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Home of Marie Boone

FATAL ACCIDENT — DPS trooper Terry Snyder examines a 1995 Nissan Pathfinder that was involved in a fatal accident Sunday. Two persons from Houston died in the one-vehicle mishap that was reported at 8:35 a.m. Sunday. (SDN Staff Photos by Wade Warren)

Near Hermleigh...

Sunday wreck takes two lives

Two people from Houston died in a one-vehicle accident Sunday morning, some five miles southeast of Hermleigh on U.S. 84.

Killed in the accident were the driver of a 1995 Nissan Pathfinder, Rosario Lopez, 21, and one passenger, her four-year-old son, Sisco Marrio Montez.

Both were ejected from the vehicle.

Two other children, Kain Montez, 2, and Romeo Montez, 1, were treated and released at Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

The two young children are currently with a foster family in Sweetwater.

DPS trooper Terry Snyder said the Nissan was southbound when it ran off the road in the direction of the median, then the driver overcorrected to the right, causing the vehicle to cross both southbound lanes of traffic before going off the roadway entirely.

The vehicle then overturned several times before coming to rest on its top.

All four persons in the accident were from Houston and were en route home after visiting relatives in Albuquerque.

Emergency teams from Snyder, Sweetwater and Roscoe responded to the accident that was reported at 8:35 a.m.

A Critical Care air ambulance from Abilene also responded but was not used. Survivors of the accident were transported by Snyder EMS to Cogdell Hospital.

Also Hobbs students...

New students to SHS to register on Tuesday

High school students new to the Snyder ISD and Hobbs students are to register from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday at the high school.

Students are asked to bring grade records and immunization records to registration.

Fish Splash for ninth graders will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Worsham Auditorium. There will be games, ice cream and a tour of the high school facilities.

Cost is $5 to pre-register, or $8 at the door. Students can pre-register at the high school or by calling 573-6301 to reserve the $5 fee.

All freshman students will receive a T-shirt.

Orientation and a tour of the high school for all sophomores, juniors and seniors new to SHS also will be at this time.

CARING WORDS — At right, Snyder EMS paramedic Billy Evans, center, and Snyder Fire Department chaplain Jay Callaway, offer comforting words to Chelsea Burgess at the site of a fatal accident Sunday morning near Hermleigh. Burgess, from Ferris, was a witness to the one-vehicle mishap. At left, a Critical Care air ambulance lands at the scene.

Says Powell...

U. S. committed to finding answers to Korean problems

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States is committed to finding a diplomatic answer to the North Korean problem and, despite harsh rhetoric by high U.S. officials, is not trying to end communist leader Kim Jong Il's rule, Secretary of State Colin Powell said.

Upcoming six-way talks over North Korea's nuclear ambitions can allay the North's suspicions about a possible U.S. invasion without a nonaggression pact between the two countries as Kim's government has demanded, said Powell.

In an interview with selected U.S. media outlets, Powell was asked about Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz's comment in early summer that Kim's administration was "teetering on the edge of economic collapse." Wolfowitz said that could be used as "a major point of leverage" against Kim.

"I don't have a basis for saying there is an imminent collapse," Powell said in the interview, which the State Department made public Sunday.

"Right now there is a government there. It's been there for a lot of decades, and that's what I have to deal with," Powell said. "What the situation would be following a catastrophic collapse, I don't really know. I don't think it's anything that any of North Korea's neighbors at the moment wish to see."

He said diplomacy is U.S. policy as it tries to force North Korea to back away from its nuclear arms policy. North Korea is thought to have one or two weapons now.

"Our policy, the president's policy, is to work diplomatically with our partners and the North Koreans to find a diplomatic political solution," Powell said in the interview Friday.

North Korea has one of the world's most austere political and economic systems, described last week by Undersecretary of State John Bolton as a place where "life is a hellish nightmare" for most people.

That comment, and a Bolton description of Kim as a "tyrannical dictator," prompted a North Korean announcement Sunday that it would not consider Bolton a member of the U.S. delegation to the six-nation talks.

By the governor...

Another session may be called

ALBUQUERQUE (AP) — The current special legislative session is dead but lawmakers could see a congressional redistricting map approved if Gov. Rick Perry calls another special session, the leader of a walkout by 11 Democratic senators says.

For a map to gain approval, however, several conditions would have to be met, said Sen. Leticia Van de Putte, chairwoman of the Senate Democratic Caucus.

If the Senate and House members decide to stay in Austin, if Republicans in both chambers can reach a consensus on a map, and if Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst decides to do away with a Senate tradition to make it easier to pass a redistricting bill "then I would imagine if all those things happen, we could see a map," Van de Putte said.

"There's a lot of ifs there," she added.

Van de Putte said she did not know if a decision has been made about whether the Senate Democrats who are in Albuquerque would leave Austin again if Perry calls another session.

Her comments came Sunday, the sixth day of the Democratic boycott of the Texas Senate in protest over congressional redistricting. Democrats outnumber Republicans 17-15 in the Texas congressional delegation but Republicans, led by House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, are pushing for a new map that likely would give the GOP the majority.

Van de Putte also lashed out at Perry, saying he is dividing Texans, unlike his predecessor, George W. Bush, who she said united people.

"The difference was Bush was the great uniter. Perry and DeLay are the great dividers," Van de Putte said.

Van de Putte said as governor, Bush made a great effort to bring minorities into the Republican Party. She said Perry was threatening to lock the Hispanic and black senators in the Senate chamber so they would be forced to vote on a redistricting map that she said would disenfranchise minorities.

"What kind of image is that?" Van de Putte said. "I think the real danger here is not to Governor Perry. I think the real danger here is to the White House and the Republican efforts that would want to be so inclusive."

Perry spokeswoman Kathy Walt said Van de Putte's allegations are ludicrous and that Perry does not have the authority to lock senators in the chamber. Only the lieutenant governor can lock the senators into the chamber.

"Her accusations are intended to obscure the fact that they ran away from their job and their responsibility," Walt said. "They can't begin to represent their constituents while they are in New Mexico."

Walt said Perry drew 35 percent of the Hispanic vote in 2002 and his policies on education, economic development and other issues have brought more Hispanics to the Republican Party.

Van de Putte also took a personal swipe at Perry.

He's "not the brightest porch light on the block," Van de Putte said, adding that he "really looks good in jeans."

Walt said Van de Putte is stooping to personal attacks to try to turn the issue away from the fact that "they ran away from their responsibilities.

Five home games...

Season tickets now on sale

Snyder Tiger football season ticket holders can renew their tickets through Aug. 22 for the 2003 Snyder High School Varsity football home games.

Tickets can be renewed at the Snyder Independent School District administration building from 8 a.m to 3:30 p.m. weekdays.

Cost of the five home game package will be $20. Adult pre-game tickets will be $4 in advance and $5 at the gate.

Season tickets to the general public go on sale Aug. 25-29. They will not be available after that time.

Starting Sept. 2, tickets will be sold the week of each home game.

Student tickets will be $3 in advance and $5 at the gate. Student tickets will also be sold at each campus and at the administration building prior to each game.

ASK US

Q-Is it legal for our senators to go to other states "just to get their way"?

A-Yes, it is legal.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

Cindy Thames...

...has been a Snyder resident for 26 years. She has been the office manager for dentists Mike and Judith Dunham for 24. She has two grown sons. David lives in Abilene and Chris in Lubbock. Cindy likes old cars and hobbies include attending swap meets and fishing.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Longevity has ruined as many men as it's made.
—Will Rogers

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events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

VFW post to meet

VFW Post 8231 will meet at 7 tonight at the post home. All members urged to attend.

First Christian Bible Camp

First Christian Church, 37th and Austin, will host a Morning Bible Camp from 9-11:30 a.m. today through Thursday. Children from kindergarten through sixth grade are eligible. Call 573-6877 to register.

Volleyball booster club

The SHS volleyball booster club will meet at 7 tonight in the girls gym.

Hermleigh booster club

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

Bible study tapes

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

Grand jury

The Scurry County grand jury is expected to consider 20 felony cases when it convenes at 9 a.m. Tuesday in 132nd District Court.

Scurry Lodge #706

Scurry Lodge #706 will have a stated meeting at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday. All Master Masons are invited.

Drama Booster Club

The Snyder High Drama Booster Club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the foyer of Worsham Auditorium.

Country and gospel music

Country and gospel music begins at 6 p.m. Saturday at the Senior Citizens Center.

Tour SJHS Thursday

Snyder Junior High School students are invited to tour the building and locate homerooms between 4-5 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 14. Students will report to their homerooms at 8:20 a.m. Monday, Aug. 18, at which time they will receive their schedule cards.

FBC services televised

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

SISD diagnostic screening

Snyder ISD Special Programs diagnostic personnel will conduct a free screening from 9 a.m. until noon Thursday at Stanfield Elementary. If you suspect your child has developmental delays or a speech delay, bring them to this screening. Children who have turned 3 are eligible and any 4-year-old who does not qualify for the Pre-K Program. For more information, call 574-6078.

Head Start registration

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

HHS senior class fundraiser

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

Senior swimnastics

Swimnastics for senior citizens is held from 10 to 11 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the WTC pool.

SHS football program ads

Advertisements are now being sold for the 2003 football program. Anyone interested in purchasing an ad can call Christy Smith at 573-6301.

Sonshine registration

Sonshine School at 37th St. Church of Christ is currently registering students for the fall semester. For more information, call director Wendy Barnett at 574-1960.

Cancer treatment transportation

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

National Amber Alert coming in 2004

DALLAS (AP) — A nationwide network to help find missing children should be in place by this time next year, a Justice Department official said Sunday as more than 350 law enforcement officials, broadcasters and highway safety officials gathered for the first national training conference on the Amber Alert.

Deborah Daniels, assistant U.S. attorney general in the Office of Justice Programs, said states have made great strides in developing Amber Alert systems, with 45 states now operating statewide networks. In October 2001, there were only five statewide Amber Alert programs.

But she said communication between states is lacking. Daniels said one of the things missing is information on who to call in other states when Amber Alerts are needed.

"Right now we're probably doing what I call 20th Century interstate communication," Daniels said. "What we need to do is get this into the 21st Century."

The conference is intended to familiarize teams from all 50 states and six U.S. territories with each other's Amber Alert systems, educate them about the most effective and affordable technology and address kinks in the systems, such as overuse.

"There's a tremendous danger in using this vital tool too often," Daniels said in a speech. "Overuse could desensitize the public and cause them to ignore the critical nature of true emergencies."

Amber Alerts are named after Amber Hagerman, a 9-year-old girl abducted in Arlington and later found murdered. The bulletins are distributed through radio and television broadcasts and electronic highway signs on kidnapped children and their abductors.

Tamara Brooks, one of two teenage girls abducted at gunpoint last August in California, told the convention in a speech that the Amber Alert helped save her life.

After 14 hours in captivity and one failed escape attempt, Brooks, now 17, and Jacqueline Marris were rescued 100 miles away when Kern County, Calif., sheriff's deputies closed in on the suspect's stolen car and shot him to death.

"It works. It's as simple as that," the soon-to-be high school senior said after recounting her harrowing ordeal. "If something is lost and you don't tell anyone, how can it be found?"

Brooks' case, which marked the first time California had used the alert, provided the nudge many other states needed to get their programs off the ground, said Chris Murray, co-chairman of Oregon's emergency communication committee.

"It was that incident in California that put news media microphones in front of politicians and then the politicians started saying, 'we've got to do something about it.'"

Daniels said the Amber Alert that once depended on fax and e-mail to relay images and messages now relies on digital images and other technology that can spread word about a missing child within minutes to everywhere from cell phones to lottery ticket machines.

Since it began, the Amber Alert has resulted in the safe return of more than 80 abducted children, Daniels said.

On the Net:
http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/amberalert

Fed program helps former military find jobs

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Serena Rowan has been an Army drill sergeant, recruiter, sergeant major, and director of personnel, on top of civilian jobs she's held with a phone company and a boys home.

She's now settled happily into teaching — "my calling," she says — through a re-energized federal program that helps former military personnel find jobs in public education.

Her assignment: teach special-education youngsters in a suburban St. Louis school where 93 percent of the children qualify for free or reduced lunches, one measure of poverty.

She came to the Ferguson-Florissant School District last year through Troops to Teachers, begun in 1994 when the military began downsizing and given a much-needed boost two years ago with a public endorsement from former teacher and first lady Laura Bush.

