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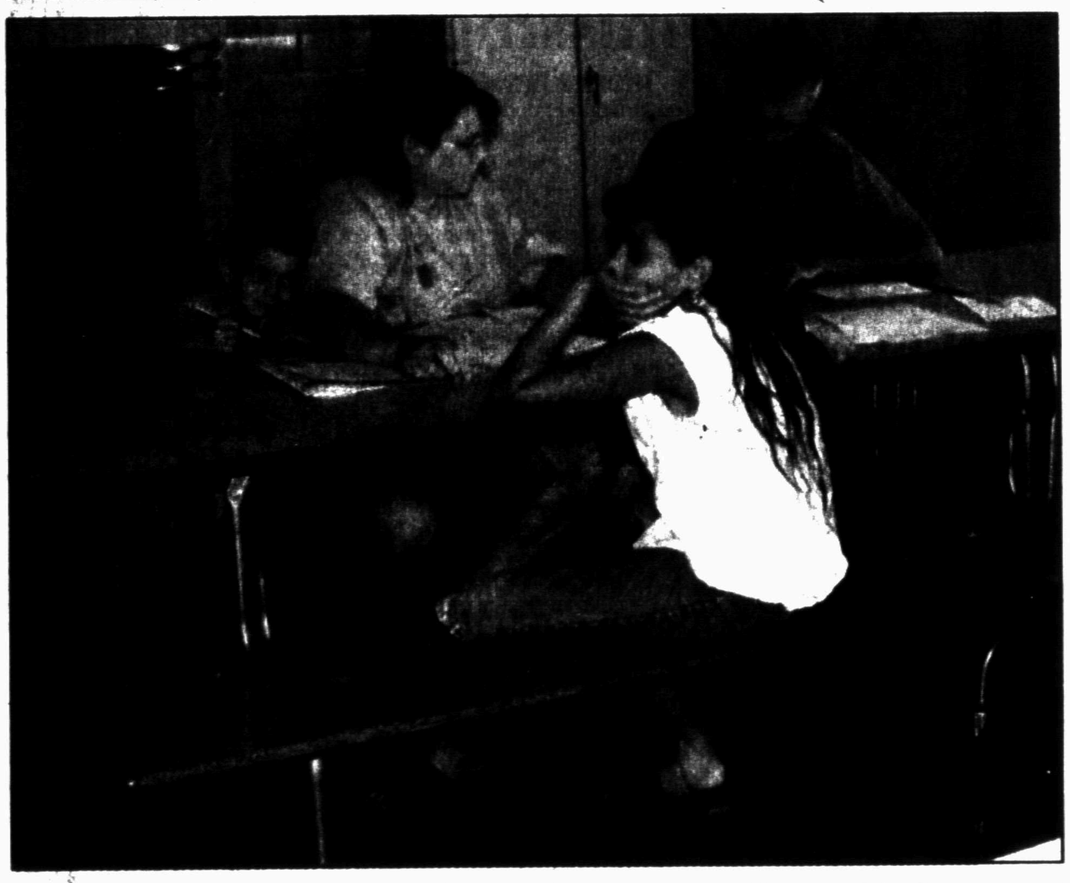
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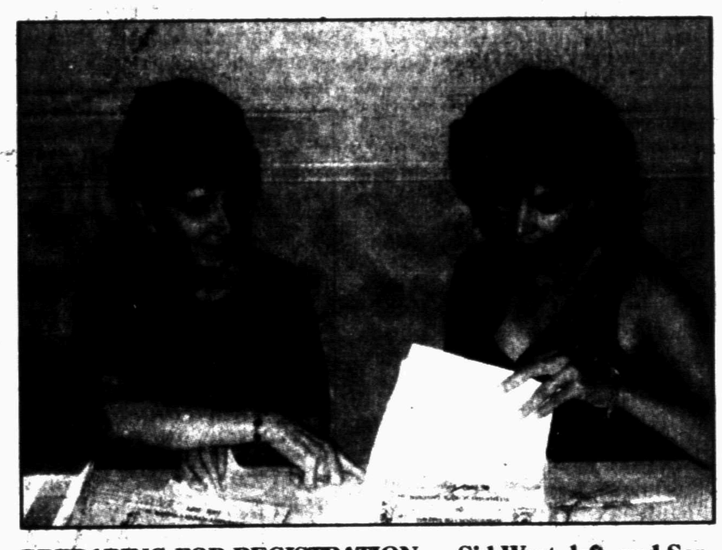
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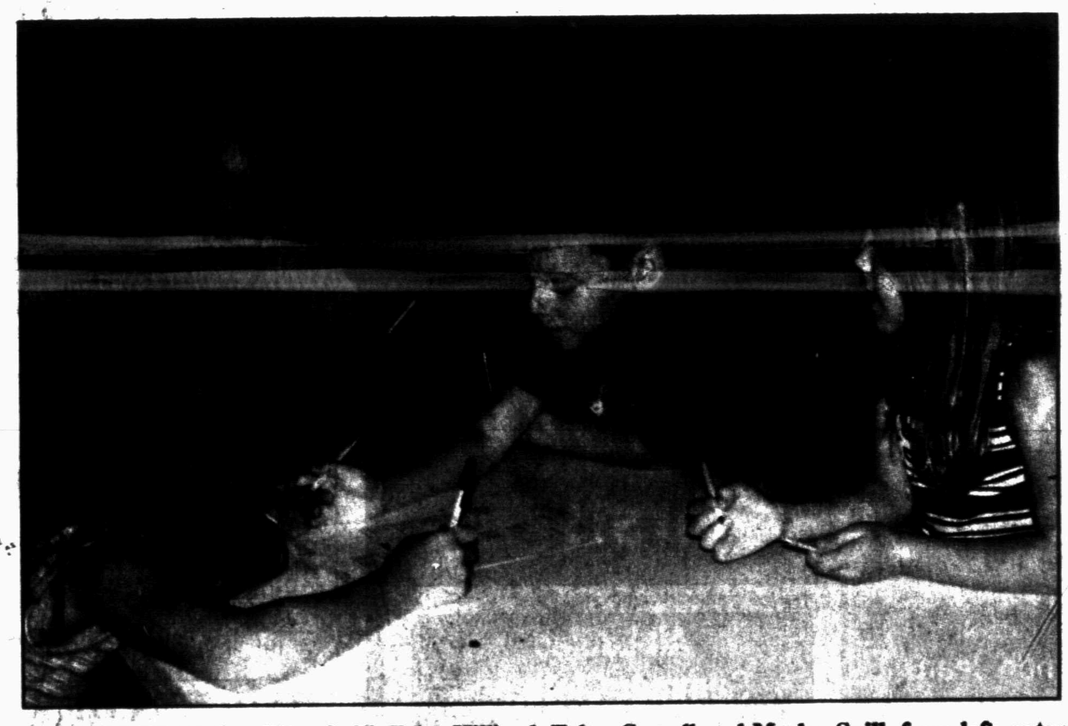


REGISTRATION DAY — Kids wait patiently while mom and dad fill out registration papers at Northeast Elementary. Pictured from left are Taylor, Donna, Taryn and Larry Kubena. (SDN Staff Photo)



PREPARING FOR REGISTRATION — Sid West, left, and Sandra Alcala, both pre-kindergarten aides, prepare paperwork for parents to register children at West Elementary. (SDN Staff Photo)

Students in Snyder, Hermleigh and Ira school districts all start classes on Monday, Aug. 18



GETTING READY — Riley Spill, Tyler Hilliard, Talon Carroll and Marley Spill, from left, entertain themselves while their parents get registration out of the way for the school year at West Elementary. (SDN Staff Photo).

In time for back-to-school...

Shopping is tax-free for some items

Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Scurry county families will be able to take advantage of the sales tax holiday that should provide some savings for the families getting ready to go back to school.

The tax break applies to various clothing and footwear items priced under $100.

"During these tough economic times, it is more important than ever to stretch the family budget and be able to keep dollars in their pockets for their families' priorities," said State Comptroller Carolyn Keeton Strayhorn.

She estimated Texans will save about $43.8 million, including $34.6 million in sales tax and $9.2 million in local sales tax. The previous four sales tax holidays have saved shoppers about $150.2 million.

The list of tax-exempt items remains the same as previous years. Most clothing and footwear priced under $100 is tax free. The tax holiday does not cover non-clothing items like handbags, wallets, jewelry, accessories, backpacks and school supplies.

Here is a list of the tax-free items:

Tax-Free Items

- Baby Clothes
- Belts (with attached buckles)
- Boots - cowboy, hiking
- Caps/hats - baseball, fishing, golf, knitted
- Coats and wraps
- Diapers - adult and baby
- Dresses
- Gloves (generally)
- Gym suits and uniforms
- Hooded shirts
- Hooded sweatshirts
- Jackets
- Jeans
- Jerseys - baseball and football
- Jogging apparel
- Neckwear and ties
- Pajamas
- Pants and trousers
- Raincoats and ponchos
- Robes
- Shirts
- Shoes - sandals, slippers, sneakers, tennis, walking
- Socks (including athletic)
- Shorts
- Suits, slacks and jackets
- Sweatshirts
- Sweat suits
- Sweaters
- Underwear
- Work clothes and uniforms

Demos still in New Mexico...

Dewhurst presses ahead with Senate business in Austin

AUSTIN (AP) — As the 11 Senate Democrats opposed to congressional redistricting attacked Gov. Rick Perry from their New Mexico hotel, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst moved ahead with Senate business, naming senators to a panel to study school finance.

Dewhurst said he hoped the committee, also made up of state representatives and public members, could meet next week for an organizational meeting. Committee chairwoman Sen. Florence Shapiro, R-Plano, said work groups could begin meeting as early as today.

"As far as getting organized, I think we've got an obligation to the people of Texas to use the time that we have here as effectively as we can, take advantage of the senators here to start work," Dewhurst said Wednesday. "This is an important subject."

Meanwhile, the Democrats took aim at Gov. Rick Perry, who called the second special session on congressional redistricting after a bill on the subject failed in the first special session. They said their message to Perry is this is not the time for gamesmanship and photo opportunities that misrepresent what they have fought for in the Senate.

"This is about real issues, about real people and real results. Our constituents know where we stand. They know where the governor has failed to lead," said Sen. Leticia Van de Putte, chairwoman of the Senate Democratic Caucus.

Perry spokesman Gene Acuna said Perry was working Wednesday, not holding a news conference.

Junior high registration ends Friday

Friday is the last day for students new to the community to register at Snyder Junior High School.

Students are asked to bring grade records, social security card, birth certificate and immunization records.

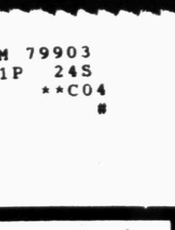
Additional information may be obtained by calling the school at 573-6356.

