speedo one-piece. It is the type worn by almost all girls who take part in swimming competition or instruction. The "problem" was not the suit — it was that she was cold. Even though the dad distorted the facts, he still didn't get the verification he was seeking. His actions were inappropriate and humiliating to the girl. In the future, he should pay attention to his daughter instead of the instructor. Thank you. — **PROUD UNCLE IN WISCONSIN**

DEAR PROUD UNCLE: Thank YOU.

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DEAR ABBY: My husband's late wife died of pancreatic cancer in 1987. We were married in 1989 and have enjoyed a wonderful life except for one thing: He carries two pictures of her in his wallet.

It's been gnawing at me. Should I just ignore it as I have for the past 11 years, or ask him to remove the pictures? I will do as you advise. — **JUST JULIE IN CALIFORNIA**

DEAR JUST JULIE: Without anger or criticism, share your feelings with your husband. He may not have any idea how you feel. Tell him you respect his paying tribute to his deceased wife by carrying her photos, but that it would delight you to know he is also carrying pictures of you.

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Judge expected to rule in lawsuit

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A judge says he expects to rule against television model Holly Hallstrom in her lawsuit claiming she was unjustly fired by game show host Bob Barker and a corporation that produces "The Price is Right."

Barker, 76, also has a libel and slander suit against Hallstrom, who appeared with him on the show for 19 years until 1995. He alleges she defamed him in two television interviews and the National Enquirer after she left the program. That case was set for trial Sept. 22.

The judge's formal ruling was expected within a week.

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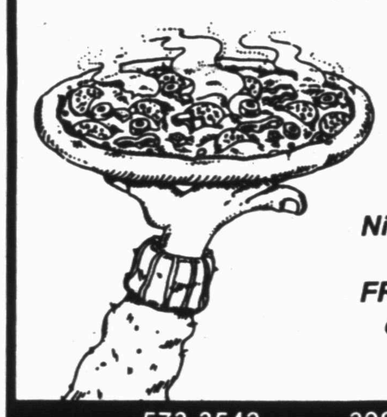

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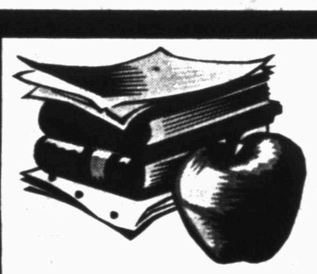

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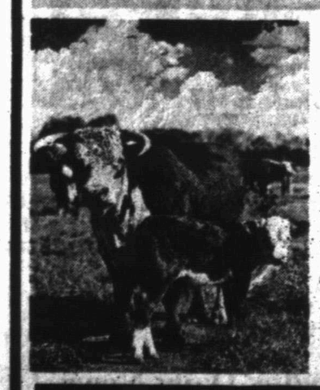

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English learners showing gains in California

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Two years after voters ended most bilingual education in California, statewide test scores for non-English speakers jumped about as much as scores for their fluent fellow students.

New test scores released Tuesday by the state Department of Education provide more details of how well California's public school students did on their third taking of the Standardized Testing and Reporting exam.

The state last month released scores for all students and followed that Tuesday with scores that include breakdowns for limited-English students.

Opponents of bilingual education say the improved scores prove the success of Proposition 227, which required teaching to be "overwhelmingly" in English for immigrant children. But education experts say the statewide test isn't a good measure of whether immigrant children are learning English.

The STAR test is taken by public school students in second-through-11th grades. It's the basis for Gov. Gray Davis' school improvement program that includes monetary rewards for schools and teachers when scores go up and eligibility for a three-year improvement program when they do not.

"These scores indicate that our focus on improved academic achievement is taking hold for all groups of students," Davis said Monday. "We still have a long way to go."

The overall results for 4.7 million students showed increases of several percentage points in nearly every grade and subject, with the largest improvements in the lowest grades, particularly second and third.

However, scores remained below the national average for reading in all grades.

Without counting the scores for nearly 1 million students who aren't proficient in English, the remaining English-fluent students were above the national average in reading for all grades except high school, and in math for all grades.

"Not surprisingly, the STAR results show that it is difficult for students to do well in academic content areas until they are proficient in English," said state school Superintendent Delaine Eastin.

As expected, the students who aren't proficient in English scored well below the national average in all areas, but their scores improved over the 1999 and 1998 levels.

"I'm certainly encouraged," said Ron Unz, the software millionaire who put Proposition 227 on the ballot. It was approved by 61 percent of the voters in June 1998.

Parents and students can obtain waivers allowing them to remain in bilingual classes and learn English and other subjects in their native language.