Like the Peace Corps and the old Vista volunteer program, the former soldiers must work in places considered by many people as less than desirable.

Troops to Teachers pays participants either $5,000 toward earning their teacher's certification or a $10,000 bonus for teaching three years in schools that serve poor children. They also receive a paycheck from the school district.

Educators are divided over the program.

Some, such as Scot Danforth of the University of Missouri-St. Louis' College of Education, believe military discipline doesn't work with an 8-year-old.

"Public schools and children don't work that way," said Danforth, the college's chair of the division of teaching and learning. "The chains of command are loose, authority is always questionable, even the authority of teachers."

Supporters, however, say the former troops bring efficiency, organization, dedication and discipline to the classroom, as well as pride.

"I observed one who was strict, fun, and fair," said Susan Adler, director of teacher education at the University of Missouri at Kansas City, who acknowledges seeing her own "child of the '60s, antimilitary bias" crumble.

"He had classroom management licked," Adler said. "He was strict, but not in a negative way. That's not untypical."

Adler's initial reaction to the former troops was not unlike that of many in the teaching field, said Peter E. Peters, assistant chief of Troops to Teachers at its national headquarters in Pensacola, Fla.

"It was a hard sell at first," Peters said. "People didn't want to deal with the federal government and the strings attached, and they were apprehensive about hiring military people. They don't want a drill instructor or a fighter pilot teaching kindergarten."

Dick Andrews, dean of the College of Education at the University of Missouri at Columbia, doesn't come down on either side.

"There's no evidence that military are any better as teachers," Andrews said. "But they're an available pool of people; their interest is a first step. The question is can we teach them to be effective teachers?"

The answer is a resounding yes from Luther Ginger, assistant principal of Johnson Wabash Elementary School, where the ex-drill sergeant Rowan teaches. Rowan, he said, arrives early, stays late, sets high standards for her charges and has made a difference in their lives.

"We have not been disappointed," Ginger said. "She's here for the kids."

Rowan said she learned of Troops to Teachers after retiring in 2002 with 30 years in the military. She'd taught adults part-time off base and knew she wanted to do more teaching, with children this time.

She chose children with learning disabilities because "they need more than anybody else," she said. "They need someone who is caring, steadfast, who never runs out. I'm that person."

On the Net:
Troops to Teachers:
http://www.proudtoserveagain.com

Date Book

Monday, Aug. 4, 2003
Today is the 216th day of 2003 and the 45th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1693, Dom Perignon invented champagne.

On this day in 1944, the Nazi Gestapo captured 15-year-old Jewish diarist Anne Frank in Amsterdam.

On this day in 1988, Congress voted to award $20,000 to each Japanese-American interned during World War II.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Louis Armstrong (1901-1971), musician; Elizabeth (Bowes-Lyon) (1900-2002), former Queen Dowager of England; Billy Bob Thornton (1955-), actor and director, is 48; Roger Clemens (1962-), baseball player, is 41.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1945, golfer Byron Nelson set the record for the most consecutive tournament wins with 11 victories. He went on to win 18 events that season.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Musicians don't retire. They stop when there's no more music in them." — Louis Armstrong

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

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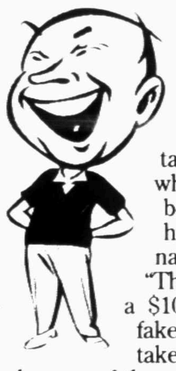
You can't eat well and keep fit if you don't shop well.
—Adelle Davis

Today's chuckle

Alleged burglar uses fake money in bribe



DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — An alleged burglar tried to buy his way out of trouble when Charles Lee caught him in his mother's home.

The man, trapped in the house about 4 a.m. Tuesday, offered Lee a $100 bill to let him go. The bill sported a picture of President Bush.

"Yeah, the guy was trying to bribe me with fake money," Lee said.

Des Moines police charged Michael Castiglione, 37, of Massachusetts, with second-degree burglary.

Lee was sleeping in the basement of the home when he heard his mother, Rozetta Lee, 87, screaming.

"He came through my mother's bedroom window. He cut the screen," Lee said. "Mom was yelling, 'What are you doing in my room?' I ran upstairs, and this guy is trying to hide in her bedroom.

"I snatched him and was dragging him through the house to take him outside and whoop him a little. I may be 53 years old, but I still have some fire in the furnace.

"The guy tried to hand me a $100 bill. I knew it was fake, but I wouldn't have taken it anyway. It was one of those 9/11 George W. Bush bills."

Castiglione is being held on $13,000 bond at the Polk County Jail.

events

LOTTO TEXAS
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RESULTS

Saturday's Lottery Numbers Lotto Texas

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

Winning numbers drawn: 7-22-30-35-39. Bonus Ball: 33.

Number matching five of five, plus Bonus Ball: none.

Number matching five of five: 3. Prize: $10,560.

Number matching four of five, plus Bonus Ball: 11. Prize: $2,614.

Number matching four of five: 570. Prize: $110.

Number matching three of five, plus Bonus Ball: 488. Prize: $112.

Number matching three of five: 22,226. Prize: $5.

Number matching two of five, plus Bonus Ball: 6,407. Prize: $5.

Number matching one of five, plus Bonus Ball: 29,360. Prize: $3.

Estimated jackpot for Wednesday night drawing: $5 million.

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Oregon's budget stalemate drags on

SALEM, Ore. (AP) — In a year of bickering over crunched budgets, even politically contentious California managed to reach a compromise last week. Not so its neighbor to the north.

Oregon is the last place where state lawmakers are still in session this summer, struggling to reach a budget agreement. The Legislature is on track to set a record for the longest session in Oregon's history.

Looking on from the other end of the nation, the leader of the Connecticut Senate says he feels for the lawmakers pinned down by budget battles.

"It brings out the worst in people," said Kevin Sullivan, the chamber's president pro tem. "All they want to do is pontificate and be partisan."

This past week Connecticut lawmakers managed to put their own differences aside and pass a new two-year budget. In California, the Assembly's longest session ever ended with a compromise budget plan designed to alleviate a potential $40 billion deficit.

That leaves Oregon.

Mired in a fiscal crisis that experts have called the state's worst since the Great Depression, the Legislature is set to reach a milestone of sorts on Friday — the longest session in state history, at 208 days.

A few other states are still wrapping up loose ends. Pennsylvania has a budget deal, but has not yet resolved the question of school subsidies.

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Housing hard to find; parolee lives in tent

ALBANY, Ore. (AP) — Bruce Scott Erbs, convicted arsonist and sex offender, shuffles across a vacant yard behind the county jail, pulls back the flap of a tent and climbs inside.

The nylon sheter, set up on pieces of plywood under a streetlight, is both his home and a stepping stone to life outside prison.

In budget-strapped Oregon, camping is the latest solution to the thorny issue of housing ex-cons — particularly registered sex offenders — that has vexed officials for years as they struggle with nervous neighbors and reluctant landlords.

Most counties in Oregon, and most states nationwide, offer transitional housing. Sometimes, parole officials put up newly released prisoners in cheap motels.

In Oregon, the responsibility of implementing parole policies falls to the counties, said Ginger Martin, spokeswoman for the Department of Justice. State officials are on the record as opposing camping as an alternative to transitional housing, she said.

Linn County has only one parolee — Erbs — whose transitional housing is a tent.

But in neighboring Polk County, commissioners ordered about a half-dozen parolees to camp in a parking garage outside a county office beginning in February. The parolees unfurled foam pads in the evening, and rolled them up in the morning when county employees arrived to park their cars.

The camp temporarily disbanded last month after city officials objected to the policy. Now, county officials are looking for a site outside city limits, said Marty Silbernagel, community corrections director.

"This is an issue of county philosophy," Silbernagel said. "Our county commissioners strongly believe the taxpayers should not pay money to house convicted felons."

Erbs was put in a tent only after Sheriff David Burright spent months searching for a landlord — and finding no takers. Their reasons: the types of crimes Erbs committed coupled with his diagnosed condition of paranoid schizophrenia.

"You put those problems together, a predatory sexual offender, a fire starter and a person who is mentally ill," Burright said, "and it's probably the toughest kind of person to supervise."

So Erbs wound up in the tent.

Linn County spent $45 on the dome-style camping tent, furnished with an Army surplus cot. A garden hose provides water. A portable toilet stands nearby. Erbs eats and showers at a homeless shelter.

Scattered about the floor of the tent were a half-eaten bag of Ruffles potato chips, a jar of instant coffee, a pair of reading glasses on a pillow and some rumpled clothes.

It's baking hot in the yard, which is surrounded by a chain link fence and razor wire and devoid of shade.

Verizon, workers make progress in contract talks

WASHINGTON (AP) — Verizon Communications and negotiators for 78,000 employees have made substantial headway toward agreeing on a new contract, one of the labor unions said Sunday night.

"A few outstanding issues remain to be resolved," the Communications Workers of America said in a statement. "We are making significant progress."

The two sides met for more than 12 hours Sunday before recessing around midnight, reported the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, the other union involved in the talks. Discussions were to resume today.

Telephone operators and technicians from Virginia to Maine reported to work as scheduled, and will remain on the job until further notice, despite the expiration of a three-year contract at midnight Saturday.

The issue of job security has loomed over the negotiations, said Jim Spellane, spokesman for the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, which represents 18,000 Verizon workers. The CWA represents the remainder of the 78,000 workers in the talks. Major questions focus on how future layoffs will be handled and whether workers laid off can take jobs in other parts of the company.

Verizon's local phone service business is shrinking, while growth areas are in wireless and high-speed Internet, separate divisions of the company that are not highly unionized.

Al-Qaida remains a real threat says U.S. AG Ashcroft

WASHINGTON (AP) — Attorney General John Ashcroft is warning of a "very real potential" for another al-Qaida attack on America.

"Al-Qaida wants to strike us," Ashcroft said on "Fox News Sunday." They want to "strike us whenever and wherever they can."

Ashcroft appeared on several of the Sunday television talk shows, and spoke hours after the release of a new tape said to be from Osama bin Laden's top deputy, Ayman Al-Zawahri.

While not saying the tape was authentic, Ashcroft told ABC's "This Week" that it "signals to us that the war is still under way, that al-Qaida still has the same intentions toward the United States that it did when it unleashed its savage attack" on Sept. 11, 2001.

The recording threatens that the United States "will pay dearly" if it harms detainees at Guantanamo Bay in Cuba.

"The potential for us to be hit again is a very real potential," said Ashcroft. At the same time, he said the administration has taken steps to minimize the threat.

Last week, the Homeland Security Department told airlines and law enforcement agencies that al-Qaida may attempt suicide hijackings in the coming months.

Over the weekend, the departments of State and Homeland Security suspended visa-exemption rules for many foreigners traveling through the United States from one foreign airport to another. They will now be required to have visas as they wait for connecting flights.

Ashcroft said these action add another layer of security and he insisted that he believes it is safe to fly.

In another anti-terrorism move, Homeland Security chief Tom Ridge said his agency will have representatives in Saudi Arabia "by the end of this month" to more closely monitor the granting of visas for travel to the United States.

Fifteen of the 19 Sept. 11 hijackers were Saudis.

"We're not going to replace the State Department officials and the consular affairs officials in Saudi Arabia," said Ridge on NBC's "Meet the Press." "We will add additional bodies to that screening process."

Ashcroft said U.S. officials have seen significant success in efforts to track suspected terrorists and foil their plans, disrupting more than 100 planned attacks worldwide since the Sept. 11 attacks.

The attorney general also defended the Patriot Act as an important terrorism-fighting tool. Despite a congressional challenge to part of the law, Ashcroft said he believes that lawmakers will not only end up supporting it, but possibly even expanding it.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Daughter's weight gain is heavy burden for dad

DEAR ABBY: I am writing out of concern for my husband "Marc's" 9-year-old daughter, "Rachel." She visits us every other weekend. The rest of the time she lives with her mother in the next town.

Rachel is extremely overweight. We've watched her put on 20 more pounds this summer. Friends and family members, with the exception of Rachel's mother, have also become concerned about her weight problem.

Marc and I are both health-conscious. We make every effort to eat properly and live a healthy lifestyle. When Rachel is in our home, we make sure she eats well-balanced meals, and we never bring junk food into our home. Our problem is, Rachel's mother sees nothing wrong with her daughter bringing along a supply of fattening snacks when she comes to stay.