School starts for all Snyder students on Monday, Aug. 18.

THE SDN COLUMN

MY TURN

by Leslie Schmidt



There's a little piece of land out here in West Texas that we've lived on our entire lives, but only realized lately that there were more than one or two types of trees growing on it.

While walking through a pasture that we've been strolling for the past 30 years or so, we came upon some of the most beautiful trees that we have ever seen. The trunk of one was bigger around than a hug. How could these giants have been overlooked all this time?

We've also noticed mesas and rolling hills that seem to have emerged recently. Obviously, the landscape hasn't changed on any grand scale. What is this sudden sharpening of perception due to?

There's an explanation.

We recently took a hiatus from conventional working to pursue personal interests. Living on our own time schedule certainly slowed things down for us. We stepped out of the rat race and had time to look around.

There was time to do the things that we were always meaning to do.

One of those things was picking algerita berries in May. This was the first time we actually caught the season at the right time. The bushes were covered with bright red fruit. We ate berries and pricked our fingers on the holly-like leaves.

Our children were amazed they could eat something straight off a wild plant. They had seen it done before, but only in the movies. It would have been nice to make some algerita jelly, but that never gets past the thinking stage for us. The ecstasy of eating berries was quelled after large black bugs took over the bushes.

There was more time to pay attention to the livestock. Cattle and donkeys have definite personalities. Some can make you feel guilty, some are shy and some are pretty darn funny. We still have plans to have one butchered and put up in the freezer, though. Beef that is. We're not too keen on donkey meat.

One of the things we could have done without was a trip to some canyons that lay north of here a little ways. The dog got to sniffing around and sniffed herself onto a ledge from which she had to be rescued. Why a dog would walk off a cliff is a mystery to us. Maybe she has no depth perception. That dog stays home from now on.

We put a lot of time into a garden and had high hopes of bountiful baskets of homegrown vegetables. We have since found that we don't know the first thing about gardening. The more we watered, the faster everything died.

The garden plot now looks like a windblown desert with stubs of dead plants sticking out of the soil. The red ants and horned toads are really enjoying it.

Now here we are, back on the fast track. Laugh if you will. We know it's not New York City, but downtown Snyder has a much faster pace than a dirt road through the country.

No more waking up to the sound of the internal clock, which usually feels that nothing before 10 a.m. is important enough to get up for. That same clock also feels that it is fine to go bed somewhere around 2 a.m.

Time has come to sharpen our wits and get back to work, plug in the connections and get the juice going.

Time to wake up and smell the coffee.

ASK US

Q—When is the Tigers football team's first scrimmage? Who will they practice against?

A—The Tigers will scrimmage at Post Aug. 16.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR



Alejandra Espinoza...

...has lived in Snyder for ten years. She is a stay-at-home mom and her husband, Rafael, is employed at Robert Early's Welding. They have two daughters, Janelle, 8, and Abigail, 4.

Alejandra enjoys reading, trips to the library with her children, and visiting with the neighbors.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Everything comes to him who hustles while he waits.
—Thomas Edison

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

First Methodist VBS

First United Methodist Church is holding Vacation Bible School from 6 to 8 p.m. daily through Friday. For ages kindergarten through 5th grade, theme is "God People Celebrate." Register at 2700 College Ave. or call 574-1547.

SHS band rehearsals begin Friday

Snyder High School band rehearsals begin Friday from 8:30 a.m. until noon and from 1:30 until 4 p.m. Rehearsals will continue until school starts on Aug. 18. Percussionists reported today. For more information, contact director Donnie Reston at 574-6045.

Amazing health story

Jeff and Judy Allen of Tulsa, Okla., will share their health story and interest in optimal health at 7 p.m. Friday at the West Texas TaeKwonDo building, 2500 Ave. R. There is no charge.

SHS Student Council activities

SHS Student Council will have a booth at the CADA Back-To-School Bash Friday. Members will sell Tiger T-shirts and booksox. Incoming freshmen will be able to sign up for the fish camp. Tiger T-shirts (youth and adult sizes in black or gold) are on sale for $10 from 9 a.m. to noon everyday at the high school until school starts and after. The Student Council will sponsor The Fish Splash at Worsham Auditorium from 1-4 p.m. Aug. 9. Register early.

Computer drawing

The Scurry County Anti-Drug Connection will have a drawing for a computer Friday at the Back-to-School Bash. Buy a chance to win a Dell computer system for $1 each, or 6 for $5 from any CADA member. Call 573-1141, 574-1931, or come by 2513 College Ave. The bash is from 7-11 p.m. at the Towle Park Barn.

Class of '83 reunion dance

The SHS class of '83 reunion dance will be held from 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday at the Snyder Country Club. Music will be by Cross Mojo Nation. Cost is $10 per person. Classmates, friends, teachers and the public are invited.

'59 HHS class reunion

The Hermleigh High School class of 1959 reunion will begin at 9:30 a.m. Saturday with a brunch at Martha Ann Woman's Club. Meet at MAWC for class picture at 5 p.m. and the evening meal will follow at 6 p.m.

Crystal River to perform

Crystal River will perform at two Scurry County churches on Sunday. They will sing at 10:30 a.m. at First Assembly of God and at 6:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Hermleigh.

First Christian Bible Camp

First Christian Church, 37th and Austin, has set its Morning Bible Camp from 9-11:30 a.m. beginning Monday through next Thursday. Children from kindergarten through sixth grade are eligible. Call 573-6877 to register.

Volleyball booster club

The SHS volleyball booster club will meet at 7 p.m. Monday in the girls gym.

Hermleigh booster club

The Hermleigh Booster Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday in the school cafeteria.

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "How the Gospel Addresses the Problem of Sin," followed by "The Fool Among Wise Men."

Head Start registration

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

HHS senior class fundraiser

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

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.

Cancer treatment transportation

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

Prosecutor will seek retrial in videotaped arrest incident

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Prosecutors promised to press for a retrial of a former police officer who was videotaped battering a handcuffed teenager, saying a verdict is "important for the community."

Los Angeles County District Attorney Steve Cooley said Wednesday he would ask for a new assault trial within 60 days for Jeremy Morse. The announcement came one day after a judge declared a mistrial when jurors deadlocked 7-5 in favor of convicting the former Inglewood officer.

"The community has set a national example of restraint and good citizenship in light of this case, and we can do nothing less than assure that this former police officer is judged in a court of law," Cooley said.

Many observers had feared civil unrest could follow if Morse, 25, was not found guilty of assaulting Donovan Jackson, then 16, on July 6, 2002. Morse is seen on the videotape slamming Jackson into a police car after Jackson approached officers as they questioned his father about an expired license plate.

Race was never mentioned at trial, but the image of a white officer beating on a black youth made national headlines and sparked angry protests in the heavily minority city of Inglewood.

Father says he shot and buried children

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — At first, Manuel Gehring denied knowing what happened to his children. Eventually, court documents said, he told authorities he shot them in New Hampshire, drove for hours with their bodies in his van and buried them in the Midwest.

According to the documents released Wednesday, Gehring told police he shot his daughter, Sarah, 14, and son, Philip, 11, in southern New Hampshire, and buried them somewhere off Interstate 80 — he thought it was Ohio.

"He told police that he said a prayer, fashioned a cross made of duct tape across the chest of both children and buried them in shallow graves," an affidavit said.

Gehring was tracked to California earlier this month where he was charged with murder, nearly a week after he and his children disappeared from Concord, the documents said. He was being held without bail.

Before being returned to New Hampshire, police flew Gehring to the Midwest, where he spent a week, apparently trying to remember where he buried the children. Their bodies haven't been found.

The 44-year-old unemployed accountant and the children were last seen in Concord, arguing after a Fourth of July fireworks show. He was arrested July 10 in California, alone, on charges of interfering with custody of the children.

Police said Gehring, who was in a custody battle with his ex-wife, was despondent and emotional in his first police interview in California and said his life was over.

In Concord, officers already had found a note on Gehring's living room floor that said: "I hate my life."

In subsequent interviews in California, he allegedly said he returned home with the children after the fireworks, picked up a 9 mm handgun, drove about a half hour to 45 minutes, then pulled over and shot them.

FBI agents who searched Gehring's van in California reported finding bullet holes covered with duct tape, blood stains, apparent brain matter and a pool of blood on the van floor. They also reported finding two loaded handguns, two shovels and an ax.

According to the documents, Gehring said that after killing the children, he bought an ax, a shovel, a utility knife and scissors at a Wal-Mart. He then drove another three to four hours to somewhere on Interstate 80, where he left the highway, drove two to three miles and dug graves for his children in a secluded spot, the document said.

Prosecutors declined to comment on the documents and Gehring's lawyers did not immediately return phone messages Wednesday afternoon.

Episcopalians face divisive issues as convention opens

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — No one said a thing during the Episcopal service when two men wearing earrings and full liturgical dress kissed each other on the mouth while other worshippers exchanged less personal greetings.

The Eucharist at St. Mark's Episcopal Cathedral was about faith and the divisive issue of confirming V. Gene Robinson, an openly gay bishop from New Hampshire, during the church's 10-day national convention, which began Wednesday. The ceremony was organized by gay and lesbian Episcopalian groups to galvanize support for Robinson.

"I want no one to leave this church," the Rev. Michael Hopkins said to a packed sanctuary. "We want our own place at the table and we will continue to claim it. But we want us all to be there together."

Robinson attended but kept a low profile. Unlike other openly gay church leaders he sat with, he wore neither a rainbow-colored stole nor a rainbow ribbon.

Robinson, a divorced father of two, has been living with his male partner for years and serving as an assistant to the current New Hampshire bishop.

Conservative Episcopalians have warned that Robinson's confirmation could splinter the church and the 77-million-member global Anglican Communion, to which the Episcopal Church belongs. A 1998 gathering of Anglican leaders called gay sex "incompatible with Scripture."

The presiding bishop of the 2.3 million-member Episcopal Church, Frank Griswold, noted the division at a news conference Wednesday. But he said his church has a "diverse center," a vast body of clergy and laity who hold differing opinions but want to stay together.

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Woman's claim to be missing girl is a hoax

THORNTOWN, Ind. (AP) — It sounded too good to be true: The parents of Shannon Marie Sherrill, missing for 17 years, received a phone call purportedly from their daughter hoping to reconnect. In the end, it turned out to be nothing more than a cruel hoax.

William Michael Sherrill, the father of the girl who was abducted while playing hide-and-seek in the family's yard when she was 6, collapsed in tears when he learned of the hoax only minutes before it was announced during a news conference today.

"I wasn't expecting this at all. I thought they were going to bring Shannon in here," Sherrill told reporters.