Limited-English students also can get a waiver from the required STAR test. State education officials say they don't know how many parents obtained such waivers.

However, Kenji Hakuta, an education professor at Stanford University, says the STAR test, being a standardized test written for native English speakers, is not a good measurement of whether immigrant children are learning English. The state is in the process of developing a new test aimed at doing just that.

"I don't think they (the scores) tell us anything, nor will they ever," Hakuta said.

Opponents of Proposition 227 claimed that forcing students to be taught in English instead of their native languages would hurt them academically in other subjects.

Unz said the latest scores show the opposite occurred.

"Test scores for immigrant students in math have risen even more dramatically than other test scores," he said.

On the Net: The department's Web site: http://star.cde.ca.gov

Damaged Alpine tundra may not recover

SILVERTON, Colo. (AP) — Hauling their stuck truck and Jeep off a steep mountainside was tough on two brothers from Texas, but it was even tougher on the alpine tundra.

The brothers' illegal expedition tore up roughly 200 yards of turf, and a public land manager isn't sure if the land will recover.

Only time will tell if efforts made to patch up the tattered tundra will succeed on the 12,500-foot-high site, said Kent Hoffman, area field manager for the U.S. Bureau of Land Management.

"Things looked reasonably good afterward," he said.

Alpine plant life has evolved to withstand freezing temperatures, nearly year-round frost, drought, high winds and intense solar radiation. But it's helpless against big tires.

Alan Hatcher of Dallas and Gary Hatcher of Bryan, Texas, drove off the beaten path on July 31 and onto a slope in southwestern Colorado that was off-limits to vehicles. They left the Dodge Ram pickup and Jeep Wrangler perched precariously on the slope and hiked down when they realized they wouldn't be able to drive down.

Several area residents and off-road enthusiasts criticized the brothers, but a handful of area residents helped them pull the vehicles up the ledge in a seven-hour recovery on Aug. 6. The spectacle on Houghton Mountain drew a crowd of onlookers.

The Bureau of Land Management ticketed the men $600 each for driving off the road and harming the fragile alpine tundra environment.

Undaunted by their ordeal, the Hatchers spent Aug. 7 four-wheeling the treacherous Black Bear trail between Red Mountain and Telluride. They left for home the next day.

"You tell everybody those stupid Texans are coming back next year," Alan Hatcher said.

Hoffman's response to that news was a heavy sigh. "This had better have been a big learning experience for them and anyone who thinks about going off-road," he said.

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Today is the 228th day of 2000 and the 57th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1790, John Carroll, the first Catholic bishop appointed to serve in the United States, was consecrated in Dorset, England.

On this day in 1918, the first feature-length animated movie, "The Sinking of the Lusitania," was released.

On this day in 1969, the Woodstock music festival began at a farm near Bethel, N.Y. Almost 400,000 people attended the event.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Napoleon Bonaparte (1769-1821), French leader; Sir Walter Scott (1771-1832), writer; Ethel Barrymore (1879-1959), actress; Edna Ferber (1887-1968), writer; Thomas E. Lawrence ("Lawrence of Arabia," 1888-1935), archaeologist-soldier-writer; Oscar Peterson (1925-), pianist, is 75; Linda Ellerbee (1944-), journalist, is 56.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1970, Patricia Palinkas became the first woman to play in a professional football game. She was a holder for the Orlando Panthers.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "If you keep a thing seven years, you are sure to find a use for it." — Sir Walter Scott

TODAY'S MOON: Full moon.

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The Western Texas College will hold a public hearing on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 7.9% percent. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The public hearing will be held on Tuesday, August 22nd at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room in the Administrative Building.

FOR the proposal:
AGAINST the proposal:
PRESENT and not voting:
ABSENT:

The following table compares taxes on an average home in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average home this year. Again, your individual taxes may be higher or lower, depending on the taxable value of your property.

	Last Year	This Year
Average residence homestead value	$ 31,936.00	$ 32,017.00
General exemptions available (amount available on the average homestead, not including senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	$ -0-	$ -0-
Average taxable value	$31,936.00	$ 32,017.00
Tax rate	.3143	.3067
Tax	$ 100.38	$ 98.20

Under this proposal, taxes on the average homestead would decrease by $ 2.18 or 2.17% percent compared with last year's taxes. Comparing tax rates without adjusting for changes in property value, the tax rate would decrease by $ .0076 per $100 of taxable value or 2.42% percent compared to last year's tax rate. These tax rate figures are not adjusted for changes in the taxable value of property.

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The _____ County Auditor certifies that _____ County has spent $_____ in the previous 12 months beginning _____, _____, for the maintenance and operations cost of keeping inmates sentenced to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. _____ County Sheriff has provided information on these costs, minus the state revenues received for reimbursement of such costs.

