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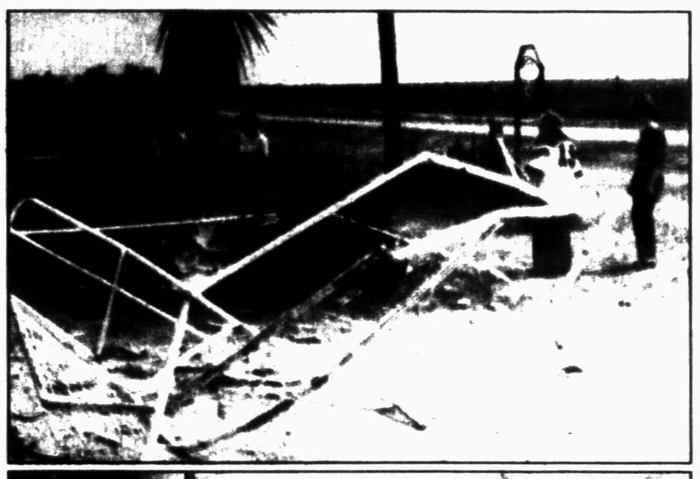
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Home of Luke Grant







THIS IS WHAT HAPPENED — Scurry County deputy Bil West explains via cell phone the circumstances of an accident that occurred Tuesday afternoon around 1:20 when the right rear wheel assembly of a tractor-trailer came off and landed on the porch of Modine Sullenger's residence on the Eiland Ranch just off Hwy. 84. In the top right photo, Mary Eiland, Sullenger and Martha Martin view the path of the tires, including a wrecked gate. The bottom photo shows DPS trooper Kevin Edwards, West and Terry Martin examining additional damage, including a downed tree. The truck, en route to Lubbock, was driven by John Abergo of Houston. (SDN Staff Photos)

Hospital finances on agenda

County meeting is 1:30 p.m. Thursday

Scurry County commissioners' court will meet in a special session Thursday to discuss Cogdell Memorial Hospital's financial crisis.

The hospital is expected to bring before the court a request for funds to pay debt service for recent renovations and accounts payable, and to make payroll for this month.

At Monday's meeting, it was reported that the hospital had a negative cash balance of just over $71,000.

Another item on the agenda is the city proposal for the interlocal agreement

Snyder city council members approved a basis of a shared-services agreement at Friday night's council meeting, but commissioners Monday did not agree to the pact, saying that EMS arrangements were not discussed by the city-county committee. The two entities have yet to reach an agreement over the county's suggestion to let the ambulance service go back to the city.

Also to be discussed is the county budget, which is currently on file in the county clerk's office for public inspection.

Scott Crenwelge, county parks director, will present a parks and recreation report.

A public hearing will be held regarding proposed new $5 fee to be charged by the county clerk for preservation, restoration and management of county records.

Line-items transfers, budget amendments and approval of bills are also on the agenda. The meeting will be at 1:30 p.m. in the Scurry County courtroom.

THE SDN COLUMN

MY TURN

by Jo Ann Nunley



I did it again this year, for the umpteenth time. I called all five grandchildren and asked the vexing question "How was your first day of school?"

Great expectations were fulfilled when I heard their comments:

"It was good. My teacher is nice."

"I liked it, I like my teacher."

"Okay."

"Great! Kinda different from last year though."

"Made a lot of friends and it's pretty here."

These remarks came from two elementary, one middle school, one high school and one college student.

Another school year is in session and parents will be hearing from their students' teachers. It may seem like teachers sometimes speak another language — educators have their own language much like physicians, attorneys and other professionals.

Definitions for some terms you may hear throughout the year are:

Achievement tests: Standardized tests that measure a student in academic subjects like math or reading. These are typically *norm-referenced tests* used to compare students, schools and states. Such tests measure acquired learning, not potential (potential is measured by aptitude tests).

Basal Reader: A book based on a traditional phonics-based reading program. An example is the "Dick and Jane" series.

Cognitive: The process of thinking and acquiring knowledge.

Cooperative Learning: When children work together during a structured activity to reach a shared goal.

Core Knowledge: A phrase coined by E.D. Hirsch Jr. that refers to the general skills and objectives typically found in state and local curriculum guides. In short, what children need to know at each grade level.

Deductive Reasoning: Reasoning from the general to the particular. In essence, cause and effect.

Enrichment: Activities that are designed to promote learning beyond the established curriculum.

Fine Motor Activities: Activities that involve the coordinated use of the hands, such as handwriting, stringing beads or using scissors.

Heterogeneous Grouping: Students are taught in mixed ability groups.

Inclusion: A practice of including children with special needs in a "regular" classroom rather than a classroom solely for children with special needs.

Inductive Reasoning: A form of reasoning in which a general conclusion is reached from particular cases or examples.

Resource Room: A classroom where students with special needs can obtain help with specific skills.

Scope and Sequence: A series of activities and objectives that are designed to teach a special skill, subject or goal.

Whole language: A holistic philosophy of reading instruction. Based on "real world experience" with books, the theory is that children learn to read naturally when they spend lots of time reading and telling stories in all subjects.

Professional Development: Activities and classes which teachers attend in order to learn new methods and subjects.

In aftermath of bombing...

U.N. staff told to stay at home

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — FBI agents led the search for clues in the rubble of a bombed U.N. compound in Baghdad today, while U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan said the attack that killed his top envoy to Iraq would not drive the world body out of the country.

U.N. workers were told to stay home after a cement truck packed with explosives blew up outside the offices of U.N. envoy Sergio Vieira de Mello on Tuesday. The unprecedented attack against the world body killed 20 people, including Vieira de Mello, and wounded at least 100 people.

After an all-night effort to find survivors, the rescue operation appeared to have turned into a grim search for the bodies of the many people unaccounted for at the heavily damaged U.N. headquarters.

U.S. soldiers maintained a large presence in the area and Army trucks came and went from the compound. Heavy machinery pulled up the smashed pieces of the building, strewn akimbo by the blast.

L. Paul Bremer, the top civilian administrator in Iraq, said Wednesday it has not yet been determined whether it was a suicide attack and he does not believe the bombing is connected to acts of sabotage on an oil pipeline and on Baghdad's water supply.

"My own view, but it's very preliminary, these are probably not yet connected," Bremer told ABC's "Good Morning America." "They appear to be the acts of at least disciplined people. Whether they're centrally coordinated has not yet been shown."

Ira, Hermleigh gain students

Enrollment numbers are higher in Ira and Hermleigh, but Snyder ISD has fewer students this year based on first day attendance figures.

Ira reported a total enrollment of 211 students, an increase of 13 from last year's 198. At Ira, elementary grades increased from 114 to 117, junior high increased 10 to 33 and high school remained the same at 61.

Hermleigh's enrollment has risen from 112 to 149, an increase of 37 students from this time last year. At Hermleigh, elementary students increased to 93 from 69. Junior high has 19 pupils compared to 11 last year. High school students total 37, an increase of five over last year.

Snyder enrollment has decreased from 2,558 to 2,517.

Snyder elementary students totaled 1,397 compared to 1,426 last year. SJHS reported 368 students compared to 384 last year. First day SHS enrollment was 721, a drop of seven students compared to opening day last year.

Enrollment numbers traditionally increase following the Labor Day holiday that falls on Sept. 1.

Hermleigh I.S.D.
Enrollment Comparison
Report 2003

Grade	Enrolled 1st Day 2002	Enrolled 1st Day 2003
12	7	9
11	9	7
10	7	10
9	9	11
8	8	4
7	3	15
6	8	17
5	15	10
4	8	10
3	5	15
2	9	11
1	10	17
Kindergarten	14	13
Total	112	149

Ira I.S.D.
Enrollment Comparison
Report 2003

Grade	Enrolled 1st Day 2002	Enrolled 1st Day 2003
12	18	15
11	16	14
10	12	16
9	15	16
8	11	16
7	12	17
6	16	19
5	16	26
4	24	12
3	13	11
2	11	19
1	20	17
Kindergarten	14	13
Total	198	211

Snyder Independent School District
Enrollment Comparison Report
August 2003

Grade	Enrolled 1st Day 8/19/02	Enrolled Last Day 5/29/03	Enrolled 1st Day 8/18/03
12	177	180	166
11	169	175	169
10	190	176	178
9	192	202	208
8	208	210	178
7	176	186	190
6	187	195	194
5	200	202	211
4	218	219	162
3	169	183	193
2	191	195	200
1	198	195	187
Kindergarten	202	215	180
PreK	61	55	70
Early Child	17	19	9
Handicapped	3	4	7
Hobbs		15	15
Total	2558	2626	2517

On Monday...

WTC set to adopt budget

In a board meeting that lasted only 10 minutes Tuesday night, Western Texas College trustees set 6:30 p.m. Aug. 25 as the time to set a new tax rate and adopt an $8.2 million budget for the 2003-2004 year.

There was little discussion before unanimous approval was made.

"Is the proposed rate of .2489 per $100 valuation a rollback rate?" asked board member Eddie Peterson. Fiscal services director Patricia Claxton responded, "No, it isn't. The rollback rate would be .249. But .2489 is three percent over the effective tax rate of .2307, so a vote is required for the new tax to be levied."

The proposed budget is $8.2 million, a decrease of $300,000 from the current year's budget despite a two percent proposed pay increase for all employees.

After trustees agreed on the date, WTC president Dr. Greg Williams reminded those present of important dates.

"Aug. 21 at 7 p.m. is LVN graduation at the First United Methodist Church," he said. "That's always a good program." He also mentioned that registration begins Friday and resident halls will be open. He also invited everyone to a faculty, staff and student hamburger and ice cream social that will take place in the cafeteria at noon on Monday.

Board president Lee Presswood presided and members present were Peterson, Drew Bullard, and Dr. Jay Kidd. Not present were Scott Richburg, Jackie Greene and Carolyn Barbee.

ASK US

Q—Which team won the 2002 Little League World Series?

A—The team from Lousiville, Ky. beat defending champion Japan, 1-0.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR



Charlene Dacus...

...is a lifelong resident of Hermleigh. She has been a bus driver for the school district in Hermleigh for 40 years. She and her husband, Kenneth, have two sons, Dan and Tim, who live in Hermleigh with their families. Charlene and Kenneth have five grandchildren.

Hobbies include yard work.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

It's how you show up at the showdown that counts.
—Homer Norton

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Tiger Lair yearbooks

Tiger Lair yearbooks can be picked up daily this week from 8-8:10 a.m. and from 3:30-4:30 p.m. in the foyer of Worsham Auditorium. Students or parents may pick up the yearbook, but a receipt is needed.

WTC dual credit enrollment

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

Word Is Life children's church

The Word Is Life Deliverance Church will kick off the Wednesday night Children's Church at this evening. The back-to-church-bash will feature a variety of activities and refreshments will be served.

COMPASS placement testing

The counseling office at Western Texas College will offer COMPASS placement testing at 1:30 p.m. Thursday and 9 a.m. Friday. New students who are not exempt and have not taken the TASP or other placement tests should contact the counseling office at 573-8511, ext. 313, to reserve a spot.

Retirement reception

Jonelle Kight and Donna Jackson will be honored at a retirement reception party held at the Texas Department of Human Services, 3409 Shopping Center, from 2-4 p.m. Thursday. Friends are encouraged to attend.

SHS band boosters meeting

SHS band boosters will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday in the band hall. All parents of 6th grade through high school band students are invited. Officers will be elected and thee will be a discussion of the year's activities.

Ira open house

Ira School will host an open house for all parents from 6:15 to 6:45 p.m. Thursday. At 6:30 p.m., the senior class will host a Meet the Bulldogs supper in the cafeteria. The football team will be introduced.

Eastern Star

Snyder Chapter #450 Order of Eastern Star will have it stated meeting at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the lodge hall.

Weigh Down Workshop

Registration for the Weigh Down Workshop is at 7 p.m. Thursday at Thee Place, 904 26th St. Classes will be 4-6 p.m. Sunday at Thee Place beginning Sept. 7. For more information, contact Claudia Sanchez at 573-9615.

West meet the teachers

West Elementary sixth grade parents may meet their teachers from 7-8 p.m. Thursday.

Free duplicate bridge lessons

Coleen Palmer is giving free "mini" bridge lessons from 1-1:20 p.m. Friday at Snyder Country Club. For more information, call Jane Hinton at 573-9501.

Volunteer fireman fundraiser

Snyder Volunteer Fire Department will hold a fill-a-boot fundraiser starting at 8 a.m. Saturday at 37th and College. All proceeds will go to Muscular Dystrophy Foundation.

Ritz Theatre production

The Heartbeat of Dance, an original production created and choreographed by Allie Brewster, will be performed Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are $5, seniors and students are $4 for the matinee. Box office is open 2-5 p.m. and reservations can be made by calling 573-8880 or 573-6337.