Police issued an arrest warrant for Donna L. Walker, 35, of Topeka, Kan., who faces a felony charge of identity deception and a misdemeanor charge of false reporting.

Police said Walker called the parents of the missing girl last weekend, claiming to be their daughter. She may also have contacted news organizations to spread word about the possible break in the case, said state police 1st Sgt. Dave Bursten.

Walker has not been arrested and police are uncertain of her whereabouts. Neighbors have given varying dates when they last saw her in the red-brick condominium in a middle-class Topeka neighborhood where she lived.

Bursten said Walker had given three different fictitious names to investigators in recent days.

"We don't know what her motivation was and it is impossible for us to guess," Bursten said. "We live in an age today where people like to receive attention."

After days of speculation following her call, Shannon's family became the center of a media storm. They appeared today to be emotionally exhausted.

"I am very disappointed the case has taken this turn," said Boone County prosecutor. "The case I want to prosecute was the case of an abductor, and the happy ending is the child coming home. Unfortunately that's not the closing argument I get to make."

Authorities had planned DNA tests to determine whether the woman was Shannon Marie Sherrill, who vanished Oct. 5, 1986, outside her mother's mobile home in Thorntown, about 30 miles northwest of Indianapolis. Hundreds scoured fields and neighborhoods for days after her disappearance.

Date Book

Thursday, July 31, 2003

Today is the 212th day of 2003 and the 41st day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1790, Samuel Hopkins of Philadelphia was issued the first patent granted by the federal government. His patent was for a process of making potash and pearlash (types of potassium compounds used to make soap and fertilizer). More than 6 million patents have been issued since.

On this day in 1912, Congress enacted a bill prohibiting movies and photos depicting prize fights.

On this day in 1930, hit radio program "The Shadow" was first broadcast.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Milton Friedman, (1912-), economist, is 91; Whitney Young (1921-1971), U.S. civil rights leader; Geraldine Chaplin (1944-), actress, is 59; J.K. Rowling (1965-), author, is 38.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1938, the New York Yankees suspended Jake Powell, who had said on Chicago radio that he enjoyed assaulting African-Americans during the off-season, when he worked as a police officer.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Support the strong, give courage to the timid, remind the indifferent, and warn the opposed." — Whitney Young

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (July 29) and first quarter (Aug. 5).

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Lotto Texas Wednesday's Lottery Numbers

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

Winning numbers drawn: 11-17-22-24-43. Bonus Ball: 6.

Number matching five of five, plus Bonus Ball: 1 Prize: $47 million.

Winning ticket(s) sold in: Eagle Lake.

Number matching five of five: 4. Prize: $21,318.

Number matching four of five, plus Bonus Ball: 28. Prize: $2,764.

Number matching four of five: 1,604. Prize: $103.

Number matching three of five, plus Bonus Ball: 1,449. Prize: $102.

Number matching three of **five: 63,032. Prize: $5.**

Number matching two of five, plus Bonus Ball: 17,556. Prize: $5.

Number matching one of five, plus Bonus Ball: 78,663. Prize: $3.

Estimated jackpot for Saturday night drawing: $4 million.

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BABY SHOWER — A baby shower was held July 12 in the home of Jackie Thompson. Also hosting were Shanna Blackard and Kristin Kuhl. Pictured from left are Michelle Kuhl, paternal grandmother-to-be; Nikki Shuttleworth of Mineral Wells, the honoree who expects her baby in September; Connie Burk of Mineral Wells, maternal grandmother-to-be; and Sheila Sorrells, stepmother of the baby's father, Christopher Sorrells. (Contributed Photo)

Finding catalyst to your creativity

If the word "structure" makes you smile and the term "big picture" scares you, you're not alone, according to a recent survey, fielded to explore the relationship between Americans and creativity. In fact, you're in sync with 25 percent of Americans who believe they are not creatively inclined.

There is, however, hope. Becoming a creative thinker isn't only about what's in your head; it's also about how to establish an environment around you that unleashes creativity. Follow these tips and you may go from "creatively challenged" to a "creative catalyst:".

•Create a Comfortable Environment-Most Americans (73 percent) feel they are more creative at home than at work. While working at home may not be the solution, establishing a comfortable space to be creative is. When looking for that next big idea, you may be able to kick-start the brain by cozying up in the living room or den.

•The Creative Color-Color can affect your creativity, but which color depends upon the individual. Generally, people feel most creative in rooms that are blue, white, yellow or green. The best advice is simply to pick a color that makes you feel good and surround yourself with it.

•Hide and Seek-Seven out of 10 Americans feel more creative alone than with other people. Whether you have kids, a roommate or even if you live alone, find a private, personal space that you can call your own to bring out your best creative work.

•Like Day and Night-Americans are more likely to do their best creative thinking during the daytime (44 percent) and when the lights are on (50 percent), than at night in the dark. If you are not sure which time is best for you, keep a journal by your bed to catch ideas both at night before you go to sleep and in the morning when you wake up.

•The Nose Knows-A pleasing aroma can help sniff out that next big idea. According to those surveyed, creativity is most likely to smell like some kind of food (32 percent), such as fruit, spices, chocolate or vanilla, or flowers (25 percent). Use candles, lotions or aromatherapy products to induce inspiration.

•Space: The Final Frontier-Most Americans feel more creative in spacious places (59 percent). Space stimulates creativity, especially for those in their 20s, 30s and 40s (66 percent). If you're stuck in a cramped cubicle, ask your company to turn one of the conference rooms into a "creative den." Include puzzles, blocks and other toys to help release the creative genius inside of you.

Still having trouble? Embassy Suites Hotels has developed a new hotel room concept called the Creativity Suite, designed specifically to stimulate the five senses and help guests become better creative thinkers. It's never too late to get those creative juices flowing.

For more information about the Creativity Suite or to make reservations at an Embassy Suites Hotel, travelers may visit www.embassysuites.com or call 1-800-EMBASSY.

Community Calendar

THURSDAY

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

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

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

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

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

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Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
1 ♥	Dbl.	2 ♥	Pass
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Opening lead: ♣ K

Thursday, July 31, 2003

A reprise from three weeks ago

By Phillip Alder

If you are suffering from a sense of deja vu, relax. This deal is very similar to the one I used 21 days ago. Then, West had the club queen and East the club jack. Charles Goren made four hearts by clever play. He lost the first two tricks to West's top club honors, ruffed the third round, cashed the heart ace, and continued with his low heart. East won the trick, but had to concede the rest. If he returned a spade or a diamond, Goren would win in hand, draw trumps, and run the diamonds. If East played his last club, Goren would ruff in the dummy, cross to hand with a diamond, and draw trumps.

Some eagle-eyed analysts spotted a defensive possibility. If West had underled in clubs at trick two, East would have won with his jack and shifted to a spade. This would have established four tricks for the defense: one spade, one heart and two clubs.

How would West know to do this, though? Using normal methods, he wouldn't. Some pairs in the tournament world lead the queen from a suit headed by the ace, king and queen. (This has a secondary advantage: An ace-lead from ace-king denies holding the queen.) However, under this queen-lead, partner signals count to tell the leader how many tricks will cash. So, even that would not help.

But if we give East the club queen, then his club seven at trick one is encouraging. If West guesses that it is indicating the queen, not from a low doubleton, he should find the underlead. But it just shows how difficult bridge can be at times.

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Pet calendar planned by humane society

GRAND ISLAND, Neb. (AP) — Finally, a calendar full of pin-ups worthy of drooling over, howling at and even wagging a tail for.

The Central Nebraska Humane Society is planning a cutest pet photo contest that will result in the winners being included in a 15-month calendar.

"Everybody has a cute pet picture. They are all proud of them, too," said Janie Hoch, a member of the Humane Society's board of directors who came up with the fund-raising idea.

Color photos of all pets, even birds and fish, are welcome. Entries cost $15 each and must be submitted to the humane society by Aug. 7.

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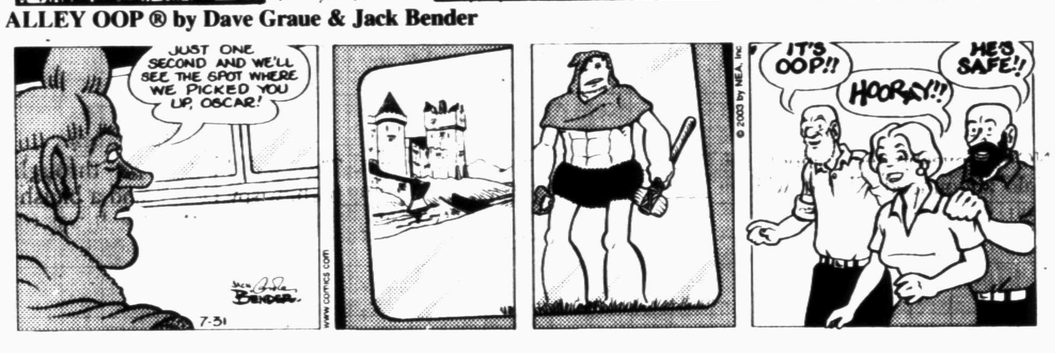
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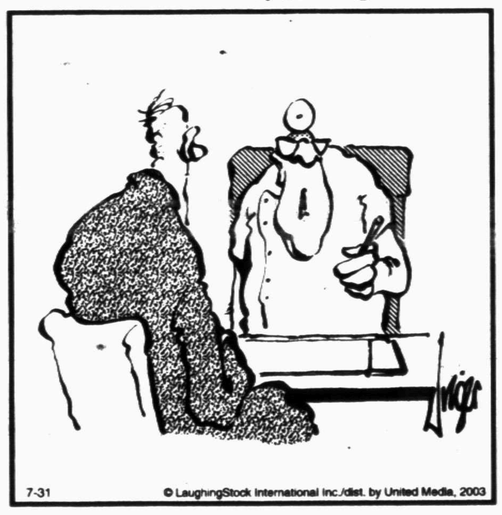
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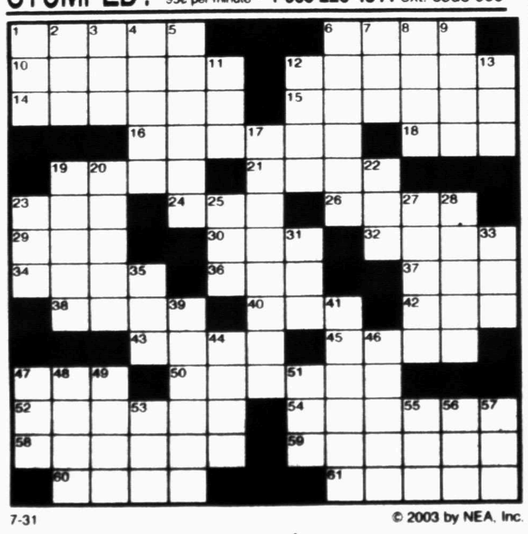
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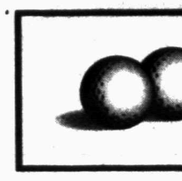
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Frustrated Rodriguez willing to accept trade

ARLINGTON (AP) — Frustrated by the constant losing, Alex Rodriguez is willing to consider a trade.

