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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

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Home of Felsha' Biggers



QUICK WORK — Snyder firemen responded to a house fire at 4:57 p.m. Monday and quickly estinguished the blaze that damaged a bedroom and other parts of a home belonging to Jerry Surratt at 1302 28th St. The cause of the blaze is under investigation, said Fire Marshal Cy Posey. Three fire trucks and 20 firefighters responded to the alarm. (SDN Staff Photo)

County reports some progress made in interlocal discussions

By Leslie Schmidt
SDN Staff Writer

"Progress was made" was the report to the full Scurry County commissioners' court meeting Monday afternoon following a morning committee session with City of Snyder representatives on the shared-services agreement.

"It was a good meeting, and we made some progress," said Precinct 4 Commissioner Chloanne Lindsey, who was a county representative at the morning session. Lindsey said the fire department and jail were the only items discussed in the initial committee meeting.

Also attending the morning session was Precinct 3 Commissioner Howard Limmer.

She further reported that the city gave an estimate for fire department costs, while the county presented estimates on the cost of jail usage and seal-coating.

The city estimated that the cost of fire calls outside the city was $328,153. The county countered that the city's share of jail operations came to $420,985, and that the cost for work on roads inside the city limits amounts to $96,525. No agreement between the two entities was made.

Another negotiation meeting on shared services is slated at 8 a.m. next Tuesday.

City representatives, council members Terry Martin and Stephanie Ducheneaux, along with Mayor Francene Noah, will present their take of the city-county meeting to the full city council when it meets Monday night.

In other county business, Sheriff Darren Jackson presented information about the Victims Information Notification Everyday program. VINE is a nationwide system that allows victims of crime to anonymously check on the status of inmates.

The program is funded through the Crime Victims Compensation Fund. Commissioners approved the program, which will be implemented at the end of this year.

Also, commissioners approved placement of a marker at the Scurry County Coliseum horseshoe-pitching court to honor the late Donna Fowler, longtime chamber executive.

The court approved the Lindsey nomination of Betty Richardson to serve on the Child Welfare board. There remains two vacancies to fill.

Other items on the agenda were line-item transfers, budget amendments.

District Attorney Dana Cooley transferred $125 from witness expenses to education and training.

Parks manager Scott Crenwelge transferred $7,500 from pool repairs to pool supplies. $2,000 was taken from community center expenses and split evenly into park equipment and pool supplies accounts.

Limmer moved $1,500 from machine hire to utilities, and $1,500 from fuel oil and grease to tires and tubes.

District Clerk Trina Rogers transferred $25 from supplies to dues, and County Clerk Joan Bunch moved $1,400 from voter registration to communications.

A $1,900 budget amendment was granted to the sheriff's department for deputy training, and the health department was given the okay for $8,820 for operating supplies.

County Judge Rod Waller presided and commissioners present were Lindsey, Ralph Trevey and Jerry House. Limmer was absent from the afternoon session.

Demos say Texas fight has just begun

As they remain holed up in Albuquerque

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — With the Texas Senate stalemate entering its second week, both sides in the battle over plans to redraw congressional districts remained focused on their mission.

"To quote John Paul Jones, 'We've only begun to fight,'" said Sen. Royce West, D-Dallas, one of 11 Senate Democrats who left the Capitol for New Mexico on July 28 in protest of Republican efforts to redraw congressional districts.

In Austin, Republican Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst said he is optimistic that the situation can be resolved promptly. "But it really depends upon our colleagues and our friends who are out in Albuquerque," he said Monday.

The Democrats' flight out of Austin came shortly before Gov. Rick Perry called a second special legislative session on redistricting after a bill failed to get approved in two previous sessions.

Republicans, led by U.S. House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, are pushing for the redistricting. Democrats have a 17-15 majority in Texas' congressional delegation, but Republicans say based on the state's voting trends the GOP should hold the majority in the delegation.

The Democrats have said they will not return to the Capitol unless Perry removes redistricting from the current special session's agenda or Dewhurst restores a Senate tradition of requiring two-thirds of senators to agree to take up a bill on the Senate floor. Under that tradition, the Democratic senators blocked redistricting in the last special session.

Dewhurst said he would not change his mind about the so-called "two-thirds rule," saying it is a tradition for the Senate not to have it in place when lawmakers tackle redistricting.

"I don't think our eleven colleagues are in a position to ask for, for anything," Dewhurst said. "They have broken the Texas Constitution. They need to come back."

Democrats said that is not going to happen without movement from Perry or Dewhurst.

"If I were a betting man considering a wager on how long we'll continue, if we'll hold or if we'll fold, I'd place my chips on the Texas 11," said West, invoking the name the Senate Democrats have been calling themselves.

The Texas Senate met briefly Monday afternoon and then broke for the day because of a lack of quorum.

The Democrats, meanwhile, held their daily meeting in a hotel conference room, reading aloud letters of support from constituents.

Austin folk singer Steven Brooks stopped by the hotel briefly and entertained the senators with a song he wrote called the "Killer D's of Texas".

At 8 a.m....

Budget approval one item on Cogdell's agenda Wednesday

Financial matters will highlight Wednesday morning's Cogdell Memorial Hospital's board of managers meeting as agenda items include the approval of the 2004 operating budget, and the approval of the annual audit.

In the July meeting, chief financial officer Jared Squires told the board that the hospital is facing a budget deficit for the coming year of $543,626.

Squires said the hospital would be seeking additional tax revenue from the county to help offset the deficit. Presently, the county funds the hospital $395,000 in revenue derived from ad valorem taxes.

Board president Carl Williams suggested the hospital seek $150,000 more from the county, and urged the administration to continue to find areas to cut expenditures.

The hospital has projected expenses at $19,052,960 and income at $17,800,925.

The approval of the annual audit also is on Wednesday's agenda, as is the certification of accounts payable and the monthly financial report.

Several reports will be given, including the monthly medical staff report from Dr. Bid Cooper, and several polices and procedures as presented by Director of Nurses Cheryl Chance.

Education director Chuck Hurst will give a strategic plan update, and Teresa Ragland will present an in-service report on case management.

George Parsley, CEO, will present a report on an energy conservation project, and give his monthly administrative report.

The meeting will be at 8 a.m. in the hospital boardroom.



PRE-SCHOOL – Counseling secretary Stephanie Miller, left, assists Casey and Karen Gregory during registration this morning at Snyder High School. Classes begin Aug. 18 at all public schools in the county. (SDN Staff Photo)

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "A recession is a period in which you tighten your belt. A depression is a time when you have no belt to tighten. But, when you have no pants to hold up, it's a crisis."

There's a fairly new conventional thought that wisdom may sometimes come with age, but that age sometimes travels alone.

Such was the case of the 52-year-old man who was featured in a recent edition of "True Scoop," a column in the State Trooper newsletter.

At least his less-than-successful plan indicates that his brain carrier was half empty — or only half full, if you want to put a positive spin on the situation.

The incident occurred in Kentucky where police responded to a report of a very strong smell of marijuana.

Responding officers went to the address and observed an ingenious setup.

The resident had poured about four pounds of marijuana on a barbecue grill in his back yard. He then opened the back door to his home and set up a large fan, reversing the thrust so that the wafting smoke from the grill was sucked indoors.

The effect, according to investigators, was to turn his entire home into a giant marijuana bong.

The man offered a creative explanation for his enterprising efforts. He told officers that it was his 52nd birthday and he was just throwing himself a little private party.

One would think that by that age, he would have been a little more prudent.

