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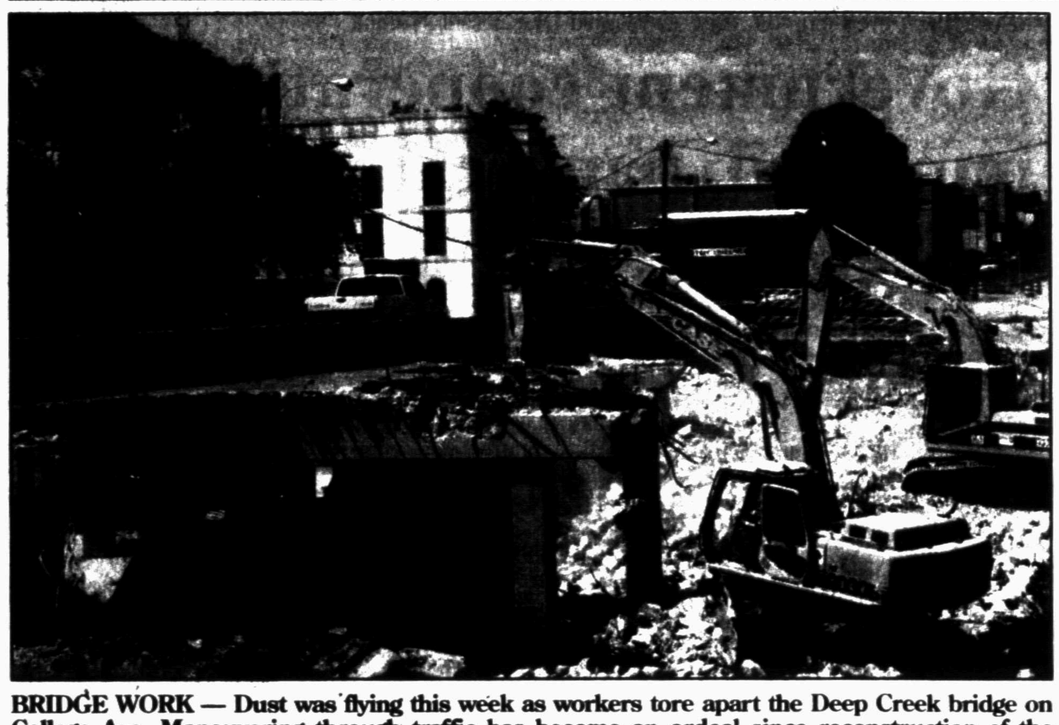
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Home of Kayla Hartzog



BRIDGE WORK — Dust was flying this week as workers tore apart the Deep Creek bridge on College Ave. Maneuvering through traffic has become an ordeal since reconstruction of the bridge and roadway has begun. (SDN Staff Photo)

$210,300 taken in robbery of Rowena bank; charges filed

A 28-year-old Ballinger man has formally been charged with armed robbery of the West Texas State Bank branch in Rowena, and authorities are now investigating to determine if others were involved.

Darin Heath West is being held by the Dickinson Police Department, located between Houston and Galveston.

West is charged with the Tuesday morning robbery of the West Texas State Bank branch in the farming community of Rowena, located in Runnels County.

According to an affidavit filed in federal court Thursday, the suspect confronted a bank teller when she left her home on her way to work.

West allegedly was hiding in the back seat of her crew cab pickup. The suspect grabbed her from behind and placed a small, semi-automatic handgun near her neck.

West forced the teller to drive to the bank and ordered her inside where she was instructed to open the bank vault.

The affidavit said West then ordered the victim to fill a light-colored canvas bag with money. West then tied the woman up and secured her in a restroom before making his escape in the victim's pickup. The teller was not injured.

The pickup was located shortly at a nearby cotton gin. Investigators believe that West made his getaway in another vehicle.

The lucky break in the case came early Thursday morning when a Dickinson police officer decided to check out two suspicious vehicles in a Walgreen parking lot in Dickinson, about 300 miles from Rowena.

West and a female associate were the drivers of the two vehicles, the affidavit noted.

West was then arrested on outstanding local municipal court warrants. Inside the rented 2003 Ford pickup, arresting officers found a green duffel bag containing a light-colored canvas bag. The bag reportedly contained U.S. currency strapped in wrappers with the name "West Texas State Bank" on them.

The federal affidavit stated that the suspect took $210,300 from WTSB and the amount found in the trunk was approximately $203,000.

Gary Mcnoll, FBI special agent from Abilene, said the investigation is trying to determine if other individuals were involved in the heist.

West will be transferred to Lubbock where his case will be presented to a federal grand jury next week. The U.S. Attorney's office has requested that West be denied bail. The offense of armed robbery carries a maximum sentence of 30 years in prison.

The Rowena bank has been owned by West Texas State Bank of Snyder since 1997.

SISD staff to get salary increase

By Roy McQueen
SDN Publisher

Snyder school trustees Thursday evening gave tentative approval to a proposed $18.9 million budget that includes a pay raise for all personnel.

Dr. Ronny Collins, superintendent, recommended that all teachers receive a $500 pay increase "to bring teachers back to even."

Due to legislative budget cuts, the state reduced by half the $1,000 paid to each employee for health insurance. "I really don't see it as a raise," Dr. Collins said.

However, the administration did recommend a salary increase for all employees. Professionals on the salary scale will receive the 1.5 percent hike on the state base amount in addition to any step increases. Snyder ISD pays $1,000 over state base and that amount is not included in the percentage increase.

Some 75 teachers with 20 or more years' experience who have reached the top of the salary scale will receive a flat $500 increase.

Board president Mark McCormick asked if para-professionals also are included in the planned salary adjustments

Karen Waller, director of finance, said maintenance and transportation employees are in the budget and that para-professionals would be added, but the method of calculating the raise will have to be determined since these employees are not on a salary scale.

The proposed budget, which is expected to be formally adopted at a noon meeting Aug. 26, is $2.7 million, or 13 percent, higher than the current year's budget.

The higher spending level is made possible by a 22 percent increase in net taxable values, representing $801 million. Estimated tax revenues are projected on a 96 percent collection rate.

The budget is again based on a $1.50 tax rate of which $1.47 is for operations. Three cents is for debt service of maintenance tax notes used to fund heating and air conditioning renovation at various campuses.

Other budget increases this year were in appraisal district and tax collection fees. The district also is having to pick up some costs of grant programs that are winding down in order to keep those programs in operation.

The district will also spend $33,000 on new band uniforms and has budgeted $240,000 for four buses.

Also proposed in the budget is $59,000 point-of-sale system for the cafeteria, security systems for remaining buildings and emergency lighting for all buildings.

During the hour-long budget workshop, Dr. Collins said he would like to recommend a facilities study be conducted of the aging school district campuses. He said he would have a formal recommendation at a future meeting. Also planned during the year is a salary study.

In other business Thursday night, trustees approved the employment of eight teachers and accepted the resignation of two.

Those hired were Sara Hanson, fourth grade at East; Halea Huestis, physical education instructor and coach at junior high; June Isbell, licensed specialist in school psychology; Charlene Light, elementary counselor; Tina Miles, resource teacher at Central; Kimberly Merket, district diagnostician; and Darren Pool, PE teacher and coach at SHS.

Resignations were accepted from Barbara Owen, 5th grade teacher at Northeast; and Susan Brisendine, 4th grade at East.

The Snyder school board has its regular monthly meeting Tuesday night.

McCormick presided and board members present were LuAnn Burleson, Richard Chambers, Glen Clarady and Doug Neff. Mike Levens and Cathy Peoples were absent.

THE SDN COLUMN

MY TURN

by Wade Warren



Over the past few months, words like staying open, surviving, cutting services and the like, have crept into Cogdell Memorial Hospital board meeting conversations.

Even in Wednesday's budget report to the board, CEO George Parsley wrote that the hospital staff has worked hard to ensure the survival and continued provision of services in Scurry County.

Those words are scary when being used in conversations about our hospital.

Tossed about in a couple of earlier meetings was the mention of a hospital district.

What we know about a hospital district is almost zilch, but over the next few months, we're betting we all learn more. We're all going to have to learn more about the pros and cons of forming a district as the physicians in our community view the formation of one as the way to ensure quality medical care in Snyder in the future.

As Dr. Bid Cooper said Wednesday, we're going to have to do our homework.

As the board sits now, it appears there are four members in favor of a hospital district, and two against.

Those numbers don't really matter as they could all be for it, or all against it.

We do know a hospital district comes about from the vote of the people — just like the proposed lease with Community Health System (CHS) a few years back.

And if you don't remember CHS, they wanted to pay the county $12 million to lease the facility.

Wednesday, board chairman Carl Williams said he did not want the community to feel that the board would be forcing a hospital district upon anybody.

Williams said a vote on a district would give citizens an opportunity to express their opinion.

He also warned that the formation of a hospital district after the hospital runs out of money would be too late.

Board member Dink Foree urged the hospital administration Wednesday to cut expenses that were not completely necessary to provide quality healthcare.

Williams said he wanted to see the hospital break even the remainder of the year.

We hope they do and we feel the hospital administration will work hard to do just that.

Operating small, or large, hospitals is tough these days without some form of outside help.

Currently, Scurry County funds the hospital $395,000.

The hospital administration has informally asked for more funding from the county, but we haven't heard of any more money forthcoming.

The county has its hands full as it is, and we hope their priorities are on track. Parks and such are nice, but we don't feel they make or break a town.

Hospitals can.

Without a hospital, we may have to change the name of Towle Memorial Park to Towle Memorial Gardens.

County looks for way to cut

Scurry County commissioners' court, meeting this morning, was exploring ways to trim another $100,000 from the proposed budget in order to balance it with revenues.

And this was before the court could even consider requests for additional funding for Cogdell Memorial Hospital and the county parks department.

Commissioners also briefly touched on operation of the Scurry County Coliseum, a controversial item just over a year ago when the county took back the management from the Snyder chamber of commerce.

Commissioners also talked about the possibility of a tax increase, but just below the roll-back rate of 8 percent.

The court agreed that the budget can't be finalized until details of the city-county shared-services agreement is reached.

No action was taken, but the court will reconvene at 8 a.m. Monday to meet with city representatives and continue talks.

All members of the court with the exception of Howard Limmer were present

It's a man, it's a plane, it's... Snyder's own Edwin Jackson

By Leslie Schmidt
SDN Staff Writer

Necks have been craning and fingers pointing upward as folks try to figure out what to make of a brightly-colored parachute in the Snyder sky.

Edwin Jackson, photographer and owner of Moments Captured Studio, will become a familiar sight in the blue yonder above the city.

Jackson, retired recently from Big County Electric Cooperative, became interested in the ultra-light aircraft after seeing one at this year's 4th of July celebration in Towle Park.

Jackson was so taken with the vehicle that he bought one for himself. He then spent a weekend with an instructor, learning how to fly the machine.

The vehicle is a two-seater and has a 500-pound capacity. The parachute is 40 feet across and cruising speed is 31-33 mph. Rudders help to steer.

A license is not required to operate the powered-parachute, unless passengers are aboard. Jackson is logging hours now so he can obtain his license.

Jackson says the vehicle is for entertainment only, not transportation. "If we're going very far, we load the aircraft up and haul it on a truck."

He says he stays low and goes slow enough to see everything.

Taking off and landing is not a matter of just going down the runway. Both have to be done heading straight into the wind and a lot of room is needed. "It takes 120 feet to take off," says Jackson. "A little more is needed to ease in when landing, but when the vehicle touches the runway, it only takes about 40 feet."

"I want to incorporate the flying into my photography," Jackson said. "And it's an enjoyable pastime on its own."

