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# BCD approves Air Force open house funding

The Board of County Development granted the Development Corporation of Snyder (DCOS) $2,000 Tuesday for the dedication of the Lone Star Electronic Scoring Site Aug. 9.

DCOS executive director John DeLille said the event, which is to be held at the big hangar at Winston Field, is expected to draw between 500 and 600 people. He said the Air Force will bring buses to offer rides to the AHNTECH facility adjacent to the airport.

DeLille said the request for funds would help offset the expected cost of $6,900 to host the grand opening party. "I can do better than $6,900, but I would like some firm commitments," he said. He noted that the Snyder chamber of commerce had granted $1,000 for the dedication, and that DCOS would be requesting $1,000 from the city.

The cost of the event includes an expected expense of $3,000 for food and beverages. Chamber of commerce executive director Donna Fowler said the food would be a way for Snyder to welcome the new employees and their families to the city. Fowler said many new employees were apprehensive about living in Snyder.

"One thing we have here in Snyder that most don't is the people," she said. "I think it will be a super day for Snyder and the new families. We want them to know they are welcome in the community and we are thrilled to death to have them."

DeLille said the decorations for the event would be a simple red, white and blue theme, with a 60' X 30' U.S. flag and ceremonial bunting. Other costs include the purchase of glass premiums to be given to guests. The premium will feature the logo of the Snyder site, which is the last site in the electronic scoring system project.

DeLille said the guest list had not yet been finalized, but invitees to the ceremony include U.S. Rep. Charlie Stenholm, state Sen. Troy Fraser, Mark Earle, director of aviation at Lubbock International Airport and Pecos Mayor Dot Stafford.

The board voted 3-1 to help fund the project, with board member Ray Myers dissenting. Board members Jerry Martin, Don West and Tony Scott also attended the one-hour meeting. Bill Dryden was absent.

CAMPING SKILLS — Snyder High School athletes go through drills this morning at Snyder Volleyball Camp. Approximately 45 players are taking part in the camp, which runs through Friday at the SHS gym. (SDN Staff Photo)

# Angry mob kills two after Chicago mishap

CHICAGO (AP) — An angry mob pulled two men from a van and beat them to death after the van jumped a curb and crashed into three pedestrians on a porch outside a city home, witnesses and police said.

Witness Taquita Mixon said the crowd beat the van driver and passenger with bricks from the side of a nearby building after the 6:30 p.m. Tuesday crash.

"They didn't have a chance. It was a brutal beat-down," Mixon said. "They just went down."

The Cook County Medical Examiner's Office identified the two dead as Jack Moore, 62, and Anthony Stuckey, 50, both of Chicago. It's not clear who was driving.

The rental van hit three women when it lost control and smashed into the porch, Chicago Police Sgt. Robert Cargie said. The three were in area hospitals this morning. Two were listed in serious condition; the third was in fair condition.

Mixon said she was at the window of her apartment across the street when she saw the van swerve toward the house.

"It all happened so fast, it seemed like he floored it or something," Mixon said.

# SISD schedules administrators' retreat Thursday

Snyder ISD will have an all day administrators' retreat Thursday at Snyder Country Club.

The event will get underway at 7:45 a.m. with a breakfast, followed by Dr. Melissa Jones, asst. supt., giving an overview of the 2002-2003 school year.

Karen Waller, asst. supt. for finances, will present a budget overview, and others on the program are Dale Byrd, Kellye Starnes, Dixie Haggard, Larry Scott, Jean McMillon, Jim Rosson, Bill Bell, Pam Hart, Al Phillips, Ralph Ramon, Thomas Fogleman, Mike Carter and Carmen Carpenter.

Kelli Karezewski, attorney from Austin, will give an update on legal matters affecting school districts.

The theme of the retreat is based on the book, *Encouraging the Heart* by James M. Kouzes and Barry Posner.

The authors contend that people will aspire to higher standards of performance when they are genuinely appreciated for their dedication.

# It's time to get in line as band practice starts

Summer band practice for the Snyder High School band program will get underway at 9 a.m. Thursday with the percussion section meeting in the high school band hall.

The percussionists will meet until noon, and then from 1:30-4 p.m.

On Friday, rehearsal will begin at 8:30 a.m. for all band members and it will continue until noon. Afternoon rehearsal times are from 1:30-4 p.m.

These times will apply through Friday, Aug. 9.

There will be no rehearsals on Monday Aug. 12, and the times for the Aug. 13 rehearsals will be announced later.

Regular morning and evening rehearsal times will resume Aug. 14-15.

WORTH WAITING FOR — Viola and Walter Stirl stand by a century plan that bloomed the first time in its 17 years. Stirl said the plant grew 22 feet in 10 weeks. (Contributed Photo)

## Area sales tax rebates

| City | July '02 | July '01 | +/- | Year '02 | Year '01 | +/- |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Abilene | $2,046,280.66 | $1,881,363.95 | 8.76% | $14,849,951.44 | $14,474,660.19 | 2.59% |
| Big Spring | $293,216.11 | $265,274.98 | 10.53% | $2,089,274.30 | $2,151,653.05 | -2.89% |
| Colorado City | $31,215.82 | $34,915.33 | -10.95% | $232,017.09 | $246,855.83 | -6.01% |
| Lamesa | $58,112.79 | $60,985.05 | -4.70% | $484,524.49 | $506,042.02 | -4.25% |
| Lubbock | $2,186,879.46 | $2,144,551.02 | 1.97% | $16,581,402.17 | $16,236,522.11 | 2.12% |
| Post | $20,571.55 | $17,905.61 | 14.88% | $148,939.55 | $168,609.93 | -11.66% |
| Roby | $1,394.34 | $1,076.93 | 29.47% | $11,866.69 | $12,836.10 | -7.55% |
| Rotan | $8,709.93 | $9,109.23 | -4.38% | $72,997.24 | $74,563.78 | -2.10% |
| Snyder | $124,157.29 | $104,995.55 | 18.25% | $807,793.49 | $802,934.34 | 0.60% |
| Sweetwater | $131,676.88 | $135,110.23 | -2.54% | $1,049,111.62 | $1,050,582.19 | -0.13% |

SALES TAX REBATES — Sales tax rebate to the city of Snyder for the month of July is up 18.25% compared with the same month in 2001. Snyder's check is $124,157.29 compared to $104,995.55 last July.

## ASK US

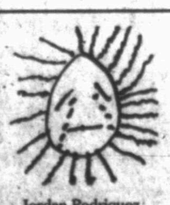
Q—What is the record yearly rainfall for Scurry County?

A—In 1941, Scurry County received 44.02 inches.

## FORECAST - ALMANAC

**Snyder Temps:** High Tuesday, 92 degrees; low, 64; 7a.m. Wednesday, 70; no precipitation; total for 2002, 14.31 inches.

**Area Forecast:** Tonight, partly cloudy; low lower 70s; S winds 10-20 mph. Thursday, mostly sunny; high mid 90s; S winds 10-20 mph.



Jordan Rodriquez
Sunny

**Sunset:** 8:40 p.m.
**Sunrise:** 7 a.m.
Of 211 days in 2002, the sun has shone 204 days in Snyder.

## TODAY'S THOUGHT

The stakes are too high for government to be a spectator sport.

—Barbara Jordan

## THE SDN COLUMN

MY TURN

by Shirley A. Gorman

I hate scorpions!

I never realized how much until they started invading my home about three months ago.

Half asleep, I turned on the bathroom light early one morning and there *it* was. A few early mornings later, there's another *one* in my tub. Okay. This is beginning to unnerve me just a little, but I'm still not too worried. After all I can handle a couple of scorpions. Right?

The uninvited guests highly motivated me to perform one of my twice-annual sprayings, inside, around and underneath my mobile home. Product A has always been a good deterrent to tiny ants that can sometimes find their way into a mobile home.

So I opened all the windows, emptied closets and the cabinets, underneath sink cabinets and started spraying.

Problem solved I thought. But the creepy pests were still hanging around making themselves right at home. Product A apparently did not phase them.

Okay, round one goes to the scorpions. I next bought two bottles of Product B recommended to kill scorpions. I sprayed again, same scenario as before.

Again I was sure the problem was solved. But as I stepped out of an early-morning shower a few days later I see this grayish blob on the ceiling out of the corner of my eye. As I fumble to put my glasses on, I thought "please be a miller, please be a miller."

No such luck. It was a light-colored scorpion. I ran and got the remaining bottle of Product B and sprayed it directly on that nervy scorpion (How dare it invade my bathroom). And it just kept running away. Not to be deterred, I grabbed a flyswatter and finished him off.

Round two goes to the scorpions. Next I buy Product C (highly recommended to kill scorpions). Someone at work had also told me that scorpions show up under a black light so I bought a black bulb, put it in a lamp and searched my home, peaking under beds, in closets, wherever I could shine the light. The eerie glow was neat looking but I never saw a single scorpion. I felt a little silly as I searched.

Almost like a city slicker on a snipe hunt. But still I was somewhat (as it turned out falsely) reassured.

But just to be safe, I saturated my yard with double strength Product C, the siding on my mobile and underneath as far as I could spray. I also sprayed inside my home with a slightly weaker solution.

After that third spraying, I just knew the scorpions had to be all gone. However, one night a few days before I was to leave on vacation I flipped the light on in my bathroom and there is a dark colored scorpion scurrying around my tub (they sure do like my tub) like Mario Andretti.

Then I look up and see another one on my bathroom ceiling, so light in color it was barely visible. The one in the tub I could handle. Fly-swatters aren't just for swatting flies.

But how would I get the one on the ceiling? I climbed up on the counter and with shoe in hand swiped at the creature. All I managed to do was knock it down and scare myself. I nearly killed myself falling backward off the counter. It wasn't until later that it occurred to me that I could have sucked the thing up in the vacuum cleaner.

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# Bush enacts law cracking down on corporate and accounting fraud

WASHINGTON (AP) — Lawmakers criticized White House action on a brand-new law cracking down on corporate fraud, saying President Bush appeared to be weakening the measure mere hours after signing it.

Bush turned the legislation into the law of the land in a grand East Room ceremony Tuesday, with tough talk against boardroom crooks and promises that his administration would pursue them as aggressively as it has hunted terrorists.

Eight hours later, the White House quietly issued a statement outlining how it was interpreting several provisions, including one that grants federal protection to corporate whistle-blowers who present Congress with information that books had been cooked or investors misled.

Bush spokeswoman Claire Buchan said the White House views the provision as shielding whistle-blowers from company retaliation only if they talk to a congressional committee "in the course of an investigation." The protections would not apply when evidence is provided to individual lawmakers or aides, she said.

The belated presidential statement called the interpretation a "careful construction by the executive branch as it faithfully executes the act."

The Bush administration interpretation could most affect lawmakers — usually those in the minority party who cannot control whether full committees launch formal investigations — who undertake their own inquiries.

A Senate aide, speaking on condition of anonymity, also said investigations often do not begin until someone brings information forward about wrongdoing.

David Carle, a spokesman for Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., who crafted the whistle-blower section, said the White House's take on the law "is contrary to the plain language of the statute, which is intended to protect whistle-blowers who provide crucial information to Congress whether or not an active investigation is under way."

Leahy said: "I would hope the administration is not beginning to water down the law within hours of signing it."

Leahy's co-author, Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, called the White House move "disturbing."

"Our intention is to protect any whistle-blower who exposes wrongdoing to an individual member of Congress, a congressional committee, a media outlet or any other public entity," Grassley said. "Whistle-blowers need full protection. Otherwise they won't come forward. Problems won't see the light of day."

The nonprofit National Whistleblower Center said the new law marks the first time that federal whistle-blower protections have been extended to employees of publicly traded companies.

"Without protecting the whistle-blowers, corporate reform efforts would have failed," said a statement from Kris Kolesnik, the group's executive director, after the bill's signing.

## events

TEXAS LOTTERY

### RESULTS

**Texas Two Step**

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

12-17-18-28

Bonus number 18

Estimated jackpot: $200,000

**Cash Five**

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

1-14-22-28-36

**Pick 3**

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

6-0-1

# Pilot whales put to death following 3rd Cape Code stranding

EASTHAM, Mass. (AP) — Marine experts, exhausted and heartbroken after failing to free 45 pilot whales stranded on Cape Cod, euthanized the surviving animals when they swam ashore for a third time in two days.