Meanwhile, a guy in Arkansas found out the hard way that swiping stuff from a senior citizen isn't as easy as taking candy from a baby.

When the crook broke into the home of a 90-year-old woman, he discovered the apparent secret to her longevity – she didn't take anything lying down.

Wielding a cane with punishing accuracy, the woman landed several healthy blows on the would-be bad guy's head, leaving him dazed. She then took the opportunity to run next door and summon the police.

They arrested the man while his chimes were still ringing.

Now convicted, the man will be eligible for parole in seven years, but we suspect he won't be trying to look up the 'victim,' especially if she is still depending on that cane.

This one hasn't made True Scoops — yet.

But we liked the story about an unemployed bank robber who needed some extra cash to get by.

He wrote a note to a bank teller on a piece of paper. After getting the money, he exited the bank and left the note in the teller's window.

The other side of the note was extremely helpful to investigators. It was the man's resume' – complete with name, address and telephone number.

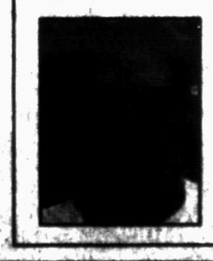
Soon, convicted felon can be added to his list of talents.

ASK US

Q—When is the planned completion date for the work on College Avenue?

A—Posted signs say Winter, 2004.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR



Mary Wright...

...has been a resident of Snyder for 63 years. She and her husband Clarence own and operate Wright Way Glass. The Wrights have been married for 45 years. They have a large family that include four children, eight grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. Mary's hobbies are hunting, fishing and reading.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Destroy your enemy by making friends with him.
—Abraham Lincoln

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events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

First Christian Bible Camp

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

Scurry Lodge #706

Scurry Lodge #706 will have a stated meeting at 7:30 this evening. All Master Masons are invited.

Drama Booster Club

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

Ira Booster Club

The Ira Booster Club will meet at 8:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Ira Community Center.

Country and gospel music

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

FBC services televised

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

SISD diagnostic screening

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

GED testing, pre-register

Mandatory pre-registration for the GED test will be Wednesday, Aug. 13, at the GED testing center at WTC building 7B, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. The math segment will begin promptly at 8 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 14. For more information, contact Molly Kattes, 573-2919, or Emily Hataway, 573-8511, ext. 297; or 574-2112. It is recommended that candidates receive some preparation before attempting the test.

Tour SJHS Thursday

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

Head Start registration

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

HHS senior class fundraiser

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

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.

Petition filed to remove Brown Co. DA

BROWNWOOD (AP) — A resident filed a petition to remove Brown County's district attorney from office, nearly a month after he was found in contempt of court for lying to a judge to obtain a plea bargain for a sex offender.

Richard Cottrell, 52, of Williams, a small community about 20 miles north of Brownwood, filed the petition Monday in the Brown County district clerk's office.

Cottrell charges that Sky Sudderth is incompetent and engaged in official misconduct when he made false statements to state District Judge Stephen Ellis during a June 5 plea hearing regarding a sex offender. Sudderth was found guilty of contempt of court July 7.

Sudderth, 36, whose district includes Mills County, referred all questions to his attorney.

"This flunks the smell test," said Tim Evans of Fort Worth, one of two attorneys Sudderth has hired. "I've been practicing law for 30 years, and I've never even heard of such an extraordinary procedure being applied to an elected public official over a single instance of contempt of court."

Cottrell, an independent contractor, said filing the petition was not politically motivated. He also said he did not vote for Sudderth in the 2000 election.

"If he stays in office, your citizens, judges, attorneys and law enforcement are going to develop mistrust and discontent," Cottrell told the Abilene Reporter-News. "It may not destroy the system, but it will sure put some kinks in it."

Later Monday, Ellis filed a petition disqualifying himself from hearing the case and asked that another judge be appointed to preside over it.

The appointed judge can, under state law, temporarily suspend Sudderth, pending a jury trial, and appoint a temporary district attorney. On Monday afternoon, Brown County Attorney Shane Britton filed a motion requesting that the judge appoint a special prosecutor for the case.

Britton said he had a conflict of interest and could not represent the state in efforts to remove Sudderth, saying the two share an office and collaborate on cases.

It is not known whether Abilene attorney Burt Burnett, appointed as special prosecutor in the contempt case, will be appointed to the most recent case.

On July 10, Ellis appointed Burnett to "investigate and prosecute, if appropriate," Sudderth for any criminal offenses committed while he was in office.

Burnett said Monday he has expanded his investigation.

Monster is out on 2 portals

BOSTON (AP) — Move over, Monster. Careerbuilder.com is moving in.

Monster is relinquishing partnerships with Web portals AOL and MSN that account for about a quarter of the No. 1 online job site's traffic.

Careerbuilder.com, owned by Gannett Co., Tribune Co., and Knight Ridder Inc. will take its place.

Shares of Monster's parent company, Monster Worldwide, tumbled nearly 14 percent following AOL's announcement Monday that it was replacing Monster with Careerbuilder.com as its main partner for the "Careers and Jobs" section of its portal.

Early today, Microsoft Corp. said it also would partner with Careerbuilder.com, which is the third-ranked online job site.

Monster Worldwide chief financial officer Mike Sileck told The Associated Press that Monster had made the decision not to extend either deal.

He said the move was part of a broader strategy that would save the company $50 million a year — money it could spend on improving its targeting of job seekers and advertising to prospective job posters, who pay the bills.

"Our clients, who are employers, the advertisers, have been clear with us: there's plenty of traffic, what they need is more targeted traffic," Sileck said.

Together, MSN and AOL accounted for about 25 percent of Monster's traffic, Sileck said, which totals about 15.6 million unique visitors per month, according to research firm comScore Media Metrix.

Careerbuilder.com and AOL did not release specific financial terms of their agreement but said the deal, which includes both guarantees and incentives, was worth up to $115 million.

The deal, which takes effect in December, also provides for promotion with several Time Inc. interactive properties and on CNN.com.

Microsoft said its deal with Careerbuilder.com was valued at $150 million in referrals, advertising and other fees.



DONATE BOOKS — Western Texas College's Phi Theta Kappa chapter, Psi Zeta, donated a large amount of children's books last week to Gateway Family Services Inc., a shelter for victims of family violence and sexual assault. From left are Shari Jamison, Gateway victims advocate caseworker; Casey Crawford, PTK's fellowship officer; Vicky Rowland, committee chairman for PTK's project graduation, an international community service; and Lea Phillips, Gateway senior advocate and shelter manager. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

VA proposes overhaul, facilities would close or see big changes

WASHINGTON (AP) — Seven veterans hospitals would close, but others would open in a 20-year Veterans Affairs plan to shift services to where veterans are living and cut costs of outdated or underused facilities.

The plan is certain to draw criticism where facilities are closing, but Veterans Affairs Secretary Anthony Principi said it was hard to avoid tough choices.

The Department of Veterans Affairs unveiled its overhaul plan Monday, a little more than a week before it will hold public hearings on the proposal.

The plan includes major mission changes at 13 facilities, Veterans Affairs spokeswoman Karen Fedele said.

The VA wants to close hospitals in Canandaigua, N.Y.; Pittsburgh (Highland Drive); Lexington, Ky. (Leestown); Brecksville, Ohio; Gulfport, Miss.; Livermore, Calif.; and Waco, Texas.

The proposal also would open new hospitals in Las Vegas and in Orlando, Fla.; add centers for the blind in Biloxi, Miss., and Long Beach, Calif.; and place new spinal cord injury centers in Denver; Minneapolis; Syracuse or Albany, N.Y.; and Little Rock, Ark.