Car wash

Boy Scout Troop 2 will have a car wash starting at 10 a.m. Saturday at Wal-Mart. Cost will be a donation with all proceeds going to fighting muscular dystrophy.

Church of God auction

To raise funds, the Church of God has set an auction for 6 p.m. Saturday at the Towle Park Pavilion. Items will include bicycles, television, refrigerator, crafts, etc. Food concession with soft drinks and hotdogs will be available.

Adult basic education

GED and ESL classes at Western Texas College will resume Tuesday. Classes are 8 a.m. until noon Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and 6-9 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday. Certified teachers and Spanish-speaking aides teach the classes. Call 573-8511, ext. 322 for more information.

Hospice caregivers dinner

Odyssey Healthcare Hospice will host and "Italian" caregivers appreciation dinner at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in the followship hall of First Presbyterian Church.

Orientation for CNA classes

Mandatory orientation for certified nurses' aide classes at Snyder Oaks is set for 2 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 28, at Snyder Oaks. Classes will begin on Aug. 30 and classes will be held on Saturdays and Sundays will be from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Books can be purchased at the WTC Book Store. For more information, call Maggie Barnes at 863-2426.

Central K-3rd parent orientation

Central Elementary Parent Orientation Night for K-3rd grade parents will be from 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 28. Childcare will be provided for all students and smaller siblings.

Taste of Snyder

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

SHS football program ads

The deadline for placing ads in the Tigers football program is Friday, Aug. 29. For more information, or for an ad, call Christy Smith at 573-6301.

Legendary cowgirl Connie Reeves dies

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Legendary cowgirl Connie Douglas Reeves has died at the age of 101 after being thrown from her favorite horse, Dr Pepper.

Reeves, who taught more than 30,000 young girls to ride horses at Camp Waldemar near Hunt, died Sunday, 12 days after the fall. She died of cardiac arrest at Wilford Hall Medical Center in San Antonio, said George Anne Elmore, whose family owns the camp northwest of San Antonio.

"She'd been telling us all summer that she was going to go off a horse and she and Dr Pepper had talked about it," Elmore told the San Antonio Express-News. "After she fell, she told us he'd just retired her a little early."

She rode in the inaugural parade of the National Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame last year when it moved to Fort Worth. She was inducted into the hall in 1997 and was its oldest living member.

Born in Eagle Pass, she was just a baby when her mother put her atop a horse for a photograph.

"I was sitting on a horse before I could sit up by myself," she told The Associated Press last year.

When she was 16, her parents, state District Judge W.C. and Ada Wallace Douglas moved to San Antonio. She graduated from Main Avenue High School in 1919 and from Texas Woman's University three years later.

Reeves studied law at the University of Texas at Austin, but when the Depression came she took a job as a teacher at her old high school.

At Main she organized a pep squad, believed to be the first in the state.

She opened a riding stable in San Antonio in the 1930s, but closed it when she became a riding instructor at Camp Waldemar for Girls in 1936.

When she took the job, she met Jack Reeves, former rodeo star, trick rider and keeper of the camp's horses. They married six years later in 1942. He died in 1985.

Reeves retired as head riding instructor at the age of 80, but she continued to teach at the camp.

Reeves became the first woman to receive the Chester A. Reynolds Memorial Award, named after the founder of the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum in Oklahoma City.

"Always saddle your own horse" became her life motto and is repeated almost every time her name is mentioned. They read it during her Hall of Fame induction.

"I don't remember saying that, but they keep saying I did," she told The Associated Press last year. "I meant REALLY saddle your own horse. You want to know that your horse is saddled properly. It establishes a good relationship with the horse."

She is survived by six nieces and six nephews.

A 10 a.m. service will be held Wednesday at Grimes Funeral Chapels in Kerrville. She will be buried at Camp Verde Cemetery.

A memorial service will be held at 6:30 p.m. Friday at the Camp Waldemar stables.

Shark attack suspected in death of swimmer at California beach

AVILA BEACH, Calif. (AP) — A 50-year-old college instructor who was swimming with seals was suddenly attacked and killed by what authorities suspect was a shark.

Deborah Franzman, of Nipomo, died Tuesday morning despite the frantic efforts of lifeguards to save her. "The water was full of blood," said Antonio Neotti, 15, a witness.

The woman's wounds, along with eyewitness accounts, were all consistent with a shark attack, said California Department of Fish and Game spokeswoman Chamois L. Andersen.

If confirmed as a shark attack, it would be the first such fatal assault in California waters since 1994, according to California Department of Fish and Game records. An autopsy was scheduled for today.

Franzman, who was a sociology instructor at Allan Hancock College in Santa Maria, swam in the area several times a week. She was about 75 yards offshore Tuesday morning in a full wetsuit and swim fins when she was attacked.

"Her friend on the beach noticed she was swimming with some seals," Andersen said. "All of a sudden, the seals dispersed rapidly and a large breach of water, this large upwelling of water, occurred in the vicinity of where the woman was swimming. Very indicative of a shark attack."

"The picture painted so far fits perfectly of what would be a white shark incident," said Robert Lea, a marine biologist who tracks shark attacks for the Fish and Game department.

Lea said the shark may have mistaken Franzman for one the seals she was swimming beside. "If you are a swimmer on the surface, you have a silhouette that looks like a marine mammal," he said.

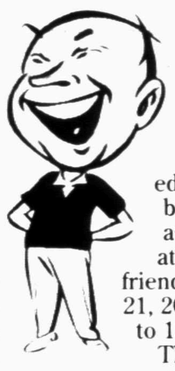
The beach, located south of Morro Bay about 200 miles northwest of Los Angeles, was immediately closed to swimmers after the attack.

There have been nine confirmed shark attack fatalities in California since record-keeping began in the 1950s, and 106 incidents — fatal and nonfatal — along the entire West Coast during the same period, according to Fish and Game statistics.

Today's chuckle

Man who mooned jurors gets 20 years

PANAMA CITY, Fla. (AP) — A man who mooned jurors before his conviction on armed burglary and aggravated battery charges has been sentenced to 20 years in prison.



Cornell Jackson, 29, swore and yelled at Circuit Judge Michael Overstreet before bailiffs escorted him from the courtroom. The outburst followed his trial in July when he punctuated his insanity defense by loudly hooting "cuckoo-cuckoo" and dropping his pants to moon the jury.

Circuit Judge Michael Overstreet said Tuesday that Jackson would have to serve a previously imposed 13-year sentence before he begins his 20-year penalty.

Jackson told the judge at the start of the hearing he was having trouble concentrating because of the voices in his head. He remained calm as the judge ordered him to prison but erupted with expletives when Overstreet sentenced him to perform 1,000 hours of community service during the probation following his prison term. He was then removed by bailiffs.

Jackson was convicted in April of aggravated battery and aggravated assault for a box-cutter attack on his then-girlfriend Kisha Smith on Jan. 21, 2000. He was sentenced to 13 years for the attack.

The second trial was for another attack on Smith the next day. Jackson was convicted of forcing his way into Smith's home and slashing her again with the box-cutter, causing cuts that required 57 stitches to close.

Jackson had faced up to 58 years for the second attack.



Happy 2nd Birthday
Lauren Nicole Chaidez
Love,
Mommy, Daddy & Corkie (Courtney)

Date Book

Wednesday, Aug. 20, 2003

Today is the 232nd day of 2003 and the 61st day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1866, President Andrew Johnson formally declared the U.S. Civil War over.

On this day in 1911, The New York Times sent the first around-the-world telegram via commercial service. The message took roughly 16 minutes to transmit.

On this day in 1985, Hanspeter Beck finished a 3,875 mile, 51 day trip from Western Australia to Melbourne on a unicycle.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Don King (1931-), promoter, is 72; Isaac Hayes (1942-), composer, is 61; Connie Chung (1946-), television journalist, is 57; Al Roker (1954-), weatherman, is 49.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1945, 17 year-old Tommy Brown of the Brooklyn Dodgers became the youngest homerun hitter.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Times change. That's progress. The value of life shouldn't." - Al Roker

TODAY'S MOON: Last quarter (Aug. 20).

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Ranch named park

CARLSBAD, Calif. (AP) — A historic ranch built by 1950s television star Leo Carrillo was given new life over the weekend when it made its debut as a public park.

Adobe buildings and other structures on the 27-acre parcel were restored by a nonprofit organization, helped in part by $5 million from the city of Carlsbad.

Carrillo, a stage and film actor most famous for his role as Pancho in the TV series "The Cisco Kid," built the ranch in the 1930s as a Hollywood getaway. Clark Gable reportedly honeymooned there with his actress-bride Carole Lombard.

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Tuesday's Lottery Numbers

Texas Two Step

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Tuesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 6-9-15-24. Bonus Ball: 26.

Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 1. Prize: $550,000.

Number matching four of four: 19. Prize: $938.

Number matching three of four, plus Bonus Ball: 44. Prize: $49.

Number matching three of four: 1,548. Prize: $19.

Number matching two of four, plus Bonus Ball: 985. Prize: $19.

Number matching one of four, plus Bonus Ball: 6,106. Prize: $7.

Number matching Bonus Ball alone: 10,444. Prize: $5.

Estimated jackpot for Friday night drawing: $200,000.

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Cash Five

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

Winning numbers drawn: 14-17-20-25-30.

Number matching five of five: 1.

Prize per winner: $48,724.

Winning tickets sold in: Abilene.

Matching four of five: 149. Prize: $147.

Matching three of five: 4,594. Prize: $11.

Matching two of five: 45,952. Prize: $2.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Wednesday night.

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CPS worker ignored call alleging that League City girl was abused

LEAGUE CITY (AP) — Child Protective Services did not act on a call from a pizza deliveryman more than two months ago reporting that a young girl had a black eye, the agency has acknowledged.

Two-year-old Linda Gloria Padilla was taken off life support and died last week after being beaten and sexually assaulted by her father, police said. She was buried Tuesday.

A CPS worker handling calls to the agency's abuse hot line did not notify League City police or Galveston County social workers about the possible abuse of the toddler, CPS spokeswoman Estella Olguin said.

The agency is now investigating other calls handled by the caseworker, a three-year CPS employee whose name was not released. She remains employed by the agency, but is not answering any hot line calls, the Houston Chronicle reported.

"I hope they can live with themselves knowing that they missed this. Totally missed this," said Angela Felder of Justice for Children, a group that advocates the prosecution of child abuse cases.

Olguin called the case "a tragic and horrible mistake."

"We can't guarantee that we would have saved her life even if we had. gone out there because we still would have been dependent on these same caretakers to tell us what happened," she said.

The Pizza Hut worker called the CPS hot line in Austin on June 8 after delivering a pizza to the apartment of Frank Padilla in League City.

Olguin said he told the caseworker: "She came to the door with her father, and she had a bruise around her eye. I don't know how it happened. She could have fallen. I know kids get bruises, but I consulted with friends and they all thought I should call it in."

Instead of routing the report to social workers and the police, the caseworker instead did a search on the CPS database to see if the Padilla family had a history with CPS. Finding no prior incident and not considering the call an emergency, the caseworker filed the call as an "information and referral call" and closed the case.

Normally, an information and referral call is one in which a caseworker answers questions ranging from how to get rid of lice to where to get free school clothes.

Frank Padilla, 44, remains in the Galveston County Jail under a $1.5 million bond. He is charged with sexually and physically abusing his daughter on Aug. 8 — two months after the abuse report was made to CPS. He took the child to the hospital said she had fallen off a sink.

Ocean sponge has better fiber optics than ones made by man

By The Associated Press

Scientists say they have identified an ocean sponge living in the darkness of the deep sea that grows thin glass fibers capable of transmitting light better than industrial fiber optic cables used for telecommunication.

The natural glass fibers also are much more flexible than manufactured fiber optic cable that can crack if bent too far.

"You can actually tie a knot in these natural biological fibers and they will not break — it's really quite amazing," said Joanna Aizenberg, who led the research at Bell Laboratories.

The glassy sponge, nicknamed the "Venus flower basket," grows the flexible fibers at cold temperatures using natural materials, a process materials scientists hope to duplicate in order to avoid the problems created by current fiber optic manufacturing methods that require high temperatures and produce relatively brittle cable.

The sponge also is able to add traces of sodium to the fibers which increase their ability to conduct light, something that cannot be done to glass fibers at the high temperatures needed for commercial manufacturing, Aizenberg said.

"One of the challenges of technology is doping the glass structure with additives that improve optical properties," she said. "If we understand exactly how we can deposit sodium in glass fibers at low temperatures as nature does, we can control all the properties."

The sponge grows in deep water in the tropics. It is about a foot and a half tall with an intricate silica mesh skeleton that also serves as a home for shrimp. The glass fibers form a crown at its base that appear to help anchor the sponge to the ocean floor. The fibers are about 2 to 7 inches long and each is about the thickness of a human hair.

