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THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "End of summer vacation is when parents send their kids back to school – with a big smile."

We used to work with Marshall Day. A proof that he's one of the original Rednecks is that he once moved to California and they sent him back to Texas in a matter of weeks.

Day is now publisher of the Gatesville Messenger and recently had a column that included "Rules for Entering Texas." You may want to send it to some foreign relative who plans on visiting this summer.

1. Pull your droopy pants up. You look like an idiot.

2. Let's get this straight. It's called a gravel road. I drive a pickup because I need to. No matter how slow you drive, you're gonna get dust on your Lexus.

3. They are called pigs, cattle and oil wells. That's what they smell like to you. They smell like money to us. Get over it. Don't like it? I-20 and I-10 go east and west. I-35 and I-45 go north and south.

4. So everybody waves. It's called being friendly. Try to understand the concept.

5. So you have a $60,000 car, We have a quarter-million dollar cotton stripper that we drive three weeks a year.

6. If that cell phone rings while a bunch of doves are coming in, we'll shoot it out of your hand. You better hope you don't have it up to your ear at the time.

7. Yeah, we eat catfish and crawdads. If you really want sushi and caviar, it's available at the bait shop.

9. The "Opener" refers to the first day of deer season. It's a religious holiday held the closest Saturday to the first of November.

10 Any references to 'corn fed' when talking 'bout our women will get you jack-slapped by our women.

11. We open doors for women. That applies to everyone, regardless of age.

12. There's no vegetarian special on the menu. Order steak. Or you can order the Chef's Salad and pick off the two pounds of ham and turkey.

13. There are three main dishes – meats, vegetables and bread. And three spices – salt, pepper and Tabasco sauce.

14. You bring Coke to my house it better be brown, wet, served over ice and plenty of it.

15. Yep, we have sweet tea. It comes in a glass with two packets of sugar, some lemon and a long spoon.

16. Yeah, we have golf courses, but don't hit in the water. It spooks the fish.

17. Our military is used only as a back up. Per capita, each Texan owns at least two firearms and has taken a NRA-certified shooter education course.

18. Also remember what Gov. Sam Houston once said, "Texas can make it without the U.S., but the U.S. can't make it without Texas."

19. Colleges? Try A&M or Tech. They come outta' there with an education and a love for God and country. And they still wave at passing pickups when they come home for the holidays.

20. Enjoy your visit!

For $500,000...

Decision nears on parks grant

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) commissioners in Austin will meet next week to finalize recommendations for a $500,000 matching grant for updating Scurry County park facilities.

According to a letter received from Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission by county parks director Scott Crenwelge, Snyder is ranked third on the list of applicants.

"It's not official yet, but we expect to be fully funded if this comes through," Crenwelge said.

The grant application was submitted last December.

The county has exceeded obligations for the matching grant by raising $900,000 in cash and in-kind services.

"We have more than enough funding to match the grant. We're planning on using the remainder to apply for matching grants from other sources, as well," said Crenwelge.

Applicants for the Outdoor Recreation grant are ranked based on a scoring system. Items that were taken into consideration for points were environmental needs, projects, conservation, and recreational activities provided by the parks department.

"We scored somewhere around 145," said Crenwelge. "That's pretty high."

A parks committee was formed two years ago to determine the need for updated park facilities in Scurry County.

Dayton Robertson serves as chairman of the committee and members are Cloyce Talbott, David Harrell, Mike Dennis, Celia Morales, Richard Dupree, Frankie Grimmett, Jerry Webb, Charlene Akers, David Tate, Michael Humprey, Cheyenne Robinson and Darren Jackson.

Through surveys and public meetings, the committee determined that Towle Park should be the initial focus of the work, and items suggested for improvements or additions include walking paths, a skate park, an additional pond, the swimming pool, a sand volleyball court, and new and safer playground equipment.

Others include a basketball court and improved picnic pavilions.

Members of the Arlington firm of Schrickel, Rollins and Associates was chosen by the county to submit a plan and they have been displayed at public gatherings over the last year.

Besides the county, other taxing entities such as the Snyder Independent School District and the City of Snyder have pledged either financial help, or in-kind services.

Towle Park, plus other county parks are under the umbrella of the Scurry County Parks and Recreation Department.

The TDPW commission meets in Austin Aug. 28



SERVING TODAY – Esmeralda Cerda, kitchen helper at East Elementary, prepares nutritious snacks for students. This is her second year working in the school cafeteria for ARAMARK. (SDN Staff Photo)

Says CEO...

DCOS is actively seeking industry

John DeLille, Development Corporation of Snyder executive director, told the board of directors this morning that prospecting for new businesses continues.

"We continue to mail out information, although prospects are hard to come by."

DeLille did hand out spec sheets on four businesses that had expressed interest in locating in rural areas and said the office had responded to two of them who seemed to be a match with the community's resources.

"UCO was a home run for us, just as the aluminum recycling plant was for Sweetwater, and the Family Dollar distribution center near Odessa," said DeLille.

He reported Snyder's sales tax rebates remain strong and the DCOS' share of the rebates has put the office in a strong financial picture.

"We're in good shape financially," said DeLille, noting the DCOS could be as much as $100,000 better financially at the start of the next fiscal year due to the sales tax refunds.

DeLille said the financial picture of the DCOS also would be better due to the job incentive obligations with Snyder Brick & Tile being paid off.

In action items this morning, the board approved the minutes from five previous meetings, and approved the May through July financial statements and bills for payment.

Board chairman Dayton Robertson presided and members present were Mark Cypert, Mike McWilliams and Roy McQueen. James Brown was absent.

Tax rate on WTC agenda

Western Texas College board of trustees meet today in the college boardroom for a hearing on the college's proposed tax rate.

The trustees are expected to set a time and place for voting on the tax rate, since the proposed rate of .2489 per $100 valuation is three percent higher than the effective tax rate of .2307.

The current year's tax rate is .27 per $100 valuation.

An increase in local tax values, mainly in residential and industrial, to just under $1 billion allowed for the tax rate decrease.

A proposed $8.2 million budget for 2003-2004 was approved on Aug. 11, which is $300,000 less than the current budget. The budget calls for a two percent pay hike for all employees.

The meeting will be held in the administrative boardroom at 6:30 p.m.

Executive director search underway...

Chamber makes plans for upcoming fall events

By JoAnn Nunley
SDN Staff Writer

With schedules returning to the norm, fall events are being planned by chamber officials while the search for an executive director for the Snyder chamber of commerce continues.

The chamber board Monday was told that 20 applicants had been received seeking to fill the position.

An 11-member search committee includes the chamber executive committee — Mike Thornton, Elois Pruitt, Jeffrey Martin, David Harrell and Darren Jackson — and three persons from the community. They are Bill Dryden, Nancy Smith and Dayton Robertson. Applications will be taken until Aug. 29 or until the position is filled.

Western Swing proceeds were $11,000 with an outstanding bill for $12,000 for utilities at the Scurry County Coliseum.

Jeffrey Martin met with parks director Scott Crenwelge and an agreement for the chamber to pay $5,700 was negotiated.

Plans for the next Western Swing Festival, normally held in June, are underway. Other planners are Cindy Nix, Jim and Jean Summer of Midland and Barbara Martin of the Austin area. An effort is being made to have flyers prepared by October so they can be distributed at Ruidoso's Western Swing Festival.

The June 9-12, 2004 Western Swing will be dedicated to the late Donna Fowler and a slide show is being prepared.

The lighted Christmas parade prefaced by Santa's 4 to 6 p.m. visit will be held Dec. 6 in Towle Park due to downtown construction with the parade beginning at dark. *Cinderella*, a Broadway musical, will be shown at the Ritz Theatre at 2:30 and 7 p.m. on Dec. 6.

Bernhard Bartels presented plans for a large rock memorial in honor of the late Donna Fowler who served as chamber executive director since 1995.

She was instrumental in the Snyder Slingers', a horseshoe pitching club, courts to be built on the coliseum grounds and later the lights to accommodate state tournaments.

He explained and displayed three different rocks that can be found in the Fluvanna area where she lived. "In Appreciation of Donna Fowler" will be inserted in rock memorial that will be placed at the courts.

Bartels asked for help in getting the rock slab to the site. He specifically mentioned needing a dozer to get to the approximately 17,000 pound, 1½-foot rock; transporting and placing the rock on its edge; setting the rock in concrete; and someone to construct and bolt the plaque in place on the rock.

The Snyder Slingers plan to unveil the memorial at the White Buffalo Festival set for Oct. 10-11.

John DeLille, DCOS executive director, approached the board about the chamber participating in the Texas Midwest Guide 2004 that logs history, lodging, recreation and calendar of events for participating cities.

Directors agreed to split the cost with the DCOS at a total charge of $890. He said the brochure would be handed out all state tourism facilities.

The seventh annual Taste of Scurry County will be held Aug. 28 at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center with Jerry Baird catering a barbecue with some foods to be furnished by volunteers. An auction also will be held.

Tickets, $12.50 for adult, $5 for student and free for under the age of 5. Tickets are available at Computer Solutions or by calling Ann Smartt at 573-4458.

Those attending are asked to wear a hat to carry out the theme "Hats Off to the Museum."

Hats will be judged and prizes given in different categories.

Directors attending were Anita Talbott, Ann Smartt, Billy Grimmett, Dr. Greg Williams, Elliott Cox, Joni Gonzales, Paula McWilliams, Pruitt, Martin, Harrell, Thornton and staff member Sandra Salinas.

Indictment leads to arrest

Olga Rubio Medrano, 23, of 2605 Ave. K, was taken into custody at 10:36 a.m. Monday on an August grand jury indictment for forgery, and on warrants for motion to revoke probation, public intoxication, no drivers license and violation of promise to appear.

Medrano is accused of forgery by signing and cashing a check from an account she did not have authorization to write checks on. Medrano is being held in the Scurry County jail with bond set at $5,000.

