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This evening...

Budget is on agenda for SISD

Snyder ISD board of trustees will again work on the 2003-2004 budget when it meets at 6 this evening.

According to the district's director of finance, Karen Waller, the preliminary budget currently has revenues exceeding expenditures.

The district is looking at income this year of some $17.5 million, while expenditures are projected to be around $17.4 million.

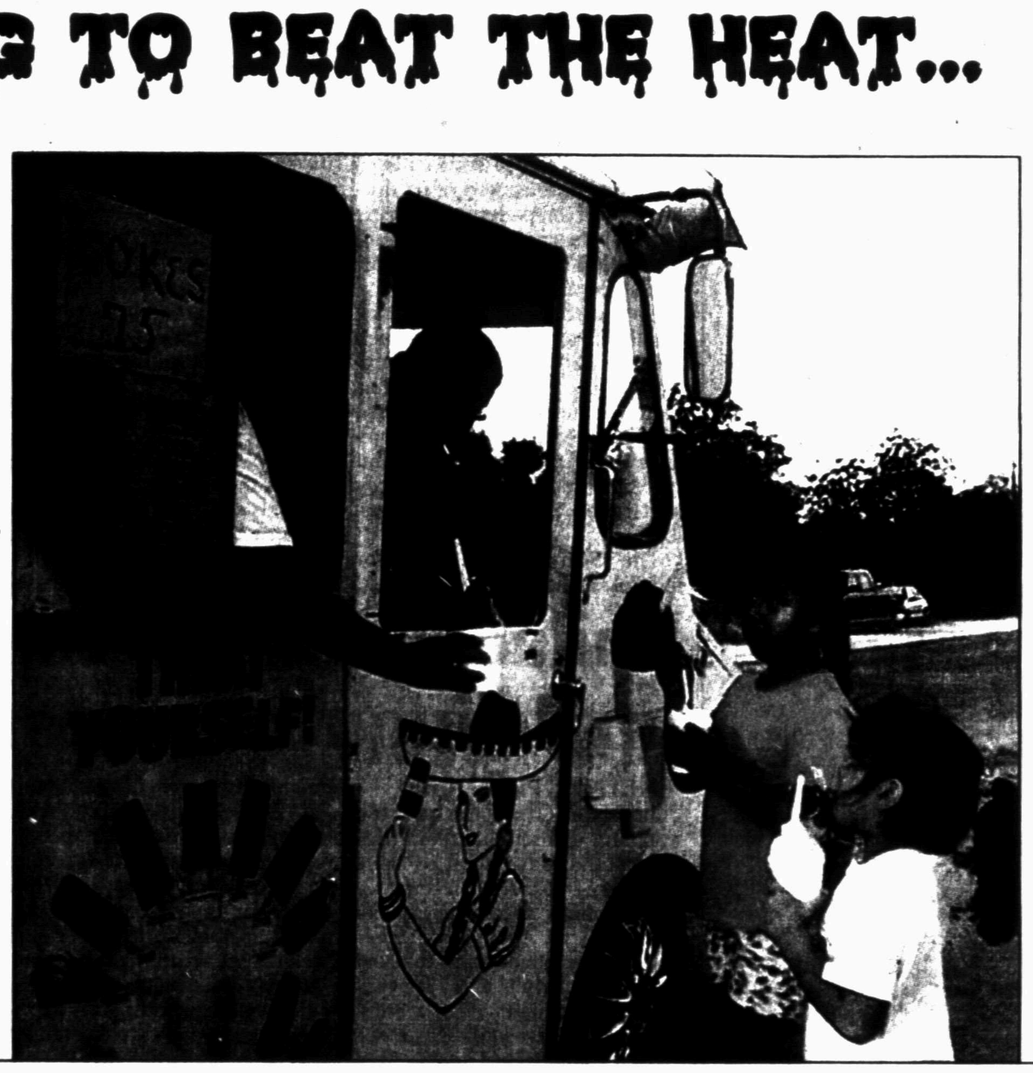
Following the budget workshop, the trustees will set a date to adopt the budget and to set the tax rate.

An executive session is scheduled before the trustees vote on new teachers, and action on staff resignations.

Those lists of names will be furnished at tonight's board meeting.

Trustees also will discuss upcoming events in August, including the regular board meeting on Tuesday and teacher and staff in-service that starts Monday.

TRYING TO BEAT THE HEAT...



COOL TREAT — Snyder residents faced the hottest day of the year Wednesday with a 104 degree reading. It was the 8th triple-digit day this summer, four recorded in July and four already this month. It's been 41 days since any appreciable moisture has fallen. Total rainfall for 2003 is 9.36 inches, 4.33 inches below the same time last year. The average rainfall in August is 2.10 inches, but none is in the forecast that calls for more hot and dry. Pictured at right, Cassandra Romero and Gabriella Sanchez (right) after their dance lessons purchase a cold treat from the sno-cone wagon. In the popular wagon are, from left, Cecilia Ruiz and Raquel Ruiz. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

THE SDN COLUMN

MY TURN

by Leslie Schmidt



Dad has a multitude of stories about the old days on the farm. It makes us yearn for a simpler time, and gives us quite a few chuckles.

There's a dilapidated barn on the old homestead that used to be a big chicken house, complete with air conditioning. This modern invention wasn't a luxury, but was used to keep the eggs cool before taking them to market. There was no air-conditioning in the house.

Sometimes the kid's and Grandma's bickering would get to be too much for Grandpa. He would sneak off to the barn, where he would lie down on the worktable in the egg room and go to sleep in front of the air-conditioner. We never knew grandpa, he died before our generation, but it sure is funny to think of him sleeping in the barn with the chickens.

Dad said there was a lot of cats that lived around the farm, about 50 or so. They were handy for killing rats and snakes, but one particular time they got to living on the roof of the house.

Well, Grandpa got tired of hearing them running around up there, yowling their cat love songs. One day Dad came home from school and Grandpa had rounded up all the male cats in tow sacks. "We're going to castrate these cats," he announced. He figured if they could work cattle, then cats could be worked, too.

We won't give the details, but it was a very unpleasant experience, for cat and man alike. There's no wondering why all those cats disappeared soon after, except for one. Old Oscar stuck it out and became Grandpa's favorite.

One morning, Grandpa walked out in the yard and found Oscar all laid out, looking like he had used up all nine lives. Figuring that was that, he threw the old cat in the bed of the pickup.

He went ahead, finished up some chores, and then hauled some sick cattle to the vet. While he was there, he glanced in the back of the truck and noticed that Oscar still had some movement left in him. Since he was already at the vet, he took the cat in and let him have a look. The doc checked him over and told Grandpa that a skunk had sucked all the blood out of Oscar. No one would have believed it, but Old Oscar recovered and went on to live another couple of lives.

There used to be an old cow that Dad had to milk everyday. He said that cow was always at the back of the pasture, so he got to where he would ride her back to the barn instead of walking.

One day he wanted to go up to the store, which was two miles away, but his horse wasn't penned up. He decided he would just take the cow, instead.

He put a bridle and saddle on her, then rode her up to the store. She didn't go very fast, but he could trot her a little. He said people driving by were hanging their heads out the window to get a gander at the pair and folks up at the store sure gave a lot of strange looks when he tied his cow up to the post.

Just goes to show you, where there's a will, there's a way.

We enjoy Dad's stories, no matter how many times we hear them.

It makes us wish we had lived some of them.

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Rowena bank suspect nabbed

In what was believed to be a routine check of a suspicious vehicle early today in Dickinson in Galveston County, a suspect in the armed robbery of the West Texas State Bank in Rowena has been arrested and most of the funds recovered.

Dickinson Police Detective Tim Cromie was called to the scene of a residential burglary in Dickinson. At 2:41 a.m. after the detective had completed his call, he passed a Walgreen's location where he noticed two vehicles in the parking lot. Because the store had been recently burglarized, Det. Cromie stopped to investigate.

It led to the arrest of 28-year-old Darin Heath West of Ballinger on outstanding Dickinson municipal warrants.

A vehicle rented in West's name was inventoried prior to being towed. Found were a weapon and approximately $200,000 in cash.

Dickinson police said further investigation revealed the money may have come from a recent bank robbery in West Texas. Dickinson police contacted the FBI.

Dickinson is a town of 10,500 located between Houston and Galveston.

Runnels County Sheriff Bill Baird earlier this morning confirmed that a male is in custody in the Dickinson city jail, but the sheriff would not reveal the suspect's name or details of the arrest.

Sheriff Baird did say most of the money was recovered, but refused to say how much was taken in the robbery. "We're not going to release that until charges are filed. Sheriff Baird said that representatives from his department likely would travel to Dickinson later in the day to return the suspect to Runnels County.

The sheriff also refused to identify the bank teller who was approached at gunpoint about 7:30 a.m. Tuesday as she opened the bank in the farming community of 446.

There were unconfirmed reports that the teller was bound by the robber, but the sheriff would not comment on the details of the robbery. The teller, although frightened, was not harmed.

The robber had been described as a white male, about 5-foot, 8-inches tall and wore black wind pants, black shoes, a baseball cap and a mask that covered his face. He brandished a small black pistol.

The bank was closed most of Tuesday, reopening at 2 p.m. John Greene, president of West Texas State Bank, drove to Rowena after being advised of the holdup.

The Rowena bank has a staff of five persons and was purchased by West Texas State Bank in Snyder in 1997. The bank had offered a reward of $5,000 leading to the arrest and indictment of the armed robber.

Federal armed robbery carries a potential maximum sentence of 30 years in prison. The FBI office in Abilene has a press conference planned for this afternoon.



John Shirley

Shirley joins ASB-Snyder

Shawn Ragland, American State Bank branch president, today announced the appointment of John Shirley to the position of vice president–lending of ASB Snyder.

"With 17 years of banking experience, Shirley has a thorough knowledge of all phases of agricultural, commercial and consumer lending needs and requirements, said Ragland.

"I'm very excited about John joining our staff. With his qualifications, he will be an asset to our organization as well as to the customers we serve," said Ragland.

A Brownfield native, Shirley received his bachelor of science degree in accounting from Wayland Baptist University.

Shirley serves the community by working with the Big Country RC & D, and the Needy Children's Foundation.

His wife, Tammy, is the director of the Allied Health Dept. at Western Texas College.

The Shirleys moved to Snyder in 1993 from Olton and he has been ag lender for West Texas State Bank the past 10 years.

They have two sons. Tye attends Texas Tech University and Trey attends Abilene Christian University.

Shirley and his family are members of the East Side Church of Christ.

Texas GOP senators travel to Albuquerque

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — Democrats who busted a quorum in the Texas Senate by fleeing to New Mexico said they remain committed to their boycott over congressional redistricting, even after a meeting with two Senate Republicans.

Republican Sens. Robert Duncan of Lubbock and Todd Staples of Palestine flew to Albuquerque on Wednesday to meet with the Democrats. They hooked up in the afternoon for about an hour with Democratic Sens. Juan Hinojosa of McAllen, Leticia Van de Putte of San Antonio and Royce West of Dallas.

"It was great to see our friends," said Van de Putte, chairwoman of the Senate Democratic Caucus. "They just wanted to visit with us face to face and we will always continue to dialogue with our friends and our Senate colleagues."

Staples, the Senate Republican Caucus chairman, said they felt it was important to come to Albuquerque to visit the Democrats in person.

"Our only form of communication with our colleagues has been through the media," Staples said.

Van de Putte gave few details of the meeting but said the 11 Democrats remain dedicated to their boycott.

"Nothing about this particular meeting has really changed our resolve here. Nothing has changed our objective," Van de Putte said. "We still remain unalterably opposed to redistricting.

Duncan's office said today he went to Albuquerque to try to establish communications with the Democrats. Duncan is the chairman of the Senate Jurisprudence Committee, which handles redistricting.

A Staples aide said Wednesday that her boss was at a redistricting meeting.

The 11 Democratic senators have been in New Mexico for more than a week.

DWIs send one to prison

A 42-year-old Snyder man pleaded guilty in 132nd District Court Wednesday on two counts of felony driving while intoxicated.

Henry Carrisales of 903 Ave. Q pleaded guilty to offenses occurring on Feb. 2 and June 8.

District Judge Ernie Armstrong sentenced Carrisales to serve a 10-year sentence on each count in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. The sentences will be serve concurrently.

One arrested for indecency

Danny Baker, 32, of 3104 40th Street, was arrested Wednesday afternoon on a grand jury indictment for indecency with a child, a second-degree felony.

Baker was accused of knowingly engaging in sexual contact with a child younger than 17-years-old in July of this year.

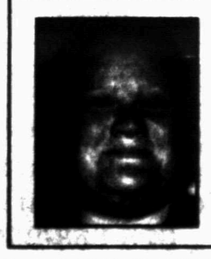
Baker is free on $10,000 bond.

ASK US

Q—Is Lubbock the closest case of the West Nile virus?

A—A donkey and a horse have been tested positive in Lamesa in Dawson County.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR



Tammi Walker...

...is a lifelong resident of Snyder. She recently graduated from Snyder High School and has a twin sister, Kim. Her father is James Walker, who works for Kinder Morgan, and her mother, Karen Walker, is an RN at Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Kim enjoys participating in activities with the youth group at Northside Baptist Church.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

The truth is more important than all the facts.

–Frank Lloyd Wright

events

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.

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.

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. next 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 next Thursday. Students will report to their homerooms at 8:20 a.m. Monday, Aug. 18, at which time they will receive their schedule cards

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.

