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THE SDN COLUMN
By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "California is getting a reputation as the whine state."

Snyder's Kathryn and Gary Roberts have relatives in California who spotted this letter to the editor in the Ridgecrest paper that happens to mention Snyder and California's energy crisis.

"We recently went on vacation just before July 4th. I filled up in Ridgecrest at $2 a gallon…

"As soon as I hit four corners gas was $1.69. In Arizona it was $1.49. I filled up in Clovis, N.M. for $1.38.

"Then we stopped somewhere around Snyder, Texas, south of Lubbock on Highway 84.

"This was a pleasant little place. There was a little lake with people having a picnic, a corn field with ducks flying over, and a grazing field with cattle. But something was not right with this postcard vista…

"Across the street I saw an official looking truck parked by a structure and it dawned on me. Oil wells! Oil wells all over the place…

"The guy in the truck was some kind of well inspector. I ran across the street to ask him some questions.

"Working wells. How can this be, you can't grow stuff, you can't have a lake. Those cattle, those people are gonna die. Those poor ducks! This place is going to be an environmental wasteland in just hours. I know, I saw it on TV.

"…The inspector looked me in the face and said, 'You're from California, aren't ya boy.'

"How did he know?. Three reasons, he said. One, the hysteria in my voice; two, I was completely clueless; and three, my license plate."

"He said, 'Look, these wells have been active 30 years and no one has had a problem. They are environmentally sound. And the new technology is even better…The new wells are so good a bald eagle can nest on one for years.'

"But we're running out of oil, that's why we pay $2 a gallon."

"He replied, 'Son, there are more oil deposits today than in the late 60s when we were paying a quarter a gallon.'

"I asked why the heck are we paying $2 a gallon.

"'One word,' he said. 'Environmentalists. They don't want you to drive your vehicle and they won't let us go get the oil… Environmentalists don't use facts, they use emotion to scare people...

"'So, in reality, I don't have to pay $2 a gallon if people and governments use common sense?' I asked.

"He told me he had never used government and common sense in the same sentence.

"I told him thanks. I found it odd that our country cares more for an unpopulated area of Alaska than for the people of West Texas.

"I got my receipt for my gas at $1.28 a gallon…I had learned a lot on the plains of West Texas."

Taste of Scurry County....

Museum event set for tonight

A limited number of tickets will be available at the door for the fifth annual Taste of Scurry County to be held this evening to benefit the Scurry County Museum.

The event will be held beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the First Baptist Church Family Life Center.

The format has been changed for this year's event, according to museum director Charlene Akers.

"The meats and vegetables will be prepared by local chefs — Jerry Baird, Jim Rumage and Kerry Clay. Other local cooks will add desserts, salads and breads. It will be quite a dining experience," said Akers.

Three local civic clubs — Lions, Rotary and Kiwanis — provided funds to purchase the meat.

A live auction under the direction of Charlie Bell, county auditor, will be held immediately following the meal.

Auction items include quilts, a newspaper from Nolan Ryan's hometown headlining his seventh no-hitter, original paintings from local artists, and a print by nationally recognized painter Linda Miller.

Other items include pottery, a hunting trip, a catered dinner at the donor's home, food items and much more.

Door prizes will be given throughout the evening. The event is expected to last less than two hours.

Taste of Scurry County is the museum's annual fundraiser and this year's goal is $6,000. The museum hopes to use the funds to upgrade the permanent gallery that preserves the history of the area.

Presently, the museum is collecting artifacts and conducting interviews for a national traveling exhibit that will show the contributions of Hispanics to the region.

The museum recently gained national recognition from the American Association of Museums by being one of eight in the nation to test the association's newest ideas on how museums can best do self-evaluations.

Tickets for Taste of Scurry County are $12.50.



GETTING READY — Fran Farmer prepares decorations for the fifth annual Taste of Scurry County slated tonight at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center. The event, which begins at 6:30 p.m., will benefit the Scurry County Museum. A live auction will take place immediately following the meal. (SDN Staff Photo)

Saturday and Sunday...

Gun show on tap

The 20th annual Canyon Gun Club gun, knife and coin show will be held over the weekend at Scurry County Coliseum.

Admission for adults is $3 and children 12 and under will be admitted free with their parents.

The show gets underway Saturday at 9 a.m. and continues until 6 in the evening.

On Sunday, the event will be held from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Those attending have the opportunity to buy, sell, or trade rare guns, knives and coins.



FREE GUN LOCKS — Gun locks are now available for free at the Snyder Police Department. Karla Jones and Lisa Tate display the locks above. The police department received 1,800 of the locks free of charge because of a program established by then Texas Governor George W. Bush. The locks can be picked up at the department from 8 to 5 Monday through Friday. (SDN Staff Photo)

Youth injured in fall from pickup

A Snyder High School student fell from the bed of a moving pickup Wednesday afternoon following band practice on the band's practice field on the campus of the high school.

The pickup was going from the practice field to the parking lot.

Sophomore Meagan Langham, 15, of 3009 Beaumont Ave., was riding on the bumper of a pickup driven by senior Ryan McAnally when she fell from the vehicle. A police department spokesman said Langham apparently tried to step from the pickup as it accelerated and lost her footing, causing her to fall and hit her head on the pavement.

Langham suffered a gash on her forehead and she was treated and released from Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Thirteen students were riding in the bed of the truck when the accident occurred.

Sgt. David Holley with the Snyder Police Department strongly discourages anyone from riding in an open pickup bed.

"When you're traveling in a pickup bed, you're traveling under very dangerous circumstances," he said. "You're not secured in any way. The slightest bump in the road can lead to an accident and you're not protected if that happens.

"We encourage people, especially students, not to ride in the back of trucks."

Beginning Sept. 1, police officers will do more than discourage students from riding in open beds.

A law passed this spring that takes effect Sept. 1 bans children under the age of 18 from riding in open beds of pickup trucks on Texas' public roads. A violation is a misdemeanor punishable by up to a $500 fine.

The danger of riding in pickup beds and the new law banning such activities received considerable attention earlier this week after a wreck in Dimmitt claimed the lives of two high school students and injured eight other teenagers.

The 2000 Chevrolet pickup involved in that accident was traveling at a high rate of speed when it hit a dip in the road, causing the 17-year-old driver to lose control of the vehicle.

Jury returns guilty verdict

A six-man, six-woman jury this morning found Marlon Christopher Garrett guilty of the delivery of cocaine.

The 30-year-old Snyder man had been accused of the delivery of cocaine within 300 feet of a drug-free zone.

Garrett of 201 26th Street was arrested last December in an undercover drug investigation.

The jury will begin deliberating his punishment this afternoon.

District Attorney Dana Cooley is presenting the state's case and Gerald R. Lopez of Odessa is the defense attorney.

District Judge Ernie Armstrong is presiding.

Season ticket sales to close

Snyder Tiger fans have only today and Friday to purchase season tickets for five home football games.

The cost of the season tickets for the five games is $20.

Individual game tickets are $5 each. During the season, student tickets are $2 in advance, but will be $5 at the gate.

The Snyder Tigers open their home season in Tiger Stadium on Friday, Sept. 7 against Littlefield.

Other home games are Sept. 28 against Plainview; Oct. 12 against Andrews; Oct. 26 against Levelland; and Nov. 9, the Tigers will host Lubbock Estacado.

The season opens in Monahans on Aug. 31 and homecoming this year is against Levelland.

The Tigers are preparing for the season with a scrimmage in Sweetwater this evening beginning at 5:30.

ASK US

Q—Has Scurry County ever been in the top 10 oil producing counties?

A—Several times with the latest being in May with 563,211 barrels. Tops was Gaines with 2,332,957 barrels.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Wednesday, 94 degrees; low, 69; 7 a.m. Thursday, 71; .35 inches of precipitation; total for 2001, 10.84 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy, 20% rain chance, low mid 70s, S wind 5-15 mph. Friday, partly cloudy, high mid 90s. Friday night, partly cloudy, low mid 70s.



Louisa Guzman
Partly Cloudy

Sunset:
8:18 p.m.
Sunrise:
7:16 a.m.
Of 234 days in 2001, the sun has shone 222 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

There's nothing wrong with teenagers that reasoning with them won't aggravate.

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Bush taps 2nd generation of VIP families

WASHINGTON (AP) — They are fresh faces, but they have awfully familiar names.

President Bush has turned to the families of prominent Republicans or the otherwise well-connected to fill a variety of jobs in his administration.

He's picked a Rehnquist, a junior Strom Thurmond, a Scalia, a Powell and more.

Going over the list, an expert in presidential appointments observes that most of the kin offered presidential appointments are qualified in their own right. But the mere fact of being related surely helped some get noticed in the first place.

"The whole game in Washington," says Paul Light of the Brookings Institution, "is how do you get your name in play?" A famous name is one way.

Sen. Strom Thurmond put J. Strom Thurmond Jr.'s name in play for U.S. attorney for South Carolina. Bush obliged with a nomination, and the 98-year-old senator's 28-year-old son is expected to be confirmed despite his striking inexperience and — by the standards of his peers — his tender years.

"Has my father helped me get this far in this process?" asked the younger Thurmond. "Of course he has. But he can't do the job for me."

The younger Thurmond has prosecuted seven cases on his own in his two years as an assistant state's attorney in Aiken County.

"That's a really itty bit of experience," said Mary Cheh, a law professor at George Washington University.

Sen. Jim Bunning, R-Ky., meanwhile, is promoting his son David's nomination for a lifetime job as a federal judge. The younger Bunning, 35, is also expected to be confirmed, despite falling a little short of the experience recommended by the American Bar Association.

In senior levels of the Washington-based bureaucracy, family ties are a persistent undercurrent but by no means the strongest one.

A much larger phenomenon has been the growth of a Washington political class whose members are either working in government or ready to come on board when the White House changes hands.

Despite Bush's tendency to disparage the ways of the nation's capital, by Brookings' count, 55 percent of his appointees lived inside the Washington Beltway when he selected them.

Other recent presidents have also depended heavily on the Washington circle.

"The best experience, to become a presidential appointee, is to have been a presidential appointee in a previous administration," Light said.

So it may be no surprise that younger generations in some families long known to Washington are rising in government.

Bush, himself the son of a president, has picked:

—Janet Rehnquist, daughter of Chief Justice William Rehnquist, to be inspector general at the Health and Human Services Department. She's an assistant U.S. attorney who was an associate White House counsel for Bush's father.

—Eugene Scalia, son of Justice Antonin Scalia, to be the Labor department's top lawyer. He's a leading Washington labor attorney who faces Democratic resistance because of some of his views.

—Michael Powell, son of Secretary of State Colin Powell, as Federal Communications Commission chairman. A former antitrust lawyer in the Justice Department, he was nominated as a commission member by President Clinton.

"These are folks who likely would have been considered for something sooner or later," Light said, no matter what their names are.

But with 50,000 to 70,000 resumes vying for roughly 3,000 Bush appointments, kinship counts, too.

It always has. President Kennedy named brother Robert attorney general and brother-in-law Sargent Shriver director of the Peace Corps. Dozens of families have had at least two generations of diplomats.

Not long before his death, Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall asked that his son John be considered as a U.S. marshal. Clinton saw to it, later promoting him to head of the Marshals Service, and also hired John's brother, Thurgood Marshall Jr., as an aide.

When Bush took office, Philip J. Perry, Vice President Dick Cheney's son-in-law, was placed at the Justice Department. Perry has been elevated to acting associate attorney general, the department's No. 3 job, until another candidate is confirmed.

New York real estate executive Craig Stapleton, a Bush relative by marriage and longtime friend of the president, got a crash course in diplomacy before his confirmation as ambassador to the Czech Republic.

As the younger Thurmond once put it: "Any political appointment is some combination of opportunity and merit."

His dad says it's only nepotism when you hire your family, not when you recommend them.

Airman concealed high blood pressure

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A Lackland Air Force Base recruit who died in June during a two-mile run had high blood pressure and an enlarged heart — conditions he concealed during his physical — the Air Force says.

An Air Force autopsy and Bexar County chief pathologist Dr. Vincent J. DiMaio agreed that Airman Basic Darryll M. Logans died from an abnormal heart rhythm associated with the enlarged heart, officials said.

Logans, 20, of Yigo, Guam had suffered from hypertension since childhood, but concealed the condition during his physical, said Maj. Gen. John F. Regni, commander of the 2nd Air Force in Biloxi, Miss.

"There are a lot of unfortunate things here — losing an airman, of course, the grief associated with it, but also the fact that we were not privy to some very critical information that could have prevented all of this," Regni said.

Logans collapsed at 6:13 a.m. on June 14 at the end of the run at Lackland and was declared dead at Wilford Hall Medical Center. An autopsy found his heart was about 25 percent larger than normal. Medical records showed he had suffered from high blood pressure since the age of 7.