Time after time, Marc has tried to talk to his ex-wife about this problem. She refuses even to acknowledge that there is one! We're very concerned. We want Rachel to develop healthy habits, and we're worried that the teasing will be even worse when she begins fourth grade in the fall. Any advice you can offer would be appreciated. — **WORRIED ABOUT OUR GIRL IN TEXAS**

DEAR WORRIED: I'm assuming Marc's daughter has a pediatrician. If she doesn't, she should. As Rachel's father, Marc has the obligation to inform her physician about his daughter's weight gain and eating habits.

Perhaps the mother will be more receptive to supervising her daughter's diet when she hears from a doctor that her daughter is headed for trouble. If not, Marc should talk to his lawyer.

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DEAR ABBY: "Anxious Daughter in New England" wrote that she had just discovered that her mother — who is terminally ill with only weeks to live — had placed a baby for adoption many years ago. She said that she felt an "urgent need" to locate that child before her mother dies, so they could meet. She said that her mother has periods of confusion but is lucid "some of the time," and family members are divided about whether a reunion would be good for her. "Daughter" asked for your opinion.

You advised her to "let go of the fantasy." What an insensitive response! I cannot fathom why you would respond that way to someone who is trying to give her mother closure.

Granted, she should consult the doctor regarding the possible consequences. But even if it isn't a good idea for the mother to have this, it IS important for that woman to know her sibling.

Please choose your responses with a more sensitive outlook, especially with such an emotional issue. — **PRESIDENT OF THE NEW YORK STATEWIDE ADOPTION REFORM**

DEAR PRESIDENT: I am not against a reunion of the siblings. My concern was literally for the life of the mother — the shock could kill the poor woman. It's significant that when the writer's mother was well, she had NOT expressed a desire to find the "secret" child she had placed for adoption. That's why I said, "Let go of the fantasy." While the majority of reunions are happy ones, I hear from people who tell me that not all are. I'm sorry if you and others were offended.

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Tuesday, Aug. 5, 2003

So long as you don't make the mistake of taking your luck for granted, lots of opportunities that are presented to you can be successfully accessed in the year ahead. However, you're the one who has to make it happen.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Luck is likely to desert you today if you gamble on something over which you have no direct control. Limit yourself to involvements in which you're at the helm.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Prejudging people or situations before all the facts are in today could work against you. Reserve your opinion so something good that can be yours won't be denied you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Try to keep a lid on your spending today regarding nonessentials you think you can't live without. If you're extravagant or wasteful today, you'll regret your folly later.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — It won't be worth justifying your ego today if the position you take opposes the majority. Your pride could cost you the respect of those who are important to you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — It might be too easy today to get tripped up by rationalizing that everything will take care of itself. Be realistic concerning what confronts you and meet your problems head on.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — The smart thing today might be to avoid spending time with those who can afford to do things you can't. Associates could have a stronger influence than usual on your pocketbook.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Should you feel pressured to please someone in order to get along with that person today, it could cause you to do something that goes against your best interests. Don't be a patsy.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Let others do the boasting about your accomplishments today rather than tooting your own horn. Your recognition will be acknowledged when it comes from them, not from you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Check for the best ways to enhance your image today. It is imperative that you put your best foot forward if you hope to further your personal desires.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Any promises you make today, especially to family members, will be taken seriously, so make certain you follow through on your commitments. There will be a penalty for raising false hopes.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Keep your own counsel today, particularly on giving advice about how to do something of which you possess little knowledge. Guesswork yields mistakes, and you'll be held accountable.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — If you handle your resources far too loosely today, any surplus you might realize at this time could suddenly disappear. It's imperative that you manage your finances prudently.

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Search is continuing for three fisherman missing since Friday

PORT ARANSAS (AP) — Three men, including a former Navy Seal, were the objects of a search that has covered more than 1,200 miles off the Matagorda jetties since they failed to return to a marina Friday night.

Texas Parks and Wildlife game wardens found a boat about 4:30 p.m. Sunday but no sign of three fishermen missing since Friday night. Coast Guard crews continued to search into the night for the three men.

The boat was found about eight miles south of the Matagorda jetties, U.S. Coast Guard spokeswoman Lt. Kat Hopkins said late Sunday.

The hull of the boat appeared undamaged, but there was significant damage to the center console. The Corpus Christi Caller-Times reported that five life jackets were found in the boat along with a tackle box with the identification of the boat's owner, William "Bud" Everett, 64, a popular Port Aransas teacher.

Missing along with Everett were James Dufran, 49, a marina employee, and Richard Wright, the former Navy Seal. No age was available for Wright.

The men left Crab Man Marina on Friday morning to fish one to five miles offshore in a 21-foot white and tan Boston Whaler.

By late Sunday, 14 searches had been conducted by air and sea, Hopkins said.

The coast guard launched a 41-foot rescue boat to begin searching for the three men while Coast Guard Air Station Corpus Christi launched an HH-65 Dolphin helicopter and a HU-25 Falcon jet.

"Other marinas and nearby rigs have been notified and we are broadcasting constantly to see if anyone has seen them," she said.

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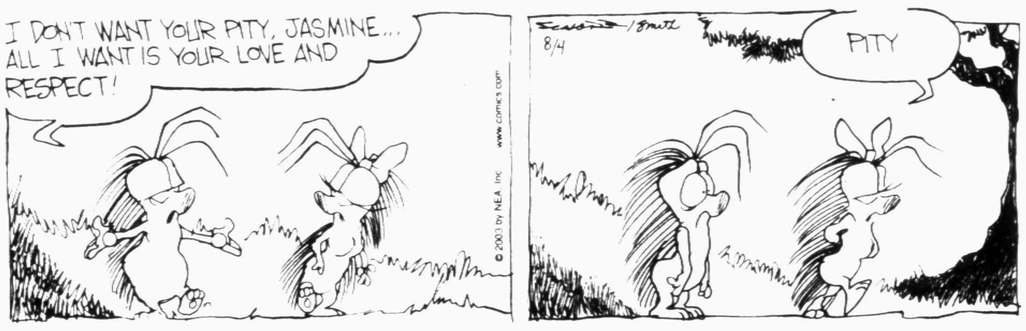

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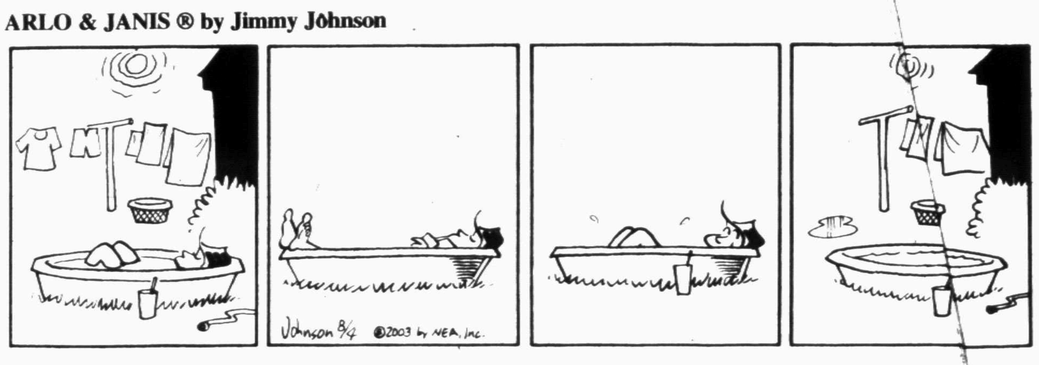

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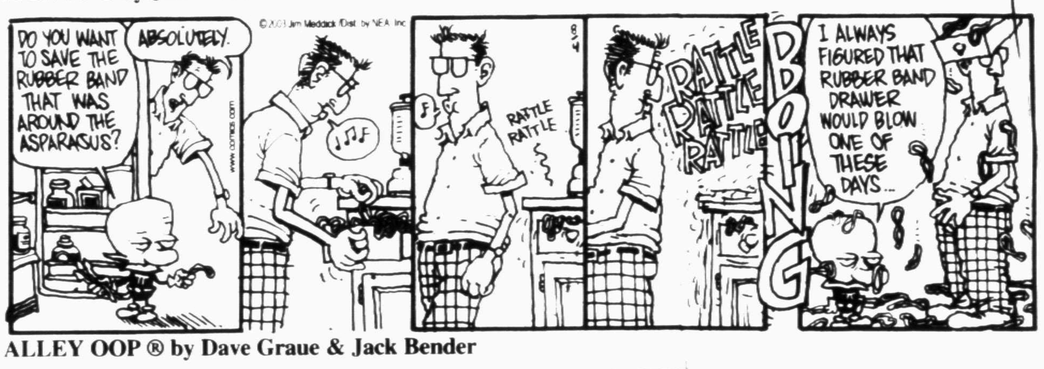

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7 Hired vehicle
10 Peggy —
11 Confronts
13 Sugarloaf locale
14 Dixie st.
15 Ryan of films
16 Muckraker — Tarbell
17 Casual wear
19 Palette color
21 Sine — non
22 Bikini half
23 Nobelist — Pauling
26 Weapons cache
30 Largest continent
31 Wee, in Dundee
32 Canteen initials
33 Rushed
34 Seed?
35 Verse forms
36 Granted
39 Exude moisture
40 Longbow wood
41 Montreal's prov.
42 Data-storage units
45 Nestle
48 Ms. Thurman
49 Metric pounds
51 All-purpose vehicle
53 Drill sgt.
54 Black
55 Also
56 Oil alternative
57 Hagen of films
58 USN rank

DOWN

1 Gator Bowl st.
2 Underwater shockers
3 Ardor
4 Sri —
5 Coats cupcakes
6 Early veggie
7 Corn bin
8 Staffer
9 Wild tusker
11 Concentrate
12 Runs words together
18 Greenish-blue
20 Comic strip's Daisy —
22 Naughty kid
23 Angelina Jolie role
24 Witness's phrase (2 wds.)
25 1492 vessel
26 During
27 Renoir subject
28 Cruising
29 Mislaid
31 Gush out
35 Had debts
37 Deli bread
38 Office furniture
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42 Dent
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44 Town near Santa Fe
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47 007's alma mater
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52 Dawn deity

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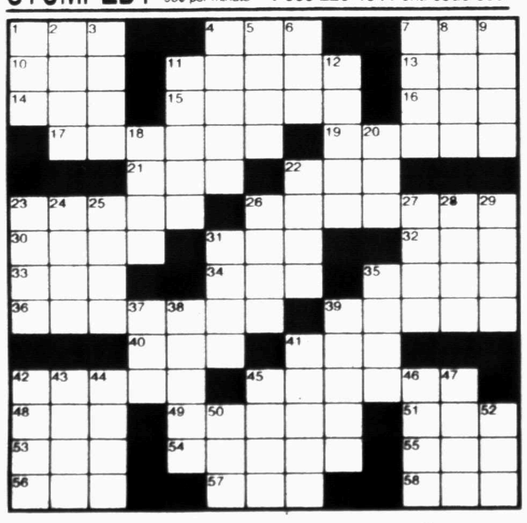

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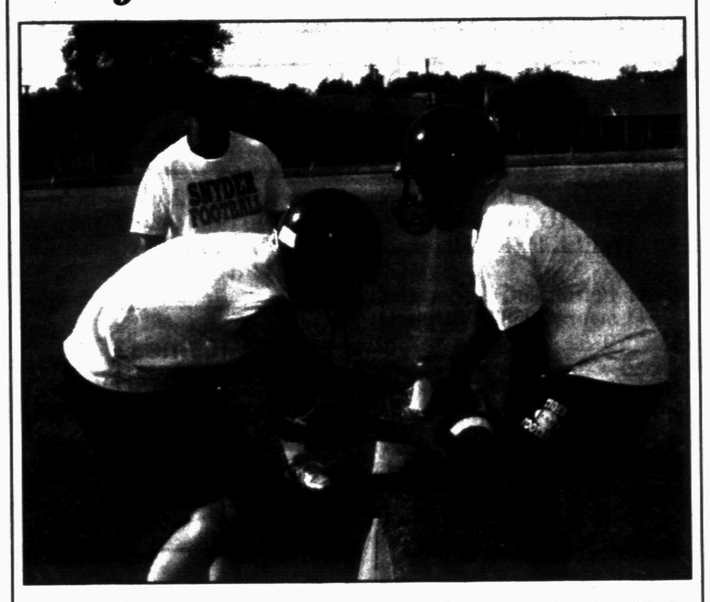


FOOTBALL IS BACK! — Snyder varsity quarterbacks Cade Owen, left, and Boicy Martinez get to work this morning at the first practice of summer two-a-days as Head Coach Chad Rogers keeps a close eye on their technique. Below, line coach Roger White fits a helmet on defensive lineman Ricky McNatt during equipment issue. (SDN Staff Photos)

Teams get two-a-days underway

Local teams kicked off the beginning of the two-a-day practice schedule this morning, with the SHS volleyball and football teams beginning the initial preparations for the upcoming season.