"This is probably the most comprehensive assessment of VA infrastructure since World War II," Principi said.

A 15-member commission, appointed by Principi, will consider the proposed changes and hold the hearings around the country. After the hearings, the commission will make its recommendations to Principi.

As with military base closings, the secretary must accept or reject the plan as a whole. His decision is expected by the end of the year.

Principi said the proposed restructuring is not only about closing and realigning facilities, but also about expansion and modernization. The objective is to meet the needs of veterans for the next 20 years, he said.

"I'm not trying to save money. I'm trying to transform an infrastructure that has been built or acquired over the past 50 years," he said.

Joy Ilem, assistant national legislative director for Disabled American Veterans, questioned the need for closures and other cutbacks.

"Everyone is aware of the difficulty VA has meeting demand," Ilem said. "When we have hundreds of thousands of veterans on waiting lists (for medical appointments), we don't want to see facilities closed due to fiscal problems."

Rick Weidman, government relations director for the Vietnam Veterans Association, agreed that strategic planning is important. But he said a General Accounting Office study that helped trigger the facilities overhaul failed to consider that many are vacant because veterans health care is underfunded.

The restructuring is estimated to cost $4.6 billion over 20 years, with some costs offset by closing hospitals or leasing out unused facilities.

Principi has pushed for other VA changes, some to improve veterans' health services and others to deal with a burgeoning population. Last month, VA temporarily allowed veterans to go to mail-order pharmacies to get medicines prescribed by private doctors.

In January, Principi suspended health care services for higher-income veterans to reduce veterans' waiting times for doctor's appointments.

Today's chuckle

Bragging on 'Springer' gets man in trouble

CAPE MAY COURT HOUSE, N.J. (AP) — Paul Alexander's 15 minutes of fame have turned into a year in prison.



Alexander bragged on television that he dumped his girlfriend while a guest on "The Jerry Springer Show."

After receiving a tip, Cape May County prosecutors watched as Alexander and his 22-year-old girlfriend spoke of their 7-year-old child.

Authorities did the math and determined that the couple's sexual relationship began when the woman was 13, according to prosecutor Marian Ragusa.

Prosecutors charged Alexander, 29, with endangering the welfare of a child and second-degree sexual assault for having sex with the woman when she was underage.

The woman, who was identified only as Rita, told the court she didn't want Alexander sent to jail, but prosecutors and the judge were adamant that prison time was required.

"Once a person goes on national television and acknowledges committing a crime, I can't imagine a state — any state — standing idly by," said Judge Carmen Alvarez.

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TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1861, the U.S. government enacted the first income tax, which was levied by the Revenue Act on incomes over $800. The tax was rescinded in 1872.

On this day in 1914, the first traffic light was installed at the corner of E. 105th Street and Euclid Avenue in Cleveland.

On this day in 1962, Marilyn Monroe was found dead in her Los Angeles home.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Guy de Maupassant (1850-1893), author; Neil Armstrong (1930-), astronaut, is 73; Loni Anderson (1946-), actress, is 57; Patrick Ewing (1962-), basketball player, is 41.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1921, Pittsburgh radio station KDKA carried the first complete, play-by-play broadcast of a baseball game, in which the Pittsburgh Pirates won 8-5 over the Philadelphia Phillies.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Patriotism is a kind of religion; it is the egg from which wars are hatched." — Guy de Maupassant

TODAY'S MOON: First quarter (Aug. 5).

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LOTTO TEXAS
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RESULTS

Monday's Lottery Numbers
Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 1-3-5-18-27.

Number matching five of five: 1.

Prize per winner: $55,535.

Winning tickets sold in: Plainview, Allsup's No. 17, 608 S. Broadway.

Matching four of five: 238. Prize: $105.

Matching three of five: 6,740. Prize: $9.

Matching two of five: 60,457. Prize: $2.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Tuesday night.

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DANCE CAMP — Luis Alaniz promises an all new show for performances during the coming year, taught by Omar Alarcon from Mexico. Thirty-four students, ages seven to adult, have learned 19 dances in the month-long camp at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. From left are, top photo, first row, Cassandra Romero, Sydney Villarreal, Daphny Torres, Nadia Gonzales, Breanna Garcia; second row, Samantha Villarreal, Alex Alcala, Elisa Alcala, Adrian Alvarez, Andrea Miranda, Richard DeLuna, Jasmin Martinez, Misael Arellano, Ryanna Martinez and Carlos Landa, Priscilla DeLuna, Andrew Chavarria, Roselia Jaimes, Christian Garcia, Gabriella Sanchez and Miguel Alcarntar. Standing in back are Omar Alarcon, instructor, from Juarez, Mexico and Luis Alaniz, program coordinator. In the bottom photo are, first row, Missy Vasquez, Heather Vasquez; second row, Cynthia Arellano, Toby Lopez, Adrian Alvarez, Kim Kruger; back row, Orlando Vasquez, Luis Alaniz, Omar Alarcon and Michael Velasquez. Not pictured are Felicia Ibarra, Gabby Arredondo, Jessica Ibarra and Ryan Arredondo. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

	North 08-05-03 ♠ 10 7 6 ♥ Q J 10 9 7 6 ♦ K J 10 2 ♣ —	
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	South ♠ K Q J 3 ♥ K 4 ♦ A Q 9 ♣ J 8 7 4	

Dealer: East
Vulnerable: East-West

South	West	North	East
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4 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♣ 3

You can synonymously tap, force or punch

Isaac Bromley wrote these lines, made famous by Mark Twain: "Conductor, when you receive a fare, / Punch in the presence of the passenjare! — / Punch, brothers! Punch with care! / Punch in the presence of the passenjare!"

Although it is no longer occurring on buses, there is still punching in bridge. How does it apply to this deal?

South, with a weak club holding, would have preferred to make a takeout double, but with only two hearts, that call would have been unsound. At least one no-trump accurately described his strength and hand-type. North's four-diamond response was a Texas transfer, guaranteeing at least a six-card heart suit and game values.

West started with a low club. Declarer ruffed in the dummy and played a trump to his king. East was in the pleasant position of being able to win this or the next heart trick. But when he took his heart ace, he continued with another club to punch — or tap or force — the dummy again. Now East had the same number of trumps as the dummy. If declarer drew trumps, when he drove out the spade ace, the opponents would run the clubs. And if declarer played on spades immediately, a third round of clubs would also defeat the contract. East would receive either two more trump tricks or a trump and a club.

Finally, note that if West leads the club queen at trick one, the contract makes. Declarer's club jack protects the suit. In the old days, players were told to lead the top card in partner's suit. Do not ride with the crazy passenjare who started that rumor.

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AIDS JULY 4TH EXPENSES — Snyder Lions Club president Ted Crenwelge presented a check for $1,350 to Sandra Salinas, representing the chamber of commerce. The money was to help pay for the firework display on July 4 in Towle Park. The Pride of the Texas carnival that participates each year in the celebration donated $500. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Family has visited all 50 state capitols

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP) — After more than a year on the road, the Gall family can boast an accomplishment few others can: the couple and their three sons have visited all 50 state capitols.

The family finished Friday, when Ed and Ginger Gall and their sons — 13-year-old Samuel, 11-year-old James and 6-year-old Benjamin — went inside the Missouri State Capitol rotunda.

Visiting roughly one state each week, the journey, made in a recreational vehicle, took about 48,000 miles and over a year to complete.