Although Logans failed an initial blood pressure reading during a military physical, he later passed a series of checks.

Logans' blood pressure was normal on three occasions, prompting a senior Air Force official to say authorities considered the possibility that Logans took medications to mask the malady. Logans would have failed the physical and been barred from serving in the Air Force had he not passed the follow-up exams.

A telephone number for Logans' parents, who live in Guam, was not listed and they could not be reached today by The Associated Press.

Logans' death, in a summer that has been hot and deadly for athletes, has prompted soul-searching within the Air Force, which trains about 34,000 enlistees a year at Lackland.

The Air Force said it is studying the possibility of requiring potential recruits to provide extensive personal medical histories, said Dave Smith, a spokesman for the Air Education and Training Command at Randolph AFB.

At the U.S. Naval Hospital in Guam, while taking his military entrance physical, Logans denied all past and current medical problems except hernia operations, according to a probe conducted by Regni's 2nd Air Force at Keesler AFB.

Logans, described as big and muscular, was dogged by cold- and flu-like symptoms during basic training. Nevertheless, he mastered his physical conditioning requirements except for a two-mile run.

Two weeks before he died, Logans was taken by ambulance to Wilford Hall for a "significant" nosebleed. On June 9, he was given an antibiotic and cough suppressants for bronchitis, yet appeared to mend quickly and was determined to make the run in the required 18 minutes.

Logans appeared tired, breathed heavily and had his fists clinched a little more than halfway through the run on the morning of June 14, with an outside temperature of 82 and humidity an unusually high 85 percent. He also coughed while running, was drenched in sweat and then slowed, finally sitting down in sight of the finish line.

"I'm fine," Logans told a drill instructor. "I'm tired. ... I just can't go any farther."

Logans' enlarged left ventricle, which is associated with cardiac arrhythmias and sudden death, was the direct cause of his collapse, DiMaio said. In a letter to the 2nd Air Force, he called the run "an aggravating factor" in Logans' death but noted any physical activity could have triggered it.

events

Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — No ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

A winning ticket would have been worth an estimated $4 million.

The numbers drawn from a field of 54 were 5, 19, 21, 27, 31, 35.

Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $6 million.

Pick 3

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

5-4-7

(five, four, seven)

Stolen stained-glass windows sold to pay for drugs for thieves

BALTIMORE (AP) — The Rev. Loretta Ewell-Johnson sighed in exasperation as she pointed to a hole in the wall where light used to cascade through a stained-glass window at St. Paul United Methodist Church.

Sixteen stained-glass windows — some containing dedications to parishioners — have been stolen this summer from St. Paul. The latest thefts were discovered Wednesday.

"It's just amazing that they would come into the church and steal windows that have been part of the church since 1913," Ewell-Johnson said.

Police blame drug addicts living in this blighted neighborhood who sell stained-glass windows to antique and secondhand shops to finance their habits.

About one in eight adults in Baltimore has a drug problem, according to the city health department.

Stealing stained glass to buy drugs is not new in the city with the country's highest rate of heroin addiction. Baltimore's row houses, where stained glass dates to the early 20th century, have been losing windows for years.

But the thieves have only recently begun to target churches.

"An individual cannot expect to be blessed by stealing from the house of God," said the Rev. David Butler, who wants to buy St. Paul Church for his Foundation for Life Ministries. "By stealing, you're bringing a curse on yourself."

Baltimore isn't the only place where thieves have set their sights on valuable church windows.

In Rochester, N.Y., police charged a man with stealing three stained-glass windows, valued at about $4,500, from the 94-year-old Grace United Methodist Church. Officer Scott Peters said the thefts were drug-related.

A thief targeted 101-year-old Buckland Memorial Chapel in Pontiac, Mich., last year, stealing seven cathedral-style windows valued at $4,000 each.

In both cases, the windows were recovered.

Perhaps the most notorious stained-glass theft case was in New York, where an expert on Tiffany windows was convicted in 1999 of working with a graveyard bandit to sell art stolen from cemeteries over a 15-year period.

Thieves sell stained-glass windows, valued at about $300 apiece, to stores for about $50. The stores can sell them for up to $500 to builders, collectors and people remodeling their homes.

"A lot of people want the stained glass and they are paying a pretty penny for it," said Baltimore Detective Derrick Layton, who said about half of the burglaries he investigates involve stained glass.

Bill Bird, executive director of the Art Glass Suppliers Association, said churches are easy targets because they often don't protect the windows or register them with insurance companies.

Date Book

Thursday, Aug. 23, 2001

Today is the 235th day of 2001 and the 64th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1784, three counties of North Carolina seceded, becoming the state of Franklin. The new state was denied permission to join the Union, and reverted to North Carolina.

On this day in 1900, Booker T. Washington founded the National Negro Business League.

On this day in 1963, President John F. Kennedy and Prime Minister Alhaji Balewa of Nigeria conducted the first telephone conversation transmitted by satellite between heads of state.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Louis XVI (1754-1793), French king; Oliver Hazard Perry (1785-1819), U.S. naval hero; Edgar Lee Masters (1869-1950), poet-novelist; Gene Kelly (1912-1996), dancer-choreographer-actor; Vera Miles (1929-), actress, is 72; Mark Russell (1932-), comedian, is 69; Barbara Eden (1934-), actress, is 67; Sonny Jurgenson (1934-), football great, is 67; Keith Moon (1947-1978), musician.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1961, the San Francisco Giants scored five home runs in a 14-0 win over the Cincinnati Reds. Twelve of the Giants' runs occurred in the ninth inning.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The scientific theory I like best is that the rings of Saturn are composed entirely of lost airline baggage." — Mark Russell

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (Aug. 18) and first quarter (Aug. 25).

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SHOWER HELD — Mrs. Tommy Harris, nee, Veronica Williams, was given a wedding shower July 15 at the home of Jim and Carrie Richardson. From left are Vickey Cooper, aunt of the honoree from Post; Barbara Burney, grandmother of the bride; Ruth Williams, another grandmother from Post; Vanessa Williams, sister of the bride; Vicki Williams, mother of the bride; the honoree; Donna Harris, mother of the groom from Colorado City; and Shauna Harbin, aunt of the groom from Hermleigh. (Contributed Photo)



BRIDAL SHOWER — Twenty-two hostesses honored Michelle Beauchamp McMillan, bride of Kurt McMillan, with a miscellaneous bridal shower Aug. 11 at the First Presbyterian Church. Michelle and Kurt were married Aug. 2 in Fredericksburg. From left are Ethel Head, grandmother of the groom; Lou McMillan, mother of the groom; the bride; Bobbie Beauchamp, mother of the bride; and Shirley McMillan, step-grandmother of the groom. (Contributed Photo)



GENEALOGY LEADERS — Officers for the Genealogy Society include, (from left) seated, Sandra Graves, recording secretary; Joanne Sterling, first vice president; Ruby Gregory, treasurer; standing, Jo Thrower, second vice president; Frances Gruben, secretary; and Pat Outlaw, president. (Contributed Photo)

Williams, Harris were wed July 7

Veronica Williams and Tommy Harris married at 7 p.m. July 7 in Willow Park Inn. A wedding shower was held July 15 in the home of Jim and Carrie Richardson.

Refreshments of cookies and punch were served and decorations highlighted the bride's colors of yellow and blue.

The table was centered with a picture of the bride and groom along side a fresh flower arrangement in spring colors. A silver punch bowl and silver trays graced the table.

Hostesses included Debbie Early, Anita Brown, Eunice Houston, Pam Robertson, Randy Head, Molly Tatum, Rita Wolf, Sara Menix, Karen Nachlinger, Carolyn Robbins, Ceceila Gardner and Richardson. The hostess gift was a vacuum cleaner.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



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Thursday, Aug. 23, 2001

First low, then high

By Phillip Alder

What was James Thurber writing about here? "Its minimum temperatures are too low, and its maximum temperatures too high. Its day is not long enough, and its night is too long."

This deal must have given South a real thrill. It occurred during the 2000 Bermuda Bowl round-robin match between Norway and the United States.

Geir Helgemo (East) opened two diamonds, the Multi, showing a weak two-bid in either major. Nick Nickell (South) overcalled two spades. Erik Austberg (West) passed. Dick Freeman (North) raised to four spades, and that floated back to West. When he started thinking, Nickell devised a plan. Clearly West was contemplating a five-heart sacrifice, which he bid. If North had doubled, Nickell planned to remove to five spades. But when Freeman passed, denying heart values, Nickell jumped to six spades!

Nickell ruffed the heart ace, drew trumps in two rounds, cashed dummy's diamond ace in case East had a singleton queen, returned to hand with a heart ruff, and led a low diamond to dummy's jack. When it lost to East's queen, declarer claimed. Dummy's club losers disappeared on declarer's established diamonds.

There is nothing like stopping in game one minute, then bidding and making a slam the next.

Thurber was discussing our planet. He continued: "The disposition of its water and earth is distinctly unfortunate (the existence of the Mediterranean Sea in the place where we find it is perhaps the unhappiest accident in the whole firmament). These factors encourage depression, fear, war, and lack of vitality." If true, that's depressing.

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Community Calendar

THURSDAY

Horseshoe Pitching For Fun; horseshoe courts located at the coliseum; everybody welcome, for further information call 573-9762.

Rock and Roll Quilting Club evening meeting; Hermleigh Community Center; for more information call 863-2426; 6:30 p.m.

Deep Creek Cloggers lesson; American Legion; 6:30 to 8 p.m.

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

Nuestra Nueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; for information call 573-8626; 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

Free blood pressure clinics; Senior Citizens Center; 9:30 to 11 a.m.

Blood pressures will be taken at Cogdell Hospital Home Health Services, 1800 Cogdell Blvd., Suite B; 1-2 p.m.

ABCL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointment, call 573-0538 or 573-0770.

Scurry County AA closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-9458; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

Just For Today NA open meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-0949 or 573-8018; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County AA open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-9458; 10 a.m.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Aug. 22-Fausta Castillo, Pauline Compton, Christine Wood, Tina Debenedetto of Amarillo, Holden boy, Jennifer Stewart.

DISMISSALS: Lucille Beuerlein, Lionor Martinez, Brandi Rodriguez and baby, Buford Sterling and Shirley Leftwich of Hermleigh.

CENSUS: 49 (Med. III-14, Med. II-4, Long-term Care-27, ICU-1, OB-2, Nursery-1)

Births

John and Jennifer Stewart of Snyder announce the birth of their daughter at 4:42 a.m. on Aug. 22 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. She weighed seven pounds, two ounces.

Paul and Tricia Taggert of Snyder announce the birth of their son, Pecos Rio Taggert. Pecos was born at 8:53 a.m. on Aug. 17 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. He weighed six pounds, 3½ ounces.

Annual reunion held at Hermleigh

The annual Barfoot-Brackeen-Smith reunion that began in 1890 was held Aug. 11 at the Hermleigh Community Center.

"At the 111th reunion, tears, laughter and food were shared. Good wishes were expressed to one another and thanks to God was given," said Alton and Lorraine Barfoot.

Others attending from Texas included Larry, Anna, Chris and Christine Barfoot, Ken Brackeen, Hannah Brackeen, Travis Brackeen, Steve, Lisa and Jayson Bracheen, Harold and Billie Brackeen, Mattie Belle Hays, Nancy Hays Wells and Joni Wells, Jimmy, Kage, Danny and Kevin Hays, Bobby, Peggy, Wesley, Melissa and Alex Smith.

Others were Jimmy, Jerri, Scot, Grace, Lillian and William Smith, Tana Cooper and Joe McFarland, Harvey and Lelia Smith, Billie Farnsworth, Coy and Estelle Thompson and Wendy Thompson.

Also, Harold and Billie Brackeen came from the state of Washington.

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In 1999, one in eight Americans was 65 years old or older. In 2030, about one in five will be.

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Mississippi is also known as the Magnolia State.

Genealogy Society members search for lost relatives

Genealogy members find females are often hard to locate after marrying. Genealogy Society members have been researching the lost females in their families.

At the July meeting, Frances Pitner, Amy Shankles, Jo Thrower and Frances Pitner shared information on the female ancestor they had located and told what steps they had to take to find the person.

Marriage records are one place to search to locate a lost woman and to learn her new name. Society member Lila Guinn read a narrative written about her great-grandfather.

