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Home of Patsy Groves

Rash of car burglaries occur on Wednesday

A string of vehicle burglaries hit Snyder Wednesday, and the police department suggests practical steps for residents to take to keep from being victimized.

The vehicles burglarized were located in the southwest area of town from 48th Street to 28th Street during the afternoon, with several heists occurring on the streets adjacent to the high school and one in the Wal-Mart parking lot.

"What we have are people walking down residential streets trying car doors," said Sgt. Keith Ward. "If the vehicle is locked, mostly they will leave them alone."

Besides locking the vehicle, Ward said other steps to take include removing valuables from the vehicle if possible and not leaving items in plain sight.

Ward said it is best to have an offense report on file if one's vehicle is burglarized.

He said the department cleared between 20 to 25 cases earlier this year after identifying a suspect in a vehicle burglary.

"Usually it is the work of one or two groups," Ward said. "When we do identify a suspect, often we can clear other cases, too."

He also said that most items are never recovered. "With cell phones, they will make a couple of calls then get rid of the phone," he said. He added that purses are sometimes recovered in dumpsters and fields, but the money is always gone."

"The most important thing is to practice common sense," Ward said.



ONGOING PROJECT — Wayne Kimbry, Alvin Dodson and Danny Montoya guide backhoe operator Randy Seale as he digs out a trench to replace a water line in front of the post office on Ave. Q, while Robert Torres shovels out excess dirt from the trench. The crew is replacing old cast iron pipes with new plastic ones as part of the city's ongoing waterline replacement project. (SDN Staff Photo by Bobby Allen)

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Talked to a businessman last week who's in favor of the war on poverty. The guy says he's willing to surrender."

The President is calling on corporate America to clean up its act. We couldn't agree more, although we contend there are a lot more honest firms out there than there are bad ones.

However, in any profession, one bad apple can give the whole industry a bad name.

We have an annual encounter with an accountant. At year's end, Carol Harper from Andrews comes into our shop for a year-end audit. Behind that nice smile is a bean counter who is black and white about accounting and about what is and ain't a business expense.

We can't even hide a postage stamp from that number cruncher. She's plainspoken — and so far — she's kept us out of hot water with both shareholders and the Infernal Revenue Service.

One of the problems with corporate America is that there are too many over-paid executives who start thinking they are infallible and even worth the hefty salaries and bonuses they are paid.

Dividends to stockholders are not deductible. However, salaries, bonuses and director fees are. Therefore, it's clear who is going to get the honey.

If Congress would only make dividends a deductible business expense, it would do wonders to jump-start the sagging economy.

And while on the subject of business, we're reminded of the tribal wisdom of the Dakota Indians who advised that when you are riding a dead horse, dismount.

Most of the time, however, business will apply other strategies to a dead horse. Such as:

—Buying a stronger whip.

—Changing riders.

—Threatening the horse with termination.

—Appointing a committee to study the horse.

—Visit others to see how they ride dead horses.

—Lowering standards to include dead horses.

—Reclassifying the dead horse as 'living impaired.'

—Hiring outside contractors to ride the dead horse.

—Harnessing several dead horses together to increase speed.

—More training or a productivity study to increase performance.

—Promoting the dead horse to a management position.

David Holt named director of West Texas State Bank

David Holt, Snyder civic leader and former mayor, today was named a director of West Texas State Bank.

The announcement was made jointly by Martin Brooks, board chairman; and Bill Parker, bank president and chief executive officer.

Holt, owner of David Holt Insurance Services, attended his first bank board meeting this morning.



David Holt

A resident of Snyder since the late 1950s, Holt is a 1966 graduate of Snyder High School and a 1970 graduate of Texas Christian University where he earned a bachelor of business administration degree.

David and his wife, Donna, returned to Snyder in 1971 and he became associated with Fluid Transports. He eventually became president of the oilfield firm which he has since sold. He also at one time operated Snyder Area Contractors, an oilfield contract labor firm.

Holt served two terms on the Snyder council before being elected mayor in 1994.

He is a past president of Snyder Lions Club, past-president of Snyder Little League and a former director of the Development Corporation of Snyder.

Holt was first appointed to the Colorado River Municipal Water District in 1984, and he again is serving as a director of the organization.

For the past two legislative sessions, he has been an aide to State Rep. David Counts. Holt is a member of the First United Methodist Church and a 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Mason.

Grand jury looking into violent arrest

INGLEWOOD, Calif. (AP) — A grand jury is investigating a violent arrest in which a white police officer was videotaped slamming a black teenager onto a car and punching him, a prosecutor revealed on a call-in talk show.

The surprise disclosure came as Donovan Jackson, 16, and his father, Coby Chavis, filed a federal civil rights suit against two law enforcement agencies and several officers Wednesday in a case that has prompted outcry reminiscent of the response to the Rodney King beating.

Among the officers sued was Jeremy Morse, the three-year Inglewood veteran caught on tape smashing the handcuffed, limp teen onto a car and striking him with a closed fist. Morse has been on leave with pay since Monday.

Chavis also claims he was beaten in the Saturday night incident at an Inglewood gas station, though that does not appear on the home video footage.

Meanwhile, authorities in Oklahoma City asked the FBI to look into the actions of two officers there who were videotaped striking an unarmed black suspect 27 times with tactical batons. Oklahoma City Police Chief M.T. Berry said the Inglewood incident prompted him to contact the FBI, but he does not believe the Oklahoma case rose to the same level of seriousness.

Prosecutors do not normally disclose the existence of grand jury probes while they are underway, but the Los Angeles investigation became public Wednesday when Mitchell Crooks, 27, who recorded the amateur video, was doing a phone interview on a KFI-AM radio show.

Leading stock indicators continue to drop today

NEW YORK (AP) — If investors haven't thrown in the proverbial towel yet, they might be getting close.

Leading stock indicators sank to levels not seen in five years Wednesday, and fell again in early trading today, as investors showed no sign that they are ready to look past the accounting scandals that have plagued corporate America this year.

"This market has completely broken the spirit of investors," said Al Mirman, strategist at V Finance in Sarasota, Fla. It is going to take a good year for investors' confidence to be reinstated."

The latest selloff comes amid a bear market that is already one of the worst in U.S. history. Wall Street has seen a widespread dumping of stocks for nearly eight weeks.

In the first 90 minutes of trading today, the Dow Jones industrial average was down 63.76, or 0.7 percent, at 8,749.74. On Wednesday, the Dow slid more than 280 points, its biggest one-day loss since September, and the average fell below 9,000 for the first time since October.

The broader market was mixed today. The Nasdaq composite index rose 8.29, or 0.6 percent, to 1,354.30, having closed Wednesday at a low not seen since May 1997.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index slipped 0.53 to 919.94, having dropped Wednesday to a closing low not seen since December 1997.

The losses are no doubt stunning, especially when considering the market is just two years removed from one of the most remarkable runs of all time. At the height of the dot-com frenzy, the Nasdaq was above 5,000.

While the latest losses weren't prompted by a new accounting fiasco, there was reason to question the strength and pace of a business recovery.

For example, General Motors in early trading today fell $1.91 to $45.70 after UBS Warburg cut its rating on the stock to "hold" from "buy." On Wednesday, Banc of America downgraded GM.

The move left many investors feeling that few, if any, safe havens exist in the market.

Pharmaceutical company Merck on Wednesday dropped $2.18 to $43.57 after announcing Tuesday it was postponing for the third time in two weeks the initial public offering of its Medco unit.

Airline stocks closed Wednesday at or near their lows that followed the terror attacks. Delta fell 52 cents to $17.75.

There were some bright spots. Wal-Mart advanced 77 cents to $54.53 in early trading today after it raised its second-quarter earnings estimate because of stronger-than-expected sales in June.

Although improved earnings in the coming months could provide a boost to the market, analysts say corporate trust is the key factor.

"True, we need better (earnings) numbers, but we need numbers we can trust," Mirman said.

Investors might not be happy sitting on Wall Street's sidelines, but with the problem-ridden market headed for a third straight losing year they see no reason to budge.

After a string of accounting debacles at such firms as WorldCom, Xerox and Enron Corp. and more than two years of declines on Wall Street, investors can't be blamed for sitting on Wall Street's sidelines, analysts say.

"Confidence is so low that the average investor is saying, 'I am fine keeping (my money) in a money market account at 1.5 percent. And when I see the worst is over, maybe I'll put more money in the stock market,'" said Thomas F. Lydon, president of Global Trends Investments.

Judge sends two to TDCJ

Two individuals were assessed prison terms Monday in action in 132nd District Court.

Matthew Erron Jones, 19, of 1007 27th Street, was originally ordered to serve two five-year sentences with deferred adjudication for the May 23 burglaries of two buildings in Snyder.

Jones who failed to report to probation officers and who failed to maintain his residence in Snyder, will now serve two concurrent two-years terms in a Texas Department of Criminal Justice state jail facility.

District Judge Ernie Armstrong also sentenced Reudy Garcia, 41, of Colorado City to serve three years in prison for a Feb. 14 offense of felony driving while intoxicated.

Christy Ann Collier, 22, of 2808 W. 23rd Street, was serving a five-year probated sentence with deferred adjudication for the Nov. 10, 2000 offense of forgery by passing.

Because of her failure to abstain from habit-forming substances and failure to report, pay fines and restitution, Collier will now serve two years in a state jail facility, probated for five years.

Judge Armstrong also ordered Collier to pay $1,979 in restitution and remain in the Scurry County until accepted into a court-approved substance-abuse program.

Deborah Lou Duncan, 43, of Hobbs, N.M. pleaded guilty to unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. Duncan was sentenced to serve two years in a state jail facility, probated for five years with deferred adjudication. She also was fined $1,000 and ordered to pay $8,157 in restitution.

ASK US

Q—How many amendments have been submitted to voters since the state constitution was adopted?

A—As of 2001, the state legislature had proposed to Texas voters 569 amendments to the Texas state constitution.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Wednesday, 91 degrees; low, 68; reading at 7 a.m. Thursday, 69; no precipitation; total for 2002 to date, 13.09 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy, low near 70. Friday, partly cloudy and 20% chance of thunderstorms. High in lower 90s. SE wind 5-15 mph.



Kailey Glenn
Rain Chance

Sunset:
8:51 p.m.
Sunrise:
6:48 a.m.
Of 191 days in 2002, the sun has shone 184 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

The government is best which governs least.
—Thomas Jefferson

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Old Pantyhose find new uses in all sorts of ways

DEAR READERS: I have been inundated with innovative uses for pantyhose since the first letter on the subject appeared in my column last year. Talk about a versatile product! Read on for a sample:

DEAR ABBY: I am a plumber. For years I have suggested my customers put an old pair of pantyhose on the end of their washing machine drain hose, if it drains into a sink. This method traps any lint, thereby preventing clogged drains. — **BOB'S PLUMBING SERVICE, SPRINGFIELD, MASS.**

DEAR ABBY: When I was about 4, my grandma gave each of my siblings and me the lumpiest quilts we'd ever seen. They were also the warmest.

One of the quilts tore between the patches, and — curious children that we were — we began pulling out the stuffing. The quilt had been stuffed with dozens of old pantyhose. What fun we had pulling them out. Our laughter finally gave us away, and Mother duly reprimanded us, but the memory remains as warm as the quilt. — **"QUILTED" IN PLEASANT HILL, CALIF.**

DEAR ABBY: When a female friend complained about her wrinkles in a photo I had taken of her, the solution was simple: The next time I took her picture, I stretched a piece of nylon hose over the lens of the camera. This method softens the subject's appearance. An expensive lens filter can be purchased for the same purpose, but I like the pantyhose better. — **VEGAS PHOTOGRAPHER**

DEAR ABBY: I always had a problem keeping my nightcap from slipping off my bald head, so I put my wife's cast-off pantyhose to good use:

I tie the legs together, make relaxing scissor cuts around the waist, and wear them on my head with the waist hugging my bald head. Then I loop the legs under my chin and behind my neck.