"If the Rangers found they could be better off without me, whether now or a year or two down the road, I'd be willing to sit down and talk," Rodriguez said before Texas' game against Boston on Wednesday night.

Rodriguez had never before indicated publicly that he would consider such a move.

The All-Star shortstop is in the third year of his record $252 million, 10-year contract given to him by owner Tom Hicks. The Rangers, meanwhile, are headed for their fourth straight last-place finish in the AL West and have committed to a youth movement.

"When I signed here, I thought we'd make a hard turn toward improvement," A-Rod said. "Obviously, we're in a very tough division. I want what's best for Mr. Hicks, if it were down to the Rangers improving or me being happy."

Going into Wednesday's game, Rodriguez was hitting .291 with 24 home runs and 65 RBIs. He led the majors with 57 homers and 142 RBIs last season.

Rangers general manager John Hart said he was surprised by Rodriguez's comments but hadn't had time to speak to the star about them.

"It's hard for me to respond," Hart said. "Alex is a foundation piece. It would be unfair for me to comment on that at this moment. At this juncture right now, we're not even thinking about that."

Hicks often refers to the Rangers as "A-Rod's team" and said the team isn't talking about trading Rodriguez.

"He is an asset and we are not interested in considering any kind of trade nor does he want to be traded," Hicks said Wednesday night. "Alex is fully on board with building our team and our plan."

Rodriguez turned 28 on Sunday, and started his third straight All-Star game earlier this month. He was also an All-Star from 1996-98 while in Seattle and missed the 2000 game because of an injury.

Despite Rodriguez's personal accolades and him playing in all 431 games since arriving, the Rangers have remained in last place.

"It's just something that, being my third year here, you want to see improvement, and I don't know if we have improved over three years," Rodriguez said. "It may be a year or two down the road. And obviously, I don't want to be the one that handicaps this team."

At the same time, Rodriguez said he didn't feel like his contract was a liability to the team.

The Rangers were 43-63 and 21 games behind AL West-leading Seattle.

"This has frustrated everybody," Rodriguez said. "Losing is something you never want to get used to. At 28, I'm very young. I want to see improvement, and I'm not happy."

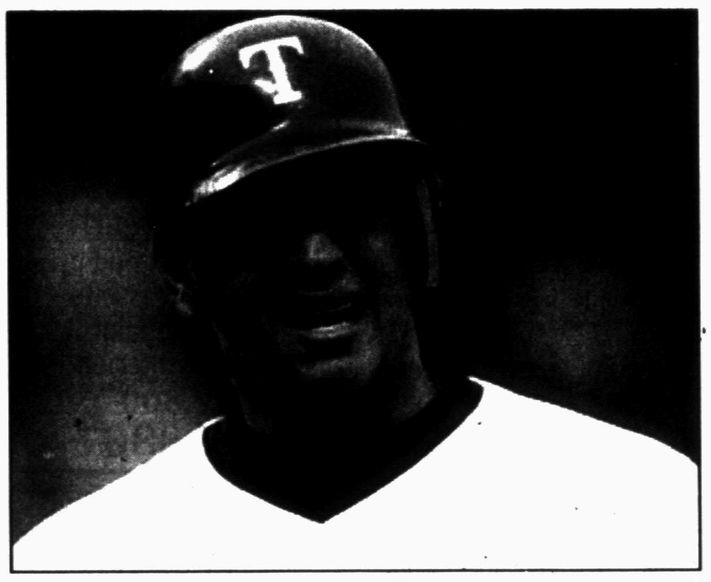
In addition to leading the majors in homers and RBIs last season, Rodriguez won his first Gold Glove. He finished second to Oakland's Miguel Tejada in the AL MVP voting.

Rodriguez hit .309 with 109 homers and 277 RBIs in his first two seasons, the homers being the most ever by an AL player in consecutive seasons. And he's played all 108 games this season despite a herniated disc in his neck that forced him to miss part of spring training.

Rodriguez said the injury and the losing haven't diminished his play.

"I think my game has been better than ever, considering the pain I've played with," he said.

Texas on Wednesday made another move that emphasized their youth movement. Outfielder Doug Glanville traded to the Chicago Cubs for a minor leaguer and cash.



FACE OF FRUSTRATION — Alex Rodriguez reacts to a called third strike during Wednesday's game. A frustrated Rodriguez has said he would be willing to accept a trade if it would help the Rangers. (AP Photo)

Dotson suggests self-defense in interview

WACO (AP) — The Baylor University basketball player accused of shooting a former teammate insisted he was not a bad person and said "some things happen that aren't in your control."

Carlton Dotson, in a jailhouse interview with The Dallas Morning News, suggested that the slaying of Patrick Dennehy was in self-defense and said he had been hearing voices.

"If someone points a gun at you and shoots and it doesn't go off, what would you do?" he asked. "If someone is pointing a gun at you and they start putting more bullets into the gun, what would you do?"

Asked what he did, Dotson only laughed and did not answer, the newspaper reported.

Dennehy had been missing about six weeks when his decomposed body was found Friday in a grassy field four miles from the Baylor campus. Investigators had been searching for the 21-year-old at nearby site police say Dotson provided to them after his July 21 arrest.

Dotson told FBI agents that he shot Dennehy after the player tried to shoot him, according to the arrest warrant affidavit. A preliminary autopsy report released Wednesday said Dennehy was killed by gunshot wounds to the head, and listed homicide as the cause of death.

Dennehy's girlfriend, Jessica De La Rosa, told The Associated Press she doesn't believe the shooting was in self-defense. De La Rosa said Dotson was being "cowardly" in his account to the newspaper.

"For him (Dotson) just to laugh at something like that? God help him," De La Rosa told the AP from her Albuquerque, N.M., home Wednesday night.

She said Dennehy sometimes got into a "tiff" with a teammate on the basketball court but never would have pretended or tried to shoot anyone. "He understood the seriousness of guns," De La Rosa said. "He would not turn and jokingly point a gun at somebody. He would not do that."

After his arrest, Dotson told The Associated Press that he "didn't confess to anything." Since then, Dotson has not responded to a request from the AP for an interview.

Dotson, 21, remains jailed without bond in his home state of Maryland and awaits extradition to Texas.

NCAA investigating Clarett police report

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Ohio State tailback Maurice Clarett admits exaggerating the value of items he reported stolen from a car he was driving. As the NCAA investigates, school officials announced Clarett will be held out of preseason practice.

"Clarett will not participate in preseason football camp until, and unless, all issues related to his eligibility regarding his amateur status have been resolved," athletic director Andy Geiger and coach Jim Tressel said in a news release.

The NCAA has investigated a police report filed by Clarett claiming cash and thousands of dollars of stereo equipment owned by him were stolen from the car he was driving.

The school's release included an apology from Clarett in connection with events related to the theft, and a statement from Clarett's attorney, Scott Schiff, said the car was borrowed.

Heat becomes focus of camps

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — The sun beat down through high, wispy clouds and a bluish-gray haze Wednesday. It was 81 and climbing — just another typical summer morning in Jacksonville.

This hasn't been a normal training camp for the Jaguars, however. Two 300-pound defensive linemen, Larry Smith and John Henderson, succumbed to the heat and were taken to the hospital over the first four days of practice.

Smith returned to the field Wednesday and Henderson was fine, but their hospitalizations were another reminder of the dangers of playing football in the heat common during training camp. It's a lesson the NFL has been hammering home, especially since the heat-related death of Vikings lineman Korey Stringer two summers ago.

"The truth is, everybody gets a little dizzy sometimes," said Panthers offensive tackle Todd Steussie, a former teammate and close friend of Stringer. "And sometimes it's hard to determine on your own if you should be out there or not."

The Jaguars shipped in portable lights for the practice field and made plans to reschedule some of their workouts for nighttime, starting today. Owner Wayne Weaver is also considering buying a bubble, so the team can escape the heat and frequent thunderstorms that buffet the region this time of year.

Jacksonville isn't alone in making concessions to the weather.

Looking for answers for the team's recent late-season swoons, the New Orleans Saints built a $15 million practice facility with indoor fields to get their players out of the intense heat during camp.

The Washington Redskins, training in Ashburn, Va., have treated four players for heat-related symptoms during the first three days of training camp. The team, taking a precautionary approach, sent each to the hospital to receive fluids intravenously.

Well into their first week of camp, the Dolphins haven't had anyone go down with heat problems.

The Cowboys moved indoors last year when they relocated their training camp to San Antonio. Bill Parcells sprinkles in a few outdoor practices at a nearby high school.

Rookies spark Rangers' win

ARLINGTON (AP) — Rookies Laynce Nix and Mark Teixeira hit homers, as did second-year third baseman Hank Blalock, as the Texas Rangers beat the Boston Red Sox 9-2.

"It was exciting to look out there," Showalter said. "You see the energy and passion some of the younger guys bring. It's invigorating."

A day after a 14-7 loss to Boston, the Rangers built a 5-0 lead on the homers by the rookies. Nix's two-run homer put Texas ahead to stay in the second, and Teixeira hit a three-run blast an inning later.

Nix, playing just his 14th major league game since being called up July 10, drove in four runs. After his second career homer, he drew a bases-loaded walk and hit an RBI double.

Details emerge in Bryant case

EAGLE, Colo. (AP) — Kobe Bryant has already admitted he had sex with a 19-year-old hotel worker who has accused him of rape, but a new report presents a more complicated picture about what allegedly happened in his mountain resort suite last month.

ABC News reported on its Web site Wednesday that Bryant and the woman had some consensual sexual contact but that she did not agree to have intercourse with him.

Citing unnamed sources, the network also said the woman, a concierge at the Lodge & Spa at Cordillera, was in Bryant's room for less than a half hour and that Bryant later gave inconsistent statements to Eagle County authorities.

Police and court records have been sealed and County Judge Frederick Gannett has limited what officials can say about the case. Gannett was scheduled to hear arguments Thursday during a hearing on whether the records in the case should be made public.

The ABC report said Bryant's unidentified accuser had given Bryant a tour of the hotel when he arrived June 30 and that he later called and asked her to come to his room.

The Rocky Mountain News reported today that law enforcement sources close to the investigation said that the woman suffered physical trauma in the vaginal area.

Sports Briefs

Volleyball two-a-days

Two-a-days for the SHS volleyball team will begin Monday. All grades will work out from 8-10 a.m. Incoming freshmen will work from 1-3 p.m., while grades 10-12 will go from 4-6 p.m.