The next meeting is set for 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 28, at the Scurry County Library. Annual membership dues are $12.50



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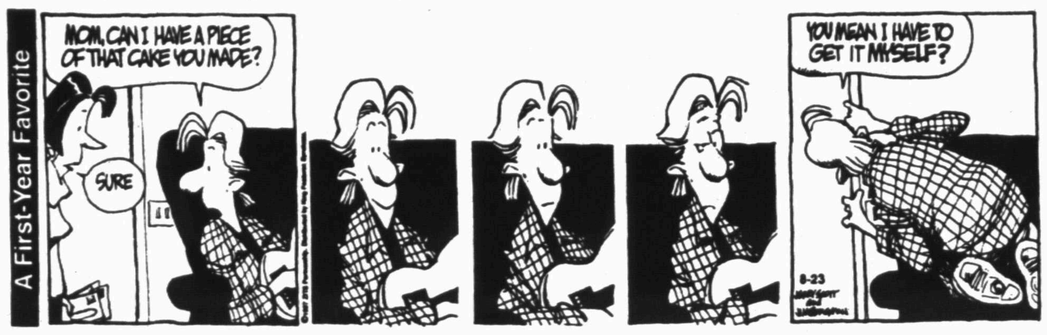
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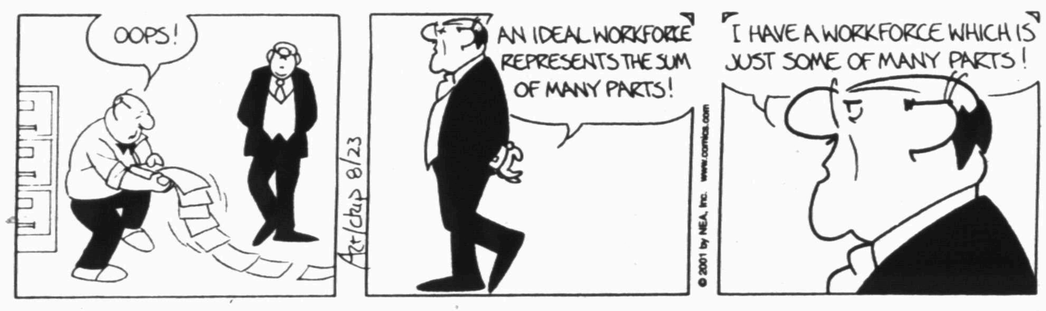
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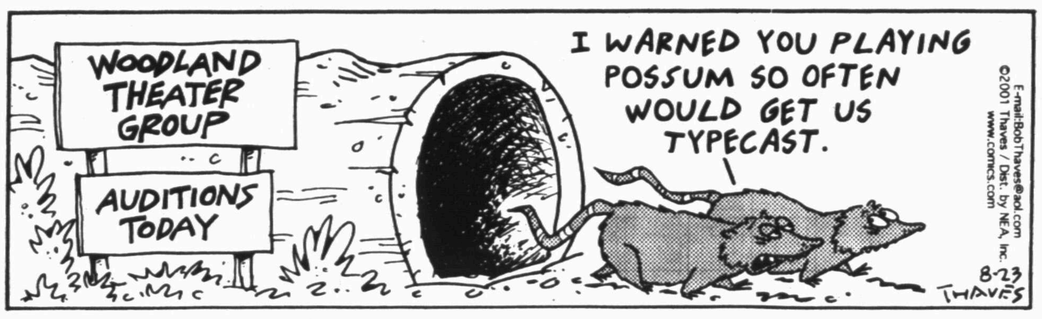
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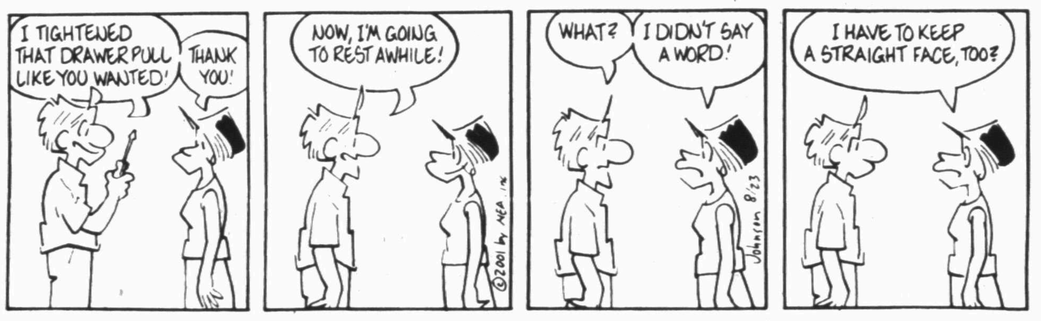
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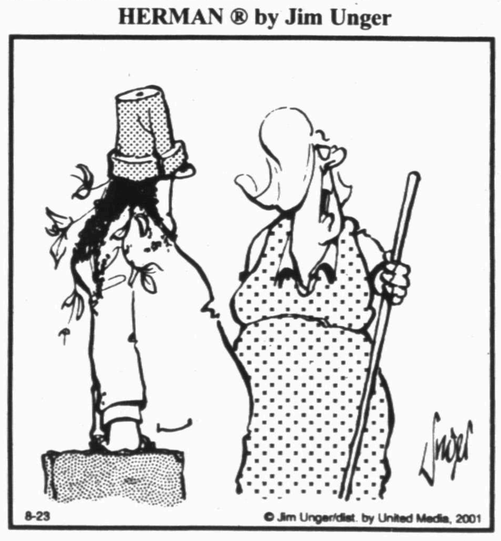
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26 Exhaust
28 Fragrant ointment
29 Comparative ending
30 Salon concern
31 Comic Coca
33 Ageless
36 Memo letters
37 Do a marathon
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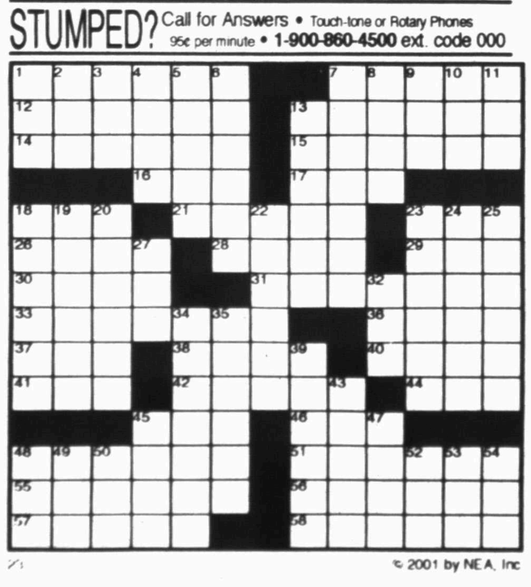
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SPORTS

Dallas receivers make changes for rookie QB

OXNARD, Calif., (AP) — Joey Galloway and Raghib Ismail understand that their rookie quarterback will go through some growing pains this season.

But the Dallas Cowboys' speedy receiving duo isn't quite ready to accept mediocrity. They both still believe the Cowboys can have an explosive passing attack regardless of Quincy Carter's inexperience under center.

"It could take just one thing to get this thing started," Ismail explained. "It's just going to be an opportunity to be a part of something special."

Since Carter moved into the starting lineup following the release of veteran Tony Banks last week, the Cowboys have been tailoring the offense to better fit the rookie's talents.

Carter is gifted at scrambling away from pressure and throwing on the run, while Banks' ability to throw the long ball favored deep threats like Galloway and Ismail.

The quarterback change means that Galloway and Ismail will have to work on coming back to the ball instead of using their speed to run under bombs.

"We've got to get in our guys' minds that the play isn't over until it's over," said Cowboys coach Dave Campo. "When you have a guy that scrambles, the receivers have to keep working to get open. I think throwing the deep ball is one of the things Quincy does well."

Earlier in training camp, Carter's fluttery passes often forced Galloway and Ismail to slow down or even stop to make the catch. Now, Carter has improved at hitting the speedsters in stride.

Both receivers insist that the switch hasn't bothered them, although more performances like the one against New Orleans in last Saturday's preseason game could quickly change their minds.

Galloway and Ismail both failed to record a catch against the Saints as Carter flopped in his starting debut. Carter finished 5-of-17 for 27 yards, including an interception that was returned for a touchdown and two fumbled snaps.

But Galloway said the blame for the offense's failures shouldn't lie solely on the shoulders of Carter.

"I'm always disappointed when I get shutout," he said. "But I've been conditioned to go with whoever is under center and just play. (Carter) has been doing what he can to get better."

The Cowboys are hoping that a Carter to Galloway combo will finally yield a return on the big investment they made to bring the seventh-year receiver to Dallas.

Last off-season, the Cowboys traded two first-round picks to get Galloway from Seattle, then signed him to a huge contract in hopes that he could be the deep threat for Troy Aikman.

But Galloway tore a ligament in his left knee in closing minutes of a blowout loss in the opener. Aikman was hurt earlier in the game and has since retired.

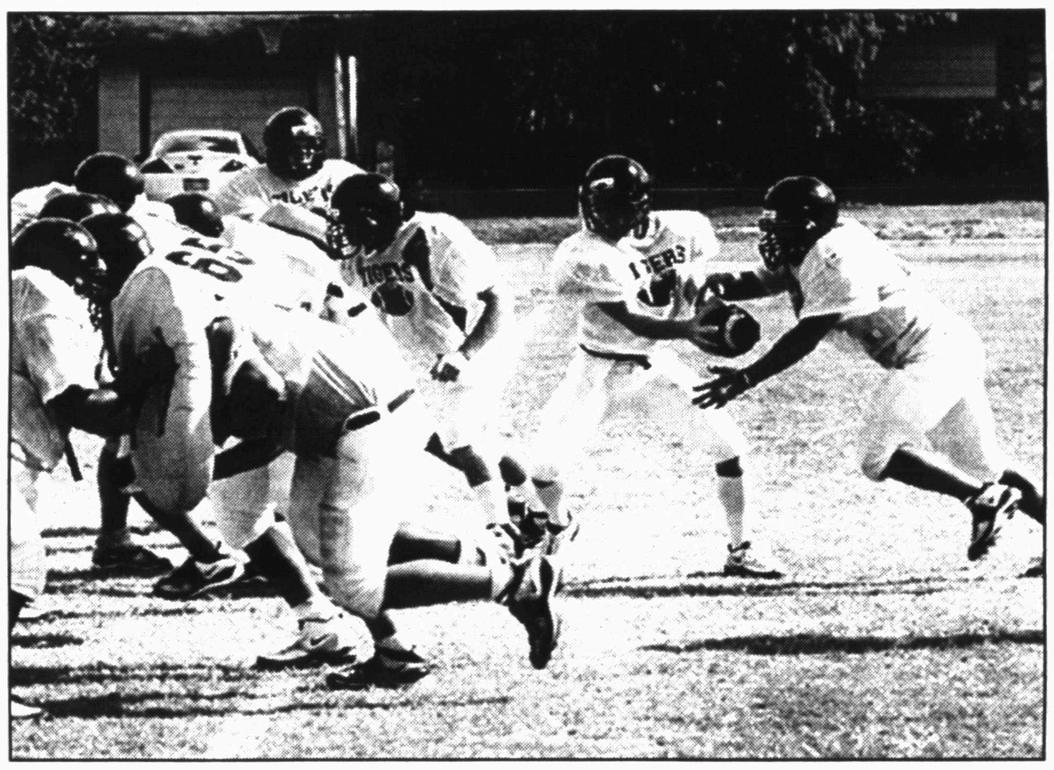
"I'm not here just for Troy," Galloway said. "I'm still excited to be here. I like Dallas and I want to help get us some wins."

Ismail, who's also coming back from a season-ending knee injury, had been running pass routes with Carter since before training camp. Now, Ismail hopes his familiarity with the rookie will help ease Carter into the starting role.

"I want everyone on the team to embrace him," Ismail said. "All the guys around him should have his back."

Carter said Galloway and Ismail have been patient with him through his early struggles.

"They've both been very supportive," Carter said. "I think they understand that I'm going to have my ups and downs, but that I'm always trying to get better."



GIVE OR TAKE — Snyder quarterback T.J. Jones and fullback Josh Montoya execute the option during Wednesday's workout at the SHS practice field. The Tigers scrimmage Sweetwater this evening at the Mustang Bowl. Freshman and junior varsity squads get underway at 5:30, followed by varsity competition. (SDN Staff Photo)

Aggies look for a kicker

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Freshman redshirt place kicker Chris Sims has left the Texas A&M football team because of a recurring back injury, head coach R.C. Slocum said Wednesday.

"He had surgery in high school and had a great senior year. He took his redshirt season off, but this summer he was kicking and reinjured it. He hasn't really kicked since he got back here," Slocum said. "This is a similar problem to what he had in high school and he told me earlier this week that he was just tired of fooling with it."

Also, sophomore tight end Fred Spiller will be out indefinitely with a herniated disc in his back and will not be available for the Aggies' season opener, Slocum said.

Sims' injury, coupled with sophomore punter and placekicker Cody Scates' groin injury, sent the A&M coaching staff looking for an additional kicker. On Tuesday night, the staff found A&M transfer student Matt Douglas from White Oak, Texas, already on campus.

"We knew about Matt Douglas a couple of years ago, but he went to Kilgore Junior College and kicked, but his year was shortened with an illness. He's in his third year of college and is enrolled here. He got his physical today and was cleared and was out there kicking in the scrimmage tonight," Slocum said.