One of our nieces who lost all her hair during chemotherapy laughed long and loud when I shared my tip with her on how to keep her head warm at night. However, after trying my invention, she was hooked. — **ALAN L. IN TENNESSEE**

DEAR ABBY: For years I took church youth groups and Girl Scout troops on camping trips. We would put a bar of soap in the toe of an old pair of pantyhose and tie it to a tree limb near a wash basin and bucket of water.

Presto! The soap never melted or fell to the ground and got dirty. The girls would wet their hands, rub them over the soap in the stocking, then rinse the bar. The soap stayed clean and never got lost. It's a great idea for campers. — **JO IN CINCINNATI**

DEAR ABBY: After giving my AARP-aged body a good workout at my local gym, I was changing into street clothes when one of the new members noticed that I was pulling on a pair of pantyhose.

Confused to see a gentleman donning a lady's garment, he asked, "When did you start wearing THOSE?" I replied, "Right after my wife found them in the glove compartment of my truck." — **JOHN IN ST. PAUL**

DEAR JOHN: AARP-aged body, my fanny! That joke is older than both of us.

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Security agency takes shape

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush's plan for a new homeland security department is making steady progress through Congress, with lawmakers approving pieces of a legislative puzzle that largely coincides with the president's ideas.

To keep the momentum going, Secretary of State Colin Powell, Attorney General John Ashcroft and other top officials were appearing today before a special House committee created to refine legislation to carry out the most significant change in the federal bureaucracy in a half-century.

On Wednesday, five House committees approved portions of the bill affecting agencies under their jurisdictions. Most endorsed the outline Bush set down June 6, although there was some tinkering.

The Judiciary Committee voted to keep most of the Federal Emergency Management Agency as an independent disaster response agency and to move the Secret Service from the Treasury Department to the Justice Department rather than into the new Homeland Security Department.

That panel also decided to move the enforcement arm of the Immigration and Naturalization Service into the security agency but leave other immigration services with Justice.

Today, four more committees will vote on the proposal, with one focus being how the Transportation Committee handles the Coast Guard. The president would incorporate the Coast Guard in the new department, but some lawmakers say that could diminish its non-security functions such as search-and-rescue missions.

Five former Coast Guard commandants sent a letter to House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., Wednesday supporting the president's plan and saying the Coast Guard must remain intact if it is to continue to fulfill its traditional missions.

The Select Committee on Homeland Security, which hosts Powell and the other administration officials at its first hearing today, is responsible for putting together the different parts and sending a bill to the House floor this month.

House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas, who heads that committee, has said he would respect the votes of the different committees but his committee would make the final decisions on the bill to be submitted for floor debate.

The Senate is expected to act on its version this month as well, with the goal of sending the president a bill in September.

"It is crucial we take this historic step," White House homeland security adviser Tom Ridge told the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee on Wednesday. The new department is to handle security functions now spread among more than 100 agencies with budgets totaling $37 billion. Bush wants the new department running by Jan. 1.

One big issue Wednesday was what agency should handle the 10 million visa applications every year that come in now. House Judiciary Committee Chairman James Sensenbrenner, R-Wis., tried to move all visa operations from the State Department to the new agency, saying State "has repeatedly proven that it is the wrong agency to exercise power to grant visas."

State reservoirs near full for first time in nine years

By The Associated Press

As rivers continue to rise along Texas' Coastal Bend and water releases from reservoirs increase, local officials say reservoirs that make up the area's water supply are approaching capacity for the first time in nine years.

Meanwhile, South Texas motorists are finding themselves on alternate routes as swollen rivers have forced a quagmire of road closures.

The combined level of Choke Canyon Reservoir and Lake Corpus Christi was 96.04 percent.

City officials expect Choke Canyon Reservoir to reach 100 percent capacity by early Friday.

"When we reach 100 percent capacity, we lose control over how we release water," said David Garcia, Corpus Christi city manager. "Basically, we just have to let it spill over."

The water system hasn't been so close to capacity since July 1993, when Choke Canyon Reservoir and Lake Corpus Christi reached their full capacity of 935,512 acre-feet of water. One acre-foot of water is 325,851 gallons.

In Tilden, Three Rivers and Calallen, the Nueces and Frio rivers are still rising, the National Weather Service said. In other places, such as Mathis and Bluntzer, the rivers have peaked and fallen, but remain above flood stage.

The most recent flooding closed U.S. Highway 59 at Goliad, U.S. 77 23 miles north of Refugio and U.S. 183 between Refugio and Goliad. State Highway 35 north of Tivoli also was closed where the Guadalupe and San Antonio rivers merged.

The closed highways disrupted some trucking, adding 150 miles to routes between Houston and Corpus Christi, for example.

The rains that pounded the Hill Country last week are running downhill toward the Gulf of Mexico, and low-lying spots like Tilden, along the now-bulging Frio River 70 miles south of San Antonio, have suddenly become lakes with inundated homes and businesses sticking up like islands.

Across Texas, nine people have died and 24 counties have been designated federal disaster areas after a week of severe flooding. Though damage numbers are only just trickling in, Gov. Rick Perry said the losses could be as much as $1 billion.

More than 6,000 flood victims have registered for help through the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Mosley retires from TDCJ

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Art Mosley is retiring as deputy executive director of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Mosley, 62, said Wednesday his retirement after nearly two decades with the department is effective July 31.

He said he planned to spend more time with his wife, children and grandchildren.

Mosley worked as an intern at the Byrd Unit while in graduate school at Sam Houston State University in Huntsville.

Mosley said much has changed since he joined what was then the Texas Department of Corrections in 1984.

"When I got here, it was just TDC, the prison," Mosley said in a story in today's editions of The Huntsville Item. "Then, in 1989, they made it into TDCJ and pulled in paroles and everything else. We've tripled, or more than tripled, in size, with both inmates and staff."

Mosley said he sees the department's mission as public safety and believes the staff does that very well.

"The hardest part is dealing with having staff killed or injured in the line of duty," he said. "That's a very hard thing to do."

Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Lotto Texas numbers drawn Wednesday by the Texas Lottery:

3-12-28-34-45-53

Estimated Lotto Texas jackpot: $6 million

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday by the Texas Lottery, in order:

6-4-3

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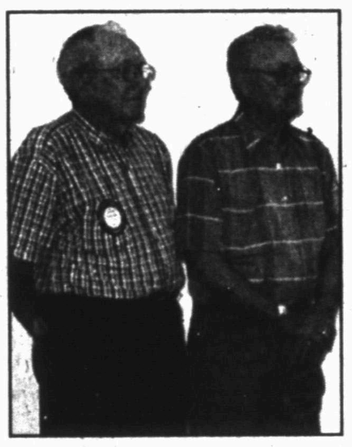
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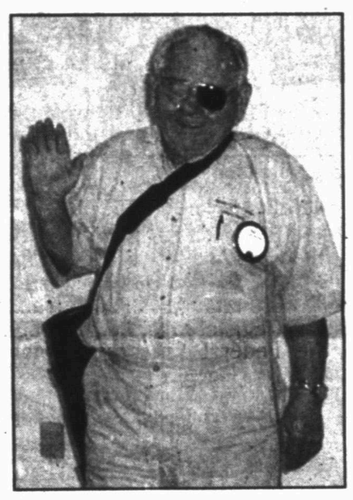
LEADING LIONS — Cliff Shiller, left, was installed as president of the Snyder Lions Club by District Gov. Joe Hargrove of Crosbyton. Other officers include Jim Petty, second vice president; Ted Crenwelge, first vice president; and not pictured, Peggy Vernon, third vice president. (Staff Photos by Jo Ann Nunley)





OTHER OFFICERS — Lion tamers for Snyder Lions Club are Olin bunch, left, and Horace Bostick. In the photo at right, are tail twisters Max von Roeder and Juanita Glass and Peggyy Vernon, not pictured.





MORE OFFICERS — Jene Steakley, left, will serve the Lions Club as secretary and Mac McCown will serve as treasurer.

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.

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; for information call 573-8268, 573-4048 or 573-1141; 8 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 5731141; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

Defensive driving course, 8 a.m.-3 p.m., Texas Savings Bank 2619 College Ave., for more information call 573-2850.

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.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 07-11-02
♠ J 10 8 5 4
♥ 7 2
♦ 10 6 3
♣ A J 5

West
♠ —
♥ 9 8 6 4
♦ A K Q J 7
♣ ? 6 4 3

East
♠ 6 2
♥ K Q J 10 5 3
♦ 9 2
♣ ? 8 2

South
♠ A K Q 9 7 3
♥ A
♦ 8 5 4
♣ K 10 7

Dealer: West
Vulnerable: East-West

South	West	North	East
	Pass	Pass	2 ♥
3 ♠	4 ♥	4 ♠	All pass

Opening lead: ♦ A

Thursday, July 11, 2002

Silence that tells a thousand words

By Phillip Alder

Alfred Jarry, a French playwright and author, wrote, "We believe ... that the applause of silence is the only kind that counts." Momentary silence is to be desired, but surely not permanent silence.

At the bridge table, though, silence sometimes helps. Here, you are in four spades. West cashes three top diamonds, East following twice, then discarding the heart king. At trick four, West shifts to the heart nine. You win with the ace and draw East's two trumps. Who holds the club queen?

East opened with a weak two. In third chair, one is permitted a degree of latitude. So, East might have opened three hearts with this good a six-card suit. Since his hand was weak and his partner couldn't open, he knew the opponents had the balance of power. Taking away their bidding space is a sensible tactic. Here, though, East was at unfavorable vulnerability, so he chose the more conservative opening bid.

A jump overcall against a preemptive opening is intermediate, promising a decent six-card suit and some 14-16 high-card points.

West allowed the vulnerability to dissuade him from sacrificing in five hearts. Note that after a spade lead, East would escape for one down and minus 200 by immediately cashing three diamond tricks. But an unlikely low-club lead would result in two down, minus 500.

You are apparently faced with a club guess. However, West, who passed as dealer, has already produced 10 points in diamonds along with a good five-card suit and a void. If he had the club queen as well, he would have opened. So, play East for the club queen.

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Guard stops scalpers

MILWAUKEE (AP) — An Eagles concert didn't produce a "Peaceful, Easy Feeling" for a local politician when he was caught trying to sell two extra tickets before the show.

Alderman Marvin Pratt wound up with a city citation for illegal ticket selling at the Summerfest music festival over the weekend.

Pratt and Summerfest officials confirmed Tuesday that a security guard stopped Pratt as he sold the extras for their face value of $150 just outside the Marcus Amphitheater ticket office.

Pratt said he was trying to sell the tickets at face value.



PARADE FLOAT WINNER — Faith Baptist Church's patriotic float won first place in the July 4th parade in Towle Park. From left are Rachel Herrera, Colten Clark, Stephanie Grant, Cheyann Taylor and Brittany Miller. The First Christian Church float won second place and third place went to the Kattes family float. (Contributed Photo)

Exercising for the right reason

NEW YORK (AP) — Dr. Lisa Callahan says too many women exercise for the wrong reason.

They see it as a way to change their physical appearance — tighten the tummy, tone the biceps, strengthen the quads, drop a few pounds. If results don't follow, she says, they're likely to stop.

But there are benefits that no mirror can reflect. Exercise is a way to take charge of one's health, to get fit and stay fit.

Although fitness has many definitions, Callahan, author of "The Fitness Factor" and a well-known specialist in sports medicine, has her own. "As a physician, I think of fitness as the sum of four components that, together, allow the human body to function at its best."