Special edition set for October

The Snyder Daily News is planning a combination progress-historical edition the weekend of Oct. 11-12 in conjunction with White Buffalo Days.

Snyder will be celebrating 125 years, and in 1953 was in tranformation from a small agriculture community to a small city fueled by the development of the oil industry.

The Snyder Daily News is seeking pictures and stories from that era. All photos or other items will be returned.

ASK US

Q—When will the Snyder Daily News publish its yearly football tab?

A—It will be in this weekend's edition.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR



Dorothy Kayser...

...has lived in Snyder for 45 years. She is a retired music teacher, having taught in Snyder Junior High and elementary schools for 41 years. Her husband was the late Mule Kayser, a former high school assistant principal who later taught history and anthropology at Western Texas College. Her hobbies include ballroom dancing, reading and singing in the choir.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

The world doesn't care why you can't get the job done. It only pays off on results.

—Bum Bright

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Tiger Lair yearbooks

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

WTC dual credit enrollment

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

Mesquite Country Emmaus

Mesquite Country Emmaus will have an ice cream supper at 7 p.m. today at the Towle Park Pavilion.

Antique tractor equipment club

Scurry County Antique and Equipment Club will meet at 7 this evening at Jack Greene's place. Call 573-4414 for more information.

Word Is Life children's church

The Word Is Life Deliverance Church will kick off the Wednesday night Children's Church at 7 p.m. Wednesday. The back-to-church-bash will feature a variety of activities and refreshments will be served.

COMPASS placement testing

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

Retirement reception

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

Ira open house

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

Snyder Chapter #450 Eastern Star

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

Weigh Down Workshop

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

West meet the teachers

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

Volunteer fireman fundraiser

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

Ritz Theatre production

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

Car wash

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

Church of God auction

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

Adult basic education

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

Hospice caregivers dinner

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

Orientation for CNA classes

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

Central K-3rd parent orientation

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

Taste of Snyder

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

Safe Child registration

Students in the Safe Child After School Program must be registered at Humble Smith. Safe Child is offered at the five elementary campus from 2:30-5:45 p.m. for students in kindergarten through the sixth grade. For more information, call Rhonda Ward at 574-6080.

Poll favors ban on gay unions

WASHINGTON (AP) — More than half of Americans favor a law barring gay marriage and are opposed to allowing civil unions that could provide gay couples with the same benefits as marriage, an Associated Press poll found.

The survey also indicated presidential candidates could lose the backing of some voters if they support gay marriage or civil unions.

The poll, conducted for the AP by ICR-International Communications Research of Media, Pa., found 52 percent favor a law banning gay marriages, while 41 percent oppose such a law.

About four in 10 — 41 percent — support allowing civil unions, roughly the same level found in an AP poll three years ago. But 53 percent now say they oppose civil unions, up from 46 percent in the earlier survey.

The increase came largely from people who previously were undecided, the poll suggested.

Close to half of those surveyed said they would be less likely to support a presidential candidate who backs civil unions (44 percent) or gay marriage (49 percent), while only around 10 percent said they would be more likely.

"I don't think it's a great idea; the whole idea of marriage is bringing up children," said Jim Martin, a 64-year-old engineer from Alexandria, Va. "If somebody was promoting it, I would vote against them."

The issue poses a challenge for the Democratic presidential candidates in the 2004 election. The six leading candidates say they oppose gay marriage but are sharply critical of efforts to legally ban it, either with a law or by amending the Constitution.

Four of the six — former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean, Missouri Rep. Dick Gephardt, Florida Sen. Bob Graham and Massachusetts Sen. John Kerry — say they support civil unions. North Carolina Sen. John Edwards and Connecticut Sen. Joe Lieberman say they favor benefits for gay partners, but say states should decide on civil unions.

President Bush has said he supports efforts to legally ban gay marriage, but encourages tolerance of gays and lesbians.

In the AP poll, about one-third of people who identified themselves as Democrats and independents said they would be less likely to support a candidate who backs civil unions. Twice as many Republicans said they feel that way.

More than four in 10 Democrats support passing laws against gay marriage, according to the poll. Two-thirds of Republicans support passing such laws.

The issue of gay rights has gotten increased attention since June, when the Supreme Court threw out a Texas law prohibiting gay sex, saying such a ban violates constitutionally guaranteed privacy rights. The decision mobilized both gay rights advocates and conservatives, who said it could lead to legalization of gay marriage.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Teens racing to be parents should shift to slower gear

DEAR ABBY: I am 14 and ready to have a baby. My boyfriend, "Matt," is 16 and says he is ready, too. You should see how sweet and considerate he is around children.

As soon as Matt gets his car fixed, we are leaving New Jersey and not looking back. Before we go, I'd like to know what you think, Abby. Do you think I am ready to have a baby and raise it? — **A.M. IN N.J.**

DEAR A.M.: Babies are a full-time job because they are completely dependent. You and Matt would be doing your future children a huge favor if you both complete your educations and become financially stable before embarking on this "project."

I have long urged women to be financially independent before having children. Matt may be a terrific young man, but what would happen to you and the baby if something were to happen to him? Before leaving New Jersey and not looking back, please read the next letter:

DEAR ABBY: I am 16 years old and have a 5-month-old daughter. I thought her father and I would be together forever, but I was wrong. I was in love with him for more than two years.

My problem is, I can't seem to find a boyfriend who is right for me. Some boys don't mind that I have a baby, but all they want to do is go out with their friends. After a long day of feeding, changing and taking care of my daughter, I want someone at home to comfort ME. Is there anything wrong with that? — **LOVESICK IN NEW YORK**

DEAR LOVESICK: Of course not. It's understandable. Mothers need nurturing, too. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I am 19 and more mature than many teenagers my age. I have to be, since I am more than eight months pregnant. The baby's father, "Rob," and I are engaged and have been since before we conceived. Rob is also 19, but not as mature as I am. He still wants to go out with his friends, which is fine because we are both young. However, he doesn't understand that we must find free or inexpensive activities because our money needs to go toward baby things — clothes, blankets, diaper service, etc. I think Rob neglects me emotionally because he is scared of growing up. I think he may even be in denial that I am pregnant.

Abby, I have prayed about this and believe that Rob and I are meant to be together. I know he loves me, but sometimes I wonder if we met too soon in life.

Do you think we should take a short break from each other? I can't ask my family because they don't like Rob, and Rob's parents don't like me. Any suggestions? — **E.W. IN THE MIDWEST**

DEAR E.W.: Before "taking a break" from your boyfriend, consult a lawyer regarding child support and custody issues. A short break could become a long one if the father of this child is deeply enough into denial. Please don't wait. You're already eight months along. Make that call today.

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DEAR ABBY: Will you please settle a disagreement between my daughter and me? When is a child too old to be held? My 11-year-old grandson likes to sit on my lap when we watch television. He has been doing this since he was a baby.

My daughter says he is too old to be held. She says I baby him too much. What do you think? — **LOVING GRANDMA IN OMAHA**

DEAR LOVING GRANDMA: If he shows signs of immaturity in other areas, it could be a problem. If not (and he's not too heavy), hold your grandson tight. The truth is, many of us would give anything to sit on a loving grandmother's lap again.

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Democrats threaten lawsuit over sactions

AUSTIN (AP) — Democrats boycotting the Texas Senate to block a congressional redistricting effort are threatening legal action if their Republican colleagues do not lift sanctions against them and their staffs.

The 11 Democrats staying in Albuquerque, N.M., did not specify what action they would take but said in a letter Monday to Gov. Rick Perry, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and most Republican state senators that if punitive measures against them were not rescinded by 3 p.m. today, "we will take appropriate legal action."

Senate Republicans last week preliminarily adopted a resolution that denied absent Democrats and their staffers parking spots on the Capitol grounds, cell phone use, purchasing privileges, floor passes, travel, conference rooms and, subscriptions. Those sanctions come if the Democrats do not pay fines, imposed on them by their Republican colleagues, for missing daily floor sessions.

The fines started at $1,000 a day and quickly moved to a maximum $5,000 a day per senator.

The punitive measures "seek to punish us, our staffs, and, most important, our constituents, because we dare to stand firm by our convictions and by our duty in the best interest of our constituents," the letter from the Democrats said.

Dewhurst spokesman Dave Beckwith said there were no plans to change the sanctions or penalties.

"We welcome a judicial determination of their claims," Beckwith said.

Sen. Todd Staples, R-Palestine, said if the Democrats are in the Senate chamber by 3 p.m. today "I will personally move that we dispense with all penalties, restore all privileges, both sides do away with litigation and resume the work we were elected to do."

Date Book

Tuesday, Aug. 19, 2003

Today is the 231st day of 2003 and the 60th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1785, Congress empowered the U.S. Treasury Board to standardize the nation's weights and measures.

On this day in 1886, Joseph Conrad, born Jozef Teodor Konrad Korzeniowski in Poland, became a British citizen.

On this day in 1981, ABC aired its final episode of "Charlie's Angels."

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Ogden Nash (1902-1971), poet and humorist; Malcolm Forbes (1919-1990), magazine mogul; Bill Clinton (1946-), former U.S. president, is 57; Tipper Gore (Mary Elizabeth Aitcheson) (1948-), wife of Al Gore, is 55.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1983, Louisiana State University football player Billy Cannon was sentenced to five years in prison for counterfeiting.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Happiness is having a scratch for every itch." — Ogden Nash

TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (Aug. 12) and last quarter (Aug. 20).

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

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

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CMH HONORS LVN GRADUATES — A luncheon was held in the boardroom of Cogdell Memorial Hospital Thursday to honor vocational nursing graduates. From left are, front row, Sherrie Edwards, Colorado City; Tosha Wilbert, Big Spring; Tida Collins, Lamesa; back row, Bill Guynes, Trina Chandler, DeAnn Fahntrapp, all of Snyder; Sonia Garrett, Colorado City; Mandi Hunt, Sagerton; and Melisa Lopez, Lamesa. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)



RIBBON CUTTING HELD — Goldcoat representative Elois Pruitt welcomed and presented a chamber membership certificate to Matt Cross, owner of a new business, Comfort Keepers. From left on the front row are Sandra Salinas, chamber of commerce assistant director; Becky Cross, holding Antonio Cross; Cross; and Pruitt. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Comfort Keepers help seniors

Life can be extremely stressful for some senior citizens and their families. Simple daily tasks like getting to doctor appointments, shopping for groceries and clothing, doing the laundry, running errands and preparing meals can be frustrating events.