Births

David and Rachel Lopez of Snyder announce the birth of their daughter, Savahna Genevieve Rain Lopez. Savahna was born, weighing seven pounds, 12 ounces, at 8:15 a.m. on Aug. 4 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Paternal grandparents are Angel and Delfina Lopez of Snyder. Maternal grandparents are Paula Rodriguez of Snyder and the late Jose Rodriguez.



LOOK WHO'S 80!
Thadine Harless
We love you!
From your children, grandchildren & great-grandchildren

Community Calendar

TUESDAY

ABCL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 7 p.m.

Beginners' AA open meeting; Snyder Park Club, 1212 37th Street; 573-8268, 574-1292 or 573-1141; 7 p.m.

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th and Ave. M; for more information call 573-3733, 573-2101 or 573-1141; 8 p.m.

TOPS TX56 (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.; Trinity United Methodist Church. For more information call Phillis Leatherwood at 573-6105.

WEDNESDAY

NA Just For Today, open meeting; Park Club; for information, call 573-1438; 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

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

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.

MAWC to serve Sunday Lunch at the club house

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The message of Jesus is clear. If we teach what Jesus taught, the world will respond to our teaching in the same way it responded to Jesus' teaching. Some believed Jesus and some crucified Him.

Surely things are different today. Jesus' teaching has had a profound impact on America and American life. If we follow Jesus today, we will not receive the same reaction Jesus received. Or will we? Take a close look at what Jesus taught in Matthew 5, 6 and 7. In some ways the morals, values and principles that Jesus taught challenge our world today every bit as much as it challenged the world of Jesus' day. Read through the gospel of John and notice the claims of Jesus. In that gospel, Jesus makes it clear that he is God the Son in human flesh, John 1:1-4,14. He is the only way of salvation and his word is the only real truth that leads to heaven, John 14:6. How well do those claims fly in our world today? They fly about as well as they flew in Jesus' day. If we follow Jesus in life and teaching and truly seek to become like him, we can expect the words of the New Testament to come to life. If we would follow him, we really do have to take up our cross and follow.

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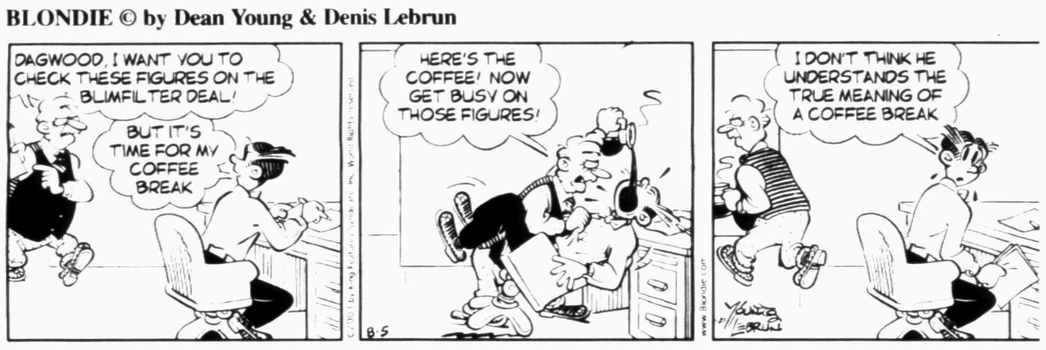
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21 Irritate
23 Consumer protection org.
24 Siren
27 Upset
29 Sundial numeral
32 Ovid's bird
33 Bedouin attire
34 Old Tokyo
35 Sun, in Acapulco
36 "Deck the Halls" word
37 White stuff
38 Conclude
39 Kid around
40 Festive
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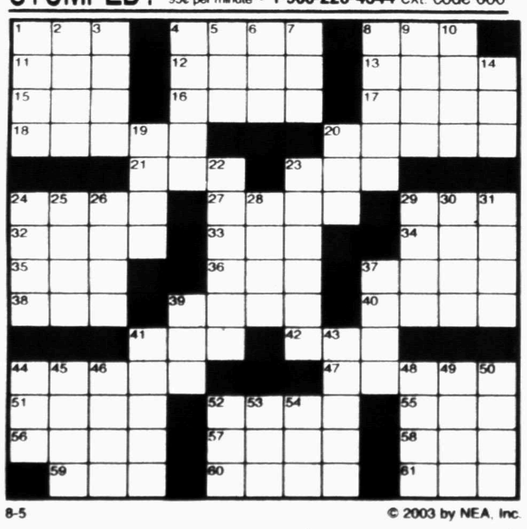
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22 For adults only (hyph.)
23 Uses dynamite
24 Bouquet holder
25 Bard's river
26 Springlike
28 Heron kin
29 Lawless role
30 Artifact
31 Where Keokuk is
37 Noncoms
39 Bump hard
41 Oktoberfest tune
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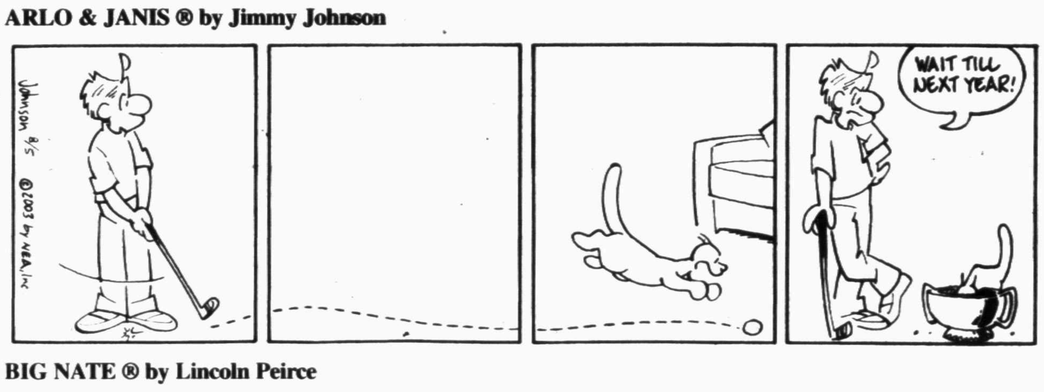


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SPORTS

Enthusiasm, focus mark start of two-a-day football practices

By Bobby Allen
SDN Sports Editor

The first day of two-a-day practices is in the books, and area coaches were more than happy with the effort and concentration of their respective teams.

The Snyder Tigers had a solid morning workout, followed up with a precise practice in the afternoon heat. Despite temperatures that reached triple digits in West Texas, a northerly breeze kept the heat index manageable and kept the players on their feet.

Snyder head coach Chad Rogers said the approach of this year's team is business-like.

"On the first day everybody is excited, but they got serious quickly," he said. "They were very attentive and did a good job of focusing. We look good and crisp."

With the Rogers' program now in its third year, the ability for players to pick up on the terminology, and playbook is greatly enhanced.

"Offensively, they picked things up very fast. The kids have a good understanding (of the offense)," he said.

The head coach is using a different method for practices this year with fewer individual drills and more group exercises.

Rogers said the most important aspect of the summer workouts are teaching and reiterating fundamentals and getting as many reps in as possible.

"The more reps, the more muscle memory retention you have and it becomes natural," he said, adding that he wants the players to develop the same approach for both games and practices.

"If they are loose in practice, I want them to be that way in the game," Rogers said. "If they put pressure on themselves in practice, then they should do that in the game, as well."

Already one can see the camaraderie developing within the team, a natural consequence of collective toil.