These include a healthy heart, muscular strength and endurance, flexibility and a healthy amount of fat on the body. That means exercise along with a sensible diet.

Yet government statistics show that less than a third of Americans meet federal recommendations for exercise (at least 30 minutes of moderate physical activity at least five days a week), and 40 percent of U.S. adults engage in no recreational physical activity.

In the last 20 years, obesity has doubled among adults to 61 percent and tripled among adolescents who are counted in the 13 percent of young people who are overweight. While the nation is adding girth, the government says a puny 3 percent of the population meets at least four of the five federal recommendations in the Food Guide Pyramid for the intake of grains, fruits, vegetables, dairy products, and meats.

Further, when the weight goes up, so can the blood pressure, which increases the risk of stroke or heart attack. Heart disease is the No. 1 killer in America, and those deaths each year include many of the 300,000 related to obesity and overweight.

Despite all of the known health benefits of exercise, only 15 percent to 20 percent of adult women exercise on a regular basis.

Such depressing numbers would give many health and fitness professionals reason to fold their tents and stop preaching. Callahan isn't among them. She's trying to spread the word to all those other women.

Her book, subtitled "Every Woman's Key to a Lifetime of Health and Well-Being (The Lyons Press, $24.95 hardcover), tells women that exercise goes hand in glove with "increasing energy, controlling weight, preventing heart disease, fighting osteoporosis and diabetes, reducing stress, decreasing cancer risk, looking and feeling younger, lowering cholesterol, having better sex and much, much more."

She also says women are never too old to start on the road to fitness. All that women of any age need to start with is a plan of their own, and Callahan's book is a good beginning.

Dieting alone, she says, is doomed to spiral into failure. Women who don't exercise lose muscle mass, beginning in their late 20s. Muscle burns calories, fat doesn't. So loss of muscle means lowered metabolism and corresponding weight gain.

But women tend to look to dieting to deal with the weight, she says. At any one time, she writes, "two out of every three women are dieting in an effort to shed those excess pounds. We spend upwards of $30 billion every year trying to lose weight."

Fewer calories alone won't do it. When you lose weight without exercising, you lose muscle along with the fat. When the weight comes back, and it most likely will, it will come back as all fat. No muscle.

Set realistic goals, work through the potential obstacles and design a personal fitness plan. Callahan's book offers guidance, and notes that the plan doesn't have to include the expense of health club or space-hogging equipment at home. Rather, you are the key component of your workout and your well-being, she says.

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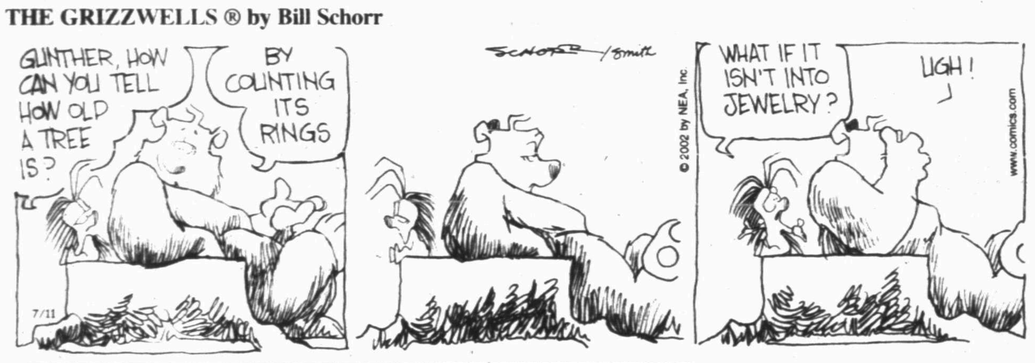
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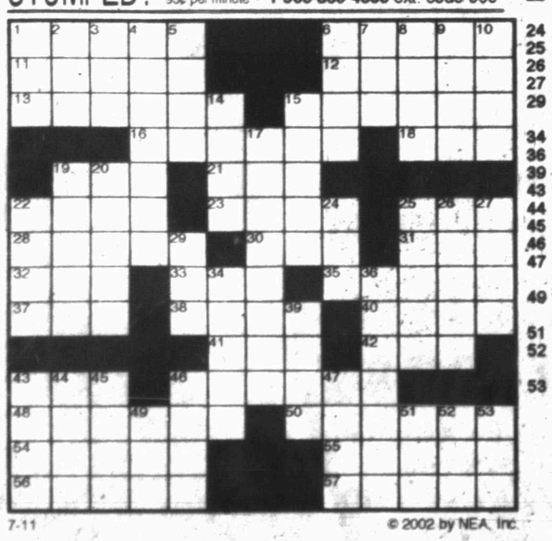
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53 Foul up

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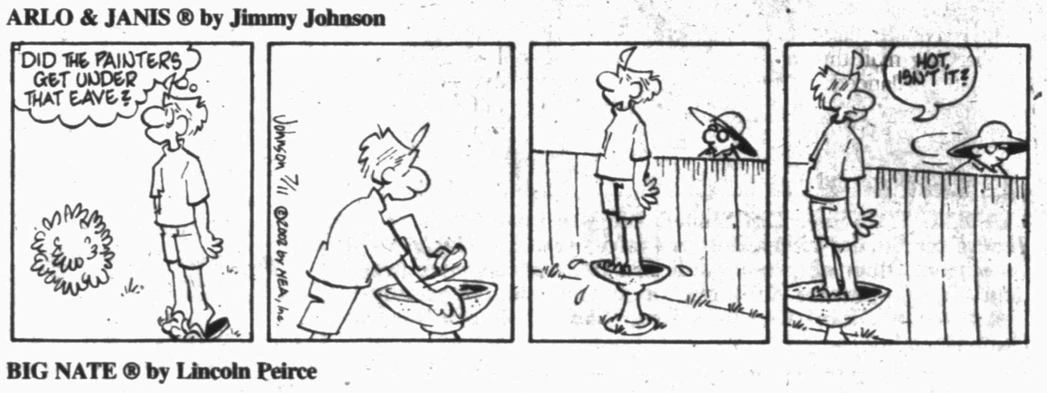


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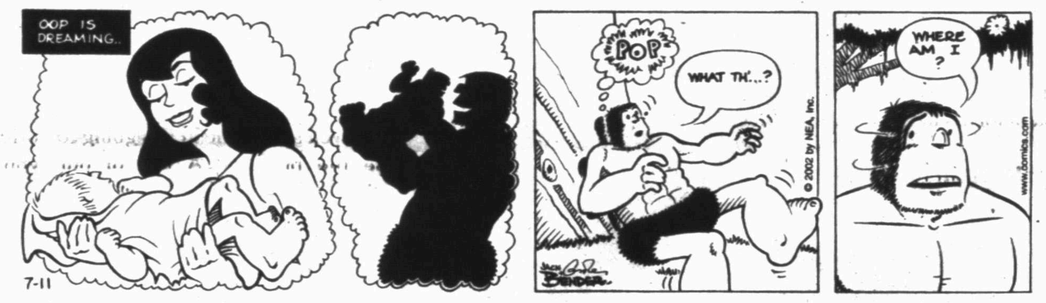
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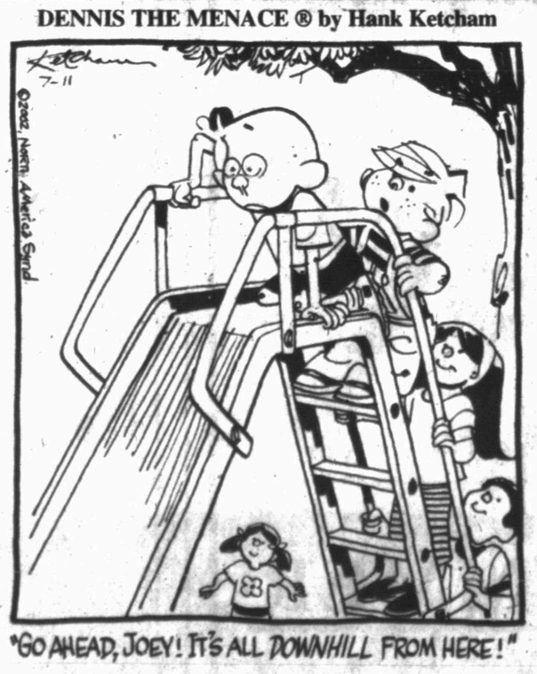
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SPORTS

Tech to balance football budget

LUBBOCK (AP) — Texas Tech's overbudget football program, which couldn't afford to send its outgoing mail this summer, will have a balanced budget before September, athletic director Gerald Myers said Wednesday.

Fund-raising money and some of a $1.62 million payout from the Aug. 24 season opener at Ohio State will shore up a $400,000 overrun before the fiscal year ends Aug. 31, Myers said.

In recent weeks, news of the football program's budget problems created a rift between coach Mike Leach and school administrators. But Leach and Myers said at a Wednesday news conference that they worked things out in a Tuesday meeting with school administrators.

Leach said the situation was made more difficult because he was out of town in the days after news broke that the program was denied outgoing mail privileges in May and June because it owed $5,000 to Tech's mail service.

"With people scattered around the county and things of that nature this time of year, yesterday was a great chance to get together, and I think everybody's headed in the same direction," Leach said.

Leach said the move to stop his mail was detrimental to recruiting efforts in that it occurred at a time when telephone calls to recruits were prohibited.

Leach's job performance was never part of discussions Tuesday afternoon with Tech President David Schmidly, Myers and Leach, university spokeswoman Cindy Rugeley said.

Leach said he didn't believe the budget has affected the players or their preparations for the upcoming season and that he is putting the controversy behind him.

Myers said Wednesday he didn't blame coaches for the shortfall.

"We knew at the beginning of the year that our budgets would be extremely tight," Myers said. "I don't think our coaches have been reckless with the budget."

Less than two weeks ago, Myers said he was tired of hearing comments from some Tech coaches about how the football program's budget compared with other Big 12 schools. The program's operating budget was $1.2 million for fiscal year 2002, placing it in the bottom three in the Big 12, excluding salaries and scholarships.

"Well this is what we have at Texas Tech. We're going to do the best we can with what we have," Myers said in the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal on June 29. "I'm tired of hearing about what they do there. Maybe they should get a job there if they think that's so great."

Wednesday Myers apologized for his comments.

"In the heat of the moment, public comments were made that we all regret," he said.

Sports Briefs

Youth football camp

The free Snyder Tiger Football Camp will be held from 9 a.m. until noon Tuesday at the boys club. Players from six-years-old through the eighth grade can participate. The camp is hosted by SHS coach Chad Rogers and the Snyder Tigers. Hot dogs will be served for a $1.00. For more information, call 573-3344.

Cargile golf tournament

The Kiwanis Cargile Scholarship Foundation benefit Golf Tournament is set for Aug. 10 at Western Texas College. Format is four-person scramble and cost is $30 per player.

Cash prizes will go to the top four teams. Contests for closest-to-the-hole, longest drive and hole-in-one will be held. To register, call the pro shop at 573-9291.

Golf tournament

The Golfers' Memorial Partnership is set for Saturday and Sunday at the country cub. Format is lowball the first day and scramble for the final round. Cost is $150 per team. For more information, call the pro shop at 573-7101.

SISD athletic physicals

Physicals are required for students wishing to participate in SISD athletics. Those needing physicals are all incoming seventh and ninth grade athletes, students new to SISD athletics, athletes in their third year of high school, and all students who answered "yes" to questions 1, 4, 5, 6 or 7 on their medical history form.

The school district pays for physicals through Aug. 2 with the following doctors: Raykov, Burleson, Cooper, Thompson, Wolboldt and NP Beth Ashley. Incoming seventh and ninth graders can pick up physical forms in the doctors' offices.