"We want to do things right from the start," head football coach Chad Rogers said as over 70 players lined up for calisthenics.

Rogers told his team that he expects the 27 returning seniors to step up and take the leadership role for the defending District 3-3A champions.

Drills were sharp from the outset with no wasted time and no players standing around as the team split into individual workouts. Rogers is entering his third year at the helm of the Snyder football program.

This year will see a new defensive coordinator in Armando Martinez, who takes over for the departed Buster Mabrey.

"Attention to detail" was the key phrase at the first workout.

"We are going to work on the little things that, if you don't do, can cost you a ball game," Rogers said.

Second year volleyball coach Laura Moses led her squad through a morning of running, with net work coming during the afternoon practices.

Ira and Hermleigh also began workouts this morning.

Hermleigh is coming off a winless season that saw them struggle again with a shortage of players, while Ira is looking to defend its bi-district crown from a season ago.

While Hermleigh is a young team that lost just one senior, Ira must find a way to replace senior standouts Eric Dickerhoff and Josh Gutierrez, who were vital components in the team's 10-2 regular season.

Two-a-days will continue through this week and will finish next Aug. 15.

Stram, Allen inducted into football Hall

CANTON, Ohio (AP) — As Hank Stram's image appeared on the video screen and his voice filled the stadium, many of his former players hugged and cried.

Their former coach was finally a member of the Pro Football Hall of Fame, a tribute all the Kansas City Chiefs felt was long overdue.

"It was too late, but now he's in there forever," running back Ed Podolak said. "Thank God he was here when it happened."

Stram's induction was the emotional high point of Sunday's enshrinment ceremony for the Class of 2003: Stram, Marcus Allen, James Lofton, Joe DeLamielleure and Elvin Bethea.

The 80-year-old Stram had to be pushed onto the stage in a wheelchair as 115 of the NFL's greatest names and 8,500 fans welcomed him with a standing ovation.

Wearing his gold Hall of Fame blazer, Stram then watched his prerecorded induction speech that showed a fiery, charismatic and innovative coach who would one day be immortalized in Canton.

On a day filled with emotional speeches, Stram's was the shortest, sweetest and most touching.

"Look at all the red eyes," Podolak said. "I cried like a baby, and so did everyone else."

During a 17-year pro coaching career that began in 1960 with the Dallas Texans and ended with the New Orleans Saints, Stram led the Chiefs to three AFL titles and a Super Bowl upset over Minnesota in 1970.

He was presented by Hall of Famer Len Dawson, his friend of 50 years and the best quarterback Stram has said he ever coached.

Dawson spoke lovingly of Stram, focusing on the coach's passion for football and his unwavering commitment to players.

"He had the ability to make each and every one of us feel special," Dawson said. "I wear a Super Bowl ring on this hand, and a Hall of Fame ring on this one, and it's all because of Hank Stram."

Shortly before Dawson's speech, the steady rains that threatened to move the ceremony indoors stopped, and the sun briefly peeked through, allowing fans to strip off ponchos and rain gear.

At about the same time, Stram's speech — a video montage of career highlights with his induction remarks providing the voiceover — was played in Fawcett Stadium.

Suddenly, there was the gregarious Stram screaming, "Come on boys, put it in there, baby" during Kansas City's 23-7 upset of the favored Vikings in Super Bowl IV.

The video was vintage Stram, pounding his rolled-up game plan into his hand while cheering for his players, demanding an official's explanation of a call, and above all, winning games.

Stram, who was elected by the Hall's seniors committee, briefly stood and waved to the crowd but left the ceremony before the other enshrinees' speeches.

It was fitting that Stram's induction speech was taped.

He was the first coach to wear a microphone during a Super Bowl and Stram's sideline antics, captured by NFL Films, helped bring the league into the video age.

Allen, one of the game's flashiest running backs, rushed for 12,243 yards during a 16-year career with the Los Angeles Raiders and Kansas City Chiefs.

After being presented by his father, Red, Allen began and ended his remarks by thanking family members.

"Every inch, every yard, every hit, every hurt, every pain, every run, I did because of you guys," Allen said, his voice choked with emotion.

Allen also acknowledged Raiders owner Al Davis, whose ugly rift with the former Super Bowl MVP led to Allen's benching and ultimately to him joining the Chiefs.

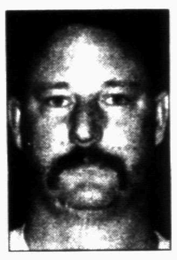
DeLamielleure had the day's most lighthearted speech.

The former guard with the Buffalo Bills and Cleveland Browns gave a special nod to his blue-collar roots, which began in Detroit as the son of a bar owner and the ninth of 10 children.

"Team work came from this: one bathroom, no lock, 10 kids," said DeLamielleure, whose blocks helped O.J. Simpson run for more than 2,000 yards in 1973.

Pool named new softball coach

Darren Pool, who coached softball at Pleasanton last season, is the new varsity softball coach at Snyder High School.



Pool

Hired last Friday, Pool is already knee-deep in volleyball two-a-days which started this morning.

Originally from Andrews, Pool has been a coach for five years, and has coached softball the last two.

Pool and his wife, Tina, have two children — 10-year-old daughter Ryann and eight-month-old son Carter.

Pool said he is aware of the returning and incoming talent on the softball team, but he said, "I haven't had a chance to look at anything yet."

In addition to his varsity softball duties, Pool also will take the reins as the freshman volleyball coach.

Ranger bats save Dickey in 8-5 win

ARLINGTON (AP) — The Texas Rangers' big bats bailed out R.A. Dickey.

The right-hander was on shaky ground after allowing three runs in the first inning, but settled down to pitch a career-high seven innings in the Rangers' 8-5 win over the Cleveland Indians on Sunday night.

Alex Rodriguez, Rafael Palmeiro and Einar Diaz homered to help Dickey get his first career victory as a starter.

Early on, it looked like Dickey's fourth big league start would be a short one. The Indians scored three runs on four hits in the first. But the right-hander bounced back by allowing just one run on three hits over his final six innings.

"I'm not a No. 1 starter like Pedro Martinez or Roger Clemens," Dickey said. "I'm just trying to pitch five or six innings and keep the team close."

Dickey allowed seven hits and four runs over seven innings.

Diaz's fourth homer of the season broke a 4-all tie in the third inning and sent his former team to its fourth straight loss and 13th in 17 games. Diaz was acquired by the Rangers from the Indians in a trade in December.

Rodriguez and Palmeiro hit back-to-back solo shots with two outs in the first. Rodriguez, who has 28 homers, has homered in four consecutive games and Palmeiro has homered in three straight.

Francisco Cordero pitched the ninth for his fifth save.

The Rangers, who have won seven of eight, homered 13 times in sweeping the three-game set with the Indians. Texas scored 27 runs in the series and has scored 44 in its last four games against Cleveland.

Furyk takes Buick by two strokes over Woods

GRAND BLANC, Mich. (AP) — Jim Furyk enjoys getting out of bed with an upset stomach.

"It's a thrill to wake up Sunday morning knowing you're in contention and that a good round can win the golf tournament," Furyk said after shooting a 4-under 68 to win the Buick Open at 21 under. "That's what we work for. I love the nervousness, that jittery feeling. You eat, but it never really goes down all that well.

"I love that."

He must also be fond of playing in tournaments when Tiger Woods is trying to repeat.

Furyk beat Woods by two strokes and prevented the world's No. 1 ranked player from being the first since 1965 to win two straight at Warwick Hills.

Furyk's last four PGA Tour victories have come at tournaments where Woods was the defending champion. Furyk also wrested titles away from Woods at this year's U.S. Open, last year's Memorial and the 2001 Mercedes Championship.

Sunday's victory game Furyk two wins in a year for the first time in his career. He has a chance to start his first winning streak at the PGA Championship in two weeks.

"This would be a good time, with a major championship coming," said Furyk, who owns nine PGA Tour titles. "It's just nice to have some confidence in your game."

Man shoots at competitor in Bassmaster fishing tourney

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The second place finisher at the Bassmaster Classic told authorities that a man wielding a shotgun fired over his boat on Sunday, the final day of the tournament.

Gary Klein, 45, of Weatherford, Texas, told Plaquemines Parish sheriff's deputies that a man ran out of a fishing camp on a canal at 11:15 a.m. and shot over his boat from about 70 yards away.

"As we passed by, he shot over my boat," Klein said. "It's the first time in my career that I've ever had that happen, and I have never heard of anyone else ever having that happen."

Klein, who has competed in 21 Classic tournaments, said he would press charges if the shooter is caught.

"He needs to be taken care of," Klein said.

Klein was with a guide and an ESPN camera operator. But the incident was not caught on tape, said Maj. John Marie, a spokesman for the sheriff's office.

On a return trip down the canal, commonly called Camp Canal, the same man ran out of his fishing camp and waved at Klein's boat.

NFL

National Football League
Preseason Glance
Saturday's Game
Tampa Bay 30, N.Y. Jets 14
Today
Green Bay vs. Kansas City at Canton, Ohio, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Aug. 7
N.Y. Giants at New England, 7 p.m.
Friday, Aug. 8
Tampa Bay at Miami, 6 p.m.
St. Louis at Oakland, 8 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 9
Pittsburgh at Detroit, 11:30 a.m.
Green Bay at Atlanta, 7 p.m.
Buffalo at Baltimore, 7 p.m.
Cleveland at Tennessee, 7 p.m.
Washington at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Jacksonville at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Indianapolis at Chicago, 7:05 p.m.
Denver at Houston, 7:30 p.m.
San Francisco at Kansas City, 7:30 p.m.
Dallas at Arizona, 9 p.m.
San Diego at Seattle, 9 p.m.
Sunday, Aug. 10
Cincinnati at N.Y. Jets, noon

Major League Baseball

National League
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	73	38	.658	—
Philadelphia	62	49	.559	11
Florida	60	51	.541	13
Montreal	58	54	.518	15½
New York	45	66	.405	28

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	60	51	.541	—
St. Louis	58	53	.523	2
Chicago	56	54	.509	3½
Pittsburgh	51	58	.468	8
Cincinnati	51	60	.459	9
Milwaukee	44	67	.396	16

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	69	42	.622	—
Arizona	57	54	.514	12
Colorado	57	57	.500	13½
Los Angeles	55	55	.500	13½
San Diego	44	69	.389	26

Sunday's Games
Los Angeles 8, Atlanta 4
Montreal 4, Milwaukee 2
N.Y. Mets 13, St. Louis 5
Colorado 16, Pittsburgh 4
Houston 3, Florida 1
San Diego 5, Philadelphia 2, 10 innings
Chicago Cubs 2, Arizona 1
San Francisco 7, Cincinnati 3
Monday's Games
No games scheduled

American League
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	67	42	.615	—
Boston	64	46	.582	3½
Toronto	56	55	.505	12
Baltimore	52	56	.481	14½
Tampa Bay	41	68	.376	26

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Kansas City	59	50	.541	—
Chicago	58	53	.523	2
Minnesota	55	55	.500	4½
Cleveland	45	66	.405	15
Detroit	29	80	.266	30

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	68	43	.613	—
Oakland	64	47	.577	4
Anaheim	53	57	.482	14½
Texas	48	63	.432	20

Sunday's Games
Boston 7, Baltimore 5
Minnesota 7, Detroit 2
Kansas City 2, Tampa Bay 0
Oakland 2, N.Y. Yankees 1
Toronto 4, Anaheim 0
Seattle 8, Chicago White Sox 2
Texas 8, Cleveland 5
Monday's Games
Minnesota (Radke 7-9) at Baltimore (Moss 0-0), 6:05 p.m.
Toronto (Lidle 11-9) at Tampa Bay (Zambrano 8-5), 6:15 p.m.
Kansas City (R.Hernandez 5-4) at Chicago White Sox (Garland 8-7), 7:05 p.m.