"Anytime guys suffer and sweat together, they grow closer," Rogers said.

The team takes several hours between morning and afternoon practices. Rogers said the 4:30 afternoon starts help the players get acclimated to the heat. The program also will hold a pair of night practices as the season gets closer, so the players can get a feel for playing under the lights before the opener against Frenship.

Ira head coach Toby Goodwin said his team had a "really good" first day of practice Monday. The team was carefree and enthusiastic at this morning's practice, with the seniors on the team taking charge of the stretching and passing drills that started the session. Assistant coach Randy Jones said some positions are still in flux, and the coaching staff will be flexible with the personnel until positions are solidified.

Ira has 23 players out for football this year.

The Hermleigh Cardinals also had a solid first day of practice according to head coach Don Jones.

"It was good for the first day — we had a good workout," he said.

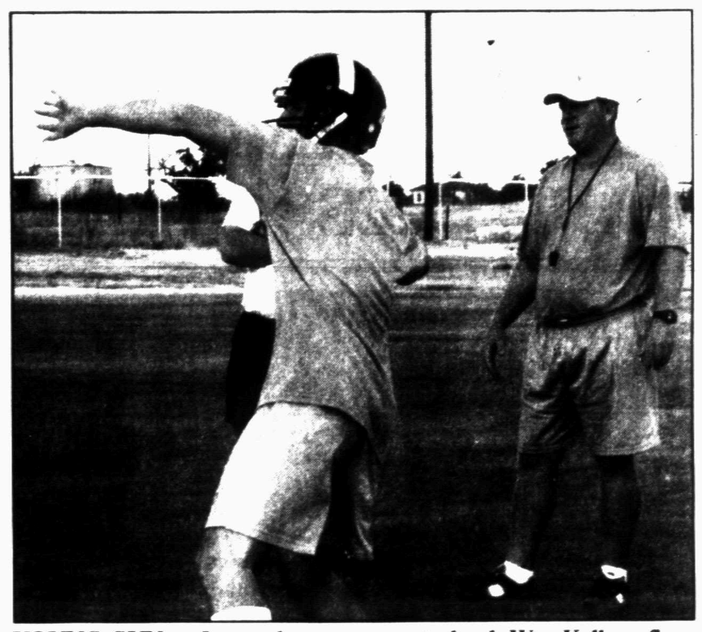
Jones said the returning players are bringing in a positive attitude into this season.

"Their attitude is great," he said. "We are going to surprise some people, and we are going to win some games."

Jones said he has only one freshman at workouts and would like to see more underclassmen come out, but he has a core group of players to build around.

"We have the nucleus," he said. Jones also has some help this year with hiring of assistant coach Raymond House.

Hermleigh, which dealt with a player shortage all of last season, has 12 players at camp this year.



YOUNG GUN — Ira sophomore quarterback Wes Kellner fires a pass during drills this morning, while head coach Toby Goodwin shouts encouragement to his troops. (SDN Staff Photo)

Parcells rapidly installing schemes

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Bill Parcells isn't wasting any time.

After 16 practices and one scrimmage the first 10 days of training camp, Parcells said the Dallas Cowboys are already "90 percent finished" installing the team's schemes and plays.

And now that Parcells is getting a better feel of what he's got, he's ready to see better execution and start determining who's going to be on the field. The season opener is only a month away.

"When this week is over, we'll be 55, 60 percent practice-wise down the road for Atlanta," Parcells said Monday. "We've got to now start understanding how we have to play, what we need to do well. I can start being more definitive and explicit about how I want to build this team."

Quincy Carter and Chad Hutchinson will get more snaps in practice this week, diminishing time for backups Tony Romo and Clint Stoerner, as Parcells tries to determine the starting quarterback.

Parcells said Carter and Hutchinson will both start a preseason game and that he may be able to determine the real No. 1 by the third preseason game. He isn't saying who will start Saturday at Arizona. He said Carter's start in the scrimmage Saturday wasn't any indication of a choice.

"I just indiscriminately decided to start him with the first group," Parcells said. "I'll start one of them one game, one of them the other, and then decide."

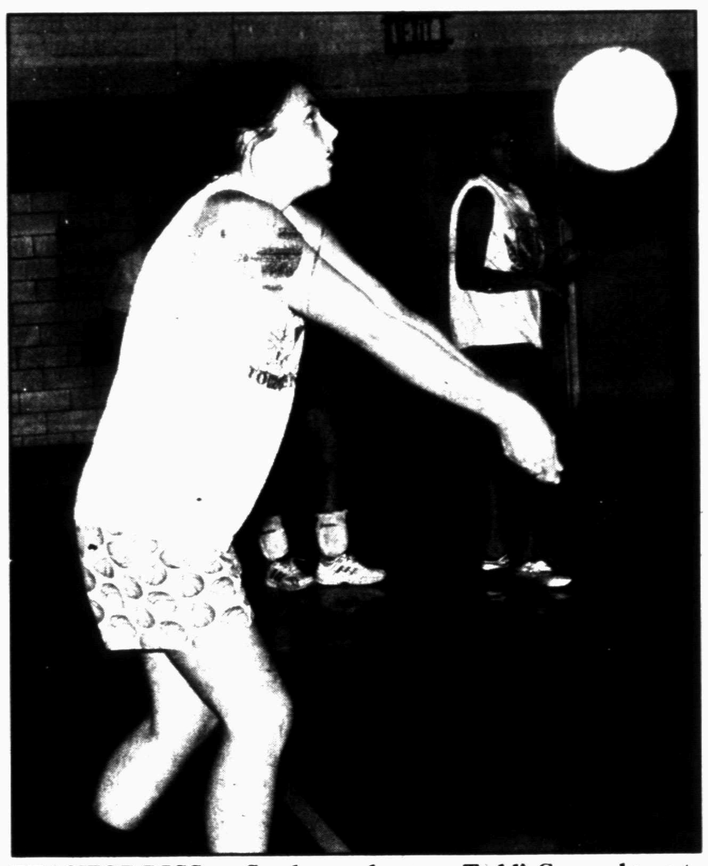
That's only part of improving a team coming off three straight 5-11 seasons, and Parcells doesn't expect things to go smoothly.

His idea for a 53-man roster is picking 20 players each for offense and defense, plus three specialists. That leaves 10 other spots to fill, players that Parcells expects to do well on special teams.

"I haven't picked those 20, but if I were to do it, right now I could probably pick 12 each, maybe a few more," he said.

While the Cowboys did some good things in their scrimmage against the Houston Texans, Parcells made sure they forgot about that when they returned to the field for their only practice Monday, a hard 2½-hour workout in the Alamodome.

"This training camp, period, this team, period, is being led by Bill and he let's you know that," said defensive Greg Ellis.



PRACTICE DIGS — Snyder sophomore Teddi Crenwelge gets some technique work in during the volleyball team's afternoon practice Monday. (SDN Staff Photo)

Chiefs blank Packers in Canton lightning storm

CANTON, Ohio (AP) — Priest Holmes, whose 2002 season ended early with a hip injury, passed the biggest test yet in his comeback as the Kansas City Chiefs beat the Green Bay Packers 9-0 in the Pro Football Hall of Fame game, shortened to less than three quarters Monday night by severe storms.

"They made the right decision," Packers cornerback Al Harris said. "Believe me, everybody wanted to play, but you don't mess with lightning."

There was also a sobering moment when Chiefs offensive tackle Willie Jones was immobilized and taken off the field on a stretcher late in the second quarter.