Tennis events

Snyder Tennis Camp, hosted by SHS coach Ted Phillips, will be held July 22-25. Incoming fourth through seventh graders are eligible and cost is $30. Registration forms can be picked up at the SHS principal's office.

Snyder Tennis Booster Club is hosting a tournament July 19-21. There will be singles and doubles competition in five age divisions, 12-under, 14-under, 16-under, 18-under and open. There will also be mixed doubles in the open division.

For more information on either event, contact Ted Phillips at 573-2525.

Friday swingers

The SCGA Women's Golf Association holds a weekly swingers event at 5:30 each Friday. It is open to all members and prospective members. Cost is $10 per couple and the format is scramble.

Cash prizes go to the top three finishers as well as closest to the hole. For more information, call Barbara Leatherwood at 725-7875.

WGA weekly play day

The SCGA Women's Golf Association holds a weekly play day each Tuesday at 9 a.m. Format is queen of the hill.

WTC Men's Golf Association

The Men's Golf Association of Western Texas College holds a weekly event Tuesdays at 6 p.m.

SCGA weekly events

The Scurry County Golf Association holds a weekly scramble Tuesdays at 5:30. The Men's Golf Association holds an all-day MGA event each Thursday.

Selig wants changes to All-Star game

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Commissioner Bud Selig vowed to make changes to the All-Star game to avoid ties.

Selig suggested managers return to using starters deeper into the game and discarding the pitcher-per-inning trend.

Selig said he thought All-Star games have been managed differently since baseball took a public relations beating in 1993, when Mike Mussina, then with the Orioles, didn't get into the game in Baltimore.

Armstrong jumps to third

CHATEAU-THIERRY, France (AP) — Team Once won a Tour de France time trial in 1 hour, 19 minutes, 49 seconds in the 41.85-mile run from Epernay to Chateau-Thierry, northeast of Paris. Lance Armstrong and his U.S. Postal teammates were runners-up 16 seconds behind.

Igor Gonzalez Galdeano, riding for Once, became the first Spaniard in seven years to don the yellow jersey of the overall leader. Joseba Beloki was in second, four seconds behind his teammate.

Armstrong moved into third place — seven seconds behind — after starting the day in fifth.

Astros begin playoff surge

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Astros just might make a race out of the NL Central yet.

Winners of four of the past five division titles, the Astros spent most of the first half pampering injuries, mixing and matching minor league callups and fretting over slumping stars.

Then, they took off and won four straight series, including a 7-2 road trip leading into the All-Star break. Jeff Bagwell and Craig Biggio are looking like themselves again and Lance Berkman is leading the majors with 29 home runs and 81 RBIs.

"We've played better of late," Bagwell said. "The key is going to be the pitching. A few of our starters have gone down already. They're going to have to get healthy for us to make a run in the second half."

The Astros resume play tonight against the Cincinnati Reds at Minute Maid Park. Houston trails second-place Cincinnati by 41/2 games and is another two games behind St. Louis for the division lead.

Until the final two weeks before the All-Star break, the Astros only dreamed of contending.

Berkman did his best to keep them in the race, then remained hot when others did too, sparking the recent spurt. He had six homers and 17 RBIs in the past nine games, including a stretch of at least one RBI in 10 straight games.

"You don't win with one guy," Bagwell said. "Look at some of the years that Sammy (Sosa) has had, but they don't win. When your pitching is good, and your offense and defense, that's when you win. You can't be one-dimensional."

Wade Miller and Roy Oswalt are the only remaining members of the opening-day rotation.

Shane Reynolds is out for the season following back surgery. Carlos Hernandez and Dave Mlicki are on the disabled list, but Mlicki is about ready to return.

Major League Baseball

National League
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East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	56	32	.636	—
Montreal	46	41	.529	9½
Florida	45	43	.511	11
New York	43	44	.494	12½
Philadelphia	39	47	.453	16

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	47	38	.553	—
Cincinnati	46	41	.529	2
Houston	41	45	.477	6½
Pittsburgh	38	49	.437	10
Chicago	35	51	.407	12½
Milwaukee	33	55	.375	15½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	54	34	.614	—
Arizona	51	36	.586	2½
San Francisco	49	38	.563	4½
Colorado	42	46	.477	12
San Diego	35	53	.398	19

Tuesday's Games
National 7, American 7, 11 innings
Wednesday's Games
No games scheduled
Thursday's Games
Atlanta (Millwood 6-5) at Montreal (Armas Jr. 8-7), 1:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Wolf 4-6) at N.Y. Mets (Leiter 8-7), 7:10 p.m.
Cincinnati (Dessens 5-4) at Houston (Oswalt 9-5), 8:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Fogg 9-6) at Milwaukee (Sheets 4-10), 8:05 p.m.
Arizona (Johnson 12-3) at Los Angeles (Nomo 9-5), 10:10 p.m.
Colorado (Jennings 9-4) at San Francisco (Ortiz 6-6), 10:15 p.m.
Friday's Games
Florida (Dempster 5-8) at Chicago Cubs (Wood 8-5), 3:20 p.m.
Atlanta (Maddux 8-2) at Montreal (Yoshii 2-2), 7:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Padilla 10-5) at N.Y. Mets (D'Amico 4-7), 7:10 p.m.
Cincinnati (Haynes 10-6) at Houston (Miller 4-3), 8:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (J.Anderson 6-10) at Milwaukee (Rusch 5-7), 8:05 p.m.
St. Louis (W.Williams 6-3) at San Diego (Lawrence 7-5), 10:05 p.m.
Arizona (Schilling 14-3) at Los Angeles (Od.Perez 10-4), 10:10 p.m.
Colorado (Hampton 5-9) at San Francisco (L.Hernandez 6-10), 10:35 p.m.

American League
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East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	55	32	.632	—
Boston	52	33	.612	2
Baltimore	42	43	.494	12
Toronto	34	52	.395	20½
Tampa Bay	28	57	.329	26

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	50	39	.562	—
Chicago	42	46	.477	7½
Cleveland	39	47	.453	9½
Kansas City	33	52	.388	15
Detroit	31	54	.365	17

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	55	33	.625	—
Anaheim	51	35	.593	3
Oakland	50	38	.568	5
Texas	39	47	.453	15

Tuesday's Games
National 7, American 7, 11 innings
Wednesday's Games
No games scheduled
Thursday's Games
Boston (Burkett 7-3) at Toronto (Walker 3-0), 7:05 p.m.
Oakland (Mulder 9-5) at Baltimore (Erickson 3-8), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Pettitte 2-3) at Cleveland (Sabathia 6-7), 7:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Wright 5-8) at Detroit (Sparks 4-8), 7:05 p.m.
Seattle (Pineiro 9-3) at Tampa Bay (Kennedy 5-7), 7:15 p.m.
Texas (Park 3-4) at Minnesota (Milton 10-6), 8:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Washburn 9-2) at Kansas City (May 2-5), 8:05 p.m.
Friday's Games
Boston (Lowe 12-4) at Toronto (Halladay 9-4), 7:05 p.m.
Oakland (Hudson 6-7) at Baltimore (Johnson 3-5), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Clemens 8-3) at Cleveland (Baez 7-6), 7:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Glover 3-4) at Detroit (Redman 4-8), 7:05 p.m.
Seattle (Garcia 11-5) at Tampa Bay (W.Alvarez 2-2), 7:15 p.m.
Texas (Valdes 5-6) at Minnesota (Reed 6-5), 8:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Appier 6-7) at Kansas City (Suppan 7-6), 8:05 p.m.

Selig claims teams are going under

NEW YORK (AP) — As baseball prepared to resume labor negotiations following an All-Star break dominated by talk of strike, steroids and stalemate, commissioner Bud Selig claimed a team may not be able to make payroll Monday.

Selig made the comment during an interview Wednesday in Milwaukee with the Houston Chronicle and other papers, saying during the session that a second team had so much debt that it might not finish the season.

Selig did not identify the teams he was referring to, and there was no way to corroborate his claims. Reached at his home Wednesday night, Selig refused to discuss the subject.

"I'm done. Major league baseball's credit lines are at the maximum," Selig was quoted as saying in Thursday's editions of the Chronicle. "We've done everything we can to help people by arranging credit lines. Frankly, at this point in time, we don't have that luxury anymore.

"If a club can't make it, I have to let 'em go. I'm a traditionalist, and I hate all that. It pains me to do it. I just don't have any more alternatives."

The talks were to resume today.

Players and owners have not held a full negotiating session since June 27, and are far apart on all the key issues: increase revenue sharing among teams, the owners' proposal for a luxury tax to slow payroll growth, random testing for steroids and other drugs, extending the amateur draft world wide, and management's attempt to change salary arbitration rules and eligibility.

On Monday, the union's executive board met in a Chicago suburb. While the board did not set a strike date then, it asked players on individual teams to give it authority to set one. If there is no progress in negotiations, the executive board is expected to call for baseball's ninth work stoppage, setting a walkout date for August or September.

Players and owners also await the upcoming ruling from arbitrator Shyam Das, who heard the grievance filed by the union, which claims management's attempt to fold the Minnesota Twins and Montreal Expos violated the previous labor contract, which expired Nov. 7.

Das has told the sides he will attempt to have a decision by Monday. Contraction was put off by Selig until after the 2002 season following a string of legal losses by baseball in the Minnesota courts, which ruled the Twins had to honor their 2002 lease in the Metrodome.

Prosecutors debate Iverson arrest

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Allen Iverson shot baskets with family and friends on a court outside his sprawling mansion, one day after police said they have enough evidence to arrest him.

Prosecutors said they were not ready to decide whether the Philadelphia 76ers star should be charged with forcing his way into an apartment with a gun last week and threatening two men while looking for his wife.

Iverson and his wife, Tawanna, had been arguing for two days, and the player threw his wife out of their suburban Gladwyne mansion naked, according to tapes of a 911 call obtained by The Philadelphia Inquirer. Tawanna Iverson went into hiding with another man, the newspaper said.

Police presented their case to the district attorney's office Wednesday in a meeting that lasted nearly three hours. Detectives believe they have sufficient evidence to charge Iverson with aggravated assault, a felony, as well as terrorist threats and related offenses.

"After discussing everything with the police department, we came to the conclusion that the investigation would continue," said Cathie Abookire, a spokeswoman for District Attorney Lynne Abraham.

Neither Iverson nor his wife of 11 months have commented publicly. His attorneys did not return phone calls Wednesday and Iverson ignored reporters who shouted questions to him from beyond a fence at his mansion Wednesday night.

Abraham said the 27-year-old guard would receive no special treatment.

WNBA Glance

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	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	14	5	.737	—
Orlando	9	7	.563	3½
Charlotte	9	8	.529	4
New York	10	9	.526	4
Indiana	8	10	.444	5½
Miami	7	10	.412	6
Cleveland	6	11	.353	7
Detroit	2	16	.111	11½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	14	2	.875	—
Houston	15	3	.833	—
Utah	12	6	.667	3
Portland	11	8	.579	4½
Seattle	8	10	.444	7
Phoenix	7	10	.412	7½
Minnesota	6	11	.353	8½
Sacramento	2	14	.125	12

Wednesday's Games
Detroit 66, New York 63
Utah 82, Indiana 69
Portland 75, Minnesota 72
Thursday's Games
Cleveland at Sacramento, 2:30 p.m.
Los Angeles at Seattle, 10 p.m.
Houston at Phoenix, 10 p.m.
Friday's Games
Charlotte at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Miami at Indiana, 8 p.m.
Los Angeles at Portland, 8 p.m.
Cleveland at Seattle, 10 p.m.
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Texas wheat harvest on schedule

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — The Texas wheat harvest is on schedule despite poor growing conditions in most of the state, Texas Cooperative Extension reports.