Sports Briefs

Football booster club

The football booster club will meet at 7 tonight in the film room. The club will be finalizing plans for "Meet the Tigers" night.

Ladies play day

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

Kiwanis Club golf tournament

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

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

Sorenstam completes career slam

LYTHAM ST ANNES, England (AP) — Annika Sorenstam completed a career Grand Slam at the Women's British Open, beating Se Ri Pak on Sunday by a stroke in a thrilling head-to-head showdown.

By closing her 2-under 70 with a par at the 18th, Sorenstam finished the tournament at 10-under 278 to end a bit of a jinx: She was the British Open runner-up in 1994, 1995 and 1999.

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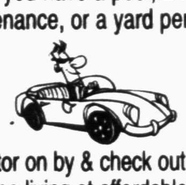

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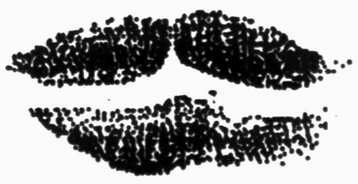

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Kids need routine body-mass index checks

CHICAGO (AP) — From the seemingly slim to the truly chubby, all children should have their body-mass index measures evaluated yearly as part of efforts to identify and prevent obesity, the American Academy of Pediatrics says.

Prompted by worrisome data on the prevalence of obesity and obesity-related disorders in children, the academy has developed its first-ever poliverweight or obese based on their body-mass index, or BMI — a doubling of the rate over the past two decades. Studies also have shown increasing rates in children of obesity-related diseases including adult-onset diabetes.

In addition to yearly BMI checks, the new policy encourages pediatricians to:

—identify and track patients at increased risk because of family history, ethnic or cultural factors

—routinely encourage physical activity and promote the academy's existing recommended limit of no more than two hours of television or video viewing daily

—encourage parents or caregivers to promote healthy eating

—encourage breast-feeding, since studies have shown it may reduce children's risk of becoming overweight or obese

—actively promote anti-obesity programs in their communities, including discouraging the sale of sugary sodas at schools and encouraging physical education programs that focus on personal fitness, not just team sports.

The new policy is published in the August issue of Pediatrics, the academy's monthly medical journal.

It recommends that pediatricians monitor all children for weight problems, even those who appear fit, because many may face an increased risk of obesity due to family history or environment, Jacobson said.

Small jet plane crashes into three homes, killing 2 people

GROTON, Conn. (AP) — A small business jet crashed into three houses today, setting two of them on fire, then cartwheeled into a river less than a mile short of an airport. Both people aboard the plane were killed, authorities said.

Nobody on the ground was seriously hurt, although one woman was treated for minor injuries after she jumped out a window of her home, Pequonock Bridge Fire Marshall Michael Richards said.

The Learjet was approaching the airport when it slammed into the homes in the Poquonock River Bridge section of Groton.

"People were running down the street, and all I could see was blazing fire and smoke and people running up and down the street," said Pauleatha Glover, 55. "It was an explosion, you know, I thought somebody had blown up the Poquonock River Bridge."

Ross Finlayson, 17, said he saw the plane hit the houses and "spin into the boardwalk," a riverside walkway in the residential area.

"It started like cartwheeling into the boardwalk," Finlayson told WVIT-TV. "It hit the boardwalk and just flipped over into the other side of the river. It caught the river on fire."

Police did not immediately release the names of those on board.

Gloria Aldana leaped from her burning home when the plane hit her one-story house, her husband said. She was treated at a local hospital.

"She got panicked and jumped out the window," Edwin Aldana said. "She's doing OK."

The Learjet went down about a half-mile from the runway at Groton-New London Airport, Federal Aviation Administration spokesman Jim Peters said. He said it had taken off from Farmingdale Republic Airport on New York's Long Island.

Catherine Young, the Groton airport's manager, said the plane was on its second approach when it went down. The crash happened 20 minutes before the tower opened, and airport officials were using recordings of air-to-ground communication to piece together what happened, she said.

Federal agent shot by police

GLOBE, Ariz. (AP) — A federal agent apparently bent on suicide was shot and killed by police when he raised his gun toward one of them, authorities said.

Bureau of Indian Affairs Special Agent Marc Leber, 40, died Saturday night near a motel where he had rented a room in Globe, about 90 miles east of Phoenix, police Lt. Dan Melvin said.

Melvin said Leber, who was off duty, called police to ask that police be sent to his room concerning a body.

"The dispatcher inquired as to who that body might be, and (Leber) said it was him," Melvin said.

By the time officers arrived at the motel, Leber was in his car. He drove about a quarter mile away, where he raised his gun before two Globe officers and a Gila County sheriff's deputy shot him, Melvin said.

A note found in Leber's motel room outlined his funeral wishes, including the music to be played, police said.

BIA Special Agent Warren Youngman said Leber lived in Globe with his wife and children. He was assigned to the nearby San Carlos Indian Reservation, where he investigated major crimes.

'Worm virus' exploits flaw

SEATTLE (AP) — Microsoft Corp. is warning its customers about a computer worm that exploits a flaw in its Internet Explorer browser.

A security bulletin on the company's Web site says Microsoft started investigating a "mass mailer worm," dubbed W32/Mimail(at)MM, late Friday morning.

The worm spreads through e-mail if recipients open an attached zip file — used to condense information so it can move faster over the Internet — then open an HTML file inside the zip file, the bulletin said.

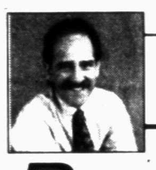
The worm exploits a vulnerability the company addressed in a security bulletin issued April 23, the bulletin said.

On Saturday, Microsoft spokesman Sean Sundwall downplayed the worm's potential to cause major security problems.

If someone opens the e-mail, the zip file and the HTML file, the virus is sent to all e-mail addresses the worm finds on that computer, Sundwall said.

"The damage is simply an annoying e-mail," Sundwall said.

Microsoft's Web site directs customers to a security patch designed to fix the problem.



On Nutrition by Ed Blonz, Ph.D.

Pork — the other red meat

DEAR DR. BLONZ: My question relates to the food industry stating that pork is the new "white meat." Also, there is a dietitian from my health insurance hospital stating that lamb is also a white meat. My limited understanding is that red meat is considered red meat due to certain properties that it contains and its effects on the body. Red meat has come under such scrutiny in recent years for its negative impact on our health. I believe that this is the reason for the "transformation" of pork to a white meat and the dietitian stating that lamb is also a white meat. Isn't advertising that pork is white meat false advertising? The whole question of lamb came up because nobody I asked could tell me whether or not it was considered a red meat. I think it would be a great benefit to your readers if you could explain what makes red meat red, and also if pork and lamb qualify. **— C.C., no location given**

DEAR C.C.: Red meat commonly includes beef, lamb and pork. Meat is muscle tissue and it contains a specialized oxygen-carrying protein known as myoglobin. Active muscles have more myoglobin and tend to be darker in color, which explains why the leg and thigh meat of a chicken is darker than the breast. The meat of animals with higher levels of myoglobin in their muscles is called red meat, and pork has traditionally been on the "red" side of the line. The idea of pork as "the other white meat" originated with a successful advertising campaign that was launched by the National Pork Producers Council in 1986.

As for your comment on red meat's unhealthful effects, it's the overall quality of our diets that has the greatest sway. Whether you eat meat — of any color — is up to you, but it's a minor point so long as a balance of other wholesome foods routinely finds its way onto your plate.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: I read your article on allergies in the paper, and I have some questions. I have never been allergic to anything in my life except for penicillin when I was a child. I've had geographic tongue for the last year or two. Recently, however, I started having an even stranger reaction in my mouth. My lips, tongue, gums and the interior walls of my mouth, swell and get numb, as if I've burned them. Then my lips completely peel and the numbness and burning sensation take a week or so to go away. I've kept a diary of what I've put in my mouth the preceding six hours or so of each episode. There doesn't seem to be too much in common. Later, I will eat some of the same foods and have no reaction. One time I had a very bad reaction. I awoke at 5:30 a.m. with my tongue so swollen that I couldn't talk, and my lips had the worst swelling I've ever seen. After gargling with a liquid antihistamine, the swelling went down. This has been very periodic, every two weeks or so for the past couple of months. This last month I've had a very metallic taste in my mouth. Any suggestions? I've seen my GP, an urgent care doctor, my dentist and an allergist, and none of them has any idea. My next stop is to see an oral surgeon and head and neck specialist. I have a feeling I'll be told the same thing. **— K.K., Escondido, Calif.**

DEAR K.K.: I am not a medical doctor — my training is as a nutritional biochemist — so there are limits to what I can say or recommend. It sounds as if you have assembled a reasonable team, consulting with dentists (for teeth), physicians (for sinuses, etc.), and allergists (to see if there is a provocative agent responsible). If there are concerns about an allergy, has anyone suggested that you go on an elimination diet to remove all suspected allergens? Are there any new pets or other animals in the house or in the neighborhood? Could others be bringing some sort of allergenic substance into your environment? Are you taking any new dietary supplements or have you changed any brands of foods? Are you using new cookware? Any recent dental work? New cosmetics? You should thoroughly consider all possible variables and put together a list of suspects to discuss with your health professionals. I wish you quick success in your detective work.

Send questions to: "On Nutrition," Ed Blonz, c/o Newspaper Enterprise Association, 200 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10016. For e-mail, address inquiries to: ed@blonz.com. Due to the volume of mail, personal replies cannot be provided.

Ed Blonz, Ph.D., is a nutrition scientist and the author of "Power Nutrition" (Signet, 1998) and the "Your Personal Nutritionist" book series (Signet, 1996).

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Buffalo Soldiers...

Phoenix says new movie is not about war in Iraq

BOSTON (AP) — America might be at war, but Joaquin Phoenix doesn't think his latest movie, "Buffalo Soldiers," has anything to do with the conflict in Iraq.

"When I first read this script, I wasn't thinking this is a critique of the U.S. military. I don't really think the movie is critical of anything," Phoenix told the Boston Globe on Sunday.

"Buffalo Soldiers" stars Phoenix as Ray Elwood, a battalion supply clerk stationed in Germany at the close of the Cold War. He runs every racket at the base, from black-marketing Mop & Glo to cooking dope.

The movie, by director and writer Gregor Jordan and adapted from the 1992 Robert O'Connor novel, opens Friday.

"It's more of a statement film and kind of a cynical statement at that. It explores the idea that war is inherent in man, and there's a seeming desire for conflict. It could be applied to any situation and any military," Phoenix said.