The study, which appears Thursday in the journal Nature, details one of the latest discoveries in the emerging field of biomimetics — the effort to understand how biological systems are engineered and apply the principles to technology.

"It's such a wonderful example of how exquisite nature is as a designer and builder of complex systems," said Geri Richmond, a chemist and materials scientist at the University of Oregon who was not involved in the study.

"We can draw it on paper and think about engineering it but we're in the stone age compared to nature," she said.

Biomimetics has driven a form of "bioprospecting" in the ocean, said Randy Kochevar, a marine biologist at the Monterey Aquarium in California.

"Folks involved in industry or medicine or biotechnology go out and look for compounds of interest in the deep sea, and it's so novel and so untapped there is a great deal of interest," Kochevar said.

Discoveries in recent years include an enzyme that improves laundry detergent, taken from bacteria that breaks down fats in cold water; a glowing protein from jellyfish that allows surgeons to illuminate cancerous tissue while they operate to remove it; and another enzyme that improves DNA testing, drawn from bacteria that live near hydrothermal vents at the ocean bottom.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Girl being abused by father must reach out now for help

DEAR ABBY: I am a young girl with a problem. My dad beats me and sexually abuses me. When I lock myself in my bedroom, he says he's going to change the doorknob so it doesn't lock. I can't tell anybody because I am ashamed of what they will think. What can I do? Help! — **ASHAMED IN OHIO**

DEAR ASHAMED: You have nothing to be ashamed of. When a young person is physically and sexually abused, it is never the victim's fault. It is urgent that you tell a trusted adult what is going on.

If you don't know anyone you feel you can trust to help you, pick up the phone and call Childhelp USA. The hotline number is (800) 422-4453. Tell the counselor what you have written to me, and that I told you to call. He or she WILL help you. Your call will be kept strictly confidential.

Please let me hear from you again. You are in my prayers.

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DEAR ABBY: When I recently visited a longtime friend who had moved out of state, she refused to let me take her picture. She said it was because she had put on weight and was self-conscious about it.

I love her no matter what, and I thought she was overreacting. I just wanted some pictures for my photo album. I managed to sneak a few shots of her when I thought she wasn't aware. (I figured she would eventually change her mind and thank me.)

After I returned from the visit, I noticed a couple of rolls of my film were missing from my suitcase. I suspect she confiscated the rolls behind my back. I want to confront her, but my husband says I should leave it alone. What do you think? — **PICTURE-PERFECT IN POTTSTOWN, PA.**

DEAR PICTURE-PERFECT: Why are you offended that she did something behind your back, after what you did behind hers? I agree with your husband. Leave it alone. Two negatives don't make a positive.

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DEAR ABBY: My husband, "Howie," and I were married right out of college. We are now 27. When we were dating, we shared our life goals. Howie planned on going to medical school. I aspired to (and did pursue) a career in interior design so that when we had children I could work from home.

It's now five years later. Howie has taken the MCATs (medical college admission tests) but scores poorly because he never takes the time to study or take the preparatory classes. I'm frustrated, because he seems to want a different career every three months. He has talked about becoming a college professor and a biologist. But it is all talk and no action. I'm beginning to wonder if we'll ever be financially secure enough to start a family.

A couple of months ago, Howie told me he was going to become a paramedic. Last week he dropped another bomb — he wants to join the Army. I think it's a mistake for anyone as indecisive as my husband to join the military because he won't be able to back out when he changes his mind in three months. He claims he has "always" wanted to serve his country, but this is the first I've heard of it in the seven years I have known him. I wish Howie had told me this was his life goal when we were dating.

My friends tell me I should tell my husband to grow up and accept his responsibilities. I love him, but I want to get off this emotional roller-coaster. I haven't slept well in months, and we rarely speak without an argument erupting. What should I do now? — **FEEL LIKE A YO-YO IN COLORADO**

DEAR YO-YO: Your husband is floundering. He needs you right now, so calm down.

Ask your husband to promise you that before he joins the military or pursues any other "career moves," he will consult his doctor and arrange to be tested for adult attention deficit disorder. That may be the reason he is unable to focus long enough to choose a career and stay on the path to attain it.

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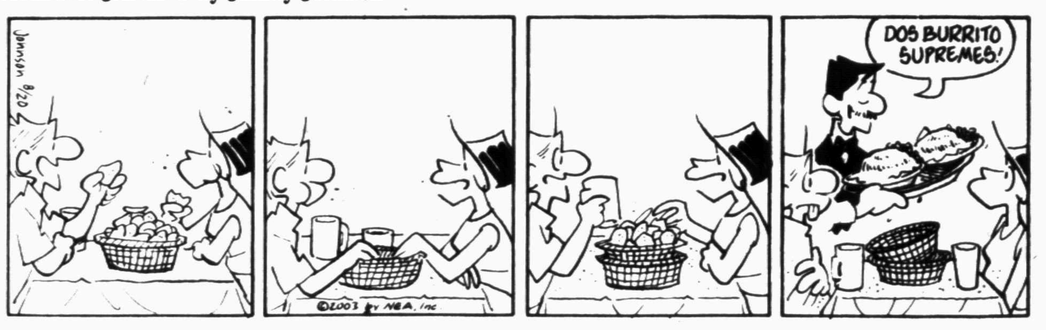
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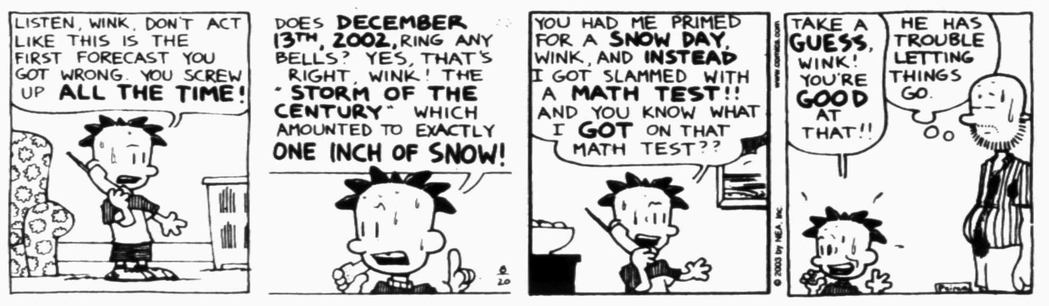
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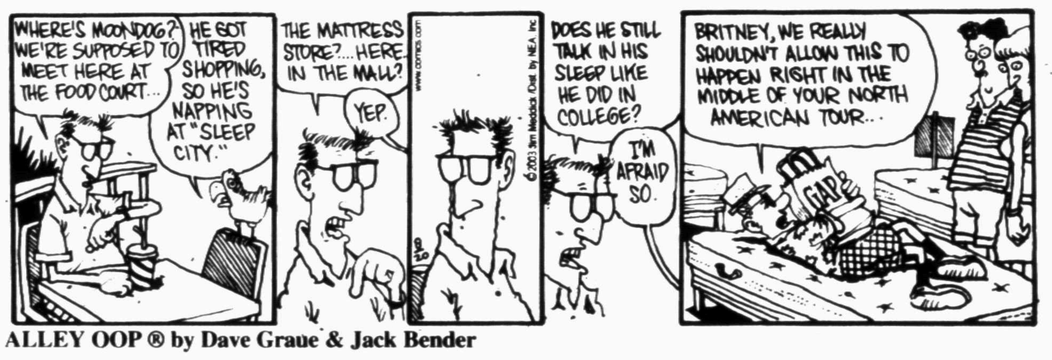
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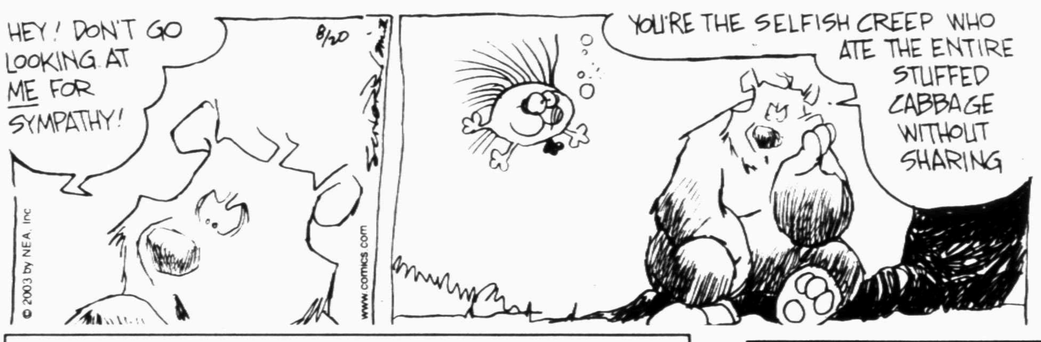
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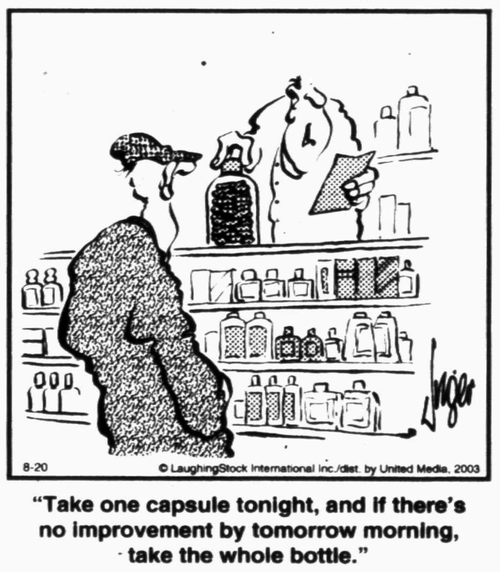
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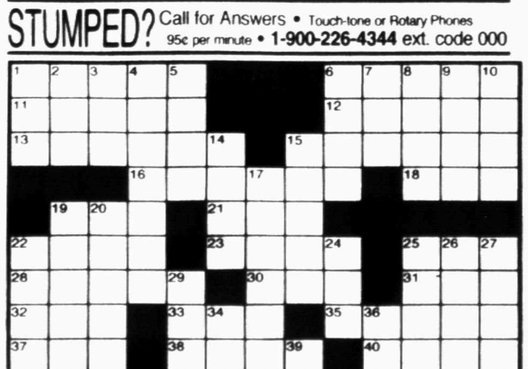
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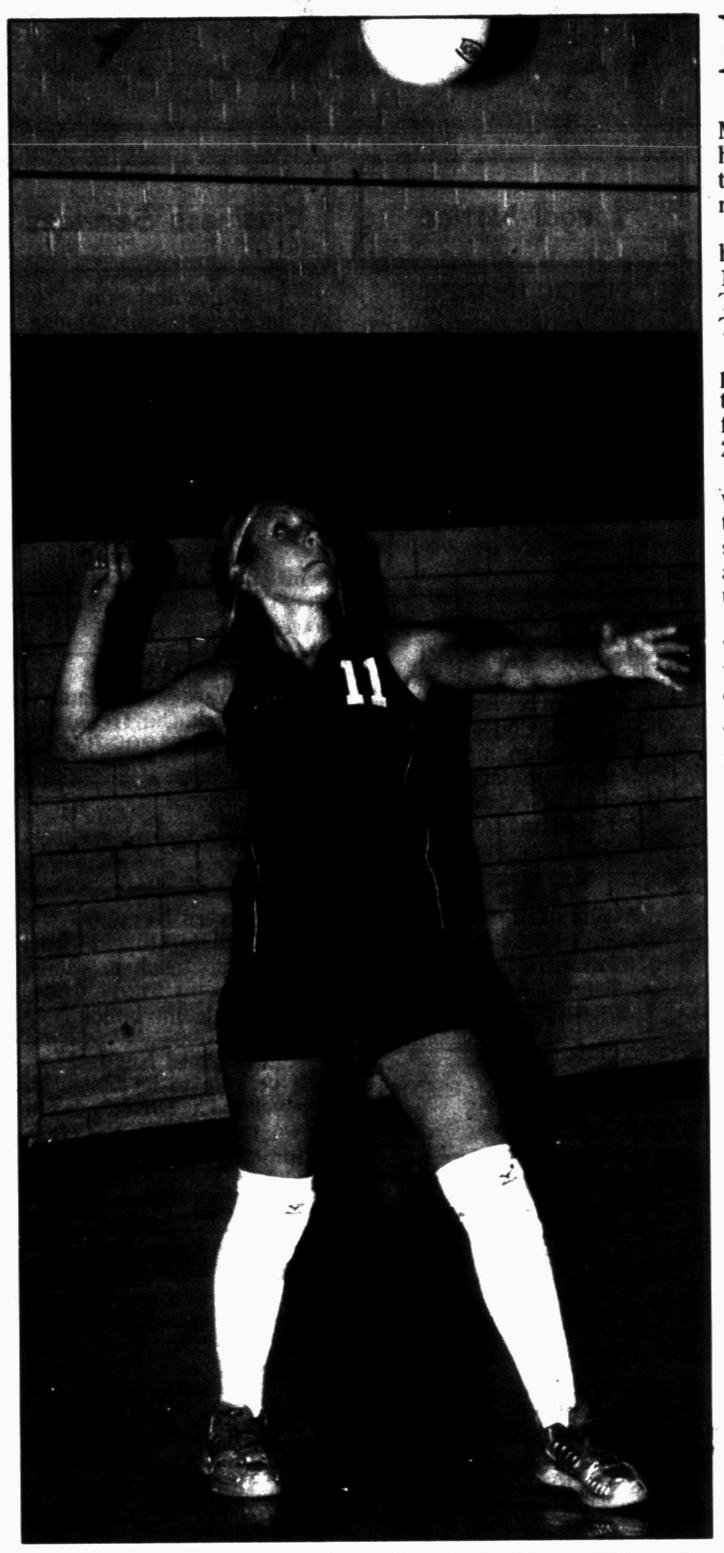


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SERVING IT UP — Snyder Lady Tiger Kelby Drum delivers the first serve of the 2003 season Tuesday against Plainview at Snyder High School. The Lady Tigers got off to an 0-2 start after dropping matches to Plainview and Veribest. The team will play in its first tournament this weekend at Abilene. (SDN Staff Photo)

Red-hot Rangers win seventh straight

DETROIT (AP) — Mike Maroth is trying to keep his head up as his agonizing crawl toward a dubious pitching record continues.