Volunteers and vacationers had pitched in to free the mammals, covering them with wet blankets and bedsheets to regulate their body temperature and herding them out to sea.

But when the disoriented pod re-stranded near Sunken Meadow Beach late Tuesday, in a marshy, hard-to-access location with dark approaching, marine scientists were forced to make the decision none wanted to make, said New England Aquarium spokesman Tony LaCasse.

"After two days of trying to give these animals any opportunity we could, a decision was made by the veterinarians on site to euthanize those animals that weren't already dead," LaCasse said Tuesday. "It's probably one of the harder decisions that anyone can make."

Since the strandings began Monday about 25 miles away at Chapin Beach in Dennis, 56 whales have died or been euthanized.

Early Tuesday, 45 surviving animals beached again at Lieutenant Island. About 300 people came to the area to try to help, including schoolchildren who filled buckets of water to pour on the whales to keep them comfortable.

Rescuers were largely successful, placing the 31 surviving blistered and sunburned whales on their stomachs so they wouldn't suffocate while awaiting high tide.

By Tuesday afternoon, however, all 31 swam ashore again. Twenty-five were euthanized and the rest died.

Mass strandings of pilot whales are not unusual since they are highly sociable animals that travel and feed in groups and frequent areas near the coastline. They range from 12 to 16 feet in length as adults and weigh about 1,800 pounds.

In July 2000, 10 pilot whales died after stranding in shallow water off Nantucket, and on Christmas Eve of 1991, 31 stranded pilot whales died off Cape Cod.

## Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

### *Treatment of high blood cholesterol*

**DEAR DR. GOTT:** What are the medical options for treating a high cholesterol level? Mine is 293, high I think.

**DEAR READER:** A cholesterol level of 293 milligrams per deciliter is, without a doubt, too high and places you at risk of complications, such as stroke, heart attack and arterial blockage.

Experts advise people to reduce their cholesterol levels to 200 mg. — or less. However, in my practice, I've found that this level may not be realistic for the elderly in whom levels of 220 or 230 may be acceptable. In any case, a level exceeding 250 is clearly significant and should be addressed.

Diet is the cornerstone of initial therapy. You should use skimmed milk, limit cheese and ice cream, change from butter to corn oil margarine; avoid fried foods (unless they are cooked in a nonstick pan or in olive oil); give up high-fat meats (such as liver, bacon, sausage and luncheon meats) reduce egg consumption to no more than two a week; buy only lean cuts of meat and follow the other dietary suggestions your doctor may have made.

If needed, the next step would be medication, either a niacin preparation or a "statin" drug. Niacin is a vitamin and is preferred by patients who feel more comfortable using "natural" products. The statins — Lipitor, Zocor and others — are expensive but are highly effective. In rare instances, however, they can cause liver inflammation and muscle damage, so their use must be monitored with blood tests.

Your doctor can advise you which medicine would be appropriate if a low-cholesterol diet fails to help you reach your goal.

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

**DEAR DR. GOTT:** Young fellows in my generation were always cautioned to use an athletic supporter for games — such as wrestling and football — to protect the testicles.

My wife, a former farm girl, is a great fan of rodeo, especially bull-riding. You can probably see my question already. How are the bulls' testicles protected from all the jumping and gyrations in the arena?

**DEAR READER:** Actually, I anticipated quite a different question: How can bull-riders protect their genitals?

I don't know for sure, but I expect that the men wear appropriate gear.

Perhaps the women do, too.

The physical imperative that adolescent athletes wear jock straps was widely enforced and believed in when you and I were growing up. In today's athletic world, competitors are encouraged to wear whatever undergarment is comfortable. For obvious reasons, contact sports, such as football and hockey (and to a lesser extent, soccer and lacrosse), are sports in which reinforced athletic supporters are a must.

Now to your question. I couldn't conceive of trying to put a supporter on a bull; riding it would be tough enough, thank you. I assume that the animal is on his own. Your wife can verify or amend that statement. However, my impression from limited exposure is that bull riding is not a threat to the bull's reproductive tract.

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# Man is charged

CANYONVILLE, Ore. (AP) — A misdemeanor sexual abuse charge has been filed against a firefighter battling the Tiller Complex Fire in Douglas County, authorities said.

Norman Ben James, 33, of Rock Point, Ariz., reportedly groped a female firefighter staying at the same camp.

The 25-year-old woman, also from Arizona, told the U.S. Forest Service that James touched her inappropriately as she walked through the firefighters' camp Sunday evening, said Pam Frank, a spokeswoman for the Douglas County sheriff's office.

The woman, who did not know James before the incident, said she was touched in a sexual way on top of her clothing.

## Date Book

**Wednesday, July 31, 2002**

Today is the 212th day of 2002 and the 41st day of summer.

**TODAY'S HISTORY:** On this day in 1715, Samuel Hopkins of Vermont was issued the first patent granted by the federal government. His patent was for a process of making potash and pearlash (types of potassium compounds used to make soap and fertilizer). The patent document was signed by President George Washington, Secretary of State Thomas Jefferson and Attorney General Edmund Randolph.

On this day in 1912, Congress enacted a bill prohibiting the importation of and interstate trade in movies depicting prize fights.

On this day in 1971, Apollo astronauts David Scott and James Irwin rode an electric cart on the moon.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS:** Milton Friedman, (1912-), economist, is 80; Whitney Young (1921-1971), U.S. civil-rights leader; Geraldine Chaplin (1944-), actress, is 58; Wesley Snipes, (1962-), actor, is 40.

**TODAY'S SPORTS:** On this day in 1954, Joe Adcock hit four home runs and a double for Milwaukee against Brooklyn, establishing an 18-base major-league record.

**TODAY'S QUOTE:** "The power to do good is also the power to do harm." — Milton Friedman

**TODAY'S MOON:** Between full moon (July 24) and last quarter (Aug. 1).

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# James Traficant is sentenced to eight years

CLEVELAND (AP) — James A. Traficant Jr. already made history by being expelled from Congress. Now he will try to become the first person since the 18th century to win his seat back from behind bars.

The defiant Democrat was sentenced Tuesday to eight years in prison for bribery and racketeering and asked the judge to imprison him in Ohio so he can seek a 10th term in the Nov. 5 election.

"Quite frankly, I expect to be re-elected," Traficant told U.S. District Judge Lesley Wells after she imposed the sentence.

The 61-year-old former House member was immediately led off to jail in handcuffs after the judge refused to let him remain free on bail while he appeals his conviction.

Traficant, who last week became only the second congressman thrown out since the Civil War, filed to run for the House as an independent within weeks of his April conviction.

Despite his conviction and expulsion, Traficant is still allowed to run for Congress. The U.S. Constitution states that a congressional candidate must be a resident of the state in which he's running for office.

If Traficant wins re-election from prison, he would be the first inmate congressman since Matthew Lyon in the 18th century. Lyon was re-elected while serving a four-month jail sentence for violating the Alien and Sedition Act in a letter criticizing President John Adams. The law was later declared unconstitutional.

Traficant, known for his arm-waving rants on the House floor, his loud '70s-style suits and his unruly gray hair, was unrepentant Tuesday, telling one of the prosecutors, "You should be ashamed of yourself, not me."

The judge gave Traficant a longer sentence than the minimum 71/4 years prosecutors had requested, saying he had undermined respect for the government and lied to distract attention from the charges against him.

The judge also fined him $150,000 on top of the $96,000 the jury required him to forfeit in ill-gotten gains.

Traficant's attorney said he will ask the U.S. Court of Appeals to release the former congressman during his appeal.

There is one federal prison in Ohio — Elkton Federal Correctional Institution — located near Youngstown, Traficant's hometown.

While in custody, he would not be permitted to receive incoming calls, and his phone privileges would be limited to five hours a month, Bureau of Prisons spokeswoman Traci Billingsley said.

He would have mail privileges but no access to the Internet or e-mail.

"November is a long way off and Traficant will be pretty much silenced," said Melanie Blumberg, political science professor at California University of Pennsylvania. "I think that's going to be a problem for him."

Warren Davis, an independent also running for the seat in the northeast Ohio 17th District, said Traficant has "a core of followers who have always been loyal to him."

Those loyal to Traficant include Eric Mahadeviah, 39, a member of American Legion Post 472 in Youngstown, which was the center of Traficant's old territory and is still part of the newly redrawn 17th District.

"I think congressman Traficant got alienated from the Congress and that the judge did him very wrong, as a matter of fact. I really don't believe he did everything they said he did," Mahadeviah said.

Although Traficant has made no political appearances or produced any ads, he still has $50,000 in campaign funds. There is no law stopping him from using that money for re-election or raising more funds from prison, said Bob Biersack, spokesman for the Federal Election Commission.

But he has no campaign staff. "I don't know who will be carrying the banner for him," Blumberg said.

Political analysts have said a run by Traficant could split the Democratic vote, aiding the Republican nominee, state Rep. Ann Womer Benjamin.

"As long as he is still on the ballot, this story is yet to be written and his impact on that election is yet to be seen," said Rep. Bob Ney, R-Ohio, chairman of the House Administration Committee.

# Vietnamese-language ballots and voting material must be provided by Harris Co.

HOUSTON (AP) — Because of the growing Vietnamese population in the Houston area, Harris County must begin providing Vietnamese-language ballots and voting material, beginning in November.

Citing requirements in the federal Voting Rights Act, the justice Department has ordered County Clerk Beverly Kaufman to print ballots in English, Spanish and Vietnamese.

Harris County is the only county in Texas with a large enough Vietnamese population to have triggered the Justice Department's order. Vietnamese leaders in the Houston area said the move will help encourage the community's political involvement.

"This is a big step forward for Houston's Vietnamese community, because this means we cannot keep quiet anymore," said Kim Nguyen, president of the Vietnamese Community of Houston and Vicinity. "We realize we need to be part of mainstream politics. This will help us encourage people to do that."

The 2000 Census revealed more than 55,000 people in Harris County identifying themselves as Vietnamese. At least 10,000 of them are old enough to vote and are not proficient in English, which triggers the legal requirement to add the language to voting materials.

Three California counties also were included in the Justice Department to provide Vietnamese voting material — Los Angeles, Orange and Santa Clara.

The order requires the counties to provide Vietnamese-language voting material only in areas with a high number of registered Vietnamese voters.

Cities and school districts holding elections within Harris County also fall under the Justice Department's order if they have any voters requiring the material.

Kaufman said she and her staff were anticipating the order, the Houston Chronicle reported. She said Tuesday that sample Vietnamese-language ballots will be provided to voters needing them for the Nov. 5 general election.

She will meet with Vietnamese leaders to identify voting precincts with the greatest need for translated material, she said.

"We think it's important to show good faith on this as quickly as we can," Kaufman said.

The county clerk's office also will distribute voter education materials in Vietnamese, recruit Vietnamese poll workers and hire Vietnamese speakers to field Election Day phone calls, Kaufman said.

Nguyen said her group estimates there are about 12,000 registered Vietnamese voters in Harris County, but that only about 3,000 of them voted in 2001. There are 1.9 million registered voters in the county.

Houston City Councilman Gordon Quan, who is of Chinese descent, said more ballot languages may be added later as other Asian populations grow.

## Bridge

By Phillip Alder

| | North | |
|---|---|---|
| | ♠ Q J | |
| | ♥ Q J | |
| | ♦ 10 8 5 | |
| | ♣ K J 10 8 5 4 | |
| **West** | | **East** |
| ♠ A K 10 8 7 6 2 | | ♠ 9 4 |
| ♥ K | | ♥ 8 7 6 2 |
| ♦ J 9 2 | | ♦ 7 4 |
| ♣ 7 2 | | ♣ A Q 9 6 3 |
| | **South** | |
| | ♠ 5 3 | |
| | ♥ A 10 9 5 4 3 | |
| | ♦ A K Q 6 3 | |
| | ♣ — | |

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Dealer: West
Vulnerable: East-West

| South | West | North | East |
|---|---|---|---|
| | 4 ♠ | Pass | Pass |
| 4 NT | Pass | 5 ♣ | Pass |
| 5 ♦ | Pass | Pass | Pass |

Opening lead: ♠ A

**Wednesday, July 31, 2002**

### Giving declarer a chance to go wrong

By Phillip Alder

Defense, as we all know, is very tough. If only we could look around corners and see declarer's hand!