Markets

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NEW YORK (AP) -Morning stocks

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AOL TimeWrn	15.22	14.96	15.05	—.25
AT&T Corp rs	21.95	21.62	21.73	—.37
Albertsons	18.75	18.64	18.69	—.08
Alltel	46.95	46.15	46.31	—.44
AmEl Pw	28.09	27.47	27.59	—.37
AndarkPtr	42.41	41.50	41.60	—1.08
ATMOS Egy	24.12	23.66	23.80	—.22
Avnall	11.86	11.61	11.69	—.27
BP PLC	41.52	41.05	41.15	—.11
BakerHughes	31.59	30.85	30.92	—.64
Bank of Amer	80.95	79.89	80.12	—.62
BellSouth	25.92	25.58	25.79	+.27
BurlNoSFe	27.47	27.25	27.29	—.23
Caterpillar	67.25	66.63	66.89	—.33
CenterPoint	8.14	8.00	8.09	+.09
ChevronTex	71.30	70.09	70.09	—.96
Citigroup	43.62	42.48	42.74	—.71
CocaCola	44.57	44.25	44.32	—.43
ColgatePal	54.44	53.55	53.77	—.53
CmclMetals	17.36	17.19	17.26	—.09
ConocoPhill	52.33	51.82	51.85	—.18
Cooper Inds	44.30	43.46	43.71	—.84
DaimlrChry	35.62	34.64	35.01	—.37
DeltaAirl	11.48	10.76	10.81	—.42
Dillards Inc	14.94	14.51	14.54	—.41
DowChem	34.96	34.30	34.47	—.48
DuPont	43.55	42.75	42.88	—.66
EastmanChem	36.00	34.92	35.31	—.69
EstKodak	27.55	26.88	27.20	—.35
EDS Corp	22.39	22.16	22.25	—.04
Entergy	51.55	50.72	50.94	—.36
ExxonMobil	35.50	35.12	35.21	—.12
FootLocker	14.78	14.55	14.55	—.13
GenDynam	78.85	77.11	77.52	—1.72
GenElec	28.69	27.96	28.00	—.46
GenMills	45.66	45.31	45.40	—.26
GenMotors	37.52	36.48	36.53	—.74
GaPacific	21.68	21.40	21.52	—.23
Goodrich	22.55	22.15	22.30	—.22
Goodyear	5.74	5.60	5.66	
GtAtlPac	9.08	8.79	8.90	+.05
Halliburtn	22.47	21.87	22.01	—.23
Hanson ADS	29.00	28.55	28.78	—.32
HarteHanks	19.35	18.89	19.00	—.15
HomeDepot	30.95	30.10	30.27	—.53
HoneywellIntl	28.33	27.65	27.85	—.16
IBM	81.35	80.06	80.22	—1.05
IntlPaper	38.99	38.28	38.42	—.58
JohnsonJn	50.44	49.97	50.12	—.31
KinderMorg	53.70	53.15	53.22	—.28
Kroger Co	16.75	16.55	16.70	—.05
LockheedM	51.66	50.64	50.86	—.66
Lowes Cos	46.85	45.56	45.65	—1.35
Lubys	2.54	2.50	2.50	—.05
LucentTech	1.76	1.71	1.72	—.02
MarathonOil	25.48	25.10	25.17	—.27
MayDeptStr	25.07	24.53	24.77	—.53
Medtronic	52.99	51.64	52.24	+.37
Motorola	9.23	9.07	9.13	—.10
NCR Corp	27.45	27.00	27.08	—.27
Navistar	40.51	39.55	39.66	—.93
PNM Rescs	26.63	26.30	26.35	—.21
Penney JC	18.55	18.12	18.12	—.51
PepBoys	15.62	15.03	15.14	—.36
PepsiCo	45.30	44.50	44.72	—.63
PhelpDodge	42.49	41.82	41.88	—.30
PilgrmPrd B	12.58	12.41	12.43	—.13
Praxair	64.93	62.98	64.17	—.76
ProctGamb	87.08	86.51	87.01	+.31
RadioShack	26.55	25.90	25.90	—.44
RoyalDut	43.60	43.19	43.20	+.17
SBC Comm	23.85	23.37	23.48	+.08
SaraLee	18.74	18.38	18.40	—.35
Scripps EW	82.00	81.59	81.72	—.14
SearsRoeb	40.60	40.20	40.33	—.29
SherwinW	29.60	29.04	29.07	—.72
SouthernCo	28.11	27.60	27.91	—.22
SwstAirl	16.31	16.01	16.04	—.24
SprintFON	14.49	14.23	14.24	—.18
SprintPCS	6.20	6.03	6.03	—.02
Sunoco Inc	36.76	36.22	36.24	—.68
TXU Corp	21.26	20.70	20.76	+.16
TempleInland	46.10	45.75	45.80	—.35
TexInd	23.42	23.11	23.29	+.01
TexasInst	18.77	18.42	18.52	—.35
Textron	43.12	42.30	42.43	—.73
TrinityInds	22.42	21.82	21.92	—.42
TylerTech	5.27	5.15	5.19	+.02
UnionPacif	60.90	60.35	60.38	—.33
USSteel	16.39	15.76	16.27	+.69
UnitedTech	75.94	75.03	75.10	—.14
Unocal	29.11	28.66	28.70	—.36
VerizonComm	35.50	34.98	35.30	+.92
WalMart	55.60	54.78	55.04	—.23
WellsFargo	50.10	49.38	49.73	—.37
WstnGasRs	27.87	37.05	37.15	—.53
WinnDixie	11.43	11.35	11.36	
Xerox Cp	10.58	10.33	10.37	—.28
YumBrands	29.82	29.25	29.42	—.50

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Major changes proposed for vaccine program

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government should require all insurance plans to cover vaccinations, and offer vouchers so people without insurance can get their shots, a panel of medical experts recommended today.

While the government has been the major buyer of vaccines, the proposal would change its role to assuring that everyone receives them, including a subsidy for health plans and providers.

"We offer a plan that both ensures access to vaccines for those in need and creates incentives for private investment in the vaccine industry that would sustain the development and manufacture of these products in the future," said Frank Sloan, professor of health policy at Duke University and chairman of the Institute of Medicine panel that issued the report.

Just last week the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported that just 75 percent of the nation's toddlers get vaccinated on schedule against nine different diseases.

Coverage varies widely among states and major cities, CDC said, with pockets of the country where far too few youngsters are up-to-date on their shots. Federal health officials urged communities to eliminate those disparities.

The CDC, which had requested the study, declined immediate comment on its suggestions.

Currently the federal government spends about $1 billion annually to buy about half of childhood vaccines, which are primarily distributed through the states in programs such as Medicaid and Vaccines for Children. Additional money is also spent for some adult vaccines.

But a reduction in the number of companies producing vaccines has helped lead to shortages in the last couple of years. CDC has said it plans to establish a vaccine stockpile by 2006 to avoid such problems in future.

Offering a subsidy for the purchase and distribution of the vaccines would also provide a stable market, encouraging manufacturers, the report said.

It noted that there were more than 25 companies producing vaccines for the U.S. market 30 years ago, while only five do so today.

While most health plans already cover vaccines, the report recommended changes in federal regulations to make sure all do so.

The panel recommended that both government and private health plans be required to cover vaccinations for all insured children, adults aged 65 and over and people who have health disorders that place them at higher risk for vaccine-preventable disease.

Vouchers for uninsured people in those categories would allow them to obtain the same protection.

How the changes would affect the amount of federal spending on vaccines was not immediately clear, although the report said it was likely to increase because more people would be eligible for subsidized shots.

But it noted there are also benefits to society of getting more people protected from disease, both in avoiding them being sick but in also not infecting others.

Getting the government out of the position of being the largest vaccine buyer would avoid the delays now associated with contract negotiations, price caps, funding cycles and discount arrangements, the report said.

The Institute of Medicine, a sister organization to the National Academy of Sciences, is a private organization that provides advice to the government on scientific issues.

Farmer faces jail time over tire collection

SHIRLEYSBURG, Pa. (AP) — In the case of the tire pile, many believe it's time the rubber meets the road.

Gerald Booher wants his side of the story out about how he came to have some 300,000 radials in his yard — and why they're still there. "I think a person should be judged based on the true facts of the case," he said.

The state wants the mess cleaned up, even if it means getting Booher thrown in jail — again — for repeatedly ignoring administrative orders, failing to pay fines and disregarding court rulings.

The wrangling between Booher, a 67-year-old farmer, and government regulators began a decade and a half ago. Booher insists he never wanted any of the tires; at first, he was just helping out a friend.

The friend was a mechanic who, in the late 1980s, needed a place to store some tires until they could be sorted for recycling. He offered Booher $100 a month for space on one of his south-central Pennsylvania farms.

By late 1988, several hundred tires had been accumulated. That was when two things happened: the state got its first complaint about the tires and Booher came up with the idea to build a fence from the tires to keep out deer.

Booher had his first encounter with a state regulator, solid waste supervisor Jeffrey Stout, on Feb. 11, 1989. Stout has said Booher threatened him. Booher insists the exchange was just a misunderstanding and that Stout actually approved the fence idea.

"He told me that I did not need a permit to build a fence on the farm, and that the department did not have any laws or regulations against building that fence out of tires," Booher said. "That's the reason that that fence is there today."

The state didn't see it that way. A month later, Booher was served with a Notice of Violation, but the tire fence continued to grow. In January 1989, the state issued an administrative order to remove the tires; 31/2 years later, Commonwealth Court let stand $14,000 in fines and renewed the removal order.

"When we would take enforcement action, he would just ignore it — appeal it or not," said Sandy Roderick, a spokeswoman for the Department of Environmental Protection.

On Dec. 28, 1992, with the tires still on Booher's property and no removal plan in place, Booher was jailed for contempt. He spent 10 days in jail before signing an agreement to remove the tires.

But instead of removing the tires, Booher sold the land. The tires were no longer his responsibility, Booher said.

Furthermore, the new owner — Elda Myers, Booher's mother — would not give Booher permission to come onto the property to remove the tires. She has no listed phone number.

"All I know is it was sold...," Booher said, "and it was done legally and it took the land out of my name."

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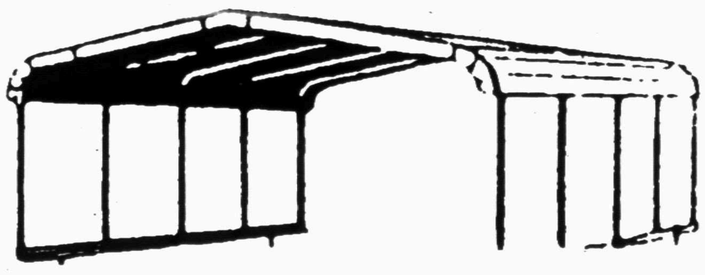

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TV ads warn women that bad habits can harm their babies

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. (AP) — It's a scene that seldom needs to be staged: Two women in jeans, puffing and sipping the hours away in a crowded bar.

But this time, it's staged. A makeup artist dabs, fluffs and spritzes the blond, 20-something actresses as dozens of extras trickle past the camera crew and into Crockett's Lounge.

They are players in a local commercial that will begin airing in late August or early September with a warning to women of childbearing age: Prepare your body for pregnancy even if you aren't planning one.

That means giving up cigarettes and alcohol, two habits that present well known but commonly ignored risks to a fetus, said Penny Womeldorff, director of the Healthy Start program at West Virginia University.

Womeldorff and her staff have tried to educate women through family planning clinics, but mainly found people who were trying to prevent a pregnancy, not plan one.

"We needed a new way to reach them," Womeldorff said Wednesday.

With $100,000 in new federal funds, she turned to television.

Producer Amy Johns said she hopes young women will relate to actresses Kate Hageman and Heidi Hinzman.

"They're not thinking about pregnancy. They're not thinking about the consequences" of drinking and smoking, Johns said. "And maybe they should."

The commercial is one of three destined for local networks and cable TV in north-central West Virginia. The other two are focused on maternal depression and healthy child development.

Healthy Start is part of the university's HAPI Project, which stands for Helping Appalachian Parents and Infants. HAPI provides pre-conception and prenatal care to women in the region.

It got funding for the Healthy Start initiative in 2001 and has seen about 600 women in Monongalia, Harrison, Preston and Randolph counties since January 2002.

The program has yearly $700,000 grants for four years through the Health Resources Service Administration, Womeldorff said. The $100,000 she's spending on the media campaign includes print and radio ads.

The Healthy Start program targets women who lack health insurance and may have little or no access to medical care.

Government suspends visa-less arrivals rules

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government acted Saturday to make American commercial airplanes less vulnerable to terrorists, requiring visas for people from most countries when they travel through the United States from one foreign airport to another.

The government suspended two programs that allowed foreigners to stay in U.S. airports without visas while awaiting flights to other countries.

The State Department said al-Qaida and other terrorism organizations had planned to use the programs to get access to flights to and from the United States.

The lack of screening for visas could have allowed potential terrorists to enter the country without being checked against federal lists of terrorism suspects.

The action by the departments of State and Homeland Security was effective at 11 a.m. EDT Saturday.

The departments "have received specific, credible intelligence ... that certain terrorist organizations including al-Qaida have identified the visa and passport exemptions of those programs as a means to gain access to aircraft en route to and from the United States," State Department spokeswoman Jo-Anne Prokopowicz said.

She said the intelligence included information from both the FBI and the CIA.

The announcement said the suspension would be in effect for at least 60 days, during which public comment would be solicited. Both departments want to reinstate the programs quickly, it said, but current intelligence will be a factor on lifting the suspensions.

The suspension does not affect passengers from 27 "visa-waiver" countries, mostly in Europe and the Far East and Southeast Asia.

Those most affected, who will no longer be granted visa-free entrance for airport layovers, are passengers from Brazil, Mexico, South Korea, the Philippines and Peru.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

People with gluten sensitivity should be monitored

DEAR DR. GOTT: You once stated that celiac disease is associated with a risk of lymph node cancer. Since I suffer from celiac disease, I'd appreciate a clarification of this statement, which, as you can imagine, startled me and was unexpected.

