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events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Prayer Breakfast

Snyder Lions Club is hosting a prayer breakfast at 8 a.m. Friday at the Towle Park Barn (enter west door). Maj. Bob Starr, B-1 pilot from Dyess AFB will speak. The public is invited to eat for no charge, but donations will be accepted.

Gateway Family Services raffle

Gateway Family Services is raffling a 2003 anniversary edition Harley Davidson Road King motorcycle. Only 2,500 tickets will be sold. The drawing will be held Friday in Towle Park. Tickets may be purchased at D&D Auto, Purple Sage Motel, Ira Pump & Supply and by calling Gateway's administrative office at 573-4351.

Northside Bake Sale

Northside Baptist youth will have a bake sale from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday at Wal-Mart.

Krispy Kreme donuts sale

CheerStar Athletics will be selling Krispy Kreme donuts from 9 a.m. until noon Friday. Pickup locations are at Wal-Mart and the Towle Park volleyball field. Cost is $6 per dozen. Contact a CheerStar member for advance sales, or purchase on site.

Garage sale

North College Avenue Baptist Church will have a garage sale from 7 a.m. until all merchandise is gone on Saturday at the church, located at 208 N. College Ave. The proceeds will benefit the youth fund.

First Baptist concert

The Continental Singers will perform at 6 p.m. Sunday at the First Baptist Church, 1701 27th St. Admission is free.

WTC holiday notice

Offices at Western Texas College will be closed Monday in observance of the July 4th holiday. However, night classes will still be held.

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "How to Receive God and His Blessings," followed by "Are You Listening?"

Student success workshop

Snyder ISD will host a parent-child workshop from 10 a.m. until noon Wednesday at the Region 14 Education Service Center satellite office at 4300 College Ave. The make and take workshop is for children ages 3-5. For more information call 574-6012.

Cogdell open house

Cogdell Memorial Hospital will host an open house of the renovated emergency/admitting entrance, front lobby, surgery area, chapel and gift shop from 4 to 6 p.m. Wednesday.

SHS mini cheerleading camp

Registration for the July 28-31 SHS mini cheerleading camp is set for 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at the Humble Smith Building. The cost, including T-shirt, is $40 per camper, with $10 off for second and third camper in family. All campers will perform at halftime of Snyder's first home football game. Call Rhonda Ward at 573-3475 for more information.

JV cheerleader fundraiser

The JV cheerleaders will be selling Krispy Kreme doughnuts from 7 a.m. until 11 a.m. Friday, July 11, for $6 a dozen at Wal-Mart. Call 573-1395 or 574-2995 to place orders.

Class of 1993 reunion

The SHS class of 1993 is planning a 10-year reunion on Saturday, July 12. Classmate addresses are needed. Contact Catalina Jones at 573-5045, or e-mail class of 93shs@yahoo.com.

SHS football program ads

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

Sonshine registration

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

Cancer treatment transportation

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

Part-time letter carrier wins $183 million lottery jackpot

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (AP) — When Bernadette Gietka looked at a lottery ticket she had just bought and noticed it began with the numbers "one, two, three," she thought she "might as well throw this one in the can."

Lucky for her she didn't.

The ticket, one of four Gietka bought on a whim while at a store with her mother, was the only winner in the $183 million jackpot drawing for the Mega Millions game June 20.

Gietka, a 54-year-old part-time letter carrier, appeared at a news conference Wednesday with Gov. Robert Ehrlich, lottery officials and members of her family.

She had delayed her public appearance to allow time to consult with financial advisers and get over the stomach-churning realization that she had the winning ticket. "I've finished being sick," she said with a smile.

Gietka chose to take all the money at once, making her winnings $112.8 million, which lottery officials said was one of the largest payouts to an individual winner in U.S. lottery history. After state and federal taxes, she will have almost $76.2 million.

The biggest single-ticket winner in the world is, Andrew "Jack" Whittaker Jr. of West Virginia. He won a $314.9 million Powerball jackpot on Christmas Day.

Gietka said she has no plans for any big, immediate changes in her life. She does have her eye on a new maroon Corvette convertible with a tan top, but hasn't bought it yet. "It's on hold," she said.

'Uncle Hilty' executed for boy's slaying

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Convicted killer Hilton Crawford's last thoughts were about his sons, whom he called the greatest gift from God. Then he asked for forgiveness from the mother whose son he was convicted of killing almost eight years ago.

"That's God's job," Paulette Everett-Norman said after watching Crawford's execution Wednesday night for abducting and fatally beating and shooting her 12-year-old son McKay.

"Today the justice system is doing their job," she added. "The wheels of justice grind slowly, but they grind."

Crawford, fondly known to his victim as "Uncle Hilty," a longtime family friend, was a former Beaumont policeman and sheriff's deputy who acknowledged being present when the boy was murdered after he was grabbed from his Conroe home. But he insisted the killer in a kidnap-for-ransom scheme that went awry was a mysterious accomplice known to him as R.L. Remington, a man he met at a Louisiana race track. Prosecutors described Remington as a figment of Crawford's imagination.

In a final statement while strapped to the Texas death chamber gurney, Crawford also expressed love to his family and friends, asked a witness to deliver a yellow rose to his wife, and said his prison time gave him the opportunity "to serve Jesus Christ and I am thankful for the opportunity."

Eight minutes later, after a gasp and sputter as the lethal drugs began taking effect, he was pronounced dead.

"I just looked and thought how pitiful this all is, that we even need ... a death chamber or what we call the death house," McKay's mother said. "That humanity is so depraved that we would come to this is amazing."

After the U.S. Supreme Court last week refused to consider appeals in Crawford's case, his lawyers filed no additional actions to try to block the punishment, the 17th execution in Texas this year.

Another three executions are scheduled for later this month in the nation's most active death penalty state and at least four more are on the calendar for August.

At 64, Crawford was the second-oldest of the state's 451 condemned killers, earning him the nickname "Old Man" among some of his prison colleagues. He also became the second-oldest of the 306 Texas inmates to receive lethal injection since the state began using that method of capital punishment in 1982. A 66-year-old inmate, William Wesley Chappell, was executed in November.

McKay was abducted from his home in Montgomery County, just north of Houston, the evening of Sept. 12, 1995, while his parents were at a meeting Crawford also was supposed to attend. Crawford, however, was a no-show. A car like his was seen speeding away from the Everett home about 30 minutes after the meeting started.

When the boy's parents came home, McKay was gone. When they received a ransom demand for $500,000, they called police. The investigation led to Crawford, who was facing huge credit card and gambling debts.

Authorities found his car at a storage lot in Beaumont, 80 miles to the east. The cloth lining in the trunk had been removed but blood traces matching the missing boy's blood eventually were detected.

Four days after the abduction and a day after Crawford was arrested and jailed, he drew for investigators a map that led them to the remains of the missing boy in weeds off a gravel road just north of Interstate 10 in the middle of south Louisiana's Atchafalaya Swamp.

Today's chuckle

'Largest' french fry sells for $200 plus



LA CROSSE, Wis. (AP) — A man has sold what he billed as the world's largest french fry for more than $200 on the Internet auction-house eBay.

Simon Holland found the 63/4-inch fry during a meal at a Wisconsin Rapids Culver's on June 24. Instead of eating the spud, he immediately froze it and put it up for auction on eBay.

The winning bid — $202.50 from a bidder known only as "Culver's Fan" — was announced Wednesday afternoon. Restaurant owners Greg Giese and Brad Prohl celebrated by giving patrons complimentary pieces of custard cake.

"I could probably write the book, 'How to Sell a French Fry on eBay,'" Holland said, laughing.

The fry's claim as the world's largest has not gone undisputed.

Two restaurant employees at Chips of Wisconsin Rapids found one fry last week that was about 8 inches. On June 29, a second french fry from Wisconsin Rapids that's allegedly longer than 7 inches also went on sale on eBay.

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Today is the 184th day of 2003 and the 13th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1863, the Battle of Gettysburg, Pa., ended, giving the North a significant advantage in the Civil War.

On this day in 1940, the comedy team of Bud Abbott and Lou Costello made their debut on the NBC radio network.

On this day in 1950, fighter pilots from the USS Valley Forge began their first carrier air strikes in North Korea.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Franz Kafka (1883-1924), writer; Tom Stoppard (Tomas Straussler) (1937-), playwright, is 66; Betty Buckley (1947-), singer and actress, is 56; Tom Cruise (1962-), actor, is 41.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1966, Atlanta Braves pitcher Tony Cloninger became the first National League player, and the only pitcher ever, to hit two grand slams in a single game.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "We are tied down to a language which makes up in obscurity what it lacks in style." — Tom Stoppard

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (Jun 29) and first quarter (July 6).