His son, Scurry County Sheriff Darren Jackson, also is logging hours for a license.



FLYING HIGH — Snyder's Edwin Jackson takes off in his powered-parachute at Winston Field. The high-flier has just received training for the aircraft and Jackson also is a local photographer. (Contributed Photo)

Two persons indicted are arrested here

Two persons were arrested Thursday on indictments handed down Tuesday by a Scurry County grand jury.

Stanley Dale Woods, 18, of 3700 Muriel Drive was arrested at 10:49 p.m. Thursday on a grand jury indictment for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, a July 20 offense.

Woods is currently is in Scurry County Jail with bond set at $5,000.

Also arrested was 17-year-old Junior Castillo of 2011 Ave. N. He was indicted for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and also for criminal mischief.

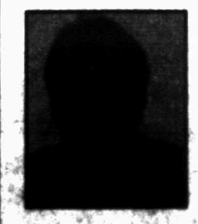
He is accused of using a vehicle without the owner's permission on July 20, and purposely destroying another vehicle by breaking the windows and damaging the steering column on May 31.

Castillo is free on bonds of $5,000 each.

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A-No, the record was 108 recorded in 1952. The record for August is 115 recorded Aug. 12, 1936.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR



Janelle McAden...

...wife of Larry McAden, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, works full time in the church office. The McAdens moved to Snyder from Clyde 23 years ago. They have two grown sons. Greg lives in Lubbock and Jason in College Station. Janelle's hobbies include scuba diving andl playing golf.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

It's a very short trip. While alive, live.
—Malcolm Forbes

This weekend...
Back to school guide for Snyder, Hermleigh and Ira

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Fish fry

New Hope Baptist Church will hold a fish fry from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. Saturday at the church at 3305 Ave. L. Cost are $6.50 for adult plates, and $3.25 for children's plates, ages six to 11 years. Take-outs available by calling 573-7243.

Country and gospel music

Country and gospel music begins at 6 p.m. Saturday at the Senior Citizens Center.

United Way board meeting

The Scurry County United Way board meeting is set for noon Monday at the UW office at 2311 Ave. T. Dutch Treat lunch will be provided.

WTC dual credit enrollment

Western Texas College will hold registration for dual credit (concurrent) students from Snyder, Hermleigh and Ira High Schools from 3:30-5:30 p.m. on Aug. 18-20. The registration process will in the admissions office located in the WTC student center. Dual credit students may also register during the regular registration on Aug. 21-22.

HHS senior class fundraiser

The Hermleigh senior class will sell chances for two Toby Keith concert tickets starting at 9 a.m. Saturday at United Supermarkets. Chances for the Aug. 21 concert in Lubbock are $10. The drawing will be held Aug. 19.

MAWC to serve lunch

Martha Ann Woman's Club, south of Cogdell Memorial Hospital, will serve lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sunday. Cost is $8.50 for adults and $4.50 for children under 10. Reservations must be made by 5 p.m. Saturday. Call Jane Crenwelge 573-5586; Jan Harrell, 573-6443; or MAWC 573-3427. Sandra Brace will cater the lunch featuring roast beef, roasted chicken, salad, vegetable, dessert and drink.

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "The Invitation of Jesus," followed by "A Jailer Converted."

Hermleigh Masonic Lodge

The Hermleigh Masonic Lodge will hold its monthly stated meeting at 7:30 p.m. Monday. All Master Masons are welcome.

Volleyball booster club

Snyder Volleyball Booster Club will meet at 6 p.m. Monday in the girls gym.

Sonshine final registration

Sonshine School at 37th Street Church of Christ will hold final registration from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Tuesday. Registration fee is $40 and tuition is $50 per month. Classes for 2-5-year-olds are set for Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Registration packets may be picked up at the church office. For more information, call director Wendy Barnett at 574-1960 or the church office at 573-0154.

Retirement reception

A retirement reception for Mary Williams, a Windham school teacher at the Price Daniel Unit, will be held from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday at the First United Methodist Church.

GED testing, pre-register

Mandatory pre-registration for the GED test will be Wednesday at the GED testing center at WTC building 7B, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. The math segment will begin at 8 a.m. Thursday. For more information, contact Molly Kattes, 573-2919, or Emily Hataway, 573-8511, ext. 297; or 574-2112. It is recommended that candidates receive some preparation before attempting the test.

Tour SJHS

Snyder Junior High School students are invited to tour the building and locate homerooms between 4-5 p.m. on Thursday. Students will report to their homerooms at 8:20 a.m. Monday, Aug. 18, at which time they will receive their schedule cards

FBC services televised

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

Girl Scout swim party

All registered Scurry County Girl Scouts are invited to a back-to-school swim party from 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 16, in Towle Park. Sandwiches will be served. For more information, Call Judi Martin at 573-7556.

Stanfield open house

Stanfield Open House is set from 3-4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 17.

Taste of Snyder

The Taste of Snyder, the annual fundraiser for the Scurry County Museum, will be held at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 28, in the First Baptist Church Family Life Center. Tickets are $12.50 for adults, $5 for children 5 to 12. Those under five eat free.

Head Start registration

Scurry County Head Start registration continues through Aug. 18 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. at 2800 2nd Street. The following will be required: child's certified birth certificate, current immunization record, social security number and proof of family income.

SCA demonstration

The Society for Creative Anachronism (SCA) will hold a demonstration in Snyder on Saturday, Sept. 13. SCA is a non-profit group striving to recreate the Middle Ages with historical accuracy. Call 574-8019 for more information.

SHS Class of 1994 reunion

Anyone having addresses of members of the SHS class of 1994 can contact Brandi Doyle at 806-281-0067, Amy James at 806-866-2728, or Shelley Shields at 806-745-3331, or send an e-mail to snyderhigh94@yahoo.com. Information is needed for the 10-year reunion.

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.

Schwarzenegger may have used old ploy

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Arnold Schwarzenegger appears to have muscled his way into the governor's race using an old bodybuilding strategy that once rattled his he-man contenders.

The "Total Recall" star psyched out the competition and even those in his own party — remaining coy for weeks and allowing suspense to build over his candidacy — then dropping a bombshell on "The Tonight Show With Jay Leno."

His handlers, political reporters and analysts were certain right up to Wednesday's announcement that he wasn't running.

Decades ago, Schwarzenegger sat atop the bodybuilding world with six consecutive Mr. Olympia titles, and many said psychological manipulation helped him achieve those goals.

The "Pumping Iron" documentary, starring Schwarzenegger, exposed those techniques, which might have been at work this week.

"He was very capable at psyching people out, those he was competing against. He's just a strong personality," Schwarzenegger friend and bodybuilder Dave Draper said Thursday.

There's an undercurrent of insecurity in the bulk-and-braun subculture, and the always-confident Schwarzenegger toyed with those insecurities, Draper said.

"He was more secure and confident," said Draper, who now runs a gym in the Aptos area near Santa Cruz. "He had a way of domineering the situation around him."

Schwarzenegger, now 56, took up weightlifting in Graz, Austria, at age 15. He came to the United States when he was 21 and two years later was the world's top bodybuilder. From 1970 to 1975, he won the Mr. Olympia contest six consecutive times.

Schwarzenegger was known to walk past a fellow bodybuilder and feign sympathy over a pulled muscle or other defect — real or imagined — that would erode his competitor's self-confidence.

"He'd say, 'You're not looking so good,' that kind of thing. He would always take the lead before they even got on the stage," Draper said.

His goal was to demoralize challengers, who would lose composure or focus. Schwarzenegger would then cruise to the championship.

"Whether he played the game or not this time, well, I don't know. I don't think it was manipulation. I thought it was 50-50 he would run, even yesterday," the 61-year-old Draper said. "I think he will make a great governor."

Schwarzenegger summed it up in his 1977 autobiography, "Arnold: The Education of a Bodybuilder."

"I knew I was a winner. I knew I was destined for great things. People will say that kind of thinking is totally immodest. I agree. Modesty is not a word that applies to me in any way," he wrote.

Government cooperation has improved, panel chairman says

MADISON, N.J. (AP) — Cooperation from government agencies has improved markedly in the weeks since an independent commission on Sept. 11 went public with concerns about roadblocks, the panel's chairman said Thursday.

But Thomas H. Kean said the bipartisan panel remained in "very sensitive negotiations" with the White House over access to some documents.

"I can tell you we're a lot better off," Kean said in an interview at Drew University, where he is president. "Some agencies that were not performing particularly well at that date are now performing well. We have a flood of documents into the office."

Kean, a Republican former governor of New Jersey, and the panel's leading Democrat, former Indiana Rep. Lee Hamilton, delivered a July 8 status report critical of the level of cooperation the panel was getting from some federal agencies — particularly the Defense and Justice departments.

Kean said the panel still has problems with some government offices, which he will name in September unless cooperation improves.

The commission continues to receive transcripts of interviews with terror suspects being held at a military prison at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. It is reviewing National Security Council documents that were not available to the congressional committee that studied intelligence failings leading up to the Sept. 11 attacks.

As negotiations continue, the Bush administration has not flatly turned down any request, Kean said. But commission members can view some key documents only at the White House, and cannot copy long passages into their notes.

The 10-member commission has the power to subpoena information, but Kean said it has not done so and he would prefer not to.

The commission's report on the Sept. 11 attacks, due in May, will be subject to a review by government officials and therefore could have some sections blacked out, as was the case with a recent report by congressional intelligence committees.

But Kean said, "We're going to do everything in our power to prevent that. I believe very strongly that this is a public report, not only on 9/11 but on the best recommendations we could make to make the American people safe. You don't want any of that redacted."

Milwaukee man says he reached for gun

MILWAUKEE (AP) — A man critically wounded by a police officer after a traffic stop admitted he picked up a handgun moments before he was shot, according to a criminal complaint filed Thursday.

But Timothy T. Nabors said that he was trying to throw the gun away into the sewer, according to the court papers.

"The other guy who I was with threw the gun by me, the gun hit the ground and I picked it up," Nabors told a police officer riding with him in an ambulance, according to the complaint.

Nabors, 26, was shot at least four times Monday and remained in critical condition in a coma Thursday, his cousin Michelle Nabors said.

His mother, Shirley Nabors, said he is not expected to walk again.

Several witnesses said Nabors had his hands raised and was nowhere near a gun. The three-count criminal complaint against Dwight A. Barnes, who threw the gun, contradicts those claims.

Michelle Nabors, who wasn't present at the shooting, said she doesn't believe the complaint. "Tim didn't say that," she said.

Barnes faces weapons charges and resisting arrest. He was a passenger in Nabors' sport utility vehicle, which was stopped by Officer Michael W. Lutz and another policeman Monday morning.

Both officers are on administrative leave pending the department's review of the shooting.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Saturday, Aug. 9, 2003

Conditions in general look exceptionally hopeful for you in the year ahead. Lady Luck has something special in mind that you'll be celebrating by your next birthday.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Even though this may be a weekend day, keep a sharp eye peeled on economic and career opportunities. You might recognize something today that, when implemented, could mean advancement.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Being with creative thinkers today could turn a ho-hum day into a fun and exciting one. Hang out with those who are enterprising, talented and willing to do something different.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Be an attentive listener today, because "inside" information could be snuck into chatty conversations. If you're alert enough to pick up on it, you might be able to make much from a simple tip.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Today you're likely to derive greater pleasure and enjoyment from participating in activities that are more verbal than physical. A good gabfest with a friend could be quite stimulating.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — You're in a strong period where using your smarts can help you make a lot from a little. An endeavor that starts out small today could turn into something quite grand.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — News that you've been anticipating could be forthcoming today. It concerns a matter that is being handled outside of your control, but which you could put to work for you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Rely on your instincts today. Lady Luck may be whispering in your ear about something you could participate in that others have already begun and are reaping benefits from.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Partnership arrangements could be your lucky charm today. It behooves you to step forward and be counted when others are choosing up teams, so that you can be picked by the winning side.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Act in accordance with your own thinking and no one else's. Whether someone else thinks your idea is bright or not is immaterial. Believe in yourself and swing into action.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Regardless of whether your involvements today include sports, games, romance or business, think "win" at all times, especially in competitive involvements. It'll keep you on top.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Don't be afraid to move things around a bit today if you believe you can better your lot in life. Important changes you make at this time could be smarter than circumstances now indicate.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Companions will find you a delightful person with whom to share their day today. This is because your thoughts will be concentrated on doing what you can to please those around you.