"Much of the state had pretty decent moisture in early fall to get a stand, and we had an extremely dry winter and early spring," said Dr. Travis Miller, extension agronomist in College Station. "This period of dry weather resulted in the loss of thousands of acres of wheat."

Areas north of Interstate 20, including North Central Texas, North Texas, the Blacklands and East Texas, had good moisture therefore they had a good crop, he said.

"I'd say the wheat harvest is a little over 90 percent complete now," Miller said. "There are a few fields in the northern High Plains that are still yet to harvest, but most of it is in."

He said no one has an exact number for the amount of bushels harvested. As of June 1, the prediction from the Agricultural Statistics Service was 80 million bushels on 2.5 million acres had been harvested.

"I've heard some very good yields and some very poor yields, so it's a mixed bag out there, depending on where the rain fell," Miller said.

"I think we planted 6.4 million acres, and the best guess on June 1 was that 2.5 million acres would be harvested," he said.

That means approximately 39 percent of the wheat planted will be harvested, which is not as bad as it sounds, Miller said. Normally, much of the wheat is grazed-out. Longtime harvest averages are about 55 percent instead of 39 percent.

Wheat is planted from Sept. 1 to the first of December, with most of it planted in late-September to early November, he said.

"Early in that time frame we had pretty good moisture and got good stands," Miller said. "But if people delayed planting for some reason, then they had trouble getting moisture to get the seed up."

Some areas had poor stands because sufficient moisture didn't come until late January.

Insects and disease have also caused lower yields for the wheat harvest.

"We had quite a bit of greenbug pressure, particularly in West Texas," Miller said. "A greenbug is an aphid that feeds on the wheat."

Stripe rust and leaf rust hit the crop in the eastern part of the state. These diseases destroy the leaf area. In other words, a healthy green crop hit by one of those rust species ends up with yellow leaves, Miller said. The diseases are called "rusts" because the adult part of the fungal organism is red-colored.

In Young, Throckmorton and Baylor counties, Karnal bunt was found on a very limited basis, he said. Last year, four North Texas counties were quarantined due to the detection of this disease.

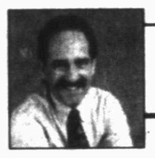
More than 90 percent of the wheat crop is in, Miller said. Acreage in parts of the High Plains still remains to be harvested.

"The High Plains has more acres and typically produces more wheat than any other area of the state," Miller said. "This year it looks like the Blacklands will be right behind the High Plains. That's because we had a good crop in the northern part of the state."

He said the growing season was better overall there than in any other area of the state.

Joe Pena, extension economist in Uvalde, said this past week has been the rainiest period on record, with 15 to more than 30 inches of very concentrated rain. The rain has caused most rivers and creeks to overflow, resulting in extensive flooding especially in Comal, Medina and Uvalde counties.

The rain will have a positive effect on agriculture, especially pastures, ranges and livestock agriculture, Pena said. While the rains came too late to help corn and sorghum, pecans, cotton and peanuts may be able to make full use of the rain.



On Nutrition by Ed Blonz, Ph.D.

Is too little fat dangerous?

DEAR DR. BLONZ: I've read so much about the dangers of ingesting too much fat, but what about a diet with too little fat? I'm not talking about anorexia. I'm referring to a diet that includes the recommended number of calories but is very low in fat. Are there long-term consequences and health risks? How much is enough? — **M.H., New York, N.Y.**

Dear M.H.: Aside from the wonderful flavors and textures they add to the foods we eat, fats and oils are also very important nutritional components in the human diet. The body requires certain fats and oils in the same way that it requires essential vitamins and minerals. Essential fatty acids are used to make cell membranes, the gatekeepers that helps determine what gets in and out of the most basic units of life. EFAs also serve as a raw material in making a group of powerful, biologically active compounds known as eicosanoids (eye-KOSE-uh-noids), which help regulate a number of bodily functions. As a result, EFAs can have beneficial effects on heart disease, high blood pressure, rheumatoid arthritis, certain cancers, chronic intestinal disease, depression, psoriasis and complications from diabetes.

EFAs are well distributed in the food supply, and getting enough isn't a problem for those with mixed diets. It could become an issue, however, if one were to cut way back on fats or fail to eat a variety of foods on a regular basis. Let's look a bit closer to see what the important fats are, where they are and how much you should have in your diet.

We know of at least two families of EFAs — omega-3 and omega-6. EFAs are unsaturated fatty acids, which are chains of carbon atoms at least 18 carbons in length. The term "omega" refers to the location of the first double bond and whether it is on the third carbon from the end (omega-3) or the sixth carbon from the end (omega-6) of the chain.

The most basic omega-3 is alpha-linolenic acid, often referred to simply as linolenic (lin-oh-LEHN-ick) acid. Omega-3s come primarily from fish oils, but they can also be found in flaxseed (linseed) and, to a lesser degree, in unrefined walnut, soy and canola oils.

The most basic omega-6 is linoleic (lin-oh-LAY-ick) acid, and it comes from vegetable-seed oils, such as sunflower, corn, soy and safflower, as well as from nuts and other seeds. Lesser amounts are found in olive oil and flaxseed oil.

Approximately 3 percent to 5 percent of the calories we consume should be from EFAs, and they should be divided between omega-6 and omega-3. In practical terms, for someone consuming a 2,000-calorie diet, 5 percent of calories is the equivalent of about 11 grams of EFA per day. (One tablespoon of oil weighs about 13 grams.)

It gets a bit more complicated, as only a fraction of the fats and oils in food are EFAs. Only about 15 percent of the fatty acids in unrefined canola oil, for example, are the omega-3 EFA, which means we would have to increase our consumption accordingly.

Rather than drowning in the math, a good rule of thumb is that you can get all the essential fats you need if 20 percent of your daily calories come from fats. For a 2,000-calorie diet, this translates to about 45 grams of fat per day.

The key, as I mentioned, is to include a variety of foods — nuts, seeds, vegetables and fish — that can supply the full complement of essential fats the body needs.

Incidentally, there is research that trans fats — the kind found in partially hydrogenated vegetable oils used in fried foods, vegetable shortening, creamers, donuts and other pastries — interfere with the way the body uses its EFAs. It is just another reason to eliminate those unhealthful fats from your diet.

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.

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AndarkPtr	46.42	45.65	45.88	—.67
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Aviall	12.71	12.41	12.54	—.26
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Honeywellntl	33.59	32.60	32.82	—.71
IBM	69.75	67.90	68.90	+ .14
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Praxair	51.10	49.70	50.30	—.50
ProctGamb	87.65	86.50	86.99	—.96
RadioShack	27.85	27.15	27.26	—.64
ReliantEngy	15.47	14.90	15.36	+ .06
RoyalDut	50.90	50.25	50.43	—.30
SBC Comm	30.55	29.38	30.43	+ .42
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SouthernCo	26.16	25.25	26.08	+ .58
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Alliance hopes to break nomination gridlock

WASHINGTON (AP) — In an unusual alliance, Democratic and Republican leaders plan to work together to break GOP Sen. John McCain's hold on presidential nominations.

McCain has been blocking all of Bush's nominations for almost two weeks to pressure the White House to appoint to the Federal Election Commission a Democrat, Ellen Weintraub, whom he feels will be favorable to campaign reform law.

But "if we can reach this agreement, then I will begin the process of moving forward with nominations," Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle said. "With or without Senator McCain's concurrence, we're going to go ahead."

McCain said he wouldn't back down. "I intend to exercise my rights as a senator" to block nominees, he told reporters.

McCain wants Bush to replace lame-duck FEC Commissioner Karl Sandstrom, whom the Arizona senator views as being hostile to the new campaign finance law, with Weintraub as one of three Democratic members on the six-person FEC.

Sandstrom, whose term expired last spring, sided with the three Republicans on a series of 4-2 votes on regulations implementing the new law. McCain criticized the regulations, claiming they open up loopholes in a law designed to virtually eliminate unlimited donations that unions, corporations and wealthy individuals make to the political parties.

"I worked for seven years for campaign finance reform," McCain said. "I am not about to sit idly by and watch a person whose term expired 16 months ago emasculate a law that we passed. It's that simple."

McCain has demanded the White House appoint Weintraub to the FEC next month, instead of waiting for her to go through the nomination process. If the White House doesn't, McCain said he would block any attempt to bring nominations up for a Senate vote.

At first, Democrats — no fans of Bush's nominees — helped McCain. When Senate Minority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., exasperated with McCain, tried on June 27 to rush 15 judicial nominations through the Senate floor while McCain was not present, Sen. Harry Reid, D-Nev., blocked them for McCain.

But now Democrats appear to be ready to abandon McCain to get something they want.

Lott has been threatening to block one of Daschle's aides, Jonathan Adelstein, from a seat on the Federal Communications Commission. The White House also has been ignoring Democratic requests for appointments to government boards and commissions, Democratic aides said.

But Republicans say they won't block Adelstein's nomination and also pledged to help approve other Democratic nominees if Daschle will push past McCain's blockade on Republican nominations.

"We are going to move forward on nominations that have been recommended by Senator Daschle," said Lott, who has been prodding Daschle to override McCain. "And so, it will all be in his court to find a way to move forward on judicial nominations as well as 60 nominations that are pending."

Daschle said Wednesday he will do his part by bringing up judicial nominees like U.S. Appeals Court nominee Lavenski Smith of Arkansas once the Senate finishes work on the accounting reform bill.

In a seeming gesture of goodwill, the White House later Wednesday officially nominated Adelstein for the seat. Daschle spokeswoman Ranit Schmelzer said the White House also agreed to respect Democratic appointments to boards and commissions for the rest of the administration and pull back their nominees to Democratic seats.

That leaves only the McCain blockade. "It's certainly Senator McCain's right to take the position he has, and we'll just have to work with it," Daschle said.

Daschle would likely call up nominees one at a time and try to force floor votes. It would take 60 votes to push past McCain's objections.

There are 50 Democrats, 49 Republicans and Sen. Jim Jeffords of Vermont is registered as an independent.

Charges will be filed in tot's death

FORT WORTH (AP) — Police say they will seek charges against a woman who is accused of leaving her 9-month-old son inside her sport utility vehicle for five hours while she went to work.

The 27-year-old woman has agreed to surrender today and will face a charge of criminally negligent homicide, police say.

Lorenzo Rueda died Tuesday. The Tarrant County medical examiner's office has ruled the cause of death as exogenous hyperthermia.

Rueda was found still strapped to his infant car seat in the back of the Chevrolet Blazer where he had been left at 8:30 a.m., police spokesman Lt. Duane Paul said.

Paul said a warrant would be issued today for the mother's arrest. Investigators have talked with family members and have been assured that the mother will turn herself in and post bail, allowing her release.

The mother of four told investigators that she arrived at the apartment complex where she worked as an assistant manager about 8:30 a.m. Tuesday. She had planned to drop her son off at a baby sitter within the complex, but became distracted after she was unable to find a parking place because workers were restripping the complex parking lot.

"By the time she finds a parking spot, it completely slipped her mind," Paul told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram in today's editions. "She got out of the car and went to work."

The woman discovered the baby when she went on her lunch break about five hours later to pick up another child at a summer school program.

The youth was pronounced dead at 1:43 p.m. Tuesday. Since the woman arrived at work, the temperature had soared to the low-to-mid 90s.

Children under 7 may not be left unattended in a motor vehicle, according to Texas law.

The National Safe Kids Campaign, in reviewing records since 1996, found at least 150 children have died from heat stroke after being left in a vehicle. Nine out of 10 of the victims were age 3 and younger.

Some wary about proposal to allow pilots to have guns

GRAPEVINE (AP) — Some Texans say allowing pilots to have guns in the cockpit would make them feel safer, but others are wary of the proposal approved by the U.S. House.

