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For killing his teacher...

Florida youth sentenced to serve 28 years in pen

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — A judge sentenced a 14-year-old boy to 28 years in prison today for fatally shooting his favorite teacher between the eyes on the last day of school.

Nathaniel Brazill, who was tried as an adult, had faced a 25-year minimum sentence and up to life in prison for killing Barry Grunow at Lake Worth Middle School on May 26, 2000.

Brazill, wearing a bright red jumpsuit and shackles, showed little emotion as the judge announced his decision.

In issuing the sentence, Circuit Judge Richard Wennet faced the decision of whether the teen would be a danger to society or could be rehabilitated. The 25-year minimum was without the possibility of parole or time off for good behavior, but Brazill could seek clemency or pursue appeals in the courts.

At a daylong sentencing hearing Thursday, Brazill apologized for the first time for killing Grunow, telling the judge: "Words cannot really explain how sorry I am, but they're all I have."

Brazill insisted, however, as he did during his trial, that he didn't mean to hurt his teacher.

Hours before the sentencing, Brazill's mother, Polly Powell, said she hoped the judge would give a sentence that would let her son help other teens learn how to handle the kind of anger that caused her son to go to school with a gun.

"I'm quite sure that he can help the next child not go through something like this, help children realize that if something is bothering you, you know, talk with an adult, talk with somebody," Powell told CBS News' "The Early Show."

Grunow's mother and two brothers said Brazill was a danger to society and must be punished for the murder. They asked for a life sentence.

"This was not an accident. I think Nathaniel should be punished to the fullest extent of the law," said Phyllis Grunow, the victim's mother. "I don't think any family should have to go through this."

The judge gave Brazill 428 days credit for time served and ordered the teen to spend two years in a community controlled facility after the completion of his sentence.

Brazill's mother testified Thursday, sobbing and wiping away tears as she asked the Grunow family for forgiveness and begged the judge to be lenient.

"Nathaniel is my first born and I love him like nobody else can. I just ask you that you please have mercy on him," Powell said.

Brazill was tried as an adult and convicted in May of second-degree murder for killing the English teacher he called a "great man and a great teacher."

Brazill had returned to school after being suspended by a counselor earlier that day for throwing water balloons. He shot Grunow after the teacher refused to let the seventh-grader talk to two girls in his class.

A defense witness testified that Brazill was a "pot boiling over" following his suspension and after years of silence about physical abuse of his mother by boyfriends.

"All this other stuff was exploding inside of him," said Jacqueline Patterson, deputy superintendent of Milwaukee schools.

Asked why Grunow was targeted, child psychologist James Gabarino, a Cornell University professor, testified that Brazill was in such a frenzy over his love life and the suspension that who the victim was "may not have mattered."

The defense had sought the minimum 25-year term. Brazill's family rejected a plea deal of 25 years offered by prosecutors before the trial.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "A living wage depends on who's getting it."

No rain and consecutive triple-digit days always take a toll on the heartiest of West Texans.

Hot weather rivals a good sandstorm in putting people on edge. After the sand blows, you can nearly always count on a clear, crisp day to follow.

But when the temps peak at 103, 104, or 105 with no precipitation, then you can almost always expect a replay of the previous day.

It happens every July and August. It gets hot, and we think it will never rain again. People get grouchy. Some become negative.

Such a situation is one reason to do what we can to make things look brighter and more cheerful.

If lawns can't be kept lush on an individual basis, then let's collectively insist that our public grounds are attractive.

If you've driven through Towle Park this month, nothing further needs to be said. There's very little grass left to be watered. And if the trees are not dying, they scream of stress.

The same goes for the trees on the west side of the courthouse. Don't know if it's for lack of water or a bug infestation, but the trees are in deep trouble.

If we lose trees that size, replanted ones won't reach the same size in our lifetime.

While the grounds at Snyder High School may look the best in recent years, other school grounds need some work.

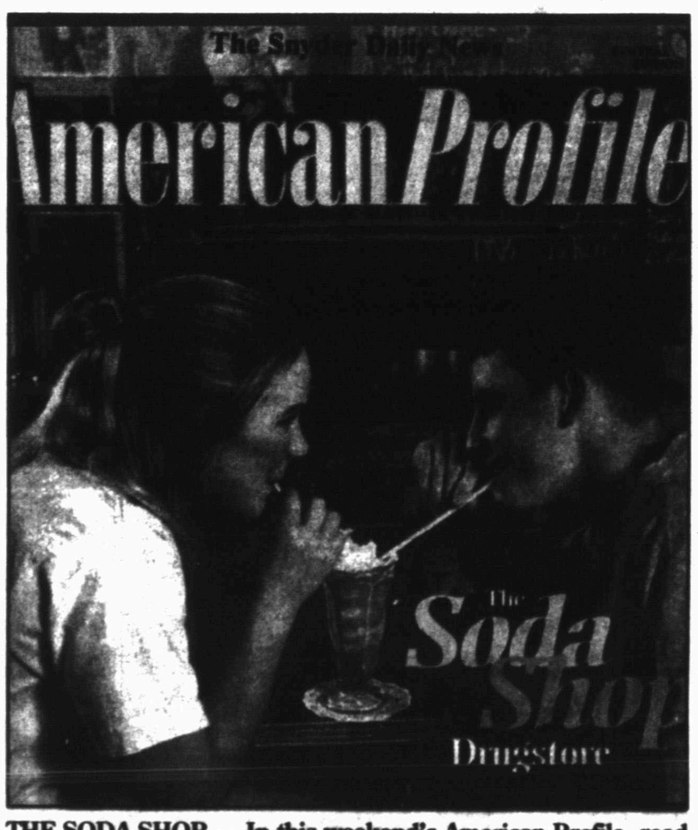
And if you drive up and down the roads of Snyder, you'll find towering weeds along rights-of way. It's a shame. We wonder what happened to those work crews who chopped weeds and mowed grass in exchange for paying fines.

And it's also time for the city to require that some old buildings be torn down, that abandoned vehicles again be red-tagged and vacant lots be mowed.

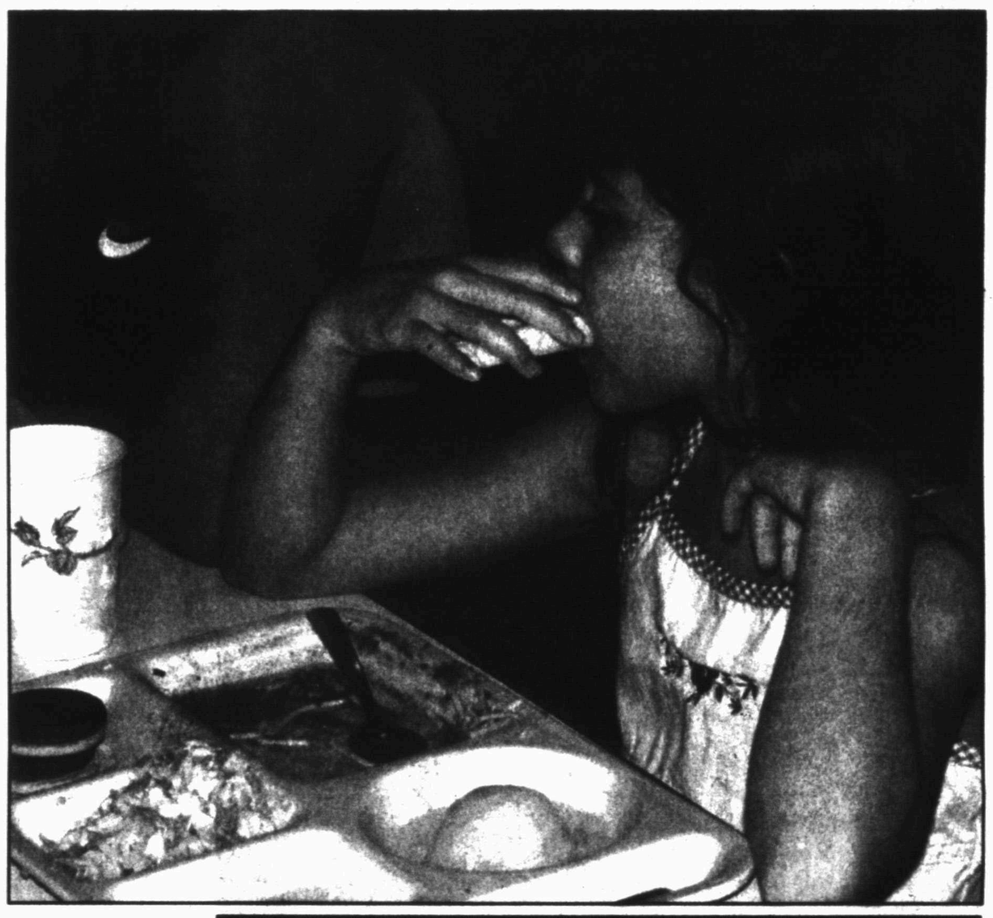
Snyder was once known as "Sparkle City" and then the "All-American City." It was a community with fierce pride.