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TEXAS LOTTERY RESULTS

Thursday's Lottery Numbers
Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Cash 5 drawing Thursday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 4-8-12-15-26.

Number matching five of five: 1.

Prize per winner: $54,950.

Winning tickets sold in: Georgetown, SunMart, IH-35 E/S Ft. Int. Hwy 195.

Matching four of five: 228. Prize: $108.

Matching three of five: 6,223. Prize: $9.

Matching two of five: 59,719. Prize: $2.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Friday night.

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In Next Week's American Profile...

Smart ideas for school lunches

It's back-to-school time, and if your children take their lunch, it's also a great time to rethink what you pack inside their lunch boxes.



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West Nile virus cases triple since last week

ATLANTA (AP) — The West Nile Virus is spreading faster than federal health officials had expected, with the number of cases tripling to at least 164 since last week.

In the latest warning about the rapid advance of the mosquito-borne disease, Dr. Julie Gerberding, head of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, said Thursday that this year's tally will likely break last year's record.

"The numbers are starting to change very, very quickly," said Gerberding. "That is very concerning."

State health officials report seven people — all of them elderly — have died from the virus. Four of the deaths were reported in Colorado, the hardest-hit state.

Health officials had expected the disease to spread this year to all corners of the country, invading Western states previously unscathed. But they appeared somewhat surprised at its speed.

"It indicates we are starting the epidemic with more cases than last year," Gerberding said. She warned of "a great number of infected people."

Nationwide, the CDC said at least 164 people in 16 states are infected, compared with 59 a week ago. The latest figures do not include new cases reported by Colorado health officials, which the CDC had not verified.

Last year, 4,156 people caught the virus, and 284 died. There were 112 cases in four states at this point in 2002, when the United States suffered the biggest reported outbreak of West Nile encephalitis in the world.

West Nile virus rarely kills, but about 1 in 150 people who get it will develop its potentially deadly encephalitis or meningitis. Most often, it affects the elderly. Of its seven victims this year, the youngest was 68.

Why four of those occurred in Colorado, which reported 154 cases Thursday, is somewhat a mystery. Some experts blame the outbreak on a wet June and very hot July, which they say provided the perfect summer for mosquitoes.

"I can't predict what will happen in Colorado, nor can I completely explain why it is happening," Gerberding said.

Colorado differs from other states because it reports mild cases that some do not report, said state epidemiologist John Pape. The CDC has only confirmed 72 Colorado cases.

Last year, that state had about a dozen cases. Four states — Arizona, Utah, Nevada and Oregon — had no signs of the disease in man or animal.

"If it can increase that dramatically in Colorado, it has the potential to do so in Arizona," said Craig Levy of the Arizona Department of Health Services. "That certainly makes us very nervous."

Until Colorado's first death a week ago, the virus had never killed anyone west of the Great Plains states.

The CDC is urging people in the 16 states where the virus has appeared to use mosquito repellent, cover arms and legs with clothing and avoid early morning and evening hours when mosquitoes are most active.

Those states are Alabama, Colorado, Florida, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Minnesota, Mississippi, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Ohio, South Carolina, South Dakota and Texas.

Since West Nile first entered this country through New York in 1999, health officials have tried everything — mosquito spraying and other control efforts, prevention messages and disease detection systems.

But there's no way to prevent the virus from spreading and there's no way to predict which areas it will strike hardest, said Dr. Sue Montgomery of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Last year, Louisiana had more than 300 cases and 25 deaths from the virus. They did "everything ... according to the book and we had a large epidemic," recalls Dr. Raoult Ratard, state epidemiologist for the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals.

"It's like a viral hurricane."

Most people who are infected with the virus won't get sick. The CDC says about a fifth of those will develop a fever, headache, body aches and sometimes a rash and swollen lymph glands.

Symptoms for West Nile encephalitis or meningitis include headache, high fever, neck stiffness, disorientation and sometimes paralysis.

Episcopal leaders OK same-sex blessing ceremonies for gays

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Gay advocates in the Episcopal Church will leave their national meeting with two victories: approval of the first openly gay bishop and an affirmation that same-sex blessing ceremonies are "an acceptable practice in the church."

The measure on same-sex unions was not what advocates had hoped. Bishops rejected creating an official liturgy for the ceremonies.

But gays and their conservative opponents agree that the measure, which received final approval the day before the convention was to end today, signaled broader acceptance of homosexuality in the denomination.

The Rev. Francis Wade, head of the liturgical committee that wrote the document, said he interpreted the measure to mean that dioceses conducting same-sex blessings "are operating within the parameters of the understanding of this church and its doctrine and discipline."

Wade's explanation marks a reversal from how several bishops viewed the document when they approved it Wednesday. Those bishops had described the statement as only an acknowledgment that same-sex unions are being blessed in local dioceses — not an endorsement.

The Episcopal gay advocacy group Integrity said "we understand the language clearly to give national license" to the ceremonies.

The Rev. Kendall Harmon, a leading conservative who lobbied against the document, said what "seems like a compromise" actually isn't.

"Let's be honest. This is authorization," Harmon said. "It sanctions homosexual behavior."

The House of Bishops approved the measure first, on a voice vote Wednesday. They cut from the original proposal the plan on drafting standard language for the ceremonies for an official church prayer book.

Many said they wanted to weaken the measure out of concern for church unity following Tuesday's contentious confirmation of the Rev. V. Gene Robinson, a gay clergyman, as New Hampshire's bishop.

The House of Deputies, a legislative body comprised of clergy and lay people, approved the amended version of the document Thursday.

The deputies used a complex voting procedure that required clergy and lay people in diocesan delegations to cast separate ballots. The measure needed a majority of votes in each delegation to win. In the combined results, 120 delegations voted yes and 72 voted no. The votes of 24 delegations were not counted because their members were divided.

The document said, "We recognize that local faith communities are operating within the bounds of our common life as they explore and experience liturgies celebrating and blessing same-sex unions."

Bishop Mark Sisk of New York was among those who interpreted the measure as simply an acknowledgment of the different approaches to same-sex blessings in each diocese.

Three bishops — in Kansas, New Hampshire and Delaware — authorize same-sex blessings, according to the Rev. Michael Hopkins, president of Integrity. Other dioceses bar them, while some bishops have a "don't ask, don't tell" approach, overlooking the ceremonies priests perform.

"I'm sure some people will understand this to be an authorization. I don't believe that is what the intention of the resolution was," Sisk said. "It carefully steps back from saying we authorize. It says we recognize."

But Wade said it affirms the blessings as "within the bounds" of church teaching and an "acceptable practice in the church."

It is unclear what impact — if any — the measure will have.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

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♥ A 10 8
♦ 7 5 2
♣ J 9 8 2

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Both

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1 ♣	Pass	1 ♦	Pass
1 NT	Pass	2 NT	Pass
3 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♠ J

Friday, Aug. 8, 2003

A key eight on the eighth

By Phillip Alder

Since today is 08/08, here is a deal in which the play of an eight was the key to the success or failure of South's contract of three no-trump. What play was it?

With such a good five-card suit, North might have jumped straight to three no-trump.

West led the spade jack. South could see six top tricks: three spades, one heart and two clubs. Obviously, the diamond suit would supply the other three tricks. However, when declarer led a diamond to dummy's 10, he won the trick — East smoothly played his eight!

Of course, because we have X-ray vision, you or I would return to hand with a spade and play a diamond to the king. At the time, though, South came over on a spade, then led a diamond to dummy's jack, expecting either West to have started with ace-queen-fourth, or East to have ducked from ace-doubleton.

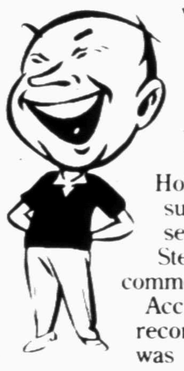
Here, though, East continued his brilliant performance, winning with the diamond queen and shifting to the heart queen. (If he had continued with his last spade, South would have won the trick and played another diamond to establish his nine tricks while the opponents could take only four.) Now the defenders had to win five tricks. If South took the first or second round of hearts, he would lose three hearts and two diamonds. And if he ducked two hearts, the defense would revert to spades, collecting one spade, two hearts and two diamonds.

Finally, if West had initially led a heart or a club, the defense would have triumphed easily — but who would find that?

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Today's chuckle

Jury says broken heart worth $175,000



WEST POINT, Miss. (AP) — Another man stole his wife's heart, so Albert Edwin Holcombe Jr. sued. A jury says his broken heart is worth $175,000.

Harry Stevens was ordered by a jury to pay $175,000 for breaking up a marriage.

Holcombe claimed Stevens had an affair with and destroyed his marriage to his now ex-wife, Andrea Holcombe.

Stevens argued in county court documents that there was no love lost between the couple.

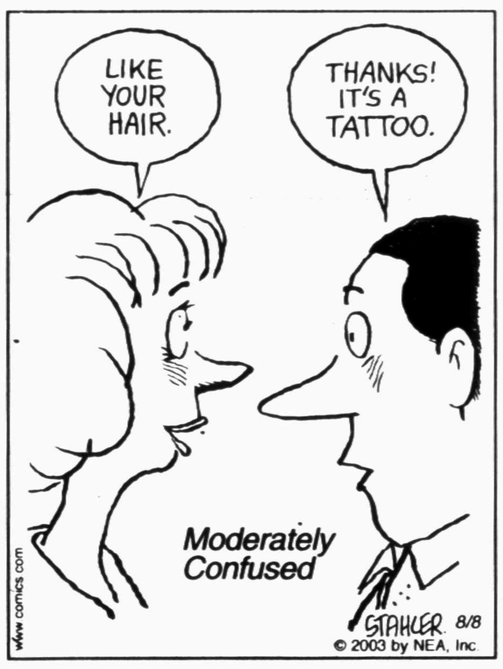
According to court records, the couple were married in 1980 and had three children. They separated in 1998 and were divorced in 1999.

Andrea Holcombe said in an affidavit that by late 1996 and early 1997, the marriage was nonexistent.

Tyson Graham, Eddie Holcombe's lawyer, said such cases are usually settled out of court.

Stevens' attorney declined comment.

According to the court record, Andrea Holcombe was an accountant at the same firm where Stevens was a senior partner. She has since left the firm.