Rangers handle Yanks again

ARLINGTON (AP) — Like everyone else, Texas backup catcher Bill Haselman was caught off guard when Ivan Rodriguez left the game.

Haselman was chatting on the bench when all of a sudden he was summoned to bat in the second inning. He grounded out, but later had two RBI singles as the Rangers beat the New York Yankees 8-1 Wednesday night.

Rodriguez left because of soreness in his right knee, and he was replaced by Haselman.

"It was probably one of the more surprising times I've had to go in the game, just because I didn't see anything happen," Haselman said. "After I made the out, I came back and stretched and I was fine."

Darren Oliver (10-8) outpitched Mike Mussina as the Rangers, in last place since the opening weeks of the season, clinched a season series against the World Series champions for the first time since 1996.

Going into their last game Thursday night, the Rangers have won four of six against the Yankees, who lead Boston by four games in the AL East.

"Any time you can play spoiler to anybody when they are in the race, it's definitely great," said Oliver, who allowed one run and four hits in six innings.

Rodriguez, who will be evaluated Thursday, wasn't in the clubhouse after the game.

"All he said was that his right knee was real sore and couldn't play," Rangers manager Jerry Narron said. "I have no clue about the seriousness of the injury."

Texas went ahead to stay with three runs in the fourth, when Mussina (12-11) walked two and threw a pair of wild pitches.

In his other five innings, Mussina allowed just two hits and one walk, and the Rangers didn't get a runner past first base.

"Moose had that one bad inning, and that was it," Yankees manager Joe Torre said. "It was weird, but we're not playing well."

Mussina didn't talk to reporters after the game.

After Alex Rodriguez and Rafael Palmeiro drew consecutive one-out walks in the fourth, Mussina threw his first wild pitch.

Haselman got an RBI single on a dribbler down the third-base line. Another wild pitch allowed Palmeiro to score before Mike Lamb's run-scoring single made it 3-0.

David Justice scored the lone Yankees run in the sixth when Oliver threw a wild pitch, which was the third strike on Alfonso Soriano and would have been the third out.

The Yankees loaded the bases in the seventh off reliever Danny Kolb, who struck out Derek Jeter in a 13-pitch at-bat that lasted seven minutes.

Phillies halt Astros winning streak

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The Philadelphia Phillies like their chances with Robert Person if they meet the Houston Astros in the NL playoffs.

Person, who pitched a two-hitter at Enron Field on May 7, allowed two hits in eight innings as the Phillies snapped a season-high five-game losing streak with a 2-1 victory over the Astros on Wednesday night.

Houston had its five-game winning streak snapped and saw its lead cut to two games ahead of second-place Chicago in the NL Central. Philadelphia remained one game behind first-place Atlanta in the NL East.

"(Houston) might have the best lineup from top to bottom," Phillies manager Larry Bowa said. "One run is nothing to that team, and that's the margin that Robert had to work with. He's been unbelievable in shutting them down twice."

The Astros lead the NL in home runs and are second in runs scored. In 17 innings this season, Person has held Houston to one run on four hits.

Person (11-6) didn't allow a hit after Lance Berkman's RBI double in the fourth. He retired 12 straight batters from the fourth inning to the eighth. After a two-out walk to Craig Biggio, Person got Jose Vizcaino to ground out.

"You're not going to win with three hits very often," Houston manager Larry Dierker said. "(Person) doesn't look much different than any other pitcher, but for some reason he gives us trouble."

Moises Alou had a different opinion of Person's outing.

"He's a guy who's always tough on us," said Alou, who is 1-for-14 with four strikeouts against Person in his career. "He mixes his pitches really well."

Neck surgery sidelines Katzenmoyer

FOXBORO, Mass. (AP) — Linebacker Andy Katzenmoyer, a first-round pick by the New England Patriots two years ago, will miss this season as he undergoes a second operation on his neck.

"I'm pretty confident about this," Katzenmoyer said Wednesday. "I can't wait. The sooner the better, so I can begin getting ready for next year."

Katzenmoyer, 23, damaged the disc in his neck during a game against Buffalo in his rookie season. The condition worsened last year, eventually sidelining him after the eighth game.

He had surgery last Nov. 16 in Dallas to remove portions of the ruptured disc and a bone spur that was putting pressure on a nerve. However the former Ohio State standout said he felt something in his neck the first time he was hit in training camp, July 26.

After consulting doctors in Boston, Dallas, Colorado and Charlotte, N.C., it was decided he needed fusion of the fourth and fifth vertebrae to have a chance to play football again.

Major League Baseball

National League
All Times EDT

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	69	56	.552	—
Philadelphia	68	57	.544	1
Florida	60	65	.480	9
New York	58	68	.460	11½
Montreal	54	72	.429	15½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	72	54	.571	—
Chicago	70	56	.556	2
St. Louis	69	57	.548	3
Milwaukee	55	70	.440	16½
Cincinnati	50	76	.397	22
Pittsburgh	46	79	.368	25½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	73	52	.584	—
San Francisco	71	55	.563	2½
Los Angeles	68	58	.540	5½
San Diego	62	63	.496	11
Colorado	53	72	.424	20

Wednesday's Games
Chicago Cubs 16, Milwaukee 3
Atlanta 6, San Diego 3
Arizona 6, Pittsburgh 0
Montreal 7, San Francisco 1
Florida 8, Los Angeles 6
Cincinnati 3, St. Louis 1
Philadelphia 2, Houston 1
N.Y. Mets 2, Colorado 1

Thursday's Games
St. Louis (Smith 3-1) at Cincinnati (Dessens 8-10), 12:35 p.m.
Milwaukee (Haynes 8-15) at Chicago Cubs (Tavarez 8-8), 2:20 p.m.
Arizona (Johnson 17-5) at Pittsburgh (McKnight 1-3), 7:05 p.m.
San Francisco (L.Hernandez 11-12) at Montreal (Ohka 0-2), 7:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Baldwin 1-1) at Florida (Dempster 14-10), 7:05 p.m.
Houston (C.Hernandez 1-0) at Philadelphia (Duckworth 2-0), 7:05 p.m.
Colorado (Jennings 0-0) at N.Y. Mets (Rusch 6-8), 7:10 p.m.
San Diego (Lawrence 3-2) at Atlanta (Millwood 3-5), 7:35 p.m.

Friday's Games
St. Louis (Morris 16-7) at Chicago Cubs (Bere 8-7), 3:20 p.m.
San Diego (Jones 8-14) at Florida (Clement 7-8), 7:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Reyes 1-4) at Montreal (Armas Jr. 9-11), 7:05 p.m.
Houston (Oswalt 10-2) at Pittsburgh (J.Anderson 6-14), 7:05 p.m.
Arizona (B.Anderson 3-8) at Philadelphia (Daal 11-4), 7:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Rueter 12-8) at N.Y. Mets (Chen 5-6), 7:10 p.m.
Los Angeles (Park 11-9) at Atlanta (Glavine 11-6), 7:35 p.m.
Colorado (Neagle 7-6) at Milwaukee (Wright 9-8), 8:05 p.m.

American League
All Times EDT

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	74	53	.583	—
Boston	69	56	.552	4
Toronto	60	67	.472	14
Baltimore	53	73	.421	20½
Tampa Bay	46	81	.362	28

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	71	55	.563	—
Minnesota	66	61	.520	5½
Chicago	62	63	.496	8½
Detroit	52	73	.416	18½
Kansas City	51	76	.402	20½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	91	36	.716	—
Oakland	73	54	.575	18
Anaheim	67	60	.528	24
Texas	56	71	.441	35

Wednesday's Games
Tampa Bay 11, Baltimore 10
Minnesota 6, Toronto 3
Texas 8, N.Y. Yankees 1
Chicago White Sox 13, Kansas City 12
Anaheim 4, Boston 2
Seattle 16, Detroit 1
Cleveland 5, Oakland 4, 11 innings

Thursday's Games
Toronto (Halladay 1-1) at Minnesota (Lohse 4-5), 1:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Sabathia 13-4) at Oakland (Mulder 15-6), 3:35 p.m.
Detroit (Redman 2-4) at Seattle (Pineiro 2-0), 6:35 p.m.
Baltimore (Towers 8-7) at Tampa Bay (Bierbrodt 1-3), 7:15 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Hitchcock 2-2) at Texas (Bell 4-2), 8:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Glover 3-1) at Kansas City (Suppan 7-10), 8:05 p.m.
Boston (Fossum 1-0) at Anaheim (Rapp 5-10), 10:05 p.m.

Friday's Games
Toronto (Carpenter 7-11) at Baltimore (Johnson 10-8), 7:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Buehrle 11-6) at Tampa Bay (Sturtze 8-9), 7:15 p.m.
Boston (Nomo 11-5) at Texas (Myette 2-2), 8:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Milton 11-5) at Kansas City (Durbin 7-12), 8:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Colon 10-9) at Seattle (Moyer 14-5), 10:05 p.m.
Detroit (Cornejo 1-1) at Oakland (Hudson 14-6), 10:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Pettitte 14-7) at Anaheim (Washburn 11-6), 10:05 p.m.

WNBA Postseason

Playoffs At A Glance
All Times EDT
CONFERENCE FINALS
EASTERN CONFERENCE
New York vs. Charlotte
Friday, Aug. 24
New York at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Sunday, Aug. 26
Charlotte at New York, 2 p.m.
Monday, Aug. 27
Charlotte at New York, 8 p.m., if necessary

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Los Angeles vs. Sacramento
Friday, Aug. 24
Los Angeles at Sacramento, 9 p.m.
Sunday, Aug. 26
Sacramento at Los Angeles, 5 p.m.
Monday, Aug. 27
Sacramento at Los Angeles, 10 p.m., if necessary

FINALS
(Best-of-3)
Thursday, Aug. 30
TBA, 8 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 1
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Sunday, Sept. 2
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National Football League

Preseason At A Glance
All Times EDT

	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
AMERICAN CONFERENCE						
East						
New England	2	0	0	1.000	37	8
Buffalo	1	1	0	.500	16	27
Indianapolis	1	1	0	.500	54	48
N.Y. Jets	1	1	0	.500	26	23
Miami	1	2	0	.333	47	54
Central						
Cleveland	2	0	0	1.000	17	9
Tennessee	2	0	0	1.000	50	34
Cincinnati	1	1	0	.500	40	40
Jacksonville	1	1	0	.500	23	43
Pittsburgh	1	1	0	.500	27	40
Baltimore	0	1	0	.000	3	16
West						
Kansas City	2	0	0	1.000	30	9
San Diego	2	0	0	1.000	48	44
Oakland	2	1	0	.667	48	41
Denver	1	1	0	.500	27	28
Seattle	0	2	0	.000	34	44
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East						
Arizona	1	1	0	.500	23	23
N.Y. Giants	1	1	0	.500	27	19
Philadelphia	0	1	0	.000	3	6
Washington	0	2	0	.000	6	47
Dallas	0	3	0	.000	30	57
Central						
Minnesota	2	0	0	1.000	52	31
Detroit	1	1	0	.500	51	53
Green Bay	1	1	0	.500	25	17
Chicago	1	2	0	.333	49	50
Tampa Bay	0	2	0	.000	20	23
West						
Atlanta	2	1	0	.667	63	33
St. Louis	2	1	0	.667	51	43
New Orleans	1	1	0	.500	37	38
San Francisco	1	1	0	.500	44	42
Carolina	0	2	0	.000	24	41

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Health care workers lied, DHS says

HOUSTON (AP) — An assisted living facility's employees lied to investigators about the drownings of two residents during Tropical Storm Allison, Department of Human Services said Wednesday.

One resident of Brightstar Care Home never made it to safety during the June 8 evacuation and the other drowned after going back into floodwaters to retrieve her Bible, DHS officials said.

Brightstar employees had maintained that all 54 residents evacuated safely on foot to nearby Houston Community Hospital. The employees said residents Lola Thomas, 55, and Cecil Hutchinson, 62, turned up missing on the return trip to Brightstar.

DHS officials say Brightstar supervisors urged their employees to lie to investigators.

The agency's July 2 report concluded that there was insufficient evidence to support allegations that Brightstar was negligent or failed to provide enough care and supervision to prevent the two drownings. But the report did cite Brightstar for not having a proper evacuation plan.

DHS reopened the investigation at the request of a witness who offered different information from what had been reported.

Despite the latest findings, DHS does not yet have the authority to sanction Brightstar and its owners, said spokeswoman Rosemary Patterson.

A new law providing for sanctions against assisted living employees who mislead investigators doesn't take effect until September.

DHS will send the latest report to local law enforcement authorities and perhaps the district attorney's office, Patterson said.

Hutchinson's family and friends said the latest revelations provided little comfort since questions still linger. Thomas had no surviving relatives, officials said.