Chiefs coach Dick Vermeil said Jones sustained a sprained neck, but was beginning to get feeling back in his fingers and toes. Jones remained at Aultman Hospital.

Jones, who suffered temporary paralysis last season during a practice, collapsed to the turf with 17 seconds to go before halftime.

"He went down and wasn't moving," Chiefs tight end Tony Gonzalez said. "I felt like my heart stopped. It looked like he wasn't breathing. It's the worst thing, to see a player down like that. We were all saying our prayers."

The Packers were also moved at the sight of the 6-foot-6, 355-pounder motionless on the ground. Following the game, many asked reporters for an update on Jones.

Franchione dismisses linebacker

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Texas A&M junior linebacker Randall Webb has been dismissed from the football team, coach Dennis Franchione announced Monday.

Franchione had earlier indefinitely suspended Webb for violating team rules. The Aggies also will be without linebacker Brandon Johnson, who is scholastically ineligible.

The new Aggie coaching staff will greet 105 veterans and freshmen today with the first workout set for Wednesday.

Tight end Joey Thomas from Austin Westlake High School and Tate Pittman, a defensive lineman from Odessa Permian High School, are injured and not expected to report.

Neither gun found linked to Dennehy

FORT WORTH (AP) — Neither of two guns found during the investigation of the death of Baylor basketball player Patrick Dennehy is the weapon that killed him, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported today, citing an unnamed law enforcement source.

McLennan County Sheriff Larry Lynch declined any comment on the whereabouts of the gun that was used to shoot Dennehy, who was missing about six weeks before his decomposed body was found in a field July 25.

Lynch said: "We're not going to comment on anything in this case. We're not comfortable in doing that."

But a law enforcement official who asked not to be identified said forensic tests on a firearm found near Dennehy's body showed it was not the gun used in the slaying.

The 21-year-old player, a 6-10 center, was last reported seen on campus June 12, and his family reported him missing June 19. His body was found July 25 and his head was found July 27 near a rock quarry three miles southeast of Waco. He died from gunshot wounds to the head, according to a preliminary autopsy report.

A 9mm pistol, which was found July 17 under a rock on the grounds of an apartment complex near Baylor, was not connected to the case, the law enforcement source told the newspaper.

Police said the gun was loaded except for one chamber. According to a search warrant affidavit, Carlton Dotson told a relative that he shot Dennehy with a 9mm gun.

Sports Briefs

Kiwanis Club golf tournament

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

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

Judge will allow cameras

EAGLE, Colo. (AP) — The judge in the Kobe Bryant case rejected the NBA star's request to keep cameras out of the courtroom during his first court appearance on a sexual assault charge.

Bryant's attorneys argued against allowing cameras during the hearing scheduled Wednesday, saying they could jeopardize Bryant's right to a fair trial.

Major League Baseball

American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	67	42	.615	—
Boston	64	46	.582	3½
Toronto	56	56	.500	12½
Baltimore	52	57	.477	15
Tampa Bay	42	68	.382	25½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Kansas City	60	50	.545	—
Chicago	58	54	.518	3
Minnesota	56	55	.505	4½
Cleveland	45	66	.405	15½
Detroit	29	80	.266	30½

West Division

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

Monday's Games

Minnesota 3, Baltimore 2
Tampa Bay 10, Toronto 1
Kansas City 13, Chicago White Sox 9

Today's Games

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Oakland (Harden 2-0) at Detroit (Cornejo 5-9), 6:05 p.m.
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Kansas City (Snyder 1-5) at Chicago White Sox (Loaiza 13-5), 7:05 p.m.

National League

East Division

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

Central Division

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

West Division

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

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Atlanta (Ramirez 8-4) at Milwaukee (Kinney 7-8), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Leiter 10-5) at Houston (Villone 3-1), 7:05 p.m.
Florida (Penny 9-8) at St. Louis (W.Williams 14-4), 7:10 p.m.
Philadelphia (Myers 10-6) at Colorado (Chacon 11-5), 8:05 p.m.
Montreal (Vargas 6-7) at Arizona (Johnson 1-4), 8:35 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Prior 8-5) at San Diego (Lawrence 5-13), 9:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Graves 4-11) at Los Angeles (K.Brown 10-5), 9:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Wells 5-4) at San Francisco (Schmidt 11-4), 9:15 p.m.

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Saturday's Game

Tampa Bay 30, N.Y. Jets 14

Monday, Aug. 4

Kansas City 9, Green Bay 0, 3rd quarter, weather

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N.Y. Giants at New England, 8 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 8

Tampa Bay at Miami, 7 p.m.
St. Louis at Oakland, 9 p.m.



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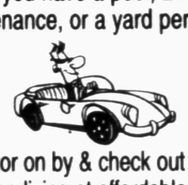
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Report: Texas has six schools labeled 'persistently dangerous'

FORT WORTH (AP) — Six of Texas' 7,734 public schools have been identified as "persistently dangerous," and students there may be transferred to safer schools if they wish, state education officials said.

Of the states that have released names of their dangerous schools, only New Jersey, with seven, has reported more than Texas.

The low number of schools, both statewide and nationally, reported as being dangerous has some school security experts concerned that the new federal law is causing education officials to hide problems rather than fix them.

"Principals are going to be thinking twice about reporting crime knowing that this label of 'persistently dangerous' is hanging over their heads. That's the kiss of death to their career," said Kenneth Trump, executive director of the Ohio-based National School Safety and Security Services.

Texas Education Agency officials, however, defended the rating system.

"The vast majority of Texas schools are safe," Robert Scott, chief deputy commissioner of the TEA, told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

The six Texas schools identified as persistently dangerous are Crystal City High School, Miller Junior High in the San Marcos area and Hornedo, Richardson, Ross and Terrace Hills middle schools in El Paso.

To receive the label, each reported at least three mandatory expulsions per 1,000 students for the school years beginning in 1999, 2000 and 2001, state officials said.

El Paso school district officials said they will send parents notices of the schools' designation, but they plan to appeal the ratings.

"We are dealing with the perception that these schools are bad and unique in their problems," district spokesman Luis Villalobos said. "The truth is that these are middle schools with the typical problems that come with children of that age, but they are no different from any other middle school in the county or the state."

San Marcos Superintendent Sylvester Perez said Miller Junior High does not deserve to be on the state's list.

The school originally miscoded discipline reports sent to the TEA, he said. For example, one student was listed as assaulting a school employee when the report should have read "throwing a pencil into a crowd."

"We are just really concerned right now," said San Marcos district spokeswoman Celina Bley. "Miller Junior High is a safe school and that's one thing we want parents to know."

TEA created this year's list to comply with the federal No Child Left Behind law, which was passed in 2002. It requires each state to define and to provide a list of persistently dangerous schools by the start of the 2003-04 school year.

Senate Republicans were behind the state's 1993 quorum bust

AUSTIN (AP) — What goes around comes around.

At least, that seems to be the case for Texas Republicans who — despite jabs that Democrats holed up in a New Mexico hotel are neglecting their constitutional duty as elected officials — were the ones 10 years ago walking out of the Texas Senate to avoid a vote on a racially tinged judicial redistricting resolution.

"They clearly have a double standard," said Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, who sponsored the resolution. Ellis is one of the 11 Senate Democrats who left the state to block a vote on congressional redistricting.

In 1993, Democrats were the powerhouse in Texas politics and they were set on adopting a resolution as part of a settlement that would have ended at-large elections for state judges in a handful of Texas counties. The proposal would have required 140 judges to run for election in sub-districts within affected counties. Republicans favored a system in which the governor appoints judges, who are then confirmed by the Senate.