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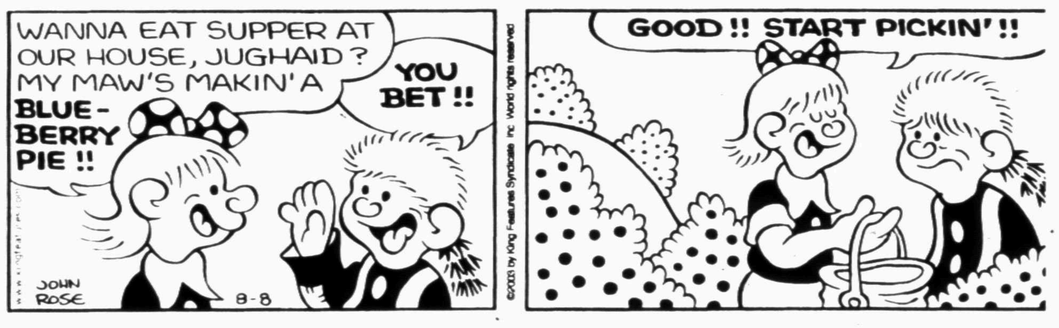
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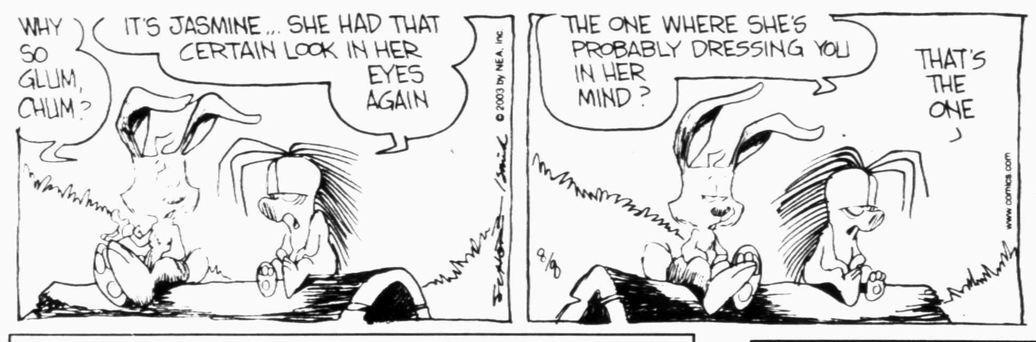
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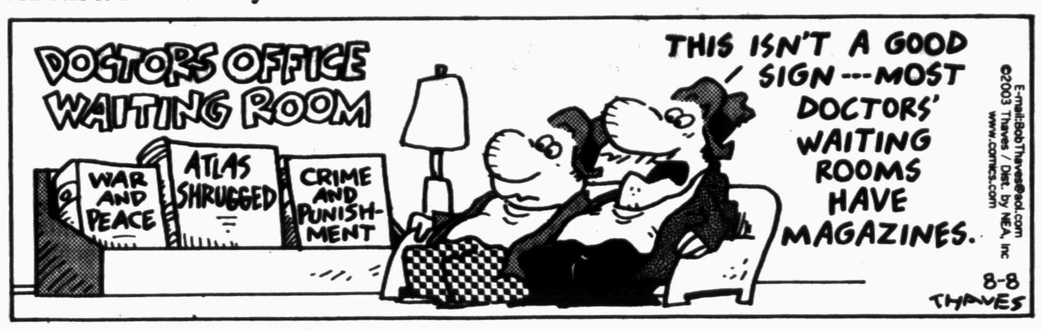
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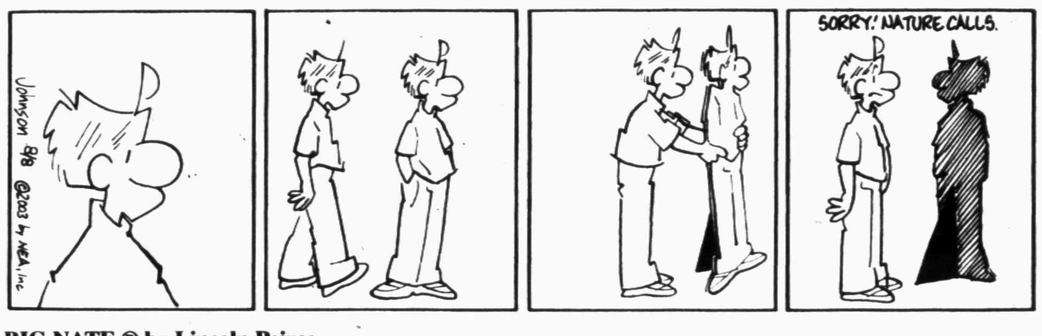
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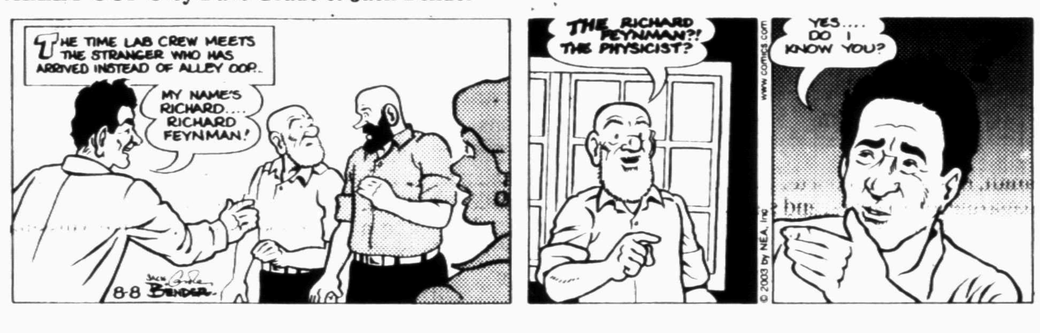
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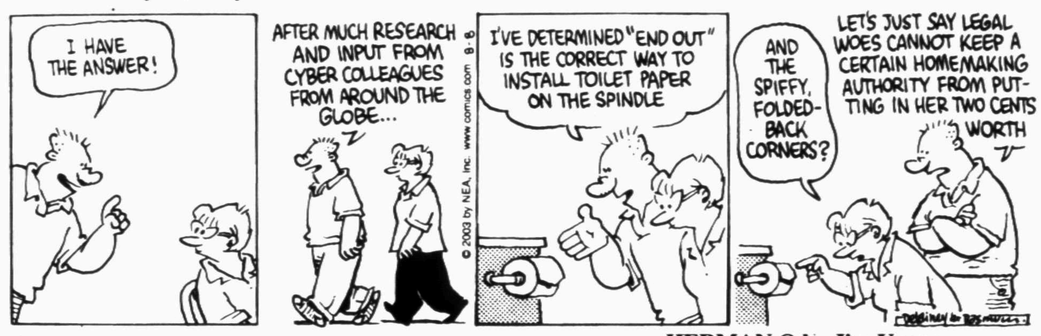
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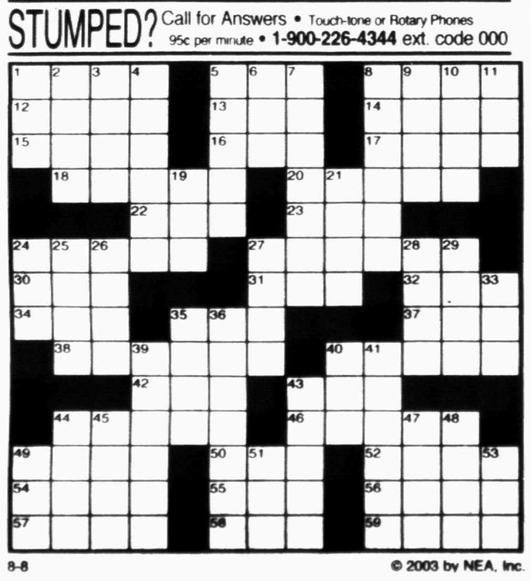
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SPORTS

Sideline Views
by Bobby Allen



Will somebody smash tight end Jeremy Shockey in the head, please?

He needs his proton-sized brain jarred.

The talented and stupendously dumb New York Giant got a lot of publicity in his rookie campaign, and rightfully so, since he caught a stunning total of two touchdowns last season.

The second-year blockhead with the big mouth had the good fortune of being drafted by a New York club. Hence, the overblown exposure of a pretty good player.

Last year, he was forced to sign autographs for some kids after he shouted expletives at them. He then dropped some more salty language on the boys in the locker room afterward, leaving the father of one of the boys to call Shockey a "punk."

And while some may find him vaguely amusing in a Dennis Rodman kind of way, one guy who won't be laughing is the new field boss in Dallas.

In a story in today's *New York Daily News*, Ralph Vacchiano and Dave Goldiner write that Shockey rips the two-time Super Bowl champion and former Giants head coach Bill Parcells in an article that will appear Monday in *New York* magazine.

Among other things, Shockey is said to have called Parcells a quitter, a publicity hound and a "homo." Shockey denied using the slur, telling the paper after last night's exhibition game against the Patriots that, "I really don't want to comment on something that's just not true. I'm 100% sure I didn't say that . . . I think he (the writer) got it mixed up from something my friend may have called him (Parcells)."

The writer in question, Chris Smith, has been a reporter for the magazine for 15 years, and said he has the entire interview on tape.

"It's 100% accurate," Smith told the New York paper.

Evidently, Shockey took umbrage with criticism from Parcells when the latter was an ESPN analyst last season.

Shockey may think of himself as an iconoclast, but he is treading in very dangerous waters here.

Parcells is widely considered the best coach of the modern NFL era, an intimidating man with a massive ego who made his name turning New York's flagship gridiron franchise from also-ran to champion, then turned around the miserable Patriots and Jets.

Parcells also is an institution in New York, more revered and respected than a punk like Shockey could ever hope to be.

And now he has to play against a Parcells' club twice a season.

I hope his mouthpiece fits properly, because he is going to be smashed in the teeth Sept. 15.

Hopefully it will shut him up for awhile.

Friend alleges illegal payments to Dennehy

DALLAS (AP) — A friend of slain Baylor basketball player Patrick Dennehy said he had told her that coaches gave him blank money orders to help with expenses, including a down payment on his sport utility vehicle, according to a published report.

Lacie Richardson of Albuquerque, N.M., told The Dallas Morning News that Dennehy told her after he went to Waco that assistant coach Rodney Belcher helped him. "If he needed help with his car, if he needed help with his apartment, Belcher would help with what he needed," Richardson said.

Baylor athletic spokesman Scott Stricklin said such a statement would be hard to substantiate.

Dennehy's father, Patrick Dennehy Sr., has previously told the newspaper that a Baylor coach assured his son the school would help him pay tuition and living expenses after the player gave up his scholarship for a year at the request of the basketball staff. He later confirmed he was referring to Belcher. Belcher recruited Dennehy from New Mexico.

The university has named a committee to looking into accusations of NCAA violations.

In October, Dennehy bought a 1996 Chevy Tahoe from a dealership in West, Texas. The sales contract lists a $2,000 cash down payment.

"He said, 'I'm getting blank money orders from the school to help me assist in the down payment,'" Richardson said. The car dealer has said Dennehy told him he got the down payment from a girlfriend.

Richardson attended Dennehy's memorial service Thursday in San Jose, Calif. Dennehy's decomposing body was found July 25 in a grassy field four miles from the Baylor campus in Waco. He died from gunshot wounds to the head, according to a preliminary autopsy report.

Dennehy's former teammate and roommate Carlton Dotson was arrested July 21 after calling 911, saying he needed help because he was hearing voices, authorities said.

Dotson told FBI agents in Maryland that he shot Dennehy after the player tried to shoot him, according to the arrest warrant affidavit. But after his arrest, Dotson told The Associated Press that he "didn't confess to anything."

Richardson said she met Dennehy two years ago when they worked at a Just For Feet athletic shoe store in her hometown.

Dennehy played for New Mexico and the two kept in touch after Dennehy transferred to Baylor last summer.

Richardson said she last talked to Dennehy on May 28, while he was visiting Albuquerque, and that he talked happily about his plans for the upcoming season.

But she said she was uneasy around Dotson while riding alone with him to a convenience store. Dotson suspected Dennehy had been intimate with his now-estranged wife, Melissa Kethley, Richardson said.

Kethley, of Sulphur Springs, has said she left Dotson in April because of his repeated allegations that she was having affairs. Kethley has denied those accusations.