Ladies play day

The SCGA hosts a ladies play day at 9 a.m. each Tuesday. Format is fairway everywhere-front nine.

Hermleigh athletic physicals

All incoming sixth, ninth and 11th grade Hermleigh athletes are reminded to get a physical. Forms can be picked up at the high school and all paperwork must be completed prior to the physical.

Snyder athletic physicals

Physicals are required for students wishing to participate in SISD athletics. Those needing physicals include all incoming seventh, ninth and third-year high school students; all new students to SISD who plan to participate in athletics; any student who answered yes to questions 1, 4, 5, 6, or 7 on their medical history form; and any student who has not participated in athletics in the past.

The district will pay for physicals through Friday with the following doctors: Rakov, Burleson, Cooper, Thompson and Wolboldt. Incoming seventh and ninth graders pick up physical forms at the doctor's office.

Men's softball tourney

A men's softball tournament to benefit Baile Folkloric De Guadalupe will be held Saturday and Sunday at Winston Field. For more information call Cal Luis at 573-7321.

Kiwanis Club golf tournament

The Snyder Kiwanis Club will sponsor a four-person scramble Aug. 9 at WTC to benefit the Cargile Scholarship Foundation. The tournament begins at 8:30 a.m. Cost is $30 per person, and cash prizes will be awarded.

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

Major League Baseball

American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	65	40	.619	—
Boston	63	43	.594	2½
Toronto	54	53	.505	12
Baltimore	50	54	.481	14½
Tampa Bay	39	66	.371	26··

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Kansas City	57	48	.543	—
Chicago	56	51	.523	2
Minnesota	52	54	.491	5½
Cleveland	45	62	.421	13
Detroit	28	77	.267	29

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	65	42	.607	—
Oakland	61	46	.570	4
Anaheim	52	54	.491	12½
Texas	44	63	.411	21

Wednesday's Games

Tampa Bay 5, Toronto 3
Minnesota 5, Baltimore 1
Texas 9, Boston 2
Chicago White Sox 15, Kansas City 4
Seattle 13, Detroit 3
N.Y. Yankees 8, Anaheim 0
Cleveland 4, Oakland 2

Thursday's Games

Tampa Bay (Sosa 3-8) at Toronto (Hendrickson 6-7), 11:35 a.m.
Cleveland (Westbrook 4-5) at Oakland (Harden 1-0), 2:35 p.m.
Detroit (Ledezma 3-4) at Seattle (Pineiro 12-5), 3:35 p.m.
Baltimore (Johnson 8-5) at Minnesota (Rogers 8-5), 7:05 p.m.
Boston (P.Martinez 7-2) at Texas (Lewis 4-6), 7:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Loaiza 13-5) at Kansas City (Snyder 4-6), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Wells 12-3) at Anaheim (Sele 6-8), 9:05 p.m.

National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	70	37	.654	—
Philadelphia	59	47	.557	10½
Florida	59	49	.546	11½
Montreal	54	54	.500	16½
New York	44	63	.411	26

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	58	49	.542	—
St. Louis	56	51	.523	2
Chicago	53	53	.500	4½
Pittsburgh	49	56	.467	8
Cincinnati	48	59	.449	10
Milwaukee	43	64	.402	15

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	68	39	.636	—
Arizona	56	52	.519	12½
Colorado	56	54	.509	13½
Los Angeles	54	52	.509	13½
San Diego	41	67	.380	27½

Wednesday's Games

San Francisco 6, Chicago Cubs 3
Houston 7, Atlanta 3
Pittsburgh 7, San Diego 2
Florida 3, Arizona 1
St. Louis 11, Montreal 1
Philadelphia 4, Los Angeles 2
N.Y. Mets 2, Milwaukee 0
Cincinnati 3, Colorado 2, 10 innings

Thursday's Games

Milwaukee (Kinney 6-8) at N.Y. Mets (Heilman 1-3), 11:10 a.m.
San Diego (Eaton 5-7) at Pittsburgh (Fogg 6-5), 11:35 a.m.
San Francisco (Rueter 7-3) at Chicago Cubs (Zambrano 8-8), 1:20 p.m.
St. Louis (W.Williams 14-3) at Montreal (Day 4-4), 6:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Od.Perez 6-8) at Philadelphia (Duckworth 3-5), 6:05 p.m.
Colorado (Tsao 1-0) at Cincinnati (Acevedo 2-0), 6:10 p.m.
Houston (W.Miller 7-9) at Atlanta (Reynolds 8-5), 6:35 p.m.

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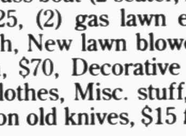
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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Consequences of radiation therapy

DEAR DR. GOTT: After I was diagnosed with prostatic cancer, I underwent a lengthy series of pelvic radiation treatments. Within weeks, I developed painful swelling of my legs and ankles. My general doctor suggested I take B vitamins to restore the nerve endings, but this has been ineffective. Is there another type of treatment I could try?

DEAR READER: Radiation therapy to the pelvis for prostatic cancer (in males) or gynecological malignancies (in females) may irritate the nerves, blood vessels and lymph channels, leading to pain and tingling. This radiation can also cause swelling (edema) because in the presence of damaged circulation, fluid will tend to accumulate in the lower extremities.

If your symptoms have lasted for several months, I'm afraid you are stuck with this problem. Once damaged, the lymph channels (in particular) seldom recover.

Nonetheless, help is available in the form of physical therapy, compression stockings, lymph edema therapy, massage, acupuncture, anti-depressant drugs, diuretics and analgesic medicines.

Your urologist, who is knowledgeable about the various services in your community, should be able to refer you to the appropriate resource. Follow his advice.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "The Prostate Gland." Other readers who would like a copy should send a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope and $2 to Newsletter, P.O. Box 67, Wickliffe, OH 44092. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm 5 feet 1 inch tall and weigh 275 pounds, despite many efforts at dieting. Therefore, I'm planning to get my stomach stapled or have a gastric bypass. Which procedure is the safest and most successful?

DEAR READER: That depends on the surgeon and his or her track record. You should discuss this question and any other concerns with the doctor.

Operations that reduce the size of the stomach are a last resort for patients with "morbid obesity," meaning that the overweight condition threatens health. As you know, massive obesity is associated with a long list of serious health issues, including heart disease, hypertension, diabetes, elevated cholesterol levels, accidents, injuries and various cancers.

Stapling the stomach leads to early satiety because the volume of the stomach is reduced, so it fills more quickly when a person eats. Gastric bypass surgery also reduces stomach volume by forming an intestinal pouch that holds no more than an ounce or two. Both procedures are relatively safe. Which one is best for you? I cannot say. Your choice should depend on the surgeon's preference and experience.

DEAR DR. GOTT: This summer I plan to be aboard a cruise ship in the Hawaiian Islands. What should I do to protect myself from SARS?

DEAR READER: As fears about this respiratory disease wax and wane, the recommendations about prevention also change. For example, there are restrictions concerning travel to certain countries; such restrictions are sometimes short-lived and inconsistent.

Therefore, whatever advice I give you may well be outdated by the time you travel. I suggest that, about a week before you leave the mainland, you should contact your local health department for up-to-date recommendations.

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

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New environmental cleanup settlements are announced

WASHINGTON (AP) — Justice Department officials announced three new environmental cleanup settlements today, part of a yearlong campaign to highlight Bush administration accomplishments in reducing pollution.

Assistant Attorney General Thomas L. Sansonetti said the government reached two new Clean Air Act settlements and one Superfund deal that will reimburse the federal government $10 million for the cleanup of a site in Los Angeles.

The Justice Department and Environmental Protection Agency also have reached six Clean Air Act settlements over the past three months that will reduce air pollution by a combined 465,000 tons each year, Sansonetti said.

These include a $1.2 billion settlement with Virginia Electric Power Co., a $600 million agreement with Wisconsin Electric Power Co. and a $330 million settlement with Alcoa for its aluminum plant in Rockdale, Texas.

The largest of the new Clean Air Act agreements involves Earthgrains, a major bakery company that is now part of the Sara Lee Bakery Group.

Earthgrains has agreed to pay a $5.25 million civil penalty and phase out use of certain refrigerants that damage the Earth's ozone layer at 57 of its 67 facilities around the country.

The second Clean Air Act settlement announced today involves a May 1997 chemical release from the DuPont Co. fluoroproducts plant in Louisville, Ky. Workers cleaning a valve at the plant caused damage that resulted in release of a toxic cloud of some 11,500 pounds of hydrogen fluoride into the air.