"It would be a powerful message," said Terry Spitler, 43 of Denton. Spitler, whose husband is a commercial pilot, said it makes sense to arm them because the cockpit would be the main point of attack.

"I don't feel it would jeopardize the passengers or the crew," Spitler said.

Randy McCullough, 52, of Fort Worth said he would need more persuading to support guns in cockpits.

"I think a stun gun is more appropriate," he said. He said he was concerned that a stray bullet might cause the loss of cabin pressure.

Under a bill the House overwhelmingly passed Wednesday, pilots could carry guns in the cockpit to defend their planes against terrorists. The passage of the bill in the House comes despite opposition from the White House and airlines.

The legislation would allow guns for more than 70,000 pilots if they agreed to undergo training. Lawmakers stripped out provisions that would have limited the program to some 1,400 pilots, about 2 percent of those flying.

Despite the strong House support, prospects in the Senate were not good for the legislation. Besides the White House, those opposing it include Ernest Hollings, a South Carolina Democrat who heads the Senate Commerce Committee.

The guns-in-cockpits question is among a host of aviation security issues that arose after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Spitler said just the knowledge that pilots are armed may send a message.

While waiting on someone at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport, Ryan Kane, 24, of Carrollton, said Wednesday night the measure would make him feel safer.

"I think it's a good idea if they can keep them secure from the general public," Kane said.

Pilot unions have lobbied for the right to carry guns, but the airline industry has opposed the idea, saying stronger cockpit doors and the presence of air marshals provide protection against hijackings.

The industry also is concerned about what would happen if a passenger or crew member was hit by an errant bullet, or what kind of damage could be done to the airplane and its systems, said Michael Wascom, a spokesman for the Air Transport Association.

Dallas-based Southwest Airlines doesn't believe that any weapons — lethal or non-lethal — should be permitted in the vicinity of the cockpit or the cabin, spokesman Ed Stewart said.

"We feel it is incompatible with commercial air transportation and would create an additional variable for the flight crews to contend with in an emergency situation," he said.

Before the vote, the Allied Pilots Association, which represents American Airlines pilots, urged its members to call lawmakers and ask them to increase the number of pilots who could carry guns.

$44 million home, largest in Dallas, destroyed by fire

DALLAS (AP) — Flames raged all night and into this morning from a North Dallas mansion said to be the city's largest.

Flames erupted from the roof of the main house of the 10-acre estate at 10330 Strait Lane around 1 a.m. today. A Dallas Fire-Rescue spokesman said that security guards on duty reported the blaze, which quickly went to three alarms and eventually reached six.

Two firefighters suffered smoke inhalation, and another suffered minor injuries in a debris fall.

Owner Texas Treasure Fields was just weeks from completing construction on the 75,000-square-foot mansion and already had listed it for sale with New York's Christie's auction house, said Steve Malouf, attorney for the owner.

KRLD Radio in Dallas-Fort Worth reported the house value was listed at $44.9 million.

The house has been under construction for years and was unoccupied when the blaze erupted. Malouf told KTVT-TV in Dallas-Fort Worth that the sprawling, three-story house contained 28 to 29 air conditioning units and had hand-carved mahogany and Carerra marble throughout.

Officials said the cause of the fire is still under investigation.

Date Book

Thursday, July 11, 2002

Today is the 192nd day of 2002 and the 21st day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1766, Olaudah Equiano, author of one of the first autobiographical slave narratives, purchased his freedom.

On this day in 1864, Confederate forces led by Gen. Jubal Early invaded Washington, D.C.

On this day in 1977, in a ceremony at the White House, the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. was posthumously awarded the Medal of Freedom.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: John Quincy Adams (1767-1848), U.S. president; E.B. White (1899-1985), writer; Yul Brynner (1920-1985), actor; Debbie Harry (1945-), singer, is 57; Bonnie Pointer (1951-), singer, is 51; Sela Ward (1956-), actress, is 46.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1967, the National League defeated the American League 2-1 in the All-Star Game.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Courage and perseverance have a magical talisman, before which difficulties disappear and obstacles vanish into air." — John Quincy Adams

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (July 10) and first quarter (July 17).

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Attorney claims pastors innocent

AUSTIN (AP) — An attorney for the church pastor and his brother charged with severely beating a Bible study student said Wednesday his clients are innocent and accused authorities of whipping up "mass mob hysteria" over church teachings on discipline.

Joshua Thompson, who runs services for Spanish-speaking parishioners at Capitol City Baptist Church, and his twin brother, Caleb, 22, were released on $25,000 bond Wednesday night. They face felony charges of injury to a child, which carries a penalty of up to life in prison.

Police say Joshua Thompson beat 11-year-old Louie Guerrero with a tree limb for an hour on July 3 after accusing the boy of cheating on his Bible studies and that Caleb Thompson held the boy down.

Police have said the boy's family has indicated harsh and severe punishment is often used in the Spanish-speaking segment of the church, which holds separate services from the main congregation.

The boy's attorney also said he has heard from former church members who tell him the church teaches physical punishment as part of its doctrine.

Jerald Finney, the Thompsons' attorney, said such statements have inflamed the local community against the parish, where he is a member.

"They're trying to create mass mob hysteria," Finney said, "instead of proceeding with checking out the facts."

Asked if the church teaches parents to physically discipline children, Finney said, "They do teach the Bible. The Bible teaches you to love your child and train your child. Any punishment that is meted out should be appropriate, not to hurt the child."

Guerrero suffered kidney failure from his injuries and needed a blood transfusion. He was in fair condition Wednesday at Brackenridge Children's Hospital where the family has said he's expected to make a full recovery.

Finney said the Thompson twins did not inflict the boy's severe injuries, although he refused to say who or what did.

The Thompsons' father, Hank Thompson, is pastor of Capitol City Baptist Church and leads the main congregation, which has about 300 members.

He told News 8 Austin on Tuesday that he believes his sons were trying to discipline the boy, but he said he doesn't believe they alone caused the injuries. He says he wants everyone to wait for the facts to be heard in court before judging his sons.

"My son would've used a thin switch, that I'm positive of. I'm sure of that. I just know my boys that well. My policy would've never been on the back like that ever. It would've been on the bottom," Hank Thompson told the television station.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Is cold water appropriate for dishwashing?

DEAR DR. GOTT: Please enlighten me. I wash dishes by hand in cold water because I believe I am conserving energy resources. My friends tell me that dishes washed in cold water are not as clean as those washed in hot. I believe that in order for water to sanitize, the temperature must drastically exceed what I could possibly tolerate with bare hands. Who is correct?

DEAR READER: There are two issues here.

First, the benefits of hot water. The reason that dishes and pots come cleaner with hot water is that grease and other food remnants are more easily loosened and degraded by the heat; hence, cleaning is less of a task.

Second, you are correct that water will not sanitize until it reaches the boiling point, an unlikely scenario for most homemakers who would need a heck of a water heater and would, by necessity, be forced to wear rubber gloves.

As a cold-water dishwasher, I endorse your position. If we use adequate amounts of detergent (and scrub our dishes, pots, pans and silverware), we're getting them just as clean as do our hot-water colleagues. And, what's more, we're being more ecologically responsible.

A NOTE TO READERS: For an updated and revised Health Report on "Diabetes Mellitus," send a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope and $2 to Newsletter, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092-0167. Be sure to mention the title. Also, be on the lookout for more updated Health Reports.

DEAR DR. GOTT: What causes wax in my ears? I have to get it washed out every month or so. Even when I wash my hearing aids daily, the wax still drives me crazy.

DEAR READER: Every person produces cerumen (earwax) but some folks produce more than others. Ordinarily, particles of wax are washed out of the ears when we bathe; professional cleaning is not necessary. However, factors such as excessive hair in the ear canals and a propensity to use cotton swabs to clean the ears (don't do it; the swabs may push the wax in deeper) may make matters worse. In your case, the cause is obvious: the hearing aids. These devices not only block the ear canals; they also wedge the cerumen in deeper.

You might be helped by applying a half capful of hydrogen peroxide to each ear, wait for the fizzing to stop and then shake out the liquid. The effervescent H_2O_2 may bubble wax particles out of the ear. Or you might find commercial wax-removers, such as Debrox and others, to be useful. If these techniques fail, get an examination and advice from an otolaryngologist, an ear specialist.

DEAR DR. GOTT: In a recent column, you stated that histoplasmosis infection has no serious, long-term effects. Please let me remind you of ocular histoplasmosis, which can lead to blindness. Why did you omit this complication?

DEAR READER: By error, and I apologize. Many years after the initial (pulmonary) infection, histoplasmosis can, for unknown reasons, re-activate to affect the retinal blood vessels, leading to problems with sight. There is no prevention or cure. Thank you for writing to point out my omission.

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PUBLIC HUNTING ON WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS AT O.H. IVIE RESERVOIR

Application for public hunting permits on the O.H. Ivie Reservoir Wildlife Management Areas will be accepted ***by mail only*** beginning July 15, 2002 and ending August 16, 2002, at the O.H. Ivie Reservoir Field Office.

Hunting Permits will be limited, and requests for information and application packets should be made by calling the Colorado River Municipal Water District (CRMWD) at 915-267-6341, or by writing to:

CRMWD
P.O. Box 869
Big Spring, Texas 79721
Attn: Public Hunting

A public drawing for the WMA Public Hunting Permits for the 2002 Hunting Season will be held at 1:00 p.m. on September 6, 2002, at the O.H. Ivie Reservoir Field Office, located near the north end of the dam. All applicants are welcome to attend the drawing, if they desire.

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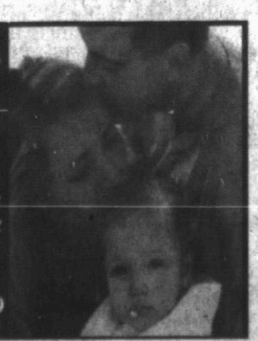
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Researchers prove virus can be man made

WASHINGTON (AP) — Following a recipe downloaded from the Internet and using gene sequences from a mail-order supply house, researchers have assembled a manmade version of the polio virus to prove how easy it would be for terrorists to make deadly biological weapons.

Researchers at the University of New York at Stony Brook assembled the virus and then injected it into mice to show that it worked. The animals were paralyzed and then killed.

"The reason we did it was to prove that it can be done and it now is a reality," said Dr. Eckard Wimmer, leader of the biomedical research team and co-author of the study appearing Friday in the journal Science.

"This approach has been talked about, but people didn't take it seriously," Wimmer said. "Now people have to take it seriously. Progress in biomedical research has its benefits and it has its down side. There is a danger inherent to progress in sciences. This is a new reality, a new consideration."

Wimmer said the laboratory demonstration proves that eradicating a virus in the wild may not mean it is gone forever. Now, he said, biochemists can reconstruct those viruses from blueprints easily available in scientific archives and from biological supplies that can be bought through the mail.

The polio virus assembled in the laboratory is one of the simplest of the human plagues, said Jeronimo Cello, first author of the study.

"It was very easy to do," he said.

Smallpox and other lethal viruses are much more complex and difficult to assemble, but Cello said "probably in the future it would be possible."

Wimmer said it "would be very difficult now to re-create the smallpox virus, but eventually you would be able to do that."

"The world had better be prepared," he added.

Smallpox was eradicated in the wild, but laboratory specimens were retained in the United States and in the Soviet Union. Some experts worried that specimens of the virus could have been secreted away for later use as a weapon.

After last fall's terrorist and anthrax-by-mail attacks, U.S. officials became concerned about the threat of smallpox and arranged for the manufacture of enough vaccine to protect the U.S. population. They are now formulating a policy about how that vaccine should be used.