50-107 (Rev. 4-00/6)

Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The City of Snyder will hold a public hearing on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 8 percent. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The public hearing will be held on August 22, 2000 at 6:30 p.m. City Hall.

FOR the proposal: James Ashley, Vernest Tippens, David Harrell, I.E. Martin Terry Martin
AGAINST the proposal: None
PRESENT and not voting: None
ABSENT: James Jenkins

The following table compares taxes on an average home in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average home this year. Again, your individual taxes may be higher or lower, depending on the taxable value of your property.

	Last Year	This Year
Average residence homestead value	$ 32,774	$ 32,890
General exemptions available (amount available on the average homestead, not including senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	$ 0	$ 0
Average taxable value	$ 32,774	$ 32,890
Tax rate	.3935 /$100	.4246 /$100
Tax	$ 128.97	$ 139.65

Under this proposal, taxes on the average homestead would increase by $ 10.68 or 8.28 percent compared with last year's taxes. Comparing tax rates without adjusting for changes in property value, the tax rate would increase by $ .0311 per $100 of taxable value or 7.90 percent compared to last year's tax rate. These tax rate figures are not adjusted for changes in the taxable value of property.

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Man freed in anticipation of pardon

CONROE (AP) — A 35-year-old man imprisoned for a decade for a rape conviction debunked by DNA evidence was freed Tuesday morning in advance of an expected pardon from Gov. George W. Bush.

A subdued and teary Roy Wayne Criner walked out of the Montgomery County courthouse after State District Judge Mike Mayes granted him a personal recognizance bond. The bond would become null once the pardon was signed.

"The first thing I'm going to do, I'm going to take a hot bath," Criner said as he met his jubilant family as a free man.

In the brief hearing before his release, Mayes complimented the one-time East Texas logger.

"Undaunted men and women have triumphed over adversity," Mayes said, comparing Criner to George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. "Imprisoned for 10 years for a crime he did not commit, we have Roy Wayne Criner."

Mayes then asked Criner to "refrain from anger and bitterness" over losing nearly a third of his life to confinement. Criner remained calm throughout the hearing.

Monday, the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles voted 18-0 in favor of pardoning Criner, who was convicted of raping 16-year-old Deanna Ogg. Her naked and bludgeoned body was found in September 1986, about 20 miles northeast of Houston in New Caney.

The board's recommendation was immediately forwarded to Bush, who was expected to sign the pardon Tuesday, spokeswoman Linda Edwards said.

"I agree with the Board of Pardons and Paroles that credible new evidence raises substantial doubt about the guilt of Roy Criner, and that he should receive a pardon," Bush said in a statement.

Criner originally was charged with murder, a count dropped for lack of evidence. He was convicted of aggravated sexual assault.

Criner's attorney, Michael B. Charlton, successfully argued DNA evidence found on a cigarette butt matched semen found in Ogg's body but neither matched Criner.

On July 28, Montgomery County District Attorney Michael McDougal, Sheriff Guy Williams and Mayes asked the parole board to recommend the pardon.

Britain suspends Concorde operation

LONDON (AP) — British Airways suspended Concorde operations Tuesday after being told that British and French officials intended to revoke the supersonic plane's airworthiness certification, the airline said.

The Tuesday morning flight from London to New York had just rolled back from the gate when the decision was made, and the 37 Concorde passengers were transferred to other flights, British Airways said. The return Concorde flight from New York was also canceled.

After the July 25 crash of an Air France Concorde, which killed 113 people, British Airways suspended its Concorde flights for only a day. Since then, the airline had insisted it believed that there was no fundamental safety flaw in the aircraft.

British Airways said it was notified Tuesday morning that Britain's Air Accident Investigation Branch and French authorities had agreed to suspend certification of the plane on Wednesday.

"As soon as we heard this, we immediately withdrew our supersonic fleet from service this morning," the airline said.

An official of Britain's Civil Aviation Authority, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the decision to suspend stemmed from the finding that the failure of a tire on the Air France Concorde was the cause of the accident.

French authorities are to explain the decision on Wednesday, said the AAIB chief inspector, Ken Smart.

Investigators believe the "initial cause" of the July 25 accident was a metal strip that punctured a tire, sending huge chunks of rubber into the area of the fuel tanks.

French authorities suspended Air France Concorde flights immediately and have said since that it would be premature to resume them given the number of unanswered questions.

British Airways was operating only one Concorde flight each way between London and New York during August, citing a normal summer reduction in demand for premium air travel.

The crash was the first fatal accident involving the elite Concorde in its 25 years of commercial flying.