If you really wish to test yourself in today's deal, look only at the West and North hands. But if you are in a hurry, peek at all 52 cards. South is in five diamonds. West starts with his two top spades, everyone following. What should he lead at trick three?

Four spades is an overbid, especially at adverse vulnerability, but these days, no one seems to care about that.

South's four no-trump is a two-suited takeout bid. So, when he corrects five clubs to five diamonds, he is known to be at least 5-5 in the red suits.

At the table, at trick three, West understandably shifted to the club seven, hoping declarer was 2-5-5-1 with a losing club. However, disaster struck. Declarer ruffed and drew trumps in three rounds. Then, because he was lacking a dummy entry, he had no choice but to cash the heart ace. The appearance of the king was a wonderful sight — for North-South at least.

Possibly West should have dropped the diamond jack on the second round of trumps, but that wouldn't work against a suspicious declarer. Slightly more likely to succeed is a trump shift at trick three. Suddenly in the dummy with the diamond eight or 10, maybe declarer would be tempted to take the heart finesse. But perhaps he would notice the strong scent of rodent and, guessing what was happening, would drop the heart king anyway. And South certainly would if he could see around corners.

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## Couple who kidnapped child sentenced to prison terms

NEW YORK (AP) — A couple who adopted an infant, then kidnapped him and raised him to adulthood after the adoption was declared invalid, have been sentenced to prison time.

Barry and Judith Smiley, who had admitted taking Matthew Propp to New Mexico to raise him in 1979, were sentenced by a New York state judge Tuesday.

Barry Smiley, 56, apologized to Propp's biological father, Anthony Russini, before he was sentenced to two to six years in state prison. He pleaded guilty in June to second-degree kidnapping.

Judith Smiley, 55, also apologized. She was sentenced to six months and 41/2 years of probation, having pleaded guilty to first-degree custodial interference.

The son, now 23, had asked State Supreme Court Justice Roger Rosengarten to be lenient with the Smileys, pleading with him to consider the pain he would experience from losing his parents. "These are two people that I love very much," he said.

But the judge said the Smileys' actions had put the young man in a Catch-22: "He can't do right no matter what he does."

"You were the kidnappers," the judge told them. "You were the ones who led a false life."

Propp's maternal grandfather had arranged for the Smileys to adopt the baby at birth. But in 1980, when the child was 15 months old, a judge ruled the adoption illegal because the boy's mother, Deborah Gardner, had not given her full consent and his father was never notified. Gardner has not involved herself in the current case.

The couple fled to Albuquerque, N.M., with the baby and lived under the aliases Bennett and Mary Propp.

## Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

### *Memory of rape is still vivid despite passage of decades*

**DEAR ABBY:** I have been bothered by something that happened a long time ago. In 1943, during World War II, I was a pretty 15-year-old living in Georgia. One evening, I went on a date with a very nice soldier named Elmer. I liked him a lot and he liked me. I wore a beautiful green suit.

We were walking toward the movie theater when I stopped to use a ladies restroom. Elmer waited outside for me. When I came out, two policemen drove past and looked at me. They stopped and ordered me to get into their patrol car. Elmer asked why. The heavy-set policeman said, "Soldier boy, get lost or we'll call the MPs and have you arrested." Then the policemen grabbed me and threw me into the patrol car.

They drove me to a dark church parking lot and raped me. First the heavy-set one, then the other one. Afterward, they drove me home. I felt dirty and violated. I was afraid to leave my home for fear they would return.

I never saw either policeman again and I never saw Elmer again, either. He never knew what happened to me.

In those days, a woman (or in my case, a child) would never dare to tell the authorities because the female was presumed to be automatically at fault. I had no one to talk to. No action was taken.

I am nearly 75 years old now. This happened a lifetime ago, but I remember it vividly — even the name of one of the officers.

Abby, I hope you print this. In case Elmer is still living, I want him to know what happened to me. We were both nice kids, not bothering anyone. I did nothing wrong, so help me God. — **E.M. IN FLORIDA**

**DEAR E.M.:** I'm printing your letter because I am sure you are not the only rape victim from that era who has been afraid to speak out about her assault. I believe you when you say you did nothing wrong. The men who harmed you violated their position of trust and authority.

Although it has been nearly six decades since your rape occurred, there is still help available for you in the form of post-traumatic stress counseling. Please pick up the phone and call RAINN (the Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network) at (800) 656-HOPE (4673). RAINN will connect you with the nearest rape crisis center in your area. Please heed this advice. You'll be glad you did.

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**DEAR ABBY:** My parents, who live in Europe, are finalizing their divorce. So far, I have remained neutral. However, I recently learned some very upsetting news about my dad — that he's had multiple extramarital affairs. He also bad-mouths my mother to everyone who will listen.

Dad plans to retire next year and wants to visit me and my husband after that. This man is an alcoholic who has never sought treatment. I am not looking forward to his visit, but realize now is not the time to break off my connection with him.

As a compromise, I would like to propose that my dad visit my husband and me for one week — but with the requirement that no alcohol be brought into our home. Does this sound reasonable, Abby? — **LOYAL TEXAS READER**

**DEAR LOYAL:** If your father's personality changes when he drinks, it's not only reasonable, but it's also sensible. In your home, you make the rules. Remember that when your father objects (as he almost certainly will), and don't cave in.

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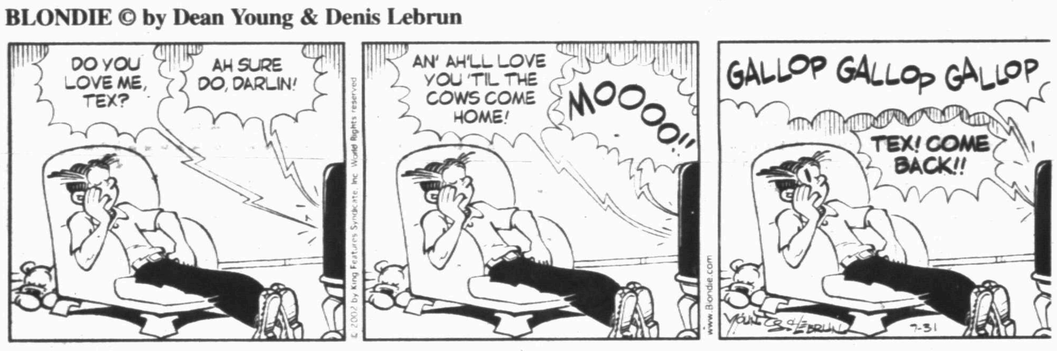


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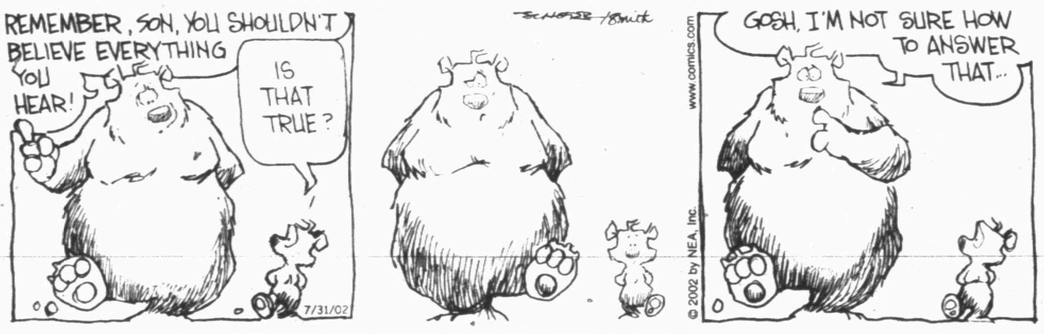


## NEA Crossword Puzzle

**ACROSS**

1 Explorer – da Gama
6 Shapes clay
11 Steel girders (hyph.)
13 Nursery-rhyme girl (2 wds.)
14 Cruel dude
15 Greedily
16 Handy abbr.
17 Pollen spreader
18 Coal scuttle
21 Band instruments
23 Blvd.
26 Comanche's kin
27 Eventful period
28 Dirty air
29 Lodger
31 Couple
32 Secret language
33 Love affair
36 Stein fillers
37 Freud topic
38 – Plaines, Ill.
39 Briefcase item
40 Simple dessert
42 Magazine fillers
43 JFK regulator
44 Ancient Tokyo
46 Second thoughts
49 Equipped
53 Test
54 Restful
55 Take a nap
56 Entertainer Della –

**DOWN**

1 Robust energy
2 Vigoda of "Barney Miller"
3 Mermaid's domain
4 Sugar source
5 Left out
6 Relocates
7 Sheriff Andy's son
8 Went first
9 Tierra – Fuego
10 Mole, sometimes
12 Tie down
13 "Arabian Nights" Ali –
18 Wheel cover
19 Peter – of films
20 Make numb
22 Firearm part
23 Mr. Spock's mother
24 Spoke
25 Way out
28 A health resort
30 Home, in the phone book
34 Gawkers
35 More morose
40 Traffic snarl (hyph.)
41 Part of SEATO
43 Berg
45 Horrible boss
46 Oil amts.
47 WWW address
48 Vote in favor
50 Whiz leader
51 Space widths
52 Ruby or Sandra

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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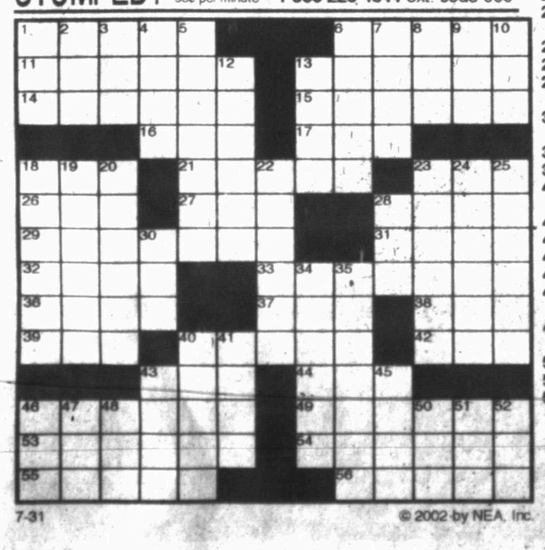

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# SPORTS

## Dallas LB makes switch to offense

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys are going to see if they can turn another linebacker into a fullback.

Scott Zimmerman was moved to offense Tuesday to try to become the backup for Robert Thomas as fullback and lead blocker for Emmitt Smith. Thomas made the same transition from linebacker three years ago.

"One thing he will do is he will hit you, he has that low-to-the-ground built body," said coach Dave Campo. "The other thing is he is smart."

The Cowboys made the move after rookie fullback Jamar Martin, their fourth-round pick in April, tore knee ligaments Monday. Martin, who had been drafted to add depth at the position and compete with Thomas for the starting job, will have surgery soon and is out for the season.

Instead of going outside to find another fullback, the Cowboys decided to try Zimmerman, who at least has some experience at the position. Thomas was the only fullback left on the roster when Martin got hurt.

Zimmerman didn't know what was happening when Campo called him in on Tuesday. He didn't think it was something that was going to improve his chances of making the team.

"Coach Campo called me in and I was kind of nervous. But they assured me that I wasn't getting cut," Zimmerman said."I'm really excited. It's a great opportunity for me. I just want to be a Cowboy."

Zimmerman wasn't likely to make the team at linebacker, where the roster is crowded with proven veterans.

The 6-foot, 235-pound Zimmerman played fullback in high school but at Northern Colorado, he was a standout linebacker and played offense sparingly.