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RESULTS

Wednesday's Lottery Numbers
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.

The ticket was worth an estimated $15 million.

The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 54 were: 6-7-13-32-44.

Bonus Ball: 12.

If sales continue as expected, Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $18 million.

Cash 5
9-30-31-33-35
Pick 3
(Day) 2-1-9
(Night) 8-7-6

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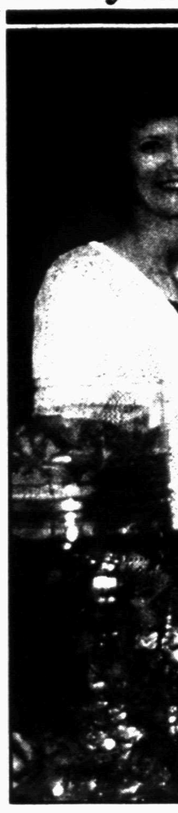
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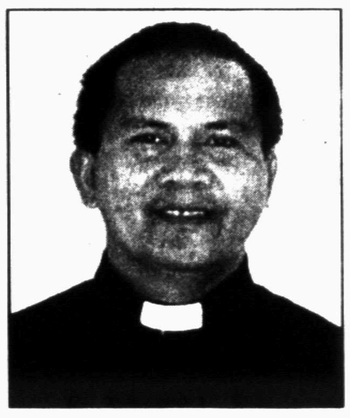
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BRIDE-ELECT HONORED — A bridal shower honoring Jillian Vieth, bride-elect of Isaac Spoor, was held June 22 at East Side Church of Christ. Jillian is a May, 2002 graduate of ACU with a degree in nutrition and works for WIC; a government funded program for women, infants and children. Isaac, son of Ken and Kathy Spoor of Snyder, will receive his degree in graphic art design from ACU in December. Isaac and Jillian will marry July 26 in Elmwood West United Methodist Church in Abilene and honeymoon in Seattle, Wash. From left are Kathy Spoor, mother of the future groom; the bride-elect of Abilene; Rita Vieth, her mother from Abilene; and Beth Roberson, her maternal grandmother, also of Abilene. (Contributed Photo)

At Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church...

New priest to begin duties Sunday



Fr. Edward C. Teo

Eduardo C. Teo will begin his ministry in Snyder Sunday at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church.

Coming to Snyder from Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Lubbock where he served from Dec. 2, 2002 to June 30, Fr. Teo was born on July 20, 1961 in Sagbayan, Bohol, Philippines.

He became an ordained priest on April 3, 1990 and arrived in the Unitd States on Nov. 12, 2002.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, with 426 households enrolled, is affiliated with the Diocese of Lubbock.

Mass is held Saturday at 7 p.m. in Spanish and Sunday at 10 a.m. in English.

Youth gatherings are on Wednesday evenings.

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To believe in something not yet proved and to underwrite it with our lives; it is the only way we can leave the future open.

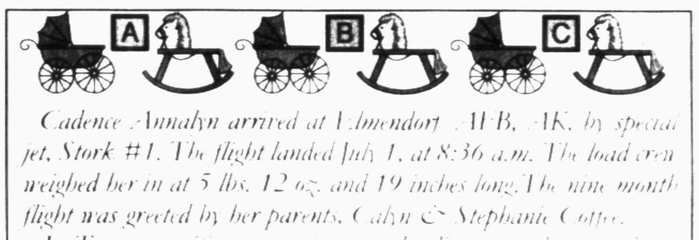
—Lillian Smith

Money found in hedge

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — A gardener found $1,700 under some hedges, turned the green stuff in and then turned down a reward.

Paul Wilson, of Lake Worth, was honored for his good deed Monday by West Palm Beach police. He also got a tearful thanks from the money's owner.

Wilson was working at the Oakwood Center of the Palm Beaches on Friday when he spotted a black makeup bag. Inside were three envelopes full of cash.



Cadence Annalyn arrived at Elmendorf AFB, AK, by special jet, Stork #1. The flight landed July 1, at 8:36 a.m. The load even weighed her in at 5 lbs. 12 oz. and 19 inches long. The nine month flight was greeted by her parents, Calyn & Stephanie Coffee.

In Texas, awaiting news of a safe landing, were her grandparents, Cary & Christi Coffee of Snyder, Barbara Ritchie of Linden, great-grandparents Dale & Pat Meyng of Colorado City, Max & Betty Ray Coffee of Big Spring, great-great grandmother Lalon Stinnett of Snyder, and her aunt, Cathy Coffee of Lubbock.

WELCOME HOME CADENCE!

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



	North	
	♠ 10 9	
	♥ 10 6 3	
	♦ K Q J 10 5	
	♣ 10 8 3	
West		**East**
♠ K J 8 4		♠ 7 6 3
♥ 5		♥ J 9 8 7
♦ 9 8 6 3		♦ 4 2
♣ A K Q 5		♣ J 7 4 2
	South	
	♠ A Q 5 2	
	♥ A K Q 4 2	
	♦ A 7	
	♣ 9 6	

North 07-03-03

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
1 ♥	Dbl.	2 ♥	Pass
4 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♣ K

Thursday, July 3, 2003

If the notes are off-key, play safely

-By Phillip Alder

Anyone who has played in a pair event knows that overtricks are important. Consequently, being faced with a safety-play is one of the nightmares of that somewhat artificial form of the game. Should you ignore the safety-play, going for the maximum number of tricks, although you will go down if a key suit divides badly; or should you make the play that guarantees the contract but might cost an overtrick when the breaks are good?

This deal occurred during an individual tournament in Monte Carlo. Sitting South was Charles Goren. Against the contract of four hearts, West began with his three top club honors. After ruffing the last, how did Goren continue?

It looks too easy — you draw trumps in three rounds and run the diamonds to collect an overtrick.

However, Goren heard two warning bells. West's takeout double increased the likelihood that the trumps would be 4-1, not 3-2. And, since East and West were experts, why had West continued with a third club if he knew South would ruff? If hearts were 3-2, probably West would have made a desperation shift to a spade.

Backing his judgment, Goren cashed the heart ace at trick four, and when the jack failed to drop, he continued with his remaining low heart — the only play to make the contract with this layout.

East won the trick but had to concede the rest. If he returned a spade or a diamond, Goren would win in hand, draw trumps, and run the diamonds. If East played his last club, Goren would ruff in the dummy, cross to hand with a diamond, draw trumps, and claim.

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Community Calendar

THURSDAY

Deep Creek Cloggers lesson; at the coliseum annex; 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

AA Big Book Study; closed meeting; contact numbers are 574-1292 or 573-1141; 7 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 at Winston Park; for information call 574-1292 or 573-9458; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club; 573-3733, 573-2101 or 573-1141; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

NA-Just For Today open meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-1438; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County AA open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 574-1292 or 573-9458; 10 a.m.

