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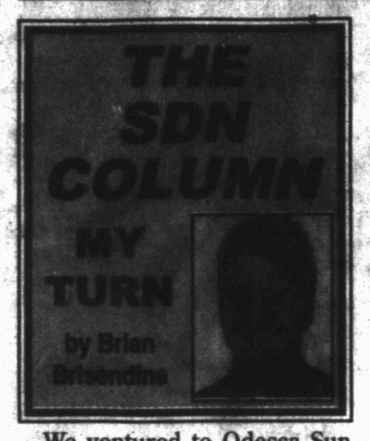


We ventured to Odessa Sunday evening for an evening with Willie Nelson, in our opinion one of the last great singers and songwriters still kicking.

It was the first concert we've been to in a long time and probably the last we'll attend for a long while as well. We normally try to avoid large crowds of folks we don't know, but we couldn't resist with Willie performing so near to home.

The legendary musician put on a heck of a show and we had a ball, but we were caught off guard by the type of crowd that slowly filled the Ector County Coliseum.

What we expected to see were large crowds smoking and drinking, prime locations for motorcycle gang brawls and countless heads covered with the tell-tale red bandanas.

What we actually saw were large crowds quietly shuffling up handicap ramps, prime locations for AARP membership booths and countless heads covered with the tell-tale blue hair.

We might not have been the youngest in the house, but we were darn close.

We were commenting on the aged audience back at the office Monday morning with a few of our colleagues, who apparently felt obligated to side with the more experienced music lovers we were referring to.

We were quickly informed that most of Willie's songs are in fact, older than we are. Couldn't argue that point since we don't remember many new releases from the country musician.

That fact amused a select few of our fellow SDN staffers who, for the record, have worked at the paper since long before we were born.

The conversation got us to thinking. Our musical tastes also seem peculiar to our tenured coworkers. We like the oldies — the real oldies.

We'll admit to preferring Frank Sinatra and his Rat Pack buddies over anything played on the radio today.

We like ladies and gents who sing into the microphone rather than scream into it, which seems to be the case with most of the new stuff we hear these days.

Nat King Cole, Bing Crosby, Tony Bennett — these guys knew how to lay down a tune.

Ever listen to Etta James' early stuff? Man, that gal could sing.

And singing isn't even necessary. Big band music from the thirties and forties is another favorite of ours.

So maybe we're not all that far separated from our elder Willie Nelson fans after all. Good music is good music.

We also know that everybody has their own tastes in the tunes they prefer. We just wish they'd turn 'em down when they drive past our house after dark!

Ratings released this morning...

Northeast remains exemplary campus

From local, wire reports

AUSTIN (AP) —Education Commissioner Felipe Alanis released new public school ratings this morning and all school districts in Scurry County are rated as recognized for 2002.

Snyder, Hermleigh and Ira districts join in that rating.

Locally, Northeast Elementary is the only campus in the district that is rated exemplary – a distinction it has had previously, including last year.

Snyder Junior High and East Elementary are rated as recognized, while the other campuses are rated as acceptable.

These include Snyder High School, Central Elementary, Stanfield Elementary and West Elementary.

Ira ISD had previously been rated as exemplary.

In 2002, 143 districts and 1,908 campuses earned the highest ranking of exemplary, while the second highest ranking of recognized was given to 425 districts, and 2,400 campuses.

Across the state, 2,070 campuses earned an acceptable rating.

The ratings released this morning closed the door on an education era many say is the best thing that ever happened to Texas students.

Since the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills became the cornerstone of the system a decade ago, students have consistently scored better and schools have steadily improved. The achievement gap between minority and white students has shrunk, as has the space between poor children and wealthier ones.

The system, which rates schools, students and educators based on the test, drop out numbers and other factors, was so successful that President Bush modeled the national No Child Left Behind Act after the program he helped build as Texas governor.

Now, the state is moving to a tougher system education officials believe Texans are ready for and that some critics fear will lead to massive failures. The state won't rate schools next year — though students will still be held accountable — because of the ramped-up system.

Beginning next spring, students will take a harder standardized test aligned with the state-approved curriculum. No longer will third-graders advance to fourth grade if they're not academically ready and dropout standards will get higher.

But before all of that begins, students, parents and educators around the state await Thursday's release of the 2001 results, which will round out 10 years of statistical progress.

As always, the stakes are high.

Favorable ratings — exemplary, recognized and acceptable — can mean celebrations and bragging rights, just as a low performing label can bring shame and cost educators their jobs.

Performing under pressure has resulted in both pride and concern.

"Texas students and their teachers made the grade on the TAAS test and rose to the occasion time and again throughout its history, and we expect this year's ratings to reflect that progress," said Shelia Fields, a second-grade teacher and president of the Association of Texas Professional Educators.

"ATPE has always been concerned with the high stakes rating system based primarily on one test and we hope to see a more diagnostic and balanced system in this new era," Fields said Wednesday.

Overall, last year, a record number of schools earned the highest rating since the accountability system was tightened in the early 1990s.

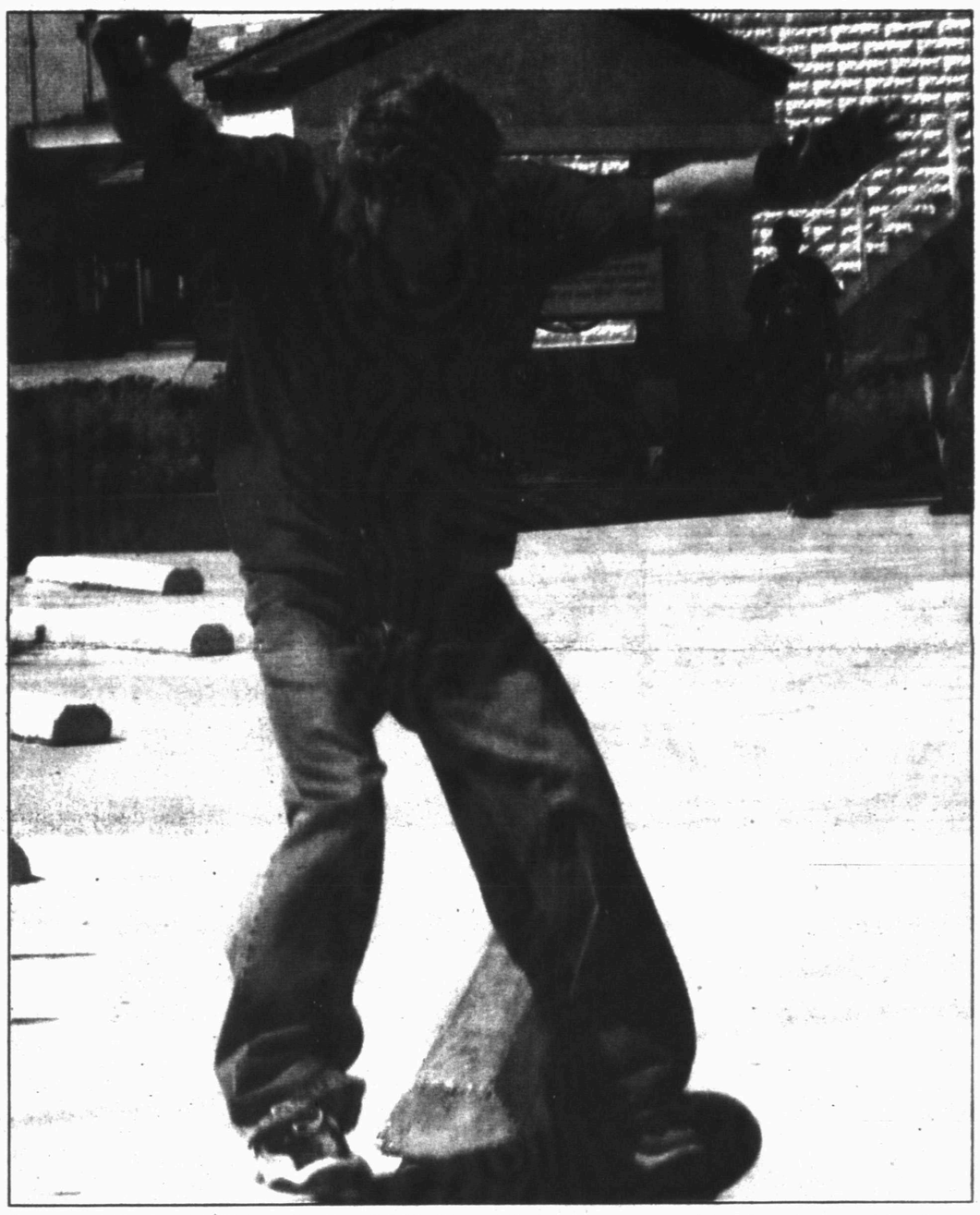
Dropout rates were down slightly and 80 percent of Texas' 4.1 million public school students passed all the state's standardized tests.

In 2001, 1,567 of the state's 7,400 campuses earned the highest mark, exemplary. The rating was given to 178 districts in 2001.

The second-highest rating was given to 463 districts and 2,326 campuses last year, when acceptable ratings were issued to 2,476 schools and 398 districts.

Overall, the number of low performing campuses fell from 146 in 2000 to 95 last year.

Critics, particularly minority groups, question whether the standardized tests really measure what children are or should be learning and call for the use of more than one tool.



SKATE PARKING LOT — Sterling Millhollon, 16, jumps over parking barriers on his skateboard in the First Baptist Church parking lot. Millhollon and his friends seek out unobstructed lots in town to practice their freestyle form. (SDN Staff Photo by Bobby Allen)

Shoppers to save tax money going back to school

Scurry County residents get a break on school clothes, shoes and related back-to-school items for the next three days as the fourth-annual Texas sales tax holiday gets underway Friday morning. The tax relief will continue through midnight Sunday.

Many Snyder retailers plan to have extra staffing and stock on hand in anticipation of a sales rush over the three day period.

The 8.25 percent sales tax exemption applies to most all items of clothing priced under $100. Certain items such as backpacks, purses, leather goods and athletic wear such as baseball spikes and football pants are not exempt. Shirts, pants, shoes and underwear are all exempt, as are baseball and football jerseys, caps and gym clothes.

Kathleen Huddleston, manager of Bealls, said the store has been preparing its stock for the last month-and-a-half. "We have a full stock," she said. "Everything our customers need they will find here."

She said the store would be open extended hours for the holiday, and extra employees would be scheduled to work over the weekend. "We will definitely be wall-to-wall (with employees)."

Wal-Mart manager R.J. Youngclaus said his store also has been preparing for the holiday for the past month. "We will have extra staffing in place to meet customer needs," he said. He added that Wal-Mart will operate under regular hours throughout the weekend.

Hackfeld's will have extra employees on hand for the weekend, said Jackie Hackfeld. She said she anticipates good sales on back-to-school clothes.

Youngclaus also expected a high volume of sales, and said the store "is in good shape" with its inventory.

Huddleston expects a large crowd over the weekend, and said the store installed a new cash register system to speed up transactions.

"Last year was wonderful and I expect this year to be even better," she said.

Partial list of exempt and non exempt items

TAX-FREE ITEMS	TAXED ITEMS
Baby clothes	Wallets
Backpacks	Barrettes
Bathing suits	Baseball shoes
Belts with attached buckles	Belt buckles
Caps and hats	Football pants
Hiking and cowboy boots	Golf gloves
Coats	Handbags and purses
Diapers	Handkerchiefs
Dresses	Helmets
Gloves	Jewelry
Gym uniforms	Leather goods
Sweatshirts	Protective sports pads
Jackets	Watches
Jeans	Rented clothing
Pants	Roller blades
Pajamas	Safety clothing
Shirts	Safety glasses
Raincoats	Sports shoes
Shoes	Watches

Bush lines up with Israel on college attack

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush mourned the deaths of five Americans in a Jerusalem bombing as he met today with King Abdullah of Jordan on how to move the Mideast peace process forward. "I am just as angry as Israel is. I am furious," he said.