Alex Rodriguez tripled and homered, and Maroth lost his 18th game of the season, as the Texas Rangers beat the Detroit Tigers 5-4 on Tuesday night.

With nearly 40 games left to play, it seems almost certain that Maroth will become the first pitcher in 23 years to lose 20 games in a single season.

"This isn't easy — I don't want people to know me only for the number of losses I have," he said. "But I want to get better, and the only way I'm going to do that is to keep pitching.

"People started talking about this when I was 0-9 in May or whatever it was, and it hasn't changed since then. I'm not going to quit now."

Maroth (6-18), like most of his colleagues, couldn't figure out Rodriguez, who has two home runs and a triple in his last three at-bats.

"He's a great player, and he's going to get his homers and hits," Maroth said. "On the homer, I threw the pitch exactly where I wanted it, and he made an adjustment and hit it out. That's what I need to learn — I have to figure out when guys are making adjustments like that, and how to stop them."

"You have to give Mike credit — he's got good stuff and he's not afraid to challenge hitters," Rodriguez said of Maroth. "That's why I think he'll be a big winner in the majors."

John Thomson (11-10) got the win for Texas, which has matched its longest winning streak of the year at seven games. One day after the Rangers bullpen pitched nearly 10 innings in a 16-inning victory, Thomson went eight-plus innings, allowing four runs and 11 hits on 120 pitches.

"I thought we got everything we could have asked for, and maybe a little more," Texas manager Buck Showalter said. "He was the difference in this game."

Brian Shouse worked the ninth for his first career save.

"I never dreamed about getting a save," Shouse said. "I'm just glad I was the guy Buck wanted out there. Hopefully, I'll be out there again."

Texas went ahead in the first when Rodriguez tripled off the 420-foot sign in center and scored on Rafael Palmeiro's two-out single.

Detroit's Ben Petrick homered to tied the score in the bottom half of the inning.

The Rangers took a 4-1 lead in the third after Michael Young singled and first baseman Carlos Pena booted Hank Blalock's grounder for an error. Rodriguez followed with a 423-foot homer down the left-field line.

Goodrich gets 7½ years for traffic deaths

DALLAS (AP) — The mothers of two slain Good Samaritans had haunting words for former Dallas Cowboy Dwayne Goodrich after he was sentenced to 7½ years in prison for the hit-and-run accident that killed their sons.

"Mr. Goodrich, you can't bring my son back to me," Deloris Matthews, mother of 23-year-old Demont Matthews, said to Goodrich in court on Tuesday. "You killed two innocent children. I know you know you did it. I don't understand why you can't say you did it."

Laura Wood, 21-year-old Joby Wood's mother, told Goodrich she believed he was drinking and racing the night her son died.

"I believe with your competitive nature as a football player you were determined to win that race. I believe you saw my son's head in your windshield that night and the blood splatter all across the car," Wood said.

The Plano men were rescuing a driver from a burning car on Interstate 35 in January when they were struck by Goodrich's BMW. He left the scene.

Goodrich sat still and showed no emotion as he was sentenced Tuesday to prison and fined $20,000. He was convicted Friday on two counts of criminally negligent homicide.

Taylor bolts Baylor for UT

HOUSTON (AP) — Junior forward Kenny Taylor said Tuesday that he is leaving Baylor's beleaguered basketball program, but is staying in the Big 12 by transferring to Texas.

Taylor's decision came a day after Lawrence Roberts, Baylor's top scorer and rebounder last season, transferred to Mississippi State.

Their departures from Baylor follow the school's self-imposed probation over major NCAA violations uncovered during the investigation of the disappearance and death of player Patrick Dennehy.

Taylor told KRIV-TV of Houston that he decided to go to Texas after making an unofficial visit there last weekend and talking to former Longhorns All-American T.J. Ford, his teammate at Willowridge High School in Sugar Land when they won back-to-back Texas Class 5A state championships. Taylor was Baylor's third-leading scorer at 11.8 points a game last season.

"After weighing all of my options, Texas is the best place for me," Taylor told the station. "I really didn't consider any place else. You can't get much better than Texas."

Texas spokesman Scott McConnell told The Associated Press that no paperwork has been signed, but confirmed that the school does have a scholarship available.

Baylor launched an internal inquiry in July into possible NCAA violations, after allegations surfaced of improper payments to players following Dennehy's disappearance. Coach Dave Bliss and athletic director Tom Stanton resigned Aug. 8.

The school then placed itself on a two-year probation and won't participate in any postseason tournaments next season.

Bonds nine away from Mays

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Barry Bonds hit his 651st home run leading off the 10th inning as the San Francisco Giants snapped its longest losing streak in three years with a 5-4 victory over the Atlanta Braves on Tuesday night.

In his first game back since taking off the weekend series in Montreal to be with his ailing father Bobby, Bonds hit his major league-leading 38th homer on a 2-1 pitch from Ray King (3-2), giving the Giants their first win in seven games.

Bonds raised both arms in celebration and pumped his fist and watched his drive sail over the concourse in right and into McCovey Cove.

It was his eighth career game-winning home run.

Spikers get off to rough start of season Tuesday

The Lady Tigers got off to a slow start to the 2003 season, losing a pair of matches Tuesday against Plainview and Veribest.

Snyder dropped the first match in three games to Plainview, 15-25, 20-25 and 22-25.

Head coach Laura Moses said the team needs to improve its quickness up front.

"Our movement on the net was slow, and our defense had to cover," she said. "Our setters worked hard and we had some good defense, but the communication needs to improve. Our inexperience showed up a little."

The rally-scoring format, implemented to speed up the pace of matches, had the opposite effect Tuesday, as games were slow and long. The pace was partially the result of a late start, as the Lady Bulldogs arrived an hour late for the first match.

"We use rally scoring in practice and things move along," Moses said. "I'm sure it will get better as the season goes along."

Snyder then had to contend with the senior-laden bunch from Veribest, which took the match over the Lady Tigers in four games, 20-25, 25-16, 20-25 and 24-26.

"They have all played together for awhile," Moses said of Veribest. "They are on a mission and have a group of hard workers."

Moses said during two-a-days that one of the keys for this year's squad would be to finish games strongly. One game during the match with Veribest showed that there is still work to be done in that area, as the Lady Tigers let a 12-1 lead disappear in losing the game.

Snyder also was plagued by some miscues along the net.

"We hit the net a lot and that surprised me," she said.

The junior varsity squad had a better evening than the varsity, brushing aside both schools in three lopsided games.

Moses said the JV played well together in routing Plainview, 25-10, 25-12 and 25-19.

Veribest was no match for the JV, either, as the junior Lady Tigers clobbered the JV Lady Falcons, 25-15, 25-21 and 25-12.

Moses said she plans on making a few adjustments for the 16-team Bev Ball Tournament at Abilene High School Friday and Saturday.

"I want to get a group of six that play well together consistently," she said. "I want us to start tough and finish games."

Despite getting off to a less than stellar start, Moses is not apt to panic in August.

"The real thing is district, and I really think we'll have it together by then," she said.

The freshmen were originally scheduled to play the same two squads Tuesday, as well, but a scheduling adjustment wiped those games from the slate. The frosh will get their first action this weekend at the Lubbock Trinity tournament.

The varsity club is scheduled to play at 10 a.m. Friday against Birdville.

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Toronto	61	64	.488	16½
Baltimore	57	67	.460	20
Tampa Bay	51	73	.411	26

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Kansas City	65	59	.524	—
Chicago	64	61	.512	1½
Minnesota	64	61	.512	1½
Cleveland	55	72	.433	11½
Detroit	31	93	.250	34

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	76	49	.608	—
Oakland	72	53	.576	4
Anaheim	60	65	.480	16
Texas	59	67	.468	17½

Tuesday's Games

Minnesota 8, Cleveland 2
N.Y. Yankees 6, Kansas City 3
Seattle 9, Toronto 1
Oakland 3, Boston 2
Tampa Bay 9, Baltimore 2
Texas 5, Detroit 4
Chicago White Sox 5, Anaheim 2

Today's Games

Kansas City (Gobble 2-1) at N.Y. Yankees (Clemens 11-7), 12:05 p.m.
Seattle (Meche 13-8) at Toronto (Towers 2-1), 6:05 p.m.
Texas (Dickey 7-5) at Detroit (Cornejo 5-12), 6:05 p.m.
Oakland (Lilly 6-9) at Boston (Wakefield 9-5), 6:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Zambrano 9-6) at Baltimore (Moss 0-1), 6:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Radke 8-10) at Cleveland (B.Anderson 9-9), 6:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Lackey 8-11) at Chicago White Sox (Loaiza 15-6) 7:05 p.m.

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Atlanta	81	44	.648	—
Philadelphia	69	55	.556	11½
Florida	69	56	.552	12
Montreal	66	60	.524	15½
New York	54	70	.435	26½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	66	59	.528	—
St. Louis	65	60	.520	1
Chicago	64	60	.516	1½
Pittsburgh	57	66	.463	8
Cincinnati	55	69	.444	10½
Milwaukee	49	75	.395	16½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	74	50	.597	—
Arizona	66	59	.528	8½
Los Angeles	64	60	.516	10
Colorado	62	66	.484	14
San Diego	48	78	.381	27

Tuesday's Games

Milwaukee 6, Philadelphia 4
St. Louis 13, Pittsburgh 5
Houston 12, Chicago Cubs 8
Colorado 10, Florida 2
Arizona 6, Cincinnati 1
San Diego 3, N.Y. Mets 2
San Francisco 5, Atlanta 4, 10 innings
Montreal 7, Los Angeles 5

Today's Games

Chicago Cubs (Prior 11-5) at Houston (Fernandez 1-2), 7:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Wolf 12-7) at Milwaukee (Kinney 7-9), 7:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (D'Amico 7-12) at St. Louis (Stephenson 7-11), 7:10 p.m.
Florida (Redman 10-6) at Colorado (Oliver 10-8), 8:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Harang 2-0) at Arizona (Johnson 3-5), 8:35 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Heilman 2-5) at San Diego (Peavy 9-9), 9:05 p.m.
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For more information contact Brad Hinton at 573-2530 or 573-0878.

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Pujols drops appeal of suspension

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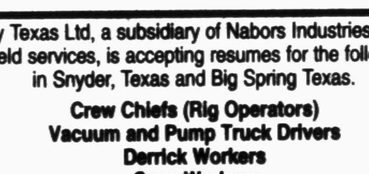
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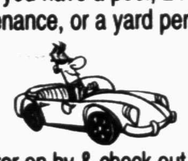
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Gunman denied vacation kills fellow worker and then himself

ANDOVER, Ohio (AP) — The man who opened fire at an auto parts factory, killing a co-worker and then himself, didn't socialize at work and lived with his parents, spending his free time shooting at targets behind their house, his mother said.

Ricky Shadle's parents said their 6-foot-2, 300-pound son had a learning disability, was teased his whole life and always needed help filling out forms at the plant.

His mother, Rosalie Shadle, said her son tried to take vacation time off, but filled out the request incorrectly. He did not know he was denied the vacation until a boss threatened to fire him if he did not come back to work.

"He was so mad," she said. "He didn't know he wasn't getting a vacation."