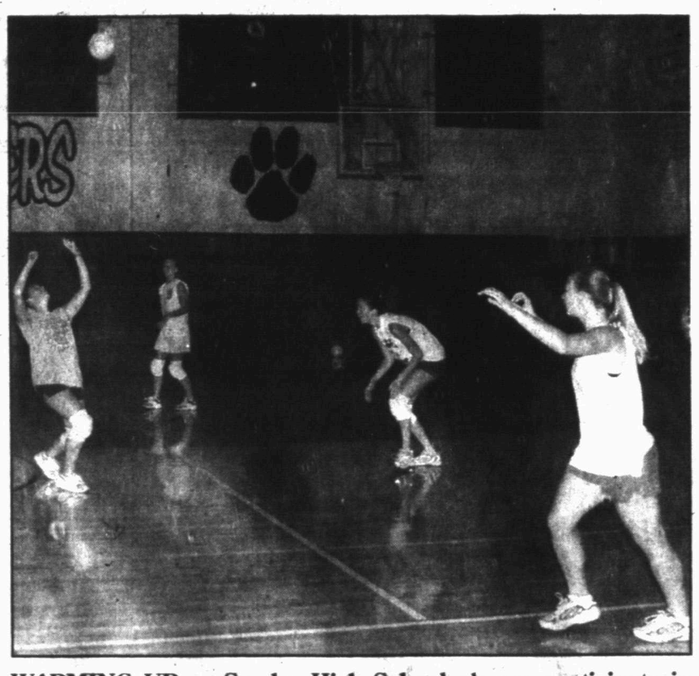
Part of Zimmerman's duty on St. Louis' practice squad during the second half of the 2000 season was to emulate opposing fullbacks and linebackers. He also went to camp with the Rams last year.

"It was a lot different. I went from a card and they showed me everything I needed to do," Zimmerman said. "It's going to be interesting to learn a new offense. Red Rock (Thomas) has helped me out a lot. I'm just going to take it in stride and learn as much as I can."

During practice inside the Alamodome on Tuesday night, Zimmerman made some very noticeable and impressive hits that excited his offensive teammates. Cowboys owner Jerry Jones claimed one of the hits bent the shoulder pads of the linebacker he hit.

Along with the position change came a new number. Zimmerman exchanged jersey No. 53 for No. 48, the number he wore in college and also the number for former Cowboys fullback Daryl "Moose" Johnston, Smith's lead blocker for 10 seasons.

"I don't think I'm anywhere close to that level yet," Zimmerman said. "Moose is a legend, and I always watched him and liked him. I'll try to carry his shoes, but I won't try to fill them."



**WARMING UP — Snyder High School players participate in drills this morning at Snyder Volleyball Camp. The Lady Tigers begin official workouts Monday under new head coach Laura Moses. Freshman practice is scheduled for 1-3:30 p.m. Sophomores, juniors and seniors will work out from 8-10 a.m. and again from 4-6 p.m. (SDN Staff Photo)**

## Sports Briefs

### Junior high football

All Snyder junior high football players will receive equipment Aug. 15. Eighth graders need to be there from 1-2 p.m. with seventh graders scheduled for 2-3 p.m.

### Snyder football program

Anyone wishing to place an ad in the Snyder Tiger football program should contact Christy Smith at 573-6301.

Ad prices are $75 for 1/2 page, $60 for 1/4 page and $40 for 1/8 page. Proceeds benefit the student council.

### Football booster club

Snyder Tiger Football Club meets at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the SHS athletic film room. The public is encouraged to attend.

### Hermleigh physicals

Incoming sixth, ninth and 11th grade Hermleigh football players need to receive a physical before workouts begin Monday. Forms must be picked up in the school office and appointments can be made with the following doctors: Raykov, Burleson, Cooper, Thompson, Wolboldt and NP Beth Ashley.

### Softball tournament

The USSSA Men's Class E State Softball Tournament is set for Aug. 9-11 at Winston Field. Cost is $175 per team and deadline to enter is Aug. 8.

To enter, call Chris Maxfield at 573-6862 (day) or 573-4332 (evening).

### Blowout partnership tournament

The 14th annual Blowout Partnership is set for Aug. 17-18 at the country club. Entry fee is $300 per team and deadline to register is Aug. 10.

Format is scramble the first day and lowball for the final round. Teams will be pre-flighted by certified combined handicaps. Each flight will receive cash prizes.

### Junior golf tournament

The Western Texas College Junior Golf Championship is scheduled for Aug. 9. Entry fee is $10 for players 11-under and $15 for ages 12-up. For more information, call the pro shop at 573-9291.

### Cargile golf tournament

The Kiwanis Cargile Scholarship Foundation benefit Golf Tournament is set for Aug. 10 at Western Texas College. Format is four-person scramble and cost is $30 per player.

Cash prizes will go to the top four teams. Contests for closest-to-the-hole, longest drive and hole-in-one will be held. To register, call the pro shop at 573-9291.

### SISD athletic physicals

Physicals are required for students wishing to participate in SISD athletics. Those needing physicals are all incoming seventh and ninth grade athletes, students new to SISD athletics, athletes in their third year of high school, and all students who answered "yes" to questions 1, 4, 5, 6 or 7 on their medical history form.

The school district pays for physicals through Friday with the following doctors: Raykov, Burleson, Cooper, Thompson, Wolboldt and NP Beth Ashley. Incoming seventh and ninth graders can pick up physical forms in the doctors' offices.

### Friday swingers

The SCGA Women's Golf Association holds a weekly swingers event at 5:30 each Friday. It is open to all members and prospective members. Cost is $10 per couple and the format is scramble.

Cash prizes go to the top three finishers as well as closest to the hole. For more information, call Barbara Leatherwood at 725-7875.

### Sunday couples tournament

A couples golf tournament will be held the first Sunday of the month at 1:30 at the country club golf course.

### Floyd traded again

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Cliff Floyd was traded for the second time in three weeks, with the Montreal Expos sending the power-hitting outfielder to Boston for minor league pitchers Seung Song and Sun-Woo Kim and a player to be named.

### Athletics acquire Rincon

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Left-hander Ricardo Rincon was acquired by the Oakland Athletics for minor league infielder Marshall McDougall.

Rincon, 32, had been the Cleveland Indians' primary lefty reliever since they got him in a trade with Pittsburgh for Brian Giles after the 1998 season.

### Worker killed at Lions' new stadium

DETROIT (AP) — A painter working at the Detroit Lions' new stadium fell 150 feet to his death when his hydraulic lift tipped over.

Gjon Gojcaj, 42, fell into the first tier of seats at Ford Field, cousin Jason Gojcaj said.

## Charging Astros hammer Mets, 16-3

NEW YORK (AP) — As the Houston Astros pounded out hit after hit in support of Kirk Saarloos, the rookie pitcher began to grow impatient.

When was he going to get back out on the mound?

"You sit in the dugout for 20, 25 minutes sometimes," Saarloos said. "You love the runs, but it's kind of like 'All right, I want to get back out there.' I don't want to get cold sitting in there."

The Astros tied a season high with 20 hits as they beat the New York Mets 16-3 Tuesday night.

Geoff Blum tied career highs with five RBIs and four hits and missed hitting for the cycle by a double. Brad Ausmus also tied a career high with four hits, including a homer.

"It's one of those things you can't hide from when they keep putting your numbers up in the board," Blum said. "But I don't think you go up there thinking cycle. When you go up there thinking about doing something you have no control over, you lose a little bit."

Blum, acquired from the Montreal Expos on March 12, hit a home run, a triple, and two singles, and his four hits and five RBIs tied career highs.

Saarloos (3-2) won his third straight game since being recalled from Triple-A New Orleans, giving up six hits in 6 1-3 innings in his sixth major league start. He allowed his first walk since being recalled on July 20.

The 16 runs were the most the Mets allowed since they gave up 16 against San Diego on Aug. 22, 2000.

Starter Jeff D'Amico lasted only three innings for the Mets, who didn't have a runner in scoring position until the seventh inning, and got an awful outing from their bullpen. New York's batters, meanwhile, ended three innings with double plays and hit into four on the night.

"It was just their day," D'Amico said. "You get hit around a little bit and then it just kind of snowballs."

The Astros got to D'Amico (5-9) early, scoring four runs in the second inning. Blum scored Orlando Merced and Ausmus with a triple to right center, and scored on Julio Lugo's squeeze bunt that left third baseman Edgardo Alfonzo without a play.

Mo Vaughn struck back by sending Saarloos' first pitch of the second inning 435 feet to right field for his 17th home run of the season, but that was one of the few times the Mets even hit the ball hard all night.

After Ausmus scored on Lugo's sacrifice fly in the third, D'Amico was done, and the Astros took an 8-1 lead against Satoru Komiyama, who gave up seven runs on eight hits in one-plus innings pitched. D'Amico allowed five runs and eight hits in three innings.

Blum hit a towering three-run shot to right field for a 14-1 lead in the fifth.

The Mets appeared to lose their focus after that.

Lugo then reached on a throwing error by shortstop Rey Ordonez, Craig Biggio walked and Berkman's single to center rolled under Jay Payton's glove, allowing Biggio and Lugo to score for a 16-1 lead.

"The guys were out there a long time and I think they lost some concentration," Mets manager Bobby Valentine said. "That doesn't excuse it. They still have to play the game."

Saarloos nearly got into a jam in the sixth inning when he gave up a pinch hit to Marco Scutaro and walked Roberto Alomar, but he got Timo Perez to ground into a double play.

## Wells, Yanks down Rangers

ARLINGTON (AP) — David Wells keeps making George Steinbrenner look good.

The Boss personally lured the Boomer back to New York and the left-hander has responded by leading the team in innings pitched and starts. He threw seven strong innings Tuesday night in the Yankees' 9-6 victory over the Texas Rangers to win his fifth straight decision.

Not bad for a 39-year-old guy with a bad back.

"I knew as long as my back held up, I'd give them the games they wanted and the innings they needed," Wells said. "Staying with the program, doing my back exercises and staying fit, that's the key for me."

There were two keys to this outing — not getting rattled by a bad start and knowing how to beat the heat.

Wells (12-5) gave up a three-run homer to Alex Rodriguez before he even got an out, wasting a 2-0 lead. Six of the first nine Rangers hitters reached base.

Texas couldn't capitalize, though. No one got past second between Rodriguez's homer — his majors-leading 35th — and a solo homer by Kevin Mench in the seventh.

"He had about 35 pitches in the first inning, then we got a little impatient and allowed him to get out of it," Mench said.

Wells hung tough by hanging out in the clubhouse. He went there between innings to guzzle water, change out of sweaty clothes often and soak up air conditioning.

"Feel how cool it is in his here and how hot it is out there," he said. "You do the math."

Wells began drinking as much water as possible Monday, and kept it up throughout the game. He lost plenty of it by sweating, forcing him to change his T-shirt and jersey at least three times, the first time coming after warmups. He thanked the clubhouse workers for drying his clothes in time for him to have a fresh set whenever he wanted.

He also appreciated the Yankees' hitters, who swatted four homers for the eighth time this season. New York has won all eight of those games. The honors this time went to Bernie Williams and Jason Giambi for two-run homers and Raul Mondesi and Alfonso Soriano for solo shots.

## Major League Baseball

**National League**
**By The Associated Press**
**All Times EDT**

| East Division | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Atlanta | 68 | 38 | .642 | — |
| New York | 54 | 51 | .514 | 13½ |
| Montreal | 53 | 53 | .500 | 15 |
| Florida | 51 | 55 | .481 | 17 |
| Philadelphia | 49 | 56 | .467 | 18½ |
| **Central Division** | W | L | Pct | GB |
| St. Louis | 59 | 44 | .573 | — |
| Cincinnati | 55 | 50 | .524 | 5 |
| Houston | 54 | 51 | .514 | 6 |
| Pittsburgh | 48 | 58 | .453 | 12½ |
| Chicago | 44 | 60 | .423 | 15½ |
| Milwaukee | 38 | 68 | .358 | 22½ |
| **West Division** | W | L | Pct | GB |
| Arizona | 64 | 42 | .604 | — |
| Los Angeles | 59 | 47 | .557 | 5 |
| San Francisco | 59 | 47 | .557 | 5 |
| Colorado | 48 | 58 | .453 | 16 |
| San Diego | 44 | 62 | .415 | 20 |

**Tuesday's Games**
Pittsburgh 4, Colorado 1
Montreal 5, Arizona 4, 10 innings
St. Louis 5, Florida 0
San Francisco 10, Philadelphia 3
Houston 16, N.Y. Mets 3
Cincinnati 12, Los Angeles 4
Atlanta 3, Milwaukee 2
San Diego 6, Chicago Cubs 5

**Wednesday's Games**
San Diego (Ol.Perez 3-3) at Chicago Cubs (C.Zambrano 2-2), 2:20 p.m.
Colorado (Stark 6-2) at Pittsburgh (Fogg 10-7), 7:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Sheets 5-12) at Atlanta (Millwood 9-6), 7:05 p.m.
Arizona (Johnson 14-4) at Montreal (Yoshii 2-3), 7:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Finley 2-0) at Florida (Beckett 3-4), 7:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Jensen 10-7) at Philadelphia (Duckworth 5-8), 7:05 p.m.
Houston (Mlicki 3-6) at N.Y. Mets (Estes 3-8), 7:10 p.m.
Los Angeles (Nomo 10-6) at Cincinnati (Moehler 1-0), 7:10 p.m.