Efforts to reach Russian sub trapped on ocean floor fail

MOSCOW (AP) — Frantic efforts to reach a Russian nuclear submarine trapped on the ocean floor failed Tuesday and chances of rescuing 116 sailors on the vessel appeared bleak as a storm lashed the area, officials said.

Twelve-foot high waves and strong winds were buffeting rescue ships in the area above the Arctic Circle where the submarine was stranded, officials said. Weather forecasts said there would be no improvement for the next three days.

Efforts to connect air and power lines had not worked and there was no communication with the submarine, said navy spokesman Capt. Igor Babenko. Conditions inside the submarine, including how much air it had left, were not known, officials said.

"The projection of possible consequences of the accident in the Kursk for the lives of its crew remains extremely grave," Navy chief Adm. Vladimir Kuroyedov said in a statement Tuesday.

Navy officials denied Russian press reports quoting Defense Minister Igor Sergeyev as saying an operation to extricate the crew was underway. The navy said an attempt might be made late Tuesday if weather improved.

The submarine, one of the biggest and newest in the Russian navy, was trapped at a depth of 354 feet, the navy said.

There appeared to have been an explosion in the torpedo compartment in the nose of the submarine, sending it crashing to the sea bottom, said Kuroyedov, backing away from earlier statements that it had collided with something.

An explosion inside the torpedo chamber, which contains warheads, would probably have caused extensive casualties, analysts said. Navy officials said casualties could not be "ruled out," the Interfax news agency reported.

It appeared that several compartments inside the submarine were flooded, officials said. Submarines are divided into compartments that can be sealed off in case of flooding. It may be impossible to operate the submarine if several compartments, including the control center, are flooded.

"Further development depends not only on the rescue efforts, but also on the situation inside the hull," said navy spokesman Capt. Igor Dygalo.

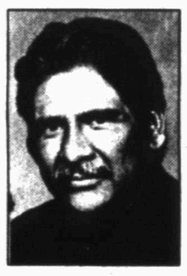
There were 116 officers and sailors on the submarine, Dygalo said, the first time the navy had revealed the size of the crew.

Obituaries

Silverio Guerrero

1955-2000

Silverio Guerrero, 45, died Sunday, Aug. 13, at his home in Snyder.



Guerrero

Funeral service for Mr. Guerrero will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday in the St. Ann's Catholic Church in Colorado City. Burial will follow in the Mitchell County Cemetery under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Born Feb. 25, 1955 in San Angelo, he was a member of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Snyder. He worked at cotton gins and on farms in the Loraine area.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Raul and Ruperta Guerrero.

Survivors include one son, Michael Guerrero of Odessa; five sisters, Silvia Santana of Snyder, Margie Sepeda and Jamie Diaz of Sweetwater, Martha Santana of Colorado City and Elizabeth Barnett of Loraine; four brothers, Jose Guerrero, Celestine Guerrero, Catarino Guerrero, all of Snyder, and Abraham Guerrero of Sweetwater; and five grandchildren.

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Officers arrest woman at Wal-Mart for theft

• ***Shoplifter arrested***

A 40-year-old woman was taken into custody at Wal-Mart at 10:06 a.m. Monday for shoplifting. The offense is considered Class C theft.

Employees called officers to the store at 9:26 a.m. and the woman and a man were issued criminal trespass warnings not to return to the store.

• ***Trespassers***

Wayne Bethel spoke to deputies at 1:58 p.m. Monday to report that some subjects had moved into his vacant house at 1312 North Avenue R without permission.

• ***Vehicle recovered***

At 4:39 p.m., Willie Thompson advised officers that he had recovered his 1989 White Mercury Grand Marquis that had been taken Thursday.

• ***Class ring taken***

Gina Ferguson reported the theft of her class ring at 7:32 p.m. Monday.

• ***Family violence***

A report for Class C assault/family violence was taken at 9:26 p.m. Monday

• ***Criminal mischief***

Donald Wright reported to officers at 10:48 p.m. Monday that someone had cut the brake lines on his vehicle and had let his dogs off their chain.

• ***Arrests***

A 19-year-old man was booked into custody at 11:41 a.m. Monday on a warrant for driving while license suspended.

Public intoxication landed a 19-year-old man in jail at 12:28 a.m. today.

• ***Fire***

Snyder and Fluvanna firefighters responded to a grass fire at 1:09 p.m. Monday near the Scurry and Borden county line that burned approximately 60 acres of pastureland.

Five firefighters from Snyder and four from Fluvanna were on the scene until about 3 p.m.

A maintainer from Borden County assisted.

Snyder officials said a blown fuse from a transformer bank sparked the fire, which was on Don Jones' property.