Polio is on the brink of being eradicated worldwide and there are plans to stop inoculations against the disease after it disappears from nature. Wimmer said that policy should be reconsidered. Stopping vaccination could lead to a generation of people highly susceptible to polio, enhancing its danger as a weapon.

The World Health Organization is planning to stockpile vaccines against a return of polio and Wimmer said that policy should be followed everywhere.

"Our message is that you have to keep stockpiles of vaccines for every agent that you try to eradicate," he said.

C. J. Peters, director for the Center for Biodefense at the University of Texas Medical Center at Galveston, said experts have known for years that it was theoretically possible to assemble a virus in the lab.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Friday, July 12, 2002

There's a strong possibility that you will get an opportunity in the year ahead to put together a practical and worthwhile venture. It may even turn out to be more lucrative than first thought.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Someone you least expect may step forward today and help you out with a major financial situation you haven't been able to resolve on your own. It will be a person with clout. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that'll govern you in the year ahead. Send for our Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Nothing could be more pleasant for you today than making arrangements for a reunion with some friends you haven't seen for quite some time. It'll refurbish your spirit.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Keep your objectives to yourself today; the less people who know what you're doing, how you're doing it, and when you plan to do it, the better your chances will be for achieving success.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — A suggestion today from an older or more learned confidant will be extremely helpful in accomplishing something you've been trying to complete.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — It isn't likely that any of your peers will question the authority role that has been thrust in your lap today. The leadership qualities you display will be unassuming, yet forceful.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Pick the brain of your mate today concerning a judgment call you need to make. Chances are, s/he will see things from a different perspective and can give you the answers you're seeking.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — If you're willing to work hard today — not necessarily just for your own ends, but also for those whom you feel responsible for — it will pay off in more ways than one and will have lasting effects.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — A relationship may be on the line today concerning a promise you made to another. Be sure to uphold your end of the bargain, no matter how difficult it may be to fulfill.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Put away the tennis racket or the golf clubs today and get out your tool kit. Your self-respect will be more richly enhanced if you spend your time productively rather than frivolously.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Instead of trying out a new place to go today, return to your old standbys where you are guaranteed good food, a good time or receive good service. Without these three criteria, you won't be happy.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Because you're willing to devote the proper time and effort today, you can derive benefits from a situation others deem to be of little value or substance.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Do the necessary homework and a serious matter you have had on your mind for quite some time can be resolved in a way suitable to everyone involved. The solution is there if you want to find it.

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Gov. Perry tours Texas small towns

MINERAL WELLS (AP) — Gov. Rick Perry launched a campaign bus tour through some rural communities Tuesday, emphasizing his small-town roots that he credits with shaping his 17 years in public office.

Perry, a fifth-generation Texan, said he learned the importance of family, hard work and patriotism while growing up in Paint Creek, a small community 60 miles north of Abilene.

"Those values are branded in my heart," he said, repeating a phrase he has used in television ads and other campaign stops.

About three dozen people packed into the small Republican headquarters in a shopping center to hear Perry speak in Mineral Wells, a town of more than 16,000 residents about 45 miles west of Fort Worth.

Other stops on the tour Tuesday were Graham, Jacksboro, Aledo, Springtown and Decatur.

Perry usually mentions his hometown and background — graduating from Texas A&M in 1972, becoming an Air Force pilot and stepping into politics in the mid-1980s.

But he put greater emphasis on his roots Tuesday, telling folks he knows what issues are important to them and that his record shows he has represented all Texans.

Some Mineral Wells residents said Tuesday they were glad to see Perry visiting areas besides large metropolitan cities.

"I like it. That's where your grassroots are," said Lottie Eubanks, who owns Lottie's Hallmark store in Mineral Wells. "There's a big number of voters in these small communities, and his stops like this can have a big impact."

Perry said his opponent, millionaire Laredo banker Tony Sanchez, has focused on the negative.

Mark Sanders, a spokesman for Sanchez, said the Democratic candidate has outlined ways to improve education, health care and other issues in Texas.

"We have spent money and time on educational advertising, exposing (Perry's) abysmal record as governor," Sanders said Tuesday afternoon.

Perry — who served on the state House of Representatives from 1984-90, became Texas agriculture commissioner and then was elected lieutenant governor in 1998 — said he has balanced five state budgets.

More than half a million youngsters have enrolled in the state's new Children's Health Insurance Program since 1999, and nearly $6 billion was invested last year to improve health care in Texas, he said.

His education plan focuses on early childhood education, dropout prevention, teacher training, science instruction and reimbursing teachers who pay for poor students' school supplies.

He also discussed a new $20 million grant program, unveiled in May, to enroll "first-generation" students in colleges.

Democratic nominee Sanchez renews attack on Gov. Perry

LONGVIEW (AP) — Democratic gubernatorial candidate Tony Sanchez renewed his attack on his Republican rival Wednesday, accusing Gov. Rick Perry of siding with insurance companies instead of Texans and deepening the state's health care problems.

Sanchez left Longview Medical Center quickly after his speech without answering questions about his bank's clash with the Internal Revenue Service over a tax shelter. This was Sanchez's first public appearance since The Dallas Morning News reported the dispute Tuesday.

"My opponent has spent the last 13 months doing damage control on his shameful and irresponsible veto," Sanchez told a small group of doctors. "His attempts to continue to dig himself out of this hole are all transparent, shortsighted and simply inadequate."

Sanchez drew applause from the crowd, saying he would fast-track prompt pay legislation and sign it immediately into law.

The millionaire Laredo businessman railed against Perry for vetoing a prompt pay bill during the last legislative session. The bill would have forced insurance companies and health maintenance organizations to pay doctors and others within 45 days.

"We had an opportunity to say no to the routine practices of HMOs delaying payment of claims to the tune of billions of dollars," he said. "But Perry vetoed the prompt-pay bill after he had promised he would sign it. This veto was bought and paid for by the insurance industry and came as a total surprise to every health care professional in the state."

Perry spokesman Ray Sullivan said Perry vetoed the prompt pay bill because of a flawed provision that would have sent more doctors to the courtroom to get their money. He said Perry would be willing to sign a new prompt pay bill in 2003 as long as it did not include the provision that undermines arbitration.

Sullivan called Sanchez attacks "a sad attempt to divert attention away from news stories highlighting Mr. Sanchez's abuse of a tax shelter and questions about his poor record on business ethics."

He said Perry has a 17-year record of health care leadership, including supporting the first-ever prompt pay law in 1999, $6 billion in new health care funding in 2001 and more than $50 million in fines and restitution orders against slow paying HMOs and insurance companies.

Sanchez has made East Texas a popular destination on the campaign trail.

Attorney in terror case calls evidence 'flimsy'

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The attorney for three men accused by a stripper of threatening to blow up local military bases says the evidence against his clients is flimsy.

And authorities now acknowledge that the trio has no connection to terrorist cells.

From their jail cells, two of three men said Wednesday they had no idea how they wound up in the terrorism investigation.

Ribhi Abdalla and his cousin, Jadallah Abdalla, both of Palestinian descent, spent their second day in jail after failing to post a bond of $2 million each. They insisted they are not terrorists and made no threats — not even in jest.

The two cousins said they spoke nothing of terror attacks and contrary to reports, were not drunk.

"I love this country. I'm not going to do anything against it," Ribhi told the San Antonio Express-News in Thursday's editions. The 25-year-old naturalized American citizen from the West Bank works for his father at a local gas station.

A San Antonio Police Department spokeswoman said investigators do not believe the men have connections to any terrorist group but are pursuing other leads. FBI agents said that federal authorities would not pursue charges against the trio.

Albert Acevedo Jr., the privately retained attorney representing all three, said he will try to persuade a judge to lower each man's bond at a hearing Thursday afternoon.

Acevedo suggested that the men were being persecuted because they are Arabs. "I think it's a case of being the wrong race at the wrong time."

The cousins and their friend, 20-year-old Makram Hijaz of Mesquite, were arrested at the XTC Cabaret late Monday and charged with making terroristic threats against a public service, namely San Antonio's military bases, a third degree felony punishable by up to 10 years in prison.

Jim Kopp, chief of the Bexar County District Attorney's intake division, said his office would ultimately decide whether to proceed with the cases. He expects to receive the paperwork in about 20 days.

Deal between Enron, Qwest is focus of fed investigation

HOUSTON (AP) — A federal task force investigating Enron Corp. is reportedly scrutinizing a telecommunications deal last fall between the failed energy trading company and Qwest Communications International Inc., now the target of a criminal inquiry.

Sources told the Houston Chronicle today that the Enron task force investigation and the inquiry into Qwest under way in Colorado could become at least indirectly linked if the pressure that Denver prosecutors are bringing against Qwest executives make them more willing to cooperate with the Enron investigation.

But the sources who spoke on condition of anonymity said the Enron task force inquiry is not directly related to the criminal probe of Qwest announced by the U.S. Attorney's Office on Wednesday.

The telecommunications deal allegedly involved a trade between Enron and Qwest of fiber optic network capacity and other assets that the companies valued at more than $500 million in September, at a time when both were struggling to meet revenue expectations.

Investigators from the federal government are reviewing whether the traded assets' value was inflated artificially to allow both to claim revenue increases on third quarter filings.

"I'm not able to speak about the specifics of (the Enron-Qwest) deal because I don't know them," Enron spokesman Mark Palmer told the newspaper on Wednesday. "The people who did that deal don't work here anymore. To the degree it is part of any investigation by the Justice Department or legislators, we will cooperate."

Sources said Enron task force prosecutors would have ultimate jurisdiction to examine any transactions between Qwest and Enron that may have violated federal law.

The Enron-Qwest deal has been described by analysts as a highly questionable transaction aimed at giving a false impression of improving revenues.

Qwest dealt with Enron Broadband Services, the division of Enron that owned a huge nationwide fiber optic data network and bought and sold access to it, for the transaction in question.

Quest on Sept. 30 agreed to pay the Enron division $308 million for use of "dark fiber" — a section of its network that was laid in the ground but not yet active — between Salt Lake City and New Orleans.

Enron in exchange agreed to pay Qwest up to $86 million, according to bankruptcy filings, or what other reports stated as up to $195 million for access to lit — or active — sections of its network.

Both companies through the deal were able to report sales for the quarter, which had been shaping up as bad one, and allowed Enron to avoid reporting a loss on its dark fiber.

Denver-based Qwest, the the nation's fourth-largest local telephone company which serves as the local phone carrier in 14 states, had already been the focus of a regulatory probe into its accounting practices. Denver U.S. Attorney John Suthers on Wednesday confirmed the federal criminal probe of Qwest.

"Qwest has been notified the company is the subject of a Justice Department investigation," said Suthers' spokesman, Jeff Dorschner.

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Study raises doubt of knee surgery benefit for elderly

By Linda A. Johnson
Associated Press Writer

In a surprising finding about a popular knee surgery performed on senior citizens, a study has determined that the procedure is potentially harmful and does nothing to improve patients' weak knees.

The results, published in today's New England Journal of Medicine, could lead to big changes in the way health care providers handle a surgery that is done on more than 300,000 Americans each year.

The arthroscopic surgery is performed to ease the pain of osteoarthritis, the steadily worsening, wear and tear on joints that affects 12 percent of senior citizens. The operation involves clearing out debris or repairing damaged cartilage after making tiny incisions that allows patients to heal quickly.

In a type of study only rarely conducted, some patients got a real knee operation, while others underwent sham surgery.

At every point over the next two years, those who had the fake surgery could climb stairs and walk slightly faster on average than those who had gotten real operations.

Arthroscopic knee surgery for osteoarthritis costs roughly $5,000, or a total of $1.5 billion a year in the United States, said Dr. Nelda Wray, a researcher at the Houston VA Medical Center who led the study.