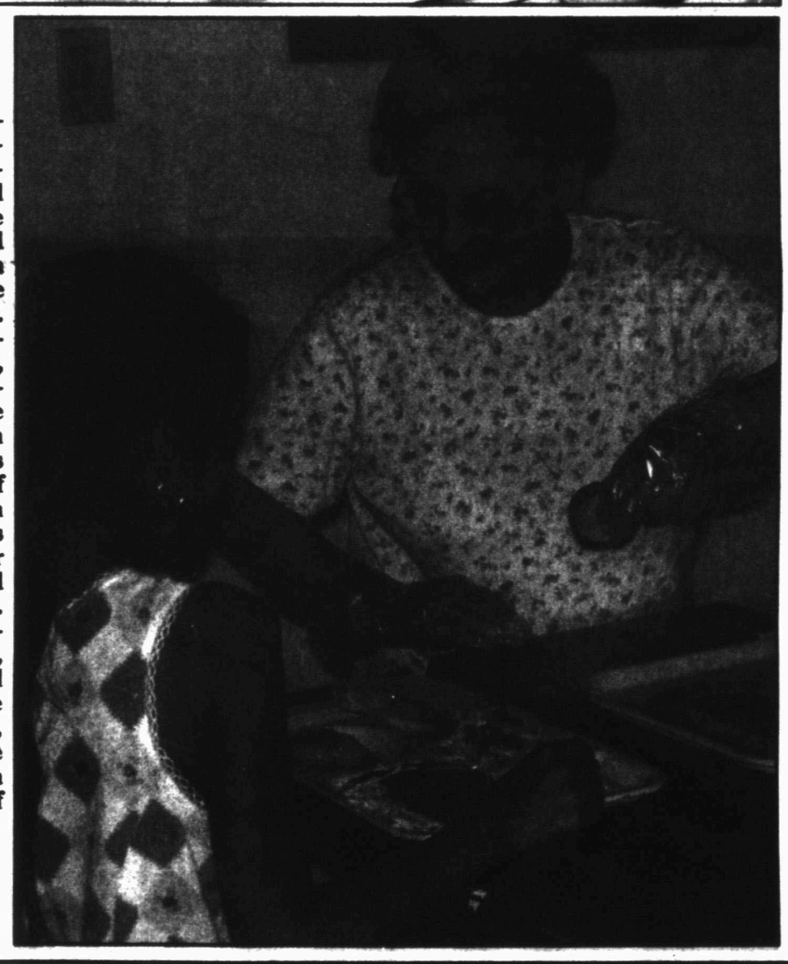
Sure it's hot, it's dry and the economy may be flat, but Snyder citizens are not known for giving up, but rather for getting things done.

Maybe the heat has turned the pub into a liberal tree-hugger, but if given a choice between trees and cell phones, our vote is for healthy trees.



THE SODA SHOP — In this weekend's American Profile, read where the pharmacists still dispense milkshakes, medicine and memories. Also read about a Wyoming mining town.





FREE LUNCH — The free lunch program at Central Elementary School ended today. The program provided area children with over 1,650 free meals this summer. Lunch was provided every Monday, Wednesday and Friday during the summer and an average of 80 kids took advantage of the meals each week. Volunteers from Snyder churches helped with the program. Six-year-old Sabrina Castillo, above, enjoys her meal Wednesday while server Phil Kelley, at right, makes sure all the kids get a cookie. (SDN Staff Photos)

One shot at border crossing

FALFURRIAS (AP) — A 21-year-old man shot several times after injuring two Border Patrol Agents while trying to flee a checkpoint remained in critical condition today, authorities said.

The two agents have been released from a Kingsville hospital. One of the agents has a separated shoulder and severe bruising to the right arm. The other has cuts and severe bruising to the ribs, said Harry Beall, assistant chief the U.S. Border Patrol in McAllen.

He said the suspect, identified as a U.S. citizen from Houston, was at Christus Spohn Memorial Hospital in Corpus Christi.

The names of the suspect and the agents, all in their mid-30s, were not immediately released.

The suspect was in custody for smuggling Thursday night at the checkpoint about 60 miles southwest of Corpus Christi when he attempted to escape.

There were two illegal immigrants, including a 13-year-old girl, in the vehicle with the suspect and his 21-year-old girlfriend, authorities said.

"From what they tell us, he was going to transport them to Houston," Beall said.

Beall said the charges for the suspect have not been determined, but the FBI is investigating.

The four pulled up to the checkpoint around 9 p.m. in a dark-colored Lincoln Continental, said Elygio Pena, assistant patrol agent in charge.

During questioning, the suspect shed his handcuffs and ran back to his vehicle, officials said. With the door on his side still open, he started the car and began backing up, hitting one agent with the door.

A second agent tried to stop the car by reaching into the rear window on the driver's side, but the driver rolled up the power windows, trapping the agent's arm inside, Pena said.

A third agent standing in front of the vehicle fired a shot into the vehicle, wounding the driver in the right hand, Pena said.

The suspect then backed into a vehicle containing a man and his three children.

Pena said the family was shaken, but not seriously injured.

With the agent still hanging from the rear door, the driver sped away. While he was being dragged, the agent drew his weapon and shot the suspect in the stomach, officials said. The vehicle came to a stop about a half-mile from the checkpoint.

A state trooper held the driver at gunpoint until backup arrived, said Tom Vinger, a Texas Department of Public Safety spokesman.

ASK US

Q—Why don't they pay for blood donations here?

A—United Blood Services is a not-for-profit organization that seeks blood donations, rather than paying for the contributions.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Thursday, 98 degrees; low, 76; 7 a.m. Friday, 76; trace precipitation; total for 2001, 9.44 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy, slight rain chance, low mid 70s, SE wind 5-15 mph. Saturday, partly cloudy, slight rain chance, high upper 90s, SE wind 10-20 mph.



Monique Torres
Partly Cloudy

Sunset: 8:43 p.m.
Sunrise: 6:59 a.m.
Of 207 days in 2001, the sun has shone 195 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

I do not think there is any other quality so essential to success of any kind as the quality of perserverance. It overcomes almost everything, even nature.
—John D. Rockefeller

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'Code talkers' finally receive medals

WASHINGTON (AP) — Allen Dale June shrugs off suggestions that he's a hero. He doesn't think about the past, he says. But, finally, he and the 28 other World War II "Code Talkers" have medals that prove they are.

Just five of the Navajo Indians are alive, and only four were well enough to come to the Capitol on Thursday to accept Congressional Gold Medals from President Bush. Proud family members represented the others.

The medal is the highest civilian honor the nation can bestow. The Code Talkers were honored for creating a code from their native tongue that, indecipherable by the Japanese, was credited with saving thousands of lives and turning the tide of decisive battles in the Pacific theater.

"Today, we honor 29 Native Americans who, in a desperate hour, gave their country a service only they could give," Bush said in the packed Capitol rotunda. "Today, we give these exceptional Marines the recognition they earned so long ago."

June, of West Valley City, Utah, said he was just 17 and lied about his age so he could enlist in the Marines in 1942.

"Naturally we were concerned about the survival (of the country) in the Great War at the time. At the same time, we were defending our own country, the Navajo Nation," said June.

The Navajo language is complex, and through circumlocution the Code Talkers made it even more so. For example, a colonel was encoded into the Navajo word for "silver eagle" or "ataah-besh-le-gai." A submarine became "besh-lo," which in Navajo means "iron fish," and a bomber was "jay-sho," or buzzard in Navajo.

Before they entered the war at Guadalcanal, the Japanese had cracked many of the American codes. Those that hadn't been broken were too complex to be useful.

But in a 48-hour stretch during the battle of Iwo Jima, the Code Talkers sent more than 800 messages with their spoken code and were credited with being a decisive factor in the Allied victory.

After the 29 Navajo had created the code, the Code Talkers group was expanded by about 300 Marines. The rest are expected to receive Congressional Silver Medals next fall.

"These unsung heroes returned to their homes on buses — no parades, no fanfare, no special recognition for what they had truly accomplished," said Sen. Jeff Bingaman, D-N.M., who sponsored the legislation to honor them. "While the war was over, their duty — their oath of secrecy — continued."

The Code Talkers had been sworn to secrecy about their roles in the war.

Chester Nez, 80, another of the young Navajos who left the reservation to serve, said when he returned his parents and family wondered why he didn't have medals or commendations.

It wasn't until 1968 that the government declassified the Code Talker project. When it did, Nez sat down with his children and explained what he did in the war, answering questions they'd often wondered about, said his son, Mike Nez.

On the Net:
Navajo Nation:
http://www.navajo.org
Sen. Jeff Bingaman:
http://bingaman.senate.gov/code—talkers

Judge dismisses lawsuit alleging privacy violation

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A judge has thrown out a lawsuit filed by a woman who alleged the San Antonio Express-News defamed her and invaded her privacy by depicting her residence in a photo composite accompanying an article on urban aesthetics and "visual pollution."

Juanita R. Rodriguez complained about a photograph in the newspaper's Insight section on Aug. 6, 2000, under the headline "One ugly dilemma."

State District Judge David Peeples granted the newspaper's motion for summary judgment, essentially finding there were no issues to take the case to trial. The judge found Rodriguez suffered no injury to her reputation, said the newspaper's attorney, Mark J. Cannan.

Because the house was on a major thoroughfare within public view, and the photo was taken on public property, it was not a privacy invasion, he said.

Rodriguez's attorney, Reynaldo L. Diaz Jr., argued that the newspaper was not justified in humiliating his client by publishing a photo of her house without her permission and "grossly distorting it to fit one of their articles."

Diaz said he would recommend that his client appeal.

"No one would appreciate their house being displayed in that manner," Diaz said.

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RESULTS

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Thursday by the Texas Lottery:
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Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
0-1-4
(zero, one, four)

New York mayor must pay temporary child support

NEW YORK (AP) — Mayor Rudolph Giuliani has moved out of the city's official mayoral residence, a judge has revealed, meaning he must pay $1,800 a month in temporary child support while his divorce case proceeds.

In her Thursday order, State Supreme Court Justice Judith Gische noted that Giuliani no longer lives in Gracie Mansion, which is occupied by wife Donna Hanover and the couple's two children. The judge said this makes Hanover "the custodial parent, entitled to child support."

Giuliani reportedly has been living with two friends and political supporters.

The judge's order is retroactive to May 1, the date the mayor stopped putting his salary into a joint account with Hanover to pay marital expenses. The retroactive amounts are payable at $500 a month until they are completely paid, the judge said.