DEAR READER: Lymphoma (lymph node cancer) can be a complication of celiac disease, a form of intestinal malabsorption caused by a sensitivity to the grain protein called gluten. The tendency to lymphoma is not known to be affected by strict adherence to a gluten-free diet. Therefore, patients with celiac disease should be monitored by gastroenterologists using X-rays and biopsies.

Ask your doctor about this. Although the risk of lymphoma is small, it is real.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Viruses and Cancer." 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: Two years ago, I had my gallbladder removed. For about six months I felt fine, but since then I'm on the verge of nausea and have a dull pain in the area of my heart. My wife is betting that I have acid reflux, but I believe my symptoms are related to the lack of the gallbladder.

DEAR READER: I'll side with your wife, because pain and nausea do not ordinarily follow gallbladder surgery — unless a stone was inadvertently left in and is causing inflammation in your pancreas. If you do have reflux, over-the-counter Zantac or Pepcid AC should relieve the discomfort.

However, rather than guessing at the root of your problem, I suggest that you see a doctor for a diagnosis. Through a variety of tests, including abdominal ultrasound and upper gastrointestinal X-rays, the physician ought to be able to pinpoint the difficulty and recommend treatment.

Remember that angina (heart-muscle spasm), a serious and dangerous affliction, can masquerade as upper abdominal discomfort and nausea, so don't put off seeing a practitioner.

DEAR DR. GOTT: A year ago, I had surgery to repair a hernia involving my stomach. This left a large cavity in my abdomen that fills with fluid. Although I've had the fluid removed seven times to date, it always re-accumulates. My surgeon tells me that if he doesn't continue to tap the fluid, it will become infected. Is there anything else that can be done for my condition?

DEAR READER: I'm not sure exactly what happened to you during your surgery, but apparently you were left with an abnormality that I assume lies outside the stomach.

It's been said that nature abhors a vacuum, and nowhere is this more true than in the body. Abnormal cavities eventually fill with fluid, which can provide an ideal environment for bacterial growth.

Rather than having periodic drainage that is both uncomfortable and inconvenient, you might consider another operation to correct the problem by closing the cavity. Ask your surgeon why he hasn't considered this option.

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

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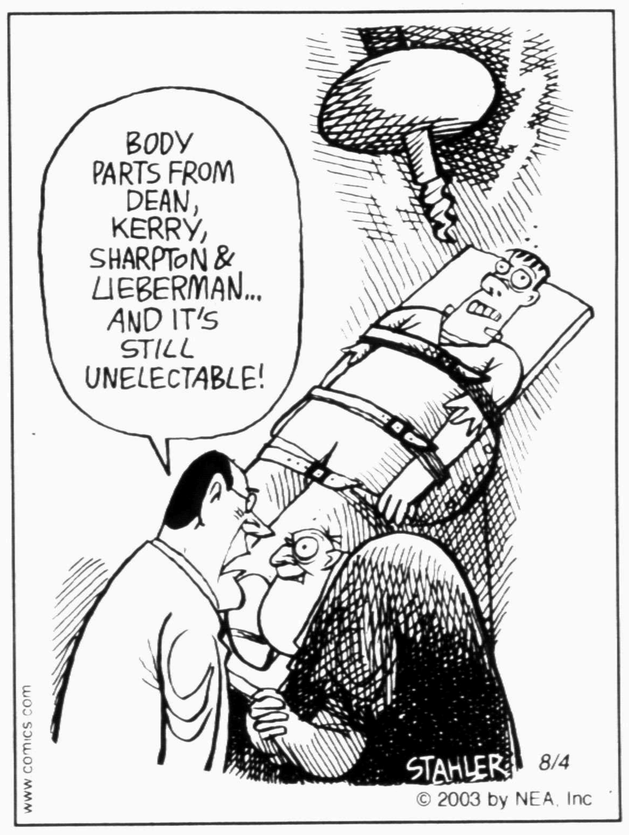

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 08-04-03
♠ 5 2
♥ A 6 5
♦ 9 6 5
♣ Q J 7 4 3

West
♠ J 10 9 8 3
♥ J 9 7 4
♦ K 10 4 3
♣ —

East
♠ K 7 6
♥ Q 10 2
♦ Q 7 2
♣ K 10 8 6

South
♠ A Q 4
♥ K 8 3
♦ A J 8
♣ A 9 5 2

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
1 ♣	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
3 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♠ J

Monday, Aug. 4, 2003

Four tricks enough, know your stuff

By Phillip Alder

Thomas Tusser was a 14th-century poet who specialized in couplets like this: "Dry sun, dry wind; / Safe bind, safe find."

In this deal, you (South) are in three no-trump. Can you find a safe way to guarantee your contract? West leads the spade jack: two, king, ace.

North's two-club raise shows 6-9 points and (usually) at least five clubs. South then bid the contract he hoped he could make. (If South opens with a 16-18 no-trump, North should raise to two no-trump, counting one extra point for the good five-card suit.)

Whenever in no-trump, always count your top tricks first. Here, there are six: two spades (given trick one), two hearts, one diamond and one club. So, four club tricks are sufficient for the contract; you do not need five.

Start by leading a low club to dummy's jack.

If West follows suit and East discards, continue with a club back to your ace, then play another club toward the dummy.

Here, though, East will win the trick (ducking doesn't help) and either return a spade or shift to a diamond. Win the trick, cross to dummy's heart ace, play a club to your valuable nine, cash the club ace, run the clubs, and claim a moment later.

Note that cashing the club ace at trick two is all right if West has four clubs, but not here. And immediately crossing to dummy with a heart to take the club finesse is fine against a 3-1 or 2-2 split, but costs if either opponent has four clubs.

Four tricks, that's enough; safety-play, good stuff.

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Oil Patch News

Scurry County

Kinder Morgan will drill the No. 1239 SACROC unit in the Kelly-Snyder field, four miles northwest of Snyder. Planned for a depth of 7,200 feet, location is in the Kirkland and Fields survey.

Kinder Morgan will drill the No. 1429 SACROC unit in the Kelly-Snyder field, four miles northwest of Snyder. Also planned for a depth of 7,200 feet, drill site is in the Kirkland and Fields survey.

Kinder Morgan will drill the No. 1238 SACROC unit in the same field, four miles northwest of Snyder. Contracted for 7,200 feet, drill site is in the Kirkland and Fields survey.

Kinder Morgan will drill the No. 1238 SACROC unit in the Kelly-Snyder field, four miles northwest of Snyder. The venture will be drilled to 7,200 feet, and location is in the Kirkland and Fields survey.

Kinder Morgan will drill the No. 144-5 SACROC unit in the Kelly-Snyder field, four miles northwest of Snyder. Also planned for 7,200 feet, location is in Section 294, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Kinder Morgan will drill the No. 142-5 SACROC unit in the Kelly-Snyder field, four miles northwest of Snyder. Scheduled for a depth of 7,200 feet, location is in the Kirkland and Fields survey.

Kinder Morgan will drill the No. 142-7 SACROC unit in the same field, four miles northwest of Snyder. Planned for a depth of 7,200 feet, location is in Section 40, Kirkland and Fields survey.

Borden County

Fagadau Energy Corp. will drill the No. 1 Nan Martin in the Clayton field, nine miles northwest of Gail. Planned for a depth of 6,400 feet, drill site is in Section 27, Block 31, T6N, T&P survey.

Patterson Petroleum will drill the No. 2 Anderson in the Good northeast field, 12 miles southwest of Gail. Contracted for a depth of 8,500 feet, drill site is in Section 29, Block 32, T4N, T&P survey.

Mitchell County

Gruy Petroleum Management Co. will drill the No. 5444 Westbrook southwest field unit, three miles northwest of Westbrook. Planned depth is 3,600 feet, and location is in Section 32, Block 28, T1N, T&P survey.

Gruy Petroleum will drill the No. 5445 Westbrook southwest field unit, three miles northwest of Westbrook. Also set for a depth of 3,600 feet, location is in Section 32, Block 28, T1N, T&P survey.

Gruy Petroleum will drill the No. 5446 Westbrook southwest field unit, three miles northwest of the townsite. Planned depth is 3,600 feet, and drill site is in Section 32, Block 28, T1N, T&P survey.

Gruy Petroleum will drill the No. 5447 Westbrook southwest field unit, three miles northwest of Westbrook. Planned for a depth of 3,600 feet, drill site is in Section 32, Block 28, T1N, T&P survey.

Gruy Petroleum will drill the No. 5514 Westbrook southwest field unit, three miles northwest of Westbrook. Planned for a depth of 3,600 feet, location is in Section 31, Block 28, T1N, T&P survey.

Gruy Petroleum will drill the No. 1019 Westbrook southwest field unit, four miles northwest of Westbrook. Also planned for a depth of 3,600 feet, location is in Section 29, Block 29, T1N, T&P survey.

Garza County

McClure Oil Co. Inc. will drill the No. 5W Kirkpatrick west in the Rocker A field, eight miles southeast of Post. Planned for a depth of 5,000 feet, drill site is in Section 944, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Miranda Energy Corp. will drill the No. 5 Connell in the Rocker A field, seven miles southeast of Post. Contracted for 3,000 feet, location is in Section 9, Block 5, GH&H survey.

Howard County

L.C.S. Production Co. will drill the No. 211 Guitar in the Should Have field, six miles northwest of Big Spring. Planned for a depth of 5,999 feet, location is in Section 11, Block A, Bauer and Cockrell survey.

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Police searching for man who shot wife

BRIDGEPORT (AP) — Police today were looking for a 36-year-old man who they say shot and killed his estranged wife outside a local nursing home where she worked and then fled with his daughter.

Martin Edward Moore allegedly accosted his estranged wife as she arrived at work at Trinity Care Center early this morning with her 16-year-old daughter, said Bridgeport Police Chief Randy Singleton.

Police said witnesses reported seeing Moore shoot the 37-year-old Alvord woman several times with a semiautomatic handgun, striking her arms and upper torso, and then fleeing the scene with the couple's younger daughter, who may be 9 or 10 years old.

The woman, whose name officials would not release pending notification of relatives, was pronounced dead at Decatur Regional Medical Center around 9 a.m., Singleton said. The 16-year-old daughter was not injured.

Five persons arrested over the weekend

Arrests

At 3:29 p.m. Saturday, an 18-year-old man was arrested on 37th Street for warrants for speeding and failure to appear.

A 22-year-old woman was arrested on U.S. 84 at 4:35 p.m. Saturday for failure to maintain financial responsibility.

At 3:35 p.m. Saturday, a 35-year-old man was arrested on Ave. J. He was booked for no driver's license, no liability insurance and for not wearing a seat belt.

At 6:25 p.m. Sunday, a 19-year-old man was arrested on 25th Street on an outstanding warrant for failure to control speed and failure to appear.

At 7:59 p.m. Sunday, officers responded to a complaint of two men fighting in the middle of Round Top Road. A 38-year-old man was taken into custody for public intoxication.

Minor accidents

Officers responded to a two-vehicle minor accident at 2:35 p.m. Friday at 30th Street and College Ave. Involved were a 1999 Mercury driven by James Thomas Beckham, 88, of 2512 31st, and a 1983 Chevrolet pickup, driven by Juan Dominquez, 69, of 2107 Ave. M. There were no injuries.

At 8:33 p.m. Saturday, a woman on Ave. V reported that her neighbor's mailbox had been struck by a red pickup, which had left the scene. The pickup was later reported in a driveway on Ave. V. The vehicle was towed and a one-vehicle, fixed-object accident report was filed.

Theft

At 6:59 p.m. Sunday, Margaret Arraiga reported $150 stolen from her wallet. She had lost the wallet at Wal-Mart, where it was found and returned by employees.

Assault

At 8:07 p.m. Sunday, a woman reported a man assaulting her at a residence on 26th street. A report for Class A assault, dating violence was submitted.

Family violence

At 11:36 a.m. Sunday, a woman requested officers in regard to her husband threatening her during a verbal argument. A report for family violence and hindering a 9-1-1 call was filed.

At 11:59 p.m.Sunday, officers made contact with a woman who had been assaulted by her common-law husband. An offense report for family violence was filed.

Criminal mischief

Sunday at 7:59 a.m. at the American Legion, Virginia Grimes reported damage to her vehicle tire. A report for Class B criminal mischief was submitted.