**Thursday's Games**
Los Angeles (Od.Perez 10-7) at Cincinnati (Fernandez 1-1), 12:35 p.m.
San Diego (Peavy 2-4) at Chicago Cubs (Lieber 6-8), 2:20 p.m.
Arizona (Schilling 18-3) at Montreal (Ohka 8-6), 7:05 p.m.
Colorado (Jennings 10-5) at Pittsburgh (Meadows 0-0), 7:05 p.m.
St. Louis (T.Smith 4-1) at Florida (Burnett 10-7), 7:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Ortiz 7-7) at Philadelphia (Wolf 6-7), 7:05 p.m.
Houston (Oswalt 11-6) at N.Y. Mets (Astacio 10-3), 7:10 p.m.
Milwaukee (Rusch 5-10) at Atlanta (Maddux 10-3), 7:35 p.m.

**American League**
**All Times EDT**

| East Division | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| New York | 67 | 38 | .638 | — |
| Boston | 62 | 43 | .590 | 5 |
| Baltimore | 48 | 55 | .466 | 18 |
| Toronto | 45 | 59 | .433 | 21½ |
| Tampa Bay | 35 | 70 | .333 | 32 |
| **Central Division** | W | L | Pct | GB |
| Minnesota | 64 | 43 | .598 | — |
| Chicago | 51 | 56 | .477 | 13 |
| Cleveland | 47 | 58 | .448 | 16 |
| Kansas City | 44 | 62 | .415 | 19½ |
| Detroit | 40 | 65 | .381 | 23 |
| **West Division** | W | L | Pct | GB |
| Seattle | 65 | 42 | .607 | — |
| Anaheim | 63 | 42 | .600 | 1 |
| Oakland | 60 | 47 | .561 | 5 |
| Texas | 44 | 62 | .415 | 20½ |

**Tuesday's Games**
Seattle 5, Detroit 4, 10 innings
Tampa Bay 10, Baltimore 3
N.Y. Yankees 9, Texas 6
Toronto 13, Kansas City 4
Chicago White Sox 3, Minnesota 0
Boston 6, Anaheim 0
Cleveland 5, Oakland 4

**Wednesday's Games**
Cleveland (Nagy 0-2) at Oakland (Mulder 11-6), 3:35 p.m.
Baltimore (Lopez 11-3) at Tampa Bay (De Los Santos 0-2), 7:15 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Mussina 13-4) at Texas (Bell 3-3), 8:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Garland 8-8) at Minnesota (Mays 1-2), 8:05 p.m.
Toronto (Parris 3-2) at Kansas City (Sedlacek 1-1), 8:05 p.m.
Boston (Wakefield 4-3) at Anaheim (Lackey 2-1), 10:05 p.m.
Detroit (Powell 1-0) at Seattle (Baldwin 6-7), 10:05 p.m.

**Thursday's Games**
Toronto (Halladay 12-4) at Kansas City (May 2-7), 2:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Ponson 4-5) at Tampa Bay (Sosa 1-3), 7:15 p.m.
Boston (Burkett 10-3) at Texas (Park 3-5), 8:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Wright 7-8) at Minnesota (Milton 12-7), 8:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Weaver 7-9) at Anaheim (Washburn 12-3), 10:05 p.m.
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# FFA tightens rules for giving licenses

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Aviation Administration is tightening rules that allow pilots from such countries as Libya, North Korea and Iraq to obtain licenses to fly private planes in the United States.

The FAA will conduct background checks, verify the identity of the applicant and make sure the foreign license is valid, officials said.

The new rules are designed to make it harder for pilots from other countries to obtain certificates to fly planes in the United States simply by showing their overseas license, the way someone moving across state lines can exchange a valid driver's license for one issued by the new home state.

However, foreign pilots will not need a U.S. certificate to fly into the United States. That means a private pilot from Canada or Mexico still can land at a U.S. airport without a U.S. certificate.

Some experts worry about a suicide terrorist from a hostile nation using a U.S. license to get an airplane. They say small planes can carry plenty of explosives, or could be used to scatter chemical or biological material.

FAA spokesman Les Dorr said the agency changed the rules in response to concerns that private planes could be used in much the same manner as the four hijacked jets on Sept. 11.

Earlier this month, the government told owners and operators of private planes to strengthen security because of concern that terrorists may try to use general aviation aircraft to attack the United States.

"We have a real concern," former FAA security chief Billie Vincent said. "That whole immigration system has to be tightened up. If it affects the credibility of any of the pilots, that has to be dealt with quickly."

About 2,700 foreign pilots a year seek a U.S. certificate, said Warren Morningstar, a spokesman for the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, which represent pilots of private planes. Many are tourists who want to travel across the United States by air, he said.

"It is certainly reasonable to do background checks on foreign nationals who might have motive and opportunity to do some damage in the United States," Morningstar said.

House aviation subcommittee chairman John Mica, R-Fla., said better U.S. intelligence and background checks should weed out anyone who posed a danger.

"There are a lot of people from all of these countries who are perfectly fine to have licenses," Mica said. "The focus should be going after the bad guys, not harassing people who pose no threats. I don't care who they give a license to as long as that person is not a threat."

The FAA has in the past automatically granted U.S. certificates to pilots from the 188 countries that are members of the United Nations aviation group, known as the International Civil Aviation Organization.

ICAO members include all seven nations cited by the State Department as sponsoring terrorism — Cuba, Iran, Iraq, Libya, North Korean, Sudan and Syria.

Under the new rules, all foreign pilots must submit applications, including a photo ID, to the FAA. The agency will verify the identity of the applicant, check the name against various watch lists and make sure the foreign license is valid.

Foreign pilots wishing to fly commercial planes must pass the appropriate tests after obtaining their U.S. certificate.

# Medical emergency didn't delay train

BOSTON (AP) — A man suffering a heart attack on a rush-hour commuter train was forced to wait while the train made scheduled stops to pick up passengers before reaching paramedics in Boston.

Although the crew knew about the emergency, passengers said the Tuesday morning Framingham-to-Boston train picked up passengers in West Newton and Newtonville before arriving at Boston Back Bay station, where the man got medical attention.

"What I want to know is, what the hell were they thinking?" Michael H. Mulhern, general manager of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority, told the Boston Herald. "This thing makes absolutely no sense to me. Somebody's potentially having a heart attack, and they're conducting business as usual?

"To say we're concerned is an understatement."

The crew was placed on administrative leave while the MBTA and Amtrak investigate, MBTA officials said. The crew is employed by Amtrak, which provides commuter rail employees to the MBTA on a contractual basis.

Passengers say they began aiding the man, who was unconscious and apparently not breathing, shortly after the train left the Wellesley Farms station. The passenger has not been identified.

Other passengers who came to his aid expected the train to stop and allow the man to be unloaded at Auburndale.

Instead, the train left that station at 8:52 a.m., and the crew asked commuters over the public address system if anyone had medical expertise, passengers said. When the train pulled into West Newton, passengers asked a conductor if an ambulance would be there, said Dale Boam, of Natick.

"The conductor said, 'No, we have to go to Back Bay. There's not going to be anyone here — they can't get down the stairs,'" Boam said.

The train stopped yet again, at Newtonville, before pulling into the Back Bay station at 9:10 a.m. and loading the man into an ambulance, which brought him to Boston Medical Center.

Mulhern said the man's condition was critical.

Newton Police Captain Michael Castro said that he has never heard of a problem with access at either of the Newton stations.

"The stairways are not excessively narrow," he said. "I'm not aware of anyone having an issue with access."

Mulhern said the MBTA has a clear policy for medical emergencies: stop at the next station and wait for an ambulance.

"We do it all the time," he said. "I don't know what the train crew was thinking."

# Authorities cool to idea of re-opening Baxter inquiry

SUGAR LAND (AP) — Authorities are cool to a campaign to re-open the investigation of the Jan. 25 death of former Enron executive Clifford Baxter.

A media watchdog group based in Washington, D.C., has preprinted postcards calling for renewed investigation into Baxter's death, which was ruled a suicide.

Reed Irvine, chairman of Accuracy in Media, is asking people to send his postcards to Sugar Land police, the Harris County medical examiner and newspaper editors.

Police Chief Earnest Taylor said he's not interested. The evidence points overwhelmingly at suicide in the death of Baxter, who was 43, he said.

"I don't plan to respond to, or spend any time with, Mr. Irvine or anyone else unless they have factual information that would give rise to reopening the case," Taylor said.

Harris County Medical Examiner Dr. Joye Carter sticks by her ruling.

"I don't know where these people are coming from," she said.

Baxter was found early one morning in his car, parked not far from his Sugar Land residence. He had a gunshot wound in the head, and a pistol he had bought a year earlier was in his lap.

Carter conducted an autopsy and ruled the death a suicide.

Police reached the same conclusion, but could not release their findings because of a legal battle with Baxter's widow, which eventually was resolved.

In a May 30 news conference, Taylor provided details of the investigation showing that tests — including DNA, ballistics and blood-spatter analysis — supported the suicide finding.

Taylor said he has received several dozen of the postcards. The Houston Chronicle reported receiving at least nine.

Irvine is critical of several parts of the 900-page police report. He notes that police never found where Baxter obtained the Glaser Safety ammunition found in his .38 caliber pistol, but Taylor said that doesn't prove that someone else obtained.

Glaser rounds are designed to break up upon entering the target so that they don't pass through and endanger others.

Tuesday, police released dozens of photographs of the scene of Baxter's death, and several dozen pages of the report that had been released earlier but redacted.

The Texas attorney general ruled in April that the report, photos and suicide note were public records and should be released.

The note was released but attorneys for Baxter's widow, Carol Lynn Whalen, obtained a court order preventing further release of information about the case.

A final settlement was worked out last week, allowing the release of the entire report, but photographs and videotape of Baxter's body will not be made public.

## Ask Hollywood by Holly Wood

### *Crichton has many talents*

**Q:** I just watched "The First Great Train Robbery," with Sean Connery, Donald Sutherland and Lesley-Anne Down, based on the novel of the same name by Michael Crichton. I was only a little surprised to hear that Crichton authored the screenplay, but I was amazed to learn that he also directed the film. Was this his only directorial effort, or has he directed other films? If he has, which ones? — **D.S., Sun Lakes, Ariz.**

**A:** Crichton has dabbled in directing throughout the last three decades. He directed the TV movie "Pursuit" in 1972, and the rest of the 1970s saw "Westworld," "Coma" and "The First Great Train Robbery." In the '80s he directed "Looker," "Runaway" and "Physical Evidence." His most recent film is the 1999 movie "The 13th Warrior," which he also produced.

**Q:** Didn't I see Miguel A. Nunez Jr. of "Juwanna Mann" play a soldier in a TV series called "Tour of Duty?" Who else starred in it? — **R.B., Porterville, Calif.**

**A:** Yes, you did. Nunez co-starred in "Tour of Duty" from 1987 to 1990, playing Pvt. Marcus Taylor. The series was about several members of a platoon during the Vietnam War, and it starred Terence Knox, Stephen Caffrey, Tony Becker and Ramon Franco. If you're a Nunez fan, you can also see him in the recently released movie "Scooby Doo."

**Q:** As you can see by the back of this envelope, I am currently incarcerated at a correctional facility. Please don't hold it against me; though. I'm small time. As a matter of fact, they call me The Misdemeanor Bandit in here.