"But even though I am mad, I still think peace is possible," the president said at a picture-taking session with the king at the start of a meeting in the Oval Office.

Bush said he was seeking the cooperation of Arab governments in tracking down the perpetrators of the bombing at Hebrew University in which five Americans were killed.

At the same time, the president reaffirmed that bolstering security is his highest priority.

Abdullah, for his part, stressed a need to move ahead in peacemaking. "You have really given us hope that once and for all we will be able to move forward as Arabs and Israelis to be able to live in peace and harmony and have a tremendous future."

ASK US

Q—Will dancing be allowed at the David Allan Coe concert next Thursday?
A—Yes.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Wednesday, 94 degrees; low, 70; 7 a.m. Thursday, 71; trace precipitation; total for 2002, 14.31 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy; low lower 70s; SE winds 10-15 mph. Friday, partly cloudy; isolated storms; high mid 90s; SE winds 10-20 mph.

Geovanny Facio
Partly Cloudy

Sunset: 8:39 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:01 a.m.
Of 212 days in 2002, the sun has shone 205 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Work is the measure of worth.
—W.C. Handy

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Search for fake ID suspect shifts overseas

PATERSON, N.J. (AP) — The search for a man accused of providing fake identification to two of the Sept. 11 hijackers has spread to the Middle East, where authorities are watching airports in hopes that they'll intercept him.

The suspect, Mohamed El-Atriss, apparently fled the United States for Egypt just before authorities came to arrest him in a raid on his home and businesses Wednesday, investigators said.

According to the FBI, an investigation determined El-Atriss had given phony IDs to Khalid Almihdhar, who was on the airliner that crashed into the Pentagon, and Abdul Aziz Alomari, who was aboard one of the planes that hit the World Trade Center.

Under questioning, the Egyptian native had told an FBI agent that he provided a fake drivers license to one of the hijackers, FBI spokeswoman Sandra Carroll said.

Authorities in Passaic County, N.J., have charged El-Atriss with conspiracy, and manufacturing and distributing phony documents. They said the naturalized American citizen sold hundreds of fake drivers licenses, identification cards, auto titles and even license plates.

Officers who raided El-Atriss's businesses and his Union Township home were told by workers at his stores that he had gone to Egypt. Passaic County Sheriff Jerry Speziale said El-Atriss fled the country and is considered a fugitive.

Investigators were unsure whether the flight he took left on Tuesday or Wednesday. Authorities last saw El-Atriss in New Jersey on Monday, investigators said.

El-Atriss had not been under round-the-clock surveillance, sheriff's Lt. Robert Weston said.

Speziale said Interpol, the global law enforcement agency, was notified that El-Atriss is wanted in New Jersey. His name has been added to a list circulated to airport security officials, Speziale said.

Five minutes before his Paterson business, All Services Plus, was raided, El-Atriss called the office and said he would be back in New Jersey in a day or two, Weston said.

Three employees at his stores — Clara Ortubia, 28, Yanelis Fabian, 32, and Valeria Pollero, 30 — were arrested during the raids and charged with manufacturing and distributing fraudulent documents and conspiracy.

In the Paterson office, investigators found rolls of plastic laminating sheets and backings used to make driver's licenses for several states. A sign outside the building identified it as a provider of international driver's licenses and ID cards, notary public, fax and passport services and a money transfer station.

Authorities said investigators have gathered 75 fake IDs that El-Atriss generated and sold for as much as $800 each, and they believe he made many more.

The investigation began after police in northern New Jersey started finding similar fake IDs, Speziale said. Authorities were tipped to El-Atriss by a St. Paul, Minn., company after he contacted it about paying cash for a high-speed copier capable of embossing seals.

El-Atriss never bought the copier but contacted a Paterson company, Symbology, about a similar purchase, Speziale said. When El-Atriss offered to pay cash for the machine, the company became suspicious and called the FBI, the sheriff said.

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RESULTS

Lotto Texas

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

3-6-12-23-31-34

Estimated Lotto Texas jackpot: $6 million

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Wednesday by the Texas Lottery are:

3-5-20-26-32.

Pick 3

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

8-5-0

'Johns Hopkins' gives two children overdoses of chemo

BALTIMORE (AP) — Chemotherapy overdoses were given to two children being treated at Johns Hopkins Children's Center, including a critically ill 21/2-year-old boy whose overdose may have caused him to go deaf, health officials said.

The boy who lost his hearing received twice the correct dose of the cancer chemotherapy drug carboplatin on three successive days two months ago, the state health department said.

Another child, identified as a young girl, also was given an overdose accidentally, but the dose was corrected after one treatment and no harm was done, the agency said.

Carol Benner, director of the state's Office of Health Care Quality, said hearing loss is a known risk of the medication, so it was not certain whether the boy's deafness was a result of receiving too much. But the overdose significantly increased the risk, she said.

"It's clear their systems broke down," Benner said.

Hospital spokesman Gary Stephenson issued a statement Wednesday acknowledging the error.

"Hopkins deeply regrets the accidental dosing error with an anti-cancer drug being used to prepare a critically ill ... child for a bone marrow transplant," the statement said.

He said the hospital had "multiple systems in place" to make sure doses are correct. The hospital discovered the overdose during a routine check, he said.

The discovery prompted hospital officials to review dosages for five other patients, and that review turned up the second overdose.

The boy who was deafened suffered from neuroblastoma, the third-most common cancer in children and one that typically attacks the adrenal glands or nerves in the back of the abdomen.

Benner, the state official, said the child may be regaining some hearing, but it remains unclear how much.

She said the overdose was a physician error, but wouldn't identify the patients or the staff responsible. She said the boy eventually did receive the bone marrow transplant and seems to be recovering.

The health department began an investigation last month after receiving an inquiry from The (Baltimore) Sun, the newspaper reported today. Hopkins did not initially report the error to the agency, but hospitals are not required by law to report injuries that arise from non-experimental treatments.

The overdoses happened a year after Ellen Roche, a healthy 23-year-old lab worker, died after inhaling a chemical in an asthma experiment. The federal government suspended more than 2,000 trials at Hopkins.

TEXAS TAX-FREE SHOPPING STARTS FRIDAY AT 8 AM

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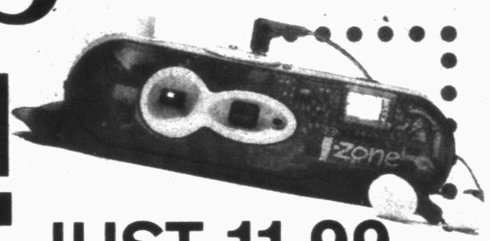
Back-to-School SALE



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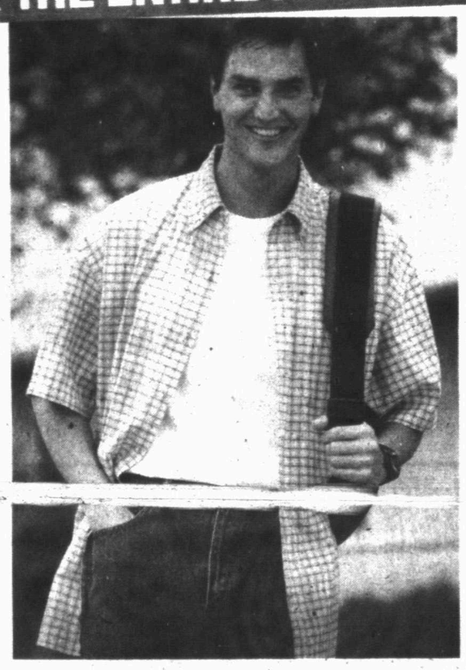

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Date Book

Thursday, Aug. 1, 2002

Today is the 213th day of 2002 and the 42nd day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1861, James Van Houten of Savannah, Ga., received the first patent granted by the Confederate States of America. The patent was for a breech-loading gun.

On this day in 1921, the Norden bombsight was successfully tested at high altitudes at a military base near Yorktown, Va.

On this day in 1986, actress Tatum O'Neal and tennis player John McEnroe were married in Oyster Bay, N.Y.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: William Clark (1770-1838), U.S. explorer; Francis Scott Key (1779-1843), poet; Richard Henry Dana (1815-1882), writer; Herman Melville (1819-1891), writer; Jerry Garcia (1942-1995), musician; Gregg Jefferies (1967-), baseball player; is 35.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1978, the pitching of Atlanta's Larry McWilliams and Gene Garber broke Pete Rose's 44-game hitting streak.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "We cannot live only for ourselves. A thousand fibers connect us with our fellow men." — Herman Melville

TODAY'S MOON: Last quarter (Aug. 1).

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GENEALOGY SOCIETY OFFICERS — Officers elected at the Genealogy Society's Tuesday meeting at the Scurry County Library include (from left), seated, Joanne Sterling, president; Dorothy Campbell, first vice president; standing, Jo Flynn, second vice president; Frances Gruben, corresponding secretary; Ruby Gregory, treasurer; and not pictured, Frances Pitner. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Helpful hints for setting up home away from home

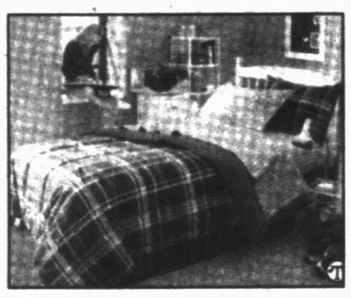
Shopping in a superstore that specializes in dorm room decorating is one way to stretch your budget.

Transforming the cramped confines of dorm rooms into comfortable, livable spaces can be as easy as A-B-C with some tips from the experts.

According to the dorm-decorating experts at Linens 'n Things, the key is to be creative, selective and organized:

Accent Your Lifestyle: Accentuate your dorm with color, texture and things that reflect your personality and sense of style. Start with bedding. Since college students tend to dress their beds like their bodies, it's no surprise that gender-neutral patterns such as traditional yarn-dyed plaids and denim continue to be popular. New for 2002 are prints with a strong pop influence from the 70s, such as florals in bright orange and pink, graffiti patterns in black, white and red, and updated camouflage patterns in olive and black.

Budget Realistically: Knowing your limits helps you prioritize practical necessities and decorative accessories. Your ability to splurge may be enhanced by shopping at a



superstore that specializes in dorm room decorating and features guaranteed low prices every day. Do some product research before you buy-check out catalogs, magazines and this newspaper-for expert ideas on what you need and fun ideas on what you'd like for your room. For the cost-conscious, Bed-in-a-Bag ensembles are a great way to add lots of style at a reasonable price. Check with your school to see if dorm beds are standard twin or extra-long and purchase sheets accordingly.

Create Space: Organization professionals say when there's a place for everything and everything is in its place, there's more time for creativity and relaxation-and what student wouldn't love that? Linens 'n Things has lots of ideas for maximizing dorm space. For instance, bring items that serve a dual purpose in your room. Yaffa blocks hold everything from books to clothing-but they also make a great bedside table.

Explore every option for saving space such as behind the door, on the floor, on top of a desk, under the bed, and in the closet so that every inch of space lends itself to the style and efficiency of your room.

For more information, visit www.LNT.com or call 800-LNT-8765 for the store nearest you.

Pizza spread for miles

CHIPPEWA FALLS, Wis. (AP) — Talk about pizza to go.

Pizza dough spread out over a stretch of 25 to 30 miles in the cheese state Tuesday after hot weather caused yeast to rise and pop open the back of a Tombstone delivery truck.

Chippewa County Lt. Tim Blizek said police received a call concerning a sticky substance on the road.

"No one seemed to know quite what it was," he said. "Apparently, it was quite a mess."

Louis Revoir of the Chippewa County Highway Department said the truck's driver didn't notice the problem until big pieces of dough started to fall out near Chippewa Falls.