Before the shootings that killed a payroll clerk he was upset with and wounded two others, Shadle told his parents he had cancer. He was worried his right leg would need to be amputated because of a grapefruit-size growth.

"He told me he would shoot himself first before he would have that leg amputated," Rosalie Shadle said.

The shootings happened about 8:20 a.m. Tuesday at Andover Industries in the northeast Ohio village, Ashtabula County Sheriff Bill Johnson said.

Shadle, 32, had worked at the plant for about five years. He reported to work in the production area Tuesday, then said he was having medical problems with his leg and left briefly, Johnson said.

He returned with four handguns, including a 10 mm revolver, police said.

Worker Ron Stockflager said he heard Shadle swearing at a receptionist. "The names went back and forth and then he pulled out a gun and shot her and then he continued his way through the building," Stockflager said.

Payroll clerk Theodora Mosley, 61, of Dorset, died. Witnesses said Shadle then closed himself in a room and shot himself.

At Mosley's home, grieving family gathered. Her son, Jared Gordon, said he knew of no problems between Shadle and his mother, who had worked at the plant nine years.

"I just want to know why. How could someone walk into a plant with guns?" Gordon said. "This guy was probably mentally unstable, he shouldn't have been allowed in the plant and he shot my mom in the back."

Joyce Thompson Smith, 54, of Andover, was in critical condition, while Sue Martin, 35, of Andover, was in stable condition.

Andover Police Chief Dan Vild said someone inside the plant of 700 workers called police during the hail of gunfire, and the gunman was dead by the time he arrived.

Shaken workers left the plant holding hands and crying.

Employees told officers Shadle did his job, but didn't mingle.

"He didn't get along like normal people would in a job setting, in other words, talking to people or something like that," the sheriff said.

Four children found shot in basement of burning home

DETROIT (AP) — Four children ages of 1 to 12 years old were found shot in the basement of a burning home, and their father was being sought for questioning today.

The surviving child, a 9-year-old girl, was in critical condition at Sinai-Grace Hospital, police officer Christopher Cole said.

Police believe the father, Anthony Lamar Bailey, 37, fled the scene on a bicycle after the blaze started sometime before 9 p.m. Tuesday. Authorities were not calling Bailey a suspect, but urged residents to dial 911 if they see him.

Cole said neighbors reported Bailey had been raising the children and that he was in the middle of a divorce with the children's mother, who has not been seen for about a month.

Cole said it appeared the fire was set to cover up the crime, but added that further investigation will be needed to confirm that.

Tommy Samuels, 38, who was visiting his brother in the neighborhood, said he saw firefighters bring out the children's bodies. He said the firefighters tried in vain to revive one of the children, who appeared to be a girl about 2 years old.

"They tried to save that baby," he said. "They really, really, tried. They kept pounding on her and pounding on her."

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♠ A K J 9 6 2
♥ K 7 3
♦ K Q 3
♣ 8

West
♠ 7 4
♥ 6
♦ A J 10 8
♣ Q J 7 6 4 3

East
♠ —
♥ Q 10 9 8 2
♦ 9 7 6 4 2
♣ A 9 5

South
♠ Q 10 8 5 3
♥ A J 5 4
♦ 5
♣ K 10 2

Dealer: East
Vulnerable: East-West

South	West	North	East
			Pass
1 ♠	Pass	2 NT	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	4 NT	Pass
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Two aces missing, slam bid

By Phillip Alder

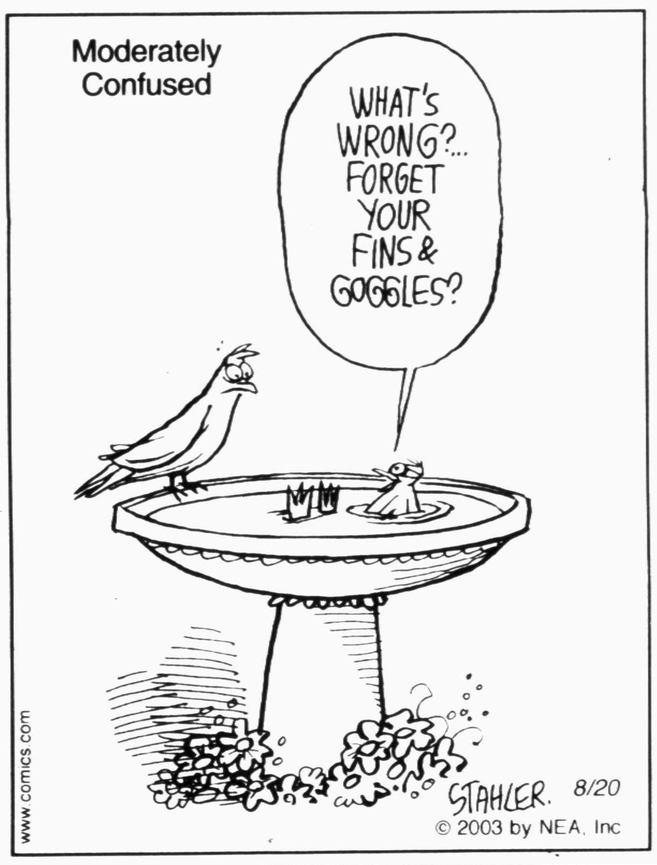
Over the last two days, I described the action on deal 66 from the final of the 1983 Bermuda Bowl world team championship in Stockholm. A cover-an-honor-with-an-honor error by one of the Italians allowed the United States to gain one point instead of losing 15. Of course, if that mistake had not been made, some of the subsequent deals would have been bid and played differently. However, history records that with two boards remaining, Italy was eight points ahead. Both deals looked dull, but then something funny happened on the way to the forum.

In the first room, Bob Hamman opened that unimpressive South hand with one spade. Bobby Wolff (North) responded four no-trump, then signed off in five spades opposite a one-ace reply. This contract was theoretically in jeopardy — but not as the cards lay. Hamman scored plus 450.

Benito Garozzo also kicked off with one spade. Giorgio Belladonna (North) responded two no-trump, which announced spade support, a singleton somewhere, and the strength for either a game-try or a slam-try! South was supposed to continue with three clubs to allow partner to finish his description. Instead, Garozzo rebid three spades, trying to show an absolute minimum. But Belladonna, thinking his partner was making a trump ask, bid four no-trump to show two top honors with extra length. South, reading this as Blackwood, admitted to one ace. North, taking this as a slam-going control-bid (cue-bid), assumed only the club ace was missing and bid six spades!

This contract had to fail, so the U.S. team gained 11 points to lead by three.

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	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	10.60	9.90	10.47	+ .42
AOL TimeWrn	15.92	15.65	15.87	— .13
AT&T Corp rs	21.40	21.18	21.34	+ .02
Albertsons	20.77	20.56	20.65	+ .25
Alltel	46.55	46.06	46.50	+ .24
AmEl Pw	28.49	28.00	28.46	+ .46
AndarkPtr	44.66	43.09	44.47	+ 1.02
ATMOS Egy	24.50	24.26	24.49	+ .18
Aviall	12.49	12.38	12.49	
BP PLC	42.21	42.03	42.21	— .02
BakerHughes	33.69	32.96	33.60	+ .39
Bank of Amer	81.60	80.65	81.45	+ .24
BellSouth	26.00	25.68	25.97	+ .11
BurlNoSFe	27.40	27.25	27.38	— .05
Caterpillar	72.42	71.81	72.29	— .61
CenterPoint	8.39	8.26	8.38	+ .12
ChevronTex	72.35	71.89	72.31	+ .21
Citigroup	44.49	44.11	44.39	— .02
CocaCola	44.03	43.66	43.84	— .46
ColgatePal	54.58	54.15	54.31	— .13
CmclMetals	19.50	19.40	19.50	— .10
ConocoPhill	54.94	54.73	54.88	— .04
Cooper Inds	48.50	48.04	48.20	— .45
DaimlrChry	37.55	37.19	37.55	+ .27
DeltaAirl	13.00	12.10	12.47	+ .41
Dillards Inc	16.25	14.70	16.00	— .92
DowChem	34.66	34.33	34.63	+ .20
DuPont	44.96	44.71	44.90	— .12
EastmanChem	36.18	35.90	36.06	— .13
EstKodak	28.45	28.04	28.40	+ .24
EDS Corp	22.80	22.35	22.67	— .33
Entergy	51.86	51.60	51.85	+ .13
ExxonMobil	36.83	36.46	36.80	+ .12
FootLocker	15.18	14.96	15.02	— .06
GenDynam	84.11	82.85	84.07	+ .60
GenElec	29.84	29.56	29.70	— .15
GenMills	46.30	45.90	46.30	+ .18
GenMotors	38.64	38.25	38.54	— .01
GaPacific	22.83	22.55	22.83	+ .13
Goodrich	24.80	24.50	24.71	— .09
Goodyear	6.26	6.02	6.25	
GtAtlPac	9.45	9.10	9.38	— .01
Halliburtn	23.60	20.73	23.55	+ .25
Hanson ADS	32.23	32.07	32.12	— .12
HarteHanks	19.56	19.43	19.55	— .07
HomeDepot	32.39	31.98	32.28	+ .12
Honeywellntl	29.45	29.10	29.37	— .10
IBM	83.20	82.00	83.09	— .10
IntlPaper	41.44	40.90	41.09	— .35
JohnsonJn	50.24	49.90	50.21	+ .15
KinderMorg	53.16	52.92	53.11	+ .17
Kroger Co	18.56	18.34	18.49	+ .09
LockheedM	52.10	51.10	51.40	— .55
Lowes Cos	52.85	52.40	52.84	+ .17
Lubys	2.39	2.25	2.26	— .13
LucentTech	1.91	1.85	1.89	
MarathonOil	26.89	26.71	26.88	— .12
MayDeptStr	27.56	27.36	27.51	+ .03
Medtronic	51.64	51.17	51.33	— .27
Motorola	10.18	9.99	10.17	— .03
NCR Corp	28.60	28.15	28.59	+ .13
Navistar	43.41	42.93	43.41	+ .09
PNM Rescs	26.78	26.62	26.67	— .02
Penney JC	18.38	18.18	18.35	+ .08
PepBoys	16.30	16.00	16.19	+ .05
PepsiCo	44.73	44.43	44.66	— .04
PhelpDodge	46.77	46.54	46.72	— .18
PilgrmPrd B	13.20	12.92	13.00	— .22
Praxair	64.88	64.45	64.69	— .19
ProctGamb	88.49	87.67	87.87	+ .07
RadioShack	27.15	26.83	27.15	— .15
RoyalDut	45.35	45.05	45.26	— .30
SBC Comm	23.84	23.62	23.80	+ .14
SaraLee	19.24	19.05	19.22	— .01
Scripps EW	85.41	85.28	85.41	+ .22
SearsRoeb	44.46	43.60	44.28	— .41
SherwinW	29.95	29.75	29.93	+ .19
SouthernCo	28.08	27.90	28.02	+ .03
SwstAirl	17.18	16.95	17.05	
SprintFON	14.50	14.21	14.49	+ .19
SprintPCS	5.98	5.50	5.55	+ .01
Sunoco Inc	39.91	39.65	39.91	— .14
TXU Corp	21.75	21.53	21.71	+ .10
TempleInland	49.95	49.05	49.87	+ .63
TexInd	25.50	25.25	25.40	+ .10
TexasInst	20.97	20.65	20.96	— .13
Textron	44.50	44.00	44.48	+ .17
TrinityInds	25.68	25.37	25.65	— .02
TylerTech	6.00	5.91	6.00	+ .10
UnionPacif	60.45	60.24	60.39	— .03
USSteel	17.31	17.12	17.31	+ .11
UnitedTech	78.44	77.90	78.16	— .30
Unocal	30.50	29.98	30.49	+ .14
VerizonComm	35.80	35.55	35.79	+ .01
WalMart	59.10	58.41	59.08	+ .20
WellsFargo	50.38	49.97	50.18	— .20
WstnGasRs	38.55	38.37	38.55	+ .04
WinnDixie	10.15	10.01	10.03	— .03
Xerox Cp	10.10	10.00	10.09	+ .01
YumBrands	29.08	28.82	29.08	— .06

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Scurry County Country



Sunflowers handling heat better than other crops

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Texas sunflower crops are handling the heat better than other crops in North Texas, Texas Cooperative Extension reports.

Calvin Trostle, extension specialist in Lubbock, said sunflowers in the Southern Plains were planted in late May, and the first commercial sunflowers in that area will probably be harvested in about a week. Sunflower crops in the Panhandle were planted in late May and June. Harvest will likely begin there in a few weeks, he said.

Two types of sunflowers are grown in the state. The first is the confectionary type, which is generally found at salad bars and prepackaged at grocery stores. Bigger seeds with stripes down the side characterize this sunflower, he said.