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AOL TimeWrn	15.39	15.14	15.35	+ .18
AT&T Corp rs	21.52	21.11	21.47	+ .31
Albertsons	19.00	18.57	19.00	+ .26
Alltel	47.85	46.75	47.82	+ 1.06
AmEl Pw	28.46	28.04	28.41	+ .63
AndarkPtr	42.70	41.51	42.08	— .62
ATMOS Egy	24.63	24.40	24.60	+ .07
Aviall	11.55	11.33	11.51	— .36
BP PLC	41.80	41.59	41.62	— .17
BakerHughes	31.90	30.60	31.66	+ .64
Bank of Amer	83.70	82.75	83.69	+ .94
BellSouth	25.84	25.12	25.73	+ .62
BurlNoSFe	28.05	27.25	28.04	+ .87
Caterpillar	68.16	66.50	68.16	+ 1.71
CenterPoint	8.29	8.13	8.25	+ .15
ChevronTex	72.94	71.55	72.92	+ 1.12
Citigroup	45.66	44.85	45.60	+ .72
CocaCola	46.12	45.28	46.11	+ .73
ColgatePal	55.58	55.00	55.54	+ .42
CmclMetals	18.09	17.90	18.08	+ .08
ConocoPhill	53.18	52.36	53.11	+ 1.11
Cooper Inds	44.59	43.96	44.44	+ .34
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Dillards Inc	15.35	14.98	15.23	+ .15
DowChem	35.75	34.92	35.69	+ .77
DuPont	44.61	43.70	44.60	+ .73
EastmanChem	37.02	36.01	36.97	+ .97
EstKodak	28.40	26.82	27.77	— .28
EDS Corp	22.50	22.14	22.46	+ .34
Entergy	51.87	51.11	51.52	+ .50
ExxonMobil	36.00	35.49	35.86	+ .54
FootLocker	15.00	14.38	14.97	+ .59
GenDynam	80.44	78.97	79.89	+ 1.60
GenElec	28.88	27.83	28.86	+ .89
GenMills	46.56	45.89	46.15	— .16
GenMotors	37.66	37.03	37.60	+ .73
GaPacific	21.84	21.10	21.66	+ .41
Goodrich	22.95	22.56	22.91	+ .19
Goodyear	5.80	5.55	5.68	+ .14
GtAtlPac	9.10	8.25	8.70	— .10
Halliburtn	22.40	21.60	22.04	+ .93
Hanson ADS	29.75	29.68	29.69	+ .39
HarteHanks	19.80	19.52	19.60	— .04
HomeDepot	31.85	31.42	31.80	+ .50
HoneywellIntl	28.76	28.15	28.72	+ .36
IBM	82.28	81.00	82.20	+ 1.24
IntlPaper	39.11	38.29	39.11	+ .67
JohnsonJn	52.41	50.95	52.41	+ 1.34
KinderMorg	53.61	53.00	53.52	+ .27
Kroger Co	16.98	16.53	16.89	+ .26
LockheedM	52.89	52.47	52.72	+ .07
Lowes Cos	48.00	47.29	48.00	+ .66
Lubys	2.60	2.57	2.58	— .01
LucentTech	1.79	1.76	1.78	+ .01
MarathonOil	26.15	25.69	26.14	+ .41
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Praxair	65.17	64.64	65.12	+ .60
ProctGamb	89.99	88.50	89.93	+ 1.16
RadioShack	27.03	26.39	27.03	+ .57
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SBC Comm	24.00	23.51	23.75	— .10
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Scripps EW	83.78	83.38	83.71	+ .30
SearsRoeb	41.00	40.50	40.63	— .28
SherwinW	30.24	29.47	30.20	+ .65
SouthernCo	28.75	28.21	28.54	+ .19
SwstAirl	16.75	16.20	16.72	+ .44
SprintFON	14.83	14.20	14.55	— .26
SprintPCS	6.22	6.09	6.21	+ .09
Sunoco Inc	37.46	36.87	37.44	+ .28
TXU Corp	20.70	20.08	20.29	+ .43
TempleInland	46.47	45.50	46.39	+ 1.01
TexInd	24.10	23.90	24.01	+ .07
TexasInst	19.13	18.85	19.08	+ .38
Textron	43.61	42.66	43.43	+ .41
TrinityInds	22.90	22.35	22.80	+ .27
TylerTech	5.56	5.25	5.32	
UnionPacif	61.67	60.40	61.64	+ 1.67
USSteel	15.78	15.41	15.74	+ .34
UnitedTech	76.65	75.53	76.31	— .09
Unocal	29.67	29.18	29.62	+ .30
VerizonComm	35.73	34.99	35.20	— .03
WalMart	57.00	56.00	56.91	+ 1.01
WellsFargo	51.89	50.83	51.19	— .14
WstnGasRs	38.05	37.77	38.00	+ .25
WinnDixie	11.48	11.30	11.47	+ .19
Xerox Cp	11.08	10.86	11.05	+ .09
YumBrands	30.00	29.65	29.99	+ .34

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Man who discovered, produced Elvis Presley dies in Memphis

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Sun Records founder Sam Phillips, who decided that a then-unknown Elvis Presley deserved a recording contract when he heard him sing songs for his mother, has died. He was 80.

"When I first heard Elvis, the essence of what I heard in his voice was such that I knew there might be a number of areas that we could go into," Phillips once said.

Phillips, the record producer who helped usher in the rock 'n' roll revolution, died Wednesday of respiratory failure at St. Francis Hospital, his son Knox Phillips said. He said his father had been in declining health for a year.

The elder Phillips founded Sun Records in 1952 and helped launch the career of Presley, then a young singer who had moved from Tupelo, Miss.

In the summer of 1953, Presley went to the Sun studio to record two songs for his mother's birthday. Phillips noticed him and offered Presley a recording contract.

Phillips produced Presley's first record, the 1954 single that featured "That's All Right, Mama" and "Blue Moon of Kentucky," and nine more.

"God only knows that we didn't know it would have the response that it would have," Phillips said in an interview in 1997. "But I always knew that the rebellion of young people, which is as natural as breathing, would be a part of that breakthrough."

Presley was good with ballads, Phillips recalled, but there was no need to challenge the established balladeers like Perry Como, Frankie Laine and Bing Crosby.

"What there was a need for was a rhythm that had a very pronounced beat, a joyous sound and a quality that young people in particular could identify with," he said.

By 1956, when Phillips sold Presley's contract to RCA for $35,000, the rock 'n' roll craze had become a cultural phenomenon and a multimillion-dollar industry.

Phillips was elected to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1986. In 2000, the A&E cable network ran a two-hour biography called "Sam Phillips: The Man Who Invented Rock and Roll."

Phillips began in music as a radio station engineer and later as a disc jockey. He started Sun Records so he could record both rhythm & blues singers and country performers.

His plan was to let artists who had no formal training play their music as they felt it, raw and full of life. The Sun motto was "We Record Anything, Anywhere, Anytime."

In the early days, before Presley, Phillips worked mostly with black musicians, including B.B. King and Rufus Thomas.

After the success of Presley on Sun, others who recorded for the label under Phillips included Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis, Roy Orbison, Conway Twitty and Charlie Rich.

He got out of the recording business in 1962 and sold Sun Records in 1969 to producer Shelby Singleton of Nashville. The Sun studio on Union Avenue in Memphis is now a tourist attraction.

Born Samuel Cornelius Phillips in Florence, Ala., Phillips worked as an announcer at radio stations in Alabama and Nashville, before settling in Memphis in 1945.

Boston archdiocese installs new leader in low-key event

BOSTON (AP) — With a small dose of wit and a plea for forgiveness, Sean O'Malley endeared himself to the 2,500 people who gathered inside the Cathedral of the Holy Cross to witness his installation as Boston's sixth archbishop.

But the crowd outside the stately church will likely be much harder to win over.

In a ceremony Wednesday that was notable for its simplicity, O'Malley promised a new beginning for a church devastated by a scandal that affected hundreds of children abused by dozens of priests, and cost his predecessor his job.

But the scene in front of the cathedral was nothing new. Dozens of sign-toting protesters vented their anger and frustration over how the Catholic church has handled the sex abuse crisis.

The demonstrators shouted taunts at priests and laity as they arrived, accusing them of complicity with the church in the cover up.

"Inside there, nothing holy is going on," shouted John Harris, 45, an alleged victim of the Rev. Paul Shanley. "This is damage control. There will be no justice until we see people behind bars!"

O'Malley, 59, succeeds Cardinal Bernard Law, who resigned in December amid mounting evidence that church leaders shuffled abusive priests from parish to parish to keep allegations against them secret and shield the church from scandal.

"The whole Catholic community is ashamed and anguished because of the pain and damage inflicted on so many young people and because of our inability or unwillingness to deal with the crime of sexual abuse of minors," O'Malley said in his homily.

"To those victims and to their families, we beg forgiveness and assure them that the Catholic church is working to create a safe environment for young people," he said.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Sex tape is rude awakening for woman 'sleeping it off'

DEAR ABBY: Two weeks ago, I went to a party with "Brady," my live-in boyfriend of five years. To make a long story short, I had too much to drink. Brady took me home and put me to bed so I could "sleep it off." I remembered nothing the next morning.

A few days later, I ran across an unfamiliar videotape and popped it into the VCR. I couldn't believe my eyes! It was Brady and me having sex the night I was so "out of it." When I confronted him, he said he had always wanted to document our love-making. Then he apologized. I made Brady promise to destroy the tape.

I feel angry, hurt and violated! I can hardly look my boyfriend in the eye right now. Am I making too much of this? — **NOT INTO PORNO IN WASHINGTON STATE**

DEAR NOT INTO PORNO: Not at all. What Brady did was indeed a violation. I urge you to make absolutely certain that the tape has been destroyed and there are no other copies. And if I were you, I'd reconsider a relationship with a man who appears to regard you as a sex "object" rather than a person.

P.S.: Drinking and blacking out are signs of alcoholism. Please get the help you need to stop now.

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DEAR ABBY: "Trying to Keep the Peace in the Pacific Northwest" wants a simple wedding, but doesn't want to alienate his or his fiancee's large families.

I have seven sisters, a brother, several stepparents, a huge extended family and a large circle of friends. (And that is just on MY side!) My fiance and I could not afford a big wedding or a fancy reception, so here's how we handled it:

We made a list of what was really important to us. I love lots of fresh flowers, so that was put on the "splurge" list. My fiance enjoys good champagne. Everything else we either made or asked friends to help with.

My mom made my dress; a friend who was handy with a camera took the photos; we were married in the garden of my ex-roommate's large home; my husband made his own D.J. tapes by recording songs off the radio; and I asked each of my female friends to bring a plate of hors d'oeuvres. Everyone knew our financial situation. No one was offended. On the contrary, we were told repeatedly how happy they were to contribute.

One hundred and fifty people attended our wedding and everyone agreed it was one of the best times they ever had. The cost? $1,500.

Twenty-one years later, we are still madly in love and have not changed our priorities. Ironically, we have friends who were still paying off their wedding debt while ironing out their divorce settlements.

"Trying" is a wise young man whose priorities are in order. No one should be pressured into spending what he or she doesn't have to begin with. — **HAPPY IN HUNTINGTON BEACH, CALIF.**

DEAR HAPPY: I agree. To go into debt to fund a wedding is, in my opinion, foolish and unnecessary. Books have been written about how to plan a wedding on a budget, and they are available in libraries and bookstores. A wedding does not have to be expensive to be beautiful, memorable and a happy occasion for all concerned. Your wedding is proof.

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Family and friends praise fallen Texas soldier's life

KATY (AP) — Family members and friends of the fifth Houston-area serviceman to die in Iraq have remembered his heroism on the battlefield and his leadership as a family man and Texas A&M University graduate.

As relatives of Army Lt. Jonathan Rozier recalled the soldier's life, several hundred mourners at his funeral wiped away their tears and replaced them with smiles on Wednesday. In attendance were Texas Gov. Rick Perry, Harris County Judge Robert Eckels and Katy Mayor Doyle Callender.

Three days after Rozier's 25th birthday, he died in Baghdad when his unit was attacked by rocket-propelled grenades and small-arms fire outside a municipal building, according to the Defense Department.

During services at First Baptist Church in Katy, mourners were led in a rendition of "The Spirit of Aggieland." Rozier, a recipient of the Bronze Star for valor, graduated from Texas A&M in 2001.

Members of A&M's Corps of Cadets paid tribute to Rozier by crouching and yelling "Whoop!" A standing ovation followed when the Rev. Tommy Alford, in the eulogy, encouraged everyone to stand and applaud Rozier's life.

Rozier was remembered as a home-schooled straight arrow who married the first girl he ever dated. Family also recalled how he enjoyed taking things apart.