Morales states in documents that lawyer deserved millions

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Former Attorney General Dan Morales admitted he committed fraud to help a lawyer friend get millions of dollars in the state's $17.3 billion settlement with the tobacco industry, but he said the friend deserved the money, court documents show.

U.S. District Judge Sam Sparks in Austin unsealed details of the crime after the San Antonio Express-News filed a motion requesting the public release of the document, known as a "factual basis."

Morales pleaded guilty July 17 to mail fraud and tax evasion charges in a deal that could send him to prison for up to four years. He is scheduled to be sentenced Oct. 3.

The eight-page document breaks little new ground, but it gives a closer look at how the Harvard-educated Morales tried to persuade a national arbitration panel to award millions of dollars in attorneys fees to Marc Douglas Murr, the Express-News reported.

Murr's Houston firm was not among the five law firms Morales initially hired to handle the tobacco litigation in 1996, but it entered the picture later, court records said.

Murr has pleaded not guilty to fraud-related charges and awaits trial in October.

Key player in Bali bombing sentenced

BALI, Indonesia (AP) — An Indonesian court convicted and sentenced to death today an Islamic militant for his role in the Bali bombings, delivering the first verdict for the attack that killed 202 people.

After the ruling was read, a defiant Amrozi bin Nurhasyim smiled, raised his arms and gave his lawyers the thumbs-up sign. Hundreds of people, including survivors of the bombings, cheered when the judge read the harsh sentence.

Amrozi was found guilty of planning and helping execute the bombings — a verdict that could help end Indonesia's reputation as being soft on terrorists. About three dozen other suspects are to be tried for the bombings.

"The accused is found guilty in a legal and convincing manner of carrying out an act of terrorism," Judge I Made Karna said.

The verdict came two days after a bomb exploded at the Marriott Hotel in Jakarta, killing at least 10 people and wounding nearly 150.

The Marriott blast was a bloody reminder of the threat of terror in the world's most populous Muslim nation, which had won plaudits for its investigation into the Bali bombings.

Both attacks have been linked with Jemaah Islamiyah, a shadowy al-Qaida-linked terrorist group believed to be operating in Southeast Asia.

Amrozi, a 41-year-old mechanic from the island of Java, has been called the "smiling bomber" because of his jocular manner and lack of remorse after his arrest last year. During a peer's trial, he grinned and yelled out "Bomb!" when asked about Tuesday's explosion in Jakarta.

As he was led out of the courtroom today, Amrozi smiled broadly at Australian survivors, some of whom shouted back angrily. Australia lost 88 people in the attack.

Natalie Yuniardi, an Indonesian whose Australian husband died in the blast, came to court with her baby on her arms. She wept after the verdict was read.

"I will only be happy when all of them are put to death," she said.

Indonesia's government has been eager to show the world that it is committed to bringing the perpetrators to justice.

"The Balinese people will be rejoicing today," said Julia Ika Setiani, a university student who attended the trial. "My family and my friends have suffered because of this grisly bombing."

If the Amrozi verdict is followed by similar convictions for other alleged bombers, Indonesia's notoriously inefficient judicial system could get a much needed boost in its efforts to confront Islamic extremism.

Amrozi's was the first of at least three dozen cases to come to trial for the bombing. Prosecutors said that while Amrozi did not participate in the actual attack, he purchased a van and explosives used in the car bomb that flattened Bali's crowded Sari Club and nearby Paddy's Bar.

Although Indonesian law allows for death sentences to be handed down for crimes such as murder and terrorism, in practice executions are rare.

Amrozi's attorney, Wirawan Adnan, said they will appeal the sentence "not because we believe he is innocent, but because he was mistreated and was not been given a fair trial.

Tenet will pay $54 million to settle unnecessary surgeries

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Tenet Healthcare Corp. will pay $54 million to settle allegations that at least two of its doctors subjected patients to unnecessary heart operations and defrauded government insurance programs.

The settlement covers heart procedures performed between 1997 and 2002 at Redding Medical Center in northern California. The money will reimburse Medicare, Medicaid and the military's Tricare program that were billed, U.S. Attorney McGregor Scott said Wednesday.

The $54 million is a record for federal medical fraud settlement involving unnecessary tests, lab reports and surgeries, the Justice Department said.

As part of the settlement, Tenet and Redding Medical Center avoid further civil or criminal charges, but agreed to change its operations. Among the measures will be a new, outside auditor to conduct random checks of Redding's cardiology program and agreeing not to perform unnecessary operations.

Tenet didn't admit wrongdoing in the settlement, and chief executive Trevor Fetter said the company made a business decision to put the matter behind it.

Tenet, the hospital and doctors still face scores of lawsuits filed by former patients.

"Tenet Healthcare and Redding Medical Center have been in a constant state of denial, indicating there was nothing wrong with their heart program," said Robert Simpson, an attorney representing more than 100 former patients. "If you're not wrong, you don't pay."

The company also agreed to cooperate in related civil and criminal probes.

Federal and state authorities launched an investigation last fall into allegations that two doctors at the Redding hospital were operating unnecessarily to boost earnings.

Philadelphia gas company digs up delinquent customers' lines

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Philadelphia Gas Works has been warning delinquent customers for months to pay their overdue gas bills — or else.

The utility apparently meant business.

Jeannette Stein found that out Wednesday when a PGW work crew dug up the pipeline in front of her row house and disconnected it from the gas main. That means Stein, who owes $1,500 to the gas company, won't be able to use her stove or take a hot shower until she pays her bill — and hundreds of dollars extra to get PGW to restore service.

"I'm not proud about it," said Stein, 44, who works in rubber manufacturing but recently ran into financial difficulties. She said she plans to pay the bill once her income tax refund check arrives.

Since April 1, when PGW launched an aggressive campaign to crack down on seriously delinquent accounts, the nation's largest city-owned natural gas utility has shut off nearly 16,000 customers who owed a total of more than $55 million.

PGW spokesman Peter Hussie said another 45,000 customers owe $93 million and are in danger of having their service shut off. Many of them will see their gas lines dug up, because that's the only way PGW workers can shut them off. Other properties have shut-off valves flush with the sidewalk and are easily reached by PGW workers.

Digging up gas lines is an expensive solution — PGW hasn't done it for several years — but the debt-plagued utility said it has little choice.

"We're making a more concentrated effort to serve notice that not being able to gain access doesn't mean that we won't shut you off," Hussie said. "We've tried to contact people, mail them, beg them. Now we've come to this point to try to collect the money or at least stop people from using the gas they are not paying for."

Once a gas line is dug up, PGW, which has a half-million residential, commercial and industrial customers, said it could cost a customer up to $1,000 to have service restored.

Bob McDevitt, a 31-year PGW employee, said customers have berated and pleaded with him. He has a ready response: Call the office and arrange to pay your bill.

"When this truck pulls up, the ballgame's over," McDevitt said. "No matter what they say, we're going to dig it up."

State law prevents regulated utilities from terminating service between Dec. 1 and March 31, to ensure that people have heat during the winter months. But during warmer weather, delinquent customers are fair game.

Snyder Wheels wins awards at Caprock

Ten members of the Snyder Wheels car club entered the Caprock Classic car show in Slaton on July 19 and walked away with eight first place trophies.

Members who won first place were: Hollis and Darlene Chandler, 1933 Plymouth; Robbie Glasscock, 1934 Ford; Mark Glasscock, 2003 Dodge truck; Glenda Glasscock, 1972 Corvette; and Jeff Holister, 1932 Ford pick-up.

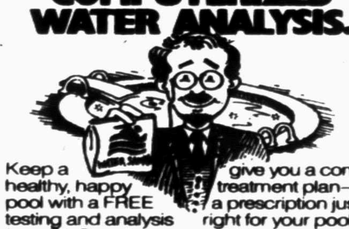
Members winning second place were Wilbur Fry, 1931 Ford; and Craig Leatherwood, 2000 Chevrolet truck.

Jay Ball won third place with his 1985 Chevrolet truck.

178 total vehicles were entered in the show.

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Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 7-13-30-38-40. Bonus Ball: 2.

Number matching five of five, plus Bonus Ball: 0.

Number matching five of five: 4. Prize: $7,311.

Number matching four of five, plus Bonus Ball: 9. Prize: $2,949.

Number matching four of five: 488. Prize: $117.

Number matching three of five, plus Bonus Ball: 454. Prize: $111.

Number matching three of five: 20,230. Prize: $5.

Number matching two of five, plus Bonus Ball: 5,563. Prize: $5.

Number matching one of five, plus Bonus Ball: 25,402. Prize: $3.

Estimated jackpot for Saturday night drawing: $7 million.

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Cash Five

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

Winning numbers drawn: 20-21-24-25-36.

Number matching five of five: 1.

Prize per winner: $51,332.

Winning tickets sold in: Angleton, A-Days Food Mart, 2851 North Downing.

Matching four of five: 141. Prize: $164.

Matching three of five: 4,484. Prize: $12.

Matching two of five: 47,102. Prize: $2.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Thursday night.

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Today is the 219th day of 2003 and the 48th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1888, Theophilus Van Kannel of Philadelphia patented the revolving door.

On this day in 1942, the U.S. 1st Marine Division began the first U.S. offensive of World War II by landing on Guadalcanal, in the Solomon Islands.

On this day in 1974, Philippe Petit walked a tightrope stretched between the not-yet-completed twin towers of the World Trade Center in New York City.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Mata Hari (Margaretha Geertruida Zelle) (1876-1917), dancer and spy; Garrison Keillor (1942-), radio personality, is 61; David Duchovny (1960-), actor, is 43; Charlize Theron (1975-), actress, is 28.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1956, the Boston Red Sox fined Ted Williams $5,000 for spitting at Boston fans who were booing at him.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "I think the most un-American thing you can say is, 'You can't say that.'" — Garrison Keillor

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

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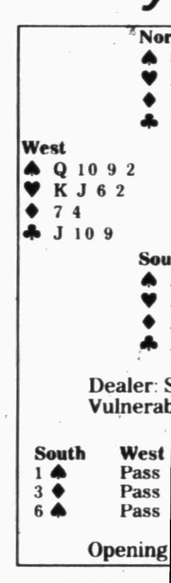


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CADA COMPUTER WINNER — Martha Neves, right, won the drawing for the computer sponsored by CADA, the Scurry County Anti-Drug Connection. Neves has four boys at home who will help her enjoy the computer, she said. At left is Leroy Ochoa, prevention specialist, holding his son, Camren Ochoa. Also pictured is Angela Velasquez, community coalition assistant. The computer drawing was held at the Back-to-School Bash in Towle Park. Assisting with the project were American State Bank, Country Club Pro Shop, Dupree Automotive, E.D. Walton Construction, Lone Star Cleaners, Kinder-Morgan, Patterson-UTI, State Farm Insurance, Stephens Office Supply and Thompson Ditching. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Celebrate summer with sugar-free recipes

CHICAGO — The tasty temptations of summer:

Barbecue parties, the call of the ice cream trucks, the family reunion buffets. But who says you must give all these up when you're striving to maintain a healthy attitude toward eating?

Some of the nation's top African-American chefs were commissioned by Equal, a sugar substitute, to tour Atlanta, Dallas, Houston, Philadelphia and Washington, D.C. with foremost nutritionist Dr. Rovenia Brock (also known as Dr. Ro from BET-TV's "Heart & Soul"), delivering timely messages to African-American consumers encouraging them to take control of their lifestyles.

Dr. Ro, who espouses healthy living and practices what she preaches, drove home the importance of combating sugar consumption, obesity and diabetes in the African-American community with her "10 Tips to Healthy Livin'":

1. Eat 7-10 servings of fruits and vegetables a day
2. Eat fish 2-3 times a week
3. Eat beans 2 times a week
4. Eat whole grains
5. Cut white flour and processed grains
6. Cut sugar and salt
7. Drink plenty of water
8. Take a multi-vitamin daily
9. Stop chewin' the fat
10. Get movin'

As she delivered her messages through her dynamic speaking, the chefs delivered theirs through food. They offered a number of delightful dishes, from a spicy Cajun catfish salad to a light and creamy Banana Pineapple Tropical Pie.

Here are some favorite recipes:

SWEET POTATO PIE

1 pastry shell for single-crust 9-inch pie
2 cups cooked, mashed sweet potatoes (about 2 lbs)
2 eggs, lightly beaten
1 cup Equal
1 tbsp. all-purpose flour
1 tsp. lemon juice
1 tsp. vanilla
1/2 tsp. ground cinnamon
1/2 tsp. ground nutmeg
1/2 tsp. salt
1 can fat-free evaporated milk (12 oz.)

Mix sweet potatoes with electric mixer in larger bowl until smooth. Stir in eggs, Equal, flour, lemon juice, vanilla, spices, salt and evaporated milk. Pour mixture into pastry shell. Bake in 400-degree oven 40 to 45 minutes or until filling is set and sharp knife inserted into center comes out clean. Cool completely on wire rack. Refrigerate until serving time.