According to Richardson, Dotson said he had heard that Dennehy was spending more time with Kethley than he should.

"I asked him, 'Well, why are you still friends?' " Richardson said. "He said, 'Basically, I'm along for the ride with him. I don't consider him to be a very good friend to anybody.' That kind of bothered me. Why would he come all that way to Albuquerque if they weren't friends?"



ON THE NET — Snyder High School senior varsity volleyball player Missy Vasquez digs out a volley at practice, while Sarah Thornhill rotates around to take her turn. The Lady Tigers will begin the 2003 campaign next Friday in Odessa, in a tourney featuring Odessa and Seminole. (SDN Staff Photo)

Yankees sink Rangers, 7-5

NEW YORK (AP) — In the on-deck circle, utilityman Enrique Wilson, making a rare start for the New York Yankees, was studying struggling Texas starter Joaquin Benoit.

Benoit had allowed a single to Jorge Posada and walked Hideki Matsui to start the second inning Thursday, immediately putting a three-run Rangers' lead in peril. Now he was in a tug of war with Karim Garcia, running a full count before walking him and loading the bases.

Wilson worked the count to 3-2 and, after fouling off ball four, hit the next pitch into the right-field seats for the third grand slam of his career, helping the Yankees to a 7-5 victory.

Wilson has one of baseball's toughest jobs, playing infrequently but ready to play all the time. Thursday's game was just his 21st start of the season.

"It's very hard coming from the bench to do the job," he said. "If you play every day, you get your timing. If you don't play, it's very hard."

Soon after the slam, Benoit was gone, having used 60 pitches to get five outs. He knew why, too.

"My fastball was all over the place," he said. "I had too much movement on it. I had no control."

Texas manager Buck Showalter was critical of his starter.

"The count's in his favor and the next thing you know, it's 3-and-2," Showalter said. "He doesn't use advantages in the counts. He's 26. At some point, he needs to get that focus."

Yankees starter Mike Mussina (12-6) is going through his own focus problems. For the fifth time in the last six starts he allowed first-inning runs after not allowing a run in the first in 18 straight games. This time the runs came on a three-run homer by Rafael Palmeiro.

After Wilson's slam, Mussina allowed another homer by Alex Rodriguez, tying the score at 4. Then he settled down and pitched into the eighth inning.

By then, the Yankees had the lead, scoring three runs in the seventh on Posada's bases-loaded single and a sacrifice fly by Matsui. Texas reliever Aaron Fultz (1-2) took the loss.

Jesse Orosco and newly acquired Jeff Nelson got New York through the eighth and Mariano Rivera nailed down the victory with his 22nd save.

Love cards 10 birdies

CASTLE ROCK, Colo. (AP) — A weather delay of nearly two hours didn't seem to bother David Love III, who tied a tournament record with 10 birdies in a nearly flawless performance at The International.

Love claimed the early first-round lead Thursday with 19 points under the modified Stableford scoring system used in this event.

Charles Howell III was next with 14 points.

Play was delayed by lightning in the afternoon for 1 hour, 44 minutes and was suspended because of darkness with 13 players still on the course. They were to conclude their rounds early Friday prior to the second round.

Love, who has won three times this season and stands fourth on the PGA Tour money list with more than $4.2 million, finished 1 point shy of the tournament record and matched the record for most birdies. Greg Whisman had 10 birdies in the first round of the 1992 tournament, and Ernie Els had 10 in the third round in 1994.

"That's probably the most birdies I've ever made in a round," Love said. "I don't think I could hit it much better, and I couldn't have putted much better either."

He said his ball-striking was comparable to the final round of the Players Championship, which he won with a closing 64. In fact, Love said Thursday's round was "maybe even better."

Kerr jumps to TNT booth

ATLANTA (AP) — Steve Kerr has decided to end his NBA playing career and join TNT as an analyst.

The cable network announced Thursday that Kerr will work on-site at one of TNT's two weekly Thursday night telecasts, along with All-Star weekend and the playoffs.

Kerr finished his 14-year career in June by winning a championship with the San Antonio Spurs — his fifth title. He was considering playing another season.

"It was tough to pass up the opportunity to play another year for the Spurs, but I'm so thrilled about the opportunity to work with TNT," Kerr said. "It was the only way I'd pass up another year of playing in the NBA."

Kerr was named to the NBA's All-Interview team twice during his career and has made numerous appearances on TNT's studio show.

"We were very impressed with Steve during his appearances in our studio and he'll be an outstanding addition to what we feel is the best collection of talent in sports television," said David Levy, president of Turner Sports.

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Toronto	57	57	.500	13
Baltimore	54	58	.482	15
Tampa Bay	44	69	.389	25½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Kansas City	60	53	.531	—
Chicago	60	54	.526	½
Minnesota	57	57	.500	3½
Cleveland	47	67	.412	13½
Detroit	30	82	.268	29½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	69	45	.605	—
Oakland	66	48	.579	3
Anaheim	53	60	.469	15½
Texas	49	65	.430	20

Thursday's Games

Baltimore 5, Minnesota 3
N.Y. Yankees 7, Texas 5
Detroit 3, Oakland 2
Boston 9, Anaheim 3
Cleveland 3, Seattle 0
Tampa Bay 3, Kansas City 2

Today's Games

Baltimore (Helling 6-8) at Boston (Lowe 11-5), 12:05 p.m., 1st game
Baltimore (DuBose 0-1) at Boston (Fossum 5-4), 6:05 p.m., 2nd game
Texas (Dickey 5-5) at Toronto (Thurman 1-0), 6:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Santana 5-3) at Detroit (Maroth 6-15), 6:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Washburn 8-11) at Cleveland (Ja.Davis 7-8), 6:05 p.m.
Seattle (R.Franklin 8-9) at N.Y. Yankees (Weaver 6-8), 6:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Appier 7-7) at Tampa Bay (Gonzalez 4-5), 6:15 p.m.
Oakland (Mulder 15-7) at Chicago White Sox (Buehrle 9-11), 7:05 p.m.

National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	75	39	.658	—
Philadelphia	63	51	.553	12
Florida	62	52	.544	13
Montreal	58	57	.504	17½
New York	47	67	.412	28

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	61	53	.535	—
Chicago	59	54	.522	1½
St. Louis	59	55	.518	2
Pittsburgh	52	60	.464	8
Cincinnati	51	63	.447	10
Milwaukee	45	69	.395	16

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	71	43	.623	—
Arizona	60	54	.526	11
Los Angeles	58	55	.513	12½
Colorado	59	58	.504	13½
San Diego	44	72	.379	28

Thursday's Games

Atlanta 7, Milwaukee 1
Colorado 4, Philadelphia 3
San Francisco 7, Pittsburgh 5
Chicago Cubs 9, San Diego 3
N.Y. Mets 5, Houston 4
St. Louis 3, Florida 0
Arizona 5, Montreal 4, 10 innings

Friday's Games

Florida (Pavano 8-10) at Milwaukee (Sheets 10-8), 7:05 p.m.
Montreal (Vazquez 9-7) at Houston (Robertson 10-5), 7:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Ru.Ortiz 15-5) at St. Louis (Fassero 1-5), 7:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Meadows 2-1) at Colorado (Jennings 10-9), 8:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Glavine 6-11) at Arizona (Webb 7-4), 9:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Bale 0-0) at San Diego (Peavy 9-8), 9:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Estes 7-8) at Los Angeles (Ashby 2-9), 9:10 p.m.
Philadelphia (Wolf 11-6) at SF (Foppert 7-8), 9:15 p.m.

NFL Preseason

Saturday's Game

Tampa Bay 30, N.Y. Jets 14

Monday's Game

Kansas City 9, Green Bay 0, 3rd quarter, susp., weather

Thursday's Game

New England 26, N.Y. Giants 6

Friday's Games

Tampa Bay at Miami, 7 p.m.
St. Louis at Oakland, 9 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 9

Pittsburgh at Detroit, 12:30 p.m.
Green Bay at Atlanta, 8 p.m.
Buffalo at Baltimore, 8 p.m.
Cleveland at Tennessee, 8 p.m.
Washington at Carolina, 8 p.m.
Jacksonville at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Indianapolis at Chicago, 8:05 p.m.
Denver at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
San Francisco at Kansas City, 8:30 p.m.
Dallas at Arizona, 10 p.m.
San Diego at Seattle, 10 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 10

Cincinnati at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.

Sports Briefs

Parent-child tourney

A parent-child tournament will be held at Scurry County Golf Course Saturday morning, with a tee-time of 9 a.m. Call the pro shop at 573-7101 for more information.

Kiwanis Club golf tournament

The Snyder Kiwanis Club will sponsor a four-person scramble Saturday at WTC to benefit the Cargile Scholarship Foundation. The tournament begins at 8:30 a.m. Cost is $30 per person, and cash prizes will be awarded.

The tournament includes a long drive and putting contests, closest to the hole par three and $100,000 shoot-out. Call the WTC pro shop at 573-9291 or Russell Fisk at 573-3438 to sign-up or to reserve a cart.

Football booster club

The football booster club will meet at 7 p.m. Monday in the film room.

Junior high football equipment issue

The junior high football program will issue equipment next Friday at the boys field house on the junior high campus. Incoming eighth-grade players will receive equipment at noon and seventh-graders will report for equipment at 1:30 p.m. Call the junior high field house at 573-6356 for more information.

Ladies play day

The SCGA hosts a ladies play day at 9 a.m. each Tuesday. Format is play 2002 club champion.

Football player dies at practice

ALBANY, Ga. (AP) — A 26-year-old football player at Albany State died after participating in a team run before the first practice of the season.

Jackie Blanding, a defensive lineman, was running in the sand dunes near the Albany State campus when he collapsed just after 8 a.m. An autopsy will be performed to determine the cause of death.

Stephenson to play Champion's Tour

DUBLIN, Ohio (AP) — Jan Stephenson is ready to follow Annika Sorenstam and Suzy Whaley and take on the men.

Stephenson accepted an invitation to play in the Champions Tour event in October at Hawaii's Turtle Bay Resort.

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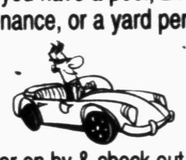
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Davis increasingly vulnerable as Dems rethink backing him

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Amid the frenzy of California's gubernatorial recall drive, one thing appears certain: Gov. Gray Davis is sinking deeper into trouble as prominent Democrats abandon him and Republicans rally around the star power of Arnold Schwarzenegger.

In twin blows to Davis on Thursday, the state Supreme Court rejected lawsuits that could have delayed the Oct. 7 vote and Lt. Gov. Cruz Bustamante and Insurance Commissioner John Garamendi broke with party unity to announce they would run.

The pressure even started mounting on Davis in Washington, with party sources saying House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi of California had reversed herself and concluded the party needs a replacement candidate.

In contrast, the prospects brightened for Schwarzenegger, one day after his surprise announcement on the Jay Leno show that he would seek to replace Davis.

Former Los Angeles Mayor Richard Riordan — the top potential Republican contender in recent polls on the recall race — announced he would endorse Schwarzenegger, a fellow GOP moderate.

And Republican Rep. Darrell Issa withdrew in a tearful news conference, saying that Schwarzenegger's decision to run helped assure him enough qualified candidates would seek the office.

"Once it was possible to not have to be the face of the recall, not have to be the candidate if no one else would lead, I now have the opportunity to choose between two directions," he said. "One is my service in Washington, the other was what many people assumed was blind ambition."

The field of candidates changed almost hourly through the day as the Saturday deadline for candidates to file signatures neared. Former baseball commissioner Peter Ueberroth, a Republican, was one of the most prominent figures to step forward Thursday.