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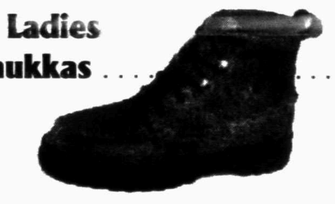
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Budget cuts for air marshal program rejected

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Bush administration plan to cut back the air marshal program that mushroomed after the Sept. 11 attacks was rejected by Republicans and Democrats in Congress.

Democratic senators on Wednesday denounced the plan as "crazy" and "mindboggling" in light of a new warning that al-Qaida may try more suicide hijackings.

That warning prompted an order from the Transportation Security Administration directing U.S. airlines to immediately begin more intensive screening of travelers flying out of a foreign airport into the United States, then connecting to another foreign destination.

As for the marshals program, a key Republican said he was adamantly opposed to any effort to shift money away from it.

"It is foolish to even consider cutting back the number of air marshals on commercial flights," said Rep. Harold Rogers, R-Ky., chairman of the House Appropriations subcommittee that handles the Homeland Security Department's budget.

It's unclear how many of the estimated several thousand air marshal jobs could be affected by the proposed cuts.

Homeland Security spokesman Brian Roehrkasse said Wednesday that the proposed budget cut actually is $74 million because the air marshals had $30 million left over from last year. That would mean the cuts would apply only to an increase in support staff and some advanced training, he said. There are no plans right now to cut air marshal jobs, he said.

Separately, the department was to announce plans today to begin testing a program to assign a threat level to all airline passengers. Privacy advocates had criticized the passenger screening program, fearing it could lead to unconstitutional invasions of privacy and database mix-ups that could brand innocent people as security risks.

The Computer Assisted Passenger Prescreening System was ordered by Congress after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. As originally conceived, it was to develop a nationwide computer system that would check such things as credit reports and consumer transactions and compare passenger names with those on government watch lists.

But Nuala O'Connor Kelly, Homeland Security's chief privacy officer, said Wednesday the program would be narrowed to exclude credit history or medical records. It will use government data on people as well as information from commercial databases.

People will have a right to write or call in to find out what's in the database about them, Kelly said. The program will be tested using the names and addresses of real people for several months at a secure government location.

The Transportation Security Administration asked Congress last Friday for permission to cut $104 million, or about 20 percent, of the funding for the air marshals program to help offset the agency's $900 million budget deficit.

The next day, Homeland Security, the TSA's parent agency, sent an advisory to airlines and law enforcement agencies warning that al-Qaida may try more suicide hijackings.

Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., and other lawmakers also were upset by reports that air marshals had received a directive saying they would no longer be allowed to fly missions requiring overnight stays to save money on hotel bills. Such a move would reduce the number of cross-country and international flights with marshals on board.

A Homeland Security official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said no directive was sent by the agency. It was not clear whether the idea has been abandoned.

Asa Hutchison, undersecretary for border and transportation security, sent a memo on Wednesday authorizing other federal law enforcement agencies to augment the air marshals.

Still, Democrats accused the administration of scrimping on resources needed to defend Americans against terrorists.

"They don't have enough money to do the job for homeland security," Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., said. "This sorry episode won't be the last. Every time there's a problem in one place they pull money out of another."

There were only 32 armed, undercover marshals on mostly international flights on the day of the Sept. 11 attacks.

Gov. Davis downplays cracks in Democratic unity on recall

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Gov. Gray Davis insisted he will enter California's recall election "with virtual unanimity in Democratic support" despite recent defections from the party's stated strategy of unifying behind the embattled executive.

Davis fielded pointed questions Wednesday about three California congressional Democrats who have called on Sen. Dianne Feinstein, considered the state's most popular politician, to put her name on the Oct. 7 recall ballot.

"I'm very proud of all the Democrats that are standing by my side and particularly Sen. Feinstein," Davis remarked. "I think it's highly unlikely there will be any prominent Democratic candidates in the race. They understand it is a Republican cabal."

Davis' latest comments came as Reps. Cal Dooley, Loretta Sanchez and Brad Sherman said Democrats need an alternative on the ballot in case Davis loses.

Their comments contradicted the strategy of party leaders, which is to keep Democrats unified behind Davis and make sure there is no credible Democratic candidate on the ballot.

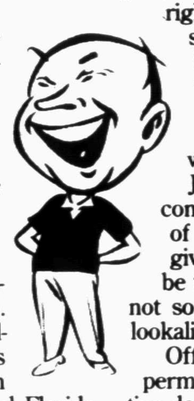
Voters in the election will face two ballot questions, the first being whether to recall Davis and the second being who should replace him. If a majority support the recall, Davis would be replaced by the top vote-getter among those running to succeed him.

"If Dianne Feinstein runs on the second part, she will drive the turnout for the all-important first part," Sherman said. "First and foremost, vote no on the recall. Second, we should unite behind the most prominent Democratic candidate on the second part of the ballot."

Today's chuckle

New police chief okays beards for officers

ST. CLOUD, Fla. (AP) — A new policy may lead to hairy situations at the St. Cloud Police Department.



Patrick Kelly, the new police chief, is letting his officers cut back on razor use, saying a beard is "not a negative thing anymore like it once was."

Despite a legacy of bearded leaders that includes Abraham Lincoln and Gen. Ulysses S. Grant, modern police authorities generally frown on hairy faces. In Central Florida, most sheriff's offices banish beards unless a deputy proves it a medical necessity, such has having skin conditions irritated by shaving.

But advocates such as Jerry Jackson have promoted the right to bare whiskers. Jackson, 53, founded The National Beard Registry, which he hopes will help counteract negative stereotypes of beard wearers.

Jackson, a Pensacola computer programmer, said of the policemen, "It will give them the freedom to be the best they can be and not some contrived version of lookalike clones."

Officers must have written permission and 10 consecutive days off to grow their chin hair. No unruly whiskers, though — facial hair will be limited to half an inch.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Friday, Aug. 1, 2003

Your chances for material acquisition look quite promising in the year ahead. Larger commissions, bonuses or raises all could be possible through the diligence and hard work you're willing put forth.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — There is a possibility that you could encounter someone today in your social world who would be an asset in your commercial affairs. Try to establish a working relationship.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Personal interests can be advanced today if you make certain your affairs remain under your control. Stay on top of anything important, and don't let the reigns slip from your hands.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Your instinctive perceptions are apt to be quite accurate today, so don't hesitate to give credence to your hunches or feelings. Let the inner you direct your actions.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — You'd better make some plans to do something that takes you where the action is today, because chances are you will be in a rather gregarious mood that will need to be satisfied.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Good humor coupled with sincerity are traits that can do a great deal to enhance your image today. Let others see that you're a nice person with whom all can get along.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Fall back on that old advice of judging others in the same manner as you would like to be judged if the roles were reversed. It's a surefire formula guaranteed to win you friends.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Treat your financial situation with a bit more seriousness today, because material benefits can be derived from sources other than your usual channels. Have the drive to search them out.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Take a middle-of-the-road attitude in all your dealings with others and you will be guaranteed a pleasant, harmonious day. You can comfortably adjust to any changing circumstances today.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — It would do you a world of good today to do something that requires you to be outside in the fresh air. It doesn't have to be anything too strenuous or time-consuming, just healthy.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Instead of taking life so seriously today, try to get an early start on the weekend. Anything social, relaxing or enjoyable you engage in will refurbish your outlook and put you in a good mood.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Those around you, especially family members, are likely to emulate the example you set today. If you're at peace with yourself and project a calm demeanor, you will also put them at ease.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — A change of scenery may be in order today, especially if you've been a bit restless and uneasy lately. Going someplace different could get you out of your funk and into healthy thinking.

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Iraq elections possible within a year

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Iraq's U.S.-appointed Governing Council, struggling with questions about its legitimacy, could be replaced through general elections held within a year, Iraq's U.S. administrator said today. Two American soldiers were reported killed as troops chased Saddam Hussein in northern Iraq.

L. Paul Bremer, a former diplomat and counterterrorism expert, said he believed a new constitution could be written and accepted by the Iraqi people in a referendum, followed by general elections by the middle of next year.

"It is certainly not unrealistic to think that we could have elections by midyear 2004," Bremer said while touring the partially refurbished Iraqi Foreign Ministry with members of the interim government he appointed on July 13.

"And when a sovereign government is installed, the coalition authority will cede authority to the government and my job here will be over."

In the past, Bremer has said a government could be in place by the end of 2004. His optimism was surprising given that it took the Governing Council more than two weeks to agree on a presidency, its first order of business.

When the 25 members were unable to select a single president, they tried to come up with a three-member presidency before finally deciding on a nine-member team that will each hold the presidency for a month, council sources told The Associated Press.

The legitimacy of Iraq's government is key to rebuilding the country. On Wednesday, World Bank President James Wolfensohn said it was unclear whether the council had the legitimacy to receive international loans.

"Clearly a constitution and an elected government would constitute a recognized government, but what do we do in the meantime?" Wolfensohn said during a one-day trip to Baghdad. "It's a subject that needs interpretation."

Wildfires burn in Montana

WEST GLACIER, Mont. (AP) — Urging displaced residents to have patience, firefighters capitalized on a break in the weather by burning dry trees and grasses in the path of a wildfire that's been moving toward this gateway to Glacier National Park.

Officials planned to continue using what they say has been a successful strategy and said that progress made over the next day or so will be key in determining when residents will be allowed to return to their homes, beyond the eastern edge of the fire.

"We feel pretty confident with what we've done," said Joe Stam, who is leading the team of firefighters. He addressed dozens of residents at a community meeting late Wednesday.

Firefighters set their own fires, called "burnouts" or "backfires," Tuesday to create a line meant to block the fire and draw it away from park headquarters near West Glacier.

Fire officials said a successful burnout near West Glacier likely added about 2,500 acres to the size of the fire, which was estimated at 14,500 acres before officials could conduct an aerial survey. Spokesman Pete Buist said there was still concern about the eastern edge of the fire and that further burnouts were planned.

Demos, GOP have different spending priorities for bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate seems certain to send President Bush a bill this week providing nearly $1 billion for recovery from floods and other natural disasters.

But the legislation was shorn of funds for AmeriCorps, NASA and dousing Western wildfires, underscoring how Congress' majority Republicans are divided on several issues.

It also is but one example of fights likely this fall when lawmakers try finishing their annual spending work but will face disputes over media ownership, school vouchers and other items.

The House approved the legislation last Friday by 352-60, and then left for its August recess. The measure would provide an immediate $984 million for federal emergency aid for people, businesses and communities hurt by natural disasters. That total is about $600 million less than President Bush requested.

But the bill's omission of all $289 million that Bush proposed for fighting wildfires had many Western senators seething, including conservative Republicans who often voice support for constraining federal spending.

"I have as conservative a voting record as anybody, but I don't try to be crazy about it," said Sen. Robert Bennett, R-Utah. "If there's something that's a legitimate role of government, even conservatives understand you fund it."