Hanover had asked for $3,200 a month and for Giuliani to pay 85 percent of their children's education, medical and child care bills.

The judge also denied Hanover's request to have Giuliani pay for her personal assistants, including a press secretary, and for temporary maintenance of $3,000 a month. The judge said Giuliani and Hanover have comparable incomes and can support themselves.

Giuliani earns $195,000 a year, a salary set by law, while Hanover, a television personality and actress, earned about $225,000 last year and will earn about $150,000 this year.

The child support battle is the latest development in the couple's bitter divorce case. Hanover has already won a court order banning Giuliani's girlfriend, Judith Nathan, from Gracie Mansion.

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

Berry's World



Date Book

Friday, July 27, 2001

Today is the 208th day of 2001 and the 37th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1784, the first French newspaper in the United States, the Courier l'Amerique, began to be published.

On this day in 1953, with the signing of an armistice at Panmunjom, Korea, a cease-fire brought a halt to the Korean War.

On this day in 1974, the House Judiciary Committee voted 27-11 to recommend the impeachment of President Richard M. Nixon on charges of obstruction of justice.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Alexandre Dumas (1824-1895), writer; Leo Durocher (1906-1991), baseball player-manager; Keenan Wynn (1916-1986), actor; Norman Lear (1922-), producer, is 79; Jerry Van Dyke (1931-), actor, is 70; Peggy Fleming (1948-), figure skater, is 53.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1938, Hank Green of the Detroit Tigers hit four consecutive home runs in two games against Washington.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The facilities for getting into jail seem to be ample. We want more organizations for keeping people out." — Charles Dudley Warner

TODAY'S MOON: First quarter.

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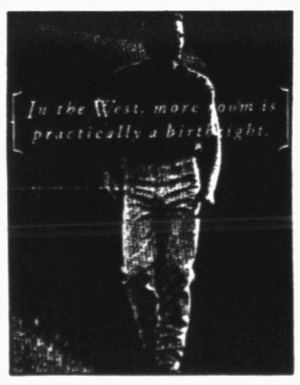
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Teen apparently persuaded classmates to kill 3 people

FAIRPLAY, Colo. (AP) — Simon Ewing Sue had a knack for winning friends. Some say he used it to form a murderous cult around himself.

According to police, the one-time honors student was such a skilled manipulator that he persuaded two classmates to join his wannabe paramilitary organization and kill a couple and their teen-age grandson.

The Jan. 1 slayings of Carl and JoAnna Dutcher and Tony Dutcher, 15, shattered any sense of security in Guffey, a community of fewer than 50 people. The victims were stabbed and shot to death at their trailer home.

"These people died for such a small reason. That's the scary part of it," said district attorney's investigator Leonard Post. "It was very brutal but it was also such a senseless murder."

In December, Sue gave two of his cohorts until Jan. 8 to kill the Dutchers because, he claimed, the Dutchers were racist, authorities said. Sue is of Chinese and Indian descent and had lectured his followers about the evils of drugs and racism.

The Dutchers, along with the three other suspects in the slayings, are white. And according to Post, Carl Dutcher had uttered racial slurs.

Sue allegedly ordered the slayings as a way for one of his cohorts, Isaac Robin-McCain Grimes, to redeem himself. Sue had put Grimes on probation for supposedly misspending the group's money and failing to complete a previous mission, Post testified at a court hearing.

Sue ordered "a hit on the Dutcher family," Post testified. If Grimes failed, "he would be killed and his family would be killed."

Sue, 19, Grimes, 16, and Jonathan E. Matheny, 18, were jailed on charges of murder, racketeering and robbery. Glenn Urban, 17, is accused of destroying the murder weapons. No trial date has been set for Sue.

"His story is he's innocent," said Sue's attorney, Ann Kaufman. "It's as normal and regular a situation as if your family lived in Florida."

Sue called his circle the Operations and Reconnaissance Agents group and claimed it was the paramilitary arm of Guyana's ruling party. Sue's parents had moved to the United States from Guyana before he was born.

Investigators said that the group existed mostly in Sue's imagination and that there is no evidence it had any underground contacts in Guyana or included anyone other than the four young men, all of whom went to Palmer High School in Colorado Springs, about 40 miles east of Guffey.

Grimes' father, Robin, described Sue as outgoing with a powerful, charismatic personality, and said the young man was akin to a cult leader. He said Sue befriended his son over games of chess and took him to coin shows.

Grimes, Matheny and Urban began paying the group 10 percent of their paychecks from after-school and summer jobs, Grimes told police. Sue kept ledgers of their payments, and Grimes believes he paid up to $3,500, police said.

Grimes and Matheny were routinely put on probation for misusing funds or disobeying Sue, according to court papers.

On the eve of the slayings, Grimes was to spend the night with his friend Tony Dutcher, Post said. Shortly before midnight, Grimes slit the boy's throat, then Matheny came to the trailer home and shot the boy's grandparents, investigators said.

The following day the killers allegedly called Sue, who was visiting family in Toronto, to tell him the mission had been completed.

Three months later, Grimes confessed and implicated the others, investigators said.

Lawyers for Matheny and Irvin said they have not decided whether to pursue a plea bargain. A lawyer for Grimes refused to comment on what her client is going to do.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Stepmother fights negative behavior with positive focus

DEAR ABBY: The letter from "No Name, No Address, No Phone," about the way a stepmother treated her husband's children, brought tears to my eyes. It was a real eye-opener.

My fiance and I have chosen to blend our families. I have an 8-year-old daughter and a 12-year-old son. My fiance has a 5-year-old son, "Benny," whom we are trying to get custody of. The battle has been ugly and is not over yet.

The stress of being jostled back and forth between his mother and father has made Benny oppositional, defiant and difficult to live with. He got so bad that I refused to deal with him any longer. I regarded him as an ungrateful, rotten child. My fiance was always disciplining him to appease me. He also cut back on visitations with Benny to keep peace in the household. I felt guilty about this, but was so stressed out, I didn't oppose it.

Then I read your column. It made me realize I was so focused on Benny's bad behavior, just waiting to "catch" him doing something wrong, that I had failed to recognize all the good things he was doing — and that really, all he wanted was for someone to love him unconditionally, and not expect him to be "perfect." This is every child's right, after all. I also realized we were more strict with Benny than my own children. My kids don't upset me because they're older, but they're certainly not perfect. All three children should be treated equally.

Yesterday, Benny helped me clean the living room without being asked. I scooped him up in my arms and told him how much I appreciated it and what a good helper he was. His face lit up and he hugged me back. From now on, I will not see him as his mother's son. I will see Benny as the individual he is and focus on the positive.

Thank you for waking me up, Abby. Our blended family will be a lot happier because of your column. If you print this, please sign me ... **AWAKENED**

DEAR AWAKENED: You are to be applauded for your awakening. All I did was write the column. You were the one perceptive enough to read between the lines, apply it to your own situation and begin to make the necessary changes. I congratulate you.

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DEAR ABBY: One of the letters you printed suggested that when people visit their doctor, they take a list of all their medications. I work in a medical office and would like to offer a better idea:

Bring all your medicine containers with you. That way, the medical staff can take all the information directly from the bottle labels, and there will be no misunderstandings. (It's easy to forget important information, such as dosage and strength.)

It's also a smart idea to use only one pharmacy to have prescriptions filled, particularly for people seeing more than one doctor. Pharmacists are trained to spot possible drug interactions, but they can't pinpoint potential problems if they don't have all the information.

If people would use their pharmacist in partnership with their physicians and other health-care providers, they'd be better off. That's my advice for the day, Abby. — **SOUTH CAROLINA MEDICAL WORKER**

DEAR MEDICAL WORKER: That's excellent advice. Readers, take heed.

P.S. Doctors should also be informed about any vitamin supplements and over-the-counter medicines you are taking.

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

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Mother seeks SS benefits for in vitro twins

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — A woman whose twin daughters were conceived through in vitro fertilization after her husband died is demanding that the girls be paid their father's Social Security benefits.

Maria Kolacy made the request in papers filed Tuesday in U.S. District Court.

Amanda and Elyse Kolacy were born in 1996, about 19 months after their father, William, died of leukemia. His sperm had been frozen.

"I want them to recognize these children," Maria Kolacy said. "The laws in this country are extremely outdated. There is nothing to protect children born under these circumstances."

Kolacy's request for benefits was denied in 1999 and again last month, even though federal law says children born following the death of a parent are entitled to the parent's Social Security benefits.

Social Security officials declined to comment on the matter, citing privacy policies.

Kolacy's lawyer, Robert Kerekes, said at least seven other children who were conceived posthumously through in vitro fertilization are now receiving benefits.

Appeals court asks trial judge to review evidence

NEW YORK (AP) — An appeals court wants a judge to review defense claims that convicted Brooklyn patrolman Charles Schwarz was a victim of mistaken identity in the torture of a Haitian immigrant.

In an 11-page order Thursday, the Second Circuit Court of Appeals asked U.S. District Judge Eugene Nickerson to consider whether prosecutors suppressed evidence at Schwarz's trial.

Defense attorneys had argued at a hearing last week that Schwarz's conviction in the Abner Louima case should be thrown out because prosecutors withheld dozens of statements by other police officers that would have helped clear him. Schwarz is serving a 15-year sentence.

The court cited a sworn statement by an investigator that contradicts testimony of a key prosecution witness who testified Schwarz was the patrolman who escorted Louima to the police station bathroom where he was tortured.

The investigator is unnamed in court papers but identified in news reports as former sergeant Patrick Walsh. He claimed in an affidavit that Officer Eric Turetzky wasn't sure if Schwarz or another officer was with Louima. Both officers had short blond hair.

Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

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

The public hearing will be held on **Monday, August 6, 2001** at **7:00 p.m. in the Board Room in the Administrative Building.**

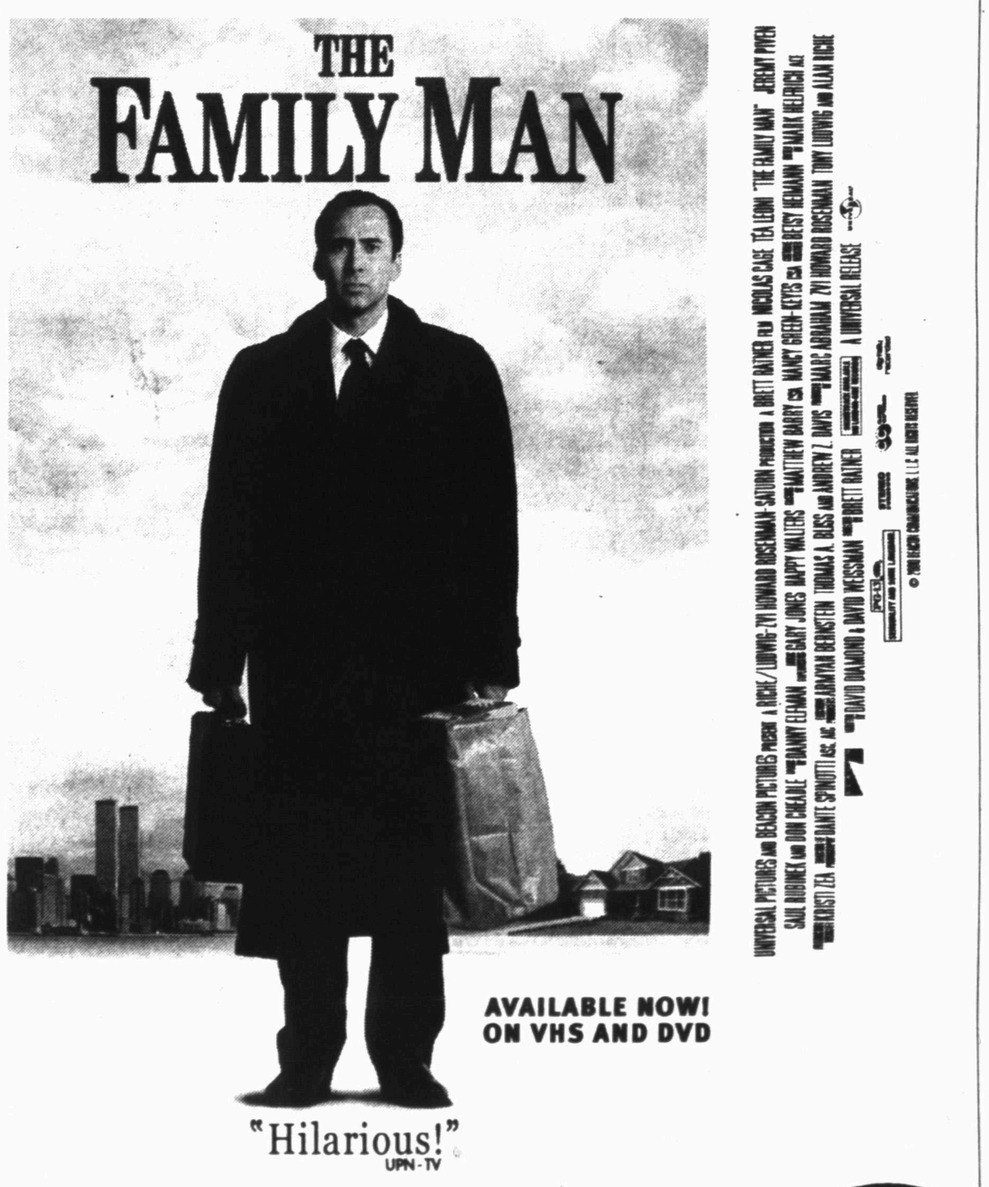
For the proposal: **Mr. Lee Presswood, Mr. Drew Bullard, Ms. Carolyn Barbee, Mr. Eddie Peterson, Mr. Scott Richburg, Dr. Jay Kidd, and Mr. Jackie Greene**
Against the proposal: None
Present and not voting: None
Absent: None

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

	Last Year	This Year
Average residence homestead value	$32,017.00	$32,290.00
General exemptions available (amount available on the average homestead, not including senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	-0-	-0-
Average taxable value	$32,017.00	$32,133.00
Tax rate	.3067	.2658
Tax	$98.20	$85.41

Under the proposal, taxes on the average homestead would **decrease** by **$12.79** or **13.02%** percent compared with last year's taxes. Comparing tax rates without adjusting for changes in property value, the tax rate would **decrease** by **$.0409** per $100 of taxable value or **13.34%** percent compared to last year's tax rate. These tax rate figures are not adjusted for changes in the taxable value of property.

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



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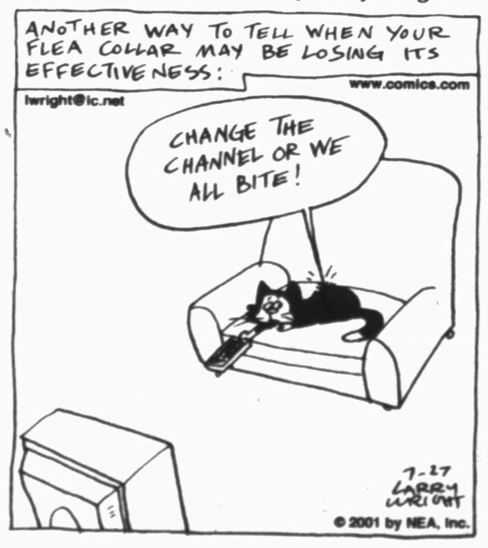


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NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 Edges sideways
7 Concealing
13 New York Indian
14 Wild ass
15 Not a saint
16 Carry away
17 Drying kiln
18 Gloomy guy
20 Quarry
21 More dry
23 Habituate
27 Instruct
32 Spooky
33 More foxy
34 Harvests
35 Coke and Pepsi
36 New —, La.
39 I.e., in full
40 "A Fish Called —"
42 Subsequently
46 Mai — (drink)
47 Ballerina's strong points
51 Quartz
53 — Nevada
55 Singer Frankie —
56 Does housework
57 Give in
58 Lots

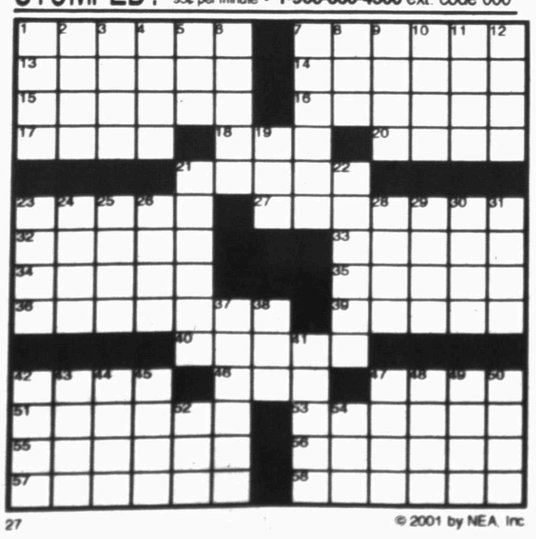
DOWN

1 Fair
2 Freshwater porpoise
3 Lairs
4 Dryer-trap fill
5 Netherlands city
6 NCO's nickname
7 — around (played roughly)
8 "Opal" finish
9 Dank
10 Opera prince
11 Ms. Campbell
12 Author Zane —
19 "Vent" ending
21 Teeter-totter
22 Lenin's country
23 Finnish first name
24 — -do-well
25 — Mountains of Europe
26 Ready for harvest
28 Dull person
29 Assistant
30 Afternoon parties
31 Formerly, once
37 Swimming
38 Nahoor sheep
41 Dance spot
42 Emperor
43 Shelter for bees
44 Israeli airline (2 wds.)
45 Egypt's river
47 Set up (golf ball)
48 Kind of test
49 Eagle
50 Back talk (sl.)
52 Cell dweller
54 Workers' seen.

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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SPORTS

OU, Nebraska tabbed as Big 12 title favorites

DALLAS (AP) — Nebraska coach Frank Solich knows a little something about undefeated seasons and national championships.

As head coach of the Cornhuskers for the past three seasons and an assistant there for 19 more, Solich has taken part in three national titles and undefeated seasons. So, when he says Oklahoma may have a tough time repeating as national champs — or even as Big 12 Conference champs — this year, he speaks with authority.

"There's a lot that goes into a season like that — you've got to be a little fortunate," Solich said. "Any one of five or six teams in the conference could have that kind of year."

Welcome to the Big 12, where as many as three teams could be ranked among the nation's top 10 teams.

In the media's preseason poll released Thursday, Nebraska was picked to win the conference's North Division, while Oklahoma was tabbed as the favorite in the South Division just ahead of Texas.

That means the Sooners and the Cornhuskers could be headed for a titanic showdown on Oct. 27 at Memorial Stadium in Lincoln, Neb. Solich and the Cornhuskers will have the added incentive of trying to avenge a 31-14 loss at Oklahoma last season.

"There have been some great teams, great players and great coaches in this rivalry," Solich said. "It has a long and storied history behind it. It's great for college football."

Solich will lean on a team that returns Heisman Trophy candidate quarterback Eric Crouch and nine starters on a defense that ranked sixth in the conference last season.

Despite the absence of record-setting quarterback Josh Heupel, All-Big 12 linebacker Torrance Marshall and seven other starters from Oklahoma's surprising run to the national title, the Sooners are looking to duplicate last year's feats.