BANANA PINEAPPLE TROPICAL PIE

1 pastry shell for single crust 9-inch pie
2 pkg. reduced-fat cream cheese, softened (8 oz. each)
1/2 cup Equal
1 container frozen light whipped topping, thawed (8 oz.)
1 can crushed pineapple, well-drained (8 oz.)
1/4 cup flaked coconut, divided
1/2 tsp. rum extract
2 medium ripe bananas, cut into 1/2-inch thick slices
1 tbsp. chopped pecans

Preparation:

Preheat oven to 375F. Roll pastry on lightly floured surface into circle 1-inch larger than inverted 9-inch pie plate. Ease pastry into plate; trim and flute edges. Pierce sides and bottom of pastry with tines of a fork. Bake 10 to 12 minutes or until lightly browned. Cool completely on wire rack. Meanwhile, beat cream cheese and Equal until blended. Gradually mix in whipped topping, pineapple, 3 tablespoons coconut and rum extract.

Place half of cream cheese mixture in piecrust. Arrange banana slices in single layer; top with remaining cream cheese mixture. Sprinkle top of pie with remaining 1 tablespoon of coconuts and chopped pecans.

Refrigerate 2 to 3 hours before serving.

FRESH STRAWBERRY CREAM PIE

1 qt. fresh medium strawberries
1 tbsp. Equal
1 pastry shell for single-crust 9-inch pie, baked
1 1/2 pkg. reduced-fat cream cheese, softened (12 ounces)
1/2 cup vanilla-flavored light nonfat yogurt
6 tbsp. Equal
1 1/2 tbs. lemon juice

Glaze (optional):

2/3 cup unsweetened apple juice
1 tbsp. lemon juice
2 tsp. cornstarch
3 tbsp. Equal
1/4 tsp. almond extract
3 drops red food coloring

Preparation:

Remove stems from several strawberries and slice to make 1 cup. Toss with 1 tablespoon Equal. Set aside. Beat cream cheese, yogurt, 6 tablespoons Equal and 1 1/2 tablespoons lemon juice until smooth and fluffy. Spread half of cream cheese mixture over bottom of baked pie crust. Top with sliced strawberries. Cover with remaining cream cheese mixture.

Remove stems from all but 1 large strawberry. Cut berries lengthwise in half. Place, cut side down, over cream cheese mixture, around outer edge of pie crust, with pointed end of berry facing center of pie. Make several thin slits in last whole berry starting near top and going to pointed end.

Press gently with fingers to form a "fan." Place in center of pie. If not using glaze, refrigerate pie at least 4 hours before serving.

For glaze, combine apple juice, 1 tablespoon lemon juice and cornstarch in small saucepan. Cook and stir over medium heat until thickened and bubbly. Cook and stir 2 minutes more. Remove from heat. Stir in 3 tablespoons Equal, almond extract and red food color. Spoon over strawberries and top of pie. Refrigerate at least 4 hours before serving.

MAWC serves lunch

Martha Ann Woman's Club will serve Sunday lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. as a fundraising project.

MAWC is located south of Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Cost is $8.50 per plate for adult and $4.50 for a child under 10 years old and reservations should be made by 5 p.m. Saturday by calling Jane Crenwelge at 573-5586, Jan Harrell, 6443, or MAWC, 573-3427.

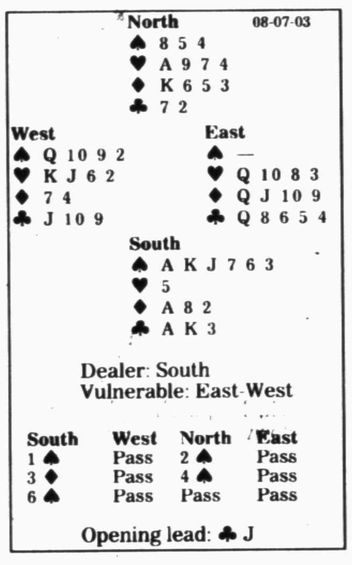
Sandra Brace, caterer, said the luncheon menu will include roast beef, roasted chicken, a choice of several vegetables and salads, tea or coffee and banana pudding for dessert.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



A key eight on the eighth



Friday, Aug. 8, 2003

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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Research center officials go ape over satire site

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — A Web site that spoofs the computer programming industry by offering chimpanzees and baboons to work for as little as 50 cents an hour has taken its monkey business too far, says the Iowa Primate Learning Sanctuary.

The Web site touts a fictitious Des Moines-based company called Primate Programming Inc., which it says was based on work done at the sanctuary showing apes can learn language and perform complex cognitive tasks.

Officials at the research center were not amused and asked the Web site's developer, Dan Mezick, to remove all references to the sanctuary from his site.

The sanctuary is being built on a 137-acre site near the Des Moines River. Founder Ted Townsend has said it will be a world-class research center where scientists can study ape culture, including the way apes learn and communicate.

Community Calendar

THURSDAY

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

Deep Creek Cloggers lesson; at the coliseum annex; 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

AA Big Book Study; closed meeting; contact numbers are 574-1292 or 573-1141; 7 p.m.

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

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

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club; 573-3733, 573-2101 or 573-1141; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

NA-Just For Today open meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-1438; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

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

Illinois governor puts restrictions on tongue-splitting

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP) — Best to keep your mouth shut. Splitting your tongue without a doctor or a dentist could land you in jail in Illinois.

Gov. Rod Blagojevich on Wednesday signed into law a measure that restricts the practice of tongue-splitting.

For those who are bored with simple piercings and tattoos, cutting the tongue to make it forked may be the next step.

Some who have had the procedure done say they do it for shock value, while others say it's a spiritual experience.

The legislation would bar anyone but doctors and dentists from performing the procedure. Offenders could face up to a year in jail.

But supporters of the law say the practice is dangerous and could lead to infection.

Rep. David Miller, a Chicago Democrat and a dentist, predicted few professionals will perform tongue-splitting. He said he understands the value of individual rights but thinks many people don't understand the risks, so officials will choose "safety over cosmetics."

ORDER OF THE COMMISSIONER'S COURT OF SCURRY COUNTY, TEXAS APPROVING THE TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE SECOND CALENDER QUARTER, 2003

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, BE IT KNOWN THAT:

THE COMMISSIONER'S COURT OF SCURRY COUNTY, TEXAS, did duly convene in REGULAR Session at its meeting place in the Courthouse in the City of Snyder At 10:00 o'clock A.M. on Monday, August 4, 2003 and, the entire membership of said court, viz., Rod Waller, Ralph Trevey, Jerry House, Howard Limmer, and Chloanne Lindsey, Commissioner's for Precincts, 1, 2, 3 and 4, respectively, being present, the matter of the comparison and examination of the Quarterly Report of Nelda Colvin, Treasurer for Scurry County, for the period April 1, 2003 through June 30, 2003, came to the attention of said Court and the said Court compared and examined the same and inspected and counted all the actual cash, certificates of time and demand deposits, and other assets on the hands of the Treasurer belonging to the County at and as the time of such report: **NOW, THEREFORE,** the Commissioners Court finds that the Treasurer at and as of the time of his report did not have actually in his hands any money or other assets of Scurry County but the same were all on deposit in the Snyder National Bank of Snyder, Texas, the official County Depository, except the following, viz., Texpool; and that from the commencement of business at 8:00 o'clock A.M. on April 1, 2003 through June 30, 2003, the beginning and ending balance for each fund of the Treasurer of Scurry County, Texas for such quarterly period are fully and accurately reflected by the following tabulation attached hereto, incorporated herein by reference, and made a part hereof for all purposes;

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF we, the aforesaid and undersigned County Treasurer, County Judge, and each Commissioner, swear that the above and foregoing averments are complete and correct and that the requirements of Article 1636, Vernon's Annotated Civil Statues of Texas 1925, as amended, have been in all things duly complied with by the County Judge and each Commissioner aforementioned in the REGULAR Session of said Court of Scurry County.

Nelda Colvin,
County Treasurer
Rod Waller,
County Judge
Ralph W. Tevey,
Commissioner Precinct No. 1
Jerry House,
Commissioner Precinct No. 2
Howard L. Limmer,
Commissioner Precinct No. 3
Chloanne Lindsey,
Commissioner Precinct No. 4

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to by the said Nelda Colvin, Rod Waller, Ralph Trevey, Jerry House, Howard Limmer, and Chloanne Lindsey before me, the undersigned Scurry County Clerk for Scurry County, Texas:

ATTEST:
(s) Joan Bunch
County Clerk of Scurry County, Texas
(SEAL)

SCURRY COUNTY TREASURER
SECOND QUARTERLY SUMMARY

FUNDS	*CASH & INVESTMENT BALANCES DATE: 03-31-03*	*RECEIPTS*	*TRANSFERS IN*	*DISBURSEMENTS*	*TRANSFERS OUT*	*CASH & INVESTMENT BALANCES DATE: 06-30-03*
GENERAL						
Departmental				$783,867.09		
Jury				2,304.00		
Permanent Improvement				0.00		
Airport				47,140.48		
Health Unit				41,383.37		
Park & Coliseum				214,048.67		
Library				57,836.71		
TOTALS						
GENERAL FUND	$228,417.84	$1,466,838.32	$898,386.86	$1,898,289.20	$1,163,186.81	$86,043.83
PAYROLL CLEARING FUND	388.48	888.88	1,127,782.81	1,127,782.81	986.36	326.30
TEXPOOL FUND	8,716,844.76	26,347.86	348,888.27	0.00	1,281,218.27	7,738,842.72
ABANDONED VEHICLE FUND	4,882.81	136.43	0.00	88.88	0.00	4,878.88
SCURRY CO CONSTRUCTION FUND	188.88	188.32	220,388.88	220,481.88	0.00	326.16
HEALTH UNIT FUND	1,841.81	14,387.22	0.00	2,427.88	11,742.19	1,288.16
JUVENILE PROBATION FEES FUND	4,788.88	888.88	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,288.88
LIBRARY DONATIONS FUND	5,344.86	2,188.39	0.00	2,881.88	0.00	5,333.87
COGDELL DEPRECIATION FUND	25,822.86	123.88	120,888.88	141,433.34	0.00	4,313.41
COGDELL REFUND FUND	36,343.88	88.44	36,884.82	71,482.73	0.00	782.12
COGDELL PAYROLL FUND	827.88	334.82	1,321,348.88	1,321,348.88	0.00	982.88
COGDELL OPERATING FUND	(188,448.18)	3,784,384.38	438,881.38	2,388,827.88	1,838,483.78	(28,888.12)
COGDELL HEALTHCARE BENEFITS	(38,842.48)	78,888.18	278,888.78	321,382.77	0.00	238.88
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	$8,787,477.18	$5,344,888.34	$4,388,888.34	$8,878,338.88	$4,882,848.31	$7,888,418.88

Airport Revenue 2nd Quarter	$23,888.38
Interest 2nd Quarter	$34,811.88
Interest Earned to Date	$74,784.88

Nelda Colvin, Scurry County Treasurer
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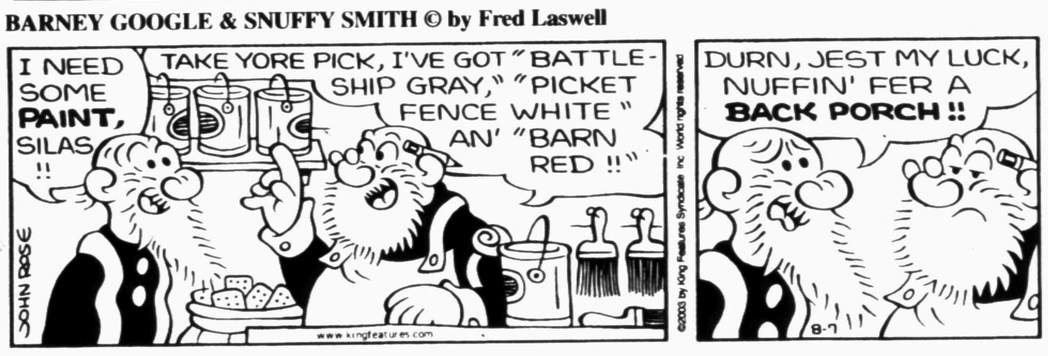
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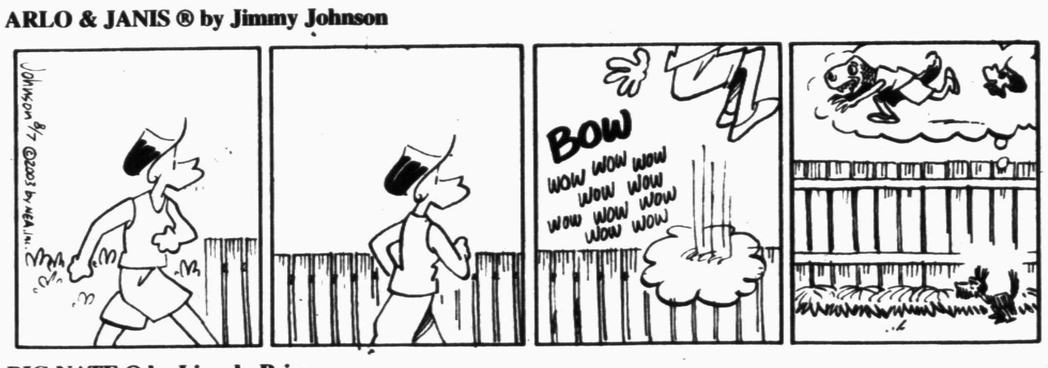
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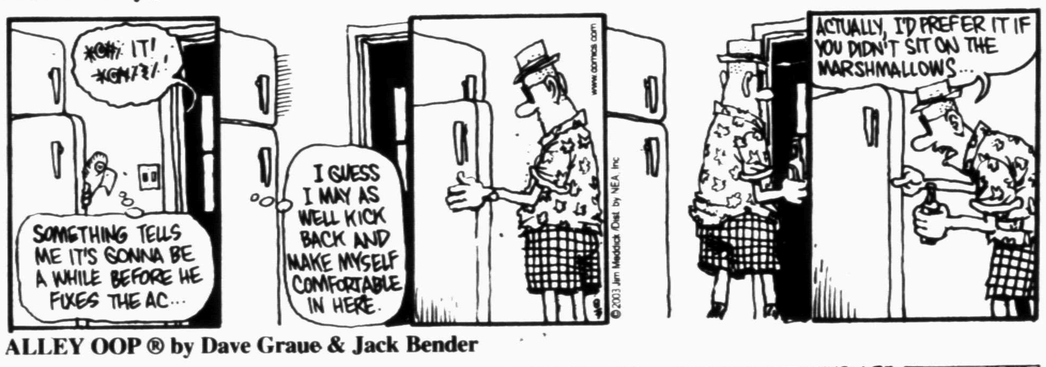
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NEA Crossword Puzzle