"Since that is my primary interest, it will be very difficult for me to support" the bill without fire money, said Sen. Jon Kyl, R-Ariz. "This is not pork, it's not specific to any state."

Arizona and Utah are among 13 Western states reporting large fires burning as of Wednesday, with weeks to go in the fire season.

Eager to leave town last week — and faced with separate House and Senate bills providing $2 billion for natural disasters and other items.

Cheering Liberians welcome West African advance team

MONROVIA, Liberia (AP) — Tens of thousands of Liberians emerged from hiding places in embattled Monrovia today to welcome a West African-U.S. advance team they hope signals the start of international rescue after months of devastating siege.

In Ghana, key West African leaders met under building U.S. and U.N. pressure to set a deployment date for peacekeepers. Nigeria, Ghana, Mali, Benin, Senegal and Togo have promised 3,250 soldiers for an eventual 5,000-strong peacekeeping force, said the Economic Community of West African States, the regional bloc arranging the force.

With the new hopes of rescue, people in Liberia's capital passed one of the quietest nights in the last two months of rebel offensives against government forces. Gunfire rattled, but there was some relief from the rocket and mortar volleys of recent days, allowing starving families to scurry out in search of food.

The advance team of 10 West African and U.S. officials, which is led by a Nigerian commander, set off jubilant celebrations in Monrovia as it passed shacks with tin roofs peeled back by explosives. Unexploded shells laid in the streets.

"This is a sign of peace coming," refugee Hamilton Woods said with a smile.

As the advance team arrived at the high-walled, heavily guarded U.S. Embassy, hundreds of refugees taking shelter around the compound spilled out, fluttering handkerchiefs and flashing peace signs while shouting with joy.

"We are hungry, but seeing these people we are full this morning," businessman Mohammed Dauda, 31, said. "We hope this marks the beginning of the end."

Liberia's leading rebel group has pressed since early June to take the capital and drive out President Charles Taylor.

Local man arrested on parole violation warrants Wednesday

• Arrests

At 2:15 p.m. Wednesday, Kevin Roemisch, 38, of 1300 26th Street, was arrested for parole violation warrants.

A 45-year-old man was arrested in the 1800 block of Coleman Ave. at 12:46 a.m. today for failure to maintain financial responsibility.

• Burglary

Shirley Drum reported the burglary of a vacant house at 2:39 p.m. Wednesday. A report for burglary of a residence was submitted.

At 3:39 p.m. Wednesday, Paul Romero reported the theft of a DVD player. A report for burglary of a residence was filed.

• Theft

Linda Arizmendi reported at 3:35 p.m. Wednesday that her air conditioner had been stolen. A report for Class B theft was submitted.

Lyle Brace requested an officer at 5:01 p.m. Wednesday in reference to some scrap metal being taken. No report was filed and a close patrol was initiated.

At 9:58 p.m. Wednesday, Barbara Yorgensen reported the theft of four beach towels, a pair of tennis shoes, pants and a belt from the public pool.

• Suicide threats

Officers received a report at 9:58 a.m. Wednesday of a woman threatening suicide. The woman was transported to Big Springs State Hospital and a report for threatened suicide was filed.

At 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Child Protective Services reported a 14-year-old female who was suicidal. MHMR was contacted and the subject was taken to Big Springs State Hospital.

• Grass fire

Firefighters were called at 3:51 p.m. Wednesday to a grass fire 1½ miles past the Country Club. The fire is believed to have been started by lightening.

• Gas drive offs

Tuesday at 8:38 a.m., a clerk at Town and Country north reported a gas drive off worth $25.

At 12:26 a.m. today, a clerk at Town and Country east reported a gas drive off.

• Cruelty to animal

Officers received a report Wednesday at 2:51 p.m. of a dog being neglected on 21st Street. A report for cruelty to an animal was filed.

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ACLU, community groups challenge part of Patriot Act

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — The American Civil Liberties Union and several Islamic groups filed a lawsuit Wednesday against the federal government over a section of the USA Patriot Act that lets FBI agents monitor the books people read.

The ACLU called the lawsuit the first direct challenge to the provision of the act that allows the FBI to secretly order librarians and others to disclose reading lists or other information as part of terrorism investigations.

Librarians could not tell the patrons that the library had turned over records to the government and would be legally bound to secrecy forever under the part of the law targeted in the suit.

The provision gives the federal government wide latitude to seize records, books and papers in investigations of terrorism, but the ACLU said it could also apply to innocent religious leaders, charity directors or doctors.

"It's unnecessary, dangerous and un-American," said David Fidanque, director of the Oregon Chapter of the ACLU.

The Justice Department defends the act as a crucial weapon in the war on terrorism. Spokeswoman Barbara Comstock said the section targeted by the lawsuit goes to great lengths to protect First Amendment rights and requires court approval to obtain records.

"The Patriot Act was a long overdue measure to close gaping holes in the government's ability, responsibly and lawfully, to collect vital intelligence information on criminal terrorists to protect our citizens from savage attacks," Comstock said.

The lawsuit targets section 215 in the anti-terror legislation, passed by Congress soon after the Sept. 11 attacks at the urging of the U.S. Justice Department.

It waives the usual requirement of probable cause if the investigation involves terrorism, and allows federal officials sweeping authority to search the records of people not suspected of any crime. The FBI must prove to a court that the records have bearing on an investigation.

The lawsuit was filed in Detroit, but includes a Portland mosque that has been at the center of a terrorist investigation.

Mosque President Alaa Abunijem said investigators have already used traditional subpoenas to gather mosque records on the suspects and their families.

Secret, so-called 215 orders "almost certainly" were part of the FBI's probe into the mosque's activities, said Ann Beelan, the ACLU's lead attorney in the case.

Other groups participating in the lawsuit include the Washington, D.C.-based Council on American-Islamic Relations.

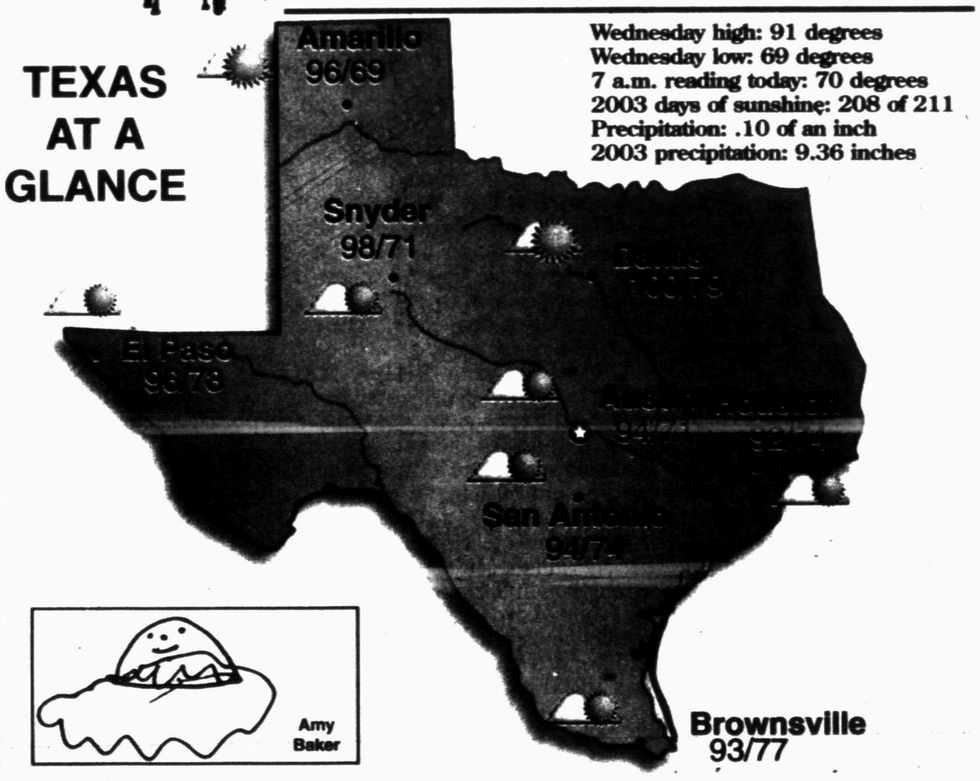
Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Fri 8/1	Sat 8/2	Sun 8/3
98/71	97/70	96/72
Sun and a few passing clouds. High 98F. Winds SSW at 5 to 10 mph.	Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the low 70s.	Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the low 70s.
Sunrise 6:57 AM · Sunset 8:42 PM	Sunrise 6:58 AM · Sunset 8:41 PM	Sunrise 6:59 AM · Sunset 8:40 PM

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Wednesday high: 91 degrees
Wednesday low: 69 degrees
7 a.m. reading today: 70 degrees
2003 days of sunshine: 208 of 211
Precipitation: .10 of an inch
2003 precipitation: 9.36 inches

Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	99	75	mst sunny	El Paso	96	73	pt sunny	Midland	98	72	mst sunny
Amarillo	96	69	mst sunny	Fort Stockton	97	70	pt sunny	Raymondville	95	74	pt sunny
Austin	94	71	pt sunny	Gainesville	100	75	mst sunny	Rosenberg	93	73	pt sunny
Beaumont	90	73	pt sunny	Greenville	98	74	mst sunny	San Antonio	94	74	pt sunny
Brownsville	93	77	pt sunny	Houston	92	74	pt sunny	San Marcos	95	72	pt sunny
Brownwood	100	73	mst sunny	Kingsville	94	74	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	98	73	mst sunny
Corpus Christi	92	76	pt sunny	Livingston	93	71	pt sunny	Sweetwater	99	72	mst sunny
Corsicana	98	74	mst sunny	Longview	94	72	pt sunny	Tyler	96	75	pt sunny
Dallas	100	79	mst sunny	Lubbock	98	71	mst sunny	Weatherford	100	74	mst sunny
Del Rio	96	76	pt sunny	Lufkin	93	72	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	102	76	mst sunny

National Cities

Atlanta	84	67	t-storm	Houston	92	74	pt sunny	Phoenix	102	83	t-storm
Boston	73	68	rain	Los Angeles	79	64	pt sunny	San Francisco	72	57	pt sunny
Chicago	82	65	t-storm	Miami	86	77	t-storm	Seattle	76	55	pt sunny
Dallas	100	79	mst sunny	Minneapolis	74	62	t-storm	St. Louis	87	72	t-storm
Denver	86	62	t-storm	New York	78	70	t-storm	Washington, DC	83	73	t-storm

Moon Phases

New	First	Full	Last
Jul 29	Aug 5	Aug 12	Aug 20

UV Index

Fri 8/1	Sat 8/2	Sun 8/3
Extreme	Extreme	Extreme

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

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