The stress that is caused will sometimes lead families into discussions of moving their loved ones into a nursing home. Comfort Keepers hopes to eliminate some of the stress and make it possible for senior citizens to remain in the comfort and privacy of their own home.

Comfort Keepers, owned by Matt Cross, provides seniors with the extra assistance that they and their families need to manage their everyday life. They provide an array of non-medical, in-home services, which are tailored to meet the needs of each individual client. His or her caregivers are available by the hour, by the day or by the week, so a package can be designed to fit almost anyone's budget.

"All Comfort Keepers' employees are dependable, caring professionals who have been thoroughly screened and formally trained," said Cross. He also said that they are bonded and insured.

"We live in a very mobile society," Cross added, "Years ago, children usually lived near their parents and since there were far less double income families, someone was usually available to provide assistance to their elderly parents.

Today, many family members live hundreds of miles away. Comfort Keepers can step in to help provide the additional assistance needed. Since our clients decide how often they need us, our services are an affordable and practical choice."

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Art display planned

The Scurry County Museum has planned to display 30 paintings by Barbara Ainsworth from Sept. 19 through Oct. 24.

Mrs. Ainsworth grew up in Scurry County and moved with her military husband to various places, including Germany. While in Germany, Mrs. Ainsworth began studying art at a private school operated by Andre Schinkovich and later took lessons from Earnest Krupp and A.C. Mang.

Bridge by Phillip Alder

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♦ K 8 5 3
♣ A J 8 3

West
♠ J 10 7 4
♥ 10 7
♦ 10 9 7 4 2
♣ Q 4

East
♠ Q 6 5 3 2
♥ Q J 4 3
♦ A Q J
♣ K

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♣ 10 9 7 6 5 2

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Vulnerable: North-South

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4 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♠ J

A rare error from another superstar

Yesterday's readers will recognize this deal. It was board 66 of 176 in the 1983 Bermuda Bowl final, played between Italy and the United States.

In one room, Arturo Franco made five clubs by endplaying West. At the other table, Bob Hamman put faith in his four-card major rather than his six-card minor.

Hamman won the first trick with his spade king, then played a heart to dummy's nine and East's jack. Back came a spade to dummy's ace. Declarer cashed the heart ace, dropping West's 10. Now, Hamman could have played a heart to his eight and drawn trumps, but the clubs were not established, and when he conceded a club, the defenders would run the spade suit. So, declarer played a heart to his king, hoping for a 3-3 split. When West discarded a diamond, it looked as if Hamman would lose the rest of the tricks except for dummy's club ace. Are you counting? That would have been five down. However, something happened on the way to the forum.

Next, Hamman led the club 10 and West, Benito Garozzo (one of the greatest-ever players), made a rare error: He covered with the queen! When dummy's ace also collected East's king, declarer trundled the clubs. East, Giorgio Belladonna, could not make more than his heart queen and diamond ace.

So, the U.S. team gained one point on the board when they looked destined to lose 15. If — an enormous "if" — every subsequent deal had been played as recorded in the history books, the United States would have lost the title by 11 instead of winning by five.

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BABY SHOWER HELD — A baby shower was held for Mandy Welcher on Aug. 9 in the First United Methodist Church. From left are Carolyn Rebber and Fern Hudson, the baby's paternal great-grandmothers; Sherry Endley, paternal grandmother; Mandy Welcher, mother; Bea Welcher, step grandmother; Hope Heaton, maternal grandmother; and Gail Phillips, great-aunt. Hostesses included Sandra Adams, Leta Hamilton, Leslie Hawkins, Derinda Miller, Caleve Norris, Shelley Norris, Melissa Rebber, Belinda Shofner, Sherri Smith, Vicky Whitman, Sally Wrona and Jan Yoder. (Contributed Photo)

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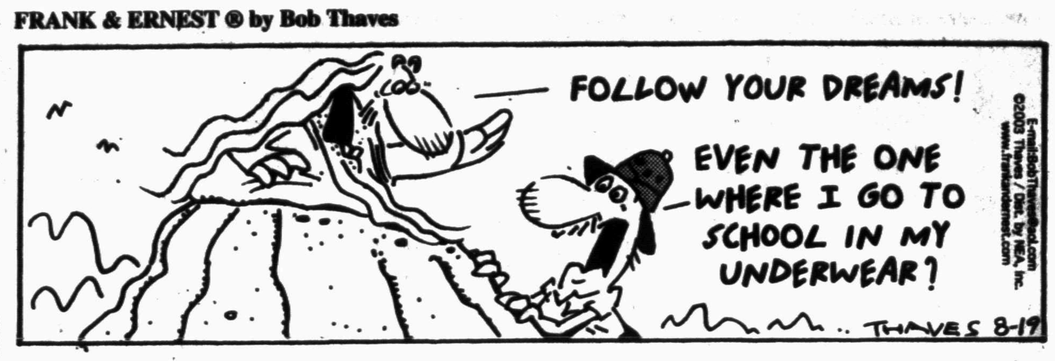
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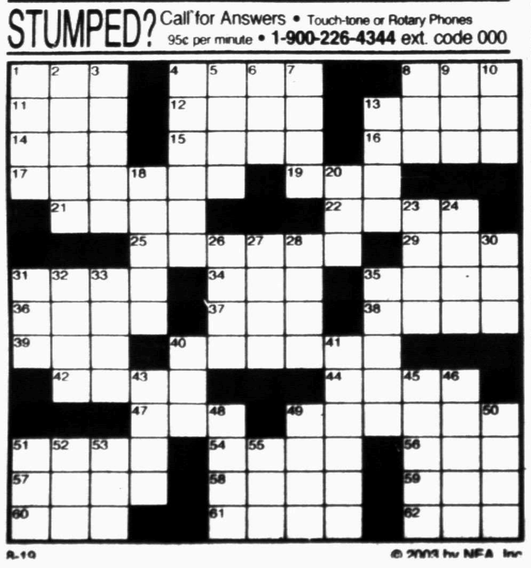
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Mavericks acquire Jamison in trade

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Mavericks never felt the need to make a major offseason move, even while the other top teams in the Western Conference were upgrading their rosters.

The Mavericks changed their mind when they revisited an old conversation with Golden State. The result was a nine-player trade Monday that brought forward Antawn Jamison to Dallas.

Dallas also got guard Jiri Welsch and forwards Danny Fortson and Chris Mills from the Warriors. The Mavericks sent guards Nick Van Exel, Avery Johnson and Antoine Rigaudeau, center Evan Eschmeyer and forward Popeye Jones to Golden State.

"The genesis of the deal started a full year ago, was revisited shortly after the draft, tweaked and twiddled and kind of came back to life," said Donnie Nelson, the Mavericks' president of basketball operations. "In the last week or so, we came to a consensus. It's funny how this stuff works out."

The 6-foot-9 Jamison has averaged 20.2 points a game in his five NBA seasons, and has been the Warriors' top scorer the past four seasons.

Van Exel was the Mavericks' leading scorer off the bench last season. During the playoffs, when Dallas advanced to the conference finals before losing to San Antonio, the 10-year veteran averaged 19.5 points — seven points higher than his regular-season average in 73 games.

Nelson said the deal with Golden State makes the Mavericks bigger, younger and more versatile. Jamison is 27, four years younger than Van Exel, and Welsch was the Warriors' first-round pick last season from the Czech Republic.

The Mavericks weren't able to sign Alonzo Mourning, who signed with the New Jersey Nets, or any other big-name free agents after the playoffs. Meanwhile, San Antonio, Sacramento and the Los Angeles Lakers all made moves to improve their rosters.

"We felt no internal pressure in making the deal. Our philosophy was almost the complete opposite," Nelson said. "The way this summer panned out has been very odd. We felt in good position with Alonzo and things didn't work out. We got close on a lot of different things we would have executed that, for whatever reason, they didn't work out."

General manager Garry St. Jean said there were several advantages for the Warriors, who were 38-44 last season.

"In the short term, we have added talented players to our roster, while also providing an opportunity for some of our younger players to step up and play larger roles in our overall development," St. Jean said. "In the long term, this trade will provide us with some flexibility that we may not otherwise have had."

Jamison is going into the second year of his $80-million, six-year contract. Fortson had played just 100 of 246 games with the Warriors in the three seasons since signing his $38 million, seven-year contract.

Van Exel will step in with a team that has a young nucleus of Troy Murphy, Jason Richardson and Mike Dunleavy. Van Exel also helps alleviate the loss of Gilbert Arenas, who joined the Washington Wizards after the Warriors didn't match a $65 million, six-year deal for the restricted free agent.

Dallas was able to make a big move without touching its top trio of Dirk Nowitzki, Steve Nash and Michael Finley. And with Jamison at small forward, Finley will be able to play shooting guard.

SHS Spikers open 2003 season at home today

The Snyder Lady Tigers open the 2003 volleyball season at home today, taking on Plainview and Veribest.

The varsity, junior varsity and freshmen will play games simultaneously, with the matches with Plainview set for 5 p.m. and Veribest at 7 p.m.

The varsity will play at the high school gym, with the freshman and junior varsity going at Travis Gym.

The Lady Tigers return six seniors to this year's club, with new UIL scoring rules in effect for this season.

Teams will play under the rally scoring system, which awards points regardless of which team has service.

Additionally, teams must now play best 3-of-5 instead of 2-of-3 matches, and the winning club must tally 25 points to win.