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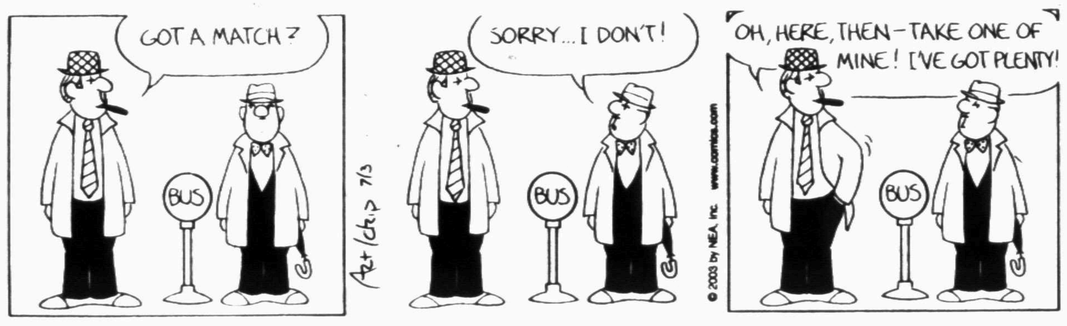
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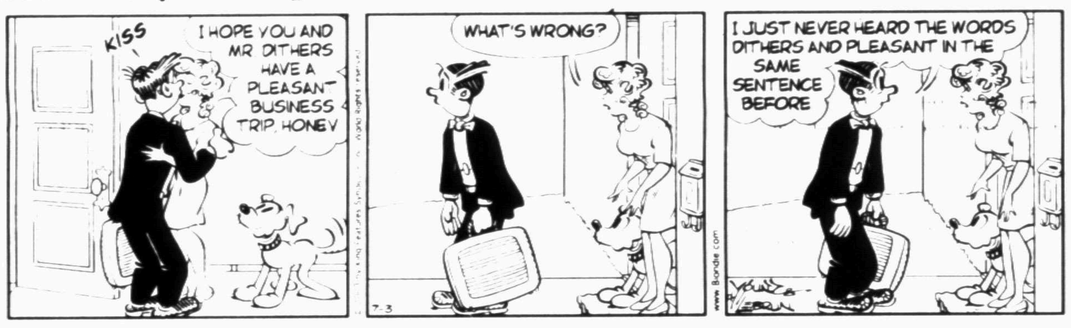
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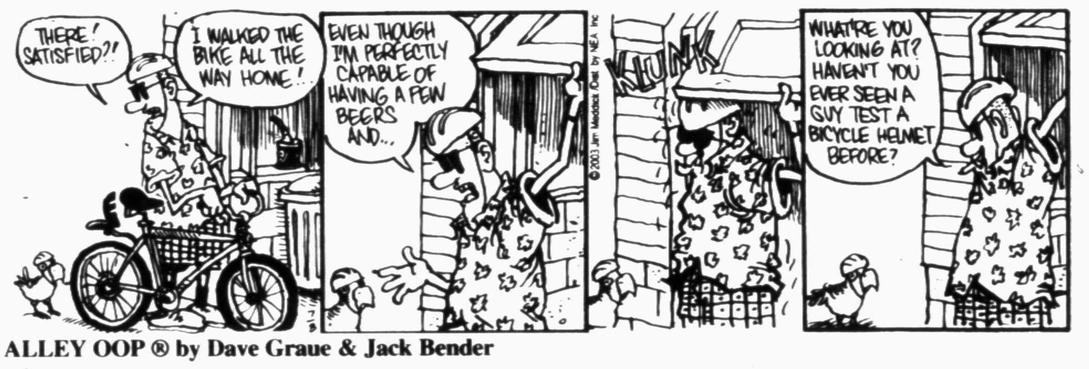
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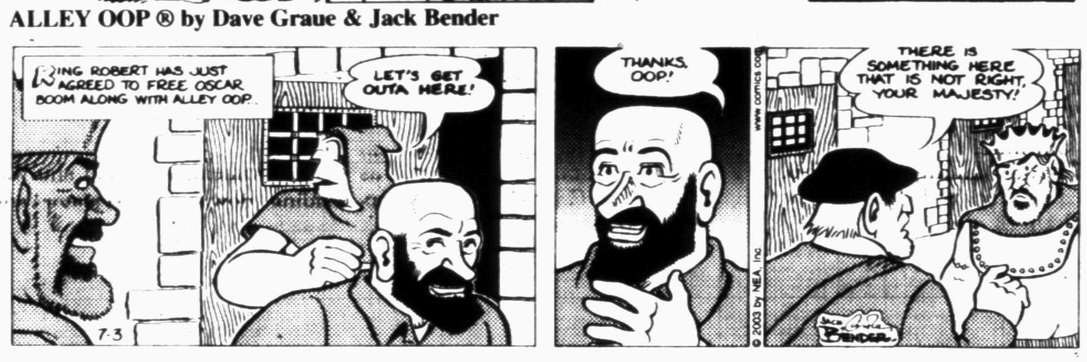
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NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 Pokes
6 Ration out
10 Citizen's right
12 Not cook (2 wds.)
14 Greenish yellow
15 Mountain chain
16 Jungle bird
18 Many, many years
19 Indy winner A.J. —
21 Story-telling dance
23 Poor review
24 Fan's shout
26 Cry of dismay
29 Paris friend
30 Circle part
32 Limp watch painter
34 Patio cousin
36 Guanabara Bay port
37 Pallid
38 Pastrami seller
40 Que. neighbor
42 List shortener
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60 Lock companions
61 Riverbank plant

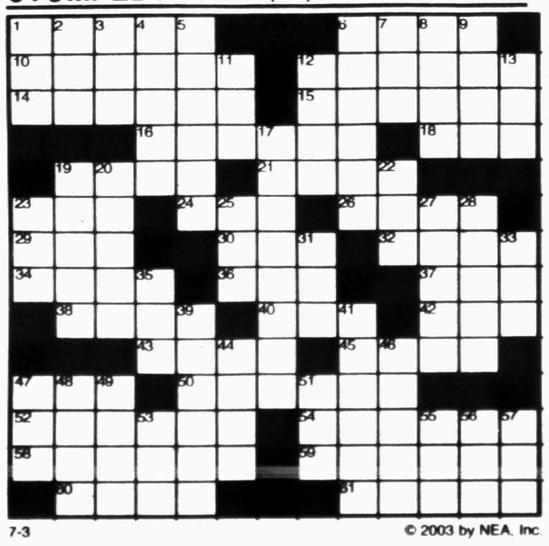
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1 Garden hose plastic (abbr.)
2 Louis XIV, e.g.
3 Slugger Mel —
4 Grubby
5 Snobbish
6 Chiefly
7 Riviera summer
8 Shredded
9 EEC currency
11 Veldt grazer
12 Jacob's twin
13 Sunbathe
17 Circus Maximus racers
19 Well-known
20 In the bag (2 wds.)
22 Lend a hand
23 Cushion
25 Sense organ
27 Manhandled
28 Delight
31 Swindle
33 Corporate abbr.
35 Dutch airline
39 Snow houses
41 Steak orders (hyph.)
44 Coin
46 Pointless
47 Tenet
48 Very mild
49 Do a kitchen chore
51 Wager
53 Furtive
55 — puddle
56 Unit of energy
57 Spike or Bruce

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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"I told you yesterday – you can't come in without wearing a tie."

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SPORTS



GOT YOUR BACK — Second baseman Dakota Carroll stands at the ready while Snyder hurler Shade Roemisch delivers a fastball in the second inning of Wednesday's game. Roemisch and Carroll split the pitching chores in the 15-8 victory over Clyde. The nine-and 10 year-olds will play next at 3 p.m. Friday against Anson at Logan Field. (SDN Staff Photo)

Babe Ruth all-stars earn trip to state tournament

The Snyder Babe Ruth All-Stars advanced to the state tournament in Seminole next weekend after a pair of victories in Denver City secured the playoff berth.

The team rolled over Plains, 14-4 Sunday, then pounded Hobbs, 11-1 Tuesday.

On Sunday, Caleb Gutierrez pitched a six-inning complete game, allowing two earned runs on five hits while striking out nine.

After falling behind 1-0, Snyder took the lead in the bottom half of the third when Chris Smith singled to drive in Gutierrez and Cade Simpson.

Plains reclaimed the edge in the top of the fourth before Snyder exploded with a 10-run fifth.

Simpson was 3-for-4 with three runs, while Gutierrez collected two hits and also crossed the plate three times.

Eric Martinez reached base four times and scored twice in the fifth, and Smith was 2-for-3.

Dustin Williams, Wesley Price, Garrett Pinson, Corbin Clements, Ryan Mitchell and Danny Ortegon also added base hits in the blowout victory.

The team took control of Tuesday's contest from the outset, staking an 8-0 lead over Hobbs after 2½ innings.

Dustin Williams went the distance, giving up just one run on two hits while fanning four.

Simpson had five RBIs on two singles and a double, and Martinez and Smith added RBIs in the win.

A schedule for next weekend's state tournament has not been completed.

Escalator accident injures 20

DENVER (AP) — At least 20 people were injured when an escalator suddenly accelerated as a crowded Coors Field was emptying following a postgame fireworks show Wednesday night, fire officials said. None of the injuries appeared to be critical.

Most of the injuries were fractures, cuts and bruises, Assistant Fire Chief Larry Trujillo said.

The accident occurred at about 10:20 p.m., just after the fireworks ended, Colorado Rockies spokesman Jay Alves said. The display came after the Rockies beat the Arizona Diamondbacks 6-2 before a crowd of 47,032.

"It's like it had no brakes and everybody was just piling up at the end of it. People were just falling on each other," said Cherri Brownfield, who said she was riding down the escalator and was near the bottom when it sped up.

The escalator was carrying fans from the upper level to the street. Alex Frenier, a vendor at Coors Field, said people were screaming and falling down.

"I saw people's heads all hitting each other," he said.

Nick Nossinger was watching the fireworks and saw the accident.

"People were just sliding down like an avalanche," he said.

Paramedics stationed at the stadium began treating the injured and called for help, said Tom Cribley, paramedic supervisor for Denver Health Medical Center.