"I just want to know where he was," said Hutchinson's 22-year-old daughter, Leanna.

Veola Malone, a longtime family friend, said the family may revisit a Dallas attorney.

In Wednesday's report, an unidentified witness told investigators he saw Thomas swept away by floodwaters during the evacuation.

"He heard someone yell, 'Help her, save her,' but he did not see anyone rescue the lady," the report states.

Thomas was rescued then, but drowned the next morning when she trekked through floodwaters to look for her Bible. Hutchinson never made it to the hospital, the report states.

One Brightstar employee said Hutchinson turned up missing and that Thomas wandered off from the hospital about 8 a.m. June 9.

The employee, whose name was blotted out of the copy of the report sent to the Houston Chronicle, said she had lied to investigators at the request of a Brightstar official.

The employee was told "to state that there had been a list with an exact number of people from beginning to end and there had been a head count with precise numbers of residents," the report said.

Another Brightstar employee admitted to investigators that residents were never counted during the evacuation.

Brightstar remains closed, and owners Kevin Adotama and Ndubisi "Tony" Ugbala have since rescinded a license request, indicating that they likely will would not reopen the business.

The two partners, who could not be reached for comment, operate similar assisted living facilities in Houston. Patterson said these facilities may be subject to a DHS investigation as a result of the investigation's findings.

Genetic analysis suggests two species

WASHINGTON (AP) — Dumbo may have a new cousin.

Researchers analyzing genes of African elephants found that the forest and grassland groups are different enough to be considered separate species, which means that three distinct species of elephants exist in the world. Science has long recognized the clear differences between the African and Asian elephants.

The genetic dissimilarity between the forest and the savanna elephants "is like the difference between the lion and the tiger. It is that large," said Jill Pecon-Slattery, a genetic researcher at the National Cancer Institute.

Pecon-Slattery and her co-authors of a study appearing Friday in the journal Science said that based on differences seen in genes collected from 195 African elephants and from seven Asian elephants it is clear that there "should be a species level recognition" for the two African groups.

The African elephant genetic samples were collected over eight years using darts fired into animals in 21 different groups. The darts were designed to punch and hold a small sample of skin from the target animals, then drop to the ground. When the elephants left, the researchers retrieved the darts and recovered bits of skin containing gene samples.

The technique was developed to enable researchers to trace the origins of illegal ivory.

A researcher in Africa, Nicholas Georgiadis of the Mpala Research Center in Kenya, directed the sample collection. The genetic study was conducted by Pecon-Slattery, Alfred Roca and Stephen O'Brien at the National Cancer Institute, one of the National Institutes of Health.

Naturalists have long noted the difference between the rarely seen forest elephant and the grassland, or savanna, elephant in Africa. The savanna elephant, known to scientists as Loxodonta africana, has large ears with ragged edges and curving tusks. It ranges widely in the grassland and bush country of east-central and southern Africa. This is the elephant most commonly seen in zoos and by tourists visiting Africa.

The African forest elephant, known as Loxodonta cyclotis, is slightly smaller and has rounded ears. Its tusks are straighter and longer and the ivory has a slightly pink hue, making it highly prized. The forest elephant lives in densely wooded areas of central west Africa. Because of its habitat, it is less commonly seen. The only African forest elephant in captivity is in a zoo in Paris.

The Asian elephant, known as Elephas maximus, has much smaller ears and is widely used as a domestic beast of burden in Asia. Wild Asian elephants are uncommon.

Pecon-Slattery said enough genetic difference exists between the Asian and African elephants for them to be in different genera, which means they are more distantly related than are animals that share the same genus. Animals in the same genus can be closely related and still be of different species.

The genetic difference between the forest and savanna African elephants is about 58 percent of the genetic difference between the African and Asian elephants, Pecon-Slattery said.

She said the two African elephant species are closely enough related that they could mate productively, and the study suggested there were hybrids of the two species in the distant past.

"It has occurred, but not that often," she said. "But this doesn't destroy the uniqueness of the original species."

Samuel Wasser, a conservation biologist at the University of Washington, said he and his colleagues have conducted an even more extensive genetic survey of the elephant, and their conclusion agrees that the African animals are of two distinct species.

Wasser, who has conducted extensive research in Tanzania, said the African elephant continues to be under intense poaching pressure. He said some studies have suggested the population has dropped from about 1.3 million the 1980s to about a half-million now.

City marshals like the one slain in NYC toil in danger

NEW YORK (AP) — They toil anonymously in the dangerous shadows of law enforcement — serving subpoenas and eviction notices, collecting monetary judgments, towing away the cars of parking scofflaws.

In New York City they are called marshals; in other states, they operate under other names. Rarely, except perhaps on the block where it happens, does their work attract attention. Nobody writes television shows about this kind of Law and Order.

Thus the depth of public horror over the grisly death this week of City Marshal Erskine G. Bryce, who was savagely beaten, shoved down a flight of stairs, splashed with gasoline and set on fire after he tried to evict the occupants of an apartment in Brooklyn.

His body, scorched and curled up in a fetal position, was found on the floor of a downstairs vestibule. An open can of gasoline and Bryce's pistol, unfired, lay near the body.

On Wednesday, authorities charged JoAnne Jones, 53, who lived in the apartment, with second-degree murder in what Mayor Rudolph Giuliani called a "horrendous and horrific" crime.

Bryce, 66, is the second member of New York City's marshals bureau to be killed in the line of duty since the agency was founded 47 years ago.

Freeman Mason, 55, was fatally shot on March 13, 1984, also while trying to serve an eviction notice, just 12 blocks from the scene of Tuesday's incident. His body was found days later in a vacant lot several miles away. A body shop owner was charged with his murder.

"Every situation a marshal goes to is a potentially explosive, hazardous situation. Evicting someone, taking their car — that's like life's last straw," said Kenny Kelly, executive director of the city Marshals Association.

Despite the risks of showing up on a doorstep with a badge or court order, incidents of violence against city marshals are still rare, Kelly said.

A gift for communication is essential.

"It's always dealing with people who are not happy to see you," Kelly said. "You have to let people know who you are, and what you're doing. You have to tell them, 'The car's going. We don't back down. But it's not the end of the world.' You have to be firm, fair and street-smart."

New York has 41 city marshals. Appointed by the mayor to five-year terms, they earn fees set by statute for carrying out orders from civil and state supreme courts, city agencies and private attorneys.

The work is hard, as much as 16 hours a day, six days a week — but with good legal or community contacts, a marshal "can earn in the six figures," said Kelly. "There are people waiting 15 years to get on that list."

The only requirements to become a marshal are passing the civil service exam and a marshals' board of review. The city bureau has "a great, diverse group of people:" ex-cops, lawyers, a couple of Ph.Ds, Kelly said.

Among the city's five women marshals, the star is 70-plus Ruth Burko, who was appointed by former Mayor John Lindsay in the 1960s and still works at her specialty — towing cars for unpaid parking tickets.

"She could talk Saddam Hussein out of his tank if he owed parking tickets," Kelly said.

Bryce, who has a son in the New York City police department and a daughter who is a Postal Service police officer at Kennedy International Airport, was known for his ability to deal with tricky situations.

Born in Barbados, Bryce grew up in Trinidad where he was an avid cricket player. He moved to the United States in the 1960s, as did many of his neighbors from the West Indies.

"He had a quick wit and loved to tell jokes," said Andy Thomas, who grew up with Bryce in Port-of-Spain, Trinidad, and was his neighbor in Brooklyn for more than 40 years.

"He stopped playing cricket but he followed the teams closely. And he loved the West Indian Day parade," Thomas said. A marshal for about 12 years, Bryce was doing well financially and loved to travel.

Bryce had just returned to work Monday after a vacation in Greece — and was engaged to be married in November.

"I'm still in shock," said his son, Eaton Bryce. "It's rough, it's rough. It's very, very rough at this point."

Markets

Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP) -

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	32.30	32.05	32.10	—.30
AOL TimeWrn	40.10	39.00	39.83	+ .33
AT&T Corp s	19.35	19.10	19.23	—.04
Albertsons	34.74	34.50	34.69	+ .09
Alltel	57.00	56.17	56.99	+ .68
AmEl Pw	45.34	44.77	45.32	+ .56
AndarkPtr	54.99	53.75	53.75	—.70
ATMOS Egy	22.70	22.50	22.53	—.07
Aviall	10.77	10.64	10.72	+ .07
BP PLC	52.27	52.05	52.24	+ .16
BakerHughes	34.85	34.02	34.04	—.74
Bank of Amer	64.98	64.31	64.90	+ .25
BellSouth	38.50	38.07	38.35	+ .13
Beth Steel	1.78	1.77	1.78	+ .01
BurlNoSFe	26.62	26.30	26.61	+ .09
Caterpillar	52.60	51.53	51.55	—1.75
Chevron	92.80	91.85	92.41	+ .46
Citigroup s	47.30	46.81	46.98	—.02
CocaCola	48.50	48.21	48.40	+ .15
ColgatePal	56.20	55.50	55.59	—.61
ComclMetals	31.95	31.73	31.95	+ .21
CooperIn	56.53	56.40	56.50	+ .05
DaimlrChry	46.42	45.76	46.25	+ .93
DeltaAirl	39.25	38.72	38.95	—.31
Dillards Inc	18.01	17.90	17.97	—.03
DowChem	34.56	34.05	34.27	—.12
DuPont	41.50	40.88	41.20	—.17
EastmanChem	40.97	40.76	40.86	—.16
EstKodak	45.90	45.66	45.73	—.01
EDS Corp	62.44	61.40	62.25	+ .89
Entergy	38.80	38.64	38.73	+ .02
ExxonMobil s	41.24	40.51	41.03	+ .32
FstBksAm	29.65	29.35	29.35	—.10
GenDynam	81.27	80.38	81.09	+ .71
GenElec	41.25	40.61	41.14	+ .29
GenMills	45.36	45.00	45.04	—.03
GenMotors	57.50	56.75	57.10	—.10
GaPacGP	36.74	36.30	36.63	+ .17
GlobalMar	16.00	15.45	15.54	—.26
Goodrich	34.95	34.60	34.71	—.09
Goodyear s	25.20	24.50	24.79	—.49
GtAtlPac	20.35	19.95	20.24	+ .38
Halliburtn	31.69	30.83	31.12	—.32
Hanson ADS	38.88	38.65	38.80	+ .15
HarteHanks	23.00	22.92	22.98	—.01
HomeDepot	48.84	48.10	48.19	—.61
Honeywellintl	38.05	37.80	37.89	+ .39
IBM	104.70	103.85	104.26	+ .30
IntlPaper	40.67	40.11	40.42	—.07
JohnsonJn s	54.95	54.04	54.94	+ .16
K mart	12.00	11.48	11.73	—.37
KinderMorg	55.55	54.70	55.51	+ .51
Kroger Co	26.75	26.10	26.57	+ .27
LockheedM	39.05	38.45	38.50	—.50
Lowes Cos s	39.09	37.92	38.01	—.79
Lubys	9.40	9.33	9.40	—.03
LucentTech	6.88	6.72	6.88	+ .20
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Medtronic	45.83	45.00	45.63	+ .13
Motorola	18.06	17.76	17.91	+ .06
NCR Corp	38.40	38.00	38.25	+ .33
Navistar	34.50	34.10	34.22	+ .15
Penney JC	25.45	24.86	24.91	—.14
PepBoys	12.62	12.40	12.55	+ .20
PepsiCo	47.35	46.46	47.29	+ .36
Pharmacia	42.98	42.20	42.35	—.85
PhelpDodge	38.67	38.10	38.40	—.27
PhilipPet	58.58	57.80	58.50	+ .85
PilgrmPrd B	14.74	14.67	14.70	
Polaroid	1.48	1.45	1.47	+ .01
Praxair	47.00	46.55	46.65	—.32
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SearsRoeb	44.30	43.95	44.09	—.11
SherwinW	22.75	22.65	22.70	—.04
SouthernCo s	23.33	23.06	23.28	—.01
SwstAirl s	18.17	17.94	18.02	+ .12
SprintFON	22.65	22.34	22.35	—.02
SprintPCS	24.35	23.63	24.28	+ .51
Sunoco Inc	35.90	35.53	35.90	+ .17
TXU Corp	47.30	46.26	46.95	+ .65
TempleInland	59.29	58.57	58.64	—.41
Texaco	70.78	69.97	70.38	+ .29
Textnd	40.60	40.08	40.44	+ .26
TexasInst	34.11	33.41	33.91	+ .26
Textron	55.10	54.60	54.60	—.29
TriconGlbR	44.85	44.25	44.50	+ .20
TrinityInds	26.28	25.87	25.88	—.12
TylerTech	3.13	3.13	3.13	—.02
USX-Marathn	30.89	30.59	30.65	+ .03
USX-USS	19.98	19.80	19.83	+ .02
UnionPacif	52.20	51.86	51.98	
UnitedTech	73.25	72.80	73.02	+ .17
Unocal	36.25	36.06	36.06	—.12
Venator Grp	18.60	18.40	18.57	+ .37
VerizonComm	52.79	52.26	52.55	+ .01
WalMart	50.43	49.75	49.84	—.40
WellsFargo	47.72	47.50	47.60	—.12
WstnGasRs	31.98	31.75	31.83	—.12
WinnDixie	23.22	22.97	22.97	—.03
Xerox Cp	8.91	8.68	8.79	+ .01

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Sugar provides little more than calories

DEAR DR. GOTT: I recently required coronary artery by-pass grafting. Following this, the doctor prescribed a diet that limits sodium, cholesterol and sugar. What's the point in prohibiting sucrose if I don't have to limit other sugars such as fructose and lactose?