But, the GOP was the minority back then, with only 13 in the 31-member body. So, as the Senate prepared to convene and vote on the proposal one spring day in 1993, several Republicans went into a closed-door meeting to discuss their options.

On the chamber floor, then-Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock announced that the Senate could not convene because no quorum was present. Only two of the 13 Republican senators were on the floor. The sound of buzzing emerged from the chamber, in a reference to the 1979 "Killer Bees" rebellion.

The 1993 Republican walkout only lasted a day. Eventually, the settlement was rejected by an appellate court on a technical issue. To date, no such legislation has passed.

Then-Sen. David Sibley, one of the Republicans who broke quorum, wouldn't discuss the circumstances of the 1993 walkout.

"Seems like we did for one day, I guess," said Sibley, who now works as a lobbyist in Austin. "I don't really remember that well."

Asked if the current quorum break was a legitimate option within the rules of the lawmaking process, Sibley responded, "I've got nothing to say about that. I'm sorry, I'm just not going to go there."

Sibley was not the only one connected to the 1993 walkout who seems to have forgotten the episode.

A handful of former legislators and officials called by The Associated Press either didn't remember it, or didn't want to talk "on the record."

Meanwhile, the Republican Party of Texas last week sent the Albuquerque Democrats a care package of diapers, pacifiers and baby rattles.

Party Chairwoman Susan Weddington said she hoped the items "make the Democrats a little more comfortable while they are AWOL from their elected duties. The Democrats may be enjoying their out-of-state vacation now, but when they get back to Texas the people are going to send these rebellious senators straight to their rooms."

The Senate walkout is the second this year by Democrats in the Legislature. In May, more than 50 House Democrats left for four days to kill a redistricting bill in the regular session.

Missing sailboat found OK

GALVESTON (AP) — A sailboat, which was reported overdue for a Sunday arrival at the Mexican port of Tampico, has been located at the Mexican port of Tampico, where it pulled in for repairs after experiencing engine trouble.

Coast Guard Chief Warrant Officer Adam Wine said the 38-foot boat, named Funset, left a marina in League City on July 26 with four aboard and was scheduled to have arrived at its destination in four to six days.

Aboard the vessel, the Coast Guard reported, were Warren "Tim Weeden, Linda Serafini, Janet Benson and Paul Axon, all said to be from the Houston area.

Weeden's family reported Monday that the boat was overdue. Coast Guard jet pilots searched an area of about 3,800 square miles on Monday along the path the vessel was expected to take to Mexico, Wine said.

Professor accused of killing baby

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — Police have arrested a 38-year-old university history professor and accused her of fatally slitting her infant daughter's throat.

The child, Raya Donagi, was found bleeding and unconscious Monday after her grandmother called 911 about 9 a.m. She was pronounced dead at the grandmother's St. Paul home.

Relatives told police that the girl's mother, Mine An Ener, "had inflicted the fatal injuries to the infant," police Sgt. Janet Dunnom said. Police said Ener also confessed to the killing, but prosecutors had not charged her with a crime as of early today.

Ener, a history professor at Villanova University in Pennsylvania, had recently returned to Minnesota with her daughter to be with family as she struggled with depression, police and relatives said.

Ener told police she suffered from postpartum depression and was on medication. She also said the child had suffered from some physical ailments — at one point, the child was fed through a feeding tube — and she just wanted to give the baby some relief.

"She felt the baby was suffering," said police Sgt. Bruce Wynkoop.

Autopsy results on the baby were scheduled today.

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Albertsons	19.19	18.80	18.84	— .26
Alltel	47.11	46.70	46.87	— .18
AmEl Pw	28.15	27.63	27.70	— .40
AndarkPtr	41.77	40.27	41.62	+ 1.12
ATMOS Egy	23.82	23.60	23.72	— .08
Aviall	11.81	11.70	11.75	— .02
BP PLC	41.90	41.60	41.85	+ .35
BakerHughes	31.08	30.57	30.71	— .07
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BellSouth	26.09	25.84	25.95	— .06
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Caterpillar	67.46	66.85	67.30	+ .20
CenterPoint	8.24	8.06	8.18	+ .01
ChevronTex	71.29	70.37	71.00	+ .33
Citigroup	44.10	43.31	43.46	— .41
CocaCola	44.89	44.45	44.60	— .29
ColgatePal	54.52	54.20	54.35	+ .02
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ConocoPhill	53.00	52.50	52.88	+ .61
Cooper Inds	44.65	44.05	44.36	— .21
DaimlrChry	35.74	35.42	35.63	+ .19
DeltaAirl	11.06	10.63	10.85	— .15
Dillards Inc	15.21	14.79	14.81	— .30
DowChem	34.84	34.40	34.63	— .25
DuPont	43.72	43.25	43.42	— .15
EastmanChem	35.80	35.38	35.48	— .24
EstKodak	27.42	27.04	27.17	— .33
EDS Corp	22.45	22.18	22.21	— .08
Entergy	51.23	50.71	50.78	— .33
ExxonMobil	35.84	35.50	35.69	+ .08
FootLocker	14.40	14.07	14.17	— .33
GenDynam	79.20	77.70	78.14	— 1.23
GenElec	28.53	28.02	28.15	— .33
GenMills	45.86	45.51	45.62	— .06
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Sunoco Inc	36.82	36.35	36.75	+ .32
TXU Corp	21.11	20.83	20.99	+ .01
TempleInland	46.12	45.51	45.61	— .52
TexInd	24.09	23.25	23.78	+ .58
TexasInst	18.90	18.46	18.55	— .25
Textron	42.52	41.60	41.67	— 1.34
TrinityInds	22.27	21.90	21.90	— .28
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California Demos mull fielding recall candidate

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Democratic unease ahead of California's landmark recall vote appeared to leave the once-unified front behind Gov. Gray Davis in tatters, with one official wondering whether "putting all the eggs in one basket makes sense."

Seventeen state senators met behind closed doors Monday to discuss a possible Democratic alternative to Davis. Sen. Barbara Boxer said Democrats should field another candidate if polls indicate Davis would lose.

After the meeting, lawmakers declined to endorse having an alternate candidate on the Oct. 7 recall ballot, leaving for now only Republicans and unknown Democrats as alternatives to Davis.

Rep. Loretta Sanchez said Monday she believed the Democrats would field an alternate to Davis even if their first choice, U.S. Sen. Dianne Feinstein, decides not to run.

Feinstein has said she is flattered but has declined further comment.

State Sen. Don Perata said the issue goes beyond the recall: "We have a lot a stake here that has nothing to do with the future of a Democratic governor and everything to do with the future of the party."

Democratic leaders in California decided early on to try to defeat the recall by keeping viable Democratic candidates off the ballot. But several elected officials — including Boxer, Sanchez and two other of the state's representatives in Congress — last week publicly questioned that strategy.

Boxer said Monday that some leading Democrats believe it's a mistake to stick to a campaign strategy that just opposes the recall without considering the need for a viable Democratic candidate.

Boxer said she strongly opposes the recall, but that Democrats should field another candidate if polls show Davis would lose his job. After examining poll results this week, Boxer said she'll say by Friday if she thinks another Democrat should run. The deadline to enter the race is Saturday.

"The strategy of defeating the recall is a very good strategy. I want to make sure it's working before the time is over that somebody (else) can run," she said.

Disagreeing was San Francisco Mayor Willie Brown, who served 14 years as speaker of the California Assembly. He said the party's best strategy would be to keep Davis as the sole candidate.