Green Party candidate Peter Camejo, who earned 5.3 percent of the vote in last year's governor's race, also added his name to the list. GOP businessman Bill Simon, who lost to Davis in November, was expected to jump into the race Saturday.

The feverish activity was capped with a decision by the California Supreme Court that cleared the way for the Oct. 7 ballot.

The justices, six Republicans and one Democrat, declined to intervene in five petitions seeking to delay, block or alter the recall provision that has created a free-for-all among politicians, businessmen, celebrities and any dreamer with $3,500 and 65 signatures.

Bustamante, a former state Assembly speaker and the first Hispanic elected to statewide office in more than 100 years, was the first prominent Democrat to enter the fray despite weeks of saying he would stay out.

He decided to enter as a backup candidate after polls showed Davis vulnerable, but said he would campaign against the recall.

Under the law passed by voters in 1911, the ballot will offer two options: whether to recall Davis; and who should replace him.

"I'm here to tell everyone to vote no on the recall and yes on Bustamante," he said. "We are going to fight like heck against the recall."

In Washington, party sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Pelosi has joined in conference calls in recent days with fellow Democratic lawmakers and other officials seeking a consensus candidate.

Davis took aim at Schwarzenegger at a rally Thursday, telling a rowdy group of teachers in Anaheim to "Terminate the Terminator," a reference to one of his popular movie characters.

He said he wished that fellow party members had followed his plan to stay off the ballot, but said more Democrats could lure more voters to the polls.

"Every Democrat says they are against the recall, and I take them at their word," he said.

A cheering crowd of supporters greeted Schwarzenegger as he picked up his papers at the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder's Office. He offered no specifics on solving California's fiscal problems but promised to improve the business climate.

"It is very important that we straighten out the mess we're in," he said.

Man gets life for video store double killing

HOUSTON (AP) — The man convicted of killing two people execution-style while robbing a Houston video store will serve a life sentence in prison.

Roderick Keith Cooper, 24, was found guilty of capital murder for the Sept. 4, 2001, deaths at a Hollywood Video store. The victims were 26-year-old Angela Sanchez, a mother of three, and 18-year-old Kola Osemwengie, a Nigerian immigrant and Houston Community College freshman.

Cooper's defense argued that his troubled youth contributed to the slayings. Ten of 12 jurors voted Thursday that there were enough "mitigating circumstances" to keep him off death row.

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NEW YORK (AP)

	High	Low	Last	
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AOL TimeWrn	15.16	15.03	15.11	+ .08
AT&T Corp rs	21.16	20.77	20.77	—.35
Albertsons	18.80	18.61	18.66	—.24
Alltel	46.65	46.31	46.37	+ .06
AmEl Pw	27.68	27.41	27.50	+ .10
AndarkPtr	42.26	41.60	41.88	+ .07
ATMOS Egy	23.74	23.35	23.68	+ .09
Aviall	11.60	11.48	11.55	—.08
BP PLC	42.77	42.51	42.66	+ .41
BakerHughes	32.97	32.27	32.68	+ .03
Bank of Amer	81.30	80.70	81.06	+ .53
BellSouth	25.90	25.69	25.71	+ .01
BurlNoSFe	27.50	27.13	27.40	+ .09
Caterpillar	68.16	67.19	67.97	+ .81
CenterPoint	8.18	8.09	8.18	+ .09
ChevronTex	72.94	71.96	72.25	—.01
Citigroup	44.57	44.20	44.41	+ .31
CocaCola	44.95	44.62	44.76	—.02
ColgatePal	55.00	54.69	54.77	+ .05
CmclMetals	17.23	17.03	17.08	—.05
ConocoPhil	54.00	53.41	53.69	+ .03
Cooper Inds	44.88	44.50	44.63	+ .06
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DeltaAirl	10.52	10.35	10.35	—.19
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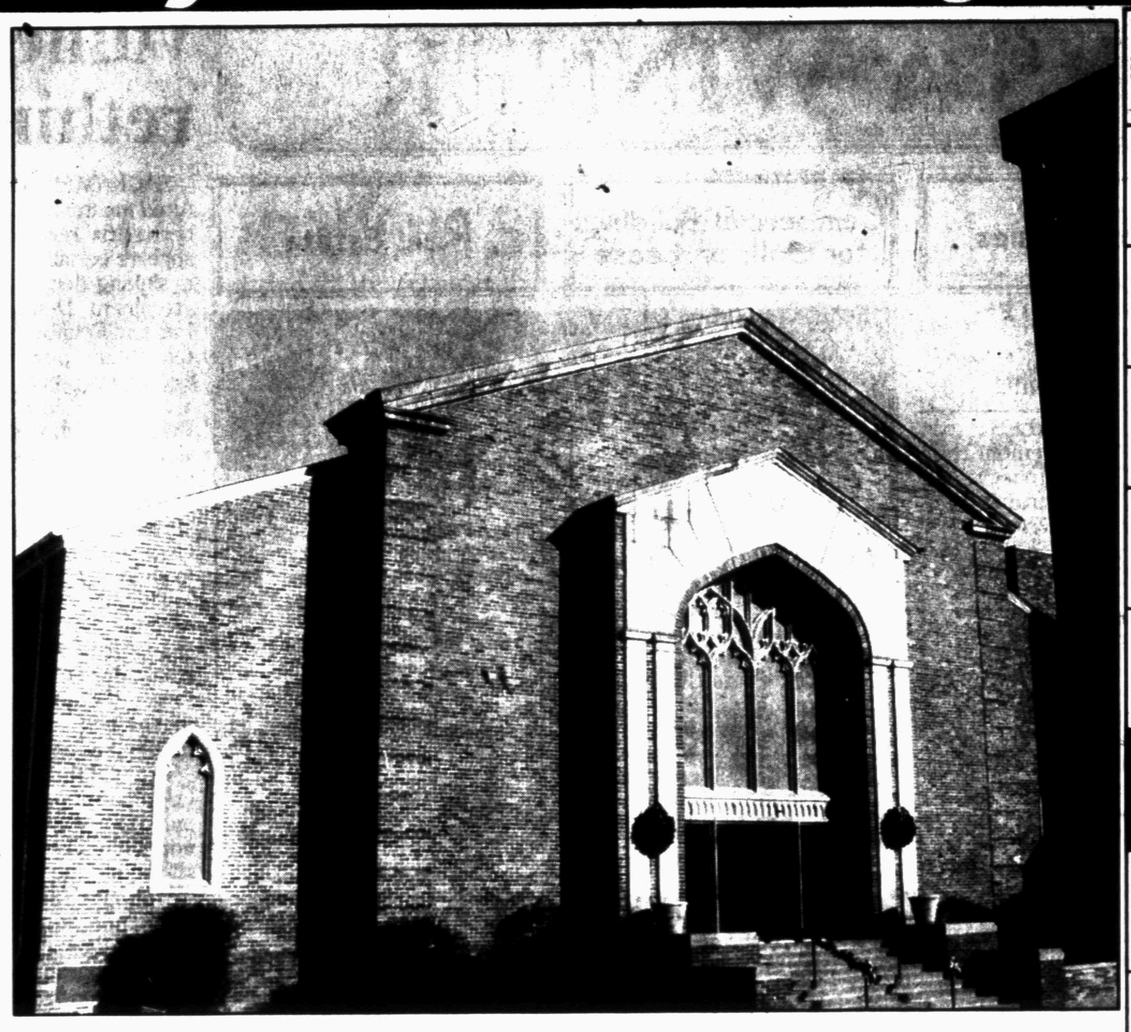
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Tornado destroys hundreds of homes, cuts power, flips trucks

RIVIERA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — A tornado carved a three-mile path of destruction through north Palm Beach County, damaging or destroying 500 homes, flipping semi-trailers like toys and knocking out power to thousands of people. Only minor injuries were reported.

Most of the damage took place north of West Palm Beach. At the Garden Walk mobile home park, the tornado collapsed the roofs and walls of several homes and pushed others off their foundations.

A gas leak forced the evacuation of 200 residents in the mobile home park. Emergency crews rescued some residents trapped in their mobile homes.

J.R. Brown was in his Riviera Beach home on Thursday afternoon when he heard a rumbling noise.

"I'll tell you truly, I was scared," Brown said, surveying the damage as police cars roamed the streets. "There was so much thunder and the wind was blowing, the trees were bending and all this debris was blowing around. I was trying not look outside."

The twister flipped over two tractor trailers, blew two railroad boxcars off the tracks and tore the roof off a Pepsi plant. About 21,000 people were without power in Palm Beach County late Thursday.

The walls from Jean Higgs' doublewide trailer at Garden Walk blew away as she sat reading the newspaper. Higgs, 79, wears two hearing aids and had no warning.

"I look up and the whole house is gone," she told the South Florida Sun-Sentinel. "There is nothing left."

The gas leak was later controlled and many residents returned to the mobile home park late Thursday.

In Riviera Beach, Mayor Michael Brown declared a state of emergency. There was a heavy police presence in the city, and residents without power spent the night in hot and humid conditions.

"People are just miserable," J.R. Brown said

Looting was reported in Riviera Beach and Brown warned that residents found on public property would be arrested. Palm Beach County Sheriff Ed Bieluch sent out extra officers throughout the county to guard against crime.

Two suspected looters were arrested late Thursday in an industrial park near the mobile home park, officials said.

The National Weather Service said the tornado was spotted at 5:13 p.m. and cleared out by 5:40 p.m. Forecasters were surprised at the rapid development of the system.

Prisoners allegedly beaten in new incident at Illinois jail

CHICAGO (AP) — One prisoner suffered a split lip, another got splinters from being hit with a pool cue, and others suffered bruises when guards beat prisoners in the latest outbreak of violence at troubled Cook County jail, community groups alleged.

Cook County Sheriff Michael Sheahan's office denied the accusation, saying eight inmates housed on the jail's maximum-security tier picked a fight with two guards and had to be subdued by reinforcements.

The groups asked State's Attorney Richard Devine for an investigation into the July 27 incident, which they say is the third case of guard violence reported at the jail in three years.

A Devine aide said the allegations were under review.

Federal prosecutors have said they are investigating the Cook County Sheriff's Department, which is responsible for operating the jail. The chief judge of the Circuit Court's criminal division said in April a grand jury would look into jail conditions.

"These beatings are not an isolated incident — they are part of a culture of violence and intimidation against prisoners at the Cook County Jail," said Jean Maclean Snyder, trial counsel for the MacArthur Justice Center — a group affiliated with the University of Chicago law school.

Snyder said the legal organizations learned of the incident through inmates' relatives. She said representatives of the groups went to the jail and saw the injured men.

A letter to Devine signed by leaders of the groups said guards "without provocation, set upon (the prisoners), hitting them and kicking them, even after they were handcuffed."

"One guard used a pool stick to beat the inmates," the letter said.

It was signed by representatives of MacArthur as well as Amnesty International, the Chicago Council of Lawyers, the Children and Family Justice Center at the Northwestern University Legal Clinic, the Community Renewal Society, the Illinois Institute for Community Law and the Jewish Council on Urban Affairs.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Engaged woman's workout partner is coming on strong

DEAR ABBY: I am 24, and after four years of dating have recently become engaged to "Zack." We are very much in love, and quite frankly, until lately I never could have imagined myself with anyone else.

Last week, one of my co-workers — I'll call him Keith — confessed to me that he's developed a crush on me — and the more I think about it, the more I feel a mutual attraction. Keith has been a good friend over the years. We work out together on a regular basis in the company gym and have shared many lunches. Abby, I am confused. I find myself thinking about Keith more than my fiance.

Keith has always been easy to talk to. I wish Zack and I could have the conversations I'm able to share with Keith.