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5 Exchange
10 Graduates
12 Sped
13 Speaker's platform
14 Earnings
15 Candid
16 Denver hrs.
18 Relatives
19 Eye doctor
23 TD passers
26 Some
27 Bleaters
30 Feel excited
32 When to see stars
34 Craft
35 Gate pivots
36 Light sword
37 Fair-hiring letters
38 Tree's juice
39 Blackboard cleaners
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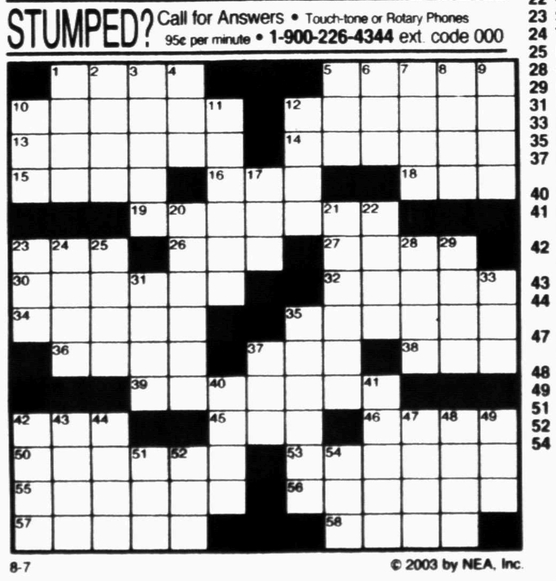
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6 Sinbad's bird
7 In a frenzy
8 Bruce's ex
9 Perfect place
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12 Type of pasta
17 Crafty
20 Guest
21 Prom honoree
22 One of a pair
23 Several pts.
24 Two-wheeler
25 Prune
28 Custard base
29 Mets' stadium
31 Lively joy
33 Kitchen meas.
35 Bray
37 Feminine ending
40 Sighs of relief
41 Damascus locale
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Answer to Previous Puzzle

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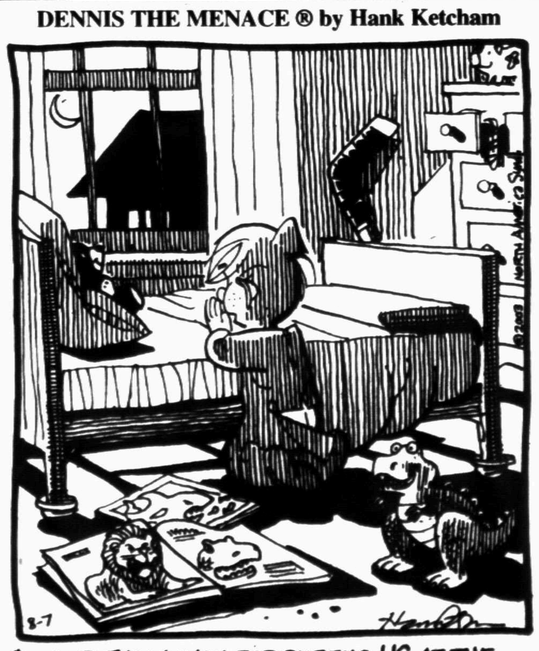
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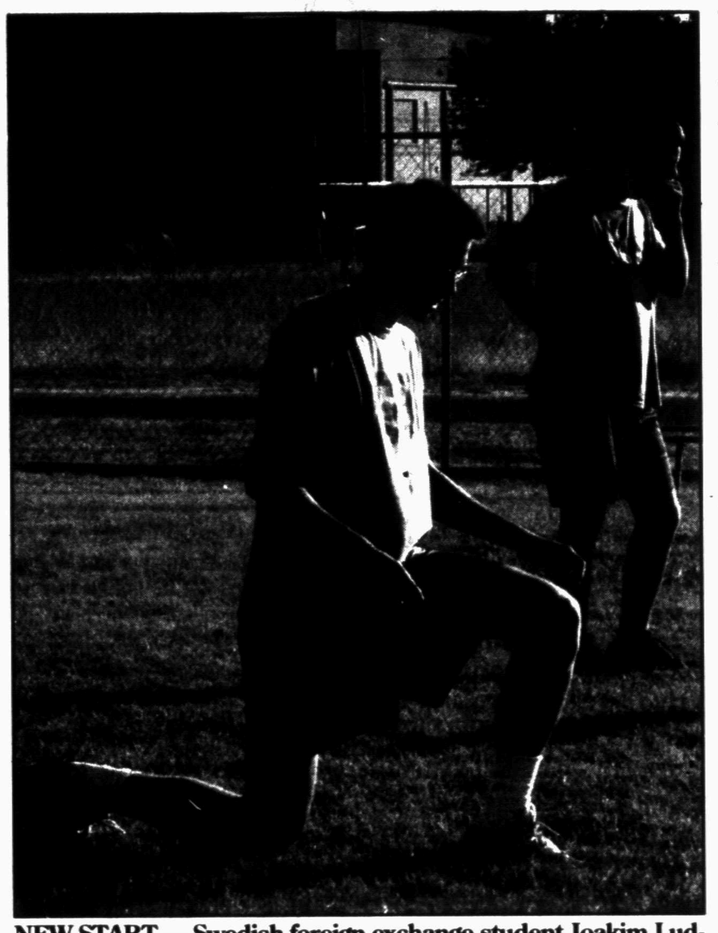


"Remember, only bend the ones that are not marked 'do not bend.'"

KIT 'N' CARLYLE ® by Larry Wright



SPORTS



NEW START — Swedish foreign exchange student Joakim Ludvik goes through knee lunges during the Hermleigh Cardinals' football practice this morning while returning starter Robby Anderson waits for his turn. (SDN Staff Photo)

Rangers solve Yankee bullpen in 5-4 victory

NEW YORK (AP) — Questions have been raised about the New York Yankees' bullpen all season.

Some may have been answered Wednesday, but others remained a mystery.

Closer Mariano Rivera threw away a bunt to set up Hank Blalock's two-run, pinch-hit single in the ninth inning as the Texas Rangers rallied for a 5-4 win over the Yankees on Wednesday night.

New York swapped right-handed relievers with the Seattle Mariners earlier in the day, reacquiring Jeff Nelson for Armando Benitez.

"We've won with him before," Yankees manager Joe Torre said of Nelson. "So there's a lot of questions already answered."

Nelson arrived at Yankee Stadium during the game, but was not in uniform.

The Rangers had been 0-59 this season when trailing after eight innings, but they came back against Rivera, who has blown three of his last five save opportunities.

"He's just had a bad week, he's human," New York shortstop Derek Jeter said.

"He's just in a slump," Torre added.

Rivera (5-2), who has five blown saves in 26 chances this season, walked pinch-hitter Rafael Palmeiro to start the ninth.

"I think with the first guy, he was little tentative," Torre said. "We know Rafael Palmeiro is a good hitter, but you have to go after him."

Palmeiro didn't think there was anything different about his latest battle with Rivera.

"He was challenging me," he said. "He always comes after me. I thought he was aggressive."

Donnie Sadler then sacrificed and Rivera's high throw sailed into foul territory for an error, putting runners on second and third.

Blalock followed with a single to right that scored pinch-runner Laynce Nix and Sadler.

"This kind of game happens in baseball," Rivera said. "Tonight, I lost on an error. That was the game. If I think about it, it's going to be worse. I prefer not to think about it."

The Yankees now lead the Red Sox by 2½ games after Boston's 4-2 win over Anaheim on Wednesday.

Ron Mahay (1-0) pitched two hitless innings and struck out three. Francisco Cordero worked the ninth for his sixth save.

Nick Johnson homered to start a two-run seventh inning that gave the Yankees a 4-2 lead.

Johnson's upper-deck homer, his sixth, came off Rangers starter John Thomson. David Dellucci then walked and scored on Enrique Wilson's double into the left-field corner, bringing on Mahay.

David Wells began the eighth for New York, but the starter was quickly relieved after he gave up Alex Rodriguez's leadoff home run, his 29th of the season and fifth in six games.

Wells allowed three runs on eight hits in seven innings. He walked Ramon Nivar in the first inning, his 12th in 153 2-3 innings this season.

The Yankees took a 1-0 lead in the second inning when Thomson's wild pitch scored Hideki Matsui. The Rangers tied it in the fifth on Sadler's sacrifice fly.

Jason Giambi put New York up 2-1 in the sixth with his AL-leading 33rd homer. Texas evened the score again in the seventh when Jason Jones singled, went to third on Sadler's double and scored on Todd Greene's grounder.

Sideline Views

by Bobby Allen



The offseason dedication of the Snyder Tigers has been evident the first three days of practice.

With temperatures climbing to as high as 104 degrees, the SHS gridders have had little problem with the heat and even less of a problem with the demands of two-a-days.

As head coach Chad Rogers said, after the work the guys put in during the summer, two-a-days are cakewalks for many of them.

Every player — from varsity QB to freshman linebacker — at two-a-days looks sharp and focused, and the business-like approach that Rogers talked about last week is on full display.

That's not to say these guys aren't having fun. The coaching staff and the players have plenty of laughs during practice. At Wednesday's late session, line coach Roger White cajoled and teased his unit, getting grins and effort at the same time.

Rogers has fostered an environment where the pressure to succeed is not an external force, but an internal drive to win that he has instilled in nearly every player.

The summer schedule for Snyder also includes afternoon drills under the glare of the West Texas sun.

While other programs often work around the hottest parts of the day, Rogers feels like the work in the heat will help his team be better acclimated for early games. And so far, the heat has not been a factor for the players, 95 percent of whom look to be in excellent shape.

The team will also hold a pair of night practices, so that the first time the team plays under the lights is not against Frenship in a situation that counts.

Practices also have run like a machine the first three days, with station rotations and drills moving fluidly, with little wasted movement and time.

The preparation also extends to the pre-district schedule, as Snyder will once again face two of the most powerful programs in the state — Abilene Wylie and Frenship — in the first two weeks.

If early indications are a guide for the near future, Snyder will be well prepared for Aug. 29.

The Hermleigh Cardinals have a new attitude and a returning group of players that well-remember the struggles of last season.

The team, which opens at home Aug. 29 against Spade, is getting leadership from returning starters, and has increased its numbers from last season.

The Cardinals will surprise some teams this year, just as head coach Don Jones has predicted.

The only folks who won't be surprised are the Hermleigh Cardinals.

And speaking of Hermleigh, second-year Lady Cards coach Becky Ponder — with eight runners on her team — has eight times as many girls out for cross country as she did last year.

Ponder has put the girls through their paces, running them two miles per day and engaging them in uphill sprints and weight training.

The same dedication in Snyder is apparent in Hermleigh as well, with several girls who are not keen on cross-country running to help get the program turned in the right direction.

Kudos to those Lady Cards willing to work to keep the team afloat, who are giving their time and sweat for the betterment of their school.

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TCU reports violations

FORT WORTH (AP) — TCU has reported two recruiting violations in its basketball program to the NCAA and accepted the resignation of an assistant coach.

The school said an internal investigation discovered that assistant coach Jai Steadman helped a basketball player draft an academic paper and gave a highly touted recruit transportation to Mexico to get an international student visa.

The current player who received help on the paper was not identified. The university said he only asked Steadman to proofread the paper but instead the coach expanded the contents of the draft. The assignment was never turned in for a grade.

The recruit who received help in getting a visa, Oluwafemi Ibikunle, has been declared ineligible pending an NCAA ruling on his qualifications.

Sports Briefs

Junior championship, parent-child tourney

The junior championship golf tournament will get underway at 9 a.m. Friday at Scurry County Golf Course, with a parent-child tournament getting underway at 9 Saturday morning. 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 Aug. 15 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.

At Pan Am Games...

No medal for U.S. hoops team

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic (AP) — Twelve talented college basketball players came to the Pan Am games to represent the United States, expecting to compete for the gold.

Three tight games in the first round taught them that they could play at the international level. Two losses in the later rounds left them without a medal, and with a few lessons to learn.

Puerto Rico beat the United States 76-70 Wednesday night, leaving the U.S. men without a medal at the Pan Am games for the first time in 32 years.

"I think our kids were disappointed we weren't playing for the gold," U.S. coach Tom Izzo said.

In the gold medal match, Brazil shook off the screams from the overflow crowd at Palacio de los Deportes, and beat the Dominican Republic 89-62.

While the American players got along well, they lacked chemistry on the court. Having played together for a short period, the offense lacked precision, sometimes buckling under pressure defenses.