I really hope you can help me with my questions. I think Perry Ferrell (former leader of Jane's Addiction and Porno-for Pyros) is the greatest poet who ever lived. If you aren't familiar with his work, I highly recommend [illegible] Anyway, I was wondering if you could give me an address where I could write to him. I look to him for inspiration, and I could sure use some at this low point in my life.

Also, My buddies and I want to know if you can hook us up with an address for Brooke Burke from "E! Wild On." We are all big fans of hers and would like to acquire some autographed pics. — **T.W., Winchester, Ind.**

**A:** You can write to Ferrell through Virgin Records at 338 N. Foothill Road, Beverly Hills, CA 90210. Burke can be reached though E Entertainment Television at 5750 Wilshire Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90036, and anyone with e-mail access can write to her at brookeb@eonline.com. I have some good news and some bad news for you. The bad news is that E! is looking for a new host for "Wild On!" because Burke is leaving the show. The good news is that you can see her on E!'s new show, "Rank," which premiered on July 8.

**TRIVIA:** In 1950, Sean Connery competed in the Mr. Universe contest, representing Scotland. He placed third.

(Send your questions to Ask Holly Wood, c/o Newspaper Enterprise Association, 200 Madison Ave., New York, N.Y. 10016, or write to HollyWood85@hotmail.com. Because of the volume of mail, personal replies cannot be provided.)

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| DuPont | 42.56 | 41.25 | 41.39 | —.71 |
| EastmanChem | 44.15 | 42.80 | 42.93 | —.48 |
| EstKodak | 31.31 | 30.75 | 30.91 | —.17 |
| EDS Corp | 36.12 | 34.21 | 35.31 | + .12 |
| Entergy | 41.29 | 39.83 | 40.96 | + 1.14 |
| ExxonMobil | 35.94 | 35.25 | 35.57 | —.10 |
| FstBksAm | 39.60 | 39.60 | 39.60 | |
| FootLocker | 11.29 | 10.90 | 10.90 | —.69 |
| GenDynam | 82.38 | 79.92 | 80.09 | —2.76 |
| GenElec | 31.60 | 30.24 | 30.63 | —.97 |
| GenMills | 41.26 | 40.57 | 40.99 | + .52 |
| GenMotors | 46.18 | 45.00 | 45.40 | —.59 |
| GaPacific | 21.91 | 21.05 | 21.16 | —.74 |
| Goodrich | 22.40 | 20.69 | 21.31 | —1.18 |
| Goodyear | 17.74 | 17.01 | 17.05 | —.50 |
| GtAtlPac | 13.05 | 12.11 | 12.99 | + .96 |
| Halliburtn | 13.71 | 13.01 | 13.19 | —.41 |
| Hanson ADS | 31.25 | 30.80 | 30.95 | + .20 |
| HarteHanks s | 19.49 | 18.85 | 19.10 | —.14 |
| HomeDepot | 30.80 | 29.75 | 29.98 | —.61 |
| Honeywellntl | 32.90 | 31.89 | 31.92 | —1.11 |
| IBM | 71.60 | 69.70 | 70.16 | —1.63 |
| IntlPaper | 39.78 | 38.95 | 39.10 | —.68 |
| JohnsonJn | 50.85 | 49.45 | 50.05 | —.89 |
| vjc mart | .72 | .70 | .70 | —.01 |
| KinderMorg | 42.60 | 41.90 | 42.42 | + .42 |
| LockheedM | 63.00 | 61.96 | 62.29 | —.88 |
| Lowes Cos | 38.11 | 37.15 | 37.34 | —.75 |
| Lubys | 5.80 | 5.75 | 5.76 | |
| LucentTech | 1.82 | 1.69 | 1.72 | —.05 |
| MarathonOil | 23.70 | 23.20 | 23.35 | + .03 |
| MayDeptStr | 30.54 | 28.96 | 29.15 | —1.51 |
| Medtronic | 39.95 | 38.65 | 38.94 | —.53 |
| Motorola | 12.15 | 11.46 | 11.80 | —.18 |
| NCR Corp | 26.40 | 25.95 | 26.02 | —.62 |
| Navistar | 26.81 | 25.45 | 25.66 | —.99 |
| PNM Rescs | 20.64 | 20.20 | 20.37 | + .09 |
| Penney JC | 18.49 | 17.40 | 17.41 | —1.06 |
| PepBoys | 13.47 | 12.90 | 12.91 | —.59 |
| PepsiCo | 42.80 | 41.85 | 42.15 | + .41 |
| Pharmacia | 43.10 | 42.55 | 42.80 | — 30 |
| PhelpDodge | 34.81 | 33.67 | 33.84 | —.97 |
| PhillipPet | 50.60 | 49.63 | 49.79 | —.32 |
| PilgrmPrd B | 10.20 | 10.05 | 10.10 | |
| Praxair | 53.09 | 51.60 | 51.77 | —.94 |
| ProctGamb | 87.74 | 86.75 | 87.21 | —.07 |
| RadioShack | 26.62 | 25.30 | 25.44 | —1.18 |
| ReliantEngy | 11.63 | 10.58 | 10.97 | + .43 |
| RoyalDut | 45.30 | 44.65 | 45.25 | + .56 |
| SBC Comm | 28.00 | 26.51 | 27.86 | + 1.55 |
| SaraLee | 18.58 | 18.18 | 18.39 | + .06 |
| Scripps EW | 77.55 | 75.80 | 75.95 | —1.30 |
| SearsRoeb | 48.26 | 45.30 | 45.78 | —2.48 |
| SherwinW | 28.34 | 27.69 | 27.73 | —.34 |
| SouthernCo | 28.78 | 28.15 | 28.36 | + .10 |
| SwstAirl | 13.77 | 13.29 | 13.41 | —.01 |
| SprintFON | 8.59 | 8.25 | 8.55 | + .29 |
| SprintPCS | 4.30 | 3.85 | 3.99 | —.16 |
| Sunoco Inc | 35.00 | 34.26 | 34.53 | + .04 |
| TXU Corp | 44.78 | 43.43 | 44.04 | + .56 |
| TempleInland | 53.19 | 52.58 | 52.75 | —.29 |
| TexInd | 28.15 | 27.68 | 27.68 | —.29 |
| TexasInst | 23.95 | 22.50 | 23.11 | — 54 |
| Textron | 40.03 | 38.65 | 38.75 | —1.28 |
| TrinityInds | 18.64 | 18.15 | 18.16 | —.76 |
| TylerTech | 4.96 | 4.88 | 4.90 | + .02 |
| UnionPacif | 58.74 | 57.52 | 57.75 | —.97 |
| USSteel | 16.64 | 15.95 | 16.28 | —.32 |
| UnitedTech | 70.49 | 68.73 | 68.74 | —2.26 |
| Unocal | 32.15 | 31.54 | 31.70 | + .04 |
| VerizonComm | 32.25 | 30.15 | 31.96 | + 1.76 |
| WalMart | 49.30 | 47.42 | 47.86 | —1.26 |
| WellsFargo | 49.99 | 49.52 | 49.81 | + .11 |
| WstnGasRs | 31.15 | 30.30 | 30.92 | + .72 |
| WinnDixie | 15.65 | 15.38 | 15.65 | + .20 |
| Xerox Cp | 7.39 | 7.00 | 7.04 | —.06 |
| YumBrands s | 29.98 | 29.15 | 29.96 | + .39 |

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# Scurry County Country

## Diversified

By Greg Gruben, County Extension Agent

### ACCENT THE FALL LANDSCAPE WITH VEGETABLES AND HERBS

Now is an excellent time to evaluate the home landscape and begin making preparations for fall plantings

Vegetables and herbs can be used in imaginative ways to add beauty, interest, and utility to our landscapes. Midsummer and early fall offer us a good 'second season' for growing these plants if gardeners can motivate themselves to provide a little extra care during the long, hot days of late summer.

Hanging containers of parsley, mint, thyme, rosemary, and tomatoes can all be started now. These plants may be available at local nurseries, but with a little extra effort they can be grown from seed. Each has a drooping growth habit which makes it especially appropriate for hanging-container use.

An even larger variety of herbs and vegetables may be grown in the more 'down-to-earth' containers, such as clay pots and wooden tubs. Tomatoes, peppers, lettuce, eggplants, carrots, and radishes are just a few of the many available. Even small porches and decks of apartments can be made more attractive and interesting with groupings of containers filled with herbs and vegetables.

Two important points to consider in growing container plants are the media and the container selection. Most vegetables require excellent drainage, so select a container with a hole in the bottom. Plain clay pottery is attractive and versatile, as are many of the cedar and redwood tubs.

Small containers dry out very quickly, and sometimes require daily or twice-daily irrigation. A minimum size for containers is 10 to 12 inches, with 16 or 18 inches being more appropriate for large plants such as tomatoes or eggplants. The media must also drain well for most plants to thrive and yet still hold an adequate amount of water.

Some gardeners prefer soilless mixes, such as half peat moss and half vermiculite. Others like the added support of micro nutrients found in mixes such as one-third garden loam, one-third peat moss, and one-third sharp sand. Many different media can be used successfully. The most important factor is for the gardener to learn how to manage the media selected, since water and fertilizer requirements vary considerably.

*Information taken from Horticulture Update July/August 2002.*

## Second-hand smoke is tied to feline lymphoma in study

BOSTON (AP) — Dr. Antony Moore knows smokers often won't quit to protect themselves or their children. But he hopes his new study tying second-hand smoke exposure to the most common kind of feline cancer will persuade some people to kick the habit.

"I think there's a lot of people who might not quit smoking for themselves or their family," said Moore, a veterinarian at Tufts University. "But they might for their cats."

In the study, Moore and other researchers at Tufts and the University of Massachusetts say living in a household with smokers considerably increases a cat's risk of acquiring feline lymphoma, which kills three-quarters of its victims within a year.

The researchers, writing in Thursday's issue of the American Journal of Epidemiology, studied 180 cats treated at a Tufts veterinary hospital between 1993 and 2000. They found that, adjusting for age and other factors, cats exposed to second-hand smoke had more than double the risk of acquiring the disease.

In households where they were exposed five years or more, cats had more than triple the risk.

## Markets

### Lubbock

The Lubbock Stockyards, Inc. had a run of 478 head of cattle for the Thursday, July 25, sale. Cows were $1 cheaper. Yearlings and calves were steady. Trading and demand were good.

Slaughter cows
(High dressing — cutters — utilities: 36-42
Canner and low cutters: 30-36
Slaughter bulls: 48-57/50
Feeder steers — choice:
300-400: 95-116
400-500: 80-95
500-600: 75-91
600-700: 74-81
700-800: 72-80
Feeder heifers:
300-400: 85-95
400-500: 75-85
500-600: 70-78
600-700: 65-75
700-800: 60-74
Feeder Bulls — good and choice:
500-600: 70-82
700-800: 68-75
Cow and calf pairs:
Good: 650-825
Grade: 500-650
Springers: 450-700
Baby calves: 100-175
Doodlers: 150-235

### Colorado City

The Colorado City Livestock Auction had a run of 1,341 head of cattle for the Saturday, July 24, sale. Compare to last sale: Feeder steers were steady to $1 higher. Feeder heifers were $1 to $4 higher. Slaughter cows were steady to $1 higher. Slaughter bulls were steady.

**Feeder steers:**
200-275: 116-120
300-360: 98-99
400-475: 89-96
500-600: 79-83
600-700: 76.50-79
700-725: 75-76.50
**Feeder heifers:**
300-350: 88-95
400-500: 79-87
500-600: 75-78
600-650: 70.50-80
700-710: 67.50-68
**Replacement cows:**
Bred cows (3-6 years old): 525-690
Bred cows (2-7 months): 410-580
Cow & calf pairs: 690-860
Aged pairs: 560-680
**Slaughter cows:**
Breakers: 1000-1250 Lbs.: 37-40.25
Boners: 1000-1200 Lbs. 37-42.50
Lean: 900-1350 Lbs.: 42.50-45
1000-1250 Lbs.: 36-41
800-1000 Lbs.: 32-39
Under 750 Lbs.: 28-34
**Slaughter bulls:**
Yield Grade 1-2: 1300-2100 Lbs.: 47-51.50
High Dressing: 1500-2200: 52-54.50

## Scurrying Around Snyder

Beth Dannheim, CEA—Family and Consumer Sciences, 2612S Avenue M, Snyder, Texas 79549

### PARENT TAUGHT TEXAS DRIVER EDUCATION PROGRAM PUTS PARENTS IN THE DRIVER'S SEAT PART I

In April of 1997 the Texas Department of Public Safety began promoting their parent-taught driver education program. Previously, only schools and instructors certified by the Texas Education Agency could provide official driver training courses. Now after five years have passed, the initial interest in the program has increased to the point that the DPS is fielding about 4,000 inquiries a month from Texas parents and guardians.