Workers removed as much dough as they could, but some remained stuck on the asphalt.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 08-01-02
♠ J 10 4 2
♥ A J 10 6
♦ 9
♣ K 7 4 3

West
♠ K 7 5
♥ Q 9 3
♦ A K J 3
♣ A 10 5

East
♠ 9 8
♥ K 7 5 4 2
♦ 7 4
♣ J 9 8 2

South
♠ A Q 6 3
♥ 8
♦ Q 10 8 6 5 2
♣ Q 6

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Neither

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	1 NT	2 NT	Pass
3 ♦	Dbl.	3 ♠	All pass

Opening lead: ♣ A

Thursday, Aug. 1, 2002

A dramatic finish — for the spectators

By Phillip Alder

When playing in a team-of-four match, sometimes the players can sense that the last deal will decide the outcome. But they can never be sure. However, if the match is being played on Vu-Graph, the spectators can enjoy the gripping conclusion — as in the final of the New Zealand women's trials last April.

With this board to be played, Elisabeth Blackham - Vivien Cornell and Daphne Randle - Anne-Marie Russell led by two points over Christine Gibbons - Jenna Gibbons and Shirley Newton - Jenny Wilkinson.

At the first table, Newton and Wilkinson were plus 50, defeating South's two-diamond contract. Declarer could have succeeded by playing on trumps, but she won the first trick with dummy's heart ace and immediately took the spade finesse. West won with the king, returned a spade, and when in with the diamond jack, gave her partner a spade ruff.

To win, the Gibbons — mother and daughter — sitting North-South had to go plus.

In New Zealand, they enjoy using systems that stress the majors, and they like to open light. South's one spade promised at least four spades, maybe a longer minor, and 10-14 points. (With 15 points or more, she would have opened with a strong, artificial one club.) North's two no-trump was an optimistic game-try in spades.

Against three spades, West started with the club ace and another club to South's queen. Christine Gibbons exited with a diamond to West's jack, setting up a crossruff. She collected one spade, one heart, two clubs, three diamond ruffs in the dummy and two heart ruffs in hand. That was plus 140, and a win by three international match points.

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Births

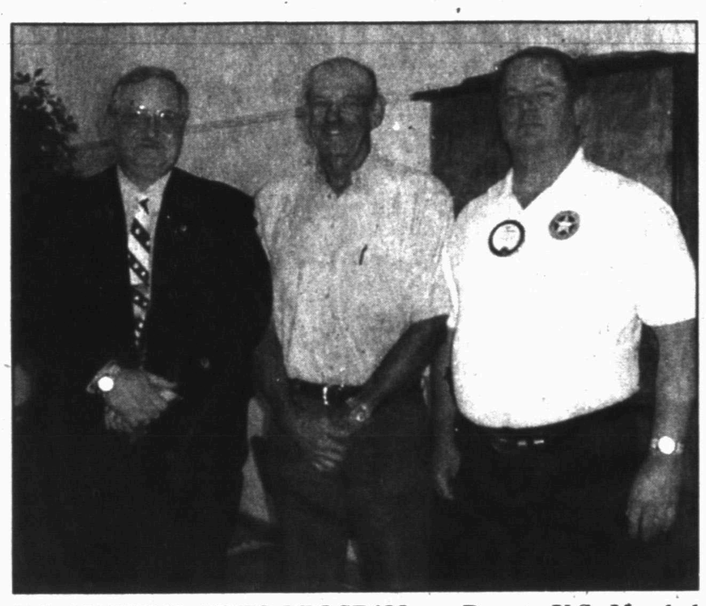
Michael and Tracie Carroll of Snyder announce the birth of their 7-pound, 7-ounce son, Michael Chase Carroll, at 7:21 p.m. on July 30 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Paternal grandparents are Dale and Susie Turnbo and Cecil Carroll, all of Snyder. Maternal grandparents are Doug and Retha Morris of Snyder.

Why shouldn't truth be stranger than fiction? Fiction, after all, has to make sense.

—Mark Twain

Congress authorized the Medal of Honor in 1862



U.S. MARSHAL GIVES PROGRAM — Deputy U.S. Marshal Ronnie O'Neal from Lubbock, left, gave the program at Snyder Lions Club Tuesday at the Martha Ann Woman's Club. He gave a rundown of his duties and displayed several legal and some illegal weapons used by criminals. He was introduced by Texas Ranger John Billings, right. Lions vice president Ted Crenwelge conducted the meeting. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

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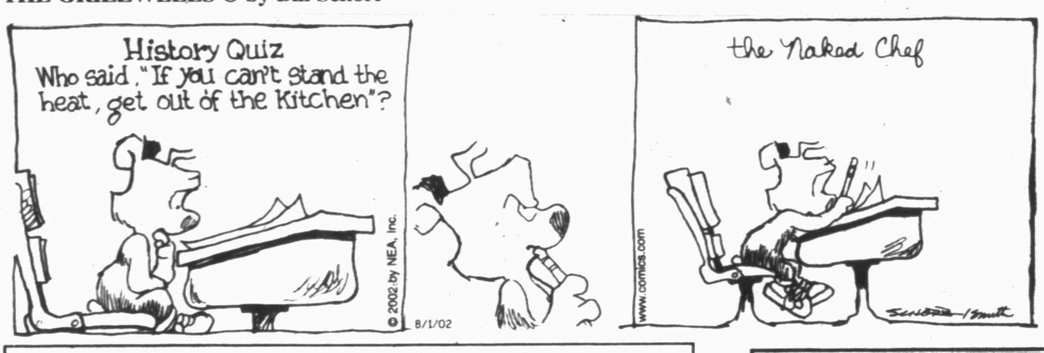

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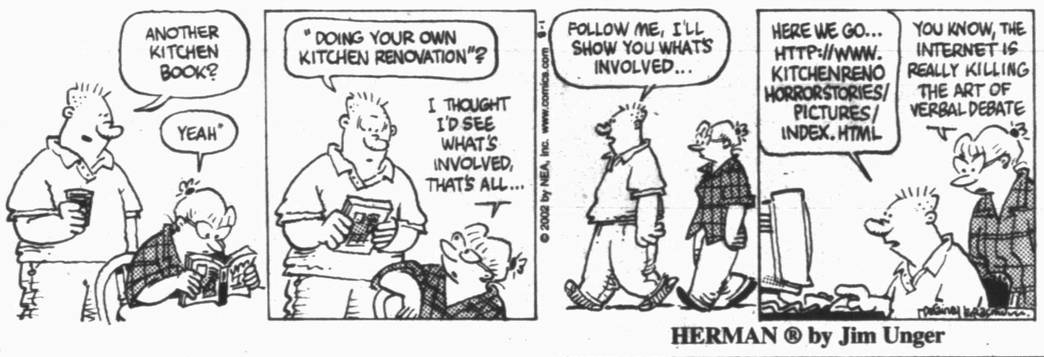

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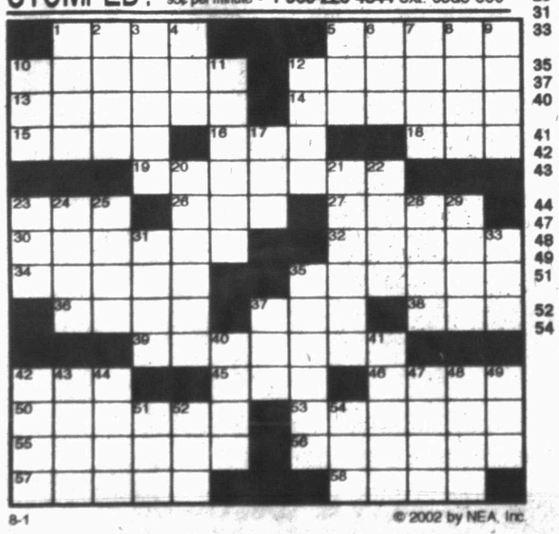

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SPORTS

Texans, Cowboys ready for Friday scrimmage

HOUSTON (AP) — The expansion Houston Texans will record another first Friday: opposition.

The Dallas Cowboys are coming to sold out Robertson Stadium on the University of Houston campus for a scrimmage with the NFL's newest team. The scrimmage will give both teams a chance to test their early training camp progress.

The Texans will play their first game Monday against the New York Giants in the Hall of Fame game in Canton, Ohio, so the Cowboys will give them a taste of where they stand.

For the Cowboys, it will be a needed chance to get extra work against another team since they will play only four preseason games.

"We really wanted to have a scrimmage," Cowboys coach Dave Campo said. "We probably would have had one against ourselves but it's better to do it the other way.

"When you're playing against yourself, you have the chance of both getting hurt at the same time."

Texans coach Dom Capers hasn't outlined playing time for his players but he expects to get a good, and maybe brief, look at No. 1 draft pick David Carr. Carr likely will be the starting quarterback when the two teams meet in the regular season opener Sept. 8.

"We don't know yet, how that's going to work out with playing time in the scrimmage," Capers said.

Don't expect to see too much of return specialist Jermaine Lewis running back kicks.

"We already know what he can do on kick returns, no need to waste time on that now," Capers said.

The Texans, who play a 3-4 defensive alignment, will get a chance to practice against a 4-3 defense, the same type the Giants use.

"We've got to give our offense a look at the 4-3," Capers said. "We've got to do some trading off with our defense. We've haven't done game planning for New York, but we need to see some of the 4-3."

Campo said the scrimmage would consist of 10-play drives. When a team gets to the 20 and still has downs left, the drive can be extended. Teams can kick a field goal or go for a touchdown.

"We will get as many plays as we can get and get a good evaluation of the whole 90-player roster we have," Campo said.

The Texans will take a close look at their offensive line, which is waiting for left tackle Tony Boselli to recover from shoulder surgery and anchor Carr's protection.

"I like our ability in the offensive line," Capers said. "The biggest thing is to have experienced leadership. When you get into a game, the more young guys you have, the tougher it is when something goes wrong.

"We've got to get them working so they don't go out and break down."

National Football League

National Football League
Preseason At A Glance
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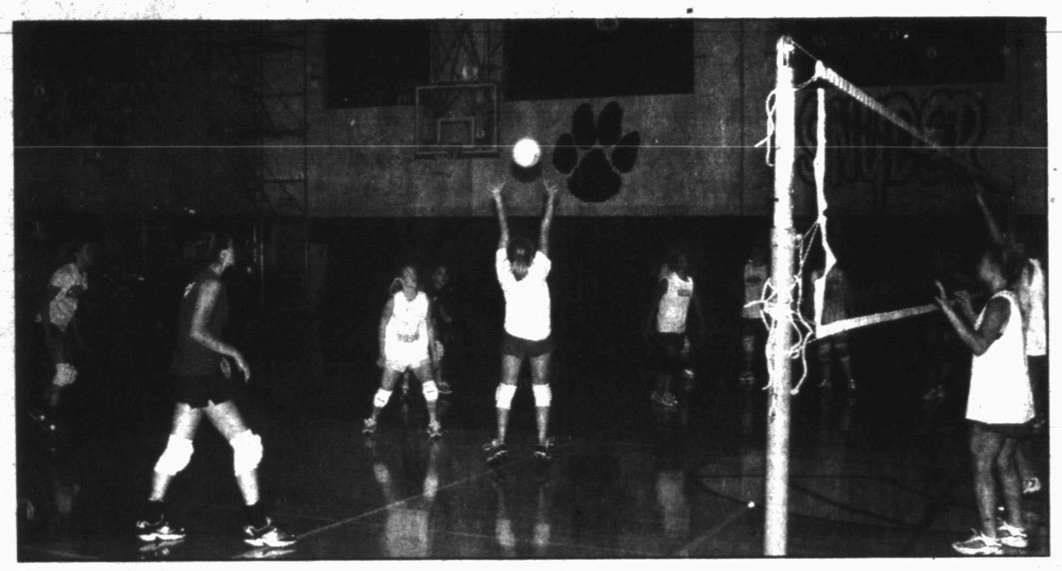
Saturday's Game
San Francisco vs. Washington at Osaka, Japan, 10 p.m.