The second type has its small, black seed crushed for oil. About 10,000 to 15,000 acres in Texas are used for bird seed, he said.

Producers have seen only light infestations of the crop's number one enemy: the sunflower head moth. By burrowing into the seed, the larvae allow a fungus called Rhizopus to grow. A combination of sunflower head moths and Rhizopus can cause a total loss to a crop.

The following specific livestock, crop and weather conditions were reported by district extension directors:

PANHANDLE: soil moisture very short to adequate. Corn is rated fair to good. Silage harvest is well under way. Corn borer egg-laying activity has declined. Irrigated sorghum is about 20 percent headed. Most dryland sorghum is extremely drought stressed. Cotton is rated very poor to fair and needs rain. Range conditions continue to decline from a lack of rain. Cattle are in good condition.

SOUTH PLAINS: soil moisture very short to short. Pastures and ranges are in poor to fair condition. Supplemental feeding continues. Cotton is in fair condition. Irrigated cotton has a good boll load. Corn is in fair to good condition. Irrigated corn looks good; dryland corn is beginning to burn up. Peanuts are in good condition and are progressing well. Sorghum is in fair to good condition, but continues to suffer from drought stress.

ROLLING PLAINS: soil moisture short. Range and pasture conditions continue to deteriorate rapidly with no rain. Livestock conditions continue to decline. Many ranchers have begun to cull herds and wean early to reduce demand on pastures and take advantage of current market conditions. Cotton crop is rapidly decreasing from fair to poor. Many dryland fields are shedding their squares in response to heat and lack of moisture. Hay production has slowed considerably.

Scurrying Around Snyder

Beth Dannheim, CEA—Family and Consumer Sciences, 2605 Avenue M, Snyder, Texas 79549

Continued From Last Week

9. Onions: red

Slip thin slices of sweet red onions into salads.

10. Oranges

Sliced oranges juice up the flavor of salads and add brightness with their sunny color. Plus, they give you a healthy dose of vitamin C and folate.

11. Sunflower seeds: toasted

Add some vitamin E by tossing a tablespoon of sunflower seeds per serving into salads. One tablespoon provides about 50 calories and mostly unsaturated fat. Toast them for extra flavor – directions are given at the end of this article.

12. Radishes

Thinly slice radishes and toss them into salads for their crisp texture and peppery flavor.

If the leafy radish tops are attached, remove them before storing. Radishes don't keep as well if their tops are left on. Store unwashed radishes in an open or perforated plastic bag in a refrigerator crisper drawer that is separate from the one in which you store fruits. Wash radishes and trim their roots just before using.

Homemade Whole Wheat Croutons

Whole grain bread Olive oil or olive oil-flavored/garlic-flavored cooking spray

1. Preheat oven to 350 degree F.

If using olive oil: Lightly brush top side of bread with olive oil. Cut into ½ inch cubes and spread in a single layer on an ungreased baking sheet.

If using cooking spray: Cut bread into ½ inch cubes and spread in a single layer on an ungreased baking sheet. Spray bread cubes lightly with an olive oil-flavored cooking spray.

2. Bake on the middle shelf of the oven for 10 minutes or until browned and crisp.

3. Enjoy! These taste best if eaten the same day they're made.

Toasted Nuts or Sunflower Seeds
Oven Method

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Toast walnuts before chopping them into smaller pieces. Almonds may be toasted whole, sliced or slivered.

2. Place nuts/seeds in a single layer in an ungreased shallow pan or rimmed baking sheet such as a cookie sheet or jelly roll pan. (DO NOT use a baking sheet without sides. You may have nuts or seeds all over the oven if you accidentally tip the sheet when removing it from the oven.)

3. Bake 5 to 10 minutes or until they are golden brown. A toasted nut or seed may look more golden than brown. They will continue to brown slightly after they're removed from the oven. Stir once or twice or shake the pan during toasting to aid in even browning. Sliced and slivered almonds will toast faster than whole almonds.

4. Remove from pan to cool.

NOTE: The first time you try toasting nuts or seeds, it's better to err on the side of under-toasting than over-toasting. As nuts and seeds toast, you'll notice a change in their fragrance as well as their color.

Stove-top Toasting

Stove-top toasting works well for small batches of nuts. With this method, the parts of the nuts or seeds touching the skillet may become darkest, unlike the oven method where the nuts/seeds become more of an overall golden color.

1. Toast walnuts before chopping them into smaller pieces. Almonds may be toasted whole, slivered or sliced.

2. Heat nuts or seeds in a dry, heavy skillet over medium heat for 1 to 2 minutes or until they're golden brown and they give off a rich, toasty fragrance. Watch closely when using this method as it's easy to burn them. Whole almonds will take longer than slivered or sliced forms.

3. Stir or toss nuts or seeds frequently for even toasting.

4. Remove from pan to cool.

Diversified

By Greg Gruben, County Extension Agent

First Case of Animal Anthrax in 2003 Producers in Area Urged to Vaccinate Livestock

Laboratory tests completed in early August have confirmed that a whitetailed deer near Del Rio died from anthrax. This is the first confirmed case of the disease in Texas in 2003.

"It's not unusual to have a few cases of anthrax in livestock or deer each year in Texas, and usually, they occur in a triangle bounded by Uvalde, Ozona and Eagle Pass, which takes in portions of Crockett, Val Verde, Sutton, Edwards, Kinney, Uvalde and Maverick counties," said Dr. Bob Hillman, state veterinarian and executive director for the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state's livestock health regulatory agency.

"In early July, counties around Del Rio received rains spawned by Hurricane Claudette as the storm moved westward over land. The welcome moisture was followed by a normal hot, dry spell. This weather pattern can trigger the germination of dormant anthrax spores in the ground, causing them to migrate to the surface and contaminate soil and grass, where the bacteria is ingested by grazing animals," said Dr. Hillman. "If the animals haven't been vaccinated against the disease, the anthrax bacteria can cause severe illness within hours and death within a couple of days. Carcasses of infected animals may bloat quickly and blood may ooze from body openings."

While laboratory tests, run by the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory in College Station, are needed to confirm infection, all anthrax cases suspected or laboratory confirmedmust be reported to the TAHC. The regulatory agency operates a 24-hour hotline at 1-800-550-8242, with state or federal regulatory veterinarians available at all times to take calls and work with private veterinary practitioners and producers.

Dr. Hillman explained that the TAHC has two main concerns about anthrax cases. The first is to ensure that potentially exposed or incubating animals are not moved from the premise.

"We don't want animals to die in transit or on a new premise and then be mishandled," said Dr. Hillman. "Therefore, our regulations require that animals on an infected premise be quarantined for at least 10 days after all the livestock have been vaccinated against the disease. This period of time allows for any previously exposed animals to die from the disease, while healthy animals will develop immunity, thanks to the vaccine."

"Ranchers with livestock in areas where anthrax cases usually occur either vaccinate routinely each spring, or begin vaccinating their cattle, sheep, goats, horses or other grazing animals as soon as a season's first case is reported," he said. "Although the injected vaccine is very effective, unfortunately, there is no approved method for administering vaccine to freeranging deer which can't be rounded up and restrained in a chute for vaccination."

"Our second concern about anthrax is the proper disposal of infected carcasses," Dr. Hillman noted. He pointed out that, prior to release of a TAHC quarantine, carcasses of infected animals must be burned thoroughly, to prevent anthrax bacteria from leaching into the soil, where it can remain dormant for decades as spores.

"Carcasses of animals that have died of anthrax should not be opened, and to avoid bacterial contamination of the soil, carcasses, animal bedding, and nearby manure must be burned, and the surrounding soil must be scorched to kill the bacteria, using gasoline or wood as fuel," he said. He advised producers not to burn oils, diesel or tires, as these products create air pollution. Dr. Hillman said proper carcass disposal also prevents wild pigs, coyotes, dogs or other predators from dragging carcasses (and the anthrax bacteria) from one pasture to another.

"When burning potentially infected carcasses, or vaccinating livestock against anthrax, ranchers should wear shirts with long sleeves and put on gloves to avoid contaminating sores or scratches on their arms or hands," cautioned Dr. Hillman. "Skin anthrax can cause a nasty sore that requires appropriate antibiotic treatment from a physician, so practice good general sanitation practices.

Wash your hands and clothes. Consider disinfecting equipment used to move bedding, potentially infected manure or fuel. Keep pets away from carcasses, and avoid picking up bones, horns or antlers from dead animals. Healthy animals should be moved from anthrax contaminated areas during an outbreak."

"Hunters often ask us about anthrax and risks associated with harvesting animals," commented Dr. Hillman. "Fortunately, by the time hunting season starts, cool weather usually puts an end to a season's outbreak.

Always shoot only healthy-looking animals. If a deer has ingested anthrax bacteria, within hours, it will stagger, tremble or exhibit convulsions, and death is inevitable."

"Anthrax is not a danger to travelers or vacationers in an area where cases have occurred," stressed Dr. Hillman. "We advise tourists to avoid touching carcasses, and they won't have to worry about the bacteria or contracting the disease. Anthrax has been with us for hundreds of years, and while cases are noteworthy, they are not alarming."

Notice
of Vote on Tax Rate

The **Western Texas College Board of Trustees**
conducted a public hearing on a proposal to increase
the total tax revenues of the
Scurry County Jr. College District
from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year
by **7.9%** percent
on **Tuesday, August 19, 2003, at 6:30 p.m.**.

The **Western Texas College Board of Trustees**
is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that will
result in the tax increase at a public meeting
to be held
on **Monday, August 25, 2003, at 6:30 p.m.**
at **WTC Board Room, Administration Building**.

COLORADO RIVER MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

WEEKLY LAKE AND WATER DELIVERY REPORT

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

	ONE YEAR AGO	LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK
	8-18-02	8-11-03	8-18-03
ELEVATION (FEET)	17.10	17.43	17.13
CONTENTS (ACRE-FEET)	17,917	18,562	17,975
PERCENT FULL	8.93	9.25	8.96
RAINFALL (INCHES) *		0.00	0.00
IVIE TO LAKE THOMAS (Gal.)		0	0
SPENCE TO THOMAS (Gal.)		0	0

*RAINFALL MEASUREMENT AT BIG SPRING/ODESSA INTAKE.

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

	ONE YEAR AGO	LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK
	8-18-02	8-11-03	8-18-03
ELEVATION (FEET)	40.87	41.75	41.42
CONTENTS (ACRE-FEET)	44,344	47,090	46,050
PERCENT FULL	8.57	9.10	8.90
RAINFALL (INCHES) *		0.00	0.50

* RAINFALL MEASUREMENT AT SPENCE PUMP STATION

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

	ONE YEAR AGO	LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK
	8-18-02	8-11-03	8-18-03
ELEVATION (FEET)	29.45	26.91	26.63
CONTENTS (ACRE-FEET)	230,986	205,406	202,748
PERCENT FULL	41.67	37.05	36.57
RAINFALL (INCHES) *		0.00	0.45

* RAINFALL MEASUREMENT AT DAM.

INFORMATION BASED ON NEW AREA CAPACITY CURVE DATA

MUNICIPAL WATER DELIVERIES IN GALLONS

	LAST WEEKS DAILY AVERAGE 8-11-03 8-5-03	THIS WEEKS DAILY AVERAGE 8-18-03 8-12-03	THIS WEEKS PEAK DAY 8-18-03 8-12-03
BIG SPRING	7,575,714	6,795,714	7,880,000
ODESSA	31,523,857	27,998,714	33,529,000
SNYDER	3,646,571	3,323,714	3,945,000
MIDLAND	29,763,286	29,441,714	31,358,000
SAN ANGELO	16,858,571	17,826,143	19,650,000
STANTON	487,286	452,143	579,000

Appeals court revives fed A&M bonfire lawsuits

HOUSTON (AP) — A federal appeals court panel Tuesday reversed a lower court's dismissal of several lawsuits filed by victims of the 1999 Texas A&M bonfire collapse, ruling the claims need to be heard by a jury.

U.S. District Judge Samuel B. Kent had ruled in July 2002 that governmental immunity applied in the federal lawsuits. Relying on the conclusions of the university-funded report of the accident, Kent also said university officials were not "deliberately indifferent" to the dangers of bonfire and dismissed the claims.

The plaintiffs in the six lawsuits appealed their cases based on the second part of his ruling.

A three-member panel of the New Orleans-based 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals disagreed with Kent, saying that "by simply adopting the Final Report as the basis for determining the University officials did not act with deliberate indifference, the district court deferred to a defendant-created commission rather than presenting the questions of material fact" to a jury.

The cases were sent back to Kent's court in Galveston.

"We're reviewing the court's ruling," said Mike Viesca, a spokesman for the Texas Attorney General's Office, which is representing A&M and the university officials named in the lawsuits. Viesca would not comment on whether the ruling would be appealed.