DEAR READER: Refined sugar serves little purpose in the body other than to provide "empty" calories that are not necessary for normal metabolism. Also, sucrose and glucose are best avoided by diabetics. Fruits, which contain fructose, also provide additional elements — such as vitamins, minerals and fiber — that are healthful. Similarly, although milk has lactose, it provides additional nutrition in the form of calcium and protein.

I believe that your physician was simply attempting to reduce your caloric intake, at the same time allowing you nutritious food and permitting you to have substantial dietary selection. His prescription against salt, cholesterol and refined sugar makes sense to me. If you follow his advice, you'll be eating a more healthful diet and, I hope, reducing both your weight and the likelihood that your bypass grafts will become clogged by arteriosclerotic plaque.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: My son, 55, is paralyzed from the chest down because of a bad tractor accident that affected his spine. Would cherry juice help him to walk again?

DEAR READER: No, it wouldn't.

During this type of serious trauma, the cause of disability is nerve damage, ordinarily to the sensitive spinal cord, which is the conduit for the nerves that carry signals between the brain and various parts of the body. The spinal cord passes through the hollow centers of the spinal vertebrae, which protect the delicate nervous tissue, in addition to giving the support that allows us to stand erect.

The trauma of the fall or other serious injury often fractures one or more vertebrae. Such a violent event ordinarily causes some nerve malfunction, which may be temporary. In other cases, however, the spinal cord may be partially severed or irreparably damaged, producing paralysis of muscles below the injured area. The corresponding disability may be minimized by prompt surgery to correct the damage, remove bone fragments, release pressure on the nerves, and so forth.

However, depending on the amount of damage, some disability usually remains. Your son appears to have suffered a catastrophic degree that is probably permanent.

Nonetheless, there are resources that could help him cope with his handicap. Physiatrists (M.D.s trained in rehabilitation medicine), physical and occupational therapists and psychological counselors could be of assistance. There are many new devices, such as electrically powered wheelchairs, that would perhaps enable him to regain some of the independence he has lost. The current media attention to the actor Christopher Reeve has stimulated a great deal of public (and private) interest in the treatment and rehab of serious spinal trauma. In short, there is much that can be done to help your son achieve fulfillment.

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Next Powerball jackpot could reach $280 million

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Powerball mania is certain to intensify in the coming days as players across the country get another chance Saturday at winning a jackpot that could approach $300 million.

The unofficial prize for Saturday's drawing is $280 million, Joe Mahoney of the Multi-State Lottery Association, said today. "And that's a conservative estimate at this point," he added.

No tickets matched all six numbers in Wednesday night's highly-anticipated draw, which was worth $193.5 million.

Mahoney said that while no one won the jackpot, more than a million people will get prizes for matching some of the winning numbers: 2-28-30-36-39 and Powerball 10.

A total of 42 tickets matched the first five numbers but missed the Powerball to win $100,000 each.

The biggest Powerball jackpot ever is the $295.7 million won in 1998 by a group of factory workers in Ohio. The richest lottery prize in U.S. history is the $363 million Big Game jackpot, won last year by two players in Illinois and Michigan.

In Washington, D.C., and the 21 states where Powerball is played, people braved long lines and dreamed of hitting the jackpot, despite odds of 1 in 80 million.

The Rev. Clarence Dameron figured his odds of winning the jackpot were a little better than those of the average player.

"The Lord knows my heart," he said as he stood in line at a Des Moines convenience store, waiting to buy tickets for the drawing. "I could do a lot for the Lord."

Jane Baker, a Des Moines retiree, said she only needs $5 million and would give the rest to charities and universities.

Suspected killer still at large

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Calling the suspect in a family killing spree a "cold-blooded" killer, authorities began protecting at least a dozen of his relatives out of fear he may strike again.

Nikolay Soltys, 27, is suspected of killing his pregnant wife, his 3-year-old son and four other family members. He remained at large today as a nationwide manhunt entered its fourth day.

Sacramento County Sheriff Lou Blanas called Soltys a "cold-blooded, calculated killer" and warned that anyone assisting him was "at risk of being his next victim." Fourteen family members in the Sacramento area were taken into protective custody.

Authorities say he used toys to lure the toddler to his death, suggesting that he may be more than a methodical killer, criminal experts said Wednesday.

The pattern of slayings — vicious stabbings interspersed with deliberate decision-making — suggest Soltys is delusional, rather than just engaging in crimes of rage or opportunity, said forensic psychologist Barry Rosenfeld, a professor at Fordham University in New York.

"Once there is a cooling-off period in between some of the murders, then it's no longer a spree," Rosenfeld said.

Soltys may now be driving an emerald green Ford Explorer with a rear hatch painted a lighter shade of green. His 1995 Nissan Altima was found abandoned Monday.

Investigators said the reward for information leading to Soltys' capture had climbed to $30,000.

Authorities said Soltys has relatives in New York, North Carolina and possibly Oregon and Washington state.

Soltys allegedly stabbed his pregnant wife, Lyubov, at their home in a Sacramento suburb on Monday and then drove 20 minutes to another suburb and killed four other relatives. Investigators said Soltys followed up the killings by driving to his mother's home to pick up his son. He later slashed the boy's throat and discarded the body in a cardboard box, investigators said.

Authorities found the boy's body Tuesday afternoon after following directions written in Russian on the back of a photograph of the child and his mother that was left in the Nissan.

In the car, they also found a second note from Soltys with a numbered list referring to the slayings, suggesting each had been killed "for speaking out," Garverick said. "The writing in effect said: 'Number one, this was for Lyubov, for her speaking,' or 'for her tongue.'"

Police had said family members may have chastised Soltys for not having a job, but sheriff's Detective Ron Garverick said the meaning of the message was unclear.

Rosenfeld, the forensic psychologist, says Soltys may have been acting under psychotic delusions that led him to believe there was a rational reason to kill people on his list.

"If he's delusional and has these delusional beliefs, he could have anybody on the list," he said.

A memorial service has been scheduled Sunday for the slain family members at Bethany Slavic Missionary Church outside Sacramento.

On the Net: http//www.sacsheriff.com

Cancer drugs diluted in 150 intravenous bags

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — At least 150 intravenous bags of cancer drugs used by chemotherapy patients may have been altered for profit by a greedy pharmacist, federal prosecutors said.

Each dilution could count as both a "misbranding" and an adulteration under federal law, prosecutors said in a civil court filing Wednesday. All 300 charges could trigger $3 million in fines.

But so far, Robert R. Courtney has only been charged with a single count of misbranding and adulterating a drug.

Courtney allegedly told investigators he cut the strength of the expensive cancer drugs Gemzar and Taxol out of greed. Authorities claim diluting the drugs would have saved him hundreds of dollars per dose.

He was ordered held without bond in a jail in Leavenworth, Kan.

Prosecutors believe some 30 to 35 patients were affected, each using multiple IV bags.

Judge Scott O. Wright also froze a portion of Courtney's assets while allowing his family to withdraw up to $500,000 to pay legal fees. Court records estimate Courtney is worth more than $10 million in stock and property.

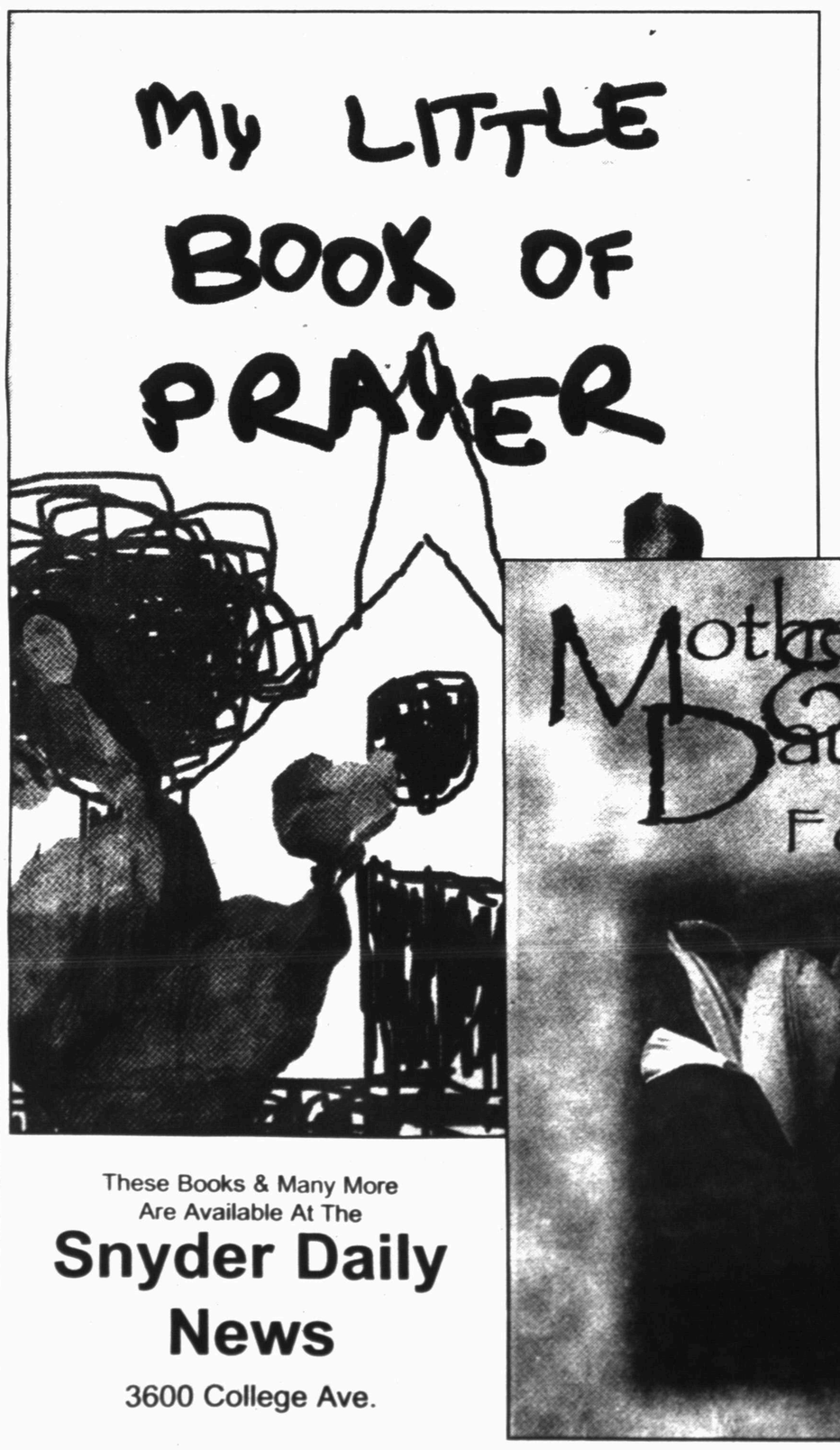
Wright also ordered Courtney to surrender his state and federal pharmaceutical licenses, and ordered the government to begin shutting down Courtney's two pharmacies.

Courtney's lawyer, Jean Paul Bradshaw, said the orders weren't a surprise and that Courtney plans to sell both pharmacies and turn in his licenses.

"Obviously Mr. Courtney is not going to be using those where he is right now," Bradshaw said.

Meanwhile, Kansas City Internal Medicine staff are trying to contact roughly 700 patients who may have gotten chemotherapy medications from Courtney's pharmacy over the past five years, according to attorney Patrick McInerney.

"It's draining. For many of these doctors and staffs and nurses, this (fighting cancer) is their life's work. They have lived and grieved and fought" for their patients, he said.



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Helms won't seek sixth term in Senate

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — After three decades of dogged, even obstructionist loyalty to the conservative cause in Congress, Sen. Jesse Helms says the battle must go on without him after 2003.

In a broadcast from WRAL-TV, where his fiery editorials helped build support for his 1972 election to the Senate, the 79-year-old Republican confirmed Wednesday that he will not seek a sixth term.

Helms quoted a Democrat, the late Sen. Sam Ervin Jr., in saying time had taken its toll.