Monday's Game
Houston vs. New York Giants at Canton, Ohio, 8 p.m.

Thursday's Game
New York Jets at Pittsburgh, 8 p.m.

Friday's Games
Cincinnati at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.
Jacksonville at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Detroit at Baltimore, 8 p.m.
Oakland at Dallas, 9 p.m.



HERE'S THE SET — Local players work out this week at Snyder Volleyball Camp being held at the SHS gym. The camp, hosted by Veribest High School head coach Lea Ann Roberts, continues through Friday. The Lady Tigers begin two-a-days at 8 a.m. Monday. (SDN Staff Photo)

Rangers embarrass Yanks, 17-6

ARLINGTON (AP) — Mike Mussina can take some solace from his worst outing of the season. The last pitcher to get roughed up as he did wound up in the Hall of Fame.

Mussina allowed six doubles in the second inning of the New York Yankees' 17-6 loss to the Texas Rangers on Wednesday night. Lefty Grove is the only other pitcher to do that, and it happened in 1934.

"I don't really know why," said Mussina, who gave up seven runs on 11 hits in just three innings, sending his ERA from 4.47 to 4.83. "They were hitting pitches that were down, away, off-speed. You'd think they'd hit one at somebody instead of in the gap."

Alex Rodriguez interrupted the doubles parade with his major league-leading 36th home run. The seven extra-base hits in the inning tied a modern record last done by the Yankees in 1951.

The Rangers went on to accumulate their most runs and hits (21) of the season. Eight starters had at least two hits and an RBI; the only one who didn't, Carl Everett, made two nice plays in the field.

"We were like Mike Tyson hitting an opponent," said Rafael Palmeiro, emphasizing his words with an uppercut. "Some nights you're going to get clobbered and some nights you do the clobbering. Tonight was one of those where everything went well."

Rookie Kevin Mench had four hits and Mike Lamb homered and scored four times. Ivan Rodriguez, who hit a three-run homer, A-Rod and Frank Catalonotto each had three hits.

The three homers gave Texas 52 in July, the most in the majors and three shy of the club record for any month. They're second to the Yankees in homers this season.

"They'll let you know when your stuff isn't right," New York manager Joe Torre said.

This was the second time this season Mussina has allowed seven runs and the fourth time he's given up at least six.

"If I knew the explanation, I'd stop it," said Mussina, who had gone at least five innings in all 21 previous starts this season. "It's the exact opposite of the way I pitched last year. It's been a challenge for me all year.

"I'm not hurt. I don't think it's anything physical. We'll sit down and figure it out."

Mets blank Astros, 10-0

NEW YORK (AP) — Jeromy Burnitz knows he needs to contribute if the New York Mets are going to succeed down the stretch.

The slumping Burnitz did just that Wednesday night, hitting a three-run homer in a seven-run first inning that helped Shawn Estes end a seven-start winless streak and give the Mets a 10-0 victory over the Houston Astros.

"Hopefully, this is a stepping stone and I will continue to have good at-bats," said Burnitz, who entered the game in a 2-for-35 slide that dropped his average to .203. "This team needs me to get to where we want to go."

Hours after bolstering their pitching staff with two deals at the trade deadline, the Mets broke through for their biggest first inning since also scoring seven June 8, 1995, against San Francisco.

Mo Vaughn and Rey Ordonez had RBI doubles, Edgardo Alfonzo hit a run-scoring single and Roberto Alomar's RBI triple with two outs capped the outburst and ended the shortest start of Dave Mlicki's career.

Every Mets position player either scored or drove in a run in the inning, which came one night after a 16-3 loss to Houston.

It was the biggest opening inning against the Astros since they gave up 14 runs in an 18-2 loss at Cincinnati on Aug. 3, 1989.

Ordonez added a three-run double in the second inning, matching his career high with four RBIs.

That was more than enough for Estes (4-8), who hadn't won since beating Roger Clemens and the Yankees on June 15. Estes' struggles contributed to the Mets' deadline deals, but he has pitched well of late with a 1.35 ERA in his last three starts.

"I've been waiting for a nice roll all year," Estes said. "I'm in that right now."

Sports Briefs

Snyder football program

Anyone wishing to place an ad in the Snyder Tiger football program should contact Christy Smith at 573-6301.

Ad prices are $75 for 1/2 page, $60 for 1/4 page and $40 for 1/8 page. Proceeds benefit the student council.

Football booster club

Snyder Tiger Football Club meets at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the SHS athletic film room. The public is encouraged to attend.

Hermleigh physicals

Incoming sixth, ninth and 11th grade Hermleigh football players need to receive a physical before workouts begin Monday. Forms must be picked up in the school office and appointments can be made with the following doctors: Raykov, Burleson, Cooper, Thompson, Wolboldt and NP Beth Ashley.

Softball tournament

The USSSA Men's Class E State Softball Tournament is set for Aug. 9-11 at Winston Field. Cost is $175 per team and deadline to enter is next Thursday.

To enter, call Chris Maxfield at 573-6862 (day) or 573-4332 (evening).

Blowout partnership tournament

The 14th annual Blowout Partnership is set for Aug. 17-18 at the country club. Entry fee is $300 per team and deadline to register is Aug. 10.

Format is scramble the first day and lowball for the final round. Teams will be pre-flighted by certified combined handicaps. Each flight will receive cash prizes.

Cargile golf tournament

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

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

Friday swingers

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

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

WGA weekly play day

The SCGA Women's Golf Association holds a weekly play day each Tuesday at 9 a.m. Format is fairway everywhere on the front nine. Also, a luncheon and business meeting will be held following play.

Sunday couples tournament

A couples golf tournament will be held the first Sunday of the month at 1:30 at the country club golf course.

Mets, Rockies make deal

NEW YORK (AP) — The New York Mets bolstered their pitching staff, acquiring starter John Thomson from Colorado and reliever Steve Reed from San Diego.

The Mets got Thomson and outfielder Mark Little from the Rockies for outfielder Jay Payton, right-hander Mark Corey and minor league outfielder Robert Stratton.

Earlier, the Mets acquired Reed and righty Jason Middlebrook from San Diego for lefty Bobby M. Jones, right-hander Josh Reynolds and outfielder Jay Bay.

Rangers send Kapler to Colorado

PITTSBURGH (AP) — With both teams already out of their division races, Colorado sent Todd Hollandsworth — whose contract is up after this season — and left-hander Dennys Reyes to Texas for Gabe Kapler and infield-outfield prospect Jason Romano.

Red Sox, White Sox swap players

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — The Boston Red Sox acquired right-handed reliever Bob Howry from the Chicago White Sox for minor league pitchers Franklin Francisco and Byeong Hak An from Class-A Sarasota.

Major League Baseball

National League
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East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	69	38	.645	—
New York	55	51	.519	13½
Montreal	53	54	.495	16
Florida	52	55	.486	17
Philadelphia	50	56	.472	18½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	59	45	.567	—
Cincinnati	55	51	.519	5
Houston	54	52	.509	6
Pittsburgh	49	58	.458	11½
Chicago	44	61	.419	15½
Milwaukee	38	69	.355	22½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	65	42	.607	—
Los Angeles	60	47	.561	5
San Francisco	59	48	.551	6
Colorado	48	59	.449	17
San Diego	45	62	.421	20

Wednesday's Games
San Diego 8, Chicago Cubs 6, 11 innings
Atlanta 9, Milwaukee 1
Pittsburgh 7, Colorado 6
Arizona 5, Montreal 1
Florida 8, St. Louis 5
Philadelphia 8, San Francisco 6
N.Y. Mets 10, Houston 0
Los Angeles 11, Cincinnati 5

Thursday's Games
Los Angeles (Qd.Perez 10-7) at Cincinnati (Dessens 7-5), 12:35 p.m.
San Diego (Perry 2-4) at Chicago Cubs (Fisher 6-8), 2:20 p.m.
Arizona (Schilling 18-3) at Montreal (Ohka 8-6), 7:05 p.m.
Colorado (Jennings 10-5) at Pittsburgh (Meadows 0-0), 7:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Finley 2-0) at Florida (Burnett 10-7), 7:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Ortiz 7-7) at Philadelphia (Wolf 6-7), 7:05 p.m.
Houston (Oswalt 11-6) at N.Y. Mets (Astacio 10-3), 7:10 p.m.
Milwaukee (Rusch 5-10) at Atlanta (Maddux 10-3), 7:35 p.m.

Friday's Games
Colorado (Hampton 5-13) at Chicago Cubs (Wood 9-5), 3:20 p.m.
Houston (Miller 8-3) at Montreal (Reames 0-2), 7:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (J.Wright 3-10) at Florida (Tavarez 7-8), 7:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Daal 8-5) at Philadelphia (Padilla 11-6), 7:05 p.m.
San Francisco (L.Hernandez 7-11) at Pittsburgh (J.Anderson 8-11), 7:05 p.m.
Arizona (Patterson 1-0) at N.Y. Mets (Leiter 9-8), 7:10 p.m.
St. Louis (Simontacchi 7-2) at Atlanta (Glavine 13-6), 7:35 p.m.
Cincinnati (Fernandez 1-1) at San Diego (Lawrence 9-6), 10:05 p.m.

American League
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East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	67	39	.632	—
Boston	63	43	.594	4
Baltimore	49	55	.471	17
Toronto	46	59	.438	20½
Tampa Bay	35	71	.330	32

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	65	43	.602	—
Chicago	51	57	.472	14
Cleveland	47	59	.443	17
Kansas City	44	63	.411	20½
Detroit	40	66	.377	24

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	66	42	.611	—
Anaheim	63	43	.594	2
Oakland	61	47	.565	5
Texas	45	62	.421	20½

Wednesday's Games
Oakland 6, Cleveland 4
Baltimore 12, Tampa Bay 2
Texas 17, N.Y. Yankees 6
Toronto 9, Kansas City 2
Minnesota 2, Chicago White Sox 1, 10 innings
Boston 2, Anaheim 1
Seattle 5, Detroit 2

Thursday's Games
Toronto (Halladay 12-4) at Kansas City (Ru.Hernandez 1-0), 2:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Ponson 4-5) at Tampa Bay (Sosa 1-3), 7:15 p.m.
Boston (Burkett 10-3) at Texas (Park 3-5), 8:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (D.Wright 7-8) at Minnesota (Milton 12-7), 8:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Weaver 7-9) at Anaheim (Washburn 12-3), 10:05 p.m.
Detroit (Sparks 5-10) at Oakland (Harang 3-2), 10:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Sabathia 6-9) at Seattle (Pineiro 11-4), 10:05 p.m.

Friday's Games
Baltimore (Erickson 4-10) at Toronto (Loaiza 4-6), 7:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Glover 4-5) at Tampa Bay (Sturtze 1-11), 7:15 p.m.
Boston (Lowe 14-5) at Texas (Valdes 5-7), 8:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Suppan 8-9) at Minnesota (Reed 8-5), 8:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Baez 8-7) at Seattle (Moyer 10-4), 10:05 p.m.
Detroit (Redman 6-9) at Oakland (Zito 15-3), 10:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Pettitte 5-4) at Anaheim (Appier 9-8), 10:05 p.m.

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Authorities look for motive in shooting

HOUSTON (AP) — Problems between a Houston restaurant owner and his wife of 34 years were simmering long before authorities say the husband opened fire in the Houston restaurant, killing his wife and two others.

But authorities still haven't determined what led Tu Le Ngo to shoot three people, each twice in the head at close range Tuesday. Witnesses described Ngo as a friendly, passive 59-year-old man and former teacher.

Ngo has been charged with capital murder and remained in the Harris County Jail Wednesday night without bail. Police say he has declined to give an official statement.

Police have identified the victims as Kimtuyet Thi Le, 56, the gunman's wife, and two customers: Polaris Nguyen, 44, and Nuoi Vinh, 50, a well-known area businessman and father of five.