Texas A&M officials in College Station, about 100 miles northwest of Houston, said the university does not comment on pending legal matters.

Attorneys for several of the plaintiffs were thrilled by the ruling.

"We're pleased," said Steven DeWolf, attorney for the families of bonfire victims Christopher Breen and Lucas Kimmel and injured students Lauren Scanlan and Bill Davis. "The ruling indicated to me that (the appeals court) thought there were material issues of fact that are going to have to go to a jury."

Gino Borchardt, attorney for the family of victim Chad Powell, called Tuesday's ruling "a landmark decision."

"Whether university officials acted with deliberate indifference is a question to be decided by a jury," he said. "The families of these tragic victims look forward to putting their case before a jury."

The 90-year-old bonfire tradition was suspended after the Nov. 18, 1999 collapse which killed 12 Aggies and injured 27 others. The students were crushed after the 59-foot-high, wedding cake-like stack of more than 5,000 logs collapsed on them as they were building it.

An A&M commission, in its report, blamed the collapse on flawed construction techniques and lack of adequate supervision of students assembling the stack. The commission's report specifically did not single out anyone for the collapse.

The families of six Aggies who died and five who were injured have filed lawsuits in either state probate court, federal court or both.

Borchardt, who also represents some of the plaintiffs in state court, said those lawsuits have been consolidated and are set to go to trial in March 2005 in Brazos County, home county of Texas A&M.

It was not yet known if the federal lawsuits would be consolidated in Kent's court, he said.

DeWolf said he hopes the ruling by the appeals court will prompt A&M's attorneys to consider trying to resolve the cases through mediation.

"Given the past ways they've acted, I certainly don't think they will," he said.

Valedictorian settles lawsuit against school

MOUNT LAUREL, N.J. (AP) — A student who won a legal victory against her school but lost a chance to attend Harvard University settled her lawsuit against the school district, lawyers said in a statement.

Blair Hornstine attracted national media attention after she sued Moorestown High School, claiming she should be the only valedictorian in her graduating class. The school administration wanted her to share the valedictorian title with another student.

Hornstine sought $2.7 million from the Moorestown Board of Education, but will only receive $15,000. The school district and its insurance carriers agreed to pay $60,000 to settle the case, with $45,000 going to Hornstine's lawyers, according to the settlement.

Five-year-old survives night in mountains

MANCOS, Colo. (AP) — A 5-year-old girl who got lost in the mountains was found in good condition after spending the night wishing for blankets and praying she would not be eaten by insects or mountain lions.

Brittany Decker became separated from her family Sunday evening in the La Plata Mountains west of Durango after setting out in the wrong direction to find the family van, according to her mother and recuers.

She was wearing a T-shirt, shorts and sandals. The temperature Sunday night was in the low 40s, and Brittany said she pulled her shirt down over her legs and curled into a ball to stay warm.

About 60 people searched overnight and the girl was found Monday morning.

When Brittany heard her name, she said, "'Coming,' just like they were calling her for dinner," Peggy Decker said. "She said she got a little cold and tried to find blankets but could not find blankets."

Skip Favreau, who was with the crew that found Brittany, described her as "just an awesome little girl."

Brittany said she was a little scared and missed her siblings while she was lost. "I was kind of feeling sad about them," she said.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Thursday, Aug. 21, 2003

Changing your work patterns in the year ahead in order to make a big improvement in the way you handle your job will lead to a more pleasant working environment. A raise or promotion could follow.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Be sure to handle your fair share of the responsibilities when working side by side with your co-workers today. If you attempt to dump your duties on them, they'll do the same to you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Screen all your social invitations very carefully today so that you don't have to mingle with someone you dislike. It might be a volatile day where unpleasant situations could arise.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Your image could be a bit fragile today, so be exceptionally cognizant of your behavior in front of associates, especially if there is someone present who likes to carry tales about others.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — No audience is receptive to someone droning on about topics that aren't interesting. Constantly assess your listeners. If you see a few yawns, change the subject.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — If you lower your guard today there is a strong chance you could find yourself drawn into a sticky situation that is not of your own making, but for which you may be held accountable.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Instead of being demanding by trying to get others to do things your way today, seek out a compromise. Difficulties will quickly arise if your companions think you're being pushy.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Take care not to attempt to do any tasks that are too physically strenuous for you to handle on your own today. If help isn't readily available, wait for some so that you don't cause any injuries.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Select companions today who welcome your company rather than try to impose your presence on a clique which thus far has proven to be unfriendly. Who needs such snobbishness?

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — It might be difficult for you to exercise the patience and tolerance you're capable of when dealing with others today. Unless you use some restraint, friction could ensue.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — If you go around with a chip on your shoulder today, sooner or later someone will come along who'll try to knock it off. Don't ask for such trouble.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Someone who has used you in the past is apt to try to take advantage of you again today. This person's tactics might be a bit different, but his or her objective will be the same.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — A rush to judgment today will cause you to overlook several significant factors that could change the outcome of events for you. Don't be hasty when it comes to any major decisions.

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Exercise for arthritis

DEAR DR. GOTT: Are there exercises for people with arthritic knees?

DEAR READER: The main goals of exercise in arthritic patients are keeping joints mobile and muscles trim. However, arthritis pain may severely hamper a person's ability and willingness to exercise.

This is the reason that most physicians, when confronted with arthritis problems, prefer to prescribe anti-inflammatory medicine. Such drugs — including Celebrex, Vioxx, Bextra and others — enable arthritic patients to enjoy physical activity and retain their independence.

Therefore, I recommend medication and exercise — up to a point — for any patient. I say "up to a point" because it's not appropriate for such people to exercise strenuously and have to put up with the resulting excruciating pain. Some stiffness and discomfort is, of course, acceptable, but if a joint really hurts, the patient must cut back.

For those individuals with arthritis of the knees, walking and, especially, swimming are good exercises. Sometimes, with medication, these people can run, play tennis, golf, skate, bicycle and engage in other sports. This depends on the degree of arthritis and the effectiveness of the medicine. Pain should be the limiting factor.

I usually discourage arthritic patients from engaging in physically demanding activities, such as weight training, because of the additional burdens on already painful joints. There are no exercises that will prevent or reverse arthritis.

You may wish to run this suggestion by your doctor, but I advise you to exercise moderately within the limits of pain. All exercise is beneficial; the degree of activity is something you and your doctor will have to decide as a team.

Remember, too, that arthritic joints may be quite sore AFTER exercise. This can be relieved by heat and gentle passive movements.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My legs hurt 24 hours a day because of neuropathy caused by prednisone. My doctors can't seem to find a remedy. Zostrix helps temporarily but isn't a final answer.

DEAR READER: Painful nerves in the legs are not ordinarily attributed to prednisone, a steroid used for many diseases to reduce inflammation, swelling and pain.

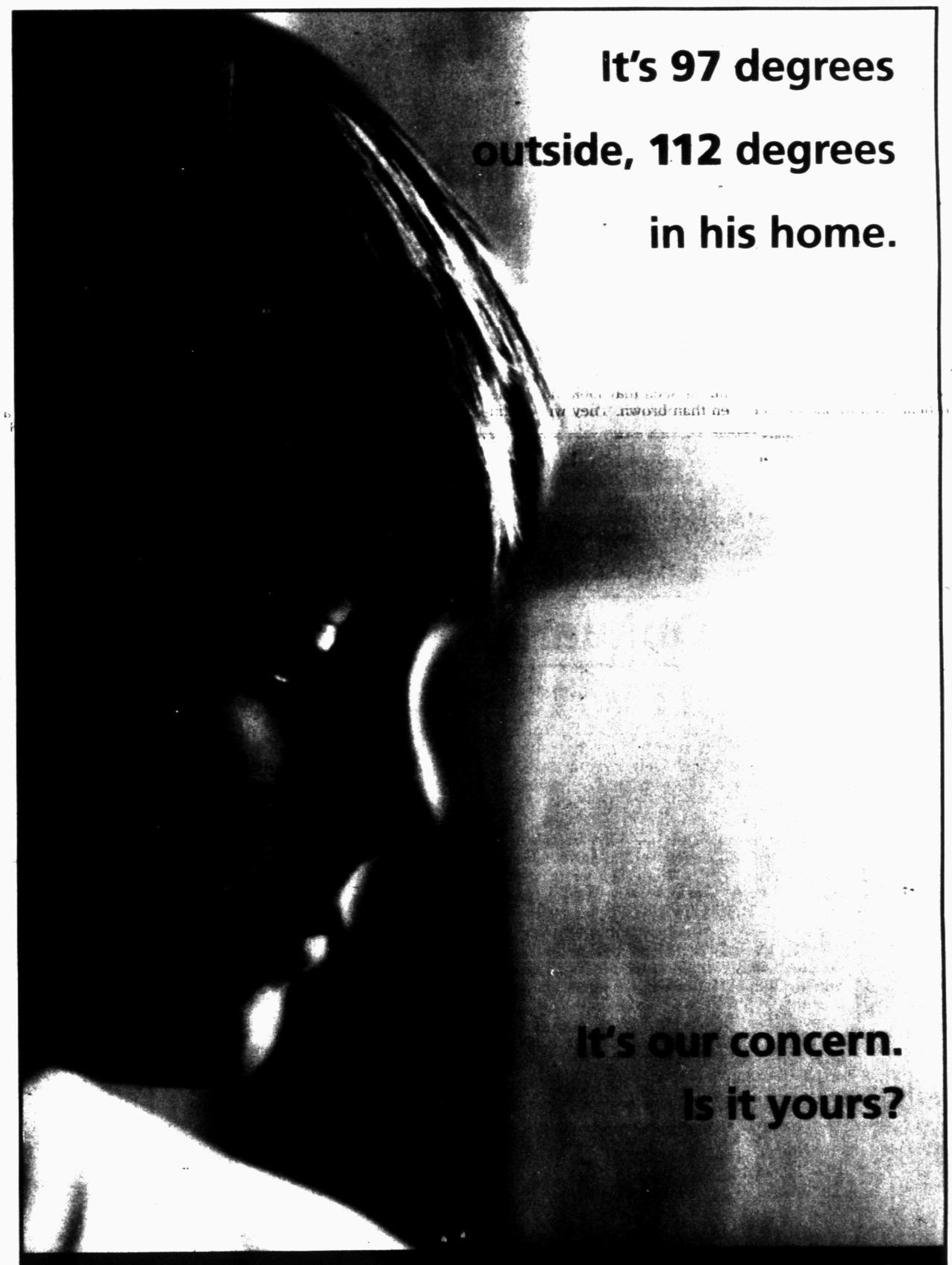
I'd be more concerned that your neuropathy might result from the affliction for which the prednisone was prescribed. For example, autoimmune diseases, such as scleroderma, may cause nerve pain — but are treated with prednisone. Are you a diabetic? This disease is associated with neuropathy that can be worsened by steroids, which throw off glucose metabolism. I urge you to return to your doctor and describe your symptoms. He can sort things out and, perhaps, with the help of rheumatology or neurology specialists, identify the cause of your problems.

Zostrix, a cream made from chili peppers, does relieve certain types of chronic pain, but will not, in my opinion, get at the root of your neuropathy.

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

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

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Series of failures eyed in blackout

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham today promised a thorough investigation of last week's blackout as he headed to the first full meeting with his Canadian counterpart on an international task force.

Abraham said the U.S.-Canadian penal would turn to top researchers and industry analysts to determine what led to the blackout and identify ways to prevent a recurrence.

"Like me, President Bush recognizes that we owe the nation a full investigation and determination of what happened," Abraham said at a news conference.

He promised to "investigate why the blackout occurred, how it spread to such a large area and to identify action that needs to be taken to make sure such an event never happens again."

Abraham planned to hold the first meeting of the task force later today in Detroit. He appeared in Ohio with Gov. Bob Taft and Cleveland Mayor Jane Campbell, whose city lost both power and water service during the blackout.

Abraham and Canada's Minister of Natural Resources Herb Dhaliwal will co-chair the task force.

Grid operators in New York, Michigan, Ohio and New Jersey and New England have gathered data to hand over to the investigation.

Ratliff 'distraught' over redistricting

AUSTIN (AP) — Former Lt. Gov. Bill Ratliff says he can easily predict how the embroiled Senate would be different had he decided to seek a second term as presiding officer of the body.

He wouldn't have changed the Senate's traditional two-thirds rule, which caused 11 self-exiled Democratic senators to leave the state in protest of congressional redistricting and ultimately has resulted in a divide that could take generations to heal, Ratliff said Tuesday.

Ratliff said as much at the end of the 2001 session when U.S. House Majority Leader Tom DeLay called to ask if Ratliff would circumvent the two-thirds tradition — which requires two-thirds of the 31 member Senate to agree to consider a bill — if the governor called a special session on congressional redistricting.