"No Democrat can successfully negotiate those waters," Brown said Monday.

Nevertheless, state Sen. John Burton said state Democrats remained nervous "about whether or not putting all the eggs in one basket makes sense."

Lawyers for Davis, meanwhile, asked the California Supreme Court on Monday to delay the Oct. 7 recall election until March and to list Davis' name on the ballot among the candidates seeking to replace him.

The defendants, including Secretary of State Kevin Shelley, have until Wednesday morning to respond.

Voters will make two decisions in the recall election: whether to remove Davis, and whom to choose as his successor if he is recalled. Under California election law, the subject of the recall cannot be on the list of replacement candidates.

Counties have reported 344 people taking out nominating papers so far, but none had completed the application process, the secretary of state's office said on its Web site.

The rapidly changing list of potential candidates grew Monday, as pornography mogul Larry Flynt declared his intent to join the race.

Flynt, the publisher of Hustler magazine, said the candidate with the best name recognition would probably win. "I felt that there was nobody out there that had better name recognition than I did," said Flynt, who would run as a Democrat.

A potential Flynt candidacy and speculation about the aspirations of actor Arnold Schwarzenegger led Boxer to conclude Democrats shouldn't necessarily pin all their hopes on Davis, she said.

One Republican who is definitely running, state Sen. Tom McClintock, said Monday he would formally file to be a candidate Tuesday at the Ventura County election office.

CIA: Latest recording probably authentic

WASHINGTON (AP) — An audiotape from Osama bin Laden's top deputy warning that the United States will pay dearly if it harms detainees at Guantanamo Bay is probably authentic, a CIA official said Monday.

The assessment was based on a technical analysis of the tape, which was first aired over the weekend, said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity. The CIA can't be certain but believes the voice on the tape was Ayman al-Zawahiri's, the No. 2 official in bin Laden's al-Qaida network, this official said.

The recording, obtained by the Arab satellite station Al-Arabiya, promises retaliation for Washington's announcement that it could start putting the detainees on military trials that could result in death sentences.

"I swear by the almighty God ... that Crusader America will pay dearly for any harm done to any of the Muslim prisoners it is holding," the recording said.

The CIA said it could not determine when the tape was made. The reference to Guantanamo trials indicates it was made within the past month.

The recorded statement prompted warnings from Attorney General John Ashcroft over the weekend of a "very real potential" for another al-Qaida attack. Ashcroft told "Fox News Sunday" that "al-Qaida wants to strike us."

Ashcroft told ABC's "This Week" that the tape "signals to us that the war is still under way, that al-Qaida still has the same intentions toward the United States that it did when it unleashed its savage attack" on Sept. 11, 2001.

The tape said all those who handed the prisoners to America or to any of its agents also will pay: "Let it be clear to those who conspire with America that America cannot defend itself, let alone defend others."

The Arabic recording said every prisoner held by the infidels should know that his release is a "debt hanging from the neck" of every Muslim fighter, and "his brothers have not forgotten that they will avenge him from the new Crusaders.

"But we tell America one thing: what you have seen so far is nothing but the first skirmishes. The real battle hasn't started yet."

Al-Zawahiri's whereabouts are not known. U.S. officials believe bin Laden, who was not mentioned in the audio tape, and al-Zawahiri are hiding in the wilderness near the Afghanistan-Pakistan frontier.

Man gets five years for taking nude photographs

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A man who took nude photographs of a 16-year-old boy on San Antonio's River Walk two years ago, said the pictures were art, not pornography.

A jury disagreed in June, finding 33-year-old Benito Tovar guilty on charges of inducing a sexual performance of a minor and possession of child pornography.

And Monday, state District Judge Juanita Vasquez-Gardner pronounced sentence: five years in prison.

The sentence came after a brief hearing in which the San Antonio man's friends, family and attorney pleaded that he be granted probation.

Tovar said in court that he took full responsibility for what he labeled as an error in judgment. He said he was only trying to help his victim fulfill his desires of being a model, while at the same time trying to expand his own art portfolio.

"I just wanted to help someone with his dream, and I wanted to create something that was beautiful, but I messed up," Tovar told the judge.

Tovar's sister asked for leniency. She told the judge that her children, ages 7 and 9, considered their uncle a father figure and now cry every day because they are forbidden by law to be around him, the San Antonio Express-News reported.

"You are not only punishing him, you are punishing my children as well," the sister said. "They ask where he is every day. They don't understand why the man that has been helping me raise them is no longer around."

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Wednesday, Aug. 6, 2003

New heights can be achieved in the year ahead where both your personal and work life are concerned. However, ambition alone won't do the trick — it'll take effort and application to grow and prosper.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Although you may use the excuse of your love for someone as to why you are overly possessive, it will still be interpreted as unreasonable restraint. Take off those handcuffs.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Unless you're very careful not to bring up an unresolved issue that has recently caused problems between you and your mate, it could flame up again today. Have the fire hoses ready.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — This is definitely the wrong day to offer unsolicited advice or criticism to anybody. People in general do not want their actions questioned, nor to have to explain away their frustrations.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — That tidy little sum you've been prudently stashing away could be blown today in one careless stroke of extravagance unless you're on top of every move you make. Spend wisely.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — In your involvement with family members or relatives you may not be as tolerant as you should be today. Don't take your frustration out on those who love you the most. They don't deserve it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Envisioning obstructions and complications where they need not exist causes your imagination to work against you instead of for you. Take things for what they appear to be.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Before impulsively volunteering to work on a project, you better first take the time to assess what it might cost you in both time and money. Once committed, it'll be difficult to withdraw.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Being overly insistent upon having things your way today could create clashes with those with whom you work. The boss may be equally inflexible, and want the last word.

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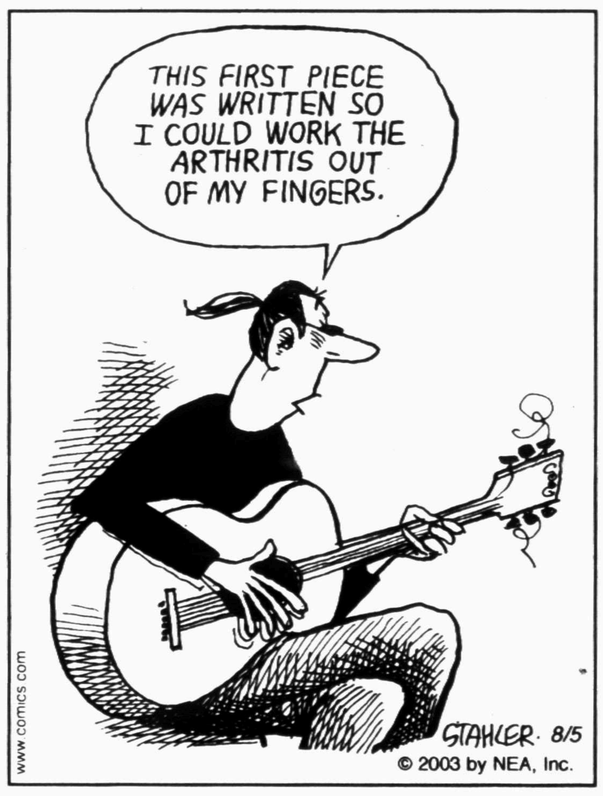
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GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Be on your toes today or there's a possibility you could be used as an unwitting pawn in a one-upmanship game being played by two friends. Each may claim you as their ally.

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