Snyder will get its first taste of tournament action Friday and Saturday at the Bev Ball tourney in Abilene.

Rodriguez homers in 16th; Rangers grab sixth straight

DETROIT (AP) — Alex Rodriguez didn't worry about being 0-for-6. He made up for it with his seventh at-bat.

Rodriguez hit the game-winning homer in the 16th inning Monday night to give the Texas Rangers their sixth straight win, 4-2 over the Detroit Tigers.

"I didn't feel like I was having a bad night," Rodriguez said. "I hit one ball that I thought was going to be a homer and another rocket right at the third baseman. I was swinging the bat pretty well, so I wasn't worried."

The homer came as the clock approached 11 p.m. on a day when both teams got to bed in the wee hours of the morning. Texas played at home on Sunday, while the Tigers were in Anaheim.

"That's a great baseball game, especially when you come out on top," Rangers manager Buck Showalter said. "When you get to bed at 5:30 in the morning and play that long, you don't want to think about what would happen if you lose."

Hank Blalock led off the 16th with a single and Rodriguez followed with a homer over the scoreboard in right-center, his 34th of the year, off Steve Sparks (0-6).

Tigers manager Alan Trammell would have been impressed by Rodriguez's homer at any time of the day.

"That might be the first time I've seen a right-handed batter hit a ball out there," he said. "But he is a very special player, and they do things like that."

The Tigers ended up with their sixth straight loss and 10th in 11 games. Detroit is now a season-worst 61 games under .500 at 31-92.

"I'm drained," Trammell said. "This one is tough, especially with getting in so late. This could have been a nice win to break this up, but now we are looking another extended losing streak. We've already had too many of those this year."

The Tigers wasted an outstanding start by rookie Nate Robertson. In just his first appearance of the season and second start of his career, he allowed two runs on eight hits in 8 1/3 innings.

"That was pretty impressive for a guy practically making his major league debut," Trammell said.

Committee hears more tapes of Bliss

WACO (AP) — A Baylor University investigative committee exploring NCAA violations within the men's basketball team planned Monday to listen to another recorded conversation between former head coach Dave Bliss and one of the players he tried to use in a coverup scheme.

The conversation between Bliss and senior center R.T. Guinn took place Saturday morning. Bliss brought a tape recorder to the meeting.

Guinn's father, Richard Guinn, also recorded it and turned his tape over to Baylor investigators.

Richard Guinn and Baylor officials have not disclosed what was said during the conversation. Guinn has said Bliss told the player "I'm sorry about the things that happened."

University President Robert Sloan has said little publicly since secretly-recorded audiotapes exposed former coach Dave Bliss's attempts to portray slain Baylor player Patrick Dennehy as a drug dealer. Assistant coach Abar Rouse made the tapes and turned them over to Baylor and NCAA investigators. He also gave copies to the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

Sloan and Baylor Board of Regents Chairman Drayton McLane Jr. released a videotape statement Saturday condemning Bliss's actions.

The tapes recorded by Rouse showed Bliss thought that by painting Dennehy as a drug dealer, he could steer investigators away from allegations the coach had improperly paid for Dennehy's tuition, an NCAA violation.

Baylor officials have said they expect to give the tapes they have received to local prosecutors to determine if any laws were broken. Baylor investigators found no evidence Dennehy was involved in drug dealing.

Dennehy's body was found July 25 in a field about five miles from the Waco college campus. Former teammate and roommate Carlton Dotson is in a Maryland jail on a Texas murder warrant.

In Chestertown, Md., on Saturday, jailers stepped up their observation of Dotson after he began throwing clothing and other belongings out of his cell.

Ronald Howell, warden of the Kent County Detention Center, said reports that Dotson was placed on a suicide watch were incorrect but jailers did keep a closer eye on him.

"It's more intensive than what he was on," Howell said.

NASCAR suspends Spencer

By the Associated Press

Jimmy Spencer was suspended Monday from all NASCAR-sanctioned competition until Aug. 26 for punching Kurt Busch in the garage at Michigan International Speedway.

Spencer also was fined $25,000 and placed on probation through the end of the year.

Busch, who suffered a bloodied nose and chipped tooth, was put on probation until Dec. 31.

"This was a very unfortunate situation," NASCAR president Mike Helton said. "Emotions are a part of every sport, NASCAR Winston Cup racing included. However there is a fine line. In this instance, that fine line was crossed."

Spencer could still face criminal charges. Lenawee County (Mich.) Sheriff Larry Richardson said Monday that investigators wouldn't turn over their report to prosecutors until at least Tuesday.

Spencer will miss the Truck series, Busch series and Winston Cup races this weekend at Bristol Motor Speedway.

Texans lose FB for year

HOUSTON (AP) — The Texans absorbed some expected bad news Monday when team doctors confirmed second-year fullback Jarrod Baxter will miss the season with a severe sprain in the middle of his left foot.

The injury was diagnosed as a third-degree Lis Franc sprain, which is considered uncommon for football players. Baxter was hurt during Friday night's 34-6 loss at Dallas, and coaches had acknowledged immediately his prognosis was grim.

Valdez hurt again

DETROIT (AP) — Texas Rangers pitcher Ismael Valdes left Monday night's game against the Detroit Tigers in the seventh inning with a cramp in his right leg.

With a 1-1 count on Shane Halter and Texas ahead 2-1, Valdes sat down in the grass behind the mound, holding the back of his right thigh.

After being attended to by the Texas training staff, he tried to throw some warmup pitches but ended up leaving the game. He was replaced by Aaron Fultz.

Major League Baseball

American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	76	47	.618	—
Boston	71	53	.573	5½
Toronto	61	63	.492	15½
Baltimore	57	66	.463	19
Tampa Bay	50	73	.407	26

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Kansas City	65	58	.528	—
Chicago	64	61	.512	2
Minnesota	63	61	.508	2½
Cleveland	55	71	.437	11½
Detroit	31	92	.252	34

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	75	49	.605	—
Oakland	71	53	.573	4
Anaheim	60	65	.480	15½
Texas	58	67	.464	17½

National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	81	43	.653	—
Philadelphia	69	54	.561	11½
Florida	69	55	.556	12
Montreal	65	60	.520	16½
New York	54	69	.439	26½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	65	59	.524	—
Chicago	64	59	.520	½
St. Louis	64	60	.516	1
Pittsburgh	57	65	.467	7
Cincinnati	55	68	.447	9½
Milwaukee	48	75	.390	16½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	73	50	.593	—
Arizona	65	59	.524	8½
Los Angeles	64	59	.520	9
Colorado	61	66	.480	14
San Diego	47	78	.376	27

Monday's Games

Texas 4, Detroit 2, 16 innings
Tampa Bay 7, Cleveland 4, 13 innings
N.Y. Yankees 11, Kansas City 6
Chicago White Sox 4, Anaheim 2

Today's Games

Oakland (Mulder 15-9) at Boston (Lowe 12-6), 6:05 p.m.
Texas (Thomson 10-10) at Detroit (Maroth 6-17), 6:05 p.m.
Seattle (R.Franklin 8-10) at Toronto (Escobar 9-6), 6:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Gonzalez 5-5) at Baltimore (DuBose 1-2), 6:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Santana 6-3) at Cleveland (Ja.Davis 7-9), 6:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Appier 8-8) at N.Y. Yankees (Pettitte 14-7), 6:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Shields 3-3) at Chicago White Sox (Garland 8-9), 7:05 p.m.

Monday's Games

Atlanta 6, Arizona 1
Montreal 4, San Francisco 0
N.Y. Mets 8, Colorado 0

Tuesday's Games

Chicago Cubs (Clement 10-10) at Houston (Robertson 11-6), 7:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Millwood 12-8) at Milwaukee (Sheets 10-10), 7:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Meadows 2-1) at St. Louis (Stephenson 7-11), 7:10 p.m.
Florida (Pavano 9-10) at Colorado (Stark 1-1), 8:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Bale 0-0) at Arizona (Webb 7-6), 8:35 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Glavine 8-11) at San Diego (Jarvis 4-5), 9:05 p.m.
Montreal (Tucker 0-1) at Los Angeles (Brown 12-6), 9:10 p.m.
Atlanta (Ortiz 17-5) at San Francisco (Williams 5-3), 9:15 p.m.

NFL Preseason

Thursday's Game

San Francisco 14, Oakland 10

Friday's Games

Jacksonville 27, Miami 23
Dallas 34, Houston 6
Indianapolis 21, Seattle 7
Carolina 20, N.Y. Giants 10
Green Bay 38, Cleveland 31

Saturday's Games

Cincinnati 23, Detroit 10
Baltimore 13, Atlanta 10
New Orleans 22, N.Y. Jets 17
New England 20, Washington 13
Tennessee 37, Buffalo 24
Denver 15, Chicago 10
Philadelphia 21, Pittsburgh 16
Kansas City 26, Minnesota 16
Arizona 16, San Diego 10

Monday's Game

St. Louis 26, Tampa Bay 16

Thursday, Aug. 21

Dallas at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 22

New England at Philadelphia, 6:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Miami, 7 p.m.
Minnesota at Oakland, 8 p.m.
Chicago at Arizona, 9:30 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 23

St. Louis at Buffalo, 6 p.m.
Cleveland at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
Tennessee at Cincinnati, 6:30 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at N.Y. Giants, 7 p.m.
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San Diego at Houston, 7:30 p.m.
New Orleans at San Francisco, 8 p.m.
Kansas City at Seattle, 9 p.m.

Monday, Aug. 25

Indianapolis at Denver, 7 p.m.

Sports Briefs

Pee Wee football sign-ups

Pee Wee football sign-ups will take place at the Scurry County Boys and Girls Club today through Friday from 5:30-8 p.m. Tryouts will be held at 9 a.m. Saturday.

For more information contact Brad Hinton at 573-2530 or 573-0878.

Ira to scrimmage Friday

The Ira Bulldogs will play their first scrimmage at 6 p.m. Friday at Sands, its opponent in the 2002 regional playoff game.