"I believe we have a stronger, faster and undoubtedly, more experienced group of players," said Bob Stoops, now entering his third season as Oklahoma's coach. "The important thing going into this season is the fact that the players know how to win."

As one of the conference favorites, the Sooners know they won't enter many games as underdogs anymore.

"We've been experienced, and we've played in big games and we know what it's all about," said Oklahoma receiver Josh Norman, "and I think that after the first four games last year, we didn't sneak up on anybody."

Stoops said either of Heupel's potential replacements, junior Nate Hybl or sophomore Jason White, could put up dazzling offensive numbers.

"Two years ago, no one was bragging about Josh Heupel," Stoops said. "With what we've seen in the practices and scrimmages, we're confident either one of them can do the job."

Even with Oklahoma and Nebraska shaping up as the Big 12's teams to beat, the consensus at Thursday's media event was that both teams could struggle in conference play.

In the media poll, Nebraska was followed by Kansas State, Colorado, Iowa State, Missouri and Kansas.

In the South, Oklahoma was picked ahead of Texas, Texas A&M, Texas Tech, Oklahoma State and Baylor.



SOFTBALL CHAMPS — The Taz captured this year's 8-under title of Snyder Girls' Softball League. Members of the team are, front from left, Kaylee Lord, Samantha Shankles, Kaylie Brewster, Micayla Redman, Baylee Lewis and Sarah Cearley. On the middle row are Megan Thompson, Kelsi Fulford, Lindsey Daniel, Allison Swigert, Laswann Medina, Tayla Wesson and Amber Steelman. On the back row are coaches Tracy Lewis, Sandra Fulford, Shelly Brewster and Tammy Wesson. (Contributed Photo)

Rangers topple Orioles, 9-7; Ripken finishes with a bang

ARLINGTON (AP) — Cal Ripken knows how to say good-bye.

For the third time since announcing his retirement last month, Ripken hit a home run in his final appearance at a stadium. He homered to lead off the seventh inning in Baltimore's 9-7 loss at Texas on Thursday night.

"I don't know how to explain that; maybe I have a little bit better focus," Ripken said. "I wish I could say I'd do it on call. I'd do it every time if that were the case."

The Rangers completed their first four-game sweep since April 1999, and have won four in a row for the first time this season.

Ricky Ledee hit his first homer of the season, a three-run shot to cap a five-run sixth, and Darren Oliver (8-6) pitched 6 1-3 solid innings for Texas.

Still, the focus was on the 40-year-old Baltimore third baseman.

Ripken hit two homers in his final game at Atlanta on July 14, just four days after homering in the All-Star game. He also hit a home run in his last appearance at Florida on July 17.

Like he did after those other parting shots, Ripken answered a curtain call for the cheering fans at The Ballpark in Arlington.

As Ripken rounded the bases after his seventh-inning home run, fireworks exploded from behind centerfield and theme music from "The Natural" played — which always happen on a home run by a Rangers player, but never before for anyone from the other team.

"The last three cities I have hit a home run in the last game of the series and the fans in those away ballparks have made me feel like a hometown hero," he said. "It's a unique experience, and it is very special."

Ledee had gone 46 games without a homer — the second-longest drought in his career — before his towering 428-foot shot down the right field line off Josh Towers (6-5). Ledee started just his 28th game this season after missing the first 21/2 months with an injured left knee.

"It feels good, but it's been a process," Ledee said. "It's getting better, but it's still a day-to-day improvement."

Rafael Palmeiro had a run-scoring double in the sixth after Mike Lamb hit a one-out double. Lamb scored, giving the Rangers a 3-2 lead, when left fielder Mike Kinkade overran Alex Rodriguez's single for an error.

Oliver allowed four runs and eight hits — including the Ripken homer.

Three of the next four Baltimore batters after Ripken in the seventh got hits, but the Orioles managed only a run on Brady Anderson's RBI single that chased Oliver.

Towers, a rookie right-hander, is 0-3 in four July starts after going 5-1 with a 1.49 ERA in June. He gave up seven runs and 10 hits in six innings as Baltimore lost for the 18th time in 21 games.

"Everybody's struggling and I don't know why," Towers said. "We all want to be the person to try and change the slump."

Anderson snapped an 0-for-18 slump when he hit a two-out solo homer in the fifth to give the Orioles a 2-1 lead. Ivan Rodriguez led off the bottom half with a single, and scored on Gabe Kapler's infield hit.

Frank Catalanotto's homer leading off the bottom of the first tied it 1-1. Baltimore went ahead in the top half when Brian Roberts singled and scored.

Wagner, Astros edge Pirates

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Batters be warned: Houston Astros closer Billy Wagner has a new pitch.

"He's throwing a slider and it's really helped him," manager Larry Dierker said.

Using the pitch sparingly to complement his overpowering fastball, Wagner picked up his 24th save in 25 opportunities Thursday as the Astros beat the Pittsburgh Pirates 3-2.

Wagner retired the Pirates in order in the ninth inning for his 18th save in a row.

Seeing Wagner on the mound was a comfort for Dave Mlicki (2-0), who ended a personal losing streak against the Pirates that had covered nine starts, four teams and four years.

Mlicki went seven innings, his longest outing since June 6, when he was still with Detroit.

Pirates starter Jason Schmidt (6-6) pitched well, but fell to 0-9 in his career against Houston.

Schmidt, who is eligible for free agency after this season, is being actively shopped by the Pirates. The scout seats at PNC Park were filled as contending teams took another look at him.

Sports Briefs

Boys Club football

Participants in last season's Boys Club football program need to return all equipment.

Also, a meeting will be held at 8:30 p.m. Wednesday at Elizabeth Potts Realtors for anyone interested in coaching next year.

SHS golf qualifying rounds

Qualifying for Snyder High School golf teams will be held after school Aug. 15-18. For more information, call Coach Ricky Hunter at 573-0239.

High school football

All Snyder High School football players will receive their equipment at 7 a.m. Aug. 6 at the SHS field house.

Kiwanis golf tournament

Snyder Kiwanis Club will host the annual Hubert and Mary Cargile Memorial Scholarship Tournament Aug. 4 at Western Texas College.

Entry fee for the four-person scramble is $120 per team, with shotgun starts at 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top four teams. Hole-in-one prize is $10,000.

Call the WTC pro shop at 573-9291, or Russell Fisk at 573-3438 to register.

Tennis meeting

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

Golf tournament

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

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

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

WGA play day

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

Athletic physicals

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

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

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

Armstrong retains yellow jersey

MONTLUCON, France (AP) — Belgium's Serge Baguet won the 17th stage of the Tour de France, while Lance Armstrong maintained a five-minute overall lead and remained on track for his third straight championship.

Baguet edged Danish rider Jakob Piil in the final sprint to claim his first stage win.

Armstrong retained the overall leader's yellow jersey, with an unchanged advantage of 5 minutes, 5 seconds over his closest rival, Jan Ullrich of Germany.

Major League Baseball

National League
All Times EDT

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	57	45	.559	—
Philadelphia	57	45	.559	—
Florida	52	49	.515	4½
New York	46	57	.447	11½
Montreal	45	58	.437	12½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	59	42	.584	—
Houston	56	45	.554	3
St. Louis	51	49	.510	7½
Milwaukee	44	56	.440	14½
Pittsburgh	38	62	.380	20½
Cincinnati	38	63	.376	21

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	59	43	.578	—
Los Angeles	59	44	.573	½
San Francisco	54	49	.524	5½
San Diego	49	53	.480	10
Colorado	43	59	.422	16

Thursday's Games
St. Louis 3, Chicago Cubs 1
Montreal 3, Atlanta 2, 10 innings
Houston 3, Pittsburgh 2
Philadelphia 3, N.Y. Mets 2
San Francisco 11, Arizona 3
Los Angeles 3, Colorado 1

Friday's Games
St. Louis (Kile 10-7) at Chicago Cubs (Bere 7-5), 3:20 p.m.
Atlanta (Maddux 13-5) at Montreal (Mattes 3-2), 7:05 p.m.
Florida (Clement 6-6) at Cincinnati (Davis 3-1), 7:05 p.m.
Houston (Reynolds 9-9) at Pittsburgh (Beimel 4-6), 7:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Coggin 1-0) at N.Y. Mets (Trachsel 4-10), 7:10 p.m.
San Diego (Jones 6-12) at Milwaukee (Suzuki 2-8), 8:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Rueter 9-7) at Arizona (B.Anderson 3-6), 10:05 p.m.
Colorado (Astacio 6-12) at Los Angeles (Adams 6-3), 10:10 p.m.

Saturday's Games
Houston (Oswalt 8-2) at Pittsburgh (Olivares 4-7), 1:05 p.m., 1st game
Philadelphia (Daal 10-3) at N.Y. Mets (Leiter 6-8), 1:15 p.m.
St. Louis (Benes 6-6) at Chicago Cubs (Wood 9-8), 1:15 p.m.
Colorado (Hampton 10-7) at Los Angeles (Park 10-6), 4:05 p.m.
Houston (McKnight 0-0) at Pittsburgh (J.Anderson 6-9), 7:05 p.m., 2nd game
Atlanta (Glavine 9-5) at Montreal (Vazquez 9-9), 7:05 p.m.
Florida (Penny 7-4) at Cincinnati (Dessens 6-8), 7:05 p.m.
San Diego (Williams 7-8) at Milwaukee (Haynes 6-13), 7:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Ortiz 11-6) at Arizona (Lopez 0-0), 10:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Philadelphia at N.Y. Mets, 1:10 p.m.
Florida at Cincinnati, 1:15 p.m.
Atlanta at Montreal, 1:35 p.m.
Houston at Pittsburgh, 1:35 p.m.
San Diego at Milwaukee, 2:05 p.m.
St. Louis at Chicago Cubs, 2:20 p.m.
San Francisco at Arizona, 4:35 p.m.
Colorado at Los Angeles, 8:10 p.m.