Major League Baseball

National League East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	52	30	.634	—
Philadelphia	46	35	.568	5½
Montreal	46	38	.548	7
Florida	43	43	.500	11
New York	36	47	.434	16½
Central Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Chicago	43	40	.518	—
Houston	43	40	.518	—
St. Louis	43	40	.518	—
Cincinnati	40	42	.488	2½
Pittsburgh	34	46	.425	7½
Milwaukee	34	48	.415	8½
West Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
San Francisco	51	32	.614	—
Los Angeles	45	37	.549	5½
Arizona	45	38	.542	6
Colorado	44	42	.512	8½
San Diego	30	55	.353	22

Today's Games

San Francisco (Rueter 7-2) at St. Louis (Simontacchi 5-4), 1:10 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Zambrano 6-6) at Philadelphia (Myers 7-6), 5:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Dempster 2-4) at Pittsburgh (Fogg 4-3), 6:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Kinney 6-6) at Houston (Robertson 6-3), 6:05 p.m.
Montreal (Vargas 5-3) at Atlanta (Reynolds 5-3), 6:35 p.m.
Arizona (Webb 4-2) at Colorado (Neagle 2-1), 7:05 p.m.
San Diego (Eaton 2-7) at Los Angeles (K.Brown 10-3), 9:10 p.m.

American League East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	52	31	.627	—
Boston	48	34	.585	3½
Toronto	47	38	.553	6
Baltimore	36	45	.444	15
Tampa Bay	27	55	.329	24½
Central Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Kansas City	44	38	.537	—
Minnesota	43	40	.518	1½
Chicago	42	42	.500	3
Cleveland	34	49	.410	10½
Detroit	20	62	.244	24
West Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Seattle	54	29	.651	—
Oakland	47	36	.566	7
Anaheim	42	40	.512	11½
Texas	32	51	.386	22

Today's Games

Seattle (R.Franklin 6-6) at Oakland (Zito 7-5), 2:35 p.m.
Boston (Wakefield 6-3) at Tampa Bay (Gonzalez 3-4), 5:05 p.m.
Toronto (D.Davis 4-5) at Baltimore (Johnson 6-3), 6:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Sabathia 7-3) at Minnesota (Rogers 7-3), 7:05 p.m.
Detroit (Bonderman 2-12) at Kansas City (Affeldt 4-4), 7:05 p.m.
Texas (Mounce 0-2) at Anaheim (Appier 6-4), 9:05 p.m.

Strikes out A-Rod three times...

Lackey fires four-hit shutout at Rangers

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Not many pitchers can say they won a World Series clincher before getting their first complete-game victory or shutout in the major leagues. John Lackey can.

It took him 36 regular-season starts to do it, but the lanky Anaheim right-hander took care of those other two items Wednesday night, beating Texas 5-0 with a four-hitter.

Lackey retired his last 16 batters and tied his career high with eight strikeouts — including Alex Rodriguez his first three times up.

"You're not going to see something like that happen to Alex Rodriguez very often," Angels manager Mike Scioscia said. "He's the best player in the game, but John really made some pitches to get a guy of that caliber to strike out three times."

Lackey, an Abilene native who beat the Rangers last Sept. 26 in Arlington to clinch a wild-card berth, won consecutive starts for the first time this year. His 18th start matched last season's total, when he completed his rookie season with a 3.66 ERA and a 9-4 record.

"I was here for Game 7 of the Series and I was impressed with him and how he gave that type of performance with that type of pressure on him," said Rodriguez, who homered three times in 11 previous career at-bats against Lackey.

"He's always pretty tough, and he pitched very well tonight. He had every pitch working and he had good location. But we also helped him out at times."

The free-swinging Rangers did not draw a single walk for the second game in a row and 10th time this season — extending their drought to 22 2-3 innings without a base on balls.

Lackey (6-7) did not walk a batter for the fifth time this season, and first time in seven outings. He threw 110 pitches while lowering his ERA from 5.47 to a season-best 5.01.

"I think it was more frustration than a lack of confidence that John was feeling earlier in the season," Scioscia said of his 24-year-old pitcher. "Although his experience may be a little shy of what you would expect from a guy who's a big part of a championship-caliber rotation, he showed last year that he pitches well beyond his years.

"He's confident out there and he's got great makeup. The way he repeats pitches, the sharpness of his breaking ball, that whole package has come together the past two games. He's got a long way to go this year, and we expect him to give us the starts we need this to get back in this thing."

It was the second straight scoreless outing for Lackey, who extended his shutout streak to 19 innings after holding the Dodgers to five hits over 7 1-3 innings in a 3-0 win Saturday. His complete-game shutout was the first this year by a beleaguered rotation that entered the game with a 4.89 ERA — more than two runs more than the bullpen.

"The shutout and complete game is nice, but we just need to get some wins and get something rolling here," Lackey said.

Van Gundy adds Ewing to Rockets' coaching staff

HOUSTON (AP) — New Houston Rockets coach Jeff Van Gundy has hired former New York Knicks center Patrick Ewing as one of four assistant coaches on his staff.

Ewing, who played for Van Gundy at New York, was on the 1993-94 Knicks team that lost to the Rockets in the NBA Finals. Van Gundy was an assistant coach under Pat Riley then.

The team has agreed to terms with Ewing, who was an assistant last season at Washington, and Tom Thibodeau, who has spent the past seven seasons on the Knicks bench. The Rockets also have signed former Knicks coaches Steve Clifford and Andy Greer to join Van Gundy.

"Steve, Andy and Tom are all established coaching veterans who bring a lot of experience," Rockets general manager Carroll Dawson said Wednesday. "Patrick was one of the greatest centers to play the game and he will be an invaluable asset as a young assistant."

Sports Briefs

Holiday scramble

There will be a holiday scramble Friday at Scurry County golf course. Cost is $20 per person with tee-off at 10 a.m.

Football booster club

The football booster club will meet at 7 p.m. Monday in the film room.

Boys and Girls Club football camp

The SHS football players and coaches will host a camp Tuesday and Wednesday for ages 7-14 at the Scurry County Boys and Girls Club. The first 40 to sign up receive a free t-shirt. Cost of the camp is $10, with all proceeds benifiting the Boys and Girls Club.

Hermleigh athletic physicals

All incoming sixth, ninth and 11th grade Hermleigh athletes are reminded to get a physical. Forms can be picked up at the high school and all paperwork must be completed prior to the physical.

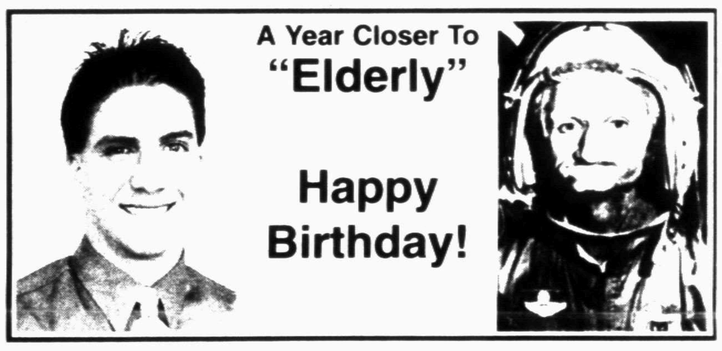
Snyder athletic physicals

Physicals are required for students wishing to participate in SISD athletics. Those needing physicals include all incoming seventh, ninth and third-year high school students; all new students to SISD who plan to participate in athletics; any student who answered yes to questions 1, 4, 5, 6, or 7 on their medical history form; and any student who has not participates in athletics in the past.

The district will pay for physicals up until Aug. 1. With the following doctors: Raykov, Burleson, Cooper, Thompson and Wolboldt. Incoming seventh and ninth graders pick up physical forms at the doctor's office.

Vancouver gets 2010 Olympics

PRAGUE, Czech Republic (AP) — Vancouver was awarded the 2010 Winter Olympics. The International Olympic Committee selected the British Columbia city over bids from Salzburg, Austria, and Pyeongchang, South Korea.