"We think that money could be better spent," she said.

The findings could prompt insurance companies to refuse to pay for the procedure. Other treatments for arthritic knees include pain relievers, cortisone shots, hot packs, exercise and, as a last resort, knee-replacement surgery.

Dr. William W. Tipton Jr., executive vice president of the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons, said other researchers should duplicate the results before doctors, patients and insurance companies react. But he said the study confirms some doctors' growing suspicions.

He said many orthopedic surgeons already feel that arthroscopic surgery should not be used except in certain circumstances, such as acute sports injuries to ligaments. Tipton added that he has arthritis but is opting for knee replacement surgery.

Surgical procedures are often not subjected to the kind of rigorous testing done on medications. Some critics consider sham surgery unethical because of the risk of harm to study volunteers.

Britain to downgrade marijuana

LONDON (AP) — The British government wants to downgrade marijuana's status as a drug, putting it on par with steroids rather than amphetamines and barbiturates — a move that would let most users off with a warning.

On Wednesday Prime Minister Tony Blair's government outlined a proposal to the House of Commons that would relax marijuana laws, stopping short of legalization. The goal is to let police focus their enforcement efforts on harder drugs.

Blair's Labor Party has a large majority in Parliament and the proposal is virtually certain to pass.

Under the plan, marijuana would be downgraded from a Class B to a Class C drug, making its use and possession less serious crimes, Home Secretary David Blunkett said in outlining the plan to the House of Commons. Police would retain the authority to arrest those caught with marijuana, but in most cases would simply confiscate the drug and issue a warning.

"The message to young people and families must be open, honest and believable," Blunkett said. "Cannabis is a potentially harmful drug and should remain illegal. However, it is not comparable with crack, heroin and Ecstasy."

Blair said the proposal did not amount to decriminalization and had wide support among the police because it would allow them to spend more time fighting more serious drugs.

The opposition Conservative Party criticized the proposal as potentially dangerous to the public, and a government adviser resigned in protest.

In the United States, the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws praised the British policy shift. "Great Britain's reclassification of cannabis is an honest and common-sense approach to refocus drug policy on those substances that cause the most harm," said the group's founder and executive director, Keith Stroup.

Laws differ among individual U.S. states. But eight states have taken some kind of step toward permitting marijuana for medicinal use: California, Washington, Oregon, Alaska, Hawaii, Maine, Nevada and Colorado.

The U.S. Supreme Court, however, ruled last year that there was no exception in federal law for people to use marijuana, so even those with tolerant state laws could face arrest if they do.

In Britain, possession of a Class B drug currently carries a maximum penalty of five years in jail.

Possession of a Class C drug carries a two year maximum sentence, but the Home Office said that penalty is rarely invoked.

Combs touts diversity for West Texas businesses

TAHOKA, Texas (AP) — Agricultural Commissioner Susan Combs doesn't see Texas' rural towns in dire economic straits, though many have lost population and businesses in recent years and farmers aren't always making a profit.

Combs told about 25 people in Tahoka that families and communities need to evaluate their choices on how best to bolster their economies. The Texas Agriculture Department wants to help with grant money available through the agency's Rural Economic Development Division, she said.

"We view our function as a partner to the local communities but it's the communities' choice," Combs told the group Wednesday. "There is no one answer. It really depends on what each family, each community wants."

Combs, a fourth-generation rancher, cited nature tourism, hunting and horseback riding as ways farmers can add to their incomes. Some are setting up RV parks on their land to accommodate visitors.

"We are seeing an increased awareness of urban dwellers that sitting in traffic, noisiness are not fun," Combs said. "They want at least a temporary break from it."

The wide-open spaces of rural Texas are "a forgotten treasure. That's why nature tourism numbers are going through the roof," she said. "The resource is our serenity."

She urged the crowd to "think totally out of the box, think crazy."

For example, the town of Sanderson, about 80 miles southeast of Fort Stockton in West Texas, has organized a road race between the two communities and it brings in dollars, Combs said.

"Who would have thunk it?" she said. "The point is you may not have thought of what it is you want to do, just don't quit."

Grant money for rural economic development is handed out from the Texas Capital Fund, which is part of the federal Community Development Block Grant program. It provides, through a competitive grant process, about $12.5 million each year to small Texas cities and counties.

One woman at the Tahoka meeting said she was concerned about the dwindling rural representation in state government.

"We have lost our voice in Austin and the urban population is being heard," said Sheri Gicklhorn.

Combs said it is incumbent on those in agriculture to make themselves heard, either via telephone or in writing.

"You can't sit back," she said. "If our numbers are lower, our energy needs to be higher. The individual makes a difference."

The stop in Tahoka was one of about 30 Combs is making this summer to educate residents about funding that is available. She also visited Big Spring, Lamesa and Brownfield on Wednesday.

Obituaries

Harrold Rogers

1932-2002

ANDREWS — Harrold G. Rogers, a former resident of Snyder, died Tuesday, July 9.

Graveside service for Mr. Rogers, 70, was set for 10 a.m. today in the Andrews West Cemetery with John Oliver officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of McNett Funeral Home.

Born Jan. 1, 1932 in Fannin County, he was employed as a roofer. Mr. Rogers moved from Snyder to Andrews in 1999.

Survivors include a sister, Carralyn Walls of Andrews; and one niece.

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Theives work over Snyder Wednesday

Thefts

Area law enforcement responded to more than a dozen theft calls Wednesday and early today, with items stolen ranging from a commercial lawn mower to an English bulldog.

At 8:55 a.m. Wednesday, Steve Allen reported the theft of a cell phone from his vehicle in the 2700 block of 28th Street.

Darla McCarter at 10:16 a.m. Wednesday reported the theft of her wallet from her vehicle in the 3700 block of Sunset.

Coby Appleton requested officers at the same time regarding the theft of stereo equipment from a vehicle in the 3700 block of Dalton.

Just after 2:30 p.m. Wednesday Jean McMillan reported the theft of prescription sunglasses, CDs and a cell phone in the 3000 block of 33rd Street.

Kristin Martinez requested an officer at 4:32 p.m. Wednesday in reference to the theft of a wallet at Wal-Mart.

Just after 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, David Naizer reported the theft of a cell phone from a vehicle in the 2800 block of Ave. U.

At 7:50 p.m. Wednesday Mackey Holladay reported the theft of gun from his property on FM 1606. An offense report for Class A theft of a firearm was submitted.

Dalvin Alexander requested police at 8:20 p.m. Wednesday in reference to checks being stolen from his daughter's vehicle in the 2600 block of 28th Street.

Just after 8:30 p.m. Wednesday night, Vicki Lipps reported the theft of an English bulldog from her residence on CR 3163. Ann offense report for Class A theft was submitted.

At 8:38 p.m. Wednesday, Kerry Richardson reported the theft of a cell phone and adapter from a locked vehicle in the 2700 block of 28th Street.

James Jenkins at 6:25 a.m. today reported the theft of a commercial lawn mower from the 200 block of 36th Street. An offense report for Class A theft was filed.

Arrests

Will Fewin requested officers to United Supermarkets just after 9:30 p.m. Wednesday in reference to a theft. Officers arrested a 16-year-old male for the theft of two cans of whipped cream.

Police received a report of a domestic disturbance in the 3200 block of 40th Street at 9:38 p.m. Wednesday. Police arrested a 46-year-old man for Class C family violence.

Injury to disabled

An employee with Snyder Healthcare Center requested an officer at 11:44 p.m. Wednesday in reference to a resident claiming physical abuse by her spouse. An offense report for injury to disabled was submitted.

Attempted suicide

Police received a call at 3:07 a.m. today regarding a welfare check on a 19-year-old female potentially harming herself. Police transported the woman to the police department. The MHMR was contacted and the woman was released. An offense report for attempted suicide was submitted.

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Museum exhibit

A special exhibit of Harley-Davidson, Indian motorcycles and Cushman motor scooters continues through Aug. 22 at the Scurry County Museum on the Western Texas College campus. The free exhibit is entitled Ready-To Roll and all bikes are owned by residents of Scurry County.

Medical fund

A medical fund has been established for James Weldon Buchanan at American State Bank to help with cancer treatment expenses. The account name is James Weldon Buchanan Medical Fund, #4802659.

Discovery School registration

Fall registration for Discovery School will be from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. daily through Friday. The fall session begins Aug. 1. For more information, call 573-4770.

FBC support groups

Support groups dealing with divorce, death, cancer or caring for elderly parents meet at 6:30 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at the First Baptist Church educational building. A special group for students facing these problems is held at the same time.

Riley family reunion

The J.V. and Sarah Riley family reunion is Saturday at the Wagon Wheel Ranch. Friends are welcome to visit in the afternoon.

Street rally

Tell the World street rally is Saturday under the tent in Eckerd's parking lot. There will be worship music at 10 a.m., followed by puppet ministry at 11, and hot dogs at lunch. Warfare will give a concert at 1:30 p.m. There will be surprises and fun for kids, adults and rock 'n rollers. Sponsored by the Army of the Lord ministry and the Word is Life Church. Call 573-8015 for more information.

Country and gospel music

Country and gospel music will be played at the Scurry County Senior Center beginning at 6:30 p.m. Saturday.

Borden County reception

A reception to honor retiring educators Mickey and Shirley McMeans will beheld at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at the Borden County school cafeteria. The public is invited.

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "Love That Serves God," followed by "Mother."

Gateway Family Services

Gateway Family Services has a parenting discussion group from 10:30-11:30 a.m. every Tuesday, focusing on parenting issues and special challenges. The family violence support group also meets from 6:30-7:30 p.m. every Tuesday.

Desert Reign Ministry

Desert Reign Ministry will perform at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Trinity United Methodist Church. The public is invited to hear country gospel music with a southwestern flair.

FBC services televised

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

Open house

Snyder Healthcare Center will host an open house from 2 to 6:15 p.m. Friday, July 19. Staff will provide tours of renovated facilities. There will be door prizes, entertainment and refreshments.

Girl Scout swim party

A Girl Scout swim party will be 5-7 p.m. Saturday, July 20, at Towle Park pool, followed by a hot dog supper in the park. Girl Scout membership card is required for admittance. There will be a leader meeting during the party. Contact your leader or call 573-3926 for more information.

Adventures with Paul VBS

Adventures with Paul Vacation Bible School will be from 9 a.m. until noon July 22-24 at 37th St. Church of Christ. It is for ages two years through the sixth grade. For more information, call 573-0154.

SHS class of 1992 reunion

The 1992 class of Snyder High School needs addresses for classmates. Call Melanie at 573-4022, Julie at 573-1634 or Amy at 573-4793. The reunion will be held July 20.

Head Start registration

Head Start registration will be held Aug. 5-9 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Children must be at least three years old and family must meet income guidelines or child must have a diagnosed disability. Birth certificate, current immunization records, Social Security Card and proof of family income are required.

Fall poetry contest

Mesquite Country Writers Guild is accepting entries for its fall poetry contest. Theme is open and there is a 20-line limit. Deadline is Aug. 15 and entry fee is $2. First prize is $50, second is $30 and third is $20. Mail entries to Yvonne Nunn, 9221 S. State Hwy 208 in Hermleigh, 79526.

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.

Calling all poets

The Mesquite Country Writers Guild is inviting poets to send an original poem to be published in the fall newsletter, "Bards of a Feather." Theme is open with a 20-line limit. Mail entries to Yvonne Nunn, 9221 S. Hwy 208 in Hermleigh, 79526.

National debt clock restarted

NEW YORK (AP) — With government deficits on the rise again, a real estate executive restarted a billboard-sized national "debt clock" today to remind passersby of how much the government is borrowing.

The sign had been dark since September 2000, when developer Douglas Durst pulled the plug.