"No one is going to care more about teaching your teenager how to be a safe driver than you the parent," said Patrick Barrett, nationally recognized expert in the field of collision-free driver training and founder of Driver Ed in a Box®. "Parents have an emotional and economic right to know that when their child is behind the wheel of the family car they are totally prepared for every driving situation and condition."

Historically, parents were the driving teachers up until the Highway Safety Act of 1966 when President Lyndon Johnson initiated driver education in schools. The purpose of the driver education program was to stem the increase in automobile collision fatalities. By meeting the minimum requirements of commercial or public school driving courses, many teenagers took to the roads with limited behind the wheel training, but the danger of collisions was not reduced.

In a re-evaluation of the programs it was determined that improvements in automobile design and seat belt laws in conjunction with driver education would reduce fatalities. However few of these efforts reduced the fatal crashes by teen drivers.

According to the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety the fatality rate for 16 year-old drivers in 1998 involved 80% driver error; 36% speeding; 33% had 3 or more occupants in the car; 41% were single vehicle accidents and 8% drivers were killed with 0.01+ blood alcohol level.

"Clearly automobile design is not listed as a contributing cause to these fatalities," said Barrett. "When you look at these figures closely, you will notice that teenagers continually fail to buckle up. For every teenager killed there are also hundreds who suffer debilitating and life-long head and spinal cord injuries."

Motor vehicle crashes are the number one killer of Texas teenagers. In 1998, more than 320 Texas teens, ages 15 through 18, died in motor crashes and another 40,324 were injured. More than 40% of teen's fatal crashes occur between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m. Single vehicle collisions represent nearly half of fatal crashes involving 16 and 17-year old drivers. Lack of on-the-road experience is a contributing factor to these statistics.

In recognition of the need for more behind the wheel training, Texas implemented a graduated driver license system in January of 2002 that restricts teen drivers to certain driving activities during specific times of the day.

This eases teens into the driving experience by phasing-in driving privileges and minimizing the immediate exposure to high-risk situations. This timing schedule combined with the parent-taught driver education program enables parents to spend more time with their teenager at this very important milestone in their life. Parents are on hand to note their teen driver's strengths and can work with them in driving situations and maneuvers that the teen has not yet mastered.

Based on the information above, if the parent and teen don't take the time to do it right, they may never get the chance to do it over. Teenagers find that this parental investment results in more than respect for their increased abilities. The additional privileges and freedom that come with the responsibility of safe driving are worth the extra effort their parents have put into their training.

For more information contact: Frances Hammond or Patrick Barrett (713)780-3383, (800)562-6405.


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### WEEKLY LAKE AND WATER DELIVERY REPORT

LAKE J. B. THOMAS (200,604 ACRE FEET AT ELEVATION 2258.00 FT.)

| | ONE YEAR AGO 7/29/01 | LAST WEEK 7/22/02 | THIS WEEK 7/29/02 |
|---|---|---|---|
| ELEVATION (FEET) | 14.48 | 18.13 | 17.81 |
| CONTENTS (ACRE-FEET) | 13,222 | 19,986 | 19,326 |
| PERCENT FULL | 6.59 | 9.96 | 9.63 |
| RAINFALL (INCHES) * | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| IVIE TO LAKE THOMAS (Gal.) | | 0 | 0 |
| SPENCE TO THOMAS (Gal.) | | 0 | 0 |

*RAINFALL MEASUREMENT AT BIG SPRING/ODESSA INTAKE.

E.V. SPENCE RESERVOIR (517,262 ACRE-FEET AT ELEVATION 1898.00 FT.)

| | ONE YEAR AGO 7/2901 | LAST WEEK 7/22/02 | THIS WEEK 7/29/02 |
|---|---|---|---|
| ELEVATION (FEET) | 45.86 | 42.02 | 41.68 |
| CONTENTS (ACRE-FEET) | 61,532 | 47,952 | 46,868 |
| PERCENT FULL | 11.90 | 9.27 | 9.06 |
| RAINFALL (INCHES) * | | 0.00 | 0.00 |

*RAINFALL MEASUREMENT AT SPENCE PUMP STATION.

O.H. IVIE RESERVOIR (554,340 ACRE-FEET AT ELEVATION 1551.50 FT.)

| | ONE YEAR AGO 7/29/01 | LAST WEEK 7/22/02 | THIS WEEK 7/29/02 |
|---|---|---|---|
| ELEVATION (FEET) | 33.98 | 30.24 | 29.95 |
| CONTENTS (ACRE-FEET) | 282,000 | 239,366 | 236,239 |
| PERCENT FULL | 50.87 | 43.18 | 42.62 |
| RAINFALL (INCHES) * | | 0.00 | 0.00 |

* RAINFALL MEASUREMENT AT DAM.

2002 INFORMATION BASED ON NEW AREA CAPACITY CURVE DATA

MUNICIPAL WATER DELIVERIES IN GALLONS

| | LAST WEEKS DAILY AVERAGE 7/22/02 7/16/02 | THIS WEEKS DAILY AVERAGE 7/29/02 7/23/02 | THIS WEEKS PEAK DAY 7/29/02 7/23/02 |
|---|---|---|---|
| BIG SPRING | 6,461,429 | 7,417,000 | 8,220,000 |
| ODESSA | 26,747,143 | 29,303,714 | 33,224,000 |
| SNYDER | 2,676,000 | 3,343,143 | 3,802,000 |
| MIDLAND | 29,740,000 | 29,754,429 | 31,442,000 |
| SAN ANGELO | 15,080,429 | 17,149,714 | 19,981,000 |
| STANTON | 113,429 | 108,857 | 144,000 |

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

# Justice investigating AOLTime Warner

NEW YORK (AP) — The Justice Department is investigating accounting practices at AOL Time Warner Inc., the company confirmed today. The media giant already is being investigated by the Securities and Exchange Commission.

The company did not specify which practices were being looked at, but the SEC probe is focusing on several transactions that led to higher revenues at the AOL side of the company. Those transactions were originally reported in The Washington Post.

The company released a short statement saying it was cooperating with the Justice Department as well as with the SEC, and that it stood by its accounting practices, which have been upheld by its auditor Ernst & Young.

"In the current environment, when anyone raises a question about accounting, it's not surprising that the relevant government agencies will want to look into the facts," the company said the statement.

Company spokeswoman Tricia Primrose declined to elaborate.

The probe from the Justice Department comes at an especially difficult time for AOL Time Warner. The world's largest media company, which was created in a blockbuster merger announced in early 2000, is in the midst of management turmoil and earlier this month ousted its No. 2 executive, former America Online chief Robert Pittman.

Pittman was in charge of America Online as it grew into the nation's largest Internet company, and it is that period that investigators are focusing on. The series of articles in The Washington Post described what the newspaper called "unconventional" ways of increasing revenues at America Online.

The practices included selling ads to a British entertainment company in lieu of taking a cash settlement in a legal dispute and booking sales from ads that were sold on behalf of eBay. The transactions occurred between July 2000 and March 2002.

The company has repeatedly stood by the transactions, and analysts say its still unclear whether the accounting was improper. Concerns that the company could come under fire from regulators has caused an even further erosion in AOL Time Warner's already battered stock price.

Justice Department officials declined to comment on the company's statement and refused to discuss whether an investigation had been opened.

The company's stock has tumbled about 65 percent this year as concerns about the waning fortunes of its key America Online division.

# Perry spot says Sanchez aided dealers

DALLAS (AP) — Gov. Rick Perry's accusations that Democratic opponent Tony Sanchez helped money launderers in a drug trafficking scheme was based on a legal statute that was not in effect until several years later, experts said.

Television ads launched this week by Perry claim that under a provision of federal law, Sanchez's Tesoro Savings & Loan could have turned over $7.5 million to the Internal Revenue Service with no risk of lawsuit. Perry claimed that by wiring the money to Panama in 1984, Tesoro helped the drug traffickers rather than law enforcement.

But, according to research by The Dallas Morning News, that provision was not added to the law until eight months after a 1988 federal ruling that Tesoro had no choice but to wire the funds to Panama even under suspicion of drug activity.

Sanchez has repeatedly said that the bank responded the only way possible under the law at the time.

"Because of their fiduciary responsibility to those depositors, they had to act as they did," said Sanchez campaign manager Glenn Smith.

A spokesman for the Perry campaign said that the advertisement stands, and that the thrift still could have deposited the money with a court to decide the rightful owner.

"The ad said he had a choice. And he did. The only difference is which provided him the greatest protection," said Perry spokesman Ray Sullivan. He said that federal law protects banks that deposit funds with the court, known as interpleaders, from lawsuits by account holders whose money is wrongly seized.

"We believe that the interpleader option was risk-free," Sullivan said.

But two legal experts said that they know of no federal provision granting immunity from lawsuits to parties that file interpleaders and that a bank could lose a lawsuit for wrongly handling an account.

"That certainly doesn't absolve them from any other claims" by account holders, said Patrick Wooley, a professor of civil procedure at the University of Texas School of Law.

# Senate still stalemated over prescription drug proposal

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senators rejected yet another Medicare prescription drug proposal today, all but assuring lawmakers will fail to pass a plan before leaving this week for a summer recess.

By a 50-49 vote, the Senate rejected a scaled back, last-ditch proposal by Democrats to get an agreement. Sixty votes were needed to keep the proposal alive.

Lawmakers were poised, however, to pass a bill that would ease access to generic drugs and allow importers to buy U.S.-made drugs in Canada, where they are cheaper, and resell them here. The measure also contains an amendment that would send $9 billion to help states' shrinking Medicaid budgets. The House has not acted on any of those proposals.

The Senate was expected to move on to other business after the prescription drug votes, taking up several spending bills and a measure giving trade negotiating authority to the president.

## My Turn

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That did it! It was time to call the exterminator. After all, I thought, if I didn't get some professional help, I might return home to find scorpions had taken over completely and posted a no trespassing sign.

After the exterminator did what exterminators do with Products D and E, I thought surely that must have ended the scorpion problem.

I hardly thought about them while I was gone, but as I was driving home my imagination kicked into high gear. What a relief though to find no sign of a scorpion as I searched from room to room.

All was well at first. But a few days later I see a scorpion streaking across the kitchen floor. My fragile peace of mind begins to fray.

The next night I spy another one crawling in the living room. What's left of my peace of mind wilts. Round three goes to the scorpions.

I've tried everything and the pests are still here. What to do next? Ah ha! It's time to consult the modern oracle of information — the Internet. It was creepy reading about scorpions and looking at all those pictures.

I learned more than I needed to know, but nothing really useful that I hadn't already tried or wasn't about to try.

The bottom line — controlling scorpions is a lot tougher than I ever thought it would be. But I'm hanging in there until I finally win a round.

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## Obituaries

### Von Reynolds

**1929-2002**

Von Edward Reynolds of Hermleigh died Tuesday, July 30, in Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene after a brief illness.

Von Reynolds

Service for Mr. Reynolds, 72, is set for 4 p.m. Thursday in the Hermleigh First Baptist Church. Officiating will be his two sons, Dr. Rex Reynolds, pastor of the church, and Vance Reynolds of Floresville. Burial will follow in the Hermleigh Cemetery under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born Sept. 4, 1929 in Hugo, Okla., he married Doris Lee Casey on Aug. 2, 1948 in Paris, Tex. She died Feb. 23, 1999. He married Lois Collier on Oct. 28 in Hermleigh. Mr. Reynolds had lived in Hermleigh for the past seven years, moving from Paris, Tex.