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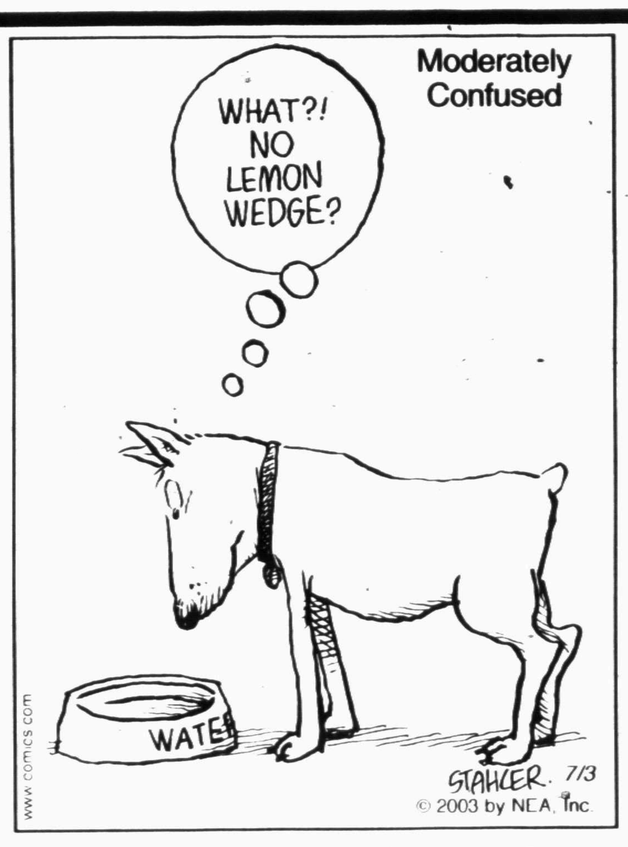
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Gun in shooting once belonged to trooper

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP) — The semiautomatic pistol a factory worker used to kill three co-workers and wound five others before turning it on himself once belonged to the Missouri State Highway Patrol, authorities said.

Stamped with the patrol's emblem and the initials "MSHP," it apparently was legally sold to the gun dealer who sold it to Jonathon Russell last month.

"He bragged to a bunch of guys how it was a real sweet shooting gun," Mack Yarnell, a third-shift worker at the Modine Manufacturing Co. plant, told The Kansas City Star. "He was real proud of it."

Late Tuesday, shortly after a shift change, Russell, 25, calmly smoked a cigarette and sipped a soda before clocking in. As others on the evening shift arrived, Russell punched his time card and walked to his work station on a soldering line in the center of the large, open plant.

"Then he pulled out a concealed handgun" and began firing, said Jefferson City police Capt. Jim Johnsen. Today, Gov. Bob Holden is expected to veto a measure allowing Missourians to carry concealed weapons.

One of the workers, Mack Yarnell, said he thought someone was hitting a piece of tin.

"I looked at a guy and joked to him, 'Sounds like someone's getting shot," Yarnell said.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Son's death by drunk driver changes life forever for mom

DEAR ABBY: This Mother's Day was my fourth without my youngest son. In June of 1999, he was killed by a drunk driver. My son was only 23 and had his whole life ahead of him.

The driver was a 50-year-old man who pulled out of a bar parking lot onto a main road as though he were the only driver in the world. My son didn't stand a chance. It was 8:30 on a Tuesday night. DUIs can occur any day, any time.

That tragic night not only changed my life forever, but the lives of my son's brother, his grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, a girlfriend and friends. I will never be able to attend his wedding, cuddle his children, or have a relationship with his wife.

I raised two boys and enjoyed their company. How quickly all that changed. I no longer enjoy "happy" or "merry" holidays.

Abby, please warn your readers not to drink and drive. Tragedy caused by a drunk driver can strike any family. — **A MOM CHANGED FOREVER**

DEAR MOM: I'm sad to say that's absolutely true. Please accept my deepest sympathy for the tragic loss of your son. With the Fourth of July holiday beginning tomorrow, your letter is especially timely.

Readers, relax, give thanks to our founding fathers, but please do not drink and drive.

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DEAR ABBY: I am working this summer and saving to buy a new car. The car I have now is fine; I just want something newer.

My problem is, what do I do with my old car when I get a new one? My parents are divorced, but both of them have asked me to sell it to a different brother. I know that when I choose one, the other will be upset and will think I am playing favorites. What should I do? — **ONE CAR/TWO 'BROS IN KANSAS**

DEAR CAR, TWO BROS: It's unfair for you to be placed in the middle. Establish a fair price for the vehicle. Tell both of your brothers what's going on and have them draw a "lucky ticket" out of a hat to see who gets to buy the car. If that is not acceptable, the car should be sold to a third party.

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DEAR ABBY: I married a widower who is 40 years older than me. I adore him, but he insists on keeping a portrait of his deceased wife prominently displayed in our living room. (She died 10 years ago.) He also has a sculpture of her head on a pedestal.

This behavior irks me. Please advise. — **SECONDHAND IRIS IN MINNEAPOLIS**

DEAR IRIS: Your husband may have had the portrait for so long that he's no longer aware of its presence. Have you told him how you feel about it? If you have, and he's resistant to removing it — as a compromise, ask him to display it in a less prominent place.

As for the sculpture, when he's not around, throw a towel or a lovely scarf over it and keep your sense of humor. After all, she's just plaster and paint. You are flesh and blood.

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DEAR ABBY: This summer I'm getting married to Mr. Wonderful. Jerry and I have been engaged for two years and together for five. The problem? His new hobby — computer chat rooms.

Maybe I've got the wedding jitters, but this bothers me no end. Lately he's been messaging "Gina" in the U.K. They communicate frequently, and even have pet names for each other. (Jerry calls her "Little British Babe" and she calls him "Jer-Bear.")

Now I have discovered they're exchanging letters, photos and chocolates. Jerry says it's because she misses her favorite U.S. candy — Hershey kisses.

Abby, am I being paranoid, or is more going on than meets the eye? — **SUSPICIOUS FIANCEE IN NEBRASKA**

DEAR SUSPICIOUS FIANCEE: I don't think you are being paranoid. Your fiance should be exchanging kisses (chocolate and otherwise) with you. Tell him to cut out the candy and sweet talk, or you'll go on a "diet" that doesn't include him.

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Jury decides pipeline company covered up 1992 crude oil leak

MIDLAND (AP) — A jury concluded Wednesday that Texas-New Mexico Pipeline Co. committed fraud, gross negligence and willful misconduct in concealing a 1992 crude oil leak beneath a Midland residential subdivision before selling a pipeline to EOTT Energy in 1999.

The jury awarded EOTT $6.2 million for its costs to date to clean up the contamination and $50 million in punitive damages because Texas-New Mexico Pipeline, a subsidiary of Shell Oil Co., concealed the problems while negotiating the sale of the pipeline to EOTT.

EOTT bought the pipeline for $33 million and signed a purchase agreement assuming environmental liabilities.

But 10 of 12 jurors concluded Wednesday that Texas-New Mexico Pipeline was to blame for the contamination of the Kniffen Estates subdivision water supply from the estimated 9,000 to 13,000 barrels of crude oil that leaked into the soil.

"The people of Texas have sent a message to (Texas-New Mexico Pipeline), its owner and to the industry that this is not how to run a pipeline, not the way to handle a leak and spill, and not the way to sell a pipeline to somebody else," EOTT Energy chairman Tom Matthews said.

As jubilant EOTT officials celebrated in the courtroom, calling associates in Houston with the news, Texas-New Mexico Pipeline lawyers and officials packed their bags, leaving the courtroom quickly and silently, the Midland Reporter-Telegram reported in its today editions.

"We're not going to have much to say. Obviously, we're disappointed with the jury's decision," Texas-New Mexico Pipeline spokesman Wes Harris said.

In Houston, Texas-New Mexico Pipeline spokeswoman Helen Bow said the company expects to file an appeal.

EOTT attorney Paul Bohannan said a statutory ceiling on punitive damages could reduce that portion of the award to two times the actual damages.

The final cost for cleanup has not been determined. During opening arguments, EOTT claimed to be out of pocket slightly more than $11 million.

After the contamination was discovered in 2000, EOTT paid remediation costs and provided new appliances and plumbing for some of the 130 affected residents.

The homeowners sued both companies and were paid a publicly undisclosed settlement from Texas-New Mexico Pipeline before the trial — an amount that a source close to the case told The Associated Press amounted to $9.8 million.

Ferzan Ozpetek film takes top honors

ROME (AP) — "La Finestra di Fronte (The Window Opposite)," a film by Turkish-born director Ferzan Ozpetek, swept top honors at the 44th annual Globo d'Oro awards.

The film — which tells the story of a poignant love affair between a working-class woman and a bank employee who live in facing apartments — won the best screenplay, actress and actor awards, and Ozpetek won the best director prize.

Italian filmmaker Ettore Scola was honored with a lifetime achievement award at Wednesday's ceremony.

The prizes are presented by the Foreign Press Association in Italy, which includes more than 500 members representing the overseas press.

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Two major unions will not consolidate

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Backers of a plan to consolidate the two main actors unions may have lost more than just a vote this week.

The failure of a proposal to merge the Screen Actors Guild and the American Federation of Television and Radio Artists could lead to a change in SAG leadership and a weaker bargaining position during negotiations with film and television producers.

The plan to form the Alliance of International Media Artists failed Tuesday even though a majority of members in both unions supported it. AFTRA members strongly endorsed the measure, but SAG fell about 2 percentage points short of the 60 percent required for passage.