Hunter education course

A hunter training education course will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and from 1-5 p.m. Sunday in Snyder. Every Texas hunter born on or after Sept. 2, 1971 must complete the course. Students 12 and older will receive a certificate upon completion of the course.

Cost of is $10. Class size is limited and those who pre-register will receive preference over walk-ins. For more information, contact Gene and Nancy Bowlin at 572-2323.

Broncos give Shanahan extension

DENVER (AP) — The Denver Broncos have given coach Mike Shanahan a three-year contract extension, tying him to the franchise through 2008.

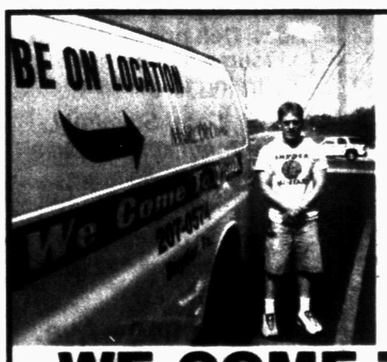
Official knocked out on MNF

ST. LOUIS (AP) — A sideline official was taken off the field on a stretcher after being struck in the left temple by a kicked ball before a preseason game between the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and St. Louis Rams.

Marvin Williams, a member of the chain gang, was down for several minutes just outside the 20 after being blindsided by the ball.

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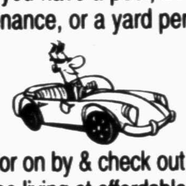
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Judge bans cameras, recording devices

FRESNO, Calif. (AP) — A judge has ruled that Scott Peterson's preliminary hearing shouldn't be televised, arguing that the case against the man accused of killing his pregnant wife shouldn't be turned into a "'reality' television show."

The ruling was a blow to TV networks that argued for live coverage — and a victory for prosecutors, who said broadcasting the case against Peterson would only escalate the media frenzy.

"To the extent that the television coverage would transform this very serious criminal trial into a 'reality' television show, the court is reluctant to allow it," Stanislaus County Judge Al Girolami said in his six-page ruling Monday.

The judge said the decision would help retain some privacy rights for witnesses "who never asked to be involved" in the high-profile case.

"It involves the victims' families who will be forced to relive their worst nightmare in a very public way, which unfortunately is necessary to the process," the judge wrote. "Televising these passionate proceedings is not, however, necessary to the process."

Lawyers for several national television networks argued that the public's right to know what happens in court should trump any other concerns. The media lawyer who argued the case, Rochelle Wilcox, declined comment Monday.

At issue was the Sept. 9 preliminary hearing, which will include testimony from witnesses and culminate with the judge deciding whether the case should go to trial.

Last week, Girolami denied requests by Peterson's attorneys to exclude the public and media from the hearing. After that decision, Peterson's attorneys backed away from their initial reluctance to let in cameras, saying it was better to broadcast direct coverage of the case than rely on indirect reports on the court action.

Peterson, 30, has pleaded innocent to two murder charges in the deaths of his wife, Laci Peterson, and the couple's unborn child. Laci Peterson was eight months pregnant when she disappeared on Christmas Eve. The bodies of the 27-year-old Modesto woman and her son washed ashore in April along the San Francisco Bay.

Peterson's attorney, Mark Geragos, said Monday he could not comment because of the judge's gag order in the case. The district attorney's office also refused to comment.

Though the judge's decision itself did not come as a surprise, the length of his ruling was unusual, said Laurie Levenson, a Loyola Law School professor.

"This is a judge who went out of his way to explain his position," Levenson said. "He's saying that 'Even though I am being deferential to the family, I haven't forgotten Scott Peterson's argument.'"

The judge wrote that protecting the integrity of potential jurors and the ongoing investigation compelled him to exclude cameras.

"Because this case remains in its earliest stages, the possibility exists that the actual perpetrator of these crimes remains at large," the judge wrote.

In Colorado counties...

West Nile virus on increase

LOVELAND, Colo. (AP) — Two Colorado counties declared public health emergencies and the state has requested federal money for mosquito spraying as the peak of West Nile season approaches.

Colorado leads the nation with 392 human West Nile cases and seven deaths.

Officials from the two counties — Larimer and Weld, both in northern Colorado — said Monday's emergency declarations were designed to alert the public to the seriousness of the threat and to encourage local governments to step up mosquito-prevention programs. Each county has had two deaths from the disease.

Also Monday, the state asked the federal government for $4.5 million to combat the virus, primarily for mosquito spraying, said Doug Benevento of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment.

"We think that amount will allow us to get through the next month, which is going to be the peak season for West Nile," Benevento said.

Adult mosquitoes are out in full force and temperatures remain balmy enough for the insects to be active at night.

State epidemiologist John Pape predicted the virus will peak in Colorado in two to three weeks.

Most often, the virus produces mild flu-like symptoms. In the most serious cases, it can induce a deadly inflammation of the brain.

Colorado differs from other states because it reports mild cases of the virus that some do not report.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention had confirmed only 257 Colorado cases and only six of its deaths as of Monday, according to the organization's Web site. Nationwide, the agency has confirmed 536 West Nile cases and 11 deaths.

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Alltel	46.38	46.05	46.19	
AmEl Pw	28.12	27.80	28.01	+ 02
AndarkPtr	44.14	43.30	43.72	— 83
ATMOS Egy	24.32	24.23	24.23	— 03
Aviall	12.45	12.33	12.42	+ 08
BP PLC	43.54	41.85	42.28	— 42
BakerHughes	33.58	33.19	33.30	— 07
Bank of Amer	81.81	81.17	81.38	+ 31
BellSouth	26.01	25.66	26.01	+ 40
BurlNoSFe	27.43	27.24	27.37	+ 01
Caterpillar	73.15	72.10	72.79	— 25
CenterPoint	8.33	8.23	8.31	+ 04
ChevronTex	72.78	72.29	72.44	— 14
Citigroup	44.91	44.48	44.64	— 01
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Cooper Inds	48.35	47.86	48.26	+ 48
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DeltaAirl	11.95	11.69	11.84	+ 10
Dillards Inc	16.90	16.52	16.89	+ 11
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EDS Corp	22.94	22.15	22.90	+ 55
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Consumer group pushes for safer power windows by automakers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Power windows that can trap small hands and heads have led to at least 23 deaths in the last decade, according to consumer advocates who want U.S. automakers to install devices that will keep kids safe.

Kids and Cars, Public Citizen and others launched a campaign today for window switches that are harder for children to hit accidentally and windows that stop closing if something gets in their way.

"Detroit-based automakers can prevent children from being killed or injured ... but they choose not to," said Janette Fennell, president of Kids and Cars of Kansas City, Kan.

Kids and Cars has documented 23 deaths from power windows since 1993, but says the total could be much higher. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration is studying the problem and plans to release preliminary data on deaths this fall, spokesman Rae Tyson said Monday.

Kids and Cars plans to file a petition with NHTSA asking the agency to require safer power windows. The group also is running public service announcements.

The campaign doesn't target European or Japanese automakers, which have long included safer switches as a standard feature. Most European cars also have windows that automatically stop closing, according to Consumers Union, the publisher of Consumer Reports.

General Motors Corp., Ford Motor Co. and DaimlerChrysler AG said they have safety features in place, including driver-operated lockout switches on all vehicles that prevent children from using windows in the back seat.

They also said any deaths due to power windows are a tragic reminder that children shouldn't be left unsupervised around vehicles.

"We shouldn't leave children alone in vehicles with the keys. That's the only way power windows can operate," GM spokesman Jim Schell said.

GM is putting European-style switches in new models, such as the 2004 Chevrolet Malibu, Schell said.

Some vehicles — such as the Ford Focus — have power windows that automatically stop on European models but not on U.S. models, Kids and Cars said. Ford spokeswoman Kristen Kinley responded that the more advanced power windows are available as an option on U.S. models.

Many European and Japanese vehicles also have switches that are flush with armrests and must be pulled up to raise the window.



TXDOT EMPLOYEE RECEIVES AWARD — Bill Hale, left, Abilene district engineer for the Texas Department of Transportation, presented a certificate of service to John Stokes, Scurry County maintenance section sign technician. Stokes, a five-year employee with the department, was honored recently during a supervisor's meeting in Abilene. In addition to the framed certificate, he received a five-year service pin and a clock. (Contributed Photo)

Vaccine showing promise in preventing West Nile virus

WASHINGTON (AP) — A vaccine that combines key parts of two viruses has been shown to protect monkeys from West Nile virus, a mosquito-borne illness that has killed 10 Americans this year.

Scientists at the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, or NIAID, one of the National Institutes of Health, made the vaccine by placing West Nile virus proteins into a modified virus that causes dengue fever. This created a live but weakened virus.

When injected into monkeys, the hybrid virus protected the animals from injected doses of West Nile virus. The researchers said the combined viruses crippled the West Nile virus but still caused a strong immune response against it.

In a laboratory test, the researchers injected 12 monkeys with the combined virus vaccine and injected eight other monkeys with either the West Nile virus or the dengue virus.

Six weeks later, all 20 monkeys were injected with West Nile virus. The dozen that received the combined virus vaccine developed antibodies that successfully protected the animals from the West Nile virus.

Human clinical trials with the vaccine are to begin this year, said Dr. Brian Murphy, a researcher in NIAID's Laboratory of Infectious Diseases.

"We're optimistic that our engineered virus vaccine will provide long-term immunity to West Nile virus, but the human clinical trials will give us the definitive data," Murphy said in a statement.

West Nile is spread to people through the bite of an infected mosquito. Usually the disease produces only flu-like symptoms, but some patients develop an inflammation of the brain that can be lethal. The disease is most severe among the elderly.

Over-the-counter pain relievers may delay, prevent Parkinson's

CHICAGO (AP) — Regular use of over-the-counter pain relievers might help delay or prevent Parkinson's disease, the neurological disorder that affects more than half a million Americans, research suggests.