Some said the couple had a troubled relationship, marked by previous separations, and rife with conflict that often surfaced in front of customers.

After the shooting, Ngo telephoned his daughter, the couple's only child, in a panic, the Houston Chronicle reported today.

"He said, 'Come over to the restaurant, because I killed your mom.' He said, 'I'm so sorry,' " recalled 30-year-old Jenny Ngo on Wednesday, as she stood in the business her parents operated for the last four or five years.

She rushed to the restaurant to see her mother's body, but her father threatened to kill himself if she went inside, said Houston Police Department Sgt. Hub Mayer.

Ngo surrendered peacefully, placing the gun on the ground when police arrived. Witnesses said he then held his arms out, and told officers, "Cuff me."

Police say it's clear that anger pushed Ngo to such limits.

The restaurant owner and his wife, who adopted their only child as an infant, came from Vietnam, first settling in California, then moving to Houston.

County records showed Le filed for divorce from Ngo in January 1999, but the case was dismissed in September 1999 after her attorney removed himself from the case. Records stated the couple married April 22, 1968, in Houston, but stopped living together on June 12, 1997, because of "discord or conflict of personality" that "prevents any reasonable expectation of reconciliation."

New trial request opposed

HOUSTON (AP) — Federal prosecutors who won an obstruction of justice conviction against Arthur Andersen LLP say the firm is guilty regardless of how jurors reached their decision in mid-June.

The prosecution team on Wednesday filed a request that U.S. District Judge Melinda Harmon reject arguments from Andersen's lawyers that she should toss out the jury's verdict and grant a new trial because jurors focused their decision on a doctored memo rather than widespread destruction of Enron Corp.-related documents.

That doctored memo, prosecutors responded, "was an important brick in the wall of evidence establishing Andersen's guilt" and was not tangential, as alleged by Andersen's lawyers.

"Though I have not seen the response, we always welcome the government's views," Rusty Hardin, Andersen's lead lawyer, said Wednesday.

Harmon has yet to rule on the issue.

A jury of nine men and three women convicted the Chicago-based firm on June 15, after a six-week trial that included 72 hours of deliberations spread over 10 days.

Much of the testimony from 28 witnesses focused on the shredding of documents and destruction of computer records related to audits of bankrupt Enron, which collapsed last year in a swirl of accusations of shady accounting. The Justice Department and the Securities and Exchange Commission are investigating the former energy giant's failure.

The SEC had begun probing Enron's complicated accounting practices last October when Andersen invoked a policy that called for destruction of documents unneeded to support final audit conclusions.

Prosecutors contended Andersen's top partners and in-house lawyers promoted the policy because they had reason to believe the SEC's investigation of Enron would eventually encompass the firm. Andersen contended the firm wanted to clean up files.

The SEC subpoenaed Enron documents from Andersen on Nov. 8, and the firm halted shredding the next day.

But jurors said they focused on in-house Andersen lawyer Nancy Temple's request that former top Enron auditor David Duncan remove a sentence and her name from a memo regarding Andersen's opinion of Enron's Oct. 16 third-quarter earnings press release.

Andersen disagreed with Enron calling a $618 million third-quarter loss "non-recurring" in the release when previous related transactions from which profits were recorded weren't called one-time revenues.

Temple told Duncan in an e-mail presented to the jury that her name on the memo might increase "the chances that I might be a witness, which I prefer to avoid."

Temple was one of three witnesses who invoked their Fifth Amendment rights not to testify during the trial. Neither Temple nor any other Andersen partners or employees have been charged with any crimes.

Mentally ill prisoners often go unmedicated, report says

DALLAS (AP) — Psychiatric exams on Dallas County jail inmates are often cursory and some patients are forced to go days or weeks without anti-psychotic drugs needed to control their behavior, according to a joint investigation by The Dallas Morning News and WFAA-TV.

Some exams, which can be as short as two minutes, aren't long enough to determine whether an inmate could harm himself or others, according to mental health experts.

The investigation found accounts by inmates, their families, criminal court judges and mental health advocates, as well as jail records, that indicate psychiatric patients behind bars often have medicine withheld or are left naked in cells.

"The danger in (prisoners) going unmedicated is that you never know what their behavior is going to be. They could kill you and never really be aware of it," County Criminal Court Judge Jim Pruitt said today.

The family of one inmate with bipolar disorder said the jail's psychiatric unit failed to protect the woman from swallowing her own feces and toxic amounts of ground coffee. She died in March.

Another severely depressed prisoner swallowed 133 plastic spoon handles and was kept in a chilly isolation cell for nearly a month as punishment because doctors thought he was faking mental illness despite six suicide attempts, according to the inmate's attorney.

Dr. Rita Moss, medical director for the mental health staff, defended her department, saying excellent care is provided despite "not enough doctors (and) too many people who need treatment."

Dallas County Health and Human Services director Betty Culbreath-Lister said the jail's psychiatric staff is a "dysfunctional" group that has yet to forward a single written complaint to her about any lack of care or mistreatment of prisoners.

"I've given them everything they've asked for in the way of money and resources," Culbreath-Lister said. "If they don't do their job, it's on them, not on me."

Dallas County Sheriff Jim Bowles said that he's ultimately responsible for all inmates, but he's powerless to administer medical care.

Since January, inmates have filed more than 90 grievances against the jail's psychiatric department. Most are pleas to see a psychiatrist or complaints that drug regimens were cut off or delayed for as long as three weeks.

Social worker Jolie Edery resigned from the jail in June out of frustration over the treatment of prisoners. She said bags of undelivered medicine were commonplace at nurse stations. Edery says she rarely saw doctors at the jail except during twice-weekly clinics and constantly consoled mentally ill inmates who complained about not getting medication.

Edery said problem prisoners were punished by being denied prescribed medicine or put in isolation.

"What's going on in there is simply inhumane," she said. "I found the treatment of the inmates shocking and horrifying.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Testing for kidney disease

DEAR DR. GOTT: My physician believes that the only way to check for kidney disease is a routine blood test, plus a 24-hour urine collection. I object to the inconvenience of this latter test. Is there any other option by which to gain information?

DEAR READER: Until recently, authorities recommended that patients at high risk for kidney disease — because of known renal impairment, hypertension, diabetes, age or a family history of kidney problems — be checked periodically with a 24-hour urine analysis. More than 40 million Americans have chronic renal disease or increased risk for it, so early detection is a worthwhile goal. However, as you have discovered, the 24-hour collection is a nuisance.

In the past few months, the National Kidney Foundation's new guidelines recommend more convenient, yet equally effective, methods for early detection of kidney problems. The Foundation urges routine blood pressure measurements, blood tests for diabetes and kidney function and so-called "dip stick" analysis for protein on a single urine specimen. This simplified format should come as a welcomed change for patients and practitioners alike.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Bladder and Urinary Tract Infections." Other readers who would like a copy should send a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope plus $2 to Newsletter, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092-0167. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: For almost 20 years, my husband has experienced intermittent headaches, often severe. He's been treated for sinus infection, sinus cysts and dental infections. He has seen his primary care physician and a chiropractor, without benefit. Where do we go from here?

DEAR READER: The causes of headache are legion and can be difficult to identify. For example, hypertension, stress-related muscle contractions, fever, sinus infection, tumors, brain injury and infection and hereditary factors commonly lead to headache. Similarly temporomandibular joint syndrome (a disorder of the jaw joints), dental abscesses, ill-fitting dentures and bruxism (tooth-grinding) are dental conditions often associated with headaches.

Because your husband has had sinus inflammation and cysts, as well as dental infections (which can lead to sinus infection), I believe that he needs a thorough examination by a dentist to determine if the headaches are originating from problems in and around the oral cavity. For instance, deep abscesses under the upper teeth may cause little or no pain, but can burrow into the maxillary sinuses (in the cheeks) to produce headaches. This condition (and the general health of the sinuses themselves) can be diagnosed by CT scanning and treated with antibiotics or surgery.

With all due respect to chiropractors, these practitioners are not trained in diagnosing the causes of headaches. However, if the head pain is due to muscular imbalances in the neck or upper spine, chiropractic manipulation may temporarily relieve discomfort.

Therefore, I think that your husband could find the answer to his problem in the dentist's office. Failing that, a consultation with an ear-nose-and-throat specialist is the next reasonable step. Should this, too, be a dead end, your husband should seek a referral to a neurologist who specializes in headaches. Even though your spouse has suffered headaches for two decades, help is available.

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Markets

Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP)

	High	Low	Last	Chg
AMR Corp	11.37	10.97	11.02	—.16
AOL TimeWrn	11.45	11.00	11.21	—.29
AT&T Corp	10.22	10.00	10.08	—.10
Albertsons	28.20	28.00	28.01	—.17
Allstei	40.55	39.78	40.13	—.39
AmEl Pw	33.62	32.45	32.70	—.21
AndarkPtr	43.50	43.02	43.31	—.19
ATMOS Egy	21.60	20.88	20.96	—.29
Avialll	12.98	12.60	12.65	—.43
BP PLC	45.40	44.93	45.00	—1.40
BakerHughes	27.09	26.10	26.80	+ .12
Bank of Amer	66.27	65.00	65.80	—.70
BellSouth	26.61	25.80	26.15	—.70
BurlNoSFe	29.60	29.10	29.19	—.23
Caterpillar	44.80	43.26	43.36	—1.34
ChevronTex	74.10	72.66	73.09	—1.91
Citigroup	33.40	32.19	32.25	—1.11
CocaCola	50.48	49.45	49.93	—.01
ColgatePal	52.38	51.10	51.77	+ .42
CmclMetals s	18.57	18.32	18.40	—.27
Cooper Inds	30.95	30.00	30.08	—1.06
DaimlrChry	43.15	41.90	42.05	—.71
DeltaAirl	15.88	15.32	15.55	—.03
Dillards Inc	23.62	22.52	22.96	—.54
DowChem	29.34	28.32	28.41	—.46
DuPont	42.31	41.12	41.60	—.31
EastmanChem	44.99	43.91	44.24	—.08
EstKodak	31.50	30.82	31.46	+ .68
EDS Corp	36.80	35.04	35.71	—1.06
Entergy	41.29	40.25	40.56	+ .03
ExxonMobil	35.79	34.96	35.02	—1.74
FootLocker	11.11	9.89	9.91	—1.19
GenDynam	81.65	80.39	81.13	+ .21
GenElec	32.29	31.50	31.81	—.39
GenMills	41.85	41.15	41.16	—.29
GenMotors	46.41	45.03	45.35	—1.20
GaPacific	22.15	21.20	21.65	—.25
Goodrich	22.88	22.20	22.57	+ .26
Goodyear	17.50	17.02	17.29	—.15
GtAtlPac	13.15	12.11	12.15	—.14
Halliburtn	13.25	12.70	12.90	—.30
Hanson ADS	30.25	29.73	29.73	—1.57
HarteHanks s	19.61	18.98	19.03	—.34
HomeDepot	30.80	29.82	29.99	—.89
HoneywellIntl	32.84	31.81	31.92	—.44
IBM	70.69	69.29	69.60	—.80
IntlPaper	40.06	39.00	39.20	—.62
JohnsonJn	53.01	51.75	51.99	—1.01
vjK mart	.70	.67	.70	—.02
KinderMorg	41.65	40.90	40.90	—.71
Kroger Co	19.39	19.09	19.29	—.19
LockheedM	64.44	63.35	64.31	+ .20
Lowes Cos	37.60	36.15	36.31	—1.54
Lubys	5.70	5.60	5.60	—.10
LucentTech	1.75	1.67	1.68	—.07
MarathonOil	24.11	23.70	23.73	—.51
MayDept Str	30.53	29.37	29.61	—1.11
Medtronic	40.31	38.77	38.87	—1.53
Motorola	11.94	11.52	11.60	
NCR Corp	26.35	25.50	25.81	—.50
Navistar	26.60	25.36	25.59	—.20
PNM Rescs	20.60	19.98	20.03	+ .08
Penney JC	17.60	16.50	16.50	—1.10
PepBoys	13.55	12.90	12.96	—.58
PepsiCo	43.28	42.61	42.97	+ .03
Pharmacia	44.85	44.08	44.22	—.52
PhelpDodge	34.00	32.90	33.34	—.84
PhilipPet	51.30	50.52	50.70	—1.05
PilgrmPrd B	10.25	10.10	10.22	+ .12
Praxair	52.91	51.92	52.36	+ .06
ProctGamb	89.80	88.35	88.70	—.29
RadioShack	25.75	24.94	25.07	—.53
ReliantEngy	10.40	9.75	10.05	—.01
RoyalDut	43.95	43.24	43.25	—2.45
SBC Comm	27.57	26.80	26.97	—.69
SaraLee	18.87	18.50	18.51	—.23
Scripps EW	76.00	75.26	75.31	—.89
SearsRoeb	46.50	44.90	45.17	—2.00
SherwinW	29.30	28.30	28.46	—.27
SouthernCo	28.45	27.63	27.64	—.79
SwstAirl	13.80	13.35	13.52	—.29
SprintFON	9.54	9.15	9.36	+ .01
SprintPCS	4.10	3.76	3.97	—.13
Sunoco Inc	35.40	34.80	35.00	—.54
TXU Corp	43.87	42.55	42.85	—.28
TempleInland	54.40	52.86	53.17	—.53
TexInd	28.16	27.74	27.77	+ .18
TexasInst	23.20	21.84	21.89	—1.26
Textron	39.40	38.80	39.05	—.35
TrinityInds	18.25	17.75	17.96	—.17
TylerTech	4.90	4.72	4.72	—.20
UnionPacif	58.72	58.10	58.29	—.38
USSteel	16.85	16.60	16.79	+ .14
UnitedTech	69.25	68.20	68.69	—.81
Unocal	32.42	31.80	31.81	—.85
VerizonComm	33.19	31.25	32.11	—.89
WalMart	49.17	48.00	48.18	—1.00
WellsFargo	50.70	49.61	49.90	—.96
WstnGasRs	31.30	30.65	31.00	—.27
WinnDixie	15.47	15.12	15.18	—.57
Xerox Cp	7.08	6.67	6.73	—.22
YumBrands s	30.30	28.82	28.91	—1.99