American League
All Times EDT

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	61	41	.598	—
Boston	58	43	.574	2½
Toronto	48	55	.466	13½
Baltimore	42	60	.412	19
Tampa Bay	33	69	.324	28

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	60	42	.588	—
Cleveland	58	42	.580	1
Chicago	50	50	.500	9
Detroit	43	56	.434	15½
Kansas City	40	62	.392	20

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	73	29	.716	—
Oakland	54	48	.529	19
Anaheim	52	50	.510	21
Texas	44	57	.436	28½

Thursday's Games
N.Y. Yankees 14, Detroit 8
Minnesota 7, Oakland 4
Boston 6, Toronto 3
Chicago White Sox 5, Cleveland 4
Texas 9, Baltimore 7
Anaheim 5, Tampa Bay 3
Seattle 4, Kansas City 0

Friday's Games
N.Y. Yankees (Mussina 10-8) at Toronto (Carpenter 7-7), 7:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Colon 9-7) at Detroit (Pettyjohn 0-2), 7:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (K.Wells 6-5) at Boston (Saberhagen 0-0), 7:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Sturtze 5-8) at Texas (Bell 3-0), 8:35 p.m.
Minnesota (Lohse 3-2) at Seattle (Abbott 9-2), 10:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Johnson 9-6) at Anaheim (Schoeneweis 7-8), 10:05 p.m.
ehrle 7-6) at Boston (Wakefield 6-5), 5:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Woodard 1-0) at Detroit (Santos 2-2), 7:05 p.m., 2nd game
Tampa Bay (Bierbrodt 0-0) at Texas (Myette 0-1), 8:35 p.m.
Baltimore (Roberts 7-8) at Anaheim (Rapp 3-9), 10:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games
N.Y. Yankees at Toronto, 1:05 p.m.
Cleveland at Detroit, 1:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox at Boston, 1:05 p.m.
Kansas City at Oakland, 4:05 p.m.
Minnesota at Seattle, 4:35 p.m.
Baltimore at Anaheim, 8:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Texas, 8:05 p.m.

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New York	16	9	.640	3
Miami	13	10	.565	5
Charlotte	11	13	.458	7½
Orlando	9	13	.409	8½
Indiana	7	16	.304	11
Washington	6	16	.273	11½
Detroit	6	17	.261	12

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	20	3	.870	—
Houston	15	7	.682	4½
Sacramento	13	10	.565	7
Portland	11	11	.500	8½
Utah	11	11	.500	8½
Phoenix	10	12	.455	9½
Seattle	9	15	.375	11½
Minnesota	7	14	.333	12

Thursday's Games
Charlotte 62, Washington 60
Utah 71, New York 63
Phoenix 63, Detroit 62

Friday's Games
Indiana at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
Orlando at Miami, 7 p.m.
Washington at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Phoenix at Seattle, 10 p.m.
Portland at Sacramento, 10 p.m.

Saturday's Games
New York at Houston, 1:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Miami at Indiana, 8 p.m.
Minnesota at Utah, 9 p.m.
Los Angeles at Portland, 10 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Charlotte at Washington, 3 p.m.
Phoenix at Sacramento, 4 p.m.
Orlando at Detroit, 7 p.m.

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Saturday Only 8a.m. – ??

Garage Sales

GARAGE SALE
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Old Circle In Gro. Bldg.
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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Thyroid lumps should be investigated

DEAR DR. GOTT: During a routine exam, my 40-year-old daughter was found to have two lumps in her thyroid gland. The doctor has ordered further testing, but because she has to drive several hours to have these done, she is reluctant. What are the side effects of these tests?

DEAR READER: Without knowing what tests you are referring to, I cannot satisfactorily answer your question. However, let me give you a general approach that is fairly standard.

If I feel lumps in a person's thyroid gland, my mind clicks into overdrive, depending on the patient's age and health status. In a woman of 40, such lesions could reflect cancer or, more commonly, thyroid cysts. Therefore, along with ordering blood tests to assess glandular function, I would first schedule her for an ultrasound, a painless and safe test that would indicate if the "lumps" are solid or filled with fluid.

If they're solid, I'd follow up with a thyroid scan, which will indicate whether or not the lesions are functioning. Non-functioning nodules should be biopsied and possibly removed. Functioning lumps - seen as "hot spots" on the scan - can be ignored (unless the blood tests show hyperactivity), because they are rarely malignant.

If the ultrasound reveals fluid-filled nodules, I'd stop there. Cysts are normal and ordinarily do not cause health problems. Despite this fact, however, some specialists would prefer to biopsy such lesions just to make sure.

Thus, your daughter will have to make up her mind whether to be satisfied with blood tests and an ultrasound (both of which are usually available in small community hospitals, and will provide essential information) - or whether she should have more extensive testing outside her community.

I suggest the following: Your daughter (and other members of the family, if appropriate) should meet with the doctor to develop a strategy about how to approach her thyroid problem. I am certain that during such a sit-down discussion, the situation can be resolved. If her doctor believes that a biopsy, for example, is necessary, your daughter may opt for that and forego the other testing. In any case, most thyroid testing is devoid of significant risks.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My daughter, 27, developed a fever, lethargy and sores in her mouth. Our family doctor diagnosed Coxsackie virus. She has had mono and is a dairy herdsman, but cannot shake this infection. What can she do?

DEAR READER: Coxsackie viruses are divided into more than 30 different types. The virus family was so named because the first one was identified in Coxsackie, N.Y. years ago.

The viruses cause a number of diseases, including infection of the skin, mouth, heart and brain. Coxsackie viruses are often associated with severe ulcerations in the mouth and nose; less common forms produce diseases resembling mononucleosis, polio and pleurisy.

As with other viruses, antibiotics are useless in treatment. Except for heart infection, the Coxsackie syndromes are harmless but irritating, benign and self-limited. If your daughter takes good care of herself, builds up her resistance and obtains adequate sleep, she will eventually recover.

However, it will take time. Coxsackie infection is spread from person-to-person, so her occupation is probably not a factor in her illness.

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

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Former stock promoter sentenced

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — Former penny stock promoter Robert E. Brennan was sentenced to nine years and two months in prison for bankruptcy fraud and obstructing justice by faking evidence during his trial.

Brennan had been facing an eight-year sentence for his original conviction. But U.S. District Judge Garrett E. Brown ruled Thursday that Brennan also obstructed justice, making him eligible for an additional two years under federal sentencing guidelines.

Also on Thursday, Brown ordered that Brennan undergo five years of supervision upon his release from prison and pay $4 million in restitution.

Brennan, 57, was convicted in April of seven of the 13 counts against him.

Researchers study children's deaths in order to save lives

HOUSTON (AP) — Polio, tuberculosis and other infectious diseases that decades ago killed children of all ages and ethnic groups in large numbers are now preventable or treatable because of a dedicated effort to find cures.

Dr. George Kerr, a biology professor at the University of Texas Health Science Center in Houston, said Thursday the same pains need to go to prevent homicides of adolescent black youths or the car-crash deaths and suicides of Anglo boys.

"Reducing the death toll is doable if society wants to do it," Kerr told doctors, lawyers, social workers and police officers at a conference in Houston.

Kerr is a member of the state Child Fatality Review Team, a volunteer group that supports local review teams that carefully analyze the causes of child deaths in their communities.

About 250 of these statewide and local team members, from the Mexican border to the Arkansas state line, have met since Wednesday to discuss that analysis and how to reduce the deaths. The conference ends today.

Differences in causes of deaths of children of varying ages and ethnicities require targeted efforts, Kerr said.

"The risk of black adolescent males for violent deaths is so large that we need to have programs focused on that particular demographic group," he said. "A lot of people might say that it's racist to say that, but the statistics say it's needed."

He also suggested suicide prevention programs targeted mainly at Anglo boys.

For Texas children ages 1-17, congenital heart conditions and cancer competed with accidents, homicides and suicides as leading causes of deaths in 1999. That year, 3,175 children died in the state, most of them infants, the Houston Chronicle reported.

Suicide took 76 children, 53 of them ages 15-17. Children of all ages, 179 of them, were homicide victims, but the age group at the greatest risk, with 66 deaths, was 15-17.

And accidents took the lives of 814 children, with the same 15-17 age group at the greatest risk; 262 teen-agers died, mostly because of car crashes.

Team members celebrated the passage of four laws they helped legislators produce to curb roadway deaths.

Legislators expanded the child safety seat laws to cover children up to age 4 or less than three feet tall. They also made it illegal to drive a pickup with a child in the truck bed and banned possession of an open alcohol container in a vehicle.

Another law tightens requirements for minors applying for drivers' licenses after Jan. 1, 2002. It requires minors learning to drive to be with an adult who is at least 21 and to have an instructional permit for six months before getting a license.

"We know our young people know how to drive, but they don't have the experience to drive safely," said Texas Department of Public Safety Lt. Jimmie Kaelin of Corpus Christi.

Team members say their work is saving lives by studying deaths.

"Data collection needs to be done," said Dr. Juan Parra, who heads the local team. "We also need to focus on preventing deaths once we know the causes after looking at the data."

Border Patrol nabs illegal immigrants

PHOENIX (AP) — Border Patrol agents used high-tech sensors and infared cameras to track down 176 illegal Mexican immigrants, then captured the group after pretending to be their drivers.

The Border Patrol arrested seven leaders they believe to be the smugglers. The remaining immigrants were driven back to the Mexico side.

They were nabbed Wednesday at an apartment complex in Douglas off Arizona 80, the usual route migrants take on their way north to Phoenix.

"It was a little intimidating for the guys at first," said Rowdy Adams, director of the patrol's Douglas station. "But in no time we had plenty of people to back them up, and it went fine."