The last thing I want to do is wreck my engagement. How can I stop this confusion and once again focus on my relationship with my fiance? Help! — **S.O.S. ASAP IN THE SUNSHINE STATE**

DEAR S.O.S.: Let's analyze this situation. Why did Keith wait until you were engaged to Zack before declaring his feelings? Could it be that once you were "taken" you became safe — and not a threat to his freedom? Many men find women who are married, engaged, going steady, etc., easier to talk to and even more attractive than those who are available.

Do not allow yourself to be distracted from a relationship that has worked for four years. Limit your workouts with Keith and put your energy into developing better communication with Zack.

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DEAR ABBY: For more than a year, I have been a live-in caregiver for a sweet 94-year-old lady I'll call Ethel. For the most part, Ethel has enjoyed good health. We have a lot of fun together.

Last week, when we went on our weekly outing to the beauty shop and lunch, I noticed how loud her voice was in the restaurant. She attracted the stares of several diners. Ethel has also begun chewing with her mouth open, completely unaware of how she appears.

I want to let her know that she isn't acting like the well-mannered lady she's been in the past, but I don't know how to tell her without hurting her feelings. Please give me some advice on how to broach the subject. There is only one restaurant in our small town, and Ethel dearly loves our weekly meal there. Thanks, Abby. — **EMBARRASSED IN NEW MEXICO**

DEAR EMBARRASSED: Tell Ethel what you have observed about her hearing loss and schedule a visit with her doctor. She needs a referral to have her hearing checked. While you're there, mention to the doctor the change in her table manners. Any abrupt change in the behavior of a person is something his or her physician should know about.

Please don't be reticent or embarrassed. You are her caregiver, and it is your obligation to inform her physicians what you observe.

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DEAR ABBY: I have a wedding etiquette question. Twice within the last month, I've been invited to a bridal shower without receiving an invitation to the wedding.

I have witnessed a social blunder or two in my day, but this takes the cake. Are you with me on this, Abby? — **DISGUSTED IN SOUTH CAROLINA**

DEAR DISGUSTED: To invite someone to a bridal shower who will not be invited to the wedding is a breach of etiquette. However, before becoming angry about it, please consider that this was ignorance on the part of the couple or the families.

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Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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Georgia memorial honors three U.S. soldiers killed off battlefield

FORT STEWART, Ga. (AP) — The three soldiers whose helmets, rifles and boots stood arranged like makeshift crosses received the same honors as other casualties of the Iraq war, though none of them died on a battlefield.

Sgt. Michael Tyrone Crockett was ambushed in a rocket-propelled grenade attack while on patrol. Spc. Joel Bertoldie drove his Humvee over a bomb. Sgt. Nathaniel Hart Jr. died in an accidental vehicle crash.

A memorial service for the fallen soldiers Thursday at Fort Stewart underscored the shifting dangers American troops have faced in Iraq since the heavy fighting ended three months ago.

Sgt. 1st Class Jamie Wells, a platoon sergeant who served with Crockett's company in 3rd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment, said soldiers in the unit were uneasy taking up peacekeeping duties, trading their armored Bradley vehicles for lighter trucks and Humvees.

They felt less like warriors, more like targets.

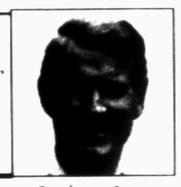
"The feeling was if we're going to be here let's fight," said Wells, who returned last week. "When we're driving in these trucks, we're easy targets. We're vulnerable."

The deaths of Crockett, 27, of Soperton and Bertoldie, 20, of Independence, Mo., on July 14 and 18 brought the death toll of the Army's 3rd Infantry Division to 37 since the war began in March.

Hart, a 29-year-old heavy wheel mechanic from Valdosta, died July 28.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Vitamin shots unlikely cause of rash

DEAR DR. GOTT: Because I have pernicious anemia, my doctor gives me monthly B-12 shots. Recently, however, I've developed an unbearably itchy rash on my legs. Could the shots be to blame?

DEAR READER: Pernicious anemia is caused by the lack of a substance called intrinsic factor in the stomach. Intrinsic factor permits vitamin B-12, an essential element, to be absorbed from the diet. Without adequate amounts of B-12, patients develop anemia, severe nerve damage and profound mental changes, including dementia.

The most satisfactory method of treating this disorder is to administer supplemental B-12, usually in the form of injections, which "bypass" the need for intrinsic factor.

I have never heard of B-12 shots causing a rash. Usually, these inexpensive injections are completely safe — so safe, in fact, that most patients can easily be taught to self-administer them, much as a diabetic gives himself insulin.

I suggest that you be examined by a dermatologist, who will diagnose the cause of your rash and prescribe therapy.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: Is there any treatment for Sjogren's syndrome?

DEAR READER: This autoimmune disease causes dry mouth, dry eyes, enlarged salivary glands, loss of smell and taste, baldness, arthritis, pneumonia, liver disease, nerve disorders and other complications. Sjogren's syndrome shares many of the characteristics of lupus and rheumatoid arthritis.

The diagnosis is made by blood tests and a special examination of the speed with which patients produce tears (called a Schirmer test).

Prednisone and other steroids are standard therapy for severe cases, because if untreated, the syndrome can lead to death from pneumonia, renal failure or lymphoma (lymph node cancer). Mild to moderate cases require no treatment other than symptomatic relief, such as artificial tears.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I began taking an aspirin tablet a day after reading of its many benefits, but had to stop because of constipation. Am I the only person in the United States who is affected this way?

DEAR READER: Perhaps. Many medical studies have confirmed that low-dose, daily aspirin therapy is a safe and inexpensive way to prevent blood clots from forming in patients who have had heart attacks or strokes. Experts do not recommend aspirin for the general public. Aspirin doesn't cause constipation and you have been taking a small amount anyway. Do you really need it?

Ask your doctor to investigate this highly unusual association and advise you about the necessity of taking aspirin. Perhaps he will choose to address your constipation as a separate issue.

If readers would like to contact Dr. Gott, they may write him through your newspaper or send their mail directly to Dr. Gott c/o United Media, 200 Madison Ave., 4th fl., New York, NY 10016.

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Date Book

Friday, Aug. 8, 2003

Today is the 220th day of 2003 and the 49th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1876, Thomas Edison patented the mimeograph.

On this day in 1945, President Harry Truman signed the United Nations Charter.

On this day in 1974, President Richard Nixon announced his intent to resign in the face of an imminent impeachment trial over the Watergate scandal.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Emiliano Zapata (1879-1919), revolutionary; Dustin Hoffman (1937-), actor, is 66; Deborah Norville (1958-), TV personality, is 45; the Edge (David Evans) (1961-), musician, is 42; Kool Moe Dee (1962-), rapper, is 41.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1992, the first NBA Dream Team defeated Croatia and won the Olympic gold medal. The team included Magic Johnson, Larry Bird, Michael Jordan, Patrick Ewing and Charles Barkley.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "It is better to die on your feet than to live on your knees!" — Emiliano Zapata

TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (Aug. 5) and full moon (Aug. 12).

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Utility play upgrades violate federal law

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — A federal judge ruled that a utility violated federal pollution laws in the first trial over government accusations that utilities have rebuilt power plants without installing the smog controls required under the Clean Air Act.

FirstEnergy Corp. should have determined that modernizing one of its plants would increase overall pollution emissions, U.S. District Judge Edmund Sargus ruled Thursday.

The government says the pollution from the plants winds up in the Northeast, where it causes acid rain and health problems.

The judge's ruling was praised by leaders of Northeast states who say Midwestern and Southern power plants are spewing dirty air into their communities.

"The decision overwhelmingly vindicates the long struggle waged by Connecticut and the other plaintiffs against these pernicious polluters that give us all of their air contamination and none of their power," Connecticut Attorney General Richard Blumenthal said.

TV MOVIES

PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN
THE CURSE OF THE BLACK PEARL PG13

Jack Sparrow, teams up with the daughter of a governor to stop the evil plan of a ship of dangerous pirates who are trying to reverse an ancient curse that leaves them stuck between life and death. **Starring: Johnny Depp, Orlando Bloom, Geoffrey Rush, Jack Davenport, Keira Knightley**

TOMB RAIDERS 2
Laura Croft & The Cradle of Life PG13

This time around, archaeologist and explorer extraordinaire Lara Croft journeys to a temple, sunken underwater, that leads to a sphere that contains the mythical Pandora's Box, only to have it stolen from her by Chen Lo, the leader of a Chinese crime syndicate, who's in league with a bad guy named Reiss who wants to use the Box as a doomsday weapon. **Starring: Angelina Jolie, Gerard Butler, Chris Barrie, Djimon Hounsou, Ciaran Hinds**

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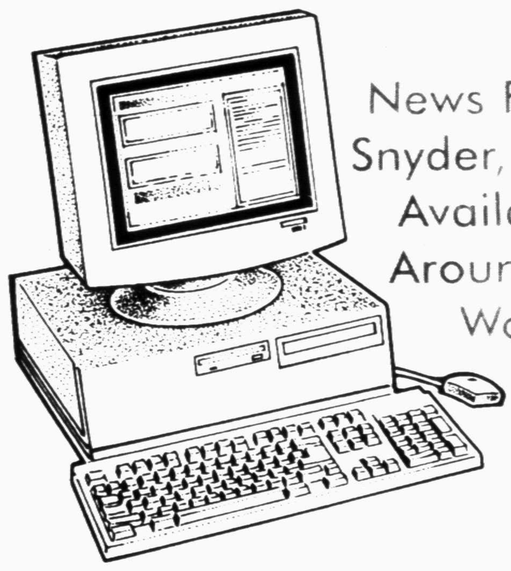
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FBI theory: Hijackers crash Flight 93

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Sept. 11 hijacker in the cockpit of United Airlines Flight 93 instructed terrorist-pilot Ziad Jarrah to crash the jetliner moments before it slammed into a Pennsylvania field because of a fierce passenger uprising in the cabin, recently disclosed testimony by the FBI director shows.

The theory described by FBI Director Robert Mueller, based on the government's analysis of cockpit recordings, discounts the popular perception of insurgent passengers grappling with terrorists inside the cockpit, trying to seize the plane's controls, immediately before the crash.

The government's findings — laid out deep within the July 24 congressional report on the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks — aim to resolve one of the enduring mysteries of the deadliest terror attacks in U.S. history: What happened in the final minutes aboard Flight 93? The newly published excerpts from Mueller's testimony appear at odds with what families of some passengers have come to believe happened.

The FBI strenuously maintains that its analysis does not diminish the heroism of passengers who, with the words "Let's roll," apparently rushed down the airliner's narrow aisle to try to overwhelm the hijackers.

Heat wave continues across Texas today

DALLAS (AP) — With the furnace-like heat baking the state this week, many Texans have tried to avoid the outdoors as much as possible.

Snyder has had several days of triple digit temperatures including 106 on Thursday.

Now state officials are urging residents of the Dallas-Fort Worth and Houston areas to stay indoors today, as dangerously high ozone levels were expected during the day.

For the first time, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality has issued a level "purple" warning, indicating high levels of ozone.

It is not the first time ozone levels have gone that high, according to TCEQ spokesman Terry Clawson, just the first time officials have been able to predict it.

"It's the first time we've had the forecast ability and meteorological conditions all come together," he said.

The high ozone levels are due to forecasts of extremely high temperatures, lots of sunshine and very low winds, according to a news release.

"The level purple pollution advisory set for today is considered very unhealthy especially for people who have chronic lung disease such as asthma and emphysema. The elderly and the young are the most vulnerable and should avoid being outside as much as possible," said National Weather Service meteorologist Lonnie King.