"I would be 88 if I ran again in 2002 and was elected and lived to finish a sixth term," he said. "This, my family and I decided unanimously, I should not do — and, ladies and gentlemen, I shall not."

But Helms also was clear that he wouldn't be giving up his political fights until the day his term ends.

"I am by no means announcing my retirement because a great deal of work lies ahead of the United States Senate this fall, and next year, when there will be much significant legislation," he said.

Long before Helms' plans became public, possible successors had begun exploring bids to replace him.

A group of Republicans announced this week they were trying to persuade Elizabeth Dole to run for the Senate seat. The former labor secretary and head of the Red Cross was born and raised in North Carolina, and watched Helms' address in her hometown, Salisbury.

"Senator Helms' decision to retire in 2003 signals the end of an era in our state," she said. "He has been a relentless watchdog with a strong commitment to North Carolina and our nation."

Other Republicans considering a Senate bid include Rep. Richard Burr, former Sen. Lauch Faircloth, former Charlotte Mayor Richard Vinroot and Lexington lawyer Jim Snyder.

Thad Beyle, a political science professor at the University of North Carolina, said national GOP officials clearly see Dole as the best candidate to keep Helms' seat in Republican hands.

So far, the only Democrat to enter the race is Secretary of State Elaine Marshall. Former Democratic Gov. Jim Hunt reiterated Wednesday night that he will not seek the seat.

During his years in the Senate, Helms became known as "Senator No," blocking legislation he opposed with all means at his disposal. As chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, he helped place sanctions against communist regimes and blocked the payment of U.S. dues to the United Nations.

He also became an icon to social conservatives, advocating a return to prayer in the classroom and condemning "the homosexual agenda."

The conservative firebrand frustrated presidents and agitated liberals, and on the eve of his announcement, he was both praised and condemned.

"I guess the 19th century is over now," quipped Sam Watts, a North Carolina-based Democratic pollster.

Republicans said Helms will be hard to replace.

"Senator Helms by virtue of his rigid, inflexible stances on many issues is perceived by many as uncaring and insensitive," said Rep. Howard Coble. "I think that belies the truth. I think Senator Helms is a man of principal."

President Bush praised Helms as "a tireless defender of our nation's freedom and a champion of democracy abroad."

Helms, who had taped the address, headed to his vacation home on Lake Gaston, north of Raleigh, to watch the broadcast with his wife, Dorothy.

People close to him said for weeks relatives had been urging him not to seek re-election. Helms has had years of health problems, affecting his heart, legs and balance, and he had both knees replaced in 1998 and has since used a motorized scooter.

Helms' departure will force the GOP to defend another open seat in its bid to recapture the Senate, where Democrats hold a 50-49 majority, with one independent.

Republicans are defending 20 Senate seats in 2002, including the one held by 98-year-old Sen. Strom Thurmond of South Carolina, who has said he will not seek re-election. Democrats are defending 14.

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Family executed after day at beach

MEXICO CITY (AP) — A women and three children returning from a day at the beach were shot execution-style and dumped in a cornfield outside Mexico's second-largest city, officials said.

Police discovered the bullet-riddled bodies of a family wearing swimsuits under their clothes on a highway outside Guadalajara in western Jalisco state on Wednesday.

They identified the mother as 36-year-old Aurora Caraveo of eastern Tamaulipas state. The identities and nationalities of her children were unclear. Two Mexican television stations cited police sources as saying authorities found identifications for each child from schools in Tamaulipas and Texas.

The mother's identity was established with a Texas driver's license that listed a Brownsville address, according to The Brownsville Herald's today editions.

Mexican police officials told the newspaper that about $5,500 in cash was found in the woman's purse.

A police investigator speaking by phone from Guadalajara on Wednesday night said the police report listed the children as ages 9, 10 and 13 and with school identification cards that had two names for each child. He refused further comment.

The investigator said each victim was shot in the head and chest and dragged from the Honda. He said investigators searching the car found dozens of 9 millimeter shell casings lying next to towels, empty soft drink bottles and pairs of flip-flops.

American consulates in Guadalajara and Mexico City were closed Wednesday night and U.S. officials could not be reached to comment .

The investigator, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said police believe the victims were shot hours before their bodies were discovered and that those responsible for the killings reported the car stolen.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Friday, Aug. 24, 2001

It appears that the course you're presently steering is the right one for you during this particular time frame, so don't do anything rash about changing direction in the year ahead.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Your magnificent faculties for concentration are fully operative today, yet your impatience may be in high gear as well, causing your achievement to be below par. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that'll govern you in the year ahead.

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LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Knowing what you want to acquire is not the problem today. The difficulty is having the lack of discipline to wait until you have the funds to purchase it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Your captivating personality will draw people to you today, but should you get frustrated over anything, your behavior could drive them away again.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Fact-finding seems to be your specialty today and you will easily gather all the latest gossip about everybody in question. What you can't do, however, is keep the tittle-tattle to yourself.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — This is not an especially good day for you to deal with salesmen, because you're far too intrigued with unique gadgets at this time and could purchase a bunch of junk you'll never need.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — You're gifted with an innate ability for stick-to-itiveness. However, as your enthusiasm ebbs and flows today, your perseverance to complete anything will also vacillate.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Before swinging into action today, study your flashes of inspiration very carefully. Under close scrutiny some major flaws may become visible.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — No matter how anxious you are to get something important done quickly today, don't attempt to accomplish it all in one giant leap. You'll make more work for yourself instead.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Endeavors with friends or associates whose goals or desires are not in harmony with yours have little chance of working out today. It's not enough to want them to; you'll not be happy.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — A lot of patience might be called for today when working with persons whose minds just simply don't work as fast as yours. It won't hurt you to repeat instructions.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Better stay clear of delicate objects that can break easily, because in spite of yourself, you may be a trifle clumsy today. And by all means don't borrow anything at this time.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Hastily made decisions today, especially those that also affect others, could have deleterious results. Take the time to gather all the facts and review them thoroughly.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Grandpa chooses not to view video of his grandson's birth

DEAR ABBY: Five weeks ago, our son and his wife welcomed a baby boy. They asked a close friend to videotape the birth and presented a copy to us and the other grandparents.

The proud parents asked us to wait and view it with them at an appointed time. All along, my husband said he was not interested and would not stay home to watch it. I thought he would relent, but sure enough, he went to a local softball game, leaving me to explain.

My son took it in stride. However, his wife is angry and hurt. I tried to explain that men in my husband's generation were not allowed to be involved in childbirth, which accounts for much of his attitude. My husband has often said, "I was there when my children were conceived — that's all that counts!" After 35 years of marriage, he is not about to change his opinion.

My daughter-in-law says my husband is rude and thoughtless. My husband refuses to apologize and thinks SHE is acting foolish. Your thoughts, please? — **NEW GRANDMA CAUGHT IN THE MIDDLE**

DEAR NEW GRANDMA: While the birth of her first child was a watershed experience in your daughter-in-law's life, it does not give her the right to insist your husband do anything that makes him uncomfortable. If he doesn't want to see her in that position, that's his right. It may be just a little too much "reality TV" for his taste.

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DEAR ABBY: I am 12 years old and want to be a model, an actress and a singer.

My mother is a housekeeper. My father is a supervisor in a factory. My aunts and uncles have similar jobs. Well, I don't want to do that. I want to be the next Daisy Fuentes or Cindy Crawford. I want people to know who I am. I don't want to be a "no one" — I want to be a "someone."

My mother says not to get my hopes up because not too many people get famous. I say I don't care — I want to risk it. My parents think I might get hurt, but I know I am tough and can handle it.

Abby, what do you think? Should I just forget about my dreams or "go for it"? — **WANTING TO BE A STAR IN ELGIN, ILL.**

DEAR WANTING: Don't abandon your dreams. If you don't have dreams, how can they come true?

Take classes in drama, dancing and singing. If they are not offered at your school, ask your parents how you can earn extra money so you can take classes on Saturday. Don't neglect your schoolwork. You'll get even further if you have both brains and talent. There's no doubt in my mind you have the drive and determination to succeed. Good luck!

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DEAR ABBY: I am one of your male readers. I'll make this short and sweet. Must I tell my fiancee I was in a mental hospital when I was 19? — **NEEDS TO KNOW IN WASHINGTON, D.C.**

DEAR NEEDS TO KNOW: If you think it might make a difference to your fiancee, better to find out before the wedding. While it's not the kind of information you're obligated to disclose to an employer, the person you contemplate sharing your life with has a right to know. It would be better coming from you than from some relative who lets it slip somewhere down the line.

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Dear Abby is written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips.

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News Briefs

Parents charged in deaths of toddlers

ST. LOUIS (AP) — The parents of three young children who died after playing unsupervised in a hot car near their home have been charged with child endangerment.

The children — Marcus Jackson Jr., 2, his sister Markeisha, 1, and their cousin Mark Wagner Jr., 2 — were found unconscious in 114-degree heat inside the unlocked car Aug. 12.

Markeisha and her cousin died of hyperthermia that day, and Marcus died two days later at a hospital.

The children's mothers — sisters Latasha Goodson and Latricia Bradford — and Marcus and Markeisha's father, Marcus Jackson, were at the home at the time, but Jackson and Bradford were both napping, police spokeswoman Adella Jones said.

Witnesses reported seeing Goodson, who was Marcus and Markeisha's mother, on the front porch, Jones said. She said it wasn't clear how the children got inside the car or how long they were there.

Goodson, 23, was charged Wednesday with three counts of first-degree child endangerment, a felony punishable by up to five years in prison.

Jackson, 24, and Bradford, 26, were charged with three counts of second-degree child endangerment, misdemeanors carrying possible one-year jail terms.

Man armed with knives attacks clerk

WASHINGTON, Utah (AP) — Authorities say a man was planning to kill as many people as he could when he walked into a Wal-Mart store with four kitchen knives and stabbed a clerk.

A sheriff's deputy patrolling the store's parking lot heard the 911 call about 1:30 a.m. Wednesday and got the man to drop his weapons. The clerk was hospitalized in fair condition.

Paulson Tsosie, 23, was charged with attempted criminal homicide and aggravated assault. Tsosie also was wanted on a warrant for auto theft, and authorities said his sister had called police shortly before the Wal-Mart stabbing saying he had threatened to kill her.

Washington County Sheriff Kirk Smith said Tsosie walked into the store with four large-bladed kitchen knives and began stabbing Kimberly Davis, 26, as she was hanging clothing. The assailant only paused when another employee heard her scream and ran to try to help her, Smith said.

The man dropped the knives after the sheriff's deputy reached him.

"When (officers) interviewed him, he said he didn't know the woman," Smith said. "He went in there to kill as many people as he could."

Nevada officer killed during standoff

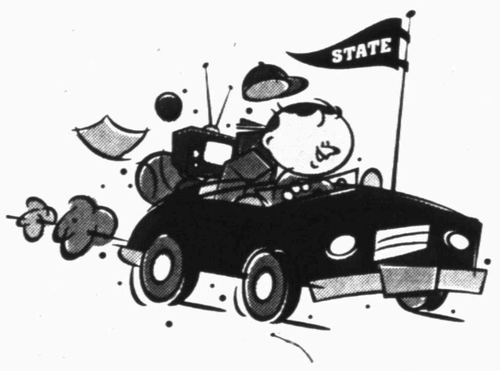
RENO, Nev. (AP) — What began as a routine traffic stop ended hours later with a barricaded suspect being tear gassed and a 13-year police veteran dead of a gunshot wound.

Reno Police Officer John Bohach was killed Wednesday when he tried to assist other officers who had chased the suspect, Larry Peck, into a small bungalow near downtown.

Police began pursuing Peck — who police said was about 50 years old and had a history of nonviolent drug arrests — after an officer stopped him for erratic driving on the city's north side.

Peck then allegedly dashed into a tan one-story bungalow behind his mother-in-law's house. A police cruiser that took up the chase was involved in a four-vehicle crash.

Bohach was shot in the chest by a high-powered rifle as he arrived in the tree-shaded neighborhood. The standoff occurred across the street from the First Church of God.



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NATO sends troops to Macedonia

SKOPJE, Macedonia (AP) — NATO soldiers streamed into Macedonia today as part of a mission to help end six months of ethnic hostilities, even though the rival sides still have not agreed on how many weapons the troops should collect.

The British Royal Engineers who arrived in the capital, Skopje, were part of an airlift of 3,500 troops taking part in Operation Essential Harvest. The new troops joined an advance force of about 400 soldiers that began arriving Friday.

The main NATO task is to collect weapons surrendered by the rebels.

"The sooner we get on with it the better," said Capt. Keith Beddoe, who arrived with 91 other Royal Engineers. The engineers unloaded their personal gear and stood to the side of the tarmac, intently watching the unusually hectic air traffic.