He was a retired truck driver having worked for Merico Packaging for 45 years. Mr. Reynolds was a U.S. Navy veteran and was a member of the Hermleigh First Baptist Church.

He was also preceded in death by three brothers.

Survivors also include his wife, Lois Reynolds of Hermleigh; a daughter, Sherlyn Timora of Snyder; two daughters-in-law, Kathy Reynolds of Hermleigh, and Wendy Reynolds of Floresville; two stepdaughters and their spouses, Joyce and Don Bowman of Snyder and Carolyn and Raymond Renfro of Anson; two stepsons and their wives, Marvin and Debbie Collier of Big Spring and Danny and Deborah Collier of Snyder; eight grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; eight step grandchildren; and 10 step great-grandchildren.

Family visitation will be held 7-9 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, in care of West Texas State Bank, Box 1396, Snyder, 79550, or the American Heart Association, Texas Affiliate P.O. Box 15186, Austin, 78761-5186.

### Pete Black

**1919-2002**

MIDLAND — Pete Black, father of Ronnie Black of Snyder, died Tuesday, July 30, in Knox County Hospital in Knox City.

Service for Mr. Black, 82, is set for 1 p.m. Friday in Ellis Funeral Home Chapel in Midland with the Rev. Robert Kepple officiating. Interment will follow in Resthaven Memorial Park.

Born on Aug. 26, 1919 in Palestine, he was reared and educated in Palestine. He married Aline Sherrard in Jacksonville, Tex. Prior to his retirement, Mr. Black was employed by Borden's Milk for 21 years. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and was a member of Ranchland Heights Baptist Church and the Bee Club.

Visitation will be held 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James and Ellen Black; his wife, Aline Black; three sisters; and one brother.

Survivors also include a daughter-in-law, Pam Black of Snyder; four grandchildren, Jeffrey and his wife Laura Black of Odessa, Michael Black of Lubbock, Michelle and Donny Wood of Snyder, Gery and Janice Camp of Snyder and Amy and Scott Conard of Lubbock; and nine great-grandchildren.

## Police investigate burglary, thefts

***Burglary***

Scurry County parks supervisor Scott Crenwelge reported at 7:20 Tuesday night a burglary at the public pool. Cash in the amount of $130 to $200 was stolen from the pool's till.

***Arrest***

A 22-year-old man was arrested on an outstanding warrant for misdemeanor possession of marijuana.

***Thefts***

Bill Covey requested officers just before 8:30 Tuesday morning in the 2500 block of Avenue R concerning some of his equipment being pawned.

Just after 1 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, Charlotte Delaney reported her son's bicycle stolen from the 300 block of 30th Street.

At 4:53 a.m. Tuesday, a woman reported a man had stolen money from her at the Ponderosa Motel.

***Cruelty to animals***

At 9:30 Tuesday night, a woman reported her neighbors' dog had died after being left without food or water while they were on vacation and a report was filed for cruelty to an animal.

***Criminal mischief***

Maria Guerra reported at 4:48 p.m. Tuesday eggs being thrown at her residence and vehicle in the 2700 block of Avenue F.

Rhonda Robinson requested officers at 6 o'clock Tuesday evening concerning juveniles damaging her swimming pool.

***Minor accident***

Police responded to a minor mishap just after noon Tuesday in front of Snyder National Bank on College Avenue involving a 2002 Chevy Camaro driven by Kristi Bond, 21, of 6200 College Ave. and a 1993 Chevy pickup driven by Robert White, 52, of 6177 CR 465.

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ONGOINGS

### Church of God VBS

"Can Do Buckaroos of Can Do County" for ages 5-12 is theme for Vacation Bible School at the Snyder Church of God, 21st and Ave. O, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. today.

### FBC services televised

First Baptist Church services are televised on channel 2 at 3 p.m. each Thursday.

### Cheerleader fundraiser

SHS freshmen cheerleaders will be selling Krispy Kreme donuts from 7 to 11 a.m. Monday at Wal-Mart.

### Head Start registration

Head Start registration will be held Aug. Monday through Friday, Aug. 9, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Children must be at least three years old and family must meet income guidelines or child must have a diagnosed disability. Birth certificate, current immunization records, Social Security Card and proof of family income are required. For information, call 573-7403.

### East Side Bug Safari

Make a beeline to join us at Vacation Bible School at East Side Church of Christ to study David, a little guy who did big things with God's help. Classes for kindergarten through fifth graders will be held from 9 a.m. to noon Monday through Aug. 9.

### Gateway Family Services

Gateway Family Services has a parenting discussion group from 10:30-11:30 a.m. every Tuesday, focusing on parenting issues and special challenges. The family violence support group also meets from 6:30-7:30 p.m. every Tuesday.

### Alzheimer's meeting

An Alzheimer's meeting to help families and caregivers will be held from 6-7 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 13, in the library at Colonial Hill Baptist Church. Call Kinney Robinson at 573-9377 for more information.

### Fall poetry contest

Mesquite Country Writers Guild is accepting entries for its fall poetry contest. Theme is open and there is a 20-line limit. Deadline is Thursday, Aug. 15, and entry fee is $2. First prize is $50, second is $30 and third is $20. Mail entries to Yvonne Nunn, 9221 S. State Hwy 208 in Hermleigh, 79526.

### Sonshine School registration

Sonshine School for ages two through five, is underway and informational packets are available at 37th Street Church of Christ office weekdays from 8:30 a.m. until noon, and from 1-4:30 p.m. Registration fee is $30 and monthly tuition is $45. Open house and registration is 9 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 15. Call 574-1960 for more information.

### Museum exhibit

A special exhibit of Harley-Davidson, Indian motorcycles and Cushman motor scooters continues through Thursday, Aug. 22, at the Scurry County Museum on the Western Texas College campus. The free exhibit is entitled Ready To Roll and all bikes are owned by residents of Scurry County.

### Cancer treatment transportation

Transportation for cancer patients to Lubbock, Abilene or Midland is available free of charge. Call Sammie Jarrell at 573-5993 or Blakey Fargason at 574-8041. If not home, leave message on answering machine.

### Calling all poets

The Mesquite Country Writers Guild is inviting poets to send an original poem to be published in the fall newsletter, "Bards of a Feather." Theme is open with a 20-line limit. Mail entries to Yvonne Nunn, 9221 S. Hwy 208 in Hermleigh, 79526.

# Engineer saw misaligned track before train derailed

KENSINGTON, Md. (AP) — Less than a minute before an Amtrak train derailed outside Washington this week, the engineer spotted an area of track that was misaligned, a crash investigator said.

The crash injured 101 people and dealt another blow to Amtrak as it attempts to emerge from the worst budget crisis in its 31-year history.

The misaligned track was being given close attention by investigators, but Carol Carmody, vice chairwoman of the National Transportation Safety Board, would not say whether it caused the derailment.

Investigators are looking into whether temperatures in the 90s caused the steel rails to expand and warp out of alignment.

The engineer told investigators he spotted the misshapen area 45 seconds before the train derailed and applied the brakes. Investigators found the track was as much as 30 inches out of alignment, Carmody said.

Some misalignment "was existing before the derailment, let's put it that way," Carmody said.

The train was traveling from Chicago to Washington on Monday when it went off the tracks. Sixteen people remained hospitalized, including one in serious condition.

A reading taken before the accident showed the temperature of the rail was 118 degrees, Carmody said. She did not say whether that was unusual.

Freight trains began running again this morning on the tracks where the derailment occurred. State commuter rail service was expected to resume later in the day. Amtrak did not announce when its service will resume.

Before the accident, crews tamped the area last Thursday to ensure the rails had enough clearance from the rail bed. The crew used a mechanical tamper at first and finished the job by hand after the mechanism broke down, Carmody said.

Tamping is a process where crews use a machine to grab onto track to lift it 1½ inches above gravel that forms the rail bed, while compressing the gravel itself to make it more stable.

The derailment occurred where all tamping stopped, Carmody said. She refused to speculate whether that was a factor.

Before Carmody's briefing, Rep. Jack Quinn, R-N.Y., chairman of the House transportation subcommittee on railroads, said initial reports show "the extreme temperatures in the Washington, D.C., area may have caused a heat kink in the track, forcing the train to derail."

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## Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

**Your Birthday**

**Thursday, Aug. 1, 2002**

Let your past experiences, along with the new awareness you'll acquire in the year ahead, guide you over old stumbling blocks. In the months that follow you can turn them into stepping stones that lead to success.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** — Logic should prevail over emotional inclinations today when dealing with opposing viewpoints, yet do leave room for some give-and-take. What is suitable for you may not be so for another. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** — Someone may try to convince you today that you need to surrender to him/her on an issue, even though you may have good reason to stand up to this person. Take a firmer stance.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** — Be careful in whom you place your trust today. If you select someone based on trying to be kind to this person instead of on competency, you could end up holding the bag on a poorly performed job.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** — If you are afraid to assert yourself today when working collectively with another on an ambitious project, your fear may tempt you to act surreptitiously instead of out in the open — and you may be accused of being sneaky.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** — There is a strong possibility that you will be sensitive today and take something another says as a personal affront. Treating a statement as an attack is mostly due to a lack of belief in yourself.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** — Be alert today for developments that could allow others to tread on your sympathetic nature and use your resources, instead of their own, to accomplish their goals. Don't be used by takers.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** — A person with whom you have a relationship could reveal a side of him/herself today that may be difficult to understand. Instead of reacting to it now, give yourself time to reflect on it unemotionally.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — This may be one of those days when you feel things have piled up on you to the point where they overwhelm you. Don't use your energy on brooding; use it on doing what you can.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** — Don't feel like you have to accept an invitation today that includes someone you dislike. It's all right to be selective regarding your social involvements. Politely decline.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** — Bringing home someone today who you know your spouse or family doesn't like is not being very kind. Keep this person out of the face of your loved ones. After all, it is their home, too.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** — This might be a day when most of your encounters with others are a bit confusing and uncertain. However, if you're smart, what this affords you is a new sensitivity and awareness.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** — Avoid playing the victim or martyr role today over what you do not have but think you are entitled to. Persecuting others over your material desires makes you look very self-serving.

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# Eight humans may have 'West Nile'

DALLAS (AP) — The Texas Department of Health said Tuesday that there are eight probable cases of Texans with West Nile virus, and another 30 people are being tested for the rarely fatal infection.

The probable cases include five in Harris County, two in Orange County and one in Jefferson County, officials said.

Emily Palmer, a health department spokeswoman, said the eight have been diagnosed by their physicians as having some form of encephalitis.

She said the state expects word by the end of the week on precise tests being conducted at the federal Centers for Disease Control and prevention in Atlanta.

The eight people were expected to fully recover, TDH officials said.

Jim Schuermann, an epidemiologist for the state, said the infections were not reaching epidemic levels.

"We have no way of predicting how many more human cases we're going to get," Schuermann, who tracks animal-to-human diseases for the health department, said in Tuesday's online edition of The Dallas Morning News. "The other 30 people may not be anything."

West Nile virus typically is found in birds and is spread to humans and horses through mosquito bites. Symptoms include headache, confusion, fatigue, nausea and vomiting.

Experts say only a small percentage of those infected with the virus progress to more serious — and potentially fatal — symptoms such as encephalitis, swelling of the brain, and meningitis, swelling of the spinal cord.

"In most instances, West Nile is a mild, self-limiting illness," Dallas County epidemiologist Dr. Assefa Tulu said.

## Miner released from hospital

SOMERSET, Pa. (AP) — The last of the nine miners trapped for more than three days underground has been sent home from the hospital.

Thomas Foy, 51, was released Tuesday night. He has a history of heart problems, but hospital spokeswoman Dianne DeLisa declined to say why he was kept in the hospital longer than the others, except to say tests were being conducted.

The miners were pulled safely from the mine about 55 miles southeast of Pittsburgh early Sunday.

Dave Rebuck, president of Black Wolf Coal Co., said Tuesday that the men would be paid for the time they were in the mine and would receive medical and workers compensation benefits.

Investigators are focusing on the accuracy of maps used by the miners, who cut through the wall of an adjacent mine and sent millions of gallons of water pouring into the shafts where they were located.


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