SAG members who opposed the merger said it would raise dues, dilute the unions' strength and end their guild's autonomy.

The defeat is the second major setback for SAG President Melissa Gilbert, who took office last year after a contentious election battle with Valerie Harper.

Last year, SAG members overwhelmingly rejected a proposal strongly backed by Gilbert that would have regulated the relationship between actors and talent agents.

Gilbert now must decide whether to run for re-election later this year, a choice that would have been unnecessary had the consolidation plan passed.

After Tuesday's vote, Gilbert declined to say whether she will seek re-election.

One of the goals of consolidation was to present a more unified front when negotiating with media companies that have grown in power over the past few years. Now, film and television producers might be even bolder at the bargaining table.

"There may be some at that table who may think this is something to take advantage of," said Alan Brunswick, an employment and labor attorney at Manatt, Phelps & Phillips.

Actors will face their first test later this year when they negotiate with advertising agencies that control commercials. Next year, the contract with film producers is set to expire.

"The producers are well aware of the fact that they have two unions they can play off each other," said Mike Farrell, SAG's first vice president.

Health officials criticize exemptions

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A new law that will allow unvaccinated children to attend Texas public schools and day care centers if their parents philosophically object to state immunization requirements has alarmed pediatricians and public health experts.

The new measure, which was tacked to a mammoth health and human services reorganization bill, allows any parent with a philosophical, "conscientious objection" to vaccinations to obtain a state health department form that would allow their children access into public schools upon notarization.

"Vaccination is one of the greatest public health accomplishments of the 20th century," Dr. Michael Foulds, president of the Texas Pediatric Society, told the San Antonio Express-News. "Expanding exemptions will only increase the outbreak of deadly infectious diseases."

Children previously had to follow state vaccination policies in order to enter public school or day care. Exemptions are allowed only because of medical necessity, as determined by a physician, and any religious objection on the basis that vaccination conflicts with the "tenets and practice of a recognized church."

The new exemption should make it easier for families to reclaim control over their children's health from bureaucrats who shouldn't be making vaccination decisions, said Dawn Richardson, director of Parents Requesting Open Vaccine Education.

"Parents are being thrown out of doctors' offices statewide," said Richardson, adding that families have been harassed and discriminated against by physicians and schools intent on mandating vaccination requirements. "Every parent should have the right to pick and choose what is best for their child."

Public health experts say the current immunization process is based on scientific data that vaccinations prevent disease and death. Vaccines are responsible for controlling infectious diseases including polio, measles, whooping cough, German measles, mumps, hepatitis A, hepatitis B and influenza.

Dr. Tom Spurgat, medical director of the Christus Santa Rosa Children's Hospital, said parents who don't want their children vaccinated because of conscientious objections often are victims of unscientific information that serves as a scare tactic against immunizations.

"It's a shame these people are operating off so much misinformation," Spurgat said. "They're putting their children at risk and they're putting my children at risk."

Dr. Fernando Guerra, director of the Metropolitan Health District, said he wants to help school districts keep track of the number of children with exemptions. Such information would better equip the health department in the event of any disease outbreak, he said.

Unvaccinated children, under the law, can remain anonymous and the only data publicly released will be the number of exemptions allowed. But the state health commissioner, in the event of a public health emergency, could also require unvaccinated children to stay home from school.

The new policy, passed as part of House Bill 2292 and signed into law by Gov. Rick Perry, also prohibits a health and human services agency from taking punitive action against parents for not immunizing their children.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recently ranked the control of vaccine-preventable diseases as the top public health achievement within the past 100 years.

Utah reporter found dead in her home

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Authorities are investigating the death of a newspaper reporter whose body was found at her home early Wednesday.

Police considered Norma Wagner's death suspicious, said Salt Lake City Police spokesman Detective Kevin Joiner. No further information was to be released until after the state medical examiner releases an autopsy report.

Wagner's husband called 911 about 6:30 a.m. Wednesday and said his wife may have died, Joiner said. He said the man was interviewed by police and released.

Wagner, 41, a longtime Utah journalist, most recently worked as a general assignment reporter at the Deseret Morning News.

Managing editor Rick Hall said Wagner was "a very talented reporter. Obviously, we're going to miss her a lot."

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Friday, July 4, 2003

Two aspects are working to make you more successful in the year ahead. First, you will experience a new surge of enterprise and ambition, and second, you'll employ a stronger consistency and continuity of purpose.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — The best way to avoid major confrontations with associates is to make an effort to reach an accord on the minor disputes first.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Finances will seesaw if what you accumulate from one situation you fritter away on another. Forego the latter, so you'll end the day on an up swing.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Encourage those close to you to have their say today, especially on family issues. All will stand to gain from a democratic exchange of opinions, particularly you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — If things don't quite work out as you anticipate today, try discarding your trademark optimism and view the world with a more jaundiced eye. Don't invite discomfort.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Be very careful how you treat those not as well off as you. Lack of money is not a declaration of worth, only of material scarcity. Be respectful of all.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — The wastefulness prevalent in you today stems from your overlapping frivolous involvements. Extricate yourself from activities that have nothing to offer but expense.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Initially your priorities will be in proper order, but as the day wears on, you might begin to place your attention on some less productive areas. Stick to your blueprint.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Keep your thinking optimistic and promptly dismiss any self-defeating thoughts that creep in. They only offer failure.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Ignore inclinations to give credence to some less intelligent counsel by downplaying your own logic. There is nothing wrong with your wisdom.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Instead of attempting to please everyone else today, fulfill your own yearnings. You'll discover that when you make yourself happy, you make others happy as well.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — If you're looking for faults, check the mirror first. Only if your image honestly reflects perfection do you have the right to criticize others.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Friends are apt to treat you how you treat them. Make all your pals feel special.

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Chronic fatigue can be a challenge

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm a woman, 41, in good health. But I'm exhausted most of the time and can barely stay awake after midday. I've had this problem all my life. Your opinion?

DEAR READER: Chronic fatigue is a challenging problem that can be caused by many afflictions, ranging from anemia and hypothyroidism to hidden infection and depression.

Because you have had this symptom for decades, we can rule out infection, Lyme disease or hidden cancer. But, not knowing what tests you have had performed, I cannot go further than that. For instance, have you been tested for mononucleosis, diabetes and kidney failure?

In my opinion, you should be examined by an internist (a specialist in diagnosis) or be referred to the diagnostic clinic in the medical teaching center. Most cases of chronic fatigue are treatable — once the cause has been identified.

DEAR DR. GOTT: In a past column, concerning a 34-year-old woman with chest soreness, you said that heart disease was implausible because she was too young. WRONG! At 34, I had a heart attack. Don't be deceived by age or gender.

DEAR READER: You are, of course, correct. I spoke in a generality; heart attacks in women your age are rare enough to be considered medical curiosities.

Nonetheless, you were right to point out — by extension — that chest discomfort in a person of either gender at any age could be caused by a heart attack. The diagnosis must be considered in the appropriate setting (the emergency room) and should be investigated with suitable methods, such as electrocardiograms and blood tests. Thank you for writing.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: Is surgery for female stress incontinence appropriate? I, and several of my lady friends, would like to be more active in sports, but this condition deters us from participating. What does the surgery entail?

DEAR READER: Stress incontinence (the leakage of urine during coughing, sneezing or straining) is a common problem in middle-aged and senior women, especially if they have experienced childbirth.

Before committing to surgery, you should — in my opinion — try alternative schemes, such as a pessary (better to support the bladder in a more natural position), Kegel exercises (to improve bladder control), and advice from a nurse incontinence specialist (available in many communities).

If these non-surgical techniques fail to solve the problem, surgery may be necessary. During the operation, the gynecologist repositions the bladder and may remove the uterus, which often sags deep into the pelvis, affecting a woman's ability to hold her urine.

The success of the surgery depends, of course, on the skill of the surgeon. When properly performed, the operation can make an enormous difference in the quality of life for an active woman.

I suggest that you obtain an opinion from a qualified gynecologist.