Snyder police officer Jason McMillan reported at 12:58 a.m. today that several windows had been broken out at Snyder Truck and Tractor. A close patrol was initiated and a report for criminal mischief was filed.

Gas drive offs

At 1:25 p.m. Saturday, a clerk at United reported a gas drive off of $14.50. A woman was contacted and arrangements were made for payment.

A Town and Country east employee reported Saturday at 3:40 p.m. a drive off worth $10 had occurred.

On Saturday at 10 p.m., another drive off was reported from Town and Country east worth $37.27.

Disturbance

At 12:35 a.m. Saturday, a man reported a disturbance at the Lake J.B. Thomas boat ramp. Officers made contact with 10 to 12 people there and advised them of the complaint.

Jennifer Espinoza requested officers at 5:41 p.m. Sunday in reference to two males throwing objects at vehicles behind Henry's Auto Sales on 25th Street. The subjects were advised of the complaint.

Sick bird

Rodney Bridges at 2803 47th reported a bird in his yard that appeared to be sick and disoriented.

Gary Gale reported cattle loose on C.R. 3114 at 11:05 a.m. on Sunday.

At 12:02 p.m. Sunday, Marni Fisher reported a horse loose on F.M. 1607. The animal was tied to a fence until owners could be contacted.

Crossing malfunction

At 5:05 p.m. Saturday, railroad crossing guards in the 1000 block of College were reported malfunctioning. The BSNF Railroad Company was contacted.

Three survive crash

EL PASO (AP) — Three El Paso car salesmen escaped uninjured when an engine died on their small plane and they glided to a rough landing in the desert foothills of the Davis Mountains west of Alpine.

Harry Kraft was able to set the plane down on a dirt road about 14 miles north of Valentine Saturday afternoon. The plane hit a tall yucca plant, which tore a chunk out of the right wing.

Passenger Jesse Varela told the El Paso Times that it was deadly quiet in the plane with "just a slight whistle" after a loud bang shook the entire plane.

Obituaries

Velta Day

1925-2003

Velta J. Day, 78, died Sunday, Aug. 3, at his home in Snyder.

Graveside service for Mr. Day is set for 10:30 a.m. Tuesday in the Slaters Chapel Cemetery in Nolan County. The Rev. Walter McCall, Odyssey Hospice chaplain, will officiate. Arrangements are under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Velta Day

Born April 27, 1925 in Brownfield, he married Claudia Hord on Dec. 18, 1947 in Winters. She died Dec. 26, 2001.

A retired farmer and electrician, Mr. Day had worked 33 years for Lone Star Industries in Maryneal. After living near Sweetwater for many years, the family moved to Snyder in December, 2000. He was a member of the Lamar Street Church of Christ in Sweetwater.

He also was preceded in death by his parents, J.F. and Josie Day; and a sister, Laura Day.

Survivors include a daughter, Velma Ward of Snyder; a son and daughter-in-law, Velta James and Jimmie Day of Snyder; three sisters, Launa Day and Peggy Williams of Abilene and Mary Jo Hand of Sweetwater; four grandchildren, Michael Ward and wife Sandy, Melissa Wells, Trisha Wall and Robin Phillips, all of Snyder; and five great-grandchildren, Chris Ward, Hunter Ward, Amanda Wells, Kimberly Wells and Chase Gaines.

Weldon Cain

1931-2003

Weldon Cain, 71, died Sunday, Aug. 3, at his home in Snyder.

Funeral service for Mr. Cain is set for 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in the Wright Colonial Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Charles Day, minister of the Avenue D Baptist Church, will officiate. Burial will follow in the Snyder Cemetery.

Cain

Born Nov. 24, 1931 in Kaufman, he married Patricia Overton on May 24, 1955 in Lovington, N.M.

A truck driver for Musselwhite Trucking Co., Mr. Cain served in the National Guard and was a member of the North College Avenue Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a son, three brothers and three sisters.

Survivors include his wife, Pat Cain of Snyder; two daughters and sons-in-law, Cindy and Jeff Honshiko of Amarillo and Pam and Tommy Jackson of Broken Bow, Okla.; four sons and daughters-in-law, Randy and Elaine Cain of Pleasant Hill, N.M., Ricky and Sherry Cain of Clovis, N.M., Gary and Melissa Cain of Midland and David and Alisa Cain of Snyder; a brother and sister-in-law, Don and Anita Cain of Conchas Dam, N.M.; 17 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Family visitation will be from 6-7 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to Odyssey Hospice, 1510 S. Gregg in Big Spring 79720.

Karen E. Spivey

1950-2003

Karen Elaine Spivey died Friday, Aug. 1, at her home.

Karen Spivey

Service for Ms. Spivey, 52, is set for 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the First Baptist Church auditorium. The Rev. Mike Henson will officiate. Interment will follow in Nolan Cemetery near Sweetwater.

Born Dec. 16, 1950 in Raton, N.M., Ms. Spivey moved to Snyder to be near her parents. She was reared in Billings, Mont., and graduated from Montana State University. During her career as a Human Resource Recruiter, she was involved in the National Association for Female Executives (NAFE), Yellowstone Valley Chapter-Society for Human Resource Management, Montana State University Alumni board of directors and the Billings Chamber of Commerce. An avid hiker, she also enjoyed cross-country skiing, oil painting and writing poetry and short stories.

Survivors include her parents, Joe and Helen Spivey of Snyder; one brother, Dr. Norm Spivey and his wife Lois of Mishawaka, Ind.; two nephews, Matt Spivey of Vero Beach, Fla., and Steve Spivey of Mishawaka; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Linda Peteet

1946-2003

DENTON — Linda W. Peteet, a native of Snyder, died Saturday, Aug. 2, in Denton Regional Medical Center.

Funeral service for Mrs. Peteet, 57, is set for 10 a.m. Tuesday in the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Jeff Williams officiating. Burial will follow in Colonial Gardens in Marshall, Texas under the direction of Bill DeBerry Funeral Directors.

Born April 25, 1946 in Snyder, she was a 1964 graduate of Snyder High School and a graduate of the University of North Texas. She married William Peteet on June 1, 1968 in Denton.

Mrs. Peteet, a member of the First Baptist Church, was office manager for Texas Monarch Management.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Kathryn Williamson.

Survivors include her husband, Bill Peteet of Denton; two sons, Kyle Peteet of Corinth and Mark Peteet of Marshall; her father, R.V. Williamson of Snyder; a brother, Troy Williamson of Odessa; and two grandchildren.

Russell Fletcher

1961-2003

LAMPASAS — Russell Glen Fletcher, a former resident of Scurry County, died Friday, Aug. 1, from injuries sustained in a car accident in Lampasas.

Funeral service for Mr. Fletcher, 41, is set for 10 a.m. Tuesday in the Briggs Gamel Funeral Home in Lampasas with the Rev. James Stephens officiating. Burial will follow in the Oak Hill Cemetery.

Born Oct. 9, 1961 in Odessa, he was a 1980 graduate of Hermleigh High School and lived in Snyder in 1984-85 while working for Halliburton.

A U.S. Army veteran, Mr. Fletcher moved from Princeton to Lampasas seven years ago and worked in the service department for Harrison Well Service. He was a member of the Cornerstone Worship Center in McKinney.

Survivors include five daughters, Misty Ann Fletcher, Christina Nichole Fletcher and Jessica LeeAnn Fletcher of Princeton, Kelli Jo Fletcher and Chancey DeLane Fletcher of Lampasas; his mother and stepfather, Nancy and Darrell Ashley of Andrews; his father and stepmother, William Lawrence and Billie Fletcher of Lampasas; a brother, Larry Fletcher of Lampasas; three sisters, Becky Terry of Big Spring, Ann Liorente of Boyton Beach, Fla., and Kim Whitt of Dripping Springs; and three grandchildren.

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Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Tue 8/5	Wed 8/6	Thu 8/7
101/72	**95/70**	**96/71**
Partly cloudy skies. High 101F. Winds S at 10 to 15 mph.	Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the low 70s.	Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the low 70s.
Sunrise 7:00 AM, Sunset 8:39 PM	Sunrise 7:01 AM, Sunset 8:38 PM	Sunrise 7:01 AM, Sunset 8:37 PM

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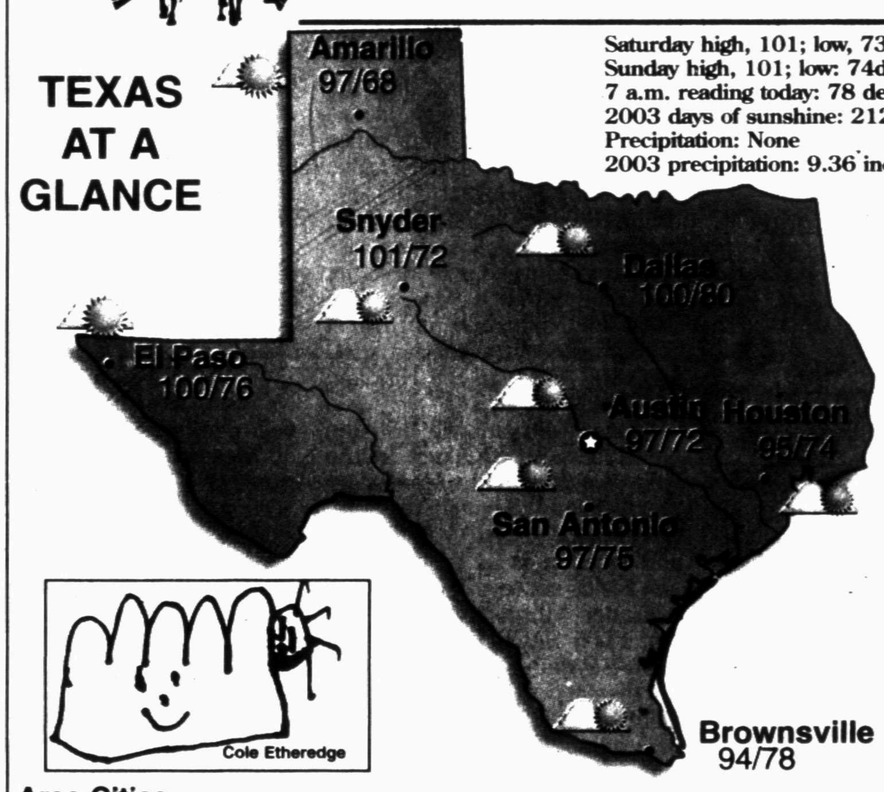
TEXAS AT A GLANCE

Saturday high, 101; low, 73
Sunday high, 101; low: 74degrees
7 a.m. reading today: 78 degrees
2003 days of sunshine: 212 of 215
Precipitation: None
2003 precipitation: 9.36 inches



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	101	76	pt sunny	El Paso	100	76	mst sunny	Midland	103	73	mst sunny
Amarillo	97	68	mst sunny	Fort Stockton	101	72	pt sunny	Raymondville	96	75	pt sunny
Austin	97	72	pt sunny	Gainesville	100	76	t-storm	Rosenberg	96	74	pt sunny
Beaumont	94	74	pt sunny	Greenville	98	75	pt sunny	San Antonio	97	75	pt sunny
Brownsville	94	78	pt sunny	Houston	95	74	pt sunny	San Marcos	98	73	pt sunny
Brownwood	102	73	pt sunny	Kingsville	95	74	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	98	74	t-storm
Corpus Christi	93	77	pt sunny	Livingston	97	72	pt sunny	Sweetwater	102	73	pt sunny
Corsicana	96	75	pt sunny	Longview	93	73	t-storm	Tyler	94	76	t-storm
Dallas	100	80	pt sunny	Lubbock	100	72	pt sunny	Weatherford	100	75	pt sunny
Del Rio	101	76	pt sunny	Lufkin	94	73	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	105	77	t-storm

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	83	68	t-storm	Houston	95	74	pt sunny	Phoenix	107	84	mst sunny
Boston	78	69	t-storm	Los Angeles	80	63	pt sunny	San Francisco	69	54	pt sunny
Chicago	81	64	pt sunny	Miami	87	78	t-storm	Seattle	77	55	pt sunny
Dallas	100	80	pt sunny	Minneapolis	80	63	rain	St. Louis	83	69	t-storm
Denver	89	62	mst sunny	New York	82	71	t-storm	Washington, DC	84	72	t-storm

Moon Phases

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

UV Index

Tue 8/5	Wed 8/6	Thu 8/7
11	11	11
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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