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Saturday, July 28, 2001

Unusual conditions may prevail for you in the year ahead, but nothing you can't handle. In fact, instead of looking elsewhere for lucky breaks, capitalize on what you have at hand.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Your protective efforts will count for little today if you thwart individualism in those you love. Let the whole family be all that they can be by doing their own thing. Trying to patch up a broken romance?

The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Speculating might be a whole lot of fun and even sound good on paper, but when put to the test, it could be another matter. Don't jump into anything without proper research.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Do not make any big ticket purchases today without first consulting with those who share the costs. If you don't, you'd better be prepared to get out of the line of fire.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Especially if you find yourself in the leadership role today with others under your charge, you must make certain you think everything through from the alpha to the omega.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — You have the ability to gain ground through good discussions today with those whose thinking you need to sway. In order to do so, however, flexibility in your thought processes is a must.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Associating with pals today who are too loose with their dollars could trigger a bankruptcy for your wallet. Hang out with those who have the same appreciation for material values as you do.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — It won't do you any good to have an astute game plan, only to suddenly abandon it at the mere suggestion of someone else. Stay on course and follow your well-laid out blueprint.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Keep your guard up today when dealing with unknown or untested quantities. Unfortunately, not everything you encounter at this time can be taken at face value.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Usually, you're a generous person, but today you might not be willing to share the fruits with those who helped you the most. Fortunately, you'll realize this before it's too late.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Get back in character as fast as you can if you find yourself being too touchy or erratic in the handling of people today. Diplomacy is what will get you what you want.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Although it might be easier to work with people who can cut it on their own, don't ignore those who truly need your help. Esteem comes from knowing you've made a difference in someone's job.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Watch out for those mood swings of yours when involved with others today. If you're too sensitive about things, it could turn you into an emotional person you won't like.

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Merger of two U.S. airlines hits snag

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Justice Department, citing antitrust concerns, said today it will file suit to block the merger of United Airlines and US Airways.

The department said the 16-month-old proposal, which would have created the nation's largest airline, would "reduce competition, raise fares and harm consumers."

The department said it will be joined in its suit by the attorneys general of several states.

"If this acquisition were allowed to proceed, millions of consumers — business, government and families — would have little choice but to pay higher fares and accept lower quality air service," said Attorney General John Ashcroft.

The ruling was widely expected even before United's parent company, UAL Corp., wavered this summer in its commitment to what would have been the largest-ever airline purchase.

United tried to end the deal in early July, convinced it would not win regulatory approval and faced with much steeper economic and labor challenges than when it proposed the transaction last year. US Airways balked at the proposed separation, and United agreed to continue to pursue the deal until federal regulators made a final ruling.

Many analysts have viewed the $4.3 billion merger as all but dead for months, saddled rising costs and strong political opposition in Washington from critics who said it would have been bad for competition.

Shares of UAL were trading down 19 cents to $33.73 on the New York Stock Exchange, where shares of US Airways were off $1.23, or 7 percent, to $16.92.

The Justice Department said the merger would violate antitrust laws by reducing competition in hub-to-hub nonstop markets like Philadelphia-Los Angeles, San Francisco-Denver and Pittsburgh-Washington D.C., where US Airways and United are each other's only nonstop competitor.

The Washington, D.C., and Baltimore markets would also see reduced competition, the department said. The government is likely that competition also would suffer East Coast and international routes, and in the realm of corporate and government business travel.

Under the terms of the deal, United is entitled to walk away Aug. 1 — next Wednesday — paying a $50 million breakup fee. Industry experts have said the Chicago-based carrier was seeking a final verdict to minimize the impact of potential litigation by US Airways shareholders.

The decision was a blow for both US Airways and a proposed new airline called DC Air.

Western diplomats eye trouble in Macedonia

SKOPJE, Macedonia (AP) — Seeking to maintain momentum for newly resumed peace talks, Western diplomats met with senior government representatives today on ways to negotiate an end to Macedonia's ethnic Albanian insurgency.

Amid meetings between Prime Minister Ljubco Georgievski and ambassadors of the NATO countries in Macedonia, separate talks also were held between President Boris Trajkovski and leaders of the main ethnic Albanian and Macedonian political parties.

"We were talking about various issues — and positively," said Ambassador Marc Dickenson of Britain, after meeting Georgievski.

Original plans to meet in Tetovo today were initially put on hold. Government spokesman Antonio Milososki said security concerns after overnight shooting in the region were responsible for the change.

But a statement issued subsequently by envoys James Pardew of the United States and Francois Leotard of the European Union said talks in Tetovo would be held later today on the issue of upgrading the status of the Albanian language.

No major conflicts were reported, a day after ethnic Albanian rebels withdrew from four northern villages they overran during fierce fighting earlier this week. But the Defense Ministry said the rebels were guilty of around 30 cease-fire violations in the Tetovo region overnight.

Macedonian refugees began returning tentatively Thursday to those villages and nearby Tetovo, Macedonia's second-largest city. Some 8,000 people had fled the region since the fighting started Sunday.

The resumption of violence this week broke a more than two-week-old NATO-organized cease-fire and followed the breakdown of high-level talks between political leaders of the country's ethnic Albanian minority and majority Macedonians.

Black man shot in Cincinnati; first since riots

CINCINNATI (AP) — A police officer shot and killed a 21-year-old black man early today, the first such death since spring rioting after an officer shot an unarmed black man.

Since the riots, crime has surged and arrests have dropped as police admitted to holding back for fear of being accused of racism.

Police said Ricky Moore, armed with a shotgun, fired twice at officer Thomas Haas before the officer returned fire. Haas, who is white, was not injured.

There were no signs of unrest after the shooting.

The Rev. Damon Lynch III, a black clergyman who criticized police after a white officer shot Timothy Thomas on April 7, said the latest shooting appeared to have been justifiable.

"When you open up on an officer of the law, this is what happens. So it seems like what officer Haas did was justifiable," Lynch told WLW-AM. He is head of the Cincinnati Black United Front and a leader of a race-relations commission appointed by Mayor Charles Luken.

Police Chief Thomas Streicher said that, based on the number of shell casings recovered at the scene, "it appears there was very active gunfire."

"From everything we have seen and heard, we believe the officer's actions were reasonable and appropriate," Streicher said. "It was very, very intense. It was an extremely dangerous situation for the officer."

As of Thursday, a total of 73 shootings since the riots had left 85 people wounded or killed, compared with nine shootings and 11 victims for the same period last year.

According to police Lt. Col. Ronald Twitty, officers responded at 12:15 a.m. to a report of a man with a shotgun in the Millvale neighborhood. The first officer did not locate the man but Haas responded after another call was received.

Moore was pronounced dead at University Hospital.

Streicher said Haas and Moore were 20-30 feet apart during the shootout.

Moore fired a sawed-off, pump action, 12-gauge shotgun with a pistol grip, the chief said. Haas fired his 9 mm handgun and a shotgun at Moore.

Haas, 33, will be placed on paid administrative leave while the shooting is investigated. Such a leave is routine in officer-involved shootings.

Just two weeks ago, Haas was involved in a gun battle in the Over-the-Rhine neighborhood, where most of the rioting happened. Police said he ran after a man who attempted a robbery. Both men fired more than a dozen shots but no one was hit.

Obituaries

Paula Matthies

1938-2001

Pauline "Paula" Matthies, 62, of Snyder died Thursday, July 26, in Snyder Oaks Care Center. Miss Matthies will be cremated under the direction of Wright Colonial Funeral Home. The family will plan a memorial service at a later date.

Born on Dec. 11, 1938 in Rotan, Miss Matthies had been a resident of Snyder Oaks Care Center since April due to a sudden illness. She graduated from Rotan High School in 1957 and moved to Denton to attend Texas Women's University, graduating in 1962. She was an animal groomer in Dallas before moving to Snyder. Miss Matthies was a member of the Cathedral of Hope Church in Dallas.

She was preceded in death by her parents, A.K. and Alma Matthies, and two brothers, Carl and John Matthies.

Survivors include one brother and sister-in-law, Melvin and Marie Matthies of Rotan; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Addie Markham of Snyder, Christine and J.O. Sanderson of Loraine and Carol and Charles Mooney of Colorado City; numerous nieces and nephews.

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Firefighters are bracing for heat, wind

JACKSON, Wyo. (AP) — Firefighters braced for another day of heat and wind as they attempt to turn back a blaze that has surged toward homes and forced the evacuation of hundreds of residents in this pristine mountainous area.

Flames forced crews to abandon their firebreaks and scramble to save themselves Thursday as the blaze increased to more than 3,000 acres.

Winds had died down today morning, but the forecast called for more wind and dry heat, setting up another potential advance once afternoon gusts pick up.

The fire moved past a natural firebreak and was just a half-mile from an undetermined number of the up to 200 homes at risk, fire spokesman Joe Colwell said today morning.

No homes had burned, and firefighters set up sprinklers to dampen the most vulnerable homes as aircraft were being prepared to drop retardant.

Fire crews stayed near the at-risk homes through the night to monitor the situation.

Firefighters and residents had a brief respite from the haze today. Smoke had thickened Thursday in Jackson Hole, a 40-mile-long valley surrounded by three mountain ranges and gateway to Grand Teton and Yellowstone national parks. The Tetons, which lie north of the blaze, have also been hazy.

A team of investigators arrived Thursday to determine how the fire began Sunday in a camping area. The probe was looking into all possible causes.

Two arrests made in Snyder

•Arrests

A DPS trooper arrested a 46-year-old man Thursday night for driving while intoxicated. The man, who was stopped on U.S. 84, was transported to the jail and his motorcycle was impounded.

Officers took a 50-year-old female into custody just before midnight Thursday for public intoxication at the VFW.