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Pet health insurance becoming popular

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Zachary has endured chemotherapy, five hip and knee operations and gall bladder surgery.

He takes a daily diet of prescription drugs to combat nausea and other maladies and gets intravenous fluids at night because of kidney failure.

"He's going strong. Last July, you would have never thought he'd make it a couple more weeks," said Donna Raichle, 54, who spends about $400 a month on Zachary's care.

Zachary, by the way, is a 12-pound Yorkshire terrier.

His lengthy medical file may be one clue that the era of pet health insurance has arrived.

With advancements in veterinary care, more pets like Zachary can get high-tech — and costly — treatments ranging from chemotherapy to behavioral therapy.

And more owners like Raichle are seeking out the insurance that pays for it.

"Americans are in love with their pets, and ... they're spending more on them," said Jack Stephens, 55, a veterinarian who founded the Veterinary Pet Insurance Co. in Brea, Calif., in 1980.

After losing $18 million over 20 years, VPI turned its first profit last year, earning $1.3 million on $47 million in revenues. The company has 85 percent of the U.S. market.

"The economy helps, but what we find is it's really the bond of the pet with the owner that's driving our business," Stephens said.

He launched the company, with financial backing from 900 veterinarians, after watching people put their pets down for mostly financial reasons. Stephens knew how to cure the animals, but the average person's limit for pet care was about $250.

Today, the threshold is $900 and climbing, according to industry studies. Americans spend about $11.1 billion on veterinary medicine each year, according to the American Veterinary Medical Association.

Some people will pay more than others.

One physician couple, whose German pointer was mauled by other dogs, ran up a $40,000 bill at the University of Pennsylvania's veterinary hospital. After several surgeries, skin grafts and a weeks-long stay, the purebred hunting dog is back in action.

Cable TV shows about animals and veterinary care are making people more aware of the treatments available, according to Dr. Ken Drobatz, who directs Penn's emergency veterinary service.

But only a small fraction of his customers — and fewer than 1 percent of the nearly 60 million households with pets nationwide — have pet insurance.

"We definitely get clients asking about it all the time. A lot of time they're asking after the fact," Drobatz said.

Most insurance companies that have entered the business over the years have failed, but that may be changing.

VPI expects to take in $72 million this year. Its policies range in price from $193 per year for standard coverage for a kitten to a $521 premium policy for a 10-year-old dog.

Raichle had pet insurance years ago for one of her first Yorkies, but felt it didn't pay most claims and dropped it.

Linda Marcus, who has also had several Yorkies, won't be without it. VPI paid about half of the $3,500 to $5,000 in veterinary bills for her beloved Bandit in the six months before he died at age 15.

"This dog brought us so much pleasure that I would have done anything that money could have done to try to keep this dog alive," said Marcus, 59, who sells real estate on Chicago's Gold Coast.

Two Parrish murals stolen

WEST HOLLYWOOD, Calif. (AP) — Two murals by renowned American painter Maxfield Parrish, valued at $2 million each, were stolen from a gallery, authorities said.

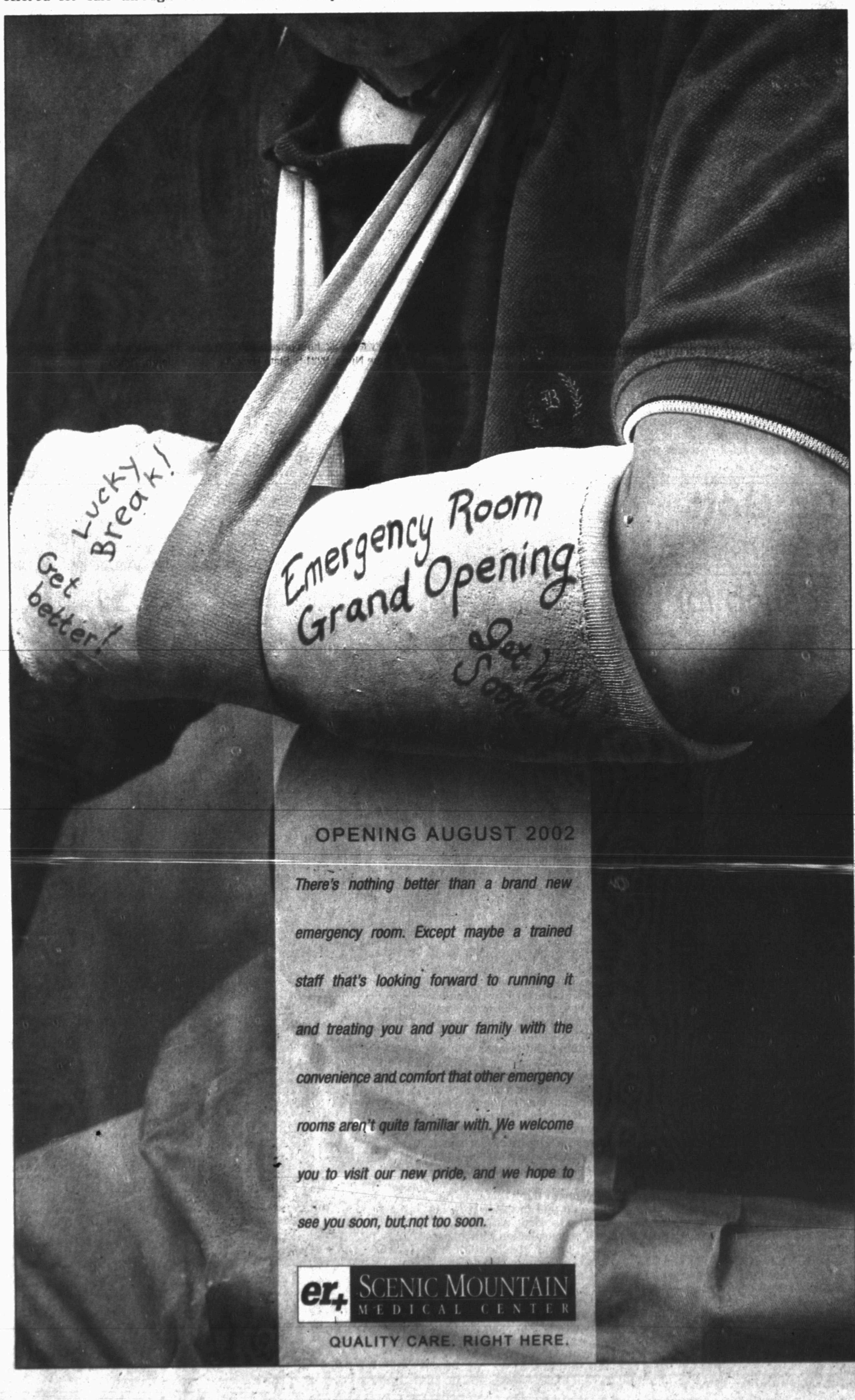
The paintings, measuring 5 feet by 6 feet, were believed taken from the Edenhurst Fine Art Gallery in West Hollywood sometime Monday, Los Angeles County sheriff's Sgt. Neill Murchison said Wednesday. He declined to disclose other details.

The oil paintings were being offered for sale through the gallery and were part of a collection of six. They are known as the Gertrude Vanderbilt Whitney murals, named for their former owner.

Dubbed panel 3A and 3B, they depict two couples and an urn set against the backdrop of the Colorado mountains.

"They're nearly national treasures," said Houston-based art collector J.P. Bryan, who was selling them.

Gallery attorney Tom Nunziato said sheriff's investigators told him the theft had to have been the work of professionals.



Louisiana confirms death from virus

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — The mosquito-borne West Nile virus has claimed its first confirmed U.S. victim this year, a woman in her 70s who died in Baton Rouge, a state health department spokesman said.

The woman, who was not identified, died Monday. She was one of 32 people in Louisiana known to have West Nile, health department spokesman Bob Johannessen said Wednesday.

The department also is working to determine whether West Nile is the cause of two other Louisiana deaths, he said.

Before the woman's death, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention had confirmed 185 cases, including 18 deaths, since the first Americans were diagnosed in 1999. The virus was first detected in New York City and has been found in 34 states and the District of Columbia.

West Nile can cause a potentially fatal brain inflammation. It has struck other countries for decades, from the tip of Africa up to Europe and throughout Asia.

The virus infects numerous types of wild birds, from house sparrows to crows. Mosquitoes spread it among birds, and then to people. A spate of dead birds can be an early warning signal that the virus is circulating in a certain spot.

Crew member defends commuter train's stops

BOSTON (AP) — An assistant conductor on the train that continued to make regular stops after a man suffered a massive heart attack on board said it would have been dangerous to rush through stations without stopping.

Susan Bergeron said she performed mouth-to-mouth resuscitation on 61-year-old James Allen while he remained on board the commuter train.

"The No. 1 priority in everybody's mind is to save that man and help him," Bergeron said. "Everybody did their part, what they did best, to try to help that man."

Allen had to wait about 20 minutes for medical attention while the train made its stops. He died Tuesday in the emergency room at Boston Medical Center, where he was taken when the train stopped in Boston, said Brian Pedro, spokesman for the Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority.

Pedro on Wednesday said MBTA police were reviewing the emergency procedures of Amtrak, which provides crew for the commuter rail line, to see if there was negligence. Amtrak placed the train's conductor on administrative leave.

Allen, a coastal erosion specialist for the U.S. Geological Survey, was stricken as the Framingham-to-Boston train arrived at its Auburndale stop. Although the crew was told of the emergency, passengers said the train continued on, stopping at West Newton and Newtonville before arriving at Boston's Back Bay station.