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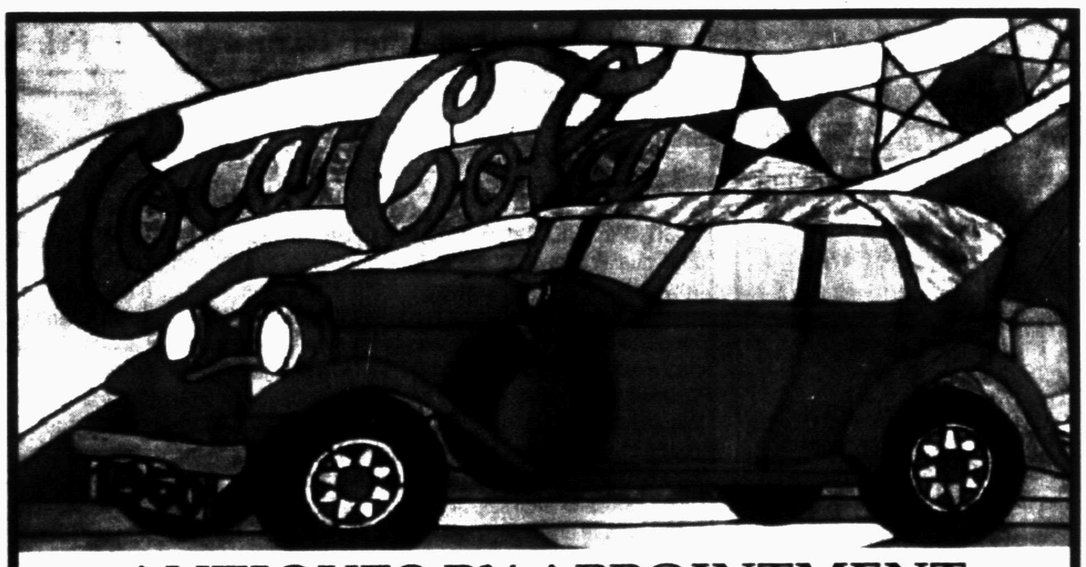
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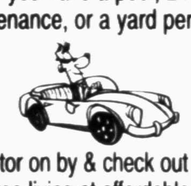
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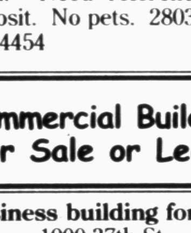
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Five die in fireworks explosion

BONITA SPRINGS, Fla. (AP) — A fifth person died today from a series of fireworks explosions that began as workers moved an Independence Day display from a truck.

The bodies of the four other victims remained at the gulfside scene overnight because investigators were worried that some of the $20,000 worth of fireworks could still detonate. The fifth victim, Ken Kinard of Cocoa Beach, died early today in a hospital burn unit.

"Right now, it's still a dangerous situation," said Lee County sheriff's spokesman Sgt. Michael Maschmeier.

The workers were transferring the fireworks Wednesday when a series of powerful blasts erupted, shooting flames into the sky and shaking the ground.

"It just all happened at once," said Kevin McKenzie, who was mowing grass near the truck. "Immediately, it was all the fireworks going off with all the colors and the flames."

The fireworks were to be part of the annual Independence Day display Friday in nearby East Naples. Officials said the event had been canceled.

"It's just hard to believe," said Bonita Springs City Manager Gary Price. "The event you're setting up for everybody's enjoyment to celebrate our anniversary of our country results in such tragedies."

The explosion occurred on a tip of vacant land at a state park in Bonita Springs, a city of about 30,000 near the Gulf of Mexico between Fort Myers and Naples.

Mary Mike Dearden, an employee of the Lover's Key Beach Club and Resort, said she felt the ground shake. Guests at the resort saw smoke and heard explosions from the park, less than a mile from the resort building.

"At the front desk we heard the explosion starting like a clap of thunder and then it kept rolling," she said. "As it rolled on it felt like a jet breaking the sound barrier, but it kept going and we knew it was something else."

Hours after the blast, smoke rose from a blackened pine tree and the charred remains of the two trucks, which had been parked back-to-back. A pickup truck that was parked a short distance away was also burned.

One woman was hospitalized in good condition, officials said.

Top militant blows himself up before he could be arrested

JIDDAH, Saudi Arabia (AP) — The top al-Qaida fugitive wanted in the Riyadh suicide bombings died in an explosion today, an Interior Ministry official said. A television report said he killed himself as police moved in to capture him.

Turki Nasser al-Dandani blew himself up in the northern province of al-Jawf, 560 miles north of the capital Riyadh, the official said, speaking on condition of anonymity. The official gave no further details on the blast.

The Dubai-based television Al-Arabiya reported al-Dandani killed himself with two other militants after being cornered by police in al-Jawf. The satellite channel did not identify other casualties nor did it give sources.

Al-Dandani, a member of the Osama bin Laden al-Qaida terror network, was being pursued for his alleged involvement in the suicide bombings of Westerners' housing compounds in Riyadh on May 12, which killed 25 people as well as nine attackers.

He became the most wanted man in Saudi Arabia after last week's arrest of the suspected mastermind of the attacks, Ali Abd al-Rahman al-Faqasi al-Ghamdi. Al-Ghamdi surrendered on Saturday at the home of Deputy Interior Minister Prince Mohammed bin Nayaf.

Interior Minister Prince Nayef said at the time that "some important suspects" were still at large, and al-Dandani's name was the foremost mentioned in news reports.

Al-Dandani was the No. 1 figure on the wanted list of 19 suspected militants that Saudi police published after the discovery of an arms cache in Riyadh on May 6.

U.S. counterterrorism officials in Washington predicted that al-Ghamdi's arrest would severely hamper al-Qaida's operations in Saudi Arabia, and al-Dandani's death is likely to further diminish the group's capacity.

The kingdom is the birthplace of al-Qaida leader bin Laden, and home to 15 of the 19 hijackers who took part in the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks on the United States.

Saudi authorities have detained at least 125 people since the May 12 attacks in a major sweep that has seen armed police manning checkpoints in major cities, checking identity papers and searching cars.

Last month, police raided an apartment in Mecca where they found members of an alleged terror cell who were allegedly planning to carry out attacks in the city, Islam's holiest.

The interior minister said last month that he thought al-Qaida was involved in the Riyadh suicide bombings.

U.S. considering peacekeepers to put stop to unrest in Liberia

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. military commander in Europe has been ordered to begin planning for possible American intervention in Liberia, defense officials said today.

Specifics on the number and types of U.S. troops are still to be worked out and approved by President Bush, two officials said. But a directive called a "warning order" was sent overnight to European commander Gen. James Jones, asking him to give the Pentagon his estimate of how the situation in the West African nation might be handled.

Bush is trying to decide how to respond to international pressure that he send up to 2,000 troops to help enforce a cease-fire in the country, wracked by fighting between forces loyal to President Charles Taylor and rebel groups trying to oust him.

Officials said a plan also is under consideration to send only a small group of troops as a show of interest and to protect the U.S. Embassy.

Some in the administration have suggested that a contingent of several dozen soldiers at the embassy in Monrovia along with stepped up diplomatic efforts might suffice. In line with that, one official said, U.S. officials said they are pressing the effort to get Taylor to leave the country.

Bush Wednesday repeated his call for Taylor to step down.

"One thing has to happen: Mr. Taylor needs to leave the country," Bush said. "In order for there to be peace and stability in Liberia, Charles Taylor needs to leave now."

Other military options are to send 500 to 1,000 Americans who might coordinate logistics for any peacekeeper mission, provide it with communications equipment, further evaluate the situations in Liberia, assist non-governmental organizations there and so on, two officials said.

Taking that role, rather than the lead in a peacekeeping force, would allow the United States to keep down the number of Americans required — a major consideration with so many already deployed around the world for the war against terror and stabilization in Iraq.

Taylor has refused to leave office. A U.N.-backed court in neighboring Sierra Leone has indicted him for crimes against humanity for his backing of rebels in that country, where atrocities included hacking off victims' limbs.

Taylor told CBS Radio on Wednesday that U.S. troops would be welcomed his country, that he would be willing to leave Liberia in about three months and called for the United Nations war crimes charges against him to be dropped.

Snyder officers arrest 3 people

Arrests

Snyder officers arrested a 40-year-old man in the 2000 block of Ave. O at 9:10 p.m. Wednesday for possession of a prohibited weapon.

An 18-year-old man was taken into custody in the 1200 block of 25th Street at 1 a.m. today on a warrant for driving without a license.

At 2:15 a.m., a 22-year-old man was arrested on warrants for possession of marijuana, under two ounces.

Thefts

Mary Hernandez reported her wallet stolen at 11 a.m. Wednesday. Officers advised an offense report for burglary of a vehicle would be submitted.

Assault

A Cogdell Memorial Hospital employee requested an officer at the emergency room at 7:50 p.m. Wednesday in reference to an assault victim being there. Officers contacted the subject and submitted a report for family violence.

Disturbance

A woman called 9-1-1 at 10:40 p.m. Wednesday to report a disturbance at her residence.

Officers responded and spoke with several people who advised only a verbal altercation had occurred. There was no assault and everything was in order upon their departure.

At 10:20 p.m., a man reported juveniles fighting near the Coleman Apartments. Officers contacted the juveniles involved and none wished to file charges.