"And I sa no. So it's pretty easy to predi what the outcome would have been," Ratliff said Tuesday, speaking publicly for the first time since he angrily walked out of a Senate Republican Caucus meeting last week and abruptly returned to Mount Pleasant when his colleagues decided to fine 11 self-exiled Democrats.

Today, 11 senators boycotting the Texas Senate over congressional redistricting say they'll return from exile in Albuquerque, N.M., if Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst reinstates the blocker bill. Dewhurst has indicated he doesn't intend to budge on the bill and has said there are 15 to 20 different instances when the rule was not used in previous legislative sessions.

"I don't usually play the what-might-have-been," said Ratliff, R-Mt. Pleasant. "Of course that's not very difficult to predict."

What wasn't so easy for Ratliff to predict was how he would feel in response to the current chasm in the Senate.

"I'm distraught about this escalation of hostilities; I'm particularly distraught because it was all so predictable and avoidable," Ratliff said.

Ratliff has been so distraught, he said he has contemplated resignation.

"It's a day-to-day or month-to-month decision," said a melancholy Ratliff.

Births

Kraig and Leslie Billingsley of Snyder are parents of a son, Dylan Coy Billingsley. Dylan was born, weighing eight pounds, 10 ounces, at 5:27 p.m. on Aug. 11 in Covenant Medical Center.

Paternal grandparents are Rickey Billingsley and Brenda Billingsley of Snyder and maternal grandparents are Janice Mitchell of Snyder, and the late Harry Mitchell.

New computer virus clogs e-mail inboxes

NEW YORK — A new strain of one of the most virulent e-mail viruses ever spread quickly worldwide Tuesday morning, causing fresh annoyance to users worn out by last week's outbreak of the Blaster worm.

The new virus, named "Sobig.F" by computer security companies, attacks Windows users via e-mail and file-sharing networks. It also deposits a Trojan horse, or hacker back door, that can be used to turn victims' PCs into senders of spam e-mail.

MessageLabs Inc., a company that filers e-mail for corporations, had blocked more than 100,000 copies of Sobig.F by midday Tuesday, making it by far the most active virus of the day.

"It's definitely spreading very quickly, just an incredible ramp-up so far this morning," said Brian Czarbny, marketing director of MessageLabs. The variant is likely to be one of the most successful versions of a very successful virus strain," he said.

The previous Sobig-A variants are both on MessageLabs' list of the biggest 10 e-mail viruses of all time.

The e-mail message that carries Sobig.F has the subject line Re: "Details and the message "Please see the attached file for details. If a recipient clicks on the attachment, which can have multiple names in ending in the.pif file extension, the computer will be infected.

The virus will then send itself out to names in the victim's address book and will use one of the names to forge a return address. As such, the infected party may not quickly learn of the infection, while an innocent party may get the blame for helping propagate it.

Like all other Sobig vituses, this version is programmed to self-distruct after two weeks, in this case on Sept. 10.

The Blaster worm is still at large. It uses a published flaw in Microsoft's Windows operating systems to spread via network connections, without using e-mail.

Dallas-area police officer shot during drug raid today

CARROLLTON (AP) — A police officer was in stable condition this morning after being shot twice during a drug raid in the north Dallas suburb of Carrollton.

Patrolman Scott Stuart, 29, was shot in the head and in the hand. The nine-year department veteran was one of six officers serving a drug warrant at the house.

The officers had identified themselves when they entered the apartment about 5 a.m. Wednesday. They apprehended one suspect in the living room, then shots were fired from a back bedroom, said police spokesman Sgt. David Sponhour.

Woman arrested for theft by check

Arrest

At 7:33 p.m. Tuesday, a 21-year-old woman was taken into custody on U.S. 84 for warrant on theft by check. She was arrested by DPS troopers.

Accident

Tuesday at 6:41 a.m., a one-vehicle rollover was reported on Blockline Road. The driver, Jose Jericho Dominguez, 24, of Odessa was transported by Snyder EMS to Cogdell Memorial Hospital where he was treated and released.

Theft

At 1:50 p.m., a man requested an officer in reference to his ex-wife going into his residence and taking property. A report for Class B theft was submitted.

Trespassing

Today at 1 a.m., a man reported that his estranged wife was making harassing phone calls to him and another woman. The wife was also accused of leaving threatening messages on the woman's car. A criminal trespass warning was served to the wife.

Family violence

At 2 a.m. today, a woman requested to speak to an officer in reference to another woman being assaulted by a male subject. A report for family violence was submitted.

Criminal mischief

At 8:24 a.m. Tuesday, Christina Martinez of 908 Ave. V reported that someone had tampered with her car. A report for Class B mischief was filed.

Fire

Snyder Fire Dept. responded at 10:58 p.m. Tuesday to the Beacon Lodge. A fuse had blown on the main power source, producing large amounts of smoke. Firemen stood by until an electrician made repairs. Three trucks and 15 firefighters responded.

Dog bite

Tuesday at 10:06 a.m., Lyndon Gaddis reported a dog bite that occurred at 1159 Willis in Hermleigh. The dog was taken to the animal shelter and a report for dog bite was filed.

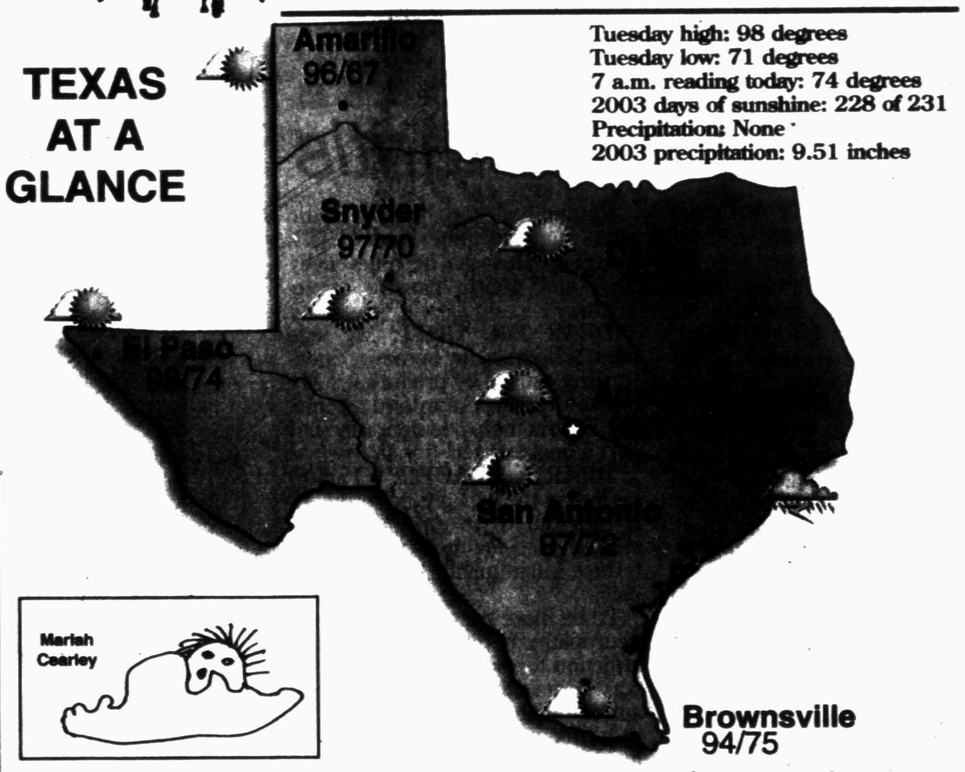
Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Thu 8/21	Fri 8/22	Sat 8/23
97/70	93/69	93/68
A few clouds from time to time. High 97F. Winds S at 5 to 10 mph.	Partly cloudy with a stray thunderstorm.	A few clouds. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the upper 60s.
Sunrise 7:11 AM / Sunset 8:22 PM	Sunrise 7:12 AM / Sunset 8:21 PM	Sunrise 7:12 AM / Sunset 8:20 PM

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Tuesday high: 98 degrees
Tuesday low: 71 degrees
7 a.m. reading today: 74 degrees
2003 days of sunshine: 228 of 231
Precipitation: None
2003 precipitation: 9.51 inches

Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond	City	Hi	Lo	Cond
Abilene	99	73	sunny	El Paso	98	74	mst sunny	Midland	98	72	mst sunny
Amarillo	96	67	mst sunny	Fort Stockton	97	70	sunny	Raymondville	96	72	mst sunny
Austin	98	71	mst sunny	Gainesville	101	73	mst sunny	Rosenberg	92	72	t-storm
Beaumont	91	71	t-storm	Greenville	100	72	mst sunny	San Antonio	97	72	mst sunny
Brownsville	94	75	pt sunny	Houston	91	72	t-storm	San Marcos	98	71	mst sunny
Brownwood	100	71	mst sunny	Kingsville	95	72	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	100	71	mst sunny
Corpus Christi	93	74	pt sunny	Livingston	93	69	t-storm	Sweetwater	98	71	mst sunny
Corsicana	100	73	mst sunny	Longview	95	71	mst sunny	Tyler	98	73	sunny
Dallas	102	78	mst sunny	Lubbock	97	70	mst sunny	Weatherford	101	72	mst sunny
Del Rio	98	75	mst sunny	Lufkin	94	71	mst sunny	Wichita Falls	104	74	mst sunny

National Cities

Atlanta	86	68	t-storm	Houston	91	72	t-storm	Phoenix	107	83	mst sunny
Boston	91	74	pt sunny	Los Angeles	82	65	mst sunny	San Francisco	71	59	pt sunny
Chicago	94	70	t-storm	Miami	87	78	t-storm	Seattle	82	59	mst sunny
Dallas	102	78	mst sunny	Minneapolis	88	60	mst sunny	St. Louis	94	75	t-storm
Denver	87	61	pt sunny	New York	91	74	pt sunny	Washington, DC	92	76	pt sunny

Moon Phases

Last	New	First	Full
Aug 20	Aug 27	Sep 3	Sep 10

UV Index

Thu 8/21	Fri 8/22	Sat 8/23
Extreme	Extreme	Extreme

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

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Obituaries

Roy Carter

1931-2003

Roy Carter, longtime Snyder educator and businessman, died Tuesday, Aug. 19, at his home in Snyder after a sudden illness.

Funeral service for Mr. Carter, 72, is set for 10 a.m. Thursday in the First Baptist Church where Mr. Carter had served as a deacon and Sunday School teacher for many years.



Roy Carter

The Rev. Mike Henson, pastor of First Baptist Church, will officiate. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born May 26, 1931 in Rotan, he married Rita Branscum on Feb. 3, 1951 in Rotan.

He attended Hardin-Simmons University on a football scholarship and earned his bachelor's degree in 1953. He earned his master's degree from Texas Tech University in 1964.

A resident of Snyder since 1953, Mr. Carter was a teacher and coach at Snyder Junior High in 1954-55. He began coaching and teaching at Snyder High School in 1958 and served as assistant principal from 1969-76 before becoming athletic director for three years. Mr. Carter returned to teaching math in 1979 and retired in 1983 after 30 years in education. Mr. Carter was elected Scurry County school superintendent in 1974. He ran on the platform to abolish the office, and it was eliminated the following year.

Mr. Carter was owner of The Shack restaurant for 27 years and served six years on the board of development at Hardin-Simmons.

He was preceded in death by five brothers and one sister.

Survivors include his wife, Rita Carter of Snyder; a daughter and son-in-law, Barbara and Randy Perkins of Abilene; a son and daughter-in-law, Roy Lee and Mary Beth Carter of Chapel Hill, N.C.; a sister, Mildred McQueen of Rotan; two brothers and sisters-in-law, John and Mary Carter of Hemet, Calif., and James and Darlene Carter of Rotan; four grandchildren, Katie Perkins of Dallas and Kristie Perkins of Abilene, Price Carter and Blythe Carter, both of Chapel Hill.

Family visitation is set for 7-8 this evening at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the Gideon Bible Association, Box 534, in Snyder, 79550.

Jericah Lynn Sosa

Infant

NEW BRAUNFELS — Jericah Lynn Sosa, infant great-granddaughter of Cruz and Alejandra Sosa of Snyder, died Wednesday, Aug. 13, at McKenna Memorial Hospital.

Graveside service is set 10 a.m. Friday at the Guadalupe Memorial Park Cemetery under the direction of Zoeller Funeral Home.

Preceding her in death was a great-grandfather, Nieves Martinez Sr.

Survivors include her parents, Jerry and Melinda Sosa of New Braunfels; three brothers, Johnathon Tyler Uhr, Logan Jacob Sosa and Jaren Jacob Sosa of New Braunfels; grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Mario Gonzales Sr., Raymond Perez Jr. and Amelia Hernandez; other great-grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Bostian, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Perez Sr.; and cousins, Victoria Ruby Sosa and Keegan Zane Aleman.

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