Paramedics had been dispatched to that station.

MBTA general manager Michael Mulhern said the crew's response made little sense.

"This is truly a case where questions need to be answered," he said. adding that the "serious lapses in judgment" would be investigated, along with Amtrak's operating procedures.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Memorial Day remembrance stirs feelings of gratitude

DEAR ABBY: The Friday morning before Memorial Day, I read the letter in your column from Carmella La Spada from the White House Commission on the National Moment of Remembrance. On Memorial Day, I was invited to a barbecue at the home of friends, so I decided to create our own moment of silence.

The gathering included myself, my teen-age son and the host family, which consisted of two more teens and several older relatives. The host had served in the Navy during the Gulf War, so the moment of remembrance held extra meaning for him.

At 3 p.m., the group gathered around the American flag in the front yard. I read Ms. La Spada's letter aloud, as it explained beautifully the reason for the moment of silence. Then my son, who plays the trumpet, played a beautiful rendition of "Taps."

The experience gave me a deep sense of gratitude for the freedoms we enjoy, made possible by all of the men and women who have served in our armed forces down through the history of this country. In that moment, I felt the connectedness of us all.

Thank you, Abby and Ms. La Spada, for helping to make the day truly meaningful. Please sign my name. I am proud to live in the land of the free. — **TERESA ST. GEORGE, WENATCHEE, WASH.**

DEAR TERESA: I'm sure Carmella La Spada will be as pleased as I am to know her letter spurred you to action. And I hope your letter reminds everyone who sees it how fortunate we are to live in this great country. The freedoms we enjoy today are the result of great personal sacrifice, and we must never forget it.

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DEAR ABBY: The letters you have printed about acts of kindness — as well as those about the insensitive treatment people with disabilities have received at some restaurants — reminded me of an experience I had.

My father had many strokes and could no longer speak. However, in spite of his disabilities, my father was excited about giving me away at my wedding.

I took him to a tuxedo shop in North Seattle for a fitting. The young man who helped us could not have been more than 19 or 20 years old. He looked my father in the eye and addressed every question to him, although my father could answer with only a nod or a shake of the head. He was courteous and respectful, and accommodated my father's need to have a tux with a loose collar because of his trach tube.

I'll always be grateful to this kind and sensitive young man. He treated my father like the gentleman he was. The memory of that incident brought me a bit of comfort when my father died a month after the wedding.

I [illegible] thanked the young man, nor did I get his name. I hope he sees this — and that other service providers will realize how much respectful treatment means to people with disabilities and their family members. — **MARY R. SWEENEY, ISSAQUAH, WASH.**

DEAR MARY: I, too, hope he sees the letter, and that others in the service professions will learn from that fine young man's example.

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Two teen girls kidnapped at gunpoint

LANCASTER, Calif. (AP) — A man kidnapped two teenage girls at gunpoint early today from a lovers' lane in a remote area, authorities said.

Tamera Brooks, 16, and Jaqueline Marris, 17, were sitting in separate cars with male friends when the gunman approached them shortly after 1 a.m., authorities said.

"It's a life-and-death situation," Los Angeles County sheriff's Capt. Tom Pigott said. "We're just trying to locate these young girls."

The gunman tied up one of the males to a post with duct tape and blindfolded him before leaving with the girls in a brown and white Ford Bronco that belonged to one of the males, authorities said.

The girls apparently did not know each other or their abductor, authorities said. Neither man was injured.

"He told me he was going to kill me but he didn't want to," the 18-year-old man who had been tied up told KNBC-TV of Los Angeles. "He just kept telling her to stay down, keep her head down, don't look at him."

Sheriff's Sgt. Joe Efflandt said the man poured gasoline over one of the vehicles, apparently trying to torch it, but was unsuccessful.

Sheriff's investigators said the man, in his mid-30s to early 40s, left behind a vehicle that was reported stolen in a Nevada carjacking. No other details were immediately available.

A command post was set up and sheriff's deputies notified the FBI and the U.S. Border Patrol about the missing girls.

Lancaster is about 60 miles northeast of Los Angeles.

Man accused of fixing Olympic skating

VENICE, Italy (AP) — The suspected Russian mobster charged with fixing figure skating at the Salt Lake Olympic Games may have contacted as many as six judges, and his alleged attempt to corrupt the games was widespread, Italian police said today.

An Italian organized-crime unit revealed details of a months-long operation today, a day after arresting suspect Alimzhan Tokhtakhounov in Venice on U.S. conspiracy charges.

Tokhtakhounov is accused of scheming to persuade a French judge to vote for the Russian pairs team and a Russian judge to vote in turn for the French ice dancing team, according to a criminal complaint filed in Manhattan federal court. Both teams won gold.

In exchange for fixing the event, the reputed mobster wanted a visa to return to France, where he once lived, U.S. prosecutors say.

Russian sports officials derided the accusations today. One called the allegations a "funny fantasy" that belonged in a Hollywood film script, not a U.S. federal court affidavit.

Tokhtakhounov is expected to plead innocent to all charges and fight extradition, said his lawyer, Luca Salvarelli, who had not yet met with his client. "According to what his relatives told me, he will deny any wrongdoing," the lawyer said. "He claims he is innocent."

Italian police said Tokhtakhounov held a phone conversation with a French man, whom police said was identified on the tape as "Chevalier."

Blood drive draws 96 units of blood

United Blood Services and Cogdell Memorial Hospital Auxiliary sponsored a blood drive July 23 and 24.

There were 96 units drawn at the Family Life Center and 31 units drawn at Cogdell Memorial Hospital. The drive was considered a success because of the participation. Members of the Boys and Girls Club set up the tables at the Family Life Center and Blue Bell provided the ice cream.

Jina Miller won the drawing for the electric ice cream freezer. Kathy Perez won the gift certificate from Tiger Fitness Center and Kathy Spoor and R.V. Prince won gift certificates from The Shack.

Delwin Bane, Nick Blythe, Connie Collier, Tillie Rios, Brenda Ingram, Robert Bailey, Greg McQuirk and Gary Wisenhunt received gift certificates from Jaramillo's.

Oscar Haney, Jana Young, Jeff Mason, Shandra Chandler, Dennis Lee Snyder, Chad Pinkerton, Terry Stephens, Gaylon Boyd and Jina Miller were awarded gift certificates from The Spanish Inn.

Lavinda Smith, Juan Rodriquez, Teresa Rakov and Oralia Rodriquez won gift certificates from Subway. Korey Burns, Kathy Spoor, James Goolsby, Matt Cross, Tina Berniard, Maggie Collier, Lonnie Fisk, James Short, Angela Gomez and Blandia Morales received gift certificates from Pizza Inn.

Jim Shearer and Marshall Burrus received gift certificates from Burger King. John Koonsman, Jonelle Kight, Kathy Keller, Deanna Holladay, Ethel Head, David Marricle, Nicole Redman, Mary Guerra, Tracey Moore, Shirley McMillan, Lakita Jones and Heather Cochran received gift certificates from Grandy's and Rip Griffin's.

The next blood drive is scheduled in eight weeks.

Three arrested in Snyder

•Arrests

Police arrested a 20-year-old male at Municipal Court just before 10 o'clock Wednesday morning to lay out fines for minor in consumption of alcohol.

Officers arrested two people in the 2500 block of Avenue F at 1:49 p.m. Wednesday during a traffic stop. A 30-year-old woman was taken into custody on a Midland County warrant for misdemeanor theft of property, and the 36-year-old male driver was arrested for driving with a suspended license.

Just before 1 o'clock this morning, police arrested a 39-year-old man on a county warrant for assault, family violence.

•Theft

At 9:37 a.m. Wednesday, Delfina Ramos reported the theft of her Weedeater from her storage building in the 1500 block of Avenue I.

•Prowler

Maria Luera reported someone banging on her windows at 3:25 this morning in the 2700 block of Avenue F.

•Criminal mischief

Dee Chasteen requested officers just after 8:30 Wednesday morning to report someone writing on the front door of Chasteen Chiropractic with a permanent marker.

Gene Everett reported Wednesday afternoon that the Dodson House on the coliseum grounds had being broken into.

•Minor accidents

Police responded to a two-vehicle mishap in front of United on College Avenue at 8:30 p.m. Wednesday involving a 1995 Nissan driven by Stefani Beck, 18, of 1801 39th Street and a 1982 Oldsmoblie driven by Kyle Johnson, 20, of 3307 48th Street.

An accident occurred at 8:49 Wednesday night in the 3600 block of Irving involving a 1993 Ford driven by Timothy Jones, 22, of 4517 Galveston and a parked an unoccupied 2001 Ford owned by B.J. Services of Houston.

GOP candidate visits Snyder

Rob Beckham, Republican candidate for Congress, paid a visit to area supporters Tuesday at Texas Savings Bank meeting room.

Beckham, 38, an investment broker and former city councilman from Abilene, will challenge incumbent Rep. Charlie Stenholm in the November election for the 17th district seat.

Beckham said he wants to represent the district to help President Bush pass his agenda. "We need someone who will work with the president and not against him," he said. He added that he felt it was "time for some new blood" on Capitol Hill.

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Obituaries

Pete Black

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MIDLAND — Pete Black, father of Ronnie Black of Snyder, died Tuesday, July 30, in Knox County Hospital in Knox City.

Service for Mr. Black, 82, is set for 1 p.m. Friday in Ellis Funeral Home Chapel in Midland with the Rev. Robert Kepple officiating. Interment will follow in Resthaven Memorial Park.

Pete Black

Born Aug. 26, 1919 in Palestine, he was reared and educated in Palestine. He married Aline Sherrard in Jacksonville, Tex. Prior to his retirement, Mr. Black was employed by Borden's Milk for 21 years. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and was a member of Ranchland Heights Baptist Church and the Bee Club.

Visitation will be held 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Aline Black; his parents, James and Ellen Black; three sisters; and one brother.

Survivors also include a daughter-in-law, Pam Black of Snyder; four grandchildren, Jeffrey and his wife Laura Black of Odessa, Michael Black of Lubbock, Michelle and her husband Donny Wood of Snyder, Gery and his wife Janice Camp of Snyder, and Amy and her husband Scott Conard of Lubbock; and nine great-grandchildren.

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Von Reynolds

1929-2002

Von Edward Reynolds of Hermleigh died Tuesday, July 30, in Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene after a brief illness.

Service for Mr. Reynolds, 72, was set for 4 p.m. today in the Hermleigh First Baptist Church. Officiating was his two sons, Dr. Rex Reynolds, pastor of the church, and Vance Reynolds of Floresville. Burial will follow in the Hermleigh Cemetery under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Von Reynolds

Born Sept. 4, 1929 in Hugo, Okla., he married Doris Lee Casey Aug. 2, 1948 in Paris, Tex. She died Feb. 23, 1999. He married Lois Collier Oct. 28, 2000 in Hermleigh. Mr. Reynolds had lived in Hermleigh for the past seven years, moving from Paris, Tex.

He was a retired truck driver having worked 45 years for Merico Packaging. Mr. Reynolds was a U.S. Navy veteran and was a member of the Hermleigh First Baptist Church.

He was also preceded in death by three brothers.

Survivors also include his wife, Lois Reynolds of Hermleigh; a daughter, Sherlyn Timora of Snyder; two daughters-in-law, Kathy Reynolds of Hermleigh, and Wendy Reynolds of Floresville; two stepdaughters and their spouses, Joyce and Don Bowman of Snyder and Carolyn and Raymond Renfro of Anson; two stepsons and their wives, Marvin and Debbie Collier of Big Spring and Danny and Deborah Collier of Snyder; eight grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; eight step grandchildren; and 10 step great-grandchildren.

Family visitation will be held 7-9 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, in care of West Texas State Bank, Box 1396, Snyder, 79550, or the American Heart Association, Texas Affiliate, P.O. Box 15186, Austin, 78761-5186..