"We were only together for about two weeks," said Connecticut's Ben Gordon, who led the team with 12 points in the bronze medal game. "It's very disappointing to go home without a medal."

Things fell apart in the second quarter when the Americans went scoreless for 4:27, and Puerto Rico opened a 23-point lead.

"They came ready to play and we didn't," Emeka Okafor of UConn said.

The U.S. team mounted a furious rally in the second half, but it wasn't enough. Trailing by 20, Team USA closed the third quarter with a 17-6 run and pulled within four with 3:49 left.

But the Americans went dry after that, and Puerto Rico held on.

The only other time the United States failed to win a medal in men's basketball was 1971, when it didn't advance out of group play despite having a 2-1 record.

The U.S. men last won gold in 1983 when Michael Jordan and Chris Mullin were on the roster.

Carlos Arroyo had 23 points and Sharif Fajardo added 22 for the winners.

Reliever signs with Houston

HOUSTON (AP) — Reliever Rick White signed with the NL Central-leading Houston Astros on Wednesday night, less than a week after being let go by the Chicago White Sox.

White was 1-2 with one save and a 6.61 ERA in 34 games for the White Sox. The righty was designated for assignment last Friday night.

"This was a move to pick up an experienced arm in the middle of a pennant race. He has experience pitching in a pennant race and in post season," Astros general manager Gerry Hunsicker said.

"This will give us more weapons out of the bullpen."

Major League Baseball

American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	68	43	.613	—
Boston	66	46	.589	2½
Toronto	57	57	.500	12½
Baltimore	53	58	.477	15
Tampa Bay	43	69	.384	25½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Kansas City	60	52	.536	—
Chicago	60	54	.526	1
Minnesota	57	56	.504	3½
Cleveland	46	67	.407	14½
Detroit	29	82	.261	30½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	69	44	.611	—
Oakland	66	47	.584	3
Anaheim	53	59	.473	15½
Texas	49	64	.434	20

Wednesday's Games

Chicago White Sox 4, Kansas City 3
Toronto 7, Tampa Bay 3
Boston 4, Anaheim 2
Texas 5, N.Y. Yankees 4
Oakland 9, Detroit 3
Cleveland 10, Seattle 6
Minnesota 7, Baltimore 3

Thursday's Games

Minnesota (Reed 5-10) at Baltimore (Lopez 4-6), 11:35 a.m.
Texas (Benoit 6-5) at N.Y. Yankees (Mussina 11-6), 12:05 p.m.
Oakland (Zito 8-9) at Detroit (Bonderman 4-15), 12:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Ra.Ortiz 13-8) at Boston (Burkett 8-5), 6:05 p.m.
Seattle (Garcia 9-11) at Cleveland (Traber 5-6), 6:05 p.m.
Kansas City (May 5-5) at Tampa Bay (Bell 2-2), 6:15 p.m.

National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	74	39	.655	—
Philadelphia	63	50	.558	11
Florida	62	51	.549	12
Montreal	58	56	.509	16½
New York	46	67	.407	28

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	61	52	.540	—
Chicago	58	54	.518	2½
St. Louis	58	55	.513	3
Pittsburgh	52	59	.468	8
Cincinnati	51	62	.451	10
Milwaukee	45	68	.398	16

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	70	43	.619	—
Arizona	59	54	.522	11
Los Angeles	57	55	.509	12½
Colorado	58	58	.500	13½
San Diego	44	71	.383	27

Wednesday's Games

Atlanta 10, Milwaukee 2
Houston 11, N.Y. Mets 1
Florida 7, St. Louis 3
Colorado 5, Philadelphia 1
Arizona 3, Montreal 2
Chicago Cubs 3, San Diego 2
Los Angeles 2, Cincinnati 1
Pittsburgh 2, San Francisco 0

Thursday's Games

Atlanta (Hampton 8-5) at Milwaukee (Obermueller 0-2), 1:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Millwood 11-7) at Colorado (Stark 1-0), 2:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Vogelsong 0-1) at San Francisco (J.Williams 5-2), 2:35 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Zambrano 9-8) at San Diego (Jarvis 4-3), 4:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Trachsel 9-7) at Houston (Redding 8-9), 7:05 p.m.
Florida (Beckett 5-5) at St. Louis (Tomko 7-7), 7:10 p.m.
Montreal (Ohka 8-10) at Arizona (Batista 7-6), 8:35 p.m.
Cincinnati (P.Wilson 6-8) at LA(Nomo 12-9), 9:10 p.m.

Gamboa attacker avoids jail

CHICAGO (AP) — A man who ran onto the field with his son during a major league baseball game and attacked the visiting team's first-base coach was sentenced Wednesday to 2½ years on probation.

William Ligue Jr. also was ordered to perform community service and remain in a substance abuse program.

Ligue pleaded guilty in May to two counts of aggravated battery for leading his teenage son onto the field at a Chicago White Sox game last September and beating coach Tom Gamboa of the Kansas City Royals.

Gamboa, in Chicago for a series between the Royals and White Sox, said he has a permanent "stuffiness" in his ear as a result of the attack and was disappointed by the sentence.

"I just think it's a poor message to get sent to the public," he said.

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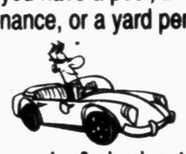
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FBI catalogs concealed weapons hidden in everyday items; warns aiports

WASHINGTON (AP) — The FBI is urging airport security personnel to watch for dozens of seemingly everyday items — from hairbrushes to crucifixes — that can conceal knives or other weapons terrorists could use to hijack an airliner.

Many cost less than $20, are readily available and can be difficult to detect using airport screening devices, according to an FBI statement accompanying the 89-page catalog obtained Wednesday by The Associated Press.

The catalog has been converted into a compact disc and circulated to airport screeners and law enforcement around the country amid heightened vigilance intended to prevent another suicide hijacking by al-Qaida.

"It was designed to raise security awareness for law enforcement and airline security," FBI spokesman Paul Bresson said.

U.S. law enforcement officials previously have warned that al-Qaida might use improvised or easily obtained substances to mount attacks, especially chemicals that are dangerous when mixed. What makes the FBI weapons list unusual is that most of the concealable knives, pepper spray devices and other items are inexpensive and can be purchased from manufacturers in the United States and other countries.

Knives can be concealed in belt buckles, hairbrushes and combs, working cigarette lighters, crucifixes, lipstick cases, canes, umbrellas, keychains, pens, mock credit cards and money clips. While many of the blades are small, others can be at least 4 inches long and some are sword-length.

Among the more exotic items is a deck of fake playing cards made of metal, with sharp edges, that can be thrown with deadly results. One fake key made in Japan conceals a knife and a smaller key that could be used to escape from handcuffs.

One device, called a "shuckra," is a metal tube containing a wire that, when locked into place, becomes a hardened spike that could be used as a dagger.

There are false name-brand soup, hairspray, shaving cream and cleanser cans with hidden compartments — the FBI calls them "can safes" — where weapons or dangerous substances could be placed. Fake books with hollowed centers are used as safes.

Each item in the catalog is shown with a ruler to give security personnel a sense of scale and an X-ray image of how it might appear when viewed in a screening device at an airport or building entrance.

The FBI's collection was purchased through catalogs, at knife shows and through other commercial outlets. Officials said none of the items were confiscated from passengers.

The 19 men who hijacked four jetliners on Sept. 11, 2001, and crashed them in New York City, Washington and southwestern Pennsylvania used common boxcutters as weapons. The FBI catalog is circulating at a time of increased security at airports based on intelligence collected from captured al-Qaida operatives and al-Qaida safe houses about plans for another attack using the nation's air travel system.

The United States has sent aviation experts to Iraq and major capitals in Europe and Asia to assess the security of commercial airports, The New York Times reported late Wednesday.

The U.S. investigators are determining whether the airports can be defended against shoulder-fired missiles, the Times reported.

The Transportation Security Administration forbids air travelers from carrying sharp objects into an aircraft cabin. The agency bans such items as boxcutters, metal scissors with pointed tips, meat cleavers, swords and ice picks.

But the FBI catalog notes there are many other razor knives and penknives that are used in construction and other businesses that could be just as deadly in the hands of a terrorist. Even plastic lettuce knives are included.

"Each of these tools was designed to cut and is fully functional in that respect," the FBI statement says. "Whether used to cut paper, cardboard or other material, these knives should be treated as potentially dangerous weapons."

UMass president, brother of fugitive mobster, resigns post

LOWELL, Mass. (AP) — University of Massachusetts President William M. Bulger had support from people in high places, but in the end, he couldn't escape the shadow of a fugitive mobster brother.

Bulger — whose brother is linked to 21 murders — resigned Wednesday after months of pressure, blaming "a calculated political assault" against the university by Republican Gov. Mitt Romney.

The university trustees voted to accept the resignation, and agreed to pay him more than two years' salary in a severance package totaling nearly $1 million. Bulger also is entitled to his state pension that will pay him more than $200,000 a year, said trustee Lawrence Boyle.

"Although we have met the challenges and are up to the task of meeting more, I increasingly believe that the university and its Board of Trustees should not be subjected to further assault," Bulger said Wednesday. "I hope that the step I take today will be helpful in our effort to provide a measure of protection for the university."

Boyle objected to the severance package which includes $695,000 in salary, plus $154,000 for a six-month sabbatical and other accrued benefits.

"We paid what they demanded," said Boyle, the only trustee to vote against the resignation. "It was inappropriate. There was a lot of room to negotiate."

Other trustees said the money was less than Bulger could have pressed for under terms outlined in his contract.

"I think this agreement is very fair, it's very reasonable, I think it's very fair to the university, I think it's very fair to the president," said trustee Robert Sheridan.

Bulger criticized Romney for "character attacks" on trustees and for creating a "litmus test" for new appointees to the board, apparently referring to Romney's plan to appoint trustees who would vote to fire Bulger.

Romney, who was rebuffed by the Legislature when he attempted to eliminate Bulger's job earlier this year, said Wednesday that he would no longer pursue eliminating the post.

"It's a positive development, positive for the students, positive for the university," Romney said of Bulger's resignation. "I think we can go forward now without a shadow of controversy over the university."

The 69-year-old Bulger's departure came just two months after UMass trustees gave him their support even as a storm of protest swirled around him and his recent testimony before a congressional committee investigating the FBI's ties to its mob informants.

In June, he had testified under a grant of immunity about his mob brother, Winter Hill Gang leader James "Whitey" Bulger, who has been on the lam since 1995. Whitey Bulger, who was allegedly a prized informant for the FBI even as he became a much-feared figure in Boston's underworld, fled just before his indictment on federal charges related to 21 murders.

While admitting he had spoken to his brother once since he fled, Bulger said he had no idea of his whereabouts and said there was little he could have done to steer him from a life of crime.

Cigarette wholesalers win temporary injunction

GREENEVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Nearly two dozen cigarette wholesalers won a temporary injunction Wednesday against Philip Morris USA and RJ Reynolds Tobacco Co. for pricing programs they claim stifle competition.

In his ruling, U.S. District Judge Ronnie Greer wrote he "has little doubt at this early stage of the litigation that the plaintiffs have established the elements" of a price discrimination case.

While a final judgment will await a jury trial, Greer said the injunction's impact on the tobacco companies could be substantial.

The wholesalers were ordered to post a $2 million bond — $1 million for each tobacco company — for costs and damages "as may be incurred or suffered" if a jury decides the tobacco companies should not have been enjoined.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



An unusual and troublesome problem

DEAR DR. GOTT: My daughter, 30, has an embarrassing problem that I hope you can solve. Her feet stink. Big time. She's tried foot powder, Odor-Eaters, sprays, creams and lotions — all without effect. Her shoes are a disaster area.

DEAR READER: Foot odor is always a challenging problem because often no treatable cause can be discovered. However, in some cases, the odor may result from chronic yeast infection of the skin of the feet.

I recommend that your daughter be examined by a dermatologist, who will obtain skin cultures to determine if a fungus is present. If so, anti-yeast medicine, such as Lamisil, may reduce the odor.

DEAR DR. GOTT: For the past three years, I've experienced bouts of explosive diarrhea an hour after eating. My doctor diagnosed spastic colon and put me on Immodium AD, which works, but I can't take it forever.

An upper GI X-ray study was normal. Now the doctor wants to refer me to a gastroenterologist. I'm only 24 and scared. What could be wrong with me?

DEAR READER: Despite your fear, you should unquestionably be examined by a gastroenterologist. You could have a form of colitis, celiac disease or something as benign as irritable bowel syndrome. The specialist will perform the necessary tests, such as colonoscopy, to make the diagnosis.

Your fears may be groundless. Most cases of chronic diarrhea in otherwise healthy young people are caused by treatable conditions. Follow your physician's advice about referral.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Constipation and Diarrhea." 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: My husband has osteonecrosis of his left ankle, which has been swollen and painful for 16 years. His orthopedic surgeon tells him that when he can no longer bear weight on the ankle, doctors can "freeze" the joint.

We have many questions. Is this the only treatment? If so, does it stop the pain? He is only 45 and would be more active and involved with our children if he weren't incapacitated by discomfort. You have helped more people than you'll ever know about, and we're hoping you can also help us.

DEAR READER: Osteonecrosis means that part of the bone has collapsed and died. This can be caused by an infection or a severe circulatory deficiency.

When osteonecrosis affects the ankle joint, it produces swelling and pain with movement that can be lessened — or even cured — by surgery to immobilize ("freeze") the joint. Also, bone transplants can sometimes be used to reconstruct the abnormal bone.