The risk of developing the disease was 45 percent lower in people who used drugs such as ibuprofen and naproxen at least twice weekly than it was in nonusers, according to a review of two large studies.

If replicated in more rigorous research, the findings are potentially significant since there is no proven treatment to prevent or delay the onset of Parkinson's, said lead author Dr. Honglei Chen, a Harvard School of Public Health instructor.

The results, however, are too preliminary to warrant recommending painkillers to prevent Parkinson's, Chen said.

His research appears in August's Archives of Neurology, published Monday.

The report echoes laboratory research in animals suggesting that drugs known as nonsteroidal anti-inflammatories, or NSAIDS, might help protect against Parkinson's.

The new data, based on an analysis of two studies of health professionals, are the first to suggest similar results in humans, Chen said.

The analyzed studies involved a total of 142,902 health professionals who provided periodic information on their medical history and lifestyle habits for more than 10 years. Participants were aged 30 to 75 at the outset and were asked about use of NSAIDS including ibuprofen, indomethacin, naproxen and diflunisal. Use of aspirin, also an anti-inflammatory, was determined separately.

Parkinson's disease was diagnosed in 415 participants. The risk of developing the disease was 45 percent lower in those who used NSAIDs other than aspirin at least twice weekly.

A similar risk reduction was found in those who used aspirin two or more times daily, but no benefit was found with less aspirin use.

Information on exact dosages wasn't available.

The findings suggest that doctors would need to treat 98 people with anti-inflammatory drugs for about 10 years to prevent one additional case of Parkinson's.

About 50,000 mostly middle-aged and older Americans are diagnosed with Parkinson's each year, and the prevalence is expected to increase with the burgeoning numbers of older Americans.

The disease occurs when nerve cells degenerate in a portion of the brain that controls muscle movement. Symptoms might include tremors in the hands, arms or legs and a stiff walking gait. They tend to worsen over time and might impair daily functioning.

There is no cure, but medication can help control symptoms.

Evidence suggests that inflammation might be involved in Parkinson's nerve-cell degeneration, and Chen's study is "the first convincing epidemiological data for a therapeutic benefit" for Parkinson's from NSAIDs, according to an Archives editorial by Dr. Mya Schiess of the University of Texas-Houston Medical School.

Schiess noted that the study participants were relatively young and said that greater benefits might be seen in older patients at greater risk for Parkinson's because of age.

But because NSAIDs can cause gastrointestinal bleeding and other problems, more research is needed to determine if any anti-Parkinson's effects they may provide outweigh the risks, Schiess said.

Parkinson's researcher Michael Zigmond at the University of Pittsburgh called the study "very promising" with a potentially huge impact.

"One could imagine that somewhere down the road, just like we all use fluoridated water and toothpaste (to prevent tooth decay), that many people just automatically will take ... a nonsteroidal inflammatory agent to prevent Parkinson's disease," Zigmond said.

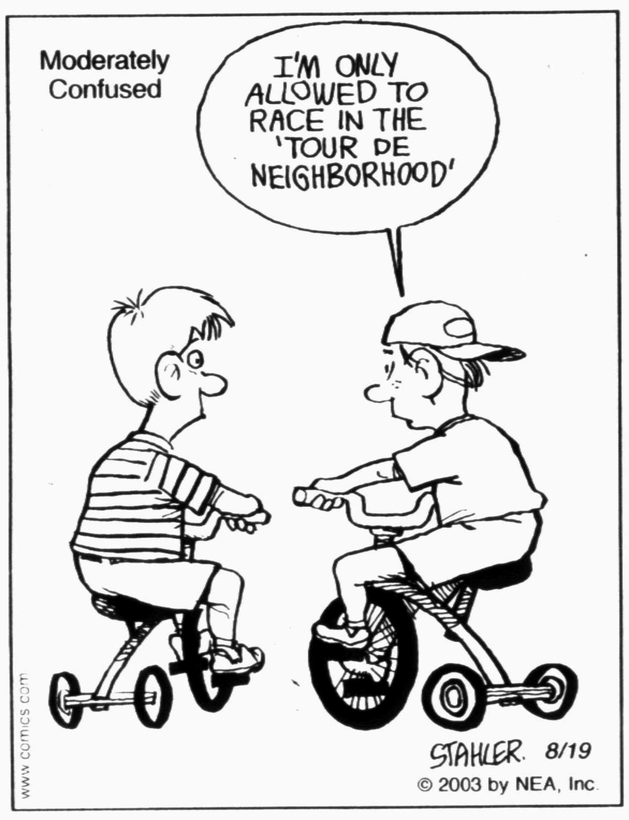
Will begin tour

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Shania Twain will begin her first worldwide tour in more than three years on Sept. 25 in Canada. The tour will run through mid-December.

Twain announced 18 North American dates, including concerts in Boston, New York, Detroit and Washington. More dates are expected to be added later.

Tickets for the Canadian shows go on sale Friday. The U.S. tickets will be available Saturday, except for shows in Uniondale, N.Y., and New York City, which will go on sale Aug. 25.

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More fed intervention expected

WASHINGTON (AP) — The companies that deliver electricity have had little incentive to make the kinds of capital improvements that might have helped contain last week's blackout. For that to change, experts say, utilities will need to be allowed to charge more for power.

And that could mean greater government intervention in the market.

"We need to come up with clear and consistent rules," said John Howe, vice president of electric industry affairs at American Superconductor Corp., a Westborough, Mass.-based maker of power grid equipment.

Specifically, Howe said the federal government needs to guarantee utilities a higher rate of return on their investments in the power grid.

Currently, utilities get a federally guaranteed rate of return of about 10 percent; in order for them to charge more for transmission costs, though, state regulators will need to approve higher retail rates.

Utilities have been reluctant to spend money on adding to or upgrading their systems in recent years because higher returns on their investment had been available in unregulated businesses such as power generation and trading.

Another obstacle, according to utility executives, has been people's resistance to having new power lines built in their neighborhoods.

Moreover, making improvements to the grid in one area often benefits consumers far away, and utilities say they need the ability to pass along construction costs to ratepayers outside their service area.

These issues have been debated within the industry for years, but last week's massive power outage was a "turning point," said Jose Rotger, director of regulatory policy at TransEnergie U.S., a subsidiary of Canada's Hydro-Quebec utility.

Rotger said the climate could now differ radically from the 1990s, when the emphasis was on energy deregulation with less government intervention. State and federal agencies must, however, now "let rates increase in order to fund this investment," he said.

Hoff Stauffer, senior consultant at Cambridge Energy Research Associates in Cambridge, Mass., said the country desperately needs to boost its ability to transfer electricity from areas where it is abundant to areas of persistent need.

Stauffer said better interconnectivity between the Midwest, the Northeast and Canada could have prevented Thursday's blackout — which appears to have started in Ohio — from spreading.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Wednesday, Aug. 20, 2003

This might be the year in which you'll make a major change in an area that has been giving you fits for some time. The new direction you take will not only offer greater opportunities, but stability and contentment as well.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — The possibilities for deriving profits or gains from an activity where you lack expertise are a long shot today. You can't depend on sheer luck or a wild risk to make things happen.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — In your zest to further a personal ambition today, you might have to take care not to do anything at the expense of others. You might not mean it, but enthusiasm can blind you to the needs of others.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — If you're not careful, it could be said of you today that you're good at telling others what to do, but poor at following your own advice. Let your examples, not your words, speak for you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Don't let a counterpart in a joint venture in which you're involved make any changes or alterations without first having a discussion about it. You may know something this person doesn't.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — You could make a promise today to someone who is difficult to deal with just to appease this person and get him or her off your back. You'll be sorry, because you'll be held to your word.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — By discussing a disagreement you had with another with a third party you could create a bigger mess today than you're already in. Talk it out only with those who will keep your confidence.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Unfortunately, your financial aspects are rather dubious at this time, so keep them under wraps if possible. If you must put out some funds today, be sure you spend only on necessities.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Any issue that sparks divisiveness within the family should be avoided under all circumstances today. The slightest disagreement can be blown out of proportion and cause ill will for some time.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Those around you, whether they are co-workers or know you socially, could be very demanding of you today. Make allowances for their actions — remember, they're human too.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Make do with the resources you have on hand today rather than borrowing anything from others. If a tool or piece of equipment breaks, you'll need to make good on it, even if it's not your fault.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — It could be just one of those days that, regardless of what you do for others, your efforts simply won't be enough. Even your motives might be questioned or go unappreciated.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Others might expect you to be understanding of their shortcomings today, but don't count on them to act in kind. People in general have their minds on themselves and can't see beyond that.

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Ashcroft goes on offensive to defend anti-terrorism legislation

WASHINGTON (AP) — Attorney General John Ashcroft is launching a campaign-style offensive aimed at countering criticism from leading Democrats and civil liberties advocates about the anti-terrorism Patriot Act.

Following an opening speech today at a conservative Washington think tank, Ashcroft goes on a road trip Wednesday and Thursday with remarks to law enforcement audiences in Philadelphia, Cleveland, Detroit and Des Moines, Iowa. The first three cities are in states that are key to President Bush's re-election chances.

Among the dozen or so future stops are Salt Lake City and Boston, officials said. The Justice Department is putting up an Internet site to reinforce the pro-Patriot Act message and all 94 U.S. attorneys are being encouraged to hold town hall-style meetings to stress the law's benefits in fighting terrorism.

"There is a lot of confusion about what the Patriot Act does and does not do," said Mary Beth Buchanan, U.S. attorney in Pittsburgh. "We are going to try to better educate the public."

The central theme is that the Patriot Act deserves a large measure of credit for the failure of terrorists to conduct a major attack on U.S. soil since Sept. 11, 2001. The law was passed by Congress a few weeks after those attacks.

Ashcroft will stress the Patriot Act's removal of a barrier that had prevented intelligence agents from sharing information with criminal investigators and prosecutors. Also highlighted will be such provisions as the "roving wiretap" authority that enables investigators to track phones over multiple jurisdictions under a single warrant.