NATO's ruling council decided Wednesday to approve the full deployment, including several hundred Americans in a behind-the-scenes role, despite scattered cease-fire violations since Macedonia's political parties signed a peace accord Aug. 13. The ethnic Albanian rebels did not sign the agreement but have agreed separately with NATO to disarm.

In Washington, State Department spokesman Philip Reeker welcomed the NATO action and said the United States looks to the insurgents to cooperate with NATO and to fully comply with all their commitments, including to voluntarily disarm.

Macedonia now has a real opportunity to avoid "a catastrophic civil war," he said. "The leaders and people of Macedonia must now fulfill the promise of peace by rapid implementation of the framework agreement."

Still, problems surfaced even before the deployment began.

Commission revives vetoed leaks law

WASHINGTON (AP) — Supporters say a revived proposal to clamp down on leaks of secrets to the press will protect national security and potentially save lives. But the news media and other critics blast the idea, charging it will only serve to silence whistleblowers and stifle communication between the government and the public.

Sen. Richard Shelby, R-Ala., is resurrecting his anti-leak proposal that was vetoed by President Clinton last year. The provision would have expanded current secrecy law to allow the government to prosecute people who leak "properly classified" information on matters beyond those related to national defense. Violators would face a felony charge and up to three years in prison.

A Bush administration official was noncommittal about the new proposal on Wednesday. The administration is reviewing whether a new law is necessary, or if existing law is sufficient, the official said.

A spokeswoman for Shelby, who is traveling outside the country, said this year's proposal will initially be similar to the provision Clinton vetoed.

Supporters of Shelby's proposal say press leaks by government officials have compromised intelligence operations. They point to news reports that revealed that the United States had tapped satellite telephones used by suspected terrorist Osama bin Laden.

Not long after, bin Laden stopped using those phones, depriving the United States the ability to monitor some of his communications — including the planning of future attacks on U.S. citizens, government officials said.

Prosecutions are rare, but government personnel caught leaking nondefense information may lose their security clearance, or their job.

Policeman who shot fellow officer feels ashamed, regret

ARLINGTON (AP) — The policeman who shot a fellow officer during training says he feels ashamed and will always regret his fatal mistake.

"You spend your whole life trying to be the person that your parents want you to be," Blane Shaw told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram for a story in today's editions. "And then in one second — one second that you can't change — it's one second that I'll regret for the rest of my life."

On June 7, Arlington police instructors were teaching an active-shooter training course in a school building. Cpl. Joey Cushman was demonstrating that a plastic safety helmet would deflect a fake bullet.

But Shaw accidentally pulled his loaded 9 mm semiautomatic service weapon from his holster instead of picking up a handgun containing fake ammunition, police said.

Shaw, 32, said he wants to remain on the Arlington force because police work is his life. He has appealed Police Chief Theron Bowman's decision to terminate him.

"There's nothing more important to me than integrity," Shaw said. "That's part of the reason it's so upsetting to be demonized and hear people say that I've got to take responsibility, and I've never been more ready to take responsibility for anything in my life.

"I'm a human being. I don't have an 'S' on my chest."

But the slain officer's family said they believe Shaw not only should lose his job but also should be indicted.

"I don't know that that would offer closure, but that's what should be done," said Jim Cushman, Joey's father and a retired Fort Worth policeman. "He's committed a crime, and he needs to stand trial for it."

Relatives say Joey Cushman, 27, made the most of life. He worked hard, traveled, helped others, learned to fly a plane, rode motorcycles and danced on a syndicated country music show.

Jim Cushman believes that being around officers all his life drew his son into law enforcement.

Joey Cushman joined the Arlington Police Department in 1996 and was valedictorian of his police academy class. He was named rookie of the year in 1998 and was promoted to corporal a day before he died.

"We're just very devastated and very sad," said Jeri Cushman, Joey's mother. "We keep thinking we'll wake up. It's a dream, and we'll just wake up."

Shaw recently returned from four days at an Oklahoma treatment facility where he received therapy for post-traumatic stress.

Shaw declined to talk about the shooting because he expects to testify before a grand jury next week.

"We all trust each other with our lives, and I let Joey down," Shaw said. "I feel very ashamed."

Shaw, after graduating from high school in Haltom City, joined the Marines in 1987.

Firefighters respond to blaze at tank battery north of town

•Fire report

The fire department responded to a fire at a tank battery 15 miles north of Snyder at 11 p.m. Wednesday. Eleven firefighters and two fire trucks were dispatched to the blaze. The fire, believed to have been started by a lightning strike, was extinguished quickly.

•Accident

Officers responded to the scene of a two-vehicle accident at the intersection of 32nd Street and Beaumont Ave. at 2:20 p.m. Wednesday.

Involved in the accident were a 1996 green Pontiac Grand Am driven by Frances Hernandez, 32, of 3008 Ave. E and a 1995 blue Ford Aspire driven by Dale Lipsett, 61, of Eldorado.

No injuries were reported and an offense report for a two-vehicle major accident was filed.

•Criminal mischief

Keith Bryant requested a deputy in reference to a window being broken out of his vehicle. The vehicle had broken down and was parked behind the dam at Lake J.B. Thomas. A criminal mischief report was filed.

Joe Sentell requested an officer at 2402 29th Street just after 11 a.m. Wednesday. A report for Class B criminal mischief was filed for damaged property.

Kenny Harbin requested an officer in reference to damage done to his vehicle. An officer responded and advised a report for felony criminal mischief would be submitted.

Chris Woolsey reported the theft of items from his rental property Wednesday afternoon. The officer advised a criminal mischief report would be filed.

•Theft

John Connell requested an officer in reference to another man making unauthorized charges on his credit card. He advised he would check on the incident further and contact the police department if he wants to file charges.

Obituaries

Ruthie Batchelor

1941-2001

LAMESA — Ruthie Batchelor of Lamesa, half sister of James Goolsby of Snyder, died Wednesday, Aug. 22.

Service for Mrs. Batchelor, 60, is set for 9 a.m. Saturday in the Second Baptist Church with the Revs. Allen Clearley and Brian Pinkerton officiating. Burial will follow in Lamesa Memorial Park under the direction of Branon Funeral Home.

Born on June 22, 1941 in Cleburne, she moved to Lamesa in 1949 from Phoenix, Ariz. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include three sons, Charles Batchelor of Houston, Jackie Batchelor and Kerry Batchelor, both of Lamesa; five sisters, Diane Hagan of Willis, Shirley Napper and Louise Porter, both of Lamesa, Barbara Martin of Midland and Marie Wood of Tyler; two brothers, Arthur Israel of Odessa and Albert Israel of Tennessee; three stepbrothers, Jimmy Goolsby and L.C. Goolsby, both of Austin, and Bud Goolsby of Lubbock; and six grandchildren.

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Jack Riggs

1925-2001

MIDLAND – Jack Donald Riggs, a former resident of Snyder, died Monday, Aug. 20.

A memorial service for Mr. Riggs, 76, is set for 4 p.m. Thursday in the Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity.

Funeral service will be in the Gulf Prairie Presbyterian Church followed by burial at 11 a.m. Saturday at Peach Point Cemetery in Jones Creek in Brazoria County.

Born Jan. 27, 1925 in Electra. He graduated from Big Spring High School and from the University of Texas before serving in the Pacific Theatre as a naval officer in World War II.

He married Margery Sherar in Houston in 1949 and moved to Snyder that same year where he worked for Reed Roller Bit.

He moved to Midland in 1951 as vice president of Llano Drilling. He became company president in 1955. After the company sold, he worked for Forest Oil Corporation as manager of the West Texas Division.

He and his family moved to London in 1972 where he was manager of Forest Oil's North Sea operation. In 1977, he became a director of Forest Oil and returned to Midland. He retired in 1987.

Mr. Riggs served as a Trinity school board member, and was a director of Texas Commerce Bank.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 50 years, Margery Riggs.

Survivors include three daughters, Katherine Grella and Elizabeth Huggins, both of Midland, and Susan Brown of Fort Worth; a sister, Dorothy Phillips; and seven grandchildren.

Rainfall Reports

Snyder	.35
North of city	1.10
East of city	.40
West of city	10
Lake Thomas	.40
Fluvanna	2.00
Dunn	Trace
Ira	.15
Hermleigh	Trace
Dermott	.88
Gail	.50
Loyd Mountain	.90
Farmers Co-op	.40
S. County West	.60

Totals as reported by area residents for Wednesday and early today.

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ONGOINGS

Snyder Neighbors Sharing

Snyder Neighbors Sharing will meet at 5:15 p.m. today in Sam Robertson's Insurance office. All board members and volunteers who would like to serve on the board are invited.

East open house

East Elementary's open house and meet the teachers night is set from 6-7 p.m. today.

WTC pool opens

The WTC swimming pool opens this evening for the fall semester. The public schedule for lap swimming is from 6:30-8 a.m. and noon to 1 p.m. M-F. Open swimming is 7 to 9 p.m. M-Th. Cost is $2 per person or $50 for a semester pass. Thursday night is family night at a cost of $5 per family. The pool also is available for parties on Friday and Saturday. For information, call Lisa Christensen at 573-8511, ext. 290.

Cub Scouts signup

Cub Scouts signup day is set for 7 p.m. today at West Elementary's cafeteria. Boys in grades 1-5 are eligible, but must be accompanied by their parents. Parent volunteers are also needed. For more information call Rhonda Fletcher, 573-7065 or Chris Smauley, 573-5183.

Garage and bake sale

Discovery School is having a garage and bake sale from 6-8 p.m. on Friday and from 8 a.m. until noon Saturday. It will be held at 27th St. and Ave. R. All proceeds go to buy toys and equipment for the school. The school will also have a bake sale Saturday at Wal-Mart.

Annual museum rummage sale

The Scurry County Museum will hold its annual rummage sale from 8 a.m. until noon Saturday. Items also will be on sale Monday through Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. All proceeds go to the operation of the museum, located on the WTC campus.

First Church of Nazarene

Pastor and Mrs. Michael W. Howard's last day in Snyder will be Sunday. A potluck dinner will be provided after the morning service. The two are moving closer to their home in Tennessee.

Girl Scout registration

A Girl Scout registration rally will be held from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m. Monday at the Girl Scout Hut, 2501 35th. For information call Jo Ann at 573-3926, Judi at 573-7556 or Carla at 574-8004.

American Cancer Society

The Scurry Unit Board meeting is set for 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in Cogdell Hospital board's meeting room.

Care givers dinner

Community Care Hospice's staff and volunteers will host a care givers dinner at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday at Colonial Hill Baptist Church's fellowship hall.

Weigh down classes

Weigh down classes begin at 7 p.m. on Aug. 30 at Word is Life Deliverance Church. There is still time to sign up by calling Linda Tippens at 574-8104, or Claudia Sanchez at 573-9615.

Volunteer training

Gateway Family Services, Inc., a domestic violence and sexual assault crisis center, will offer a volunteer training class from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 6, at the shelter in Snyder. To RSVP, call 573-1822 and ask for Yvonne.

Enchilada dinner

Discovery School will have an enchilada dinner from 11:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 9. Tickets are $5 for adults and $3 for children under 12. Take-outs will be available. Tickets will be available at the door or by calling 573-4770.

SHS annuals

Snyder High School annuals may be picked up in Room 229 at the high school from 11:40 a.m. until noon and from 3:35 to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Ira 2001 annuals

The Ira 2001 Bulldog annuals are in and can be picked up from Becky Hudgins at the high school. Extra copies are available for $22 each.

Heart Association memorial address

Memorials and donations to the American Heart Association are now processed through American Heart Association, P.O. Box 15186 in Austin, 78761-5186, or by calling 1-800-AHA-USA1, according to Dee Chasteen, president of the Scurry County chapter.

Mesquite Country Writers Guild

Mesquite Country Writers Guild invites citizens to send in original poetry to be considered for publication in the newsletter, "Bards of a Feather." The limit is 20 lines and the theme is fall and the holidays. Deadline is Sept. 15 to mail entries to MCWG, Box 237 in Ira, 79527, or e-Mail to dade@bigcountry.net.

Study: 'Three strikes' law does not deter crime rate

WASHINGTON (AP) — A new study of California's "three strikes" law says it is causing a rapid aging of the prison population with no discernible effect on crime.

Marc Mauer, assistant director of The Sentencing Project, a not-for-profit group based in Washington, said Wednesday the group's study of the 50,000 prisoners convicted under the seven-year-old law found no link to the state's precipitous drop in crime over the same period.

At the same time, Mauer said, the state is spending more money to house an aging prison population that is "moving beyond crime production age."

California Secretary of State Bill Jones, who sponsored the bill while a member of the state Assembly, challenged the study, noting a 41 percent drop in crime that is twice the national average.

"Three strikes has proven without a doubt that we have delivered what we promised back in 1994," said Jones, a Republican candidate for governor.