Because this is a serious disorder, your husband would do well to seek a second opinion from another orthopedic surgeon, preferably one in a large teaching hospital. I'm sure your husband's present surgeon would welcome such an option.

Although ankle-immobilization surgery would clearly restrict your husband's activities (because of a limp), this choice seems to me to be better than merely putting up with the pain and limitations that plague him now.

Thank you for the compliment. Let me know what the second surgeon has to say.

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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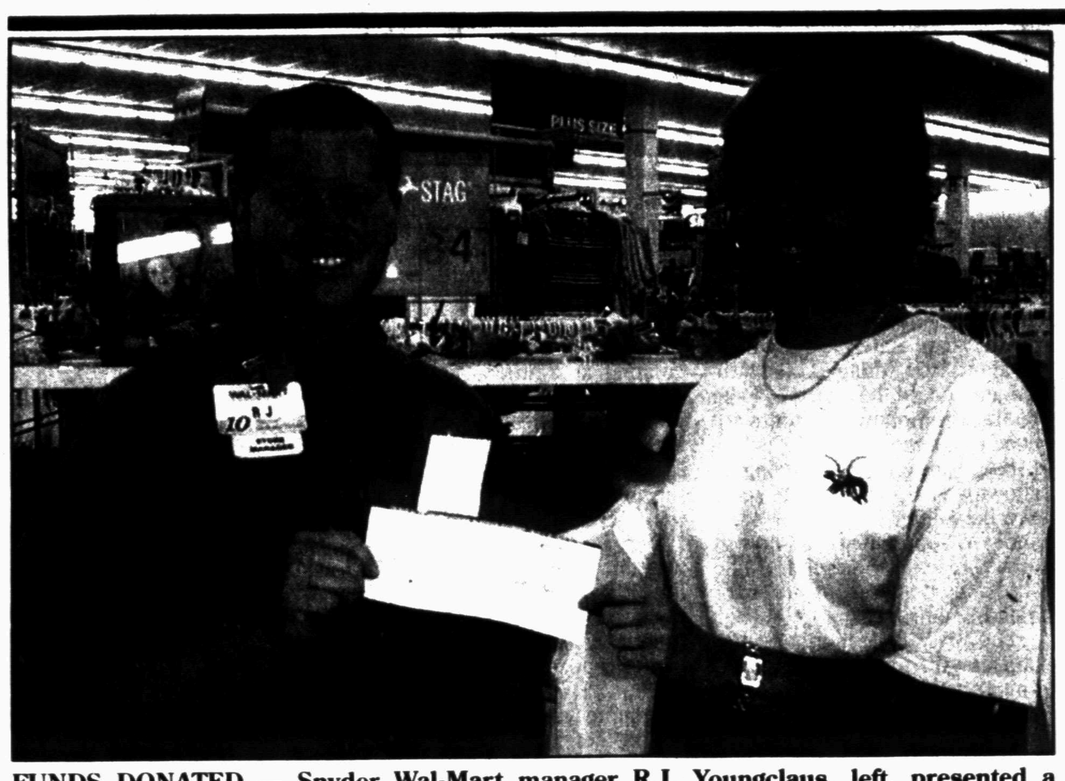
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Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP) -Morning stocks:

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AMR Corp	8.50	8.30	8.35	+ .04
AOL TimeWrn	14.98	14.76	14.89	—.01
AT&T Corp rs	21.55	21.01	21.07	—.29
Albertsons	18.75	18.57	18.61	—.15
Alltel	46.68	46.45	46.48	—.11
AmEl Pw	27.44	27.10	27.35	—.16
AndarkPtr	41.50	40.70	41.43	+ .73
ATMOS Egy	23.49	23.24	23.47	+ .27
Aviall	11.45	11.30	11.37	—.23
BP PLC	41.75	41.25	41.72	+ .23
BakerHughes	32.02	31.01	31.94	+ .82
Bank of Amer	80.57	79.63	80.19	—.41
BellSouth	25.77	25.50	25.70	—.11
BurlNoSFe	27.31	27.01	27.21	—.13
Caterpillar	66.90	65.60	66.84	+ .73
CenterPoint	8.18	8.10	8.12	—.01
ChevronTex	71.89	70.75	71.86	+ .98
Citigroup	43.72	43.13	43.63	+ .11
CocaCola	44.68	44.18	44.40	+ .30
ColgatePal	54.85	54.37	54.49	—.36
CmclMetals	17.26	17.05	17.13	—.03
ConocoPhill	53.26	52.79	53.19	+ .44
Cooper Inds	44.57	44.11	44.43	+ .03
DaimlrChry	35.43	35.08	35.40	+ .08
DeltaAirl	10.80	10.55	10.58	+ .07
Dillards Inc	15.09	14.70	14.92	+ .33
DowChem	34.00	33.59	33.94	—.06
DuPont	42.74	42.27	42.55	—.23
EastmanChem	34.85	34.45	34.75	—.31
EstKodak	27.50	27.17	27.49	+ .16
EDS Corp	22.12	21.89	21.98	+ .08
Entrgy	51.64	50.39	51.59	+ .07
ExxonMobil	36.16	35.61	36.14	+ .39
FootLocker	14.20	14.07	14.16	+ .17
GenDynam	78.69	77.98	78.59	+ .09
GenElec	27.83	26.70	27.71	+ .03
GenMills	45.68	45.26	45.26	—.24
GenMotors	36.71	36.34	36.40	—.16
GePacific	21.36	20.82	20.82	—.55
Goodrich	21.65	21.34	21.45	—.13
Goodyear	5.31	5.10	5.18	—.21
GtAtlPac	8.79	8.55	8.73	+ .21
Halliburtn	23.00	22.50	22.93	+ .43
Hanson ADS	29.75	29.60	29.74	+ .12
HarteHanks	18.80	18.55	18.56	—.28
HomeDepot	31.90	31.29	31.65	+ .33
Honeywellintl	27.90	27.45	27.88	+ .07
IBM	80.22	79.38	79.98	+ .23
IntlPaper	38.08	37.78	38.04	—.10
JohnsonJn	50.58	50.03	50.48	+ .27
KinderMorg	53.60	53.20	53.55	+ .11
Kroger Co	17.10	16.83	16.95	—.09
LockheedM	50.44	49.82	50.27	—.63
Lowes Cos	46.39	45.60	45.99	+ .18
Lubys	2.60	2.45	2.51	+ .01
LucentTech	1.76	1.72	1.74	+ .01
MarathonOil	25.40	25.11	25.29	—.09
MayDeptStr	25.90	25.52	25.56	+ .21
Medtronic	52.04	51.50	51.93	—.12
Motorola	9.27	9.10	9.14	—.15
NCR Corp	26.76	26.20	26.30	—.56
Navistar	39.90	39.36	39.52	+ .52
PNM Rescs	26.26	26.00	26.12	—.08
Penney JC	18.50	17.60	17.82	—.33
PepBoys	15.00	14.81	14.97	+ .17
PepsiCo	44.82	44.40	44.67	—.09
PhelpDodge	41.63	41.11	41.36	—.01
PilgrmPrd B	12.49	12.41	12.47	
Praxair	64.31	61.77	64.30	+ .62
ProctGamb	89.14	88.51	88.66	—.14
RadioShack	26.15	25.37	25.40	—.30
RoyalDut	44.51	43.97	44.49	+ .99
SBC Comm	23.53	23.22	23.41	—.04
SaraLee	19.05	18.90	18.97	
Scripps EW	81.72	81.42	81.52	+ .21
SearsRoeb	41.03	40.06	40.38	—.02
SherwinW	29.28	28.66	28.86	—.27
SouthernCo	28.25	27.91	28.18	—.04
SwstAirl	16.53	16.26	16.47	+ .04
SprintFON	13.89	13.70	13.77	—.28
SprintPCS	5.40	5.00	5.12	—.29
Sunoco Inc	37.30	36.45	37.30	+ .94
TXU Corp	21.06	20.74	21.01	+ .08
TempleInland	45.05	44.70	44.95	—.15
Textind	23.80	23.59	23.72	+ .05
Texasinst	18.34	18.06	18.16	—.09
Textron	41.74	40.91	41.04	—.62
TrinityInds	22.73	21.95	22.08	—.70
TylerTech	5.11	5.03	5.06	
UnionPacif	60.67	59.98	60.44	+ .44
USSteel	16.00	15.61	15.88	+ .26
UnitedTech	73.46	72.55	73.08	—.30
Unocal	29.48	29.00	29.47	+ .48
VerizonComm	36.06	35.72	35.81	—.24
WalMart	56.98	56.28	56.71	+ .97
WellsFargo	49.92	49.52	49.77	—.20
WstrnGasRs	37.40	36.45	36.56	—1.00
WinnDixie	11.64	11.49	11.62	
Xerox Cp	10.26	10.19	10.24	
YumBrands	29.24	28.87	28.87	—.20

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Convicted strangler avoids execution

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — After a flurry of late appeals, a man convicted of strangling a 3-year-old boy with the child's own underwear was spared a trip to the Texas death chamber when a federal appellate court agreed his claims of mental retardation should be reviewed.

Jose Alfredo Rivera received the news from a prison chaplain about three hours after he could have been put to death Wednesday evening and after he already had eaten his final meal that included tamales and enchiladas.

"He said he was not surprised because he has faith," Texas Department of Criminal Justice spokeswoman Michelle Lyons said, describing the inmate as "praying with the chaplain and wearing a black beaded rosary."

The U.S. Supreme Court earlier in the evening had rejected two rounds of appeals. Besides contending he was innocent, Rivera's lawyers argued the 40-year-old inmate was mentally retarded, making him ineligible for the death penalty under a high court ruling in another case last year.

In its three-paragraph ruling, a three-judge panel of the federal appeals court said after the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals "inexplicably decided to consider the evidence it previously declined to consider," that put the mental retardation claim properly before the New Orleans-based court.

"We believe ... he has made a sufficient prima facie showing to be authorized to proceed in the district court only on his claim of mental retardation," the court said.

New arguments now will go before a federal district judge in Brownsville.

Prison officials immediately transferred Rivera from the death house, at a prison in Huntsville, to death row, at a different prison about 45 miles to the east.

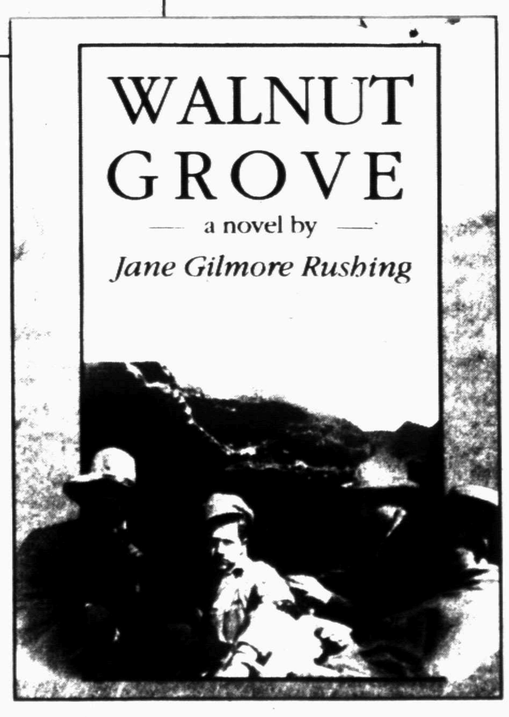
Rivera insisted he was innocent and contended a woman serving a life prison term for the slaying was the only person involved in the death of 3-year-old Luis Daniel Blanco 10 years ago at a park in Brownsville.

In another attempt to stop the execution, a Texas state senator, Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, who fled to New Mexico with other Democrats to stymie Republican efforts to reconfigure Texas congressional districts, wrote Gov. Rick Perry from Albuquerque late Wednesday afternoon, urging Perry to grant a reprieve for Rivera, citing the retardation claims.



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Prison-prepped dogs graduate after eight weeks of instruction

STATE FARM, Va. (AP) — Ignoring a fire hydrant with steely resolve, four abandoned dogs saved from death and transformed into pillars of the canine community wagged, panted and drooled as they graduated from a prison prep school.

After eight weeks of instruction for five to six hours a day, Alley, Shaggy, Tasha and Terry heeled, sat, lay down and stayed Wednesday to the delight of about 75 people looking on within the razor wire-topped fences of the James River Correctional Center.

Inmates here have turned scores of dogs into lovable, well-mannered pets adopted nationwide.

The Pen Pals program, begun in April 2001, is designed to lower the euthanasia rate at public pounds, provide job skills to inmates and teach prisoners respect for life.

Of the 60 dogs that have started the James River program, all but one have graduated, said Catherine Leach, director of Pen Pals for Save Our Shelters, an animal protection group that funds and operates the program.

"He was nervous, he was barking, maybe a little too high strung for living in prison," said Leach. Like the other dogs, however, he still found a home on the outside.

Tasha, a 2-year-old purebred Siberian husky, was the 10th dog trained by senior inmate trainer Anthony Orange.

"She was a little stubborn the first two or three weeks," said Orange. "She would bolt." On graduation day, Tasha was on her best behavior, complying with all commands and even ignoring two pieces of hot dog placed on the back of her paws until Orange gave her permission to eat.

Steve Marcus of Richmond has adopted Tasha as a companion for his other female husky.

"It's incredible what they've done with them," said Marcus. "I think it's the greatest program I've ever heard of for saving dogs from euthanasia."

Shaggy, of uncertain lineage, wound up in prison after his owner was shot to death, said inmate trainer Jay Earney. The 2-year-old flawlessly performed all the commands — blindfolded.

"It takes a special dog to do it. It takes a confident dog to do it," explained Earney.

Participating inmates receive no compensation but provide training that could cost as much as $1,000, Leach said. The inmates must be on honor status to get into the program, which is led by professional trainer Pat Lacy.

A fire hydrant served as an unintended centerpiece for the graduation ceremony on the prison lawn, but the dogs showed no interest in it.

Roger Walz, the prison operations officer, insisted it was only a coincidence that the dogs were lined up behind the hydrant, part of the prison fire safety system. "This is the best place we have to do this," he said.

The ceremony was filmed by the "Animal Planet" cable channel, which plans to air a 1-hour program on Pen Pals early next year.

The program was expanded this summer to the Fluvanna Correctional Center for Women and the Botetourt Correctional Unit. Later this month, a Pen Pals program will start at Buckingham Correctional Center, Leach said.

Boy dies from head injuries

AUSTIN (AP) — A 3-year-old boy left in the care of an aunt while his parents served in the Army in Iraq died Wednesday, five days after he was found malnourished and suffering from head injuries, a state official said.

Benjamin Davis was disconnected from life support about 5:30 p.m. Wednesday and died at Austin's Brackenridge Hospital, said Geoffrey Wool, spokesman for the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services.

The boy weighed just 26 pounds when he was admitted to the hospital Saturday. Wool previously said the boy's brain had been deprived of oxygen, his retinas were detached and his body was covered with what looked like human bite marks.

Benjamin's aunt, Aurora Garcia Muhammad, 32, has been charged with injury to a child, a felony. She had been caring for the boy and his two half-sisters, ages 3 and 6, since February, when his parents were deployed.

The sisters, as well as Aurora and Haqq Muhammads' 3-year-old boy and infant girl, were placed in foster care on Sunday, Wool said. He said the couple had no history of abuse.

The parents, whose names were not being released, returned to Austin on Monday to visit with their son at the hospital.

Army personnel are required to designate caregivers for their children if both parents are deployed.

According to police records, Haqq Muhammad was at work when he called police Saturday afternoon to report the injuries to Benjamin.

He told police his wife had called him to say Benjamin had choked on his food. She said after she struck Benjamin's back in order to clear his airway, he fell and hit his head on a table.

Former Farmers official alleges insurance group played favorites

AUSTIN (AP) — The former Farmers Insurance Group official accusing the company of giving a Texas lawmaker preferential treatment on his mold claims says that the company often illegally paid "buddies and influential people."

Isabelle Arnold, who was Farmers' national mold manager, said company leaders used what she called a "round-table" system for certain Texas customers — paying non-covered claims or giving more than what was due.

Arnold was fired in June and is suing the company on suspicions that she was terminated after asking higher-ups to stop favoritism.

Arnold said executives would meet privately to complete these deals. They'd always have an attorney present, she said, so they could later cite the attorney-client privilege of confidentiality and keep those files sealed.

Farmers spokesman Jeff Beyer in Los Angeles denied Arnold's accusations and said he's never heard the word "round-table" used for company business.

Arnold told the Houston Chronicle that she became suspicious of the company's relationship with Texas state Rep. Joe Nixon, R-Houston, in March.

Nixon, who previously received $300,000 from claims, wanted more money for damage done to his driveway during mold repairs.

Arnold said claims officials told her that a new driveway wasn't covered under Nixon's policy. She also questioned how much the legislator should have been paid on his other mold-related claims.

Arnold said she e-mailed Farmers vice president Jim Daues complaining about pressure on employees to wrongly pay Nixon because of his influence.

Daues' response said other Farmers officials, including Texas chief John Hageman, "wanted Mr. Nixon to be a friend of Farmers in the legislative session."

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Woman who copes with pain inspires teen to do the same

DEAR ABBY: "Smiling Through the Pain," a reader who has suffered with chronic pain since childhood, offered some wonderful suggestions to other people in her predicament.

I am 13, and I want her to know her message was very inspirational to me and helped me to realize a lot. I have depression and suffer from an obsessive-compulsive disorder called trichotillomania (hair pulling). I have considered suicide and I am in therapy.

When I read that letter, I felt like "Smiling Through the Pain" was talking directly to me. It made me realize that there IS a way to bounce back from the pain I have been experiencing.

I would like to thank that person for giving me back the hope that I lost a long time ago. — **A NOT-QUITE TYPICAL TEEN IN VIRGINIA**

DEAR TEEN: I'm sure the writer will be as delighted as I was to read your letter. I wish you continued success in therapy. **Read on:**

DEAR ABBY: Like "Smiling Through the Pain," I, too, suffer from chronic pain. When my doctor told me that there were no medications at this time that would make the pain go away, I asked, "How am I going to endure this?"

She replied, "Live one day at a time. Live each day to the fullest. Laugh heartily, love deeply, pray daily — and let the rest roll off."

I then asked, "How am I going to live with the pain?"

She said, "Surround yourself with positive things — positive people, sunshine, rainbows, roses, puppies and kittens."

After reflecting upon what she had said, I realized that this is a great prescription for anyone's life. That doctor probably saved mine. Not only did she give my monstrous disease a name, she helped me to make my life worth living again.

I have good days and bad. I curse the bad ones and praise God for the good ones. The "good" pain comes when I have accomplished what I wanted to do that day. The "bad" pain comes when I refrain from doing what I want to do — and hurt anyway.

Every day I get up, get dressed and have something planned to do. And, Abby, I try to perform at least one act of kindness for someone each day. Regardless of my pain, it makes each day seem fuller.

I hope you will find this letter appropriate to share with your readers. If it helps someone else who is hurting (for whatever reason), then my effort will not have been in vain. — **TRYING TO SMILE THROUGH THE PAIN, PARK HILLS, MO.**

DEAR TRYING: I don't know what act of will it took for you to compose your letter, but it is certainly worth space in my column. Your doctor is a wise woman, and you are far more than a survivor. Your philosophy will help more people than you know, and on my behalf and theirs, I thank you for sharing it. I wish you continued success in your daily battle. You are an inspiration.

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DEAR ABBY: I am 13 and have an older sister who ruins our family vacations. She turns everything into an argument and makes it impossible to enjoy family time together. We're going on a two-week trip soon and I don't want it to be a disaster. How can I get my sister to behave and not start World War III? — **SISTER TROUBLES IN NEW HAMPSHIRE**

DEAR SISTER: You are not responsible for your sister's behavior. Don't give her the power to spoil your vacation. When she acts out, distance yourself and tune her out. It appears you are more mature at 13 than she is.

If things do not improve soon, suggest to your parents that you ALL get to family counseling. It will be an opportunity to express your feelings with a professional therapist who will listen and help to improve your family's interaction.

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Schwarzenegger decides he will enter California's recall election

LOS ANGELES (AP) — With a surprise jump into California's recall race, actor Arnold Schwarzenegger touched off the heaviest tremors in the state's political earthquake to date, saying he wasn't afraid of attacks sure to come from Democrats and conservative Republicans alike.

But the aftershock from a day of topsy-turvy developments in the drive to recall Gov. Gray Davis came just hours later, when Lt. Gov. Cruz Bustamante broke party ranks to become the first prominent Democrat to declare his own candidacy.

Another Democrat, state Insurance Commissioner John Garamendi, will also take out papers to run, his press secretary said early today.

The announcements from Bustamante and Garamendi seemed to crack the foundation of Davis' survival plan, which until Wednesday had been keeping fellow Democrats off the ballot. Earlier in the day, Sen. Dianne Feinstein appeared to boost that strategy when the popular Democrat ruled out a run, saying the election was becoming "more and more like a carnival every day."

Then Schwarzenegger, 56, stole the spotlight when he announced his bid during a taping of "The Tonight Show," telling Jay Leno that it was the toughest decision he's made since opting for a bikini wax in 1978.

"The politicians are fiddling, fumbling and failing," the "Terminator" actor said. "The man that is failing the people more than anyone is Gray Davis. He is failing them terribly, and this is why he needs to be recalled and this is why I am going to run for governor."

Schwarzenegger's advisers had said in recent days that he was leaning against putting his name on the Oct. 7 election ballot because of opposition from his wife, journalist and Kennedy relative Maria Shriver.

After his "Tonight Show" appearance, Schwarzenegger told reporters he made up his mind only after his wife told him: "'You know something, I support you no matter what you do.'"

Schwarzenegger said he made the decision over the last few days and kept it a secret from everyone — even his own advisers said they didn't expect it.

Davis' campaign committee responded by saying Schwarzenegger was merely the latest in a long list of people who have declared their intent to run, noting that Hustler publisher Larry Flynt is among them.

"The more candidates who join, the greater the likelihood that a small minority of voters will be controlling California's future," read a statement from Californians Against the Costly Recall, which was speaking for the governor.

Meanwhile, Bustamante, a Democrat and the first Hispanic elected to any statewide office in more than 100 years, planned to file for his candidacy today, Bustamante spokeswoman Lynn Montgomery said Wednesday.

Bustamante's aides declined to elaborate on his announcement late Wednesday night. A spokesman for Davis also declined to comment on that development.

Today's chuckle

Quentin survives St. Louis gas chamber

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Cast into a city gas chamber to be euthanized with other unwanted or unclaimed dogs, it appeared the roughly year-old Basenji mix had simply run out of luck — and time.

But this canine had other ideas.



When the death chamber's door swung open Monday, the dog now dubbed Quentin — for California's forbidding San Quentin State Prison — stood very much alive, his tail and tongue wagging.

Animal-control supervisor Rosemary Ficken had never seen such a survivor, and she didn't have the nerve to slam the door shut again.

This 30-pound animal, she believed, beat the odds and should live on.

"She told me, 'Please, take him. I don't have the heart to put him back in there and regas him,'" said Randy Grim, founder and head of Stray Rescue of St. Louis, the charitable shelter that took in the dog before taking the animal's story public.

Quentin's ordeal was played and replayed Wednesday on local TV stations, drawing people looking to adopt him.

"To me, it's a miracle or divine intervention," Grim said. "I can't help but think he's here to serve a higher purpose. This case blew me away. This is amazing."

On Wednesday, Quentin was a little malnourished but "in very good condition," Grim said. He was being checked for heartworm and other maladies by a veterinarian.

"You can tell he's really digging it," Grim said. "He has a bed, love, food and water."

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Friday, Aug. 8, 2003

Before involving yourself in a new endeavor in the year ahead, it would be wise to tie up any loose ends on ongoing projects and see where they take you. You could reap a hefty return from things already begun.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — A misuse of your imagination today could lead you to believe that your everyday duties have suddenly ceased to exist. It might be fun momentarily, but what a load you'll be carrying by nightfall.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — If you yield to peer pressure today against your better judgment, don't think you won't end up regretting it. Anything you do contrary to your good sense will have a price tag attached to it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Outsiders, especially distant relatives and in-laws, should not be called in today to arbitrate a family problem. In fact, their involvement will only complicate matters and make things worse.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Plans about which you're quite excited should not be shared with anyone who tends to be a negative thinker. There is no better way to squelch your enthusiasm than with doom and gloom.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — If you find yourself involved in an unproductive investment, it might be wise today to cut your losses and get out before you are asked to pour more good money after bad.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Chances are it won't be an easy matter for you to function as independently today as you would ordinarily like. Be prepared for outside issues to make demands upon your time and energy.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Instead of fending for yourself today, you could try to shift your responsibilities onto associates, but you're in for a big surprise if you do so. Tactics of this ilk will misfire.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Your pals won't appreciate being bossed around today, so subdue any "let me run the show" tendencies. It's a group endeavor, and all must have a voice.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Unless you have the necessary fortitude and drive to keep going and not fold early today, you will not get anything of consequence accomplished. Go all out now and play tomorrow with a clear mind.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Usually you're the type of person whose optimism is easily aroused, but today you could refuse all opportunities to do so. Don't allow a negative attitude to engulf you and take over your affairs.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Either extreme in handling your finances is bad at any time, but today be extra diligent. Be sensible about protecting your interests, but don't become too self-serving.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — A lack of cooperation from those with whom you associate today could come from your insistence on having everything done your way. Show a greater willingness to compromise.

Get a jump on life by understanding the influences which are governing you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph year-ahead predictions by mailing $2 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092-0167

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Fully loaded, factory warranty, low miles, 2 to choose

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Explosion rocks Jordanian embassy

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — A powerful car bomb exploded outside the Jordanian Embassy today, hurling vehicles in the air and killing at least 11 people, including a woman and two children, morgue officials said. More than 50 people were wounded in the blast.

Later, a fierce gunbattle broke out in central Baghdad, wounding at least two U.S. soldiers. The violence followed a firefight the night before in which two American soldiers were killed, the military announced.

The deaths Wednesday night ended a four-day period in which no U.S. forces had been killed and brought to 55 the number of U.S. troops killed in combat since May 1, when President Bush declared major fighting over. The two were killed in a battle in the Al Rashid section of Baghdad, and their translator was wounded, the U.S. Central Command said.

Today's gunbattle erupted when a U.S. Humvee was attacked by rocket-propelled grenades, wounding two soldiers and destroying the vehicle, witnesses said.

The Americans responded with an assault on the source of the fire, a nearby two-story building, trading machine gun and automatic rifle fire with those inside. At least at 20 Humvees and eight Bradley fighting vehicles joined the counterattack, while three helicopters hovered overhead.

The military allowed about 20 civilians inside to come out with their hands in the air, some carrying white handkerchiefs. U.S. forces then stormed the building and emerged about five minutes later carrying a soldier, who was evacuated from the firezone. It was not known if the soldier was killed or wounded.

After the soldiers attacked, the building began burning and was gutted.

Elsewhere, U.S. forces captured four suspected leaders of the anti-U.S. resistance in predawn raids today, the military said, a day after the Americans netted 18 suspected Saddam Hussein loyalists and found a huge stockpile of weapons.

Lt. Gen. Ricardo Sanchez, commander of U.S. ground forces in Iraq, called the bombing of the Jordanian Embassy a "terrorist" attack and said it was "the worst on a soft target" since Baghdad fell to American forces April 9.

Asteroids named for Columbia astronauts

WASHINGTON (AP) — Seven asteroids circling the sun between the orbits of Mars and Jupiter are being named for the astronauts who died in the space shuttle Columbia accident, officials announced Wednesday.

Astronauts Rick Husband, William McCool, Michael Anderson, Kalpana Chawla, David Brown and Laurel Clark of NASA and Ilan Ramon of Israel died on Feb. 1 when Columbia broke up while returning to Earth from a 16-day orbital mission.

NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif. proposed naming the asteroids for the astronauts. The plan was approved by the International Astronomical Union and announced on Wednesday by the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory's Minor Planet Center, the officials clearinghouse for asteroid data.

The named asteroids were discovered by former JPL astronomer Eleanor F. Helin in 2001 using the Palomar Observatory near San Diego. The objects range in size from 3.1 to 4.3 miles in diameter.

"Asteroids have been around for billions of years and will remain for billions more," Raymond Bambery, head of the JPL Near-Earth Asteroid Tracing Project, said in a statement. "I like to think that in the years, decades and millennia ahead people will look to the heavens, locate these seven celestial sentinels and remember the sacrifice made by the Columbia astronauts."

There are more than 100,000 known asteroids, most of them orbiting the sun in a belt between the orbits of Mars and Jupiter. The largest, Ceres, is about 580 miles in diameter. Astronomers believe there may be millions of other asteroids, ranging from a half mile to many miles across.

Asteroids are thought to be rocky fragments left over from the formation of the solar system some 4.6 billion years ago.

The Columbia astronauts died when their spacecraft disintegrated during re-entry to the Earth's atmosphere. An investigation suggests that a hole was smashed through the heat shield on the craft's left wing when it was hit by foam insulation during launch. The extent of the damage was not discovered during the shuttle's mission. When the craft made its high-speed return to the atmosphere, the 3,000 degrees of heat from re-entry melted metal supports inside the wing and the whole craft broke apart.

Commissioners to meet Friday

Commissioners will meet Friday at 10 a.m. to crunch numbers for the 2003-2004 county budget.

No action is expected to take place and no other items will be discussed.

The court will meet again at 10:30 a.m. for more workshop business and to discuss progress made by the interlocal negotiations committee, which will meet at 8 a.m. that same morning.

Ashcroft memo paves way for more appeals of light sentences

WASHINGTON (AP) — Attorney General John Ashcroft has issued a memo to prosecutors nationwide seeking information about which judges impose light sentences.

The order directs U.S. attorneys to promptly report to Justice Department headquarters when a sentence is a "downward departure" from sentencing guidelines and not part of a plea agreement in exchange for cooperation.

Prosecutors were told to make sure the government is prepared to appeal more of these sentences if such a decision is made by lawyers in Solicitor General Theodore Olson's office. The upshot is that more decisions to appeal will be made at "main Justice" in Washington rather than left to prosecutors in the field.

U.S. Justice Department spokesman Mark Corallo said the intent of Ashcroft's memo is to "get an accurate reporting of how the sentencing guidelines are being applied."

"It is an effort to make sure that someone who is convicted of a crime in California is treated no differently than a person who is convicted of the exact same crime in Massachusetts," Corallo said today.

The memo, issued July 28, is part of a Justice Department effort to implement a law passed by Congress earlier this year intended to bring greater uniformity to prison sentences imposed by federal judges.

"The Department of Justice has a solemn obligation to ensure that laws concerning criminal sentencing are faithfully, fairly and consistently enforced," Ashcroft wrote in the memo, first reported Wednesday by The Wall Street Journal.

President Bush in April signed into law wide-ranging child protection legislation that, among other things, will establish a national "Amber Alert" communications network to respond to child abductions.

Tucked into that measure was a provision sponsored by Rep. Tom Feeney, R-Fla., intended to make it more difficult for federal judges to depart from federal sentencing guidelines and making it easier to appeal light sentences.

West African peacekeepers are welcomed into Liberian capital

MONROVIA, Liberia (AP) — West African peacekeeping forces drove into Liberia's rebel-besieged, famished capital today to deafening cheers from the city's people.

The triumphant arrival marked a step toward ending two months of bloody warfare in Monrovia that has killed at least 1,000 people, but it came as Liberia's political scene saw a step backward: President Charles Taylor's canceled his announcement of his successor, yet another delay in his much-anticipated resignation.

Blowing kisses and waving white handkerchiefs, the more than 100 Nigerian troops traveled 30 miles from their airport base into Monrovia in white armored personnel carriers, trucks and sports utility vehicles.

Thousands of Liberians crammed the shoulders of the roads along the way, chanting, "We want peace, no more war."

"I'm going with them," said Prince Phillip, one young man running alongside the convoy. "We need to eat, we're tired of this war."

The city's desperate people clamored for rescue from peacekeepers, meant to come between the warring parties and open up humanitarian corridors from the rebel-held port, allowing food and aid to flow into Monrovia.

Peacekeepers also are oversee Taylor's departure from the country into exile in Nigeria.

Under international pressure, the president has pledged repeatedly to resign only to hedge or renege on his promises. His cancellation today of a speech to Congress raised further questions about whether he would step down on Monday, as he has agreed to.

His spokesman, Vaanii Passawe told The Associated Press before the meeting's cancellation that Taylor would stick to the plan, which foresees him going into exile in Nigeria soon after he resigns.

"We are on course on the president relinquishing power," he said.

Officers investigate burglary of a vehicle, criminal mischief

•Burglary

At 9:38 a.m. Tuesday, Melody Vaughn reported her stereo had been stolen from a vehicle. A report for burglary of a vehicle was submitted.

•Criminal mischief

R.J. Kidd reported at 9 a.m. Tuesday that windows had been broken of a building at 1746 Voss Lane. A report for Class B criminal mischief was filed.

At 12:28 p.m. Tuesday, Paul Wilson reported that vehicles he parks on Loyd Mountain Road had broken into.

Tuesday at 5:44 a.m., Victor Rushing of 2800 Ave. U requested officers in reference to someone throwing an object through his front window. A Class A criminal mischief report was submitted.

•Minor accident

At 2:52 p.m. Tuesday, a two-vehicle accident occurred at 2800 Denison. Vehicles involved were a 2002 Ford pickup, driven by Robert Eugene Roland, 18, of 1001 County Road 4131, and an unoccupied 1996 Chrysler, owned by Rachel Rivera of 107 Elm Street. No injuries were reported.

•Fire call

Snyder Fire Department responded to a call at 11:41 p.m. Wednesday at a residence on 2901 West 23rd. A man and his son were sleeping when the son woke to the smell of smoke. The cause of the fire was determined to be an electrical short on the doorbell transformer. Firemen were able to pinpoint the hotspot using a thermal imaging camera. A smoldering section was removed from the ceiling and extinguished outside. Two fire trucks and 12 firefighters responded. No injuries were reported.

Obituaries

Speedy Balague

1948-2003

O'DONNELL — Juventino "Speedy" Balague Jr., the father of Cindy Massingill of Fluvanna, died Tuesday, Aug. 5.

Funeral service for Mr. Balague, 54, was set for 2 p.m. today in the St. Pius X Catholic Church in O'Donnell with the Rev. Leonardo Pahmtang officiating. Interment will follow in the Gail Cemetery under the direction of White Funeral Home.

Born Sept. 21, 1948 in Dilley, he moved to O'Donnell 33 years ago. He was a farmer and employed by the Stephens family for 33 years. He was a Catholic.

Survivors include his wife, Jesusa Balague of O'Donnell; a son, Juventino Balague III of O'Donnell; two other daughters, Vida Gerda of Southlake and Thelma Balague of O'Donnell; his parents, Jose and Elvira Castillo of Poteet; three brothers, George, Thomas and Ricky Balague, all of San Antonio; three sisters, Mary, Nelda and Graci, all of San Antonio; and four grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the Borden County EMS or to the American Cancer Society.

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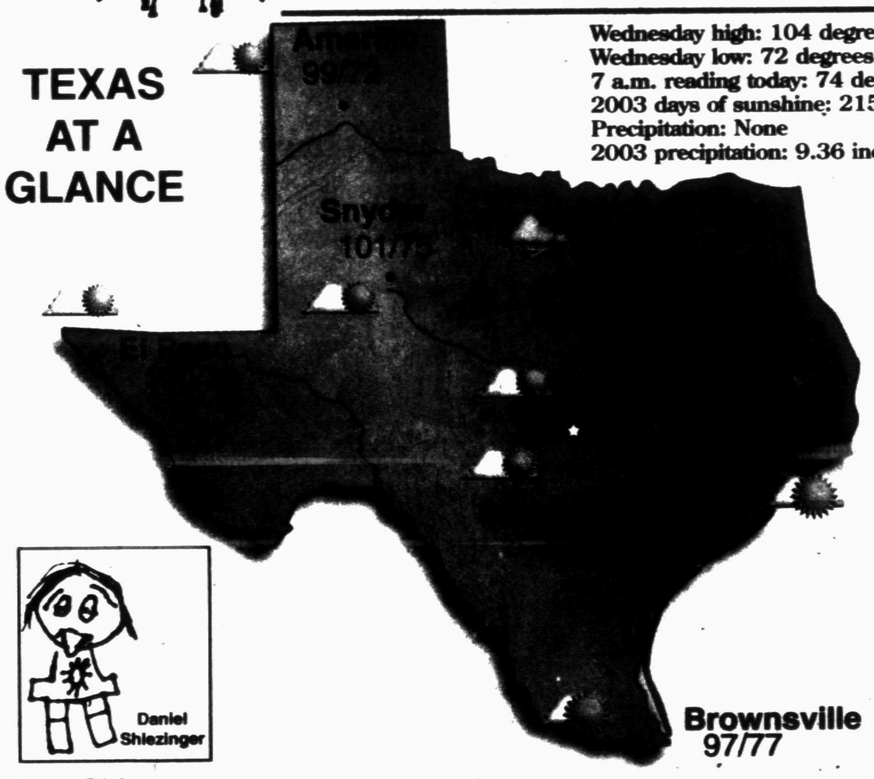
Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Fri 8/8	Sat 8/9	Sun 8/10
101/75	99/74	105/73
Partly cloudy skies. High 101F. Winds S at 5 to 10 mph.	Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the mid 70s.	Partial sunshine. Highs 103 to 107F and lows in the low 70s.
Sunrise 7:02 AM, Sunset 8:36 PM	Sunrise 7:03 AM, Sunset 8:35 PM	Sunrise 7:04 AM, Sunset 8:34 PM

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TEXAS AT A GLANCE



Wednesday high: 104 degrees
Wednesday low: 72 degrees
7 a.m. reading today: 74 degrees
2003 days of sunshine: 215 of 218
Precipitation: None
2003 precipitation: 9.36 inches

Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond	City	Hi	Lo	Cond	City	Hi	Lo	Cond
Abilene	102	78	mst sunny	El Paso	100	76	pt sunny	Midland	104	76	mst sunny
Amarillo	99	72	pt sunny	Fort Stockton	102	74	mst sunny	Raymondville	99	75	pt sunny
Austin	100	74	pt sunny	Gainesville	101	75	t-storm	Rosenberg	98	73	mst sunny
Beaumont	96	73	mst sunny	Greenville	99	74	t-storm	San Antonio	100	77	pt sunny
Brownsville	97	77	mst sunny	Houston	97	74	mst sunny	San Marcos	101	75	pt sunny
Brownwood	103	75	mst sunny	Kingsville	98	74	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	100	73	mst sunny
Corpus Christi	96	77	pt sunny	Livingston	98	71	mst sunny	Sweetwater	102	76	mst sunny
Corsicana	100	75	t-storm	Longview	96	71	mst sunny	Tyler	98	74	sunny
Dallas	102	79	t-storm	Lubbock	102	75	pt sunny	Weatherford	101	74	mst sunny
Del Rio	103	79	mst sunny	Lufkin	97	72	sunny	Wichita Falls	103	78	mst sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond	City	Hi	Lo	Cond	City	Hi	Lo	Cond
Atlanta	84	65	pt sunny	Houston	97	74	mst sunny	Phoenix	108	86	pt sunny
Boston	80	70	t-storm	Los Angeles	83	64	sunny	San Francisco	72	56	windy
Chicago	75	61	pt sunny	Miami	86	78	t-storm	Seattle	72	56	rain
Dallas	102	79	t-storm	Minneapolis	82	65	pt sunny	St. Louis	84	66	pt sunny
Denver	90	63	t-storm	New York	82	73	t-storm	Washington, DC	85	74	t-storm

Moon Phases

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

UV Index

Fri 8/8	Sat 8/9	Sun 8/10
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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