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Healing service

There will be a miracle and healing service at 7 p.m. Saturday at Gentle Dove, 1411 25th St. For additional information, call 573-8729, or 573-4882.

Noah's Ark Church

George Hernandez from Overflow Worship Center in Abilene will be at Noah's Ark Church, 119 36th St., for 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. services on Sunday.

Cheerleader fundraiser

SHS freshmen cheerleaders will be selling Krispy Kreme donuts from 7 to 11 a.m. Monday at Wal-Mart.

Head Start registration

Head Start registration will be held Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Children must be at least three years old and family must meet income guidelines or child must have a diagnosed disability. Birth certificate, current immunization records, Social Security Card and proof of family income are required. For information, call 573-7403.

East Side Bug Safari

Make a beeline to join us at Vacation Bible School at East Side Church of Christ to study David, a little guy who did big things with God's help. Classes for kindergarten through fifth graders will be held from 9 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday.

Gateway Family Services

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

Alzheimer's meeting

An Alzheimer's meeting to help families and caregivers will be held from 6-7 p.m. Tuesday in the library at Colonial Hill Baptist Church. Call Kinney Robinson at 573-9377 for more information.

Garage sale donations

Hermleigh Junior High cheerleaders will accept donations for a garage until Friday to raise money for cheerleading camp and uniforms. Call Joyce Lionberger at 863-2755.

Fall poetry contest

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

Sonshine School registration

Sonshine School for ages two through five, is underway and informational packets are available at 37th Street Church of Christ office weekdays from 8:30 a.m. until noon, and from 1-4:30 p.m. Registration fee is $30 and monthly tuition is $45. Open house and registration is 9 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 15. Call 574-1960 for more information.

Weigh Down registration

Weigh Down registration and orientation is 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 15 at His Joy Ministries, 904 26th St. Classes will begin Thursday, Aug. 22. Contact Claudia Sanchez at 573-9615.

Stanfield open house

Stanfield Elementary's meet the teacher open house is from 2-3 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 18.

JOY School registration

JOY School's registration will be from 4-6 p.m. Aug. 15. JOY School begins Aug. 19. School hours are 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Call 573-3554 or 574-1789 for more information.

Museum exhibit

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

Cancer treatment transportation

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

Calling all poets

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

Some stand and fight, others flee from Oregon's wildfires

CAVE JUNCTION, Ore. (AP) — Using a fire hose to douse the grass beside his house, Bob Bell swore to stay until the bitter end as a massive wildfire loomed nearby.

"Twenty-five years ago, I had a home burn in the ... Angeles National Forest, and I'm not going to have that happen again," Bell said Wednesday. "I've got a pond in back that's seven feet deep, and I'm going to jump in it," if the fire comes.

Bell and thousands of other residents in southwestern Oregon's Illinois Valley have been on edge in recent days as they await word on a pair of wildfires covering 187,000 acres that have become a top priority in the nation's firefighting effort.

The Josephine County Sheriff's Department said only about 400 of the valley's 17,000 residents had registered with the Red Cross as having left the area.

Pickup trucks and trailers loaded with household goods have been trickling out of the valley since the fires exploded on Sunday, sending up a 30,000-foot plume of smoke.

"We're going to stay here until they tell us it's time to get out," high school principal Ron Brood said at his home outside Selma. "Then I'll turn on the sprinklers on the perimeter and get out."

Strong winds were expected out of the north, pushing the 150,000-acre Florence Fire closer to the 37,000-acre Sour Biscuit Fire. The fires were last reported about two miles apart.

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TEA asks state to close charter school

HOUSTON (AP) — Violations by a Houston charter school have led an official with the Texas Education Agency to ask the state to close the school.

An administrative law judge has described the Prepared Table Charter School's violations as "deliberate" and "very serious."

"The school is not successfully educating its students and has not dealt honestly with the Texas Education Agency," Chris Maska, a TEA hearing officer, said Wednesday in a statement. "The best interest of the students would be served by the revocation of the charter."

The fate of Prepared Table is now up to Paul Ballard, the chief investment officer of the state's Permanent School Fund. He was designated by state Education Commissioner Felipe Alanis to decide.

TEA spokeswoman Debbie Ratcliffe said Alanis recused himself from the case because he is too familiar with the case.

Prepared Table attorney Charles Gaston issued a statement Wednesday, but did not comment on the recommendation.

"I am mindful that this is not a final decision," Gaston wrote in his statement.

This is the first time the commissioner, or his designee, has had the authority to revoke charters. Before the last Legislature, the State Board of Education had that authority.

If Ballard agrees with Maska's recommendation, Prepared Table's three campuses will be the first state charter school in the Houston area to have its charter forcibly revoked. Five charters in other parts of the state have been unwillingly revoked.

Maska's recommendation comes two weeks after TEA attorneys argued in a hearing that the school, among other things, had intentionally inflated student attendance figures to get more state funding.

Prepared Table is one of 181 state charter schools in Texas that receive state and federal funding, but are less regulated than other public schools. Many of Prepared Table's 1,500 students are minorities and come from low-income families.

TEA attorney Jim Thompson said he hopes a ruling on Prepared Table's fate will be made before Sept. 3, when the school was scheduled to start.

"We always felt that it was clear that the charter should be revoked," Thompson said in today's Houston Chronicle.

Gaston has six days to reply to Maska's recommendation. Then TEA attorneys have four days to respond before Ballard can decide.

In the hearing, Gaston argued that the 3-year-old school should be given another chance under new leadership. Prepared Table officials have acknowledged making mistakes, but said they were not intentional.

The Rev. Harold Wilcox was superintendent of the school until April 30, when he resigned with a $235,000 buyout. Wilcox, who is also pastor of Greater Progressive Baptist Church, is under investigation by the U.S. attorney's office for the possible misuse of federal funds.

Teen-ager testfies before grand jury

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Donovan Jackson, who was videotaped being punched and slammed into a police car by an officer, told grand jurors that he was beaten and choked by officers that day until he lost consciousness, according to court papers.

The black teenager testified earlier this month that he did not provoke the confrontation with the white officer who punched him, according to a 450-page transcript of grand jury proceedings unsealed Tuesday by Superior Court Judge David Wesley.

During Jackson's arrest, Inglewood Officer Jeremy Morse is seen slamming the handcuffed 16-year-old onto a car and punching him in the head. The arrest was taped July 6 by a bystander across the street and the transcript showed at least one of the officers knew they were being taped.

Jackson and his father, Coby Chavis, were stopped by Los Angeles County sheriff's deputies because their car had expired tags. The Inglewood officers arrived to help as Chavis was being questioned.

Morse, 24, has pleaded innocent to assault, saying he punched Jackson after the teenager grabbed his testicles. Morse's partner, Officer Bijan Darvish, 25, pleaded innocent to filing a false police report. Both were placed on leave and face up to three years in prison if convicted.

The transcripts show that two sheriff's deputies who made the initial traffic stop were granted immunity in exchange for their testimony.

Los Angeles County sheriff's deputy Carlos Lopez told the grand jury he felt Jackson wanted to fight so he put the teen in a police car while his partner, Daniel Leon, questioned Chavis.

"(Jackson) was breathing hard. He wasn't responding. He just seemed real off," Lopez testified.

Lopez said Jackson lunged at him, then began kicking and swinging his arms while Lopez, Morse and Darvish tried to handcuff him.

Inglewood Officer Mariano Salcedo, an eight-year veteran of the force, testified that shortly after he arrived he saw a man in a motel across the street filming the event.

Dispute over Islam led to triple homicide

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — A man accused in the fatal stabbing of his pregnant wife and her mother and sister in an apparent religious dispute was taken into custody Wednesday, authorities said.

Alim Hassan, 31, was arrested trying to enter Canada from Buffalo, N.Y., on a bus after an anonymous caller Tuesday night warned he was headed to Toronto, said Hudson County Prosecutor Edward J. DeFazio.

A fugitive warrant issued by the prosecutor's office indicated Hassan had fought with his wife over his desire that she convert to Islam, said Buffalo Police Lt. Larry Baehre. The victims were Hindu, he said.

Royal Canadian Mounted Police turned Hassan over to U.S. authorities. He appeared in a Buffalo courtroom Wednesday and agreed to be brought to New Jersey today to be charged, DeFazio said.

Prosecutors say Hassan stabbed his wife, 29-year-old Marlyn Hassan; her sister, Sharon Yassim, 30; and his mother-in-law, Bernadette Seajatan, 49. The victims were found in the Jersey City home they shared with their husbands and Yassim's two sons.

The boys, ages 3 and 6, discovered the bodies after the three men had left the house Tuesday morning.

The family is from Guyana, on the northern coast of South America. DeFazio said Alim Hassan is not a U.S. citizen. Immigration and Naturalization Service spokesman Kerry Gill said Hassan was in the country legally, but would not elaborate.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Friday, Aug. 2, 2002

It behooves you to establish as many new contacts in your field of endeavor as possible in the year ahead. One of them could turn out to hold the keys to success.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Go ahead and ride the coattails of a person who invites you to do so today. You deserve the good fortune this individual is trying to provide and you'll do the same for him/her one day. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that'll govern you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — If a confidant whose judgment you trust offers you some special information today, don't be so unsure of your ability to use it wisely that you let it go in one ear and out the other.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Once things are up and running smoothly today concerning a joint arrangement you have with another, do nothing to disrupt this mode. Stirring up the waters could cause a storm.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — The encouragement you show your mate on something s/he is striving to do today means more than you think. It's those little gestures that give others the ability to pull off big things.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Remember something you were recently involved in that worked out so well because of the equal distribution made by the one in charge? Today, a similar situation may come up with you at the helm. Be fair.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — It is nice to be grandiose in your acknowledgement of who and what others are, but guard against an inclination today to praise an undeserving person in equal measure. It will diminish the truly worthy ones.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Important concessions or agreements are very valuable in our relationships with others, but don't make any first thing out of the box today. You'll be luckier if you wait to see how things work out.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — You can be a creative thinker today, but you might not use this marvelous asset unless you're pushed up against a wall. If you want to be ahead of the game, use it early on.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Your possibilities to acquire what you want are exceptionally good today. However, remember the axiom, "Easy come, easy go." If you're careless about protecting what you gained, this could happen.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Something you are aspiring to achieve today can be accomplished as you envision it, provided you don't allow unsound thinkers to cause you to believe otherwise.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — You don't need additional encouragement to take advantage of a good opportunity. Follow your intuitive perceptions when they signal you that the time is right to strike.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — This is an excellent day to spend time with your friends doing something you can share together. The only activities you might want to avoid today are those with commercial overtones — they could be tricky.

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Two are indicted

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — A poultry researcher and a plastic surgeon who marketed "magic bullet" powdered egg yolks to boost immunity to disease were selling an unapproved drug, an indictment charged Wednesday.

A grand jury delivered a 26-count indictment against Marilyn Coleman, Dr. Mitchell Kaminski of Niles, Ill., and their company, OvImmune Inc., accusing them of conspiracy to commit mail fraud and to distribute an unapproved and misbranded drug with intent to defraud.

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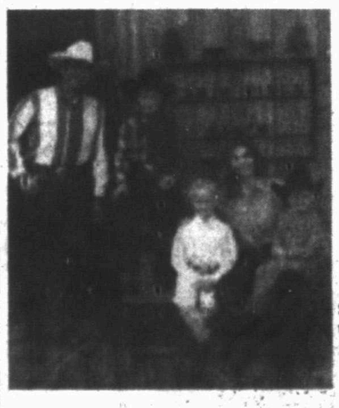

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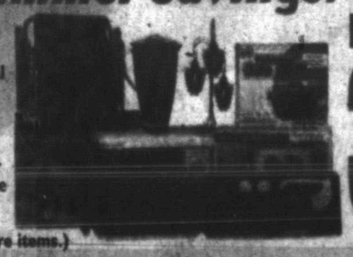

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