The rest of the state was expected to be at level "orange," meaning unhealthy for people in sensitive groups.

The heat was expected to abate slightly over the weekend in the Houston area, as some rain is possible through early next week. Highs should be in the upper 90s.

The Dallas-Fort Worth area was expected to remain sunny and hot Saturday and Sunday, but should have some rain next week. Highs over the weekend should be around 104; temperatures should dip into the 90s next week.

On Thursday, temperatures in Texas climbed as high as 110 in Wichita Falls, and Texans used more power than ever before.

The Electric Reliability Council of Texas, which manages the power grid for most of the state, reported that it broke usage records for the second day in a row.

Bush's ratings drop as public seeks more focus on economy

By The Associated Press

People want President Bush to focus most of his attention on the struggling economy, says a new poll that indicates his public support has fallen to about the level it was two years ago.

The president's job approval rating fell to 53 percent in a poll by the Pew Research Center for the People & the Press, close to his level of support before the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks and down from 58 percent in July.

In a shift from January when the fight against terror had a higher priority than the economy, 57 percent said the economy is a more important presidential priority, while 27 percent said the war on terror.

Certain to give Democrats hope was Bush's hypothetical matchup with a generic Democrat; the president leads by 43 percent to 38 percent in that contest.

Women, especially older women, and Americans who are middle-income or lower-income, have moved away from Bush, the poll suggested.

Despite Bush's lagging poll numbers, Democratic candidates still must win over members of their own party before taking on the president next year.

Six in 10 Democrats are dissatisfied with the party's performance on core issues such as helping the poor and aiding the average worker, according to the poll.

The survey also found Democrats noticing the presidential candidate who often rails against Washington — Howard Dean.

Just 38 percent of Democrats said their party is doing an excellent or good job in protecting the interests of minorities, aiding the needy and representing working Americans, down from 47 percent in May 2001, according to the poll released Thursday.

This Democratic frustration is even more pronounced among liberals, with only 31 percent saying the party is doing an excellent or good job on traditional issues. By contrast, 57 percent of Republicans gave their party high marks on issues such as cutting taxes and pushing social issues important to conservatives.

"Democratic voters don't feel the party leaders are talking about the things that the party stands for," said Andrew Kohut, director of the Pew Research Center

Although the poll found the disaffection still hasn't boosted the candidacy of any of the nine Democratic candidates, it did show that Dean, who uses the borrowed line of being from the "Democratic wing of the Democratic Party," making greater gains than his rivals.

Dean's name recognition increased from 37 percent in early July to 46 percent in the poll conducted July 14-Aug. 5.

GOP, Dems take redistricting battle to the court system

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — The battle over efforts to redraw the state's congressional districts has intensified, with both Republicans and Democrats turning to the courts for help.

Democrats were swift in their criticism of Gov. Rick Perry and Lt. Gov David Dewhurst, who on Thursday asked the Texas State Supreme Court to order back to the Capitol the 11 senators holed up in a Albuquerque, N.M., hotel to fight redistricting.

"The heavy-handed use of legal process to deny and really subvert the normal Democratic process is really sad," said Sen. Leticia Van de Putte of San Antonio. "They're going to court to try to take political prisoners and like Texans throughout history we are making our stand."

The Democrats filed a lawsuit Thursday that asked that state officials or their deputies be prohibited from arresting the Democrats should they return to the state.

Their lawsuit also challenges Perry's authority to call a special legislative session on redistricting, saying the Texas Constitution limits the governor's powers to call a special session to extraordinary occasions.

"The Democrats' political reasoning is flawed and obviously politically motivated," Dewhurst said.

The court actions come in a heated fight over the Republicans' desire to redraw the state's congressional districts. Democrats oppose the move and have thwarted the effort in two legislative sessions this year.

The Democrats fled the Capitol last week to try to stop a bill from passing during a second special legislative session. Their absence brought the Senate chamber to a standstill because there are not enough lawmakers to take up business. The chamber has 31 members and two-thirds must be present to act.

Man arrested on warrant for causing injury

•Arrest

Thursday at 4:34 p.m., a 27-year-old man was taken into custody in the 400 block of Coliseum Drive on an outstanding warrant for causing bodily injury.

•Burglary

Irma Sanchez requested officers at 3:31 p.m. Thursday in regard to a break-in. A report for burglary of a residence was submitted.

•Theft

At 7:36 p.m. Thursday, officers were requested in the 700 block of James Street regarding a possible theft. A Class B theft report was filed.

•Criminal mischief

Bunny Hicks of 2506 26th reported at 5:16 p.m. Thursday that a window had been broken in a mobile home. A Class B criminal mischief report was filed.

•Minor accidents

At 9:40 p.m. Thursday, officers were called to a wreck 20 miles north on U.S. 84, where an 18-wheeler ran off the road. EMS transported the driver to Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

At 5:20 a.m. today, a one-vehicle accident was reported five miles west of Snyder on U.S. 180. The vehicle involved was a 2002 GMC pick-up driven by Esmerelda Garcia, 28, of Snyder. She was transported to Cogdell Memorial Hospital by private vehicle.

•Fires

At 3 p.m. Thursday, Snyder Fire Department received a call reporting a fire seven miles east on Camp Springs Road. The fire, which destroyed a storage shed, was started by trash burning in barrels. Three fire trucks and 12 firemen responded.

A small brush fire was reported Thursday in the backyard at 300 20th at 7:46 p.m. The flame was extinguished without any damages occurring. The fire was set by juveniles, and contact was made with them by the fire marshal.

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Births

Joe, Rudy and Jaime announce the birth of their nephew, Jaykob Mykil Flores, at 9:18 a.m. on Aug. 6 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. Jaykob's mother is Amanda Flores of Snyder.

He weighed six pounds and was 20½ inches long.

Grandparents are Freddy and Mary Mena of Snyder.

Hermleigh school board OKs formal salary-stipend schedule

Hermleigh school trustees Thursday night adopted a formal salary-stipend schedule in preparation of adopting the 2003-04 budget.

Supt. Marvin Beaty said revenues are basically set at $1.2 million, but that the proposed budget is being fine-tuned to get projected expenditures in line with revenues.

The board will meet again Tuesday at which time the budget will be proposed along with an expected $1.50 tax rate.

The superintended said it's possible that $52,000 in additional revenues could be realized if the legislature returns to fix a funding formula that impacted many schools in the state. The school district also is waiting to hear about $25,000 in pending grants.

Beaty said the salary and stipend scale will formalize what a teacher gets for sponsoring extra-curricular activities. The new school chief noted that increased participation in extra-curricular events is one of the goals of the school this year.

Trustees also adopted the student handbook to model it after the one provided by the Texas Association of School Boards. There were no major changes.

The board also voted to lease an office space to Kelly Jo Beaty for $100 a month. In exchange, the school district also will receive free computer consultation.

Seven goals were adopted by the board:

—achievement of exemplary status.

—significant aesthetic improvements to properties.

—work to create and maintain a positive learning and social climate.

—implement a 5-year plan for students with 5th year focus on post-graduation status.

—implement a broad integration of technology into classroom instruction.

—return sense of pride in Hermleigh and investigate the return of the annual Cardinal Basketball Classic.

—increase opportunity in extra-curricular athletic and academic realm.

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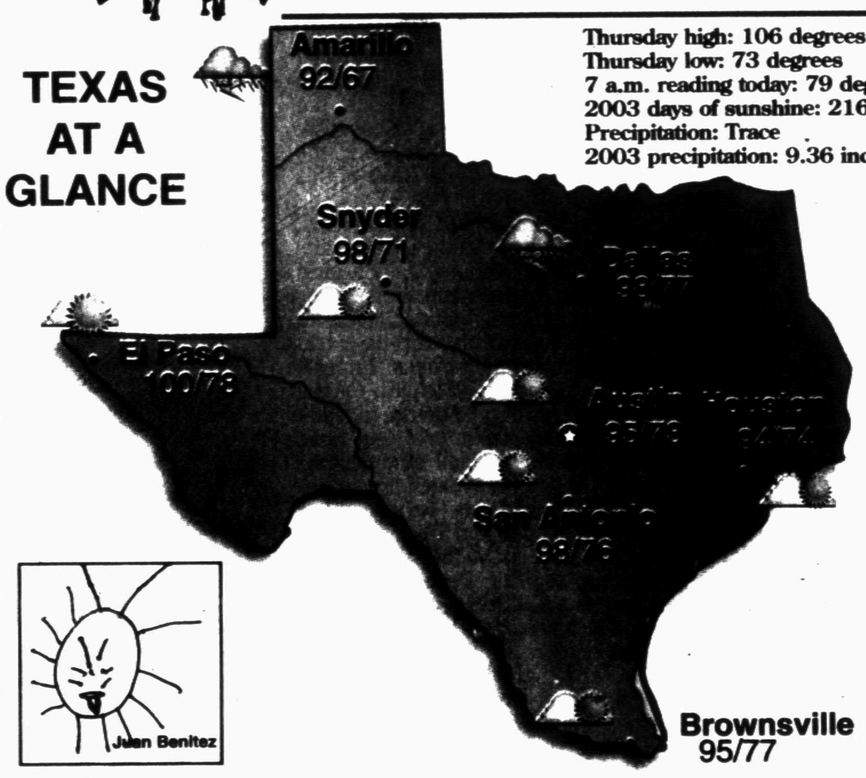
Today's Weather

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TEXAS AT A GLANCE



Thursday high: 106 degrees
Thursday low: 73 degrees
7 a.m. reading today: 79 degrees
2003 days of sunshine: 216 of 219
Precipitation: Trace
2003 precipitation: 9.36 inches

Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond	City	Hi	Lo	Cond	City	Hi	Lo	Cond
Abilene	97	75	t-storm	El Paso	100	78	mst sunny	Midland	102	73	mst sunny
Amarillo	92	67	t-storm	Fort Stockton	101	73	mst sunny	Raymondville	97	75	pt sunny
Austin	95	73	pt sunny	Gainesville	97	72	t-storm	Rosenberg	95	74	pt sunny
Beaumont	97	73	mst sunny	Greenville	97	72	t-storm	San Antonio	98	76	pt sunny
Brownsville	95	77	pt sunny	Houston	94	74	pt sunny	San Marcos	96	74	pt sunny
Brownwood	100	73	t-storm	Kingsville	97	74	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	97	71	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	94	77	pt sunny	Livingston	96	72	pt sunny	Sweetwater	98	73	t-storm
Corsicana	96	74	t-storm	Longview	95	71	pt sunny	Tyler	97	74	pt sunny
Dallas	98	77	t-storm	Lubbock	98	71	pt sunny	Weatherford	97	72	t-storm
Del Rio	102	78	pt sunny	Lufkin	97	73	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	98	73	t-storm

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond	City	Hi	Lo	Cond	City	Hi	Lo	Cond
Atlanta	83	65	pt sunny	Houston	94	74	pt sunny	Phoenix	109	88	mst sunny
Boston	79	69	t-storm	Los Angeles	84	65	sunny	San Francisco	72	56	windy
Chicago	78	60	pt sunny	Miami	87	78	t-storm	Seattle	74	55	pt sunny
Dallas	98	77	t-storm	Minneapolis	84	64	pt sunny	St. Louis	86	66	pt sunny
Denver	88	62	t-storm	New York	81	71	t-storm	Washington, DC	84	71	t-storm

Moon Phases

First	Full	Last	New
Aug 5	Aug 12	Aug 20	Aug 27

UV Index

Sat 8/9	Sun 8/10	Mon 8/11
Extreme	Extreme	Extreme

The UV Index is measured on a 0 - 11 number scale, with a higher UV index showing the need for greater skin protection. 0 — 11

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