The law has become a political punching bag for the Democratic presidential candidates and other top party members. Earlier this month, former Vice President Al Gore said in a speech at New York University that the law allows President Bush to "send his assistants into every public library in America and secretly monitor what the rest of us are reading."

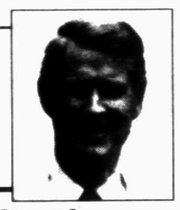
Justice officials say that claim is one of many examples of misperceptions about the law. They say that books, documents or other records from any source, including a library, can only be examined by the FBI under the Patriot Act in an international terrorism or intelligence investigation and only with approval of a federal judge.

Still, such perceptions have led to passage of anti-Patriot Act resolutions by legislators in Alaska, Hawaii and Vermont and by more than 142 local governments. The Republican-led House also voted recently to restrict so-called "sneak and peek" searches that allow for delayed notification of the target.

The American Civil Liberties Union insists that these actions show growing concern that the Patriot Act could expose innocent citizens to improper surveillance and searches.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



When you hear music that isn't there

DEAR DR. GOTT: I continuously hear a tune in my head, which I accompany at times with the clacking of my teeth in rhythm. I can consciously change to another song, but I cannot stop the notes from running through my mind at all times. I can control myself so that others do not realize I have a problem, but, frankly, I'd like to improve the quality of my life.

DEAR READER: This is a surprisingly common complaint that affects many people for short periods — especially after a concert or other musical entertainment.

My neurologist consultant tells me that a consistent symptom such as yours is often the result of an obsessive neurosis, meaning that it may have an emotional basis that should be addressed by an appropriate mental health professional.

Nonetheless, I hasten to add that some types of seizures may cause rare and bizarre symptoms. Thus, I urge you to be examined by your doctor and, if indicated, by a neurologist. In my opinion, you need blood tests, an MRI scan and a brain-wave test to rule out a serious disorder.

If the tests are normal and you are in good health, you may simply have to put up with your symptom — or, as I mentioned, seek counseling.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: How can I overcome the problem of blushing every time I talk to someone? I've suffered from this for years and have missed out on many jobs because of this weakness. I'm considered intelligent, but blushing is my downfall and I can't afford professional help.

DEAR READER: Blushing is the result of dilation of blood vessels in the skin of the face and neck, triggered by stress or embarrassment. Although everyone blushes once in awhile, some people seem exceptionally prone to this tendency.

I have heard of some blushing folks who were helped by counseling and support groups to increase self-confidence. However, there may be a quicker, cheaper and more direct way to correct this problem.

Non-habit-forming beta-blocking drugs, such as propranolol, are used to treat heart disease and hypertension. The medicine also interrupts the nerve impulses that cause extreme apprehension and anxiety. This is the reason thousands of healthy people take low doses of propranolol before speeches, concerts, recitals, job interviews and so forth. Ten milligrams of the drug taken an hour or so before a job interview might well reduce your tendency to blush, without causing sedation or affecting your intellectual capabilities.

Because this medication is a prescription drug, you will have to discuss your symptom with your family doctor, who — I'm certain — would agree to a trial of treatment.

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Today's chuckle

Professor swims through gunk

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — If you've ever wondered whether swimming through water makes you faster than swimming through gunk, a university professor has an answer.



University of Minnesota professor Ed Cussler has long wanted to know if paddling through a substance thicker than water would slow someone down or allow them to swim faster.

With that in mind, Cussler coaxed 19 people to swim in water mixed with guar — a food thickener.

Logic suggests that a thicker substance would hinder swimming. As he watched the swimmers Monday, Cussler said, "It's not clear to me that you'd go slower."

The chemical engineering professor reasoned that the increased drag from the body might be countered, or even surpassed, by the hands' ability to push harder against the increased resistance.

With the university's permission, the group mixed the guar in a large garbage can and dumped it into a pool. Each swimmer swam through 25 yards of the guar-thickened water, then took a break and swam the same distance in another pool. After almost five hours of testing, preliminary results suggested that there was no difference between swimming speeds.

The research "has tremendous charm, it can't hurt anybody," he said. "We would have done even more things with it but we got so tired we couldn't think of more tests to do."

Snyder Oaks Corner



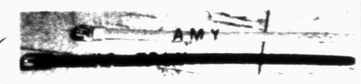
Stacy Browning

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The Resident of the Week is Stacy James Browning. He was born in Snyder, Texas April 16, 1970, to Mr. and Mrs. Billy Ray Browning. Stacy attended the Snyder Public Schools. He played baseball and football. Stacy has always enjoyed sports, especially the Dallas Cowboys. Before moving to Snyder Oaks, Stacy resided at Cogdell Memorial Hospital on the long term care floor for 15 years.

Since being in Snyder Oaks he has been very happy. He knows many nurses and nurses aids. He loves visiting with his family and friends. Stacy likes watching TV and going shopping. He is a very happy young man, and you will always find Stacy with a big smile. We are very proud to have him as part of our Snyder Oaks family.

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An Old Idea...

It is an old idea, one that has been around for quite a while. Our economy and society has been built on this idea. It is the idea that when we work we ought to do the best we can and find satisfaction in a job well done. That this idea is still around can be seen in the steady increase of productivity in the American worker. Compared to many other nations, the United States is known for how hard its workers work.

Why should we work hard? Many people ask that question and some are unsure of the answer. The New Testament gives us some reasons for faithful, hard work. In Colossians 3, the apostle Paul speaks to those who are servants. He tells them in Colossians 3:23,24:

> *Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.*

With these words, the apostle changed both the attitude and the motivation of Christians towards their work. Work came to have dignity, meaning and purpose. Honest work is done by a Christian for the service of God. It is Jesus Christ we are serving. For these servants and slaves living in the New Testament times, it was an idea that had a tremendous impact on their lives. It is an idea that would make a big difference in many lives today. Am I working at my job with all my heart? It will make a huge difference in the job I do and in my satisfaction if I begin doing that today!

Dale Huff

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

U.N. headquarters hit by bomb

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — A car bomb ripped through the hotel housing the U.N. headquarters today, killing at least two people and wounding dozens, including the chief U.N. official in Iraq, who was trapped in the rubble.

A top U.S. official in Iraq said there was evidence to suggest a suicide bomber carried out the attack on the Canal Hotel. An Associated Press reporter could see 40 wounded people lying in the front garden and receiving first aid.

The two deaths were reported by Dr. Munas Amer at the nearby al-Kindi Hospital. He said both victims were Iraqis and at least 25 other people had been brought for treatment.

The blast came just hours after the U.S.-led coalition in Iraq announced that Taha Yassin Ramadan, a former Iraqi vice president known as "Saddam's knuckles" for his ruthlessness, was turned over to U.S. forces in Mosul.

Ramadan, 65, was captured today by Kurdish fighters in northern Iraq and the Arab satellite television station Al-Jazeera said he was disguised in peasant clothing. The former vice president was once considered Iraq's second-most powerful man, but his influence declined in the later years of Saddam Hussein's regime. He was No. 20 on the U.S. most-wanted list of former regime figures.

A light blue U.N. flag fluttered atop the compound as black smoke rose from at least one burning car after the car bomb. One corner of the building was missing and people were seen sifting through piles of rubble. Injured people were loaded into a helicopter while others were led away by soldiers.

"I can't move. I can't feel my legs and arms. Dozens of people I know are still under the ruins," Majid Al-Hamaidi, 43, a driver for the World Bank, cried out.

Bernard Kerik, the former New York City police commissioner who is rebuilding the Iraqi police force, told reporters at the scene that evidence suggested the attack was a suicide bombing.

"There was an enormous amount of explosives in what we believed to be a large truck," Kerik added.

Military ambulances and security forces were at the scene after the late afternoon blast. The top U.N. envoy to Iraq, Sergio Vieira de Mello, was wounded and among those trapped in the rubble, which destroyed his office.

"They were offering him water so it sounded like he was conscious," U.N. spokesman Fred Eckhard said in New York, citing U.N. officials in Baghdad.

Eckhard said he didn't know how seriously Vieira de Mello, 55, was hurt. A senior UNICEF official also was seriously wounded in the blast, U.N. officials said.

Vieira de Mello, a Brazilian, began a four-month assignment in Baghdad in June and had said his mission was "to make sure that the interests of the Iraqi people come first" in rebuilding their country.

The blast came 12 days after a car bomb attack on the Jordanian Embassy in Baghdad killed 11 people. It was thought to be the first such terrorist-style bombing in the Iraqi capital since Saddam's fall.

In the U.N. blast, one wounded man had a yard-long, inch-thick aluminum rod driven into his face just below his right eye. He identified himself as a security consultant for the International Monetary Fund, saying he had just arrived in the country over the weekend.

Israel continues to build walls, fencing

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel said today it would press on with construction of a barrier through the West Bank, confiscating Palestinian property near Jerusalem for a project that has drawn harsh criticism from the United States.

Israel plans a series of massive cement walls, electronic fencing, barbed wire and trenches between the West Bank and Israel to prevent suicide bombers from launching attacks.

The plan, which already has seen sections built in Jerusalem and the West Bank, has outraged Palestinians, and President Bush has called it a "problem." But Israel's defense minister was adamant Tuesday that the project had already prevented attacks and would go ahead at full-speed.

"I think it is very necessary for Israel that the continuation of the fence be carried out in line with the established timetable," Mofaz said after inspecting the barrier near the Jewish settlement of Alfei Menashe. "Including the section around Jerusalem."

Near Jerusalem, Israel has started expropriating the land of Palestinians for a barrier that will cut them off both from the city and the West Bank hinterland, officials said.

Dozens of families in the four towns — Abu Dis, Izzariyeh, Tsur Baher and Al-Sawahreh Al-Sharkia — already are separated from eastern Jerusalem, the main commercial hub for Palestinians in those areas, by a concrete wall meant to protect the city.