Criminal mischief

A man reported several broken windows at a building on Voss Lane at 9 a.m. Wednesday. Deputies responded and advised a report for Class C criminal mischief would be submitted.

A woman reported just after 11 p.m. Wednesday that several juveniles started a fire in the 600 block of 33rd and then left the scene.

Officers contacted the juveniles who denied starting a fire and they were advised of the complaint.

Fireworks

Officers responded to a report of fireworks in the 3700 block of Ave. V at 11:35 p.m. and contacted a subject who advised the fireworks being set off was accidental.

Gas drive off

A clerk at Town and Country North reported a gas drive off worth $18.90 at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Obituaries

Frank Hawkins

1926-2003

Frank Howard Hawkins, 76, died Tuesday, July 1, in Snyder Oaks Care Center.

Graveside service for Mr. Hawkins was set for 2 p.m. today in the Snyder Cemetery. The Rev. Caiphias Cain will officiate. Arrangements are under the direction of Wright Colonial Funeral Home.

Born Aug. 3, 1926 in Waskom, Tex., he was a U.S. Army Veteran. Mr. Hawkins moved to Snyder in 2000 from Rotan where he was a farm worker.

Survivors include four nieces, Anita Peavy of Snyder, Veronica Barnes of Duncanville, Retha Anthony of Grand Prairie and Debra Lawrence of Midland; a nephew, Norman Davis of Austin; and numerous cousins.

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Wendell Autry

1933-2003

AMARILLO — Wendell Autry, a native of Scurry County, died Wednesday, July 2, in Amarillo after a lengthy illness.

Funeral service for Mr. Autry, 69, is set for 9 a.m. Saturday in the Paramount Baptist Church with Dr. Gil Lain officiating.

Graveside service is set for 3 p.m. Saturday in Hillside Memorial Gardens in Snyder with the Rev. Miller Robinson officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Schooler Funeral Home.

Born Dec. 24, 1933 in Snyder, he was a 1951 graduate of Snyder High School and attended Arlington State College from 1951-53.

He married Rheta Rhodes on Dec. 27, 1952 in Snyder and the family moved to Amarillo where Mr. Autry began working for Kerr-McGee as a senior drilling foreman. He worked in the oilfields for more than 25 years.

An avid golfer, Mr. Autry opened Autry's Tee Box in Amarillo and was a member of the Paramount Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Norman and Annie Autry; a sister, LaRue Williamson; and two brothers, G.L. and Leon Autry.

Survivors include his wife, Rheta Autry of Amarillo; a daughter, Sharron Autry of Amarillo; a son and daughter-in-law, Norman and DeeDee Autry of Lelia Lake; two grandchildren, Tarrant Autry who is stationed with the U.S. Air Force in Japan, and Caitlin Autry of Amarillo.

The family suggests memorials to the Paramount Baptist Church scholarship fund, 3801 South Western in Amarillo, 79109.

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Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

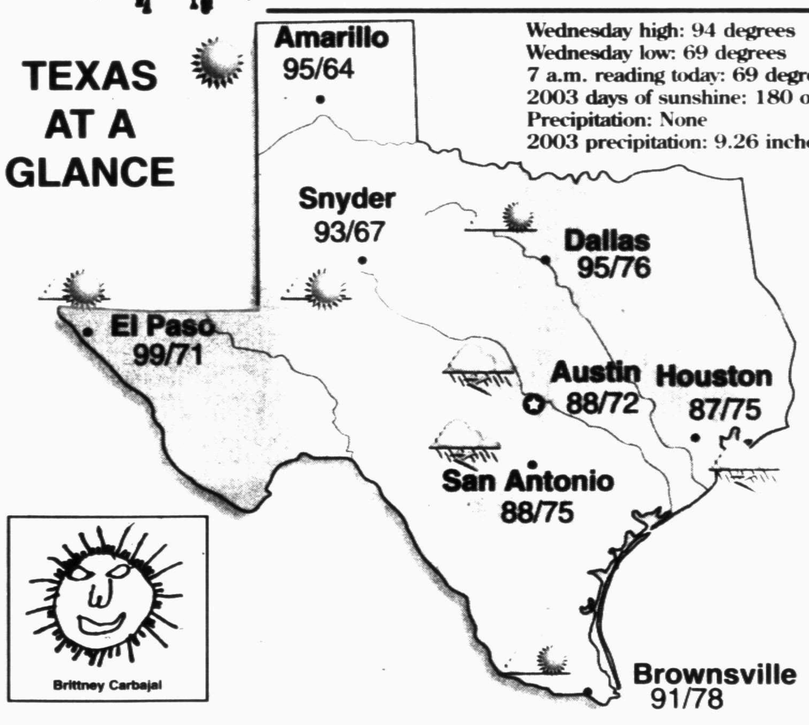
Fri 7/4	Sat 7/5	Sun 7/6
93/67	89/69	90/68
Generally sunny. High 93F. Winds SSE at 5 to 10 mph.	Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the upper 60s.	Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the upper 60s.
Sunrise 6:41 AM / Sunset 8:55 PM	Sunrise 6:41 AM / Sunset 8:55 PM	Sunrise 6:41 AM / Sunset 8:55 PM

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TEXAS AT A GLANCE



Wednesday high: 94 degrees
Wednesday low: 69 degrees
7 a.m. reading today: 69 degrees
2003 days of sunshine: 180 of 183
Precipitation: None
2003 precipitation: 9.26 inches

Brittney Carbajal

Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	94	70	sunny	El Paso	99	71	mst sunny	Midland	95	70	sunny
Amarillo	95	64	sunny	Fort Stockton	94	69	sunny	Raymondville	92	75	pt sunny
Austin	88	72	t-storm	Gainesville	94	71	mst sunny	Rosenberg	88	74	t-storm
Beaumont	86	74	t-storm	Greenville	93	72	pt sunny	San Antonio	88	75	t-storm
Brownsville	91	78	pt sunny	Houston	87	75	t-storm	San Marcos	90	73	t-storm
Brownwood	94	71	mst sunny	Kingsville	90	74	t-storm	Sulphur Springs	93	71	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	88	77	t-storm	Livingston	87	71	t-storm	Sweetwater	93	69	mst sunny
Corsicana	92	73	t-storm	Longview	90	72	pt sunny	Tyler	91	74	pt sunny
Dallas	95	76	pt sunny	Lubbock	96	67	mst sunny	Weatherford	95	71	pt sunny
Del Rio	92	76	t-storm	Lufkin	87	73	t-storm	Wichita Falls	98	71	mst sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	86	68	pt sunny	Houston	87	75	t-storm	Phoenix	111	87	sunny
Boston	89	72	pt sunny	Los Angeles	83	65	mst sunny	San Francisco	78	56	windy
Chicago	90	68	t-storm	Miami	86	78	t-storm	Seattle	74	50	pt sunny
Dallas	95	76	pt sunny	Minneapolis	84	63	t-storm	St. Louis	95	74	mst sunny
Denver	87	60	mst sunny	New York	92	73	pt sunny	Washington, DC	95	75	pt sunny

Moon Phases

New	First	Full	Last
Jun 29	Jul 7	Jul 13	Jul 21

UV Index

Fri 7/4	Sat 7/5	Sun 7/6
Extreme	Extreme	Extreme

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

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2003 JULY 4TH
SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

THURSDAY, JULY 3RD

8:00 a.m. Set Up Booths ..... Armory & Park
4:00 p.m. All Booths open to the public ..... Armory & Park
9:00 p.m. All Booths Close ..... Armory & Park

FRIDAY, JULY 4TH

8:00 - 2 p.m. - Dermott School-Open to the Public ..... Coliseum Grounds
Silent Auction
8:00 a.m. - July 4th Prayer Breakfast ..... Towle Park Barn
Registration for Horseshoe pitching ..... Horseshoe Courts-Park
Registration for Washer pitching ..... South of Pond
9:00 a.m. - All Booths Open ..... Armory & Park
9:00 a.m. - Volleyball Tournament begins ..... Towle Park
9:00 a.m. - Parade Line Up Begins ..... Moffett Field
Flag Raising Ceremony ..... Armory
Horseshoe Pitching Begins ..... Horseshoe Courts - Park
10:00 a.m. -Parade begins ..... Moffett Field
After Parade - CheerStars Perform ..... Cottonwood Flats
11:00 p.m. - Washer Pitching Tournament ..... Park Area
1:00 p.m. -Towle Park Pool Opens ..... Towle Park
6:45 p.m. - Drawing for the Harley Davidson ..... KSNY Booth
9:00 p.m. - Towle Park Pool closes ..... Park Pool
Booths Close ..... Armory & Park

Dark - Fireworks - Glow in Dark Novelty Items sold



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