•Criminal mischief

Peggy Christian requested a deputy at P.J. Grocery near Lake Thomas in reference to damage done to the store's mailbox and windows. An offense report for criminal mischief was filed.

•Fire

Jack West reported a grass fire at 12:15 p.m. Thursday in the 1900 block of Ave. L. The fire department responded and assisted with the fire. A police officer made contact with several juveniles who started the fire and spoke with their parents.

•Gas drive off

A clerk at the Allsup's in Hermleigh requested a deputy at 5 p.m. Thursday in reference to a gas drive off in the amount of $32. The clerk described the vehicle as a newer model pickup occupied by two females. The subjects left the station west bound on Highway 84. The subjects later returned and paid for the gas.

•Family disturbance

A woman requested an officer at 7:20 Thursday evening in reference to having been assaulted by her daughter-in-law. Sheriff's deputies responded to the scene and escorted one woman to the sheriff's office to meet with a mental heath/mental retardation official. A report for assault, family violence was submitted.

A woman called police at 11:30 p.m. Thursday to report she had been assaulted by a man. The woman was transported to the sheriff's office to meet with an official from MH/MR. She was then released to another woman to stay at her residence. A report for assault, family violence was submitted.

•Theft

Mary Ann Juarez requested an officer at 213 37th Street in reference to the theft of a ring from her residence. Officers responded and advised that an offense report for Class A theft would be filed.

•Music disturbance

A resident requested an officer in the area of 37th Street and Austin Ave. in reference to subjects practicing with a band, creating a music disturbance. Officers contacted the subjects and advised them of the complaint.

•Burglary

Larry Carrisalez requested an officer at 605 19th Street in reference to the burglary of his residence. Carrisalez advised that some change was missing from the home and requested a close patrol.

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Cisneros family reunion

The Cisneros family reunion will be held today and Saturday at the Willow Park Inn. For more information, call 915-263-3430.

Car wash

Hermleigh High school cheerleaders will have a fundraising car wash starting at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Wal-Mart. Donations will be accepted which will go to pay for camp and uniforms.

Class of 1976 reunion

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

Huddleston family reunion

The 57th annual family reunion for the descendants of John and Mollie Huddleston is set Saturday at the Baptist Student Center at Western Texas College. Registration begins at 9 a.m.

Children's Saturday fun time/VBS

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

The Gathering

Calvary Baptist Church will present the film, *The Gathering*, during the Sunday evening service which begin at at 6 p.m. The film captures the drama of the end times and the second coming of Jesus Christ. The church is located at 2405 35th (four block west of College Ave.) For more information, 573-2191.

Appreciation service

The public is invited to an appreciation service in honor of Reid (Magic) Johnson. The service, "Saving the Best for Last," will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday at The Word Is Life Church, 312 Coliseum Drive, to show appreciation for Johnson's stewardship of the Sunday Morning Gospel Program on KSNY.

Bible study tapes

Bible study videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "God Has Spoken of Mercy," followed by "they Crucified Him There."

Lions Club to meet

Rodger Sullenger, airport manager, will give the program for the Lions Club meeting at noon Tuesday at Martha Ann Woman's Club. Guests are invited and should call 573-3427 for reservations.

Genealogical Society

The Scurry County Genealogical Society will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the children's room at Scurry County Library. Election of officers will be held followed by a discussion of finding female ancestors. The public is invited. Yearly membership dues are $12.50 per person or $15 for a couple.

SHS football booster club

The SHS football booster club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the film room. "Meet the Tigers Night" set for Aug. 11 will be discussed.

Gateway Family support group

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

Kids' College project pick-up

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

Potter's House event

The Potter's House will present Live at the House and the rap group Urban Soldierz at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 4, at 2524 Ave. R. There is no charge. For more information, call 573-6510.

Certified nurse's aide program

Snyder Oaks Care Center will conduct a certified nurse's aide program starting Sunday, Aug. 5. Classes will be held each weekend, for a total of 75 hours. Call 573-9377 or 863-2426 for more information.

GED testing

GED testing will be offered at Western Texas College Wednesday and next Wednesday. For more information, call Molly Kattes at 573-2919 or Emily Hataway at 574-2112.

Married For Life

Married For Life outreach, information and sign up night is set for 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 13, at the Word Is Life Church, 312 Coliseum Drive. The Home Cell Bible study for married couples starts in August and September. For more information call, 573-7471.

WTC swimming pool

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

Mesquite Country Writers Guild

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

Hip-hop influences singing group

DENVER (AP) — The guys of 'N Sync had no specific agenda when they went into the studio to record "Celebrity," their new CD with heavy hip-hop influences.

"You just kinda take the inspiration that you've been dealing with for the past year or so," said JC Chasez, who co-wrote several of the songs. "You listen to the 20 or so songs or whatever that we had and we kinda put the jigsaw puzzle together and said these kinda go together and make a nice picture."

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Justice opposes Microsoft's call to rehear part of case

WASHINGTON (AP) — Stopping just short of accusing Microsoft of stalling, the Justice Department asked an appeals court to deny the company's request to re-examine whether the software maker illegally mixed software code for two products.

Microsoft's challenge is "clearly erroneous, repeating the same arguments it made in its principal brief on appeal," the Justice Department told the court Thursday. "Microsoft also treats its petition for rehearing as an occasion to expound upon a variety of topics, most of them irrelevant to the issue at hand."

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia ruled in June that Microsoft had operated as an illegal monopoly and lessened consumer choice. But it also reversed the trial judge's order breaking up the company and said a different judge must decide a new penalty.

The judges had said Microsoft illegally "commingled" software code for its Web browsing program and its dominant Windows operating system in an attempt to harm competition. Microsoft wants the court to reconsider, but the Justice Department wants to move on.

"It is time for that process to go forward," the government wrote.

Microsoft Chief Executive Steve Ballmer did not directly reference the Justice Department's filing in a speech to financial analysts Thursday, but he vigorously defended the company, and especially the forthcoming version of its operating system, Windows XP.

"We're very open and interested in settling this thing and getting it behind us," he said of the antitrust case. "The company's behaved with the highest integrity and trust for the thing that is most important: the interests of our customers and the interests of our partners."

Microsoft's practice of incorporating multiple features in Windows has been a centerpiece in the antitrust case, and the new system is already coming under fire although it is not due out until October.

While Microsoft contends it simply is adding features that users want, competitors say the company uses its muscle with the operating system to dominate the markets for other technology.

In response to the appeals court's ruling, Microsoft changed its contracts with computer manufacturers to let them remove icons for its Web browser, and let consumers remove the program altogether. During the antitrust trial, Microsoft claimed that couldn't be done.

Earlier this week, Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., called on Microsoft to do the same thing with many other programs in Windows XP. Those programs include a new instant messaging system, digital photo support and streaming media software.

Schumer wants some of the 18 state attorneys general who have sued the software giant to go to court to stop Windows XP from hitting store shelves in October unless the Redmond, Wash., company complies.

Ballmer said he was "shocked and dismayed" by the criticism of the product and the attempts to delay its release.

Bill Gates, Microsoft chairman and chief software architect, accused Microsoft's competitors of trying to limit consumer choice so their companies can thrive.

Eight horses die in inferno on ranch

GRAPEVINE (AP) — Eight horses, including three horses that escaped only to return to their blazing stalls, died in a massive barn fire at Wagon Wheel Ranch in northeast Tarrant County.

Two construction workers on the way to the Opryland Hotel Texas construction site noticed the flames and called 911 at 3:43 a.m. Thursday, officials said.

Firefighters arrived within two minutes of the 911 call, officers said. Police already were on the scene and had run with two workers to the barns to begin freeing the horses.

Only one of three adjacent barns was on fire, and the police, workers and fire personnel were able to get most of the horses out, said officer John Luna, spokesman for the Grapevine Police Department.

"There wasn't much we could do as far as firefighting went," said battallion fire chief James Robertson. "There is no water on the site, and we had to run 2,000 feet of hoses."

Robertson said firefighters arrived to find most of the horses roaming the pastures, terrified, and the large barns engulfed by flames.

"All our guys could do was to try to save the horses that were still in there," Robinson told The Dallas Morning News.

Ranch owner Kathy Brunson said about 80 horses, including award-winning jumpers, a few thoroughbreds, training horses and ponies were stabled at the ranch. But only about 30 were inside the barns Thursday morning, she said. The rest were in pastures.

Brunson said rescuers did not know that five training horses were trapped in a lower barn. Those horses and three horses that were said to have been driven by an instinct to seek safety in their stalls, died in the fire, Robertson said.

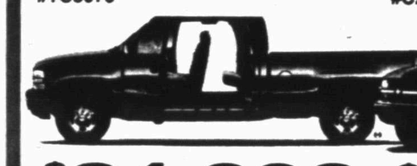


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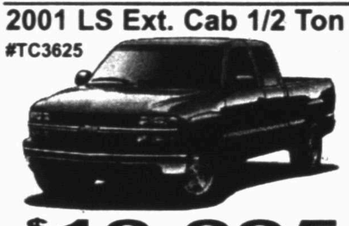


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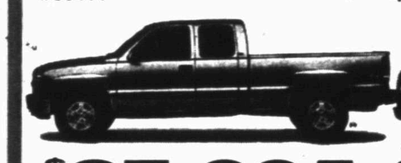


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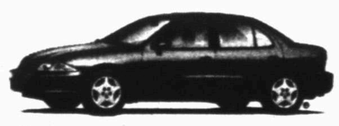


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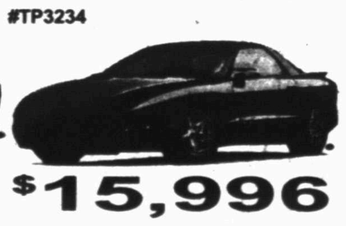


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