While fighting that blaze, five other firemen from Snyder were dispatched to another grassfire at 1:45 p.m. at the intersection of West Hwy. 180 and CR 254 where approximately five acres of pastureland burned.

The origin of the second fire is unknown.

• ***Accident***

A Department of Public Safety trooper worked a minor two-vehicle mishap on U.S. Highway 84 at Inadale around 11 a.m. Monday.

Involved were a 2000 Kenworth truck-tractor owned by Stevens Transport of Dallas and a 1994 Ford truck owned by the Texas Department of Transportation.

The truck-tractor was driven by Manuel Bilvado, 37, of Tulare, Calif., and the Ford was driven by Donny Ray Smith, 46, of Baird.

Both were eastbound on 84 when the truck-tractor attempted to pass the truck and side mirrors on the two vehicles struck.

Hermleigh ISD will start new year Wednesday

Hermleigh ISD will start the 2000-01 school year 8 a.m. Wednesday.

"We're ready to start the new year," said Supt. Jerry Church. "We formally hired our two new coaches in Monday night's board meeting, and we're ready to go."

The Hermleigh board ratified the contracts of coaches Harley Etheridge and Paul Morton, plus continued work on the district's budget.

"I expect we will meet again next week to finalize our budget," said Church.

Church said the board is looking at a smaller budget than last year's.

In other business Monday, the board approved a no-pass, no-play exemption for athletes taking concurrent courses for for high school and college credit, and discussed employee health insurance.

"We still have one bid to consider before the final costs will be determined," said Church.

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Speech parents meeting

Current parents and students of the SHS speech team, as well as those interested in being part of the team, will meet at 6 this evening in the student center. Coaches will be introduced and plans and dates for tournaments will be discussed.

Adult basic education classes

Adult basic education classes began today at WTC. Classes will be held Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8 a.m. until noon, and from 6-8:45 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday. Classes include E.S.L., GED and refresher courses. Call 573-0223 for additional information.

JP trial cancelled

The jury trial for JP court set for 8:30 a.m. Thursday has been cancelled.

Holiday poems sought

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

AARP board meeting

The AARP board will meet at 9 a.m. Wednesday at the Senior Center.

Gateway board meeting

Gateway Family Services will have a corporate board meeting at noon Thursday at Martha Ann Woman's Club.

Retirement reception

A retirement reception to honor Jaime Roemisch, an employee of First American Bank since 1980, will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday at the bank.

FBC worship service

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

Hermleigh hamburger supper

The Hermleigh cheerleaders will host a hamburger supper from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the high school cafeteria. Meet the coaches and the junior high and high school football players. $5 per plate.

Northeast Elementary cookbooks

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

Fish fry

New Hope Baptist Church, 3305 Ave. L, will have a Fish Fry starting at 11:30 a.m. Saturday. Plates are $6 for adults and $3 for children under 12.

Car wash

Our Lady of Guadalupe Queen candidate Bonnie Pesina is holding a car wash starting at 10 a.m. Saturday at United.

Class of '60 reunion

The SHS Class of 1960 will hold its 40th reunion this weekend. There will be an ice cream social at 7 p.m. Friday at Martha Ann Woman's Club. Saturday, there will be a 10 a.m. brunch at MAWC and a 7 p.m. dinner and dance at Snyder Country Club with music by Hwy 208. For information, call Patsy Hart at 573-8060.

Polar reunion

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

Bible study tapes

Bible study tapes air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "Overcoming Temptation by Understanding Temptation," followed by "Be Ye Reconciled to God."

Snyder FFA booster club

The Snyder FFA booster club will meet at 7 p.m. Monday in the SHS ag building. Officers will be elected and fund-raisers will be discussed. A work day at the school farm will also be scheduled. Membership is not limited to parents. Ex-students, friends and others are invited.

Cancer board meeting

The board of the Scurry County unit of the American Cancer Society will meet at 5 p.m. next Tuesday in the board room at Cogdell Hospital.

GED exams

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

Chamber banquet

Fiddlin' Frenchie Burke will be the featured enterainter at the Snyder chamber banquet Saturday, Aug. 26. Tickets are $12.50 for adults and $7 for children and are on sale at the chamber office. Serving begins at 6:30 p.m.

Northside Baptist revival

A revival begins Sunday, Aug. 27, and continues through Sept. 3 at Northside Baptist Church, 1909 16th Street. Evangelist is Harley Higginbotham of Hugo, Okla., with special music by the Higginbotham Family. Sunday services are at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. and weekday services are at 7 p.m.

Pyron homecoming

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

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery, in order: 4-1-6

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery: