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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

WEDNESDAY

Home of Billy & Louise Blythe

At noon Thursday...

Personnel tops SISD meeting agenda

Snyder ISD trustees will meet in special session at noon Thursday with personnel matters as the only agenda items.

Supt. Ronny Collins said Tuesday that it is possible he will make his recommendations concerning contract extensions for two assistant superintendents at the meeting.

While both have one year left on their current pacts, no action has been taken on extending the contracts of Kinney Waller or Melissa Jones.

Waller serves as the district's chief financial officer and Jones heads up personnel, curriculum and special programs.

Both have contracts that expire at the end of the upcoming school year.

Dr. Collins, who has been superintendent only since April 1, said following the regular board meeting June 12, that he is still in the process of reorganizing duties for the administrators.

"I'm still in that process," Dr. Collins said Tuesday.

"If things are in line Thursday, the board can act because it is on the agenda."

Both Waller and Jones were hired under the administration of former superintendent Gayle Lomax who abruptly resigned from the district last August after serving as superintendent for nine years.

Under Lomax's administration, both positions were given assistant superintendent titles.

Dr. Collins also is expected to present his recommendations for other positions in the district, including teachers and counselors.

Action also is expected on the resignations of Brenda Russell, high school resource teacher; and Derick Price, junior high social studies teacher and coach.

The meeting will be in the boardroom at the administration building and part of the meeting is expected to be in closed session to discuss personnel.

TWO INJURED — Emergency personnel responded to this accident on 25th Street and Ave. E shortly after noon Tuesday. The driver and a passenger on the motorcycle, Larry and Joan Wood of Sandy, Ore., were injured and transported to Cogdell Hospital, then to Covenant Hospital in Lubbock. Both were listed in stable condition today. Elvis Pinkerton, driver of the second vehicle, was not injured. (SDN Staff Photo by JoAnn Nunley)

Windham office takes hit, but remains open

There is good news and bad news related to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice in Snyder.

Snyder will continue to be the location of the regional Windham School District office, but the staff will cut from eight to four. The regional office to be eliminated is in Huntsville.

Price Daniel Unit Warden Wilhelmenia Howard attended a warden's meeting Tuesday in Wichita Falls and was meeting with her staff this morning and did not immediately return phone calls.

Larry Todd, spokesman for TDCJ in Austin, confirmed that reduction-in-force would impact all units in the state as an estimated 1,500 administrative and support positions will be eliminated.

Todd said he did not have specific details on how the layoffs would affect employees at the Price Daniel unit but targeted positions within TDJC include chaplains, classification records headquarters, counsel substitutes, court room clerks, generic unit clerks, mail room positions, office of inspector general, Operation Kick-it and parole division positions.

Price Daniel has been without a chaplain for more than a year. Snyder also has a parole office, but Todd said there are no plans to cut any parole officer positions.

Todd said that any affected personnel would be given consideration — close to home as possible — for any available security positions. Currently, the agency is 2,000 short of needed correctional officers.

During the week of July 7, the agency's human resource department will be available for meetings on all units.

The layoffs are a result of state-wide budget cuts because of a $10 billion revenue shortfall.

Three staffers — two instructors and a secretary — were eliminated from the Windham staff. Statewide, 169 teacher positions were cut.

DCOS meeting takes 8 minutes

Directors of the Development Corporation of Snyder convened for only eight minutes this morning.

After the brief executive session, Chairman Dayton Robertson announced that no action would be taken.

The DCOS board has met twice this week and recessed Monday's 12-minute meeting until 10 a.m. today.

Last week, the board had met with three representatives of Snyder Brick and Tile.

Present this morning were Robertson, Mark Cypert, Roy McQueen, Mayor Francene Noah and John DeLille, DCOS executive director.

Federal Reserve set to lower rates

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal Reserve policy-makers appeared ready to ratchet down a key short-term interest rate to its lowest level in 45 years in the hope it will energize consumer spending and business investment and help the economy snap out of a funk.

The quick, postwar economic boom that some economists had hoped for hasn't materialized. For the most part, businesses have been reluctant to ramp up capital spending and hiring, major factors holding back the economy's ability to return to full health.

Consumers, meanwhile, have been the main force keeping the economy afloat. Even they, however, have been more inclined to spend cautiously than to splurge amid the muddled economic climate and sluggish job market.

"It's hard to escape the feeling that the economy is just barely treading water," said Carl Tannenbaum, chief economist at LaSalle Bank. "There isn't a lot of energy out there."

From 99 to 50 beds...

Cogdell board will consider change in hospital licensing

Cogdell Memorial Hospital board of managers will review a recommended change in the licensing of the hospital from a 99-bed facility to 50 beds when it meets Thursday morning at 8 o'clock.

Hospital CEO George Parsley said the action is related to the rural health clinic.

"To get the maximum reimbursement from Medicare for the Rural Health Clinic, the hospital will have to be licensed for 50 beds or fewer," Parsley noted.

Parsley said the hospital does not use 50 beds now, even though it is licensed for 99.

"This is a compliance issue, as well," said Parsley. "If the state health department came in and asked to see our 99 beds, we couldn't show them to them because we don't have them."

The hospital board has discussed allowing Covenant Health Systems to use Cogdell Hosptal's rural health clinic provider number as part of a proposal to keep the Family Healthcare Clinic open in the community.

This would allow Covenant to recoup the higher Medicare payments while the community would maintain the present number of physicians, and the financial risk for the hospital would be eliminated in the operation of the clinic.

The proposed arrangement should generate more income for Cogdell as all lab and X-ray work would be conducted at the hospital.

The board also will act on a number of recommendations that were presented at the last board meeting where action could not be taken due to lack of a quorum.

These include granting medical staff privileges to Dr. Robert Cyr, podiatrist; the first quarter quality-improvement report; safety report; and changes in policies and procedures.

The board also will discuss appointments to the Cogdell Memorial Hospital Foundation, and the Home Health Professional advisory council.

Chief Financial Officer Jared Squires will report on the monthly financials, and board members will consider certifying the accounts payable. Parsley also will give his monthly report.

The meeting will be in the hospital boardroom.

New Mexico fire forces hundreds from their homes

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — A wildfire that leapt the Rio Grande forced about 1,000 people, including the mayor's family, to temporarily evacuate their homes and prompted the governor to declare a state of emergency.

The blaze burned through 700 acres of brush along the river, causing a power outage that left 16,000 homes and businesses in the dark. Interstate 40, which crosses the river, was shut down for several hours.

"We are pretty sure it was caused by fireworks," Albuquerque Fire Chief Robert Ortega said today.

Most of the evacuees were allowed to return Tuesday night, Ortega said. A house under construction was destroyed and another home was damaged.

The wildfire was one of many burning in Arizona and New Mexico. Firefighters in both states were hampered by hot, windy weather, low humidity and dry vegetation.

Firefighters were still mopping up spot fires in the Albuquerque area today, Ortega said.

Fire Department Lt. Lynn Reule said 50 firefighters were at the scene today morning, down from a peak of 140 Tuesday.

The fire burned along the west side of the Rio Grande, then jumped the river, at one point threatening an area of high-priced homes about two miles from downtown Albuquerque. Among those evacuated were the wife and children of Mayor Martin Chavez.

"You can see the flying embers, it's scary," said Liz Lardizabal, whose home is on the west side. "The whole street in front of our house is solid with fire trucks."

THE SDN COLUMN

MY TURN

by Jo Ann Nunley

This is what summer vacation is all about.

We are allowed the most treasured, special time this week of having two out of three grandchildren from Austin and two local grandchildren visiting with us for a week.

During this time a third Austin granddaughter was accompanied by her mother and father this week to Atlanta, Ga., where she is playing in a national volleyball tournament.

While fretting for a few weeks about how to prepare for special times to build memories for them, the following E-mail informational guide comes in.

Where the following advise states *children* — we replaced with *grandchildren*; and *on-the-road* suggestions we thought of as *activities in general*.

• Remember the big picture. A family vacation can be a perfect opportunity to create fun and lasting memories. Consider making learning, loving and living in the moment your highest priority, rather than getting to a particular destination.

• Share appreciations and praise. Families do best when everybody (including adults) feels appreciated. Notice the good things and praise your kids, aiming for at least a 5:1 ratio of positive to negative statements.

• Don't relax the rules and routines too much. Younger children can't "sleep in," as later or irregular bedtimes can create sleep deprivation and irritability. Kids thrive when parents provide lots of love and warmth, but also firmness and structure.

• Give lots of time to blow off steam. Being away can be exciting but also stressful. Join in and help your children express themselves physically and emotionally through exercise and activities.

• Provide practice at making decisions. If done in moderation, handing over some decisions to the kids is a terrific way for them to learn planning and thinking skills.

• Have family meetings. This is an ideal way to air feelings, make group decisions and help everyone feel respected for their preferences. Don't forget that you're all in the same boat. When tensions flare, it's time to attend. If siblings aren't getting along, a good "repair kit" is to have them work things out by sitting face to face, listening to and acknowledging each other's feelings.

• Honor individual differences. Travel often highlights some differences between family members; preferences around food, activities, how much time to be active vs. relaxing, etc. It's a fabulous time to learn to compromise and take turns leading and following.

• Be prepared for idle times. In addition to the travel bag of games and CDs, have some games to use when you're waiting or standing in lines (e.g., guessing which hand a coin is in). It's also fun to let the kids safely scout out new places and come back to give you a report.

• Allow some down time. Families are often not accustomed to being together all the time. Allow some ebbs and flows of being together and apart, and of quiet and more active times.

• Listen to your own needs. Create time to be apart from the children and nurture yourself and your adult relationships. It's a win-win situation. One of the greatest gifts you can offer your children is your own sense of happiness and well-being.

ASK US

Q—When can fireworks stands open and when do they have to close?

A—Fireworks may be sold beginning 10 days prior to July 4 and sales must cease at midnight on the 4th.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

Joe Dan Jones

...has been a professional engineer for TxDOT for 11 years. This is his 19th year to live in Snyder. His wife, Linda, works for the county library. Their daughter Tiffany and husband Josh Rodgers are moving to Temple. Alicia lives in Lubbock and Melissa attends Texas Tech. Vanessa and Chad Arnwine live in Lubbock. In his spare time, Joe Dan works with woodwork and he is a member of Snyder Wheels and the Gas Airplane Club.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Time is everything. Anything you want, anything you accomplish — pleasure, success, fortune — is measured in time.

—Joyce C. Hall

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Vacation Bible School

Central Baptist Church in Hermleigh is hosting Vacation Bible School daily through Friday from 5:30-7:40 p.m. For more information, call 863-2305.

East Side VBS

Vacation Bible School at East Side Church of Christ is set daily through Thursday from 9 a.m. until noon. Children from kindergarten through fifth grades are welcome. For more information call 573-3583.

Class of '83 planning meeting

The SHS Class of 1983 will have a reunion planning meeting at 7 tonight at the home of Mark Cypert, 2701 30th St. All class members are invited to participate. For information call Kirk at 573-3204 or Donna Joplin Dupree at 573-0774.

Senior swimnastics

Swimnastics for senior citizens is held from 10 to 11 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the WTC pool.

FBC services televised

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

You Can't Take It With You

Tickets for *You Can't Take It With You* will be on sale daily from 2-5 p.m. at the Ritz Theatre box office. Performances are 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2:30 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are $7 each. Senior citizens and student tickets for Sunday are $5. Groups of 10 or more will cost $5 each. Call 573-8880 for more information.

WTC reunion

A reunion of students of Western Texas College for the years 1971-73 will be held Friday and Saturday. Reunion headquarters will be the Willow Park Inn.

For more information, contact Sharron Autry, 1-806-467-8605, or email sharronautry@yahoo.com, or Sharon Moore Mealer at 1-210-491-9306, or email exsec123.@aol.com.

Fluvanna Baptist special speakers

Fluvanna Baptist Church will have Dr. Kent Brooks and children's book author Mike Daniels speak at services at 10 a.m. Sunday.

Calvary Baptist patriotic service

Calvary Baptist Church, 2403 35th Street, will Celebrate America at its 10:15 a.m. service Sunday. Featured will be the Honor Guard from Dyess Air Force Base, followed by the presentation of *America* by the adult choir. Special music also will be provided by the Calvary Baptist Men's Group.

Brisket dinner

Our Lady of Guadalupe Baile Folklorico will hold a brisket dinner from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Sunday at the Northeast Elementary cafeteria. Adult tickets are $5, while children tickets are $3. All proceeds will be used to buy costumes.

God and Country Service

Scurry County's annual God and Country Service will be held at 6 p.m. Sunday at Colonial Hill Baptist Church.

SHS football program ads

Advertisements are now being sold for the 2003 football program. Anyone interested in purchasing an ad can call Christy Smith at 573-6301.

Sonshine registration

Sonshine School at 37th St. Church of Christ is currently registering students for the fall semester. For more information, call director Wendy Barnett at 574-1960.

GED registration, test dates

Mandatory pre-registration for the TED test will be next Wednesday at the GED testing center, Building 7B, at WTC from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. The math segment of the test will begin at 8 a.m. Thursday, July 3. For more information, call 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.

WTC holiday notice

Offices at Western Texas College will be closed Monday, July 7, in observance of the July 4 holiday. However, night classes will still be held.

Gateway Family Services raffle

Gateway Family Services is raffling a 2003 anniversary edition Harley Davidson Road King motorcycle. Only 2,500 tickets will be sold. The raffle will be held July 4th in Towle Park. Tickets may be purchased at D&D Auto, Purple Sage Motel, Ira Pump & Supply and by calling Gateway's administrative office at 573-4351.

Class of 1993 reunion

The SHS class of 1993 is planning a 10-year reunion on July 12. Classmate addresses are needed. Contact Catalina Jones at 573-5045, or e-mail class of 93shs@yahoo.com.

SHS 1967-68 reunion

Snyder High School classes of 1967 and 1968 will have a class reunion July 5 at Jack Greene's park starting at 7 p.m. Barbecue and music will be provided. Cost is $15 per person and those attending are asked to bring lawn chairs or blankets. RSVP by June 25. Contact Gina Rhodes at 573-2400, or Janet Lay at Janetlay@remax.net.

Plane returns after engine failure

BOSTON (AP) — A Northwest Airlines flight headed for Amsterdam returned to Logan International Airport Tuesday night after one of its engines failed, authorities said.

There were no injuries, said Jeff Smith, a spokesman for the airline.

Flight 38 took off around 7 p.m. with 255 passengers and 10 crew members on board. As the DC-10 took off, people in the terminal saw flames coming from an engine on the plane's tail, said Massachusetts Port Authority spokesman Phil Orlandella.

The plane landed safely about 20 minutes after it took off, Orlandella said.

The crew noticed the engine trouble on takeoff and immediately decided to turn back, Smith said. The plane can fly and land with just one engine.

House approves billions for 'Homeland'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans are congratulating themselves for whisking the first bill financing the new Homeland Security Department through the House, winning unanimous Democratic support.

Despite their votes, Democrats said the $29.4 billion measure came up short.

The GOP-run chamber voted 425-2 on Tuesday to approve the legislation, which increases spending for state and local emergency workers, steps to thwart bioterrorists and port protection.

"The House has fulfilled our promise to better secure America by ensuring the Department of Homeland Security has the tools it needs to thwart terrorist activity," House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., said after the vote.

Democrats said the bill was shy of a strenuous effort to shore up gaps in the nation's defenses against terrorism. They said the bill's $100 million to buttress security at ports, for example, is a small fraction of the $4.4 billion the Coast Guard has estimated will be needed over the next decade.

"There are gaping holes in our security, and at the rate we're going it will be many years before they can be filled," said Rep. Jose Serrano, D-N.Y.

GOP Reps. Ron Paul of Texas and Jeff Flake of Arizona were alone in voting "no." The Senate has yet to produce its version of the bill.

The measure would finance the 22 agencies — and more than 170,000 workers — merged into a new Cabinet-level department by legislation enacted last November.

The biggest federal reshuffling in half a century was initially opposed by Bush and derided by critics as a rearrangement of the federal bureaucracy. Eventually it gained White House support and broad bipartisan backing.

The department includes the Coast Guard, Transportation Security Administration, Customs Service and Border Patrol — but not the FBI or CIA.

Until now, its component agencies were financed in several separate spending bills. The legislation considered Tuesday would provide $536 million, or 1.9 percent, more next year than what those agencies are getting in 2003.

The White House said it supported the measure because it "largely tracks the administration's request." It would exceed Bush's proposal by more than $1 billion.

"I'm particularly pleased that the House bill supports my request to help train, equip and prepare first-responders across the nation," Bush said in a statement.

Republicans used one procedural vote to block Democrats from adding $1 billion to the measure — to be paid for by slightly reducing the tax cuts enacted recently for people earning more than $1 million a year.

The GOP used other procedural moves to strip one provision making it harder to award federal contracts to U.S. firms that have moved offshore to avoid taxes, and another blocking a plan to screen airline passengers by checking credit reports and other records.

Overall, the measure would provide $4.4 billion for local firefighters, law enforcement and other emergency responders, nearly $900 million more than Bush proposed. Included was $1.9 billion distributed by formula among state and local governments, $894 million over this year's total.

There was $5.6 billion over the coming decade — including $890 million for 2004 — for Bush's proposed Project Bioshield, under which the government would acquire antidotes and take other steps to counter bioterror.

The TSA would get $5.2 billion, down $639 million from this year. The new agency has been criticized by both parties for hiring too many screeners and inept management.

Caprock has stricter regulations after Gov. Perry signs new bill

ODESSA (AP) — A West Texas utility company that for more than three years had free rein on setting its rates soon will be operating under stricter regulations.

Beginning Sept. 1, Cap Rock Energy Corp. will no longer be exempt from rate regulation by the Public Utility Commission. Gov. Rick Perry signed SB 1280 into law Sunday.

The law removes wording from legislation passed in 1999 that defined Cap Rock, a publicly traded electric transmission and distribution company, as a successor to a rural co-op. That status essentially allowed the company to raise its rates without the PUC's approval.

Even in the deregulated market, the commission regulates the rates of investor-owned electric transmission and distribution companies.

Ronnie Lyon, Cap Rock vice president and general counsel, said the company was not surprised the bill became law.

"We don't feel like the bill was good for our customers, but we don't expect it to have a significant impact on the company," he told the Odessa American.

The Midland-based company used to be Cap Rock Rural Electric Cooperative, a nonprofit, member-owned utility formed by a group of Permian Basin farmers in 1939. Currently, the company serves about 17,000 customers in West and Central Texas.

In late 1998, Cap Rock Electric converted to a publicly traded company by proxy.

In 1999, Sen. Troy Fraser, R-Horseshoe Bay, sponsored an amendment giving Cap Rock its "successor to a co-op" status, something no other utility in Texas enjoyed then or now. Company officials said the special status would give the utility time to adjust to and enter the deregulated electric utility market. Rep. Tom Craddick, R-Midland, helped fine-tune the wording of Fraser's original amendment, even as his daughter was a paid lobbyist for Cap Rock.

Last March, Cap Rock's irrigation customers began publicly questioning their rates. The farmers intervened in Cap Rock's August 2001 request to the PUC to transfer the co-op's operating license to the corporation.

The PUC twice last year failed to rule on the transfer request. Instead the commission turned to Attorney General Greg Abbott for an opinion on the legality of Cap Rocks conversion.

On Monday, PUC staff sent a letter to Abbott's office asking that its request be withdrawn, said PUC spokesman Terry Hadley, adding that Perry's action makes the conversion moot.

Today's chuckle

Husband wants to be tried for wife's crime

RAVENNA, Ohio (AP) — A husband thinks he should be prosecuted for his wife's failure to stop driving while she breastfed their baby on the Ohio Turnpike.

Catherine Nicole Donkers, 29, of suburban Pittsburgh, is to go on trial Aug. 6 on misdemeanor charges of child endangering, failure to comply with the order of a police officer and several other driving infractions.

Her husband, Brad L. Barnhill, said he wants to be tried instead, citing religious beliefs.

"I'm responsible for what she does, and no one can punish her except me," said Barnhill, 46, a minister in the First Christian Fellowship for Eternal Sovereignty, an organization founded by Christopher Hansen of Henderson, Nev., in the late 1990s.

"That's a fantasy," prosecutor Victor V. Vigluicci said Tuesday. "I've never heard such a thing."

The couple has not yet hired an attorney, according to court records.

A truck driver called 911 on May 8 to report that he had seen a woman driving her car with a baby in her lap.

Asked why his wife did not stop to nurse the child, Barnhill said she didn't want to turn "a five-hour trip to Michigan into a seven-hour trip."

A conviction for misdemeanor child endangering carries maximum penalties of six months in jail and a $1,000 fine.

Date Book

Wednesday, June 25, 2003

Today is the 176th day of 2003 and the fifth day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1876, the Battle of Little Bighorn (Custer's Last Stand) took place. In this battle, a group of militant settlers, led by Lt. Col. George Armstrong Custer, attacked a group of Sioux Indians, led by Chiefs Sitting Bull and Crazy Horse. The battle lasted only two hours; Custer and all of the men in his immediate command were killed.

On this day in 1961, Iraq announced that Kuwait was part of Iraq under the pretense that it had been a part of the Ottoman province of Basra, and therefore ought to be ceded to Iraq. Iraq eventually reaffirmed its acceptance of Kuwait's independence in 1963.

On this day in 1962, the U.S. Supreme Court, in Engel v. Vitale, ruled that a prayer read aloud in a public school violated the First Amendment's separation of church and state.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: George Orwell (1903-1950), writer; Sidney Lumet (1924-), director, is 79; June Lockhart (1925-), actress, is 78; Carly Simon (1945-), singer and songwriter, is 58; Mike Myers (1963-), actor and comedian, is 40.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1968, San Francisco Giants player Bobby Bonds hit a grand slam during his first major league game.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "In a time of universal deceit, telling the truth is a revolutionary act." — George Orwell

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (June 21) and new moon (June 29).

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

14-18-23-24. Bonus ball 18.

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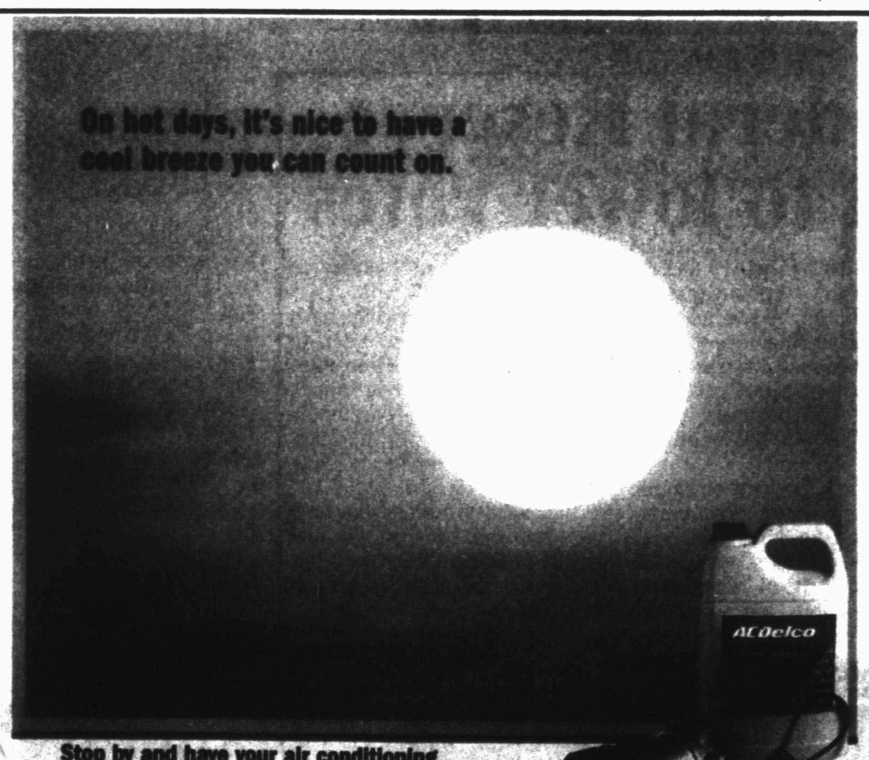

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Shuttle investigators focus on safety measures

WASHINGTON (AP) — Columbia accident investigators have firmed their conclusions about the root cause of the space disaster and now are focusing more attention on changes in NASA's culture and management that could make future space shuttle missions safer.

The Columbia Accident Investigation Board chairman, Harold W. Gehman, said about half of the panel's final report will deal with management problems at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration that could affect space flight safety.

"We will not tell NASA how to organize, but we will tell them ... what needs to be done," Gehman said Tuesday at a news conference. "We are going to say that the shuttle will operate more safely if you do these following things."

Gehman said he is confident NASA can safely return the three remaining shuttles to orbit, but he is concerned about the long-term safety of the complex spacecraft.

"We believe the next couple of dozen flights will be the safest in years," he said. "NASA knows how to do that. But to fly the shuttle long-term, for 20 years more, there needs to be work on basic management changes."

Gehman said the board also will express a "sense of urgency" about NASA developing a new spacefaring system to replace the aging space shuttle fleet.

The board plans to complete its report in late July, before Congress takes its summer break.

Space shuttle Columbia broke into pieces over Texas while returning to Earth on Feb. 1. All seven astronauts on board were killed. Debris was scattered across hundreds of miles of East Texas and Louisiana, and some 30,000 workers recovered around 84,000 pounds of Columbia, about 38 percent of the spacecraft.

The shuttle fleet was grounded while the board investigated to find the cause of the accident.

NASA on Tuesday released video and photo images taken on board Columbia during its 16-day mission. The images, preserved on videotape, were found in the Columbia debris. The photos show a happy crew of astronauts doing experiments, showing off their living quarters and clowning in the weightlessness of orbit. Among the images is a group portrait with crew members grinning broadly and clutching each other to avoid drifting out of the camera's view.

Members of the investigation board said several weeks ago they were convinced that Columbia went down because of a breach in the heat shield on the left wing. This allowed metal-melting hot gas to penetrate the hollow wing during the spacecraft's re-entry into Earth's atmosphere.

On Tuesday, some members of the board said they were convinced the heat shield was broken 81 seconds after launch when a 1.5-pound, suitcase-sized piece of insulation foam peeled off the external fuel tank and smashed into the left wing at a speed of more than 500 miles an hour.

"We believe the foam is the most probable cause of this accident," said Roger Tetrault, a member of the board.

He said the evidence is "compelling" that the dislodged foam smashed into the wing, ripping a hole in the heat shield area called panel No. 8 on the leading edge of the left wing. The panel is made of reinforced carbon to protect the wing from the 3,000-degree heat of re-entry.

With a hole in the heat shield, superhot gas could invade the hollow wing and melt it from within, it's believed.

Tetrault said Columbia wing parts recovered after the accident are smeared with the slag of melted metal that an analysis shows is iron and nickel of the type used in the steel and nickel wing parts.

The distribution of debris left by the disintegrating craft as it streaked west-to-east across East Texas is also telling, he said. All the recovered parts of the left wing are farther west than are the parts of the right wing. This suggests, he said, that the left wing — the one hit by the foam — came apart first.

An on board recorder, recovered in Texas, also registered the time that sensor wiring within the wing was cut by the scorching heat. The timing is consistent with a heat shield hole in the area of panel No. 8, said Tetrault.

Also, Tetrault said that recovered pieces of panel Nos. 8 and 9 were scorched and eroded so that they had sharpened edges, suggesting a direct exposure to very high heat. Other recovered tiles from the wing did not have this mark.

Members of the board in earlier weeks had suggested the foam impact as a candidate cause of the accident, but the remarks Tuesday by Tetrault were the strongest yet about the root cause of the accident.

Two held in bank robbery

DALLAS (AP) — Police on Tuesday arrested a 67-year-old man who they believe is the so-called "Grandpa Bandit," a man who authorities say is responsible for 10 robberies in the Dallas area since April.

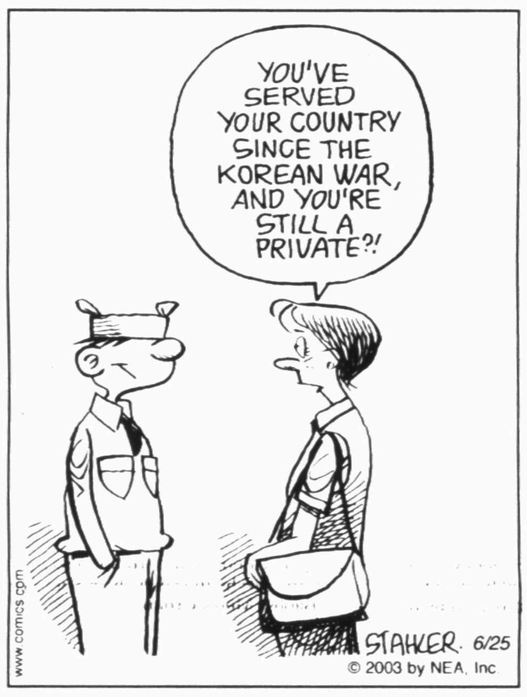
Robert Thomas Day was arrested on suspicion of robbing an East Dallas bank Tuesday afternoon, police said. Also arrested was Melinda Farmer, 40, on suspicion of driving the getaway car during the robbery.

"It was a quick response on the part of the Dallas Police Department," FBI Special Agent Lori Bailey of the bureau's Dallas office told The Dallas Morning News. "We've been on top of numerous banks in the vicinity where we thought he might hit."

Bailey said FBI officials have linked the 10 robberies through witness accounts.

The robber, who has hit banks in Dallas, Arlington, Mansfield and Mesquite, usually wore a baseball cap and long-sleeve shirts, officials said. He also carried a revolver.

Authorities are trying to determine what role, if any, Farmer played in the other nine robberies.



Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Teen should beware giving girlfriend's baby his name

DEAR ABBY: My 18-year-old son, "Jeff," has a 17-year-old girlfriend, "Connie," who is pregnant — but not with his child. Jeff has decided he will sign the birth certificate to give the baby our last name. (The real father wants nothing to do with Connie or the baby.)

I have no say in this matter. Her parents know all about the pregnancy but don't see it as a problem. In fact, they have decided not to tell other family members that my son isn't the father.

When I try to warn Jeff about what he's getting into, he cuts me off and says, "It'll all be OK, Mom." Abby, my son is making a lifetime financial commitment and can't begin to appreciate the whole picture. He assumes that Connie's folks will "take care of everything."

I am at my wit's end. Any advice you can offer would be deeply appreciated. — FRANTIC IN IDAHO

DEAR FRANTIC: Take your son to an attorney immediately. Let the lawyer explain what Jeff's obligations will be if he abets this deception. Your son appears to be idealistic and romantic. However, he should not declare paternity for a child that is not his. It's unfair to the child — and lets the biological father off the hook.

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DEAR ABBY: I am a 19-year-old girl and have a problem with my parents. When I was younger, I could talk to them about anything and everything. They respected my decisions and supported me whenever they could — until I reached junior high.

At that time, I noticed that I liked girls more than boys. When I told my mom and dad, they dismissed it and said it was just a phase. It wasn't.

I secretly dated one girl in ninth grade to find out if that's where my feelings were headed. Then I "came out" to my friends. They were cool about it and supported me 100 percent. I didn't have the guts to tell my folks until I was in the 10th grade.

They exploded. Mom cried for hours; Dad kicked me out for a week. My parents have had no trust whatsoever in me ever since. We don't talk like we used to — and whenever the subject of my sexual orientation comes up, my parents call me a slut, among other things.

I've moved out three times, but I always go back because I don't have enough money to make it on my own.

I'm now dating a wonderful young woman and it's getting serious. I don't dare tell my parents because I'm afraid of their reaction. Please help, Abby. I need your advice. — DESPERATELY SEEKING LOVE AND ACCEPTANCE IN KANSAS

DEAR DESPERATE: I am sorry you are not getting the support you need from your family. They need to understand that sexual orientation is not a choice. Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (P-FLAG) could offer them some much-needed insight and support. They can call the organization at (202) 467-8180; write to 1726 M St. NW, Suite 400, Washington, D.C. 20036; or go online to the Web site at www.pflag.org.

I have a different resource for YOU. Please contact The Trevor Project. It's a 24-hour toll-free hotline that promotes tolerance and provides support to gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered youth.

The Trevor Helpline crisis line is the only 24-hour, 365-day toll-free line solely dedicated to counseling gay and questioning youth. Trained counselors are always there to help, and they welcome calls from any teen who is having problems relating to his or her sexual orientation — whether the person is struggling with self-doubt, peer pressure, lack of acceptance, rejection by family members and/or friends — or having thoughts of suicide.

Call (866) 488-7386 or go online to www.TheTrevorProject.org.

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 06-25-03
♠ 10
♥ K 6 3 2
♦ 7 4
♣ 8 7 6 5 3 2

West
♠ Q 5 4
♥ 8 7 5
♦ Q 10 5 3
♣ Q 10 9

East
♠ A K 9 8 7 2
♥ Q 10 9
♦ J 9 2
♣ J

South
♠ J 6 3
♥ A J 4
♦ A K 8 6
♣ A K 4

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: East-West

South	West	North	East
2 NT	Pass	3 ♣	Pass
3 ♦	Pass	3 NT	All pass

Opening lead: ??

Wednesday, June 25, 2003

That day, who was teaching whom?

By Phillip Alder

Back in April, I played a Chicago session with three of my students. I made a couple of defensive errors that I hope you will find instructive.

In this deal, you are sitting West. Looking at that hand only, what would you have led against three no-trump after your right-hand opponent (South) has opened two no-trump, then denied a four-card major in answer to a Stayman inquiry?

Although five clubs makes, North's sequence is correct. She should check for a heart fit, then hope the clubs will be useful in three no-trump.

Now uncover the North hand. Not wishing to risk a minor-suit lead, you select the heart eight, the high card denying an honor in the suit. South takes your partner's queen with her ace and continues with three rounds of clubs, East following with the jack, then discarding the spade nine and diamond two. What would you lead at trick five?

If South is weak in spades, which partner's encouraging discard suggests, she must have a strong diamond holding. So, your side needs to take the next four tricks.

Since declarer can have at most three spades, the correct lead now is the spade queen, clarifying matters for partner. If declarer has the spade king or ace, the contract is unbeatable.

Here, you take five spade tricks for two down.

Thoughtlessly, I led the spade four. Worried that declarer had queen-doubleton, my partner won with the king and cashed the ace. I threw the queen in the hope my partner also had the spade jack, but to no avail.

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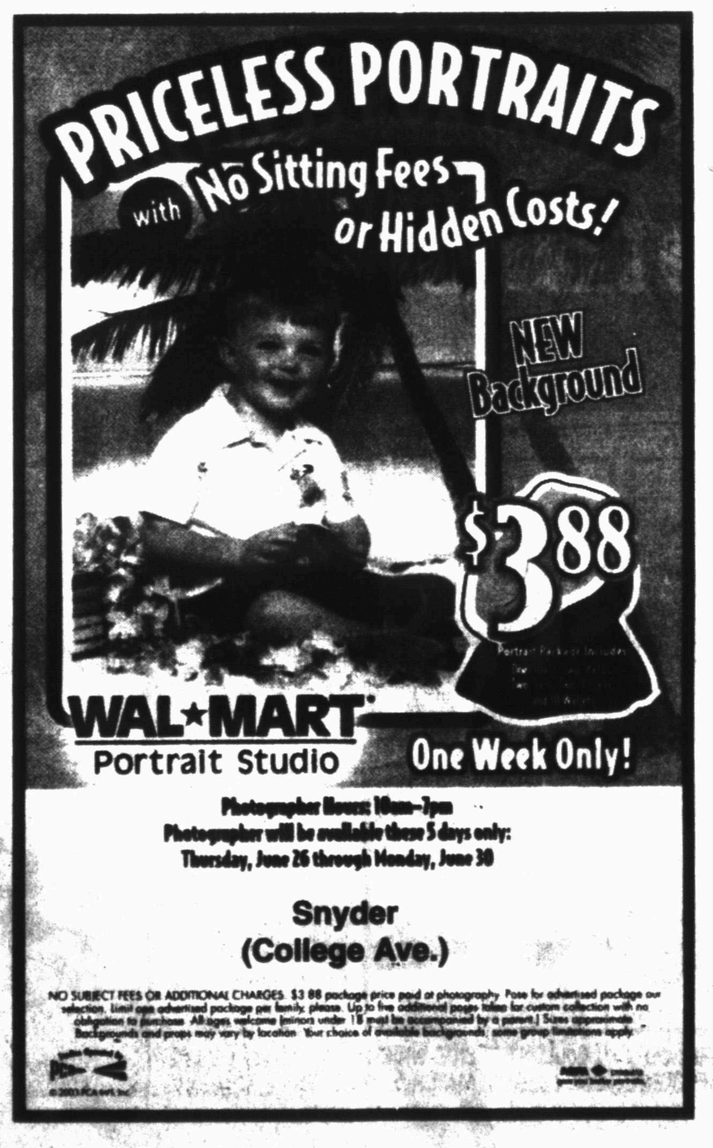

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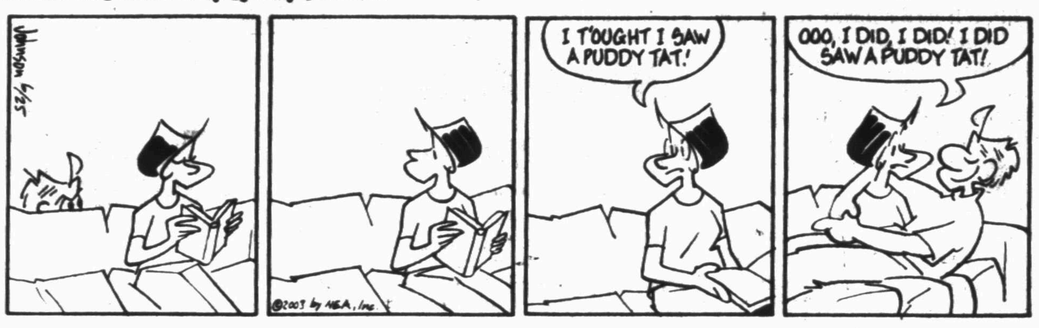

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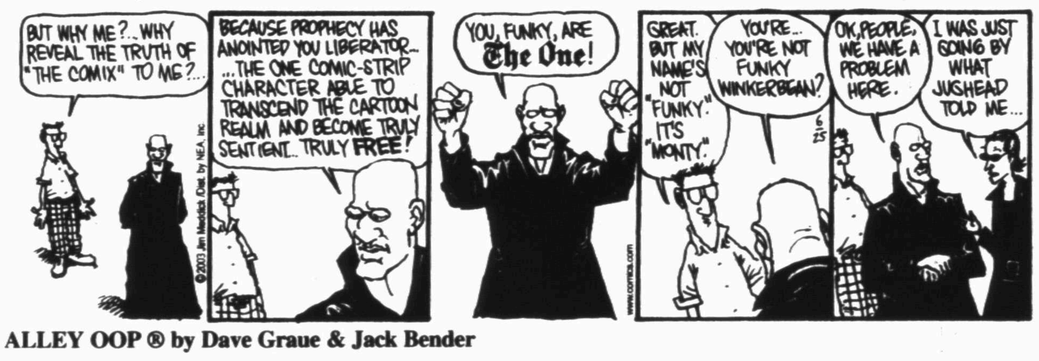

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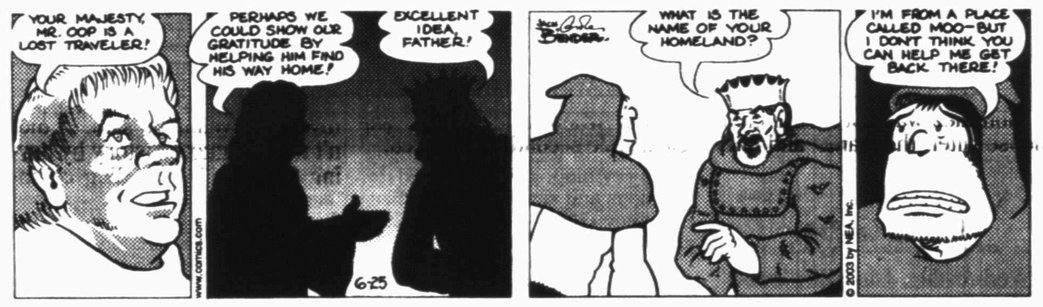

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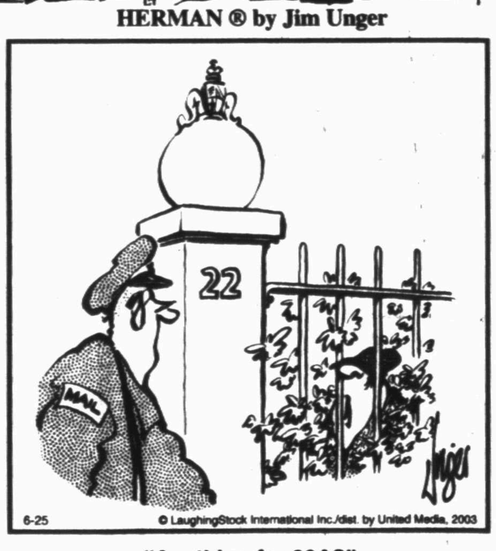

"Anything for 22A?"

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12 Habituated
14 Bright-colored bird
15 Pamper
16 Auctioned off
17 Fiesta shout
18 Perched
19 TV accessory
21 Diner coffee
23 Cotton gin name
26 Tiny legume
27 Pallid
28 Sneak in uninvited
30 Circle part
31 Response on deck
32 Houston player
33 Penny pincher
35 Writing fluid
37 Chinese dynasty
38 Globe substitute
39 Spike or Bruce
40 Cartoon shriek
41 Affirmative
42 Pub order
43 Web addr.
44 Motel of old
46 Insult, slangily
48 Relented (2 wds.)
51 Gaudier
55 49th state
56 Archimedes' shout
57 Attacked by Fido
58 Shopping —

DOWN

1 Twitch
2 Lennon's Yoko —
3 Flop
4 Enthusiasm
5 Bellow
6 Bronco
7 Kind of rug
8 Female relatives
9 As well
10 Plumbing bend
11 Rorem or Beatty
13 Platter spinner
19 Truth
20 Evil laugh
22 Politician Tip —
24 Froth
25 Mideast nation
26 Storybook bear
27 Crusades
28 Sweet treat
29 Goose's call
34 Least involved
36 Pine product
42 U.N.'s Kofi —
43 Commandeer
45 Victory god-dess
47 Debtors' letters
48 Chatter
49 "Aladdin" prince
50 Tank
52 German title start
53 Be very frugal
54 Actress — Dawn Chong

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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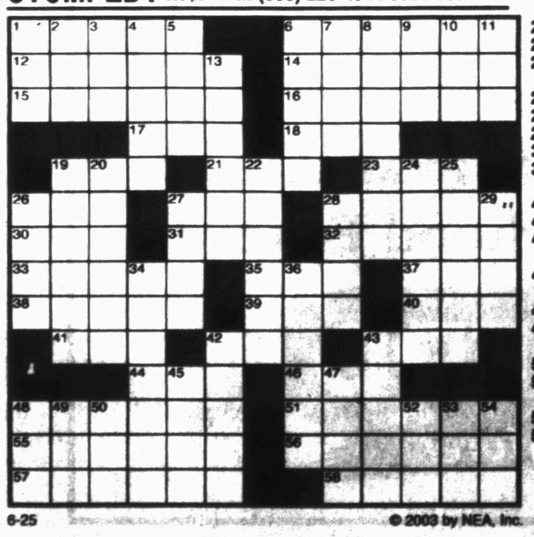

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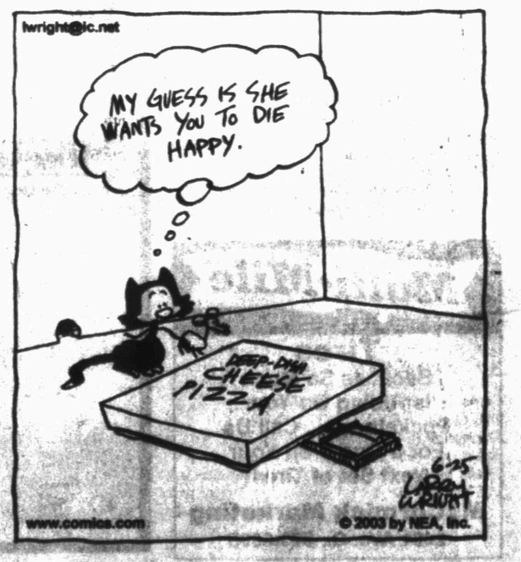

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SPORTS

Rangers end skid with win over A's

ARLINGTON (AP) — While the Texas Rangers tried to trade two-time AL MVP Juan Gonzalez, Mark Teixeira helped provide a glimpse of what the team hopes is a brighter future.

Teixeira had three RBIs, Carl Everett hit a three-run homer and Mario Ramos earned his first major league victory as the Rangers hung on to beat the Oakland Athletics 7-6 and snap an eight-game losing streak Tuesday night.

Teixeira hit a two-run triple with two outs in the third, and had an RBI single in the fifth.

"Those hits were huge," Rodriguez said. "It was exactly what the doctor ordered. That triple was especially huge for us. Two-out RBIs haven't come for us very easily lately."

Meanwhile, Gonzalez sat out the game while he considered whether to accept a trade to the Montreal Expos.

Just hours earlier, the Rangers reached agreement to trade Gonzalez, but his attorney, Jeff Moorad, said the slugger "in all likelihood" would reject the deal.

"I think it's pretty impressive that we won a game on a day when all this was swirling around," Rangers manager Buck Showalter said.

Expos general manager Omar Minaya, who has a long history with Gonzalez, was to meet with the slugger Wednesday in Texas. Gonzalez has 72 hours to exercise his no-trade clause. His window of decision begins at 10 a.m. EDT Wednesday.

"He has some decisions to make. I'll support whatever decision he makes," Everett said.

Gonzalez was not in the clubhouse after the game and was unavailable for comment before the game.

The A's rallied for four runs in the ninth on Terrence Long's RBI single and Mark Ellis' run-scoring triple off Brian Shouse, then Eric Byrnes' two-run homer off closer Ugueth Urbina.

"This team doesn't quit," Byrnes said. "We have the offense to do it even with two outs. It was a pretty good comeback. We keep coming at you the whole nine innings."

After Scott Hatteberg doubled, Urbina struck out Miguel Tejada on a low slider for his 19th save in 23 chances. Urbina blew a save in Monday night's 3-1 loss to the A's.

"We were looking at Groundhog Day right in the face and stared him back in the hole," Showalter said.

Everett's three-run homer in the eighth off Chad Bradford increased Texas' lead to 7-2.

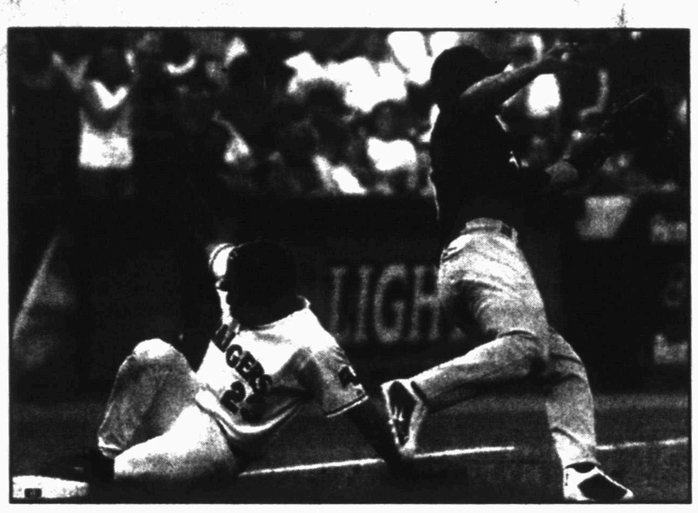
"I was going against a guy I have a lot of confidence against," Everett said. "It felt good and it worked out well. I hope it boosts us further."

Ramos (1-1) allowed two runs and four hits in six innings to slow the streaking A's, who had won nine of 10.

"I was able to get into a rhythm those last three innings," said Ramos, who retired his last nine batters. "It felt more like myself. I was able to throw strikes and get them to put the ball in play as soon possible."

Mark Mulder (10-5) allowed four runs and eight hits over seven innings. He struck out six and walked one.

Oakland took a 1-0 lead in the second when Eric Chavez singled, stole second, and scored.



END OF SLIDE — Ranger Mark Teixeira slides safely into third base for a two-run triple before A's third baseman Eric Chavez can receive the relay throw in the third inning Tuesday. Texas ended its eight-game losing streak with a 7-6 win over Oakland. (AP Photo)

ACC will pursue Miami, Va. Tech

GREENSBORO, N.C. (AP) — The Atlantic Coast Conference has decided to pursue a two-team expansion, one that would add Miami and Virginia Tech, a high-ranking league source said Tuesday night.

After a 2½-hour conference call, ACC commissioner John Swofford refused to comment on whether Miami and Virginia Tech — the Big East's two dominant football schools — had been offered invitations to join.

"We're very close to bringing this to a conclusion. I would expect us to have an announcement in the next couple of days," Swofford said.

The Washington Post and USA Today, quoting anonymous sources, reported on their Web sites that the ACC voted to extend invitations to Miami and Virginia Tech, and that Syracuse and Boston College were not included.

The league source, speaking on condition of anonymity, told The Associated Press that the league presidents decided that the only way expansion would work is if Miami and Virginia Tech joined what would become an 11-team conference. The source also said ACC presidents no longer expect Syracuse and Boston College to be part of the expansion process.

"We're very close to being at the end of this," Swofford told reporters outside ACC headquarters.

He said the ACC presidents do not have another teleconference scheduled.

"Each conference call has taken us a step further and this was the closest one to the end," he said.

Asked whether the reports on Miami and Virginia Tech were accurate, Swofford said he wouldn't comment on "reports and speculation until we're ready to make a definite announcement as to where we are."

Miami SID Mark Pray said the school would have no comment until the ACC announced its plans. Virginia Tech spokesman Larry Hincker said he had no knowledge of a proposal to put his school and Miami into the ACC.

The ACC presidents voted to expand on May 13, and conference officials visited Miami, Boston College and Syracuse to assess their facilities. Virginia Tech came into the picture last week, as part of a compromise suggested by Virginia president John T. Casteen III.

Williams on her game in first round at Wimbledon

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — Trying to forget the French Open — all of it: the loss to Justine Henin-Hardenne, the fans who cheered her mistakes, the postmatch tears — Serena Williams was close to her powerful best at Wimbledon in a 6-3, 6-3 first-round win Tuesday over Jill Craybas.

"Whatever happened in Paris," the top-seeded Williams said, "stays in Paris."

Never was there a hint she might stumble the way fellow defending champion Lleyton Hewitt did Monday, losing to a qualifier ranked 203rd.

"I'm sure he didn't take his opponent for granted, but I didn't want to come close, either. I wanted to make sure I was on my toes," Williams said. "I didn't want to make history by having two No. 1 defending champions go out."

Instead, the first round provided more evidence that the gulf between the top players and other women is far greater than among the men. The highest-seeded woman to lose so far is No. 19 Meghan Shaughnessy, and none the top 10 so much as dropped a set. That included No. 3 Henin-Hardenne and No. 8 Jennifer Capriati.

Eleven seeded men are gone already. No. 7 Guillermo Coria (a French Open semifinalist 2½ weeks ago), No. 21 Martin Verkerk (the French Open runner-up), No. 14 Xavier Malisse (a Wimbledon semifinalist last year), and No. 20 Yevgeny Kafelnikov (a two-time major champion) all joined Hewitt on the way out.

Even 1992 champion Andre Agassi — trying to break the record for most years between Wimbledon titles — and four-time semifinalist Tim Henman dealt with moments of trepidation against undistinguished opponents.

The 33-year-old Agassi, oldest No. 1 in ATP Tour history and owner of eight Grand Slam titles, eliminated 456th-ranked Jamie Delgado 6-4, 6-0, 5-7, 6-4. Henman got past 157th-ranked Tomas Zib 6-2, 7-6 (11), 3-6, 6-1.

"It again goes to emphasize the strength and depth of the men's game. In the top 200 or 250, everybody can play," said Henman, again trying to become the first Englishman since 1936 to win Wimbledon.

Six men shared the past six Grand Slam titles. Just a trio of women — the Williams sisters and Capriati — split the 11 majors preceding the French Open.

Henin-Hardenne, of course, claimed her first major at Roland Garros after ending Williams' 33-match winning streak and four-title run at Grand Slams. That surprise came in the semifinals; they could meet at the same stage at Wimbledon.

In beating Julia Vakulenko 7-5, 6-1 Tuesday, Henin-Hardenne showed no ill effects of the hand injury that forced her to quit in the final of a tuneup event Saturday. Her left (non-racket) hand and two fingers were bandaged.

Williams was quite focused against Craybas, an American ranked 66th, and now has won 16 straight sets at Wimbledon.

Gonzales will nix trade to Montreal

NEW YORK (AP) — Now Juan Gonzalez gets to decide whether he wants to go from last place to a playoff race.

The Montreal Expos reached agreement with Texas on Tuesday to acquire the two-time AL MVP — but his attorney said Gonzalez "in all likelihood" would invoke his no-trade clause to block the deal.

In any case, Montreal general manager Omar Minaya, who has a long history with Gonzalez, was to meet with the Rangers slugger in Texas today.

Gonzalez has 72 hours to exercise his no-trade clause. His window of decision was to begin at 9 a.m. today.

The 33-year-old outfielder did not play Tuesday night in Texas' 7-6 win at home over Oakland and declined comment on the trade.

"After some thought and reflection, Juan is going to stand by his no-trade clause and reject the trade to Montreal — in all likelihood," attorney Jeff Moorad said at The Ballpark in Arlington.

Still, Minaya might be able to find a way to persuade Gonzalez to approve it — perhaps cash for accepting or maybe an adjusted contract.

The last-place Rangers were expected to receive prospects, possibly three of them, if Gonzalez goes to Montreal. The Expos are in the thick of the NL wild-card race.

Arizona clobbers Houston

PHOENIX (AP) — Alex Cintron homered for the second straight game and the Arizona Diamondbacks won their seventh in a row, 12-5 over the Houston Astros Tuesday night.

He also singled and doubled, driving in three runs and scoring twice.

Cintron is 5-for-9 with two doubles, two homers and five RBIs in the first two games of the series. For the season, he is batting .326 with seven home runs, 11 doubles and 23 RBIs in just 36 games.

Matt Kata hit a three-run homer in the eighth and had an RBI single for Arizona.

David Dellucci went 4-for-5 with a triple and Tony Womack was 4-for-5 with a double in the first game during the streak that the Diamondbacks won by more than two runs.

Houston second baseman Jose Vizcaino broke his left wrist when he was hit by a pitch by reliever Stephen Randolph in the seventh inning. X-rays taken at the ballpark showed the break.

Cards FB arrested for smuggling

PHOENIX (AP) — Arizona Cardinals backup fullback Dennis McKinley and three other men were arrested Tuesday as suspects in an investigation into an international drug ring.

Police say McKinley, who had his contract terminated by the Cardinals hours after his arrest, rented a warehouse where marijuana shipments from Mexico were stored.

The four men were accused of importing marijuana from Mexico, repackaging it in Phoenix and then transporting it via tractor trailer to major cities in the United States, including New York, Chicago, Detroit and Cleveland.

The investigation resulted in 34 indictments and 27 search warrants. Not all of the other suspects have been arrested, authorities said.

Sports Briefs

Softball board meeting

The Snyder girls softball association will have a board meeting from 7:30 to 8:30 tonight at the BP Pipeline office. All coaches from all divisions will meet at 8:30 p.m. at the same location for all-star selections.

Softball board elections

The girls softball association will have board elections Thursday after the last game.

Charity softball tournament

The 2nd annual Wal-Mart men's softball tournament will be held Friday and Saturday at Winston Park. Entry fee is $110 and the deadline to register is 6 p.m. Thursday. All proceeds benefit the Children's Miracle Network. Contact Veronica Fuentes at 573-1967 or 573-5662 for more information.

Fourth of July volleyball tournament

Sign-ups are underway for the annual Fourth of July volleyball tournament at Towle Park. Entry fee is $70. Call Louis Alaniz at 573-7321 for more details.

Major League Baseball

American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	45	30	.600	—
Boston	43	32	.573	2
Toronto	44	33	.571	2
Baltimore	34	40	.459	10½
Tampa Bay	25	50	.333	20

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Kansas City	39	34	.534	—
Minnesota	40	35	.533	—
Chicago	36	40	.474	4½
Cleveland	30	44	.405	9½
Detroit	18	56	.243	21½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	50	25	.667	—
Oakland	44	31	.587	6
Anaheim	36	38	.486	13½
Texas	28	47	.373	22

Tuesday's Games

Boston 10, Detroit 1
Baltimore 6, Toronto 4
Kansas City 3, Cleveland 1
N.Y. Yankees 10, Tampa Bay 9
Texas 7, Oakland 6
Chicago White Sox 2, Minnesota 1
Seattle 6, Anaheim 4

Wednesday's Games

Baltimore (Ponson 9-4) at Toronto (Lidle 10-4), 6:05 p.m.
Detroit (Maroth 2-11) at Boston (Burkett 5-3), 6:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Snyder 1-4) at Cleveland (B.Anderson 4-6), 6:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Pettitte 7-6) at Tampa Bay (Bell 0-1), 6:15 p.m.
Oakland (Harang 1-1) at Texas (Thomson 4-9), 7:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Garland 5-6) at Minnesota (Mays 8-4), 7:05 p.m.
Seattle (Moyer 10-4) at Anaheim (Ra.Ortiz 8-5), 9:05 p.m.

National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	49	25	.662	—
Montreal	43	34	.558	7½
Philadelphia	39	34	.534	9½
Florida	39	39	.500	12
New York	33	41	.446	16

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	41	34	.547	—
Houston	41	36	.532	1
St. Louis	39	36	.520	2
Cincinnati	37	38	.493	4
Pittsburgh	31	43	.419	9½
Milwaukee	30	45	.400	11

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	46	30	.605	—
Los Angeles	44	32	.579	2
Arizona	40	36	.526	6
Colorado	41	38	.519	6½
San Diego	25	54	.316	22½

Tuesday's Games

Montreal 6, Pittsburgh 4
Florida 8, N.Y. Mets 4
Atlanta 5, Philadelphia 3
Chicago Cubs 9, Milwaukee 1
Cincinnati 7, St. Louis 4, 14 innings
Arizona 12, Houston 5
Colorado 5, San Diego 2
San Francisco 2, Los Angeles 1

Wednesday's Games

Pittsburgh (Wells 2-3) at Montreal (Vazquez 6-5), 12:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Sheets 6-6) at Chicago Cubs (Estes 6-6), 1:20 p.m.
Houston (W.Miller 5-7) at Arizona (Dessens 4-4), 5:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Padilla 5-7) at Atlanta (Maddux 6-6), 6:05 p.m.
Florida (Redman 5-2) at N.Y. Mets (Trachsel 5-5), 6:10 p.m.
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Colorado (Elarton 3-3) at San Diego (Ol.Perez 2-3), 9:05 p.m.
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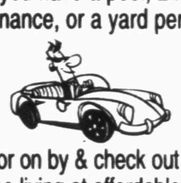

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Nutrition by Ed Blonz, Ph.D.

Can you eat too much garlic?

DEAR DR. BLONZ: I read your answer to an interesting question about the effects of a high dosage of selenium. My question concerns the same thing, I think, but the selenium source is garlic. How much selenium does garlic contain (on average), and can a person eat too much garlic? Thank you. — **L.B., via e-mail**

DEAR L.B.: Although there is some selenium in garlic, it is not considered a good dietary source. For a food to be a good dietary source, it would have to provide at least 10 percent of the Daily Value (DV). For a food to be an excellent source, or to be described as being "high in" or "rich in" a particular nutrient, one serving would have to contain at least 20 percent of the DV of that nutrient.

The USDA database confirms that there is less than one-half of a microgram of selenium in each clove of garlic. A teaspoon of garlic powder, by comparison, contains about 1 microgram of selenium. The DV for selenium is 70 micrograms, which equals 140 cloves; that's probably enough to keep Buffy going for another season. So, in order to use garlic as a source of this nutrient, a person would have to eat 14 cloves — still a hefty amount.

As for your second question, one can experience stomach distress from too much garlic in any form, but what constitutes "too much" differs from person to person. The one universal side effect from eating garlic is a lingering odor.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: Please tell me what and how much nutrients the egg white has. I mean how much protein, how much iron, etc., both good and bad. Thank you. — **S.A., San Diego, Calif.**

DEAR S.A.: The protein found in egg white (albumin) is the standard to which all other proteins are compared. There are approximately 3.5 grams of protein in the white of every large egg. There are minor amounts of other nutrients, including selenium, potassium and sodium, but protein is the main nutrient the egg white provides. The yolk, by contrast, contains lesser amounts of protein, together with small amounts of vitamin A, folate, phosphorous, potassium and selenium.

Your question doesn't make it clear why you are interested in egg whites and not the entire egg. If it has to do with a concern about cholesterol, you should be aware that for those with an otherwise balanced diet, the periodic use of whole eggs has been shown to have only a minimal impact on blood cholesterol levels.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: Is it possible that maltodextrin, polydextrose or maltitol are corn-based? — **B.P., Charlotte, N.C.**

DEAR BP: Yes. Maltodextrin, a texturizer and flavor enhancer used in candies and other foods, is synthesized from naturally occurring substances. Polydextrose is used as an extender or filler, often in the form of a reduced-calorie sugar substitute. Maltitol is a sugar alcohol formed by the fermentation of maltose, or malt sugar. It has a sweet taste, but does not contribute to tooth decay. It is often found in "sugar free" foods. The dextrin portion of maltodextrin, as well as the dextrose in polydextrose, is likely to come from cornstarch. The origin of the malt sugar used to make maltitol is likely to be a high-maltose corn syrup.

DEAR DR BLONZ: A number of weeks ago you wrote an article on the antidepressant SAM-e. I was surprised that you didn't mention the two adverse side effects SAM-e can have on certain individuals. Those people with an anxiety disorder should know that this compound can trigger an attack of bipolar (manic) depression. SAM-e can build up high levels of homocysteine, which puts the user at risk if he or she has cardiovascular disease. This is where the correct amount of B-6, B-12 and folic acid come into play. I enjoy your articles, but think you overlooked these two very important points. — **R.K., San Diego, Calif.**

DEAR R.K.: Thanks for your comments and for the follow-up information.

Send questions to: "On Nutrition," Ed Blonz, c/o Newspaper Enterprise Association, 200 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10016. For e-mail, address inquiries to: ed@blonz.com. Due to the volume of mail, personal replies cannot be provided.

Ed Blonz, Ph.D., is a nutrition scientist and the author of "Power Nutrition" (Signet, 1998) and the "Your Personal Nutritionist" book series (Signet, 1996).

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Three ex-federal prison guards convicted

DENVER (AP) — Three former federal prison guards were convicted of attacking inmates at a maximum-security prison, a decision hailed by prisoner-rights advocates.

"The government is not going to simply sit back and turn a blind eye to this kind of thing," said David Lane, a Denver criminal defense attorney. "It's a victory for prisoners."

The men were found guilty Tuesday of organizing assaults on inmates at the prison in Florence, about 95 miles south of Denver, from 1995 to 1997. Two of the three also were found guilty of conspiring to cover up the crimes. Four other former guards were acquitted of all charges.

The defense had argued that federal policies allow for the use of reasonable force on violent inmates, and inmates and guards are sometimes injured.

"These gentlemen were just doing their jobs," attorney Boston Stanton Jr. said in his closing statement.

U.S. Attorney John Suthers, though, said the verdict, reached after 10 days of deliberations, ended "a sad chapter in the history" of the penitentiary.

Mike LaVallee and Rod Schultz were convicted of one count of conspiring to injure and intimidate inmates and one count of violating inmates' civil rights.

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AndarkPtr	46.48	45.01	45.62	+.43
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BellSouth	27.91	27.45	27.84	+.35
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CenterPoint	8.44	8.34	8.44	+.10
ChevronTex	74.46	73.42	74.32	+.51
Citigroup	44.10	42.60	44.01	+.59
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ColgatePal	59.77	59.30	59.50	—.67
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Dillards Inc	13.50	13.30	13.33	—.03
DowChem	31.70	31.52	31.66	+.01
DuPont	42.15	41.80	42.09	+.32
EastmanChem	31.71	31.48	31.68	
EstKodak	27.64	26.99	27.28	—.40
EDS Corp	22.36	21.26	22.24	—.37
Entergy	52.90	52.35	52.86	+.58
ExxonMobil	37.22	36.75	37.16	+.26
FootLocker	13.30	13.05	13.19	+.06
GenDynam	75.11	73.00	75.11	+1.76
GenElec	30.07	29.81	29.92	—.01
GenMills	47.86	46.90	47.75	+.12
GenMotors	37.44	36.75	37.15	+.25
GaPacific	19.80	19.10	19.58	+.58
Goodrich	20.82	20.10	20.82	+.36
Goodyear	6.09	5.83	5.87	—.22
GtAtlPac	8.80	8.56	8.80	+.16
Halliburtn	23.86	22.78	23.78	+.96
Hanson ADS	30.53	30.35	30.53	+.53
HarteHanks	18.99	18.78	18.86	—.07
HomeDepot	32.97	32.26	32.83	+.61
HoneywellIntl	27.85	27.59	27.81	+.21
IBM	84.13	83.45	83.94	+.31
IntPaper	37.35	37.07	37.21	+.01
JohnsonJn	53.14	52.50	53.04	+.44
KinderMorg	55.15	54.85	55.13	+.22
Kroger Co	16.75	16.54	16.65	—.18
LockheedM	49.24	48.43	48.91	+.45
Lowes Cos	44.19	43.49	44.16	+.81
Lubys	2.20	2.14	2.19	—.01
LucentTech	1.98	1.87	1.98	+.13
MarathonOil	26.62	26.10	26.55	+.42
MayDeptStr	22.80	22.49	22.74	+.26
Medtronic	48.68	48.39	48.62	+.16
Motorola	9.60	9.39	9.60	+.21
NCR Corp	25.58	25.22	25.48	+.25
Navistar	32.99	32.40	32.92	+.38
PNM Rescs	26.95	26.67	26.83	+.01
Penney JC	17.15	16.97	17.00	—.07
PepBoys	13.45	13.18	13.45	+.28
PepsiCo	44.40	43.66	44.39	+.45
PhelpDodge	37.82	36.80	37.65	+1.00
PilgrmPrd B	8.79	8.54	8.75	—.05
Praxair	60.03	59.19	59.97	+.74
ProctGamb	92.37	91.68	92.18	—.20
RadioShack	26.09	25.72	26.09	+.17
RoyalDut	47.86	47.25	47.81	+.15
SBC Comm	26.61	26.37	26.50	+.10
SaraLee	19.06	18.81	18.88	—.08
Scripps EW	87.40	86.79	87.17	—.28
SearsRoeb	34.61	34.19	34.34	+.13
SherwinW	27.45	27.09	27.35	+.09
SouthernCo	31.39	31.23	31.38	+.05
SwstAirl	17.23	16.89	17.23	+.26
SprintFON	14.74	14.55	14.70	+.11
SprintPCS	5.85	5.70	5.83	+.17
Sunoco Inc	38.08	37.41	38.08	+.50
TXU Corp	22.72	22.18	22.72	+.56
TempleInland	44.36	43.94	44.21	
Texlnd	23.90	23.67	23.70	—.10
TexasInst	17.90	17.57	17.90	+.13
Textron	38.97	38.22	38.91	+.61
TrinityInds	18.89	18.53	18.65	+.09
TylerTech	4.60	4.45	4.57	+.07
UnionPacif	58.70	58.24	58.68	+.44
USSteel	16.88	16.62	16.80	+.16
UnitedTech	71.38	70.75	71.35	+.21
Unocal	29.84	29.60	29.82	+.13
VerizonComm	40.99	40.66	40.74	+.04
WalMart	55.20	54.70	55.15	+.47
WellsFargo	51.25	50.93	51.20	+.25
WstnGasRs	39.51	38.81	39.43	+.63
WinnDixie	12.74	12.52	12.69	+.03
Xerox Cp	10.70	10.61	10.65	—.02
YumBrands	29.49	29.15	29.40	+.14

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Scurry County Country

Diversified

By Greg Gruben, County Extension Agent

Veggies in Containers

A crop of containers. Gardening in a container is much like gardening in the ground; think of it as simply using a smaller "plot." No need for a large yard to enjoy your own garden of edible delights. Use space on your deck, patio, or windowsill to display pots, hanging baskets and window boxes of vegetables and herbs.

Start a garden in a pot anytime during the gardening season from early spring (for cool weather crops, such as peas and lettuce) to late spring (for warm-weather vegetables and herbs, such as beans, tomatoes and basil) through midsummer (resowing peas and lettuce for fall harvests). Planting and care require a minimum of time and effort.

Follow these guidelines to help you select the best pots and plants for your needs, whether you are a first-time gardener or an experienced pro.

From the Bottom Up. Drainage is essential when you garden in containers. Few conditions will harm plants faster than soggy soil. Select pots with holes in the bottom or sides, so excess water can escape. If a pot lacks holes, drill three or four in the bottom. Raise containers without saucers off the surface of a deck or patio by placing them on decorative "feet" or pieces of wood. If you place saucers under containers be sure to empty water from them.

Choose large pots, such as half-barrels and 12-24-inch-diameter planters, and deep window boxes to provide sufficient space for plants' roots and to cut down on your watering chores.

The soil in large planters dries more slowly in hot weather than soil in small containers. The latter can lose moisture so quickly in the heat of midsummer, you need to water daily, sometimes twice a day. Opt for plastic or composition planters instead of clay; even though terra cotta pots look very decorative, their porous nature allows water to evaporate from the soil fast.

Use a potting mix that drains well, such as a soilless medium. Soilless mediums are lightweight, an important consideration if you want to move your containers around after planting. To help the mix retain moisture you may want to add water-holding polymer crystals to the soil before planting. That may sound contradictory, but it is not. The polymers absorb moisture and release it as the soil dries; they do not waterlog the soil. Add a time-release fertilizer, which will feed plants throughout the growing season.

Planting Time. Many vegetables and some herbs grow best when you start them from seeds you sow directly in the container such as beans, carrots, peas, radishes, turnips, cilantro, and dill.

Warm-season plants, such as peppers, tomatoes, eggplant and basil, get a head start if you sow them indoors and transplant the seedlings into a larger container after 6 to 8 weeks. Of course, you can purchase bedding plants at a garden center. Still others thrive with either method: spinach, lettuce, cucumber, and basil, for example.

When you combine bedding plants and seeds set the plants in the container first; then sow seeds around the edge or in empty spaces among the plants. Seed packets tell you the correct spacing and whether or not you need to cover the seeds with soil.

(Some seeds need light to germinate.) With the exception of tomatoes, set plants in the container at the same depth or just slightly deeper than they were growing in their pots. You can bury tomato plants up to the top two or three pairs of leaves; roots will form along the entire length of the buried stem.

Provide support for vining plants, such as tomatoes, pole beans, and cucumbers. Stake or cage tomatoes when you put them in the container. For pole beans and cucumbers, erect wooden trellises, trellises covered with netting. Or build tepees with 3 to 4 bamboo poles tied together at the top.

Water the containers thoroughly when you finish planting. Keep the soil where you sowed seeds evenly moist until seeds germinate. Thin seedlings if necessary to the correct spacing for mature plants by cutting off the weakest looking ones at the soil surface.

Spread a 2-inch-deep layer of mulch over the soil surface, after germination if you start with seeds. Mulch, which provides a decorative, finished appearance to any planting, helps the soil conserve moisture and prevents rain or hose water from splashing soil up onto the plants' leaves. Choose any mulch that is readily available or that looks particularly attractive with your container such as shredded bark.

Container Garden Care

• Water planters as needed, which may mean daily in midsummer. To test soil for dryness, poke your finger into the soil; if it feels dry to a depth of two inches, water. Save time and effort by hooking up a drip irrigation system designed for containers; most garden centers carry them.

• Fertilize every two to three weeks, unless you added a time-release plant food to the soil. Food is especially important when plants such as tomatoes and peppers begin to flower.

• Harvest ripe fruits promptly so plants continue to produce new growth.

• Near the end of the season, protect your contained crops from sudden frosty nights by covering them with burlap or light blankets. If you tend only a few pots, bring them indoors when low night temperatures are forecast. Most vegetables slow their growth and fruit production as the heat and duration of sunlight subside going into fall; many herbs, however, grow well and continue to form new leaves on a very sunny windowsill indoors.

Weather Whys?

Topic: El Niño

Q: Where does an El Niño begin and move to?

A: El Niño is a disruption of the ocean-atmosphere system in the tropical Pacific that affects weather not only in the U.S., but all over the world, says Dr. Gerald North of Texas A&M's Department of Atmospheric Sciences. "The waters off the coast of Peru are normally cold and filled with nutrients," North explains. "When an El Niño occurs, the warm water is covered over at the surface by a layer of warm water. The nutrients coming up from below are cut off, and fishing can suffer, especially anchovy fishing near Peru. This is part of a process that stretches across the whole equatorial Pacific. A pulse of warm water starts in the eastern Pacific and progresses across the whole ocean basin over the course of a year or so, ending off the coast of South America. This slow progression gives us an early warning that can lead to useful predictions several months in advance of an El Niño event.

Q: How does it affect weather in the U.S.?

A. North says that until about 1957, El Niño was thought to affect only the west coast of South America. "But today we know that it's part of a global chain of ocean and atmospheric events," he says. "The results of El Niño can be fascinating, but sometimes costly and deadly. For example, in 1976-77 an El Niño produced record drought in California, but another El Niño in 1982-83 produced a series of rain storms that cost $200 million in California alone. We now have enough knowledge of the whole cycle to see some patterns in the weather. For example, El Niños usually bring wet winters to the Southern U.S., including Texas. This year is a good example. We know that we need a better understanding of El Niño so we can better forecast future weather events and their likely results."

ABOUT WEATHER WHYS...

"Weather Whys" is a service of Texas A&M University's Department of Atmospheric Sciences. Past and current topics can be viewed via the web at http://rev.tamu.edu/weather-whys/

Cash back on stage

HILTONS, Va. (AP) — Johnny Cash says it's painful to play without his wife, June Carter Cash, who died last month. But getting back onstage is "a healing thing," especially when he can sing about his love of 40 years.

Carter Cash, who was born in the community of Maces Spring, died May 15 after complications from heart surgery. She would have been 74 on Monday.

"I don't know hardly what to say tonight about being up here without her," the 71-year-old singer told a crowd of more than 1,000 people who packed the Carter Fold Saturday.

Scurrying Around Snyder

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Tips and Trends From The Soap And Detergent Association

Cleaning Reflections

Even with a very thorough spring cleaning, there are a few spots that don't seem to show up on the cleaning radar screen. And, summer is a great time to tackle these forgotten tasks.

Check out the kitchen range hood. To eliminate the smelly, oily cooking material in its filter screen, replace the screen or clean the permanent metal filter in the dishwasher.

Take a close look at the drapes. While vacuuming may remove dust, it doesn't take care of stale or musty odors. Set the clothes dryer on the air fluff (no heat) setting and toss the drapes in. Rehang immediately so there's no opportunity for wrinkles to set in.

Next, place a stepladder in the middle of each room, climb up on it, and look down. Cleaning opportunities, such as refrigerator tops, ceiling fans, light fixtures and trim moldings, will come into view.

Check and clean behind and under major appliances, including refrigerators, washing machines, and clothes dryers. The latter is especially important because lint build up frequently occurs, creating a possible fire hazard. Other tasks on the overlooked list: cleaning out the medicine cabinet and cleaning the air filter in the vacuum cleaner.

Q: Are hand gel sanitizers effective for sanitizing hands?

A: Yes, alcohol-based wipes or gel formulas are effective for sanitizing hands but not necessary if hands are visibly soiled. Soap and water would be more effective for cleaning soiled hands.

Q: Should I use antibacterial soap to wash my fruits and vegetables?

A: No. It's important that you only use commercial products that are specially formulated for washing produce.

Q: My kids get their clothes really dirty during summer. What's the best way to treat these stains?

A: Here's how to treat some common summer stains:

Ice Cream: Use a pre-treat laundry product. Then launder.

Juice Pops: Wash with bleach that's safe for the fabric.

Grass: Use a pre-treat laundry product. Then launder the garment as soon as possible. **Note:** Check the garment for stain removal before drying it, as the heat of the dryer can set the stain. If stain persists, launder the garment again using bleach that's safe for the fabric.

Mud: Let the mud dry. Then, brush off as much mud as possible. Treat the stain using a pre-treat laundry product. Then launder.

Blood: For *fresh* stains, soak in cold water (do not use hot water as it will set blood stains). Then launder. For *dried* stains, pre-treat or soak in a solution of warm water and laundry detergent. Then launder. If stain remains, rewash using a bleach that's safe for the fabric

Away With Clutter!

When a home is up for sale, the smart seller will keep clutter under control on a daily basis. That way, if an unexpected buyer drops in, the house will be ready to show.

Clear off the kitchen and bathroom countertops, sorting and storing non-essentials in boxes. Wipe all surfaces clean. Anything that will go back on the counter top should be wiped clean, too. In the kitchen, keep out only those appliances that are used every few days.

Don't let newspapers and mail pile up. Sort every day and discard what isn't needed. Place a few baskets in strategic locations around the house. When the real estate agent calls, the clutter that is an inevitable part of daily life can be quickly scooped up into the baskets and hidden away. And, get in the habit of making a nightly "sweep" just before bedtime.

COLORADO RIVER MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

WEEKLY LAKE AND WATER DELIVERY REPORT

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

	ONE YEAR AGO 6-23-02	LAST WEEK 6-16-03	THIS WEEK 6-23-03
ELEVATION (FEET)	16.50	19.63	19.33
CONTENTS (ACRE-FEET)	16,783	23,013	22,566
PERCENT FULL	8.37	11.47	11.25
RAINFALL (INCHES) *		0.00	0.00
IVIE TO LAKE THOMAS (Gal.)		0	0
SPENCE TO THOMAS (Gal.)		0	0

*RAINFALL MEASUREMENT AT BIG SPRING/ODESSA INTAKE.

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

	ONE YEAR AGO 6-23-02	LAST WEEK 6-16-03	THIS WEEK 6-23-03
ELEVATION (FEET)	41.94	43.81	43.53
CONTENTS (ACRE-FEET)	47,696	53,926	52,961
PERCENT FULL	9.22	10.43	10.24
RAINFALL (INCHES) *		4.20	0.00

*RAINFALL MEASUREMENT AT SPENCE PUMP STATION.

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

	ONE YEAR AGO 6-23-02	LAST WEEK 6-16-03	THIS WEEK 6-23-03
ELEVATION (FEET)	29.32	28.97	28.87
CONTENTS (ACRE-FEET)	229,620	225,953	224,936
PERCENT FULL	41.42	40.46	40.58
RAINFALL (INCHES) *		0.20	0.00

* RAINFALL MEASUREMENT AT DAM.

INFORMATION BASED ON NEW AREA CAPACITY CURVE DATA

MUNICIPAL WATER DELIVERIES IN GALLONS

	LAST WEEKS DAILY AVERAGE 6-16-03 6-10-03	THIS WEEKS DAILY AVERAGE 6-23-03 6-17-03	THIS WEEKS PEAK DAY 6-23-03 6-17-03
BIG SPRING	4,510,000	5,270,000	5,900,000
ODESSA	20,317,000	26,174,429	29,016,000
SNYDER	1,965,143	2,652,000	3,702,000
MIDLAND	24,657,143	29,808,000	30,520,000
SAN ANGELO	11,247,714	14,444,429	17,177,000
STANTON	151,857	184,429	238,000

HEY SNYDER...

Plan now for your City Wide Garage Sale. Gather up those items taking up space in your garage, attic and basement and sell them for cash at your garage sale!

Ad must be placed by noon, Wednesday, July 16, 2003.

•Garage Sale Ads Published Friday, July 18th in the Snyder Daily News

•Use up to 20 words to describe your sale (additional words 20¢ each)

•Sale ads will be grouped by location

•Get 4 Garage Sale Signs

•Rain Insurance... If it rains, your Garage Sale ad will be reprinted FREE!

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Snyder Daily News

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Bush's approval numbers high

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush basks in high approval ratings, but when potential voters are pressed about giving him a second term, the numbers drop — a reflection of worries about the struggling economy and a general wait-and-see attitude so far ahead of the election.

Bush's overall approval ratings have remained at 60 percent or higher in most polls since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

But now that the electorate is turning to thinking about Bush's handling of the economy and wondering who the Democrats will nominate, the president's re-elect numbers are at 50 percent or lower in several polls.

In a recent CNN-USA Today-Gallup poll, 50 percent said they would vote for Bush and 38 percent backed the unknown Democratic candidate, with the rest undecided. Those numbers aren't very different from those garnered by Bush's father in June 1991, when the commander in chief was praised for the U.S. success in the Persian Gulf War and the Democrats were scrambling for a candidate.

Bill Clinton defeated George H.W. Bush in the 1992 election.

"With job approval, you're asking how they feel right now," said Frank Newport, editor in chief of the Gallup poll. Bush's job approval ratings won't accurately reflect his potential until March or April next year, Newport said.

The current poll also found that 37 percent of Democrats approve of Bush's job performance, but only a third of those Democrats who approve would vote to re-elect him. Among independents, the re-elect numbers weren't as high as the approval ratings.

"What this means is that Democrats and independents who lean Democratic still want to consider other choices," said Andrew Kohut, director of the Pew Research Center for the People & the Press. "Bush will still have to convince swing voters that he's the right person for the job once a Democratic candidate emerges.

"It also says the public wants an election campaign and wants to see what the Democratic candidate will say," Kohut said.

Bush's re-elect numbers are even lower in the Ipsos-Cook Political Report tracking poll, which showed a drop for the president from April to June, a time when the nation's focus shifted from the U.S.-led war against Iraq to the economy, Medicare and tax cuts.

In June, 42 percent of those polled said they would definitely vote to re-elect Bush, and 31 percent said they would definitely vote for someone else. Bush had a 19-point advantage over an unnamed opponent in the April survey by the Ipsos-Cook Political Report.

Thomas Riehle, president of Ipsos Public Affairs, said the reason was simple: It's the economy.

For Democrats, struggling with a field of nine candidates and facing a Bush fund-raising machine that has raked in millions, the numbers provide some hope — and a challenge. Veteran pollster Warren Mitofsky said who the Democrats pick will influence the support for Bush's re-election.

"The real question for the Democrats is will they choose a candidate who's as good as people are looking for?" Mitofsky said.

Pollsters also point to an inherent problem in asking people whether they favor the president or a hypothetical opponent.

"People can pick their favorite candidate, or they could pick someone who's not even in the field," said Doug Schwartz, director of the Quinnipiac University poll. "People can pick their own fantasy candidate."

Lester Maddox...

Ex-Georgia governor dies at 87

ATLANTA (AP) — Lester Maddox, the restaurateur who became a symbol of segregationist defiance and then Georgia governor in a fluke election, died Wednesday, family members said. He was 87.

Maddox, who had battled cancer since 1983, cracked two ribs when he fell about 10 days ago at an assisted living home where he was recovering from intestinal surgery. He later developed pneumonia and was placed in an Atlanta hospice where he died, the family said.

"Gov. Maddox had the unique ability to connect with everyday Georgians regardless of their background or station in life," Gov. Sonny Perdue said in a statement. "Georgians have lost more than a former governor. We have lost a devoted family man, a dedicated public servant and a prominent citizen who loved this state and her people."

Maddox became famous in the 1960s when he closed and then sold his Pickrick fried chicken restaurant in Atlanta rather than serve blacks. But fears of racial strife during his 1967-71 governorship proved unfounded when Maddox pursued a policy of relative moderation on race.

It began with an inaugural vow that "there will be no place in Georgia during the next four years for those who advocate extremism or violence."

Barred from succeeding himself at the end of his four-year term, Maddox won the state's second-highest office, and from the position as lieutenant governor battled the man who succeeded him as governor, President-to-be Jimmy Carter.

A bid to return to the executive mansion failed in 1974, and Maddox dabbled at real estate.

He tried a final comeback in 1990, but his years away from the public spotlight and a changing electorate left him fifth in a five-person race with just 3 percent of the vote.

An irrepressible, flamboyant man, Maddox often seemed more caricature than flesh. His slick pate and thick glasses were fodder for cartoonists. He was known for quaint sayings and outrageous gestures like riding a bicycle backward.

"How you, chief?" was one customary greeting. Another: "It's great to be alive. A lot of folks aren't, you know."

He won the hearts of many by opening the doors of his office and the governor's mansion to what he called the "little people." Twice a month he held a kind of people's court to hear the problems of the rank-and-file and offer advice and help.

At his final open house at the executive mansion, thousands turned out to bid Maddox farewell.

Maddox was born Sept. 30, 1915, in Atlanta. He was a school dropout who later took a correspondence course and opened a restaurant. It was through that restaurant, the Pickrick, that Maddox became nationally known for his outspoken opposition to integration.

In one incident, customers armed themselves with pick handles to bar blacks. Pick handles became his trademark, and later he sold them as souvenirs.

Maddox claimed he had nothing against blacks, just forced integration. In the end, he sold the restaurant rather than comply with the public accommodations section of the Civil Rights Act.

"As well as a constitutional human right to associate with whomever you please, there should be a corresponding right to disassociate if you please," he once said.

Maddox ran twice for mayor of Atlanta and once for lieutenant governor before capturing the state's highest office through a quirk in state law.

He won the Democratic nomination for governor in 1966 but trailed Republican Howard H. "Bo" Callaway in the general election. Write-in votes for other candidates prevented Callaway from receiving a majority, and the question was thrown to the Democrat-dominated Legislature, which picked Maddox.

As governor, Maddox interested himself in prison reform and teacher pay, and appointed black musician Graham Jackson to the state Board of Corrections — a high post for a black man at the time.

As his term drew to a close, Maddox challenged a constitutional provision barring governors from succeeding themselves. He failed, but managed to be elected lieutenant governor.

Maddox's wife, the former Virginia Cox, died in 1997. They had been married for more than 60 years and had two daughters and two sons.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Thursday, June 26, 2003

You'd better buckle up and hang on tight, because chances are in the year ahead you could find yourself living in the fast lane. A more adventurous you is apt to emerge and engage in many exciting activities.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — If you expect others to do things for you today, you're going to first have to set the example. Others will respond if they are assured that you are looking out for their interests as well.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Unless you keep pace with your duties and assignments today, they could begin to overlap each other and build up into a large pile that will bury you under your work.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Spend your free time having fun with friends today, but under no circumstance allow any financial or commercial matters to overshadow your relationship with them. Keep business out of the picture.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Your goals can be achieved today, but only if you don't dependent upon others. Cohorts on whom you can usually count may be too wrapped up in their own problems.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Unless someone else takes the bull by the horns and initiates some projects or activities, you aren't likely to have a productive day. Your own activist abilities are apt to be immobile today.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — It might be far too easy to allow your emotions to override your common sense or logic when it comes to financial issues today. Unfortunately, feelings are poor advisors.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Be sure today to honor all of the terms you agreed upon in an arrangement you had with another. Being inconvenienced at the moment is not a good excuse for breaking a pledge.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Left to your own devices, you'll be an effective producer today. Unfortunately, you'll be a pushover for letting others talk you into neglecting your work in lieu of amusement and frolic.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — There are many things you can partake of today. However, make certain you take the needs of others into consideration.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Sensitivities are fragile at this time, so take care in how you treat others today. Be cognizant of those little infractions that can unnerve people and provoke hurt feelings.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — No matter what you think about another's behavior today, keep any unkind thoughts to yourself. Later, when it blows over, it'll be difficult to patch things up if you speak out on them.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — There's nothing wrong with your earning capacity, it's your spending habits that are the problem. Curb any extravagant tendencies you have today and take command over your wallet.

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State of emergency declared in 7 counties

SARASOTA, Fla. (AP) — Gov. Jeb Bush on Tuesday declared a state of emergency for seven southwestern Florida counties pummeled by torrential rain.

The order gives Bush power to evacuate residents and send resources and personnel to help city and county governments.

Bush declared emergencies in Collier, Lee, Charlotte, Hardee, DeSoto, Sarasota and Manatee counties, which were hit with as much as 21 inches of rain in the last several days.

About 40 homes in Sarasota County were flooded, and storms did $2 million in damage to seawalls in Punta Gorda Isles in Charlotte County.

The state also asked residents to evacuate 850 homes in low-lying subdivisions near Myakka River in southern Sarasota County.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Validity of a living will

DEAR DR. GOTT: I really enjoy your humor and your outlook on life issues.

I'm 85 and have a living will, but my doctor says it is only good if family and physician are in agreement. He and my children know I don't want any "heroics," and will respect that. But what about the rest?

DEAR READER: I am not at all convinced that your living will is invalid under these circumstances. I suppose this issue depends on your state's regulations. It seems to me, however, that you should be the boss. If your family and doctor refuse to acknowledge your wishes, I recommend that you change physicians — and family.

Seriously, the purpose of a living will is to document your preferences regarding end-of-life issues. In most states, these preferences are personal, valid and do not require approval by family or medical personnel. Let's face it. We, as potential patients, should have the right legally to define what we want done (or not done) to our bodies when we become ill. So, my advice to you is: get an opinion from your attorney. And, in the process, make absolutely certain that your wishes are expressed in a concise and appropriate manner. Living wills are important legal documents that should be respected (and followed) by both family and health professionals.

DEAR DR. GOTT: To avoid any false assumptions, I must state that I am not a medical person. I am a Ph.D. in statistics.

I have noted that constipation is a widespread problem, and I want to share my solution to it.

At the age of 7 (I am now 81), I noticed quite by accident that, after a bath when I was drying my buttocks in front of an electric heater, I felt a strong urge to defecate. Consequently, I have made use of this phenomenon ever since, to assist whenever a bowel movement was difficult. The source of the heat is a simple lamp, in my case, temporarily clipped to a cupboard next to the toilet.

The procedure is not habit forming, and I'd like many people to give it a try. We love your advice and humor.

DEAR READER: You may not like my humor now.

When I first read your letter, I was overcome by chuckles and amazement as I pictured an adolescent crouching over the john with his butt held high against an electric heater. Then, my chuckles mutated into guffaws when I imagined what your wife must have thought, years later, when you similarly positioned yourself to heat your buns.

While I hesitate to discourage your unusual remedy, I am printing your letter with some fantastic (and serious?) hope that other readers may have achieved some benefit from similar practices.

But I'm still giggling.

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.

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

No deaths reported in Midwest tornadoes

BUFFALO LAKE, Minn. (AP) — More than 300 rescue and recovery workers poured into this small farming community today after tornadoes destroyed buildings, ripped up trees and downed power lines, police officials said. No major injuries or deaths were reported.

Buffalo Lake was among the hardest hit when twisters raked a handful of Midwestern states on Tuesday night, leveling buildings and sending residents to hospitals with minor injuries.

"The (farmers) elevator's busted up, power lines are down, the whole city got hit. The whole north side of the roof of Zion Lutheran Church is gone," said Buffalo Lake City Council member Douglas Rath.

Ten to 15 homes were virtually leveled, Police Chief Greg Gowan said today on CBS's "The Early Show."

In eastern South Dakota, the tiny town of Manchester was "virtually leveled," said a spokesman for Gov. Mike Rounds. Homes and buildings were gone in the community of 12 to 20 people and streets were torn up, but no injuries were reported. It was not immediately clear if the damage was caused by a tornado.

At least eight twisters struck Nebraska as thunderstorms roared across the state for a third straight day, but there were no deaths or injuries. A barn was damaged 12 miles north of Newport near the South Dakota line and three homes in the community of about 100 had minor damage.

Gowan said early warnings were the reason no one was seriously hurt at Buffalo Lake, in south-central Minnesota.

"I think that's why you see me so chipper today, the day after my town got destroyed; I have had a multitude of minor injuries, but I have had only four people go to the hospital, no serious injuries and no fatalities," he said.

Gowan said he knew it was time to run for cover when he saw a 40-foot pine tree with its roots attached "slowly pirouetting in the sky, maybe 200 feet in the air." He estimated that five buildings in town were severely damaged and that about 50 houses had some damage, mainly to roofs, windows and siding.

Enron barred from selling electricity, natural gas in U.S.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal energy regulators toda barred Enron Corp. from selling electricity and natural gas anywhere in the United States, in response to findings that it manipulated Western power markets two years ago.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission said Enron would be able to apply to sell power once it emerges from bankruptcy proceedings.

FERC Chairman Pat Wood said it was the first time the commission had imposed its so-called "death penalty" on power sellers.

"We send a clear signal that competitive markets must work in the interest of customers and the public interest," Wood said.

He said the commission also would uphold the validity of long-term power contracts in California and other Western states that were signed at the height of the energy crisis in 2000 and 2001.

Enron takes major step toward emerging from bankruptcy today

HOUSTON (AP) — Fallen energy trading giant Enron Corp. took a major step toward re-emerging from bankruptcy today, announcing it has asked a bankruptcy judge to let it move its solvent pipeline assets into a newly minted company called CrossCountry Energy Corp.

Enron's plan, filed late Tuesday night with Manhattan-based U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Arthur Gonzalez, would move its interests in Transwestern Pipeline Co., Citrus Corp. and Northern Plains Natural Gas Co. into CrossCountry.

CrossCountry is based in Houston just like Enron, which went bankrupt in late December 2001 during a massive accounting scandal mostly related to its trading and broadband operations. The pipelines were not part of the bankruptcy, but Enron spokesman John Ambler said Gonzalez must approve the proposed transaction because the pipeline interests are owned by the bankrupt corporation.

"Initially (CrossCountry) will be owned by Enron entities, but the expectation is with the Chapter 11 plan Enron ultimately will distribute the shares of CrossCountry Energy to creditors," Ambler said, noting the CrossCountry proposal is in line with what Enron has said it would do with its pipelines all along.

The proposal is part of Enron's plan to reorganize itself and distribute ownership to creditors, who were left holding billions in debt when the company declared bankruptcy Dec. 2, 2001.

Enron said CrossCountry will acquire the pipeline interests immediately after Gonzalez approves the proposal. Shedding the pipelines would leave Enron Corp. with several international holdings, many of which it plans to spin off into another company, and utility Portland General Electric, which the Oregon city is trying to purchase.

Major creditors already have given their blessings to Enron's plan to create the two spinoffs.

The CrossCountry announcement comes just before a Monday deadline for Enron to file with Gonzalez its overall reorganization plan, the long-awaited document expected to explain interim chief executive officer Stephen F. Cooper's plan for the rest of the company.

Existing Enron board members Corbin A. McNeill and Raymond S. Troubh, who were named directors after the company's problems were revealed, will serve on the CrossCountry board. Three other outside directors are being sought, Enron said.

CrossCountry was incorporated in Delaware last month, Ambler said. Enron has informally referred to the entity in the past as "PipeCo" before a formal name was determined.

Snyder emergency officials respond to wreck

Accident

Snyder emergency officials responded to a two-vehicle accident at 25th Street and Ave. E at 12:15 p.m. Tuesday. Involved were a 1999 Honda Valkyre motorcycle driven by Larry Wood, 53, of Sandy, Ore., and a 2003 GMC pickup driven by Elvis Pinkerton, 62, of 428 FM 1673.

Wood and a passenger, his wife Joan, also 53, were ejected from the motorcycle and landed nearby, still in the street.

Both were transported by Snyder EMS to Cogdell Hospital and then to Lubbock's Covenant Hospital. They were listed this morning in stable condition. Pinkerton was not injured.

Thefts

At 3:40 p.m. Tuesday, Shawna Reed reported that her diamond pendant was stolen at 4709 El Paso. An officers advised an offense report for felony theft would be submitted.

Cathy Freeman requested officers at Snyder Country Club in reference to a theft. Officers responded and advised a Class B report would be submitted.

Brenda Vera reported items stolen from her car at 2110 27th Street and a report was filed for burglary of a vehicle.

Disturbances

A man requested an officer at a location on U.S. 84 at 8 a.m. Tuesday in reference to his wife creating a disturbance. Deputies advised the woman was gone upon their arrival and a report for family violence was submitted.

Criminal mischief

Tuesday morning criminal mischief was reported at Nix's Auto on 25th Street. An offense report was filed.

Overdose

A woman requested an ambulance in the 5400 block of College Ave. Tuesday evening in reference to her daughter overdosing on unknown pills. The girl was transported to Cogdell Hospital and a report for overdose was filed.

Births

Jaden Landry West was born to Jason and Jami West of Abilene at 5:42 p.m. on June 23. Jaden weighed six pounds, 7½ ounces and was 19 inches long.

Grandparents are Monte and Linda West of Snyder.

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Maria Ester Martinez and Joey Sacarias Garza of San Angelo announce the birth of their son, Cruz Martinez Garza, at 4:53 a.m. on June 21 in Rolling Plains Memorial Hospital in Sweetwater. He weighed seven pounds, 15 ounces and was 20½ inches long. His sisters are Sydney Ramos and Iselia Garza.

Paternal grandparents are Mary Villanueva of Snyder and Henry and Wanda Garza of San Angelo. Great-grandparents are Paul Villanueva of Hermleigh and the late Hope Villanueva, and Lorenzo Larralde and the late Santos Larralde.

Maternal grandparents are Felix and Ninfa Martinez of Hermleigh, Alejandra Sosa and Cruz Sosa, both of Snyder, and the late Lionor Martinez and Lorenzo Martinez.

The Light will sing in Snyder

The Light will perform at 7 p.m. Thursday at East Side Church of Christ.

The Light features six ACU students including Matt Coronado, a 2001 graduate of Snyder High School. He is a music major.

Obituaries

Billy Green

1927-2003

H.F. "Billy" Green, a longtime resident of Snyder, died this morning in Bender Terrace Nursing Home in Lubbock after a lengthy illness.

Billy Green

Funeral service for Mr. Green, 75, is set for 10 a.m. Thursday in Hillside Memorial Gardens with the Rev. Kevin O'Brien of Lubbock officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

He was born April. 10, 1927 in Weatherford and was a farmer.

Mr. Green was preceded in death by a sister, Betty Hildreth.

Survivors include two daughters, Donna Koonce of Snyder and Denise Jorgenson of Lubbock; a son, David Green of Snyder; a sister, Dorothy Gill of Snyder; a brother, John Green of Snyder; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Visitation will be held from 6:30 to 7:30 this evening at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

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Kenneth Rinehart

1931-2003

Kenneth Eldon Rinehart, 71, died early this morning at his home in Snyder.

Services for Mr. Rinehart are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

He was born July 7, 1931 in Scurry County and had worked for the City of Snyder.

Survivors include his wife, Wanda Rinehart of Snyder; three daughters, Linda Dillard of Childress, Gail Laster of Midland and Abby Davis of Snyder; two sons, Jerry Rinehart of Snyder and Ronnie Rinehart of Midland; two sisters, Dorothy Francis of Dayton and Margie Massarello; a brother, Charles Rinehart of Huffman.

Faye Scott

1961-2003

COLORADO CITY — Funeral service for Brenda "Faye" Scott, the sister of Shirley Scott of Snyder, is set for 11 a.m. Thursday in the Kiker-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Henry Lee will officiate and burial will follow in the Mitchell County Cemetery.

Ms. Scott, 42, died Saturday, June 21, in Mitchell County Hospital after becoming ill at the Juneteenth celebration in Ruddick Park.

Born Feb. 10, 1961 in Colorado City, she was a lifelong resident and had worked in the laundry department at Kristi Lee Manor.

Survivors include her husband, Johnny K. Williams of Colorado City; her parents, Roy and Lurline Scott of Colorado City; two daughters, Tracy Scott of San Antonio and Shanika Myers of Camp Pendleton, Calif.; a son, Mickey Green of Colorado City; five other sisters, Elizabeth Jackson, Joyce Scott and Kathy Johnson, all of Colorado City, Carolyn Lenford of Abilene and Linda Scott of Arlington; and six grandchildren.

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Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Thu 6/26	Fri 6/27	Sat 6/28
81/57	80/57	90/59
Showers and thundershowers likely in the morning with a shower or two possi.	Sunny. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the upper 50s.	Sunshine. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the upper 50s.
Sunrise 6:37 AM, Sunset 8:55 PM	Sunrise 6:38 AM, Sunset 8:55 PM	Sunrise 6:38 AM, Sunset 8:55 PM

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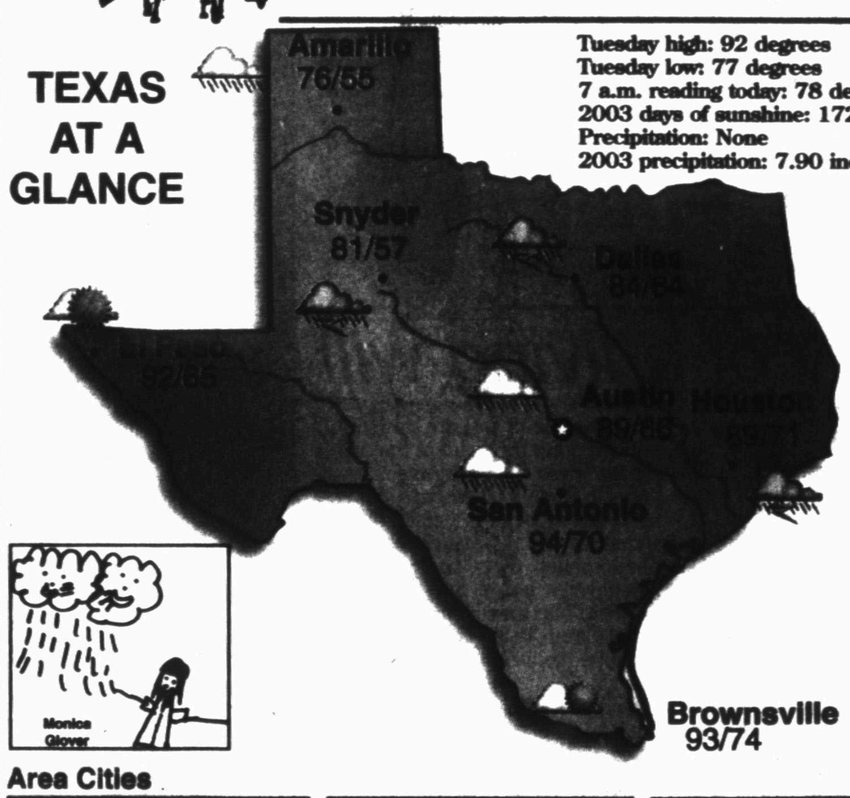
TEXAS AT A GLANCE

Tuesday high: 92 degrees
Tuesday low: 77 degrees
7 a.m. reading today: 78 degrees
2003 days of sunshine: 172 of 175
Precipitation: None
2003 precipitation: 7.90 inches



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	82	59	t-storm	El Paso	92	65	mst sunny	Midland	81	62	rain
Amarillo	76	55	rain	Fort Stockton	83	64	rain	Raymondville	95	72	pt sunny
Austin	89	66	rain	Gainesville	82	58	t-storm	Rosenberg	90	70	t-storm
Beaumont	88	70	t-storm	Greenville	82	60	t-storm	San Antonio	94	70	rain
Brownsville	93	74	pt sunny	Houston	89	71	t-storm	San Marcos	90	67	t-storm
Brownwood	86	61	t-storm	Kingsville	94	70	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	82	60	t-storm
Corpus Christi	91	72	pt sunny	Livingston	87	67	t-storm	Sweetwater	82	58	t-storm
Corsicana	83	64	t-storm	Longview	83	64	t-storm	Tyler	83	66	t-storm
Dallas	84	64	t-storm	Lubbock	78	57	t-storm	Weatherford	83	59	t-storm
Del Rio	96	72	pt sunny	Lufkin	86	67	t-storm	Wichita Falls	84	59	t-storm

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	89	67	mst sunny	Houston	89	71	t-storm	Phoenix	109	81	sunny
Boston	91	71	pt sunny	Los Angeles	80	62	pt sunny	San Francisco	80	58	pt sunny
Chicago	79	56	t-storm	Miami	85	76	t-storm	Seattle	80	57	pt sunny
Dallas	84	64	t-storm	Minneapolis	67	55	cloudy	St. Louis	79	60	t-storm
Denver	74	49	mst sunny	New York	97	72	pt sunny	Washington, DC	98	76	pt sunny

Moon Phases

Last	New	First	Full
Jun 21	Jun 29	Jul 7	Jul 13

UV Index

Thu 6/26	Fri 6/27	Sat 6/28
High	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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