The electronic fencing is part of Israel's plan to build a larger barrier between the West Bank and Israel to prevent suicide bombings. It has outraged Palestinians.

Palestinians in the four towns near Jerusalem received confiscation notices late last week, said Khalil Tufakji, a Palestinian cartographer.

Once the fence is completed, tens of thousands of Palestinians in the area will have to use just one road to get in and out of the fenced-in area, he added.

"This means that all these villages on the outskirts of Jerusalem will be isolated and the only way to move outside them or to enter them will be through a couple of Israeli checkpoints," Tufakji said. "Under the umbrella of security, Israel is implementing its political plan to isolate villages around Jerusalem and to turn them into isolated cantons."

An Israeli security source, who spoke on condition of anonymity, confirmed Israel had distributed the confiscation orders. The entire barrier in that area will cover some 8.4 miles, the source said, adding that construction could begin within a month.

The wall separating the villages from Jerusalem increased the travel time to the city from about 5 minutes to an hour and sometimes longer. The new electronic fence will make it almost as difficult for them to get into the West Bank.

No injuries sustained Monday in two-vehicle accident in city

Accident

At 7:48 a.m. Monday, a two-vehicle accident occurred at 30th Street and El Paso Ave. Involved were a 1998 Ford driven by Joyce Williamson Hopper, 71, of 3102 42nd Street, and a 1992 Ford Explorer, driven by Fred Pacheco Castillo, 35, of 2400 Ave. M. There was one passenger, Autan Castillo, 11, in the second vehicle. No injuries were reported.

Criminal trespass

Monday at 12:55 p.m., a woman in the 3700 block of Highland Drive spoke to an officer in regard to a man coming onto her property. A criminal trespass warning was served.

Domestic violence

At 1:49 p.m. Monday, a woman went to the police station and asked to talk to officers in reference to domestic violence. A report for family violence was filed.

Threats

Monday at 7:10 p.m., a woman reported a man leaving threatening messages on her answering machine. A report for terroristic threat was submitted.

Ambulance run

At 9:16 p.m. Monday, an ambulance was requested at the Snyder High School auditorium after a piece of wood fell from the ceiling and hit SHS junior Brent Tyler in the head. He was transported to Cogdell Memorial Hospital. He was releasted from the hospital this morning.

Suspicious fax

Monday at 9:54 a.m., Toby Romero reported a suspicious fax received at NAPA Auto Parts. The fax was soliciting money transfers. He was advised of the proper steps to take.

Obituaries

Kenneth Brackeen

1929-2003

Kenneth Wayne Brackeen, a native of Scurry County, died Saturday, Aug. 16, at his home in Hermleigh after a sudden illness.

Funeral service for Mr. Brackeen, 74, was held today at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel with Dale Huff, minister of 37th Street Church of Christ, officiating. Burial was to follow in the Pyron Cemetery.



Kenneth Brackeen

Born March 26, 1929 in Hermleigh, he was a U.S. Navy and Army veteran of World War II. He married Leona YeVonne Hennington on July 17, 1951 in Hobbs, N.M.

Mr. Brackeen retired as a production foreman from Texaco in 1994 after 33 years in Midland and Scurry County.

A member of the Church of Christ, Mr. Brackeen was a member of the Hermleigh Masonic Lodge and a Shriner.

Survivors include his wife, Leona Brackeen of Hermleigh; a son, Kenneth W. Brackeen Jr. of Sterling City; a daughter and son-in-law, Pamelia and Jerry Helm of Ira; a sister and brother-in-law, Pat and Jerry Barbee of San Antonio; a brother and sister-in-law, Harold and Billie Brackeen of Tacoma, Wash.; six grandchildren, Misty Brackeen, Dustin Brackeen, Austin Brackeen, Taylor Brackeen, Hannah Brackeen and Jeremy Helm; and three great-grandchildren, Darius Rivera, Zoie Brackeen and Brianna Helm.

The family suggests memorials to the Salvation Army, 1726 Butternut in Abilene, 79602.

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Jericah Lynn Sosa

Infant

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

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

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

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

Raymond Moore

1920-2003

PALMDALE, Calif. — Carl Raymond Moore, Scurry County native and sister of Ruby Eades of Snyder, died Monday, Aug. 4.

Funeral service for Mr. Moore, 83, was held Aug. 7 in Valley View Church of the Nazarene.

Born June 15, 1920 in Snyder to the late Henry and Mattie Moore, Mr. Moore retired from Lockheed in 1982 as an electronic maintenance technician. He served in the Army Air Corp during World War II and was an avid radio operator.

Survivors also include his wife, Jean Taylor Moore of Palmdale; three sons, Robert Shirley of Texas, Ray Moore and Mark Moore, both of Antelope Valley; four daughters, Martha Meyler of New Jersey, Cindy Nixon, Patti Cyr and Susan Cox, all from Antelope Valley; 14 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Margaret Judkins

1916-2003

ONTARIO, Ore. — Margaret Judkins, a native of Scurry County, died Saturday, Aug. 16, at her home in Ontario.

Funeral service is set for 9 a.m. Wednesday in the Gray's West & Co. Funeral Home Chapel with Jon Privett, pastor of the First Church of the Nazarene, officiating. Interment will follow in the Mt. Hope Cemetery.

Born Nov. 15, 1916 in Snyder, she married Robert Garrett Judkins on Nov. 15, 1936 in Snyder.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1998 and by a son, George Murphy Judkins.

Survivors include four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society.

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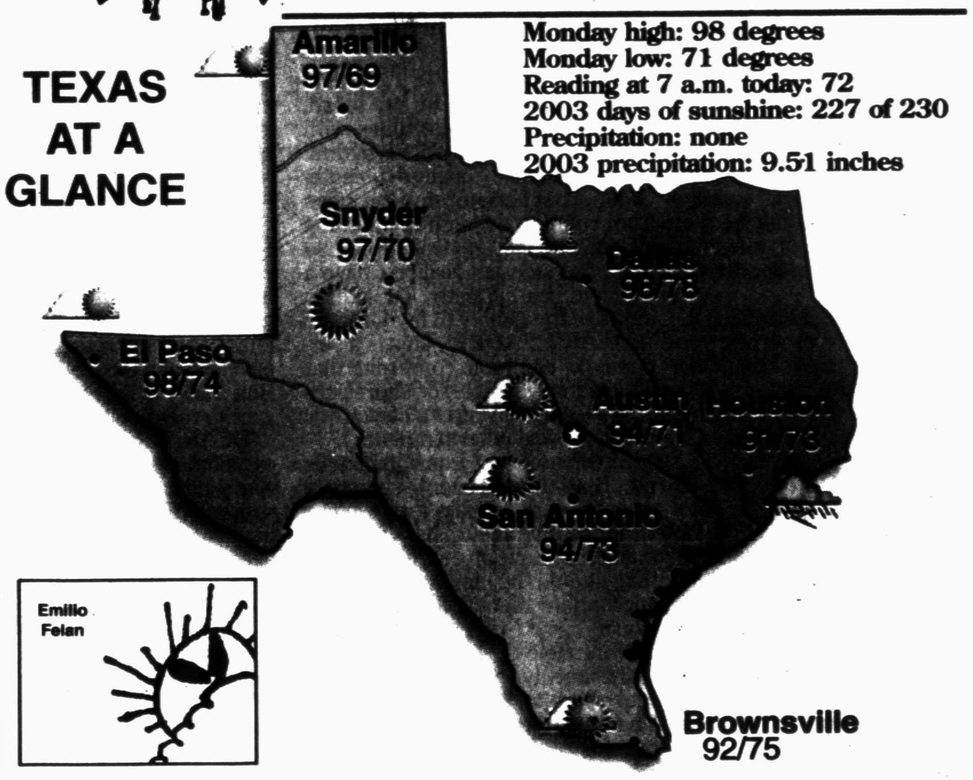
Wed 8/20	Thu 8/21	Fri 8/22
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Monday high: 98 degrees
Monday low: 71 degrees
Reading at 7 a.m. today: 72
2003 days of sunshine: 227 of 230
Precipitation: none
2003 precipitation: 9.51 inches

Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	99	74	sunny
Amarillo	97	69	pt sunny
Austin	94	71	mst sunny
Beaumont	92	72	t-storm
Brownsville	92	75	mst sunny
Brownwood	99	72	sunny
Corpus Christi	91	75	t-storm
Corsicana	96	73	mst sunny
Dallas	98	78	pt sunny
Del Rio	98	75	sunny
El Paso	98	74	pt sunny
Fort Stockton	97	70	sunny
Gainesville	97	74	pt sunny
Greenville	96	73	pt sunny
Houston	91	73	t-storm
Kingsville	93	73	pt sunny
Livingston	93	70	mst sunny
Longview	94	71	mst sunny
Lubbock	98	71	mst sunny
Lufkin	93	72	mst sunny
Midland	98	71	mst sunny
Raymondville	93	73	mst sunny
Rosenberg	92	72	t-storm
San Antonio	94	73	mst sunny
San Marcos	95	72	mst sunny
Sulphur Springs	96	72	mst sunny
Sweetwater	98	72	sunny
Tyler	96	74	mst sunny
Weatherford	98	73	mst sunny
Wichita Falls	101	76	pt sunny

National Cities

Atlanta	85	68	t-storm
Boston	87	72	pt sunny
Chicago	89	73	mst sunny
Dallas	98	78	pt sunny
Denver	90	61	mst sunny
Houston	91	73	t-storm
Los Angeles	84	66	mst sunny
Miami	86	78	t-storm
Minneapolis	92	70	t-storm
New York	89	73	mst sunny
Phoenix	106	84	pt sunny
San Francisco	75	59	pt sunny
Seattle	78	56	sunny
St. Louis	97	75	mst sunny
Washington, DC	90	74	mst sunny

Moon Phases

Full	Last	New	First
Aug 12	Aug 20	Aug 27	Sep 3

UV Index

Wed 8/20	Thu 8/21	Fri 8/22
Extreme	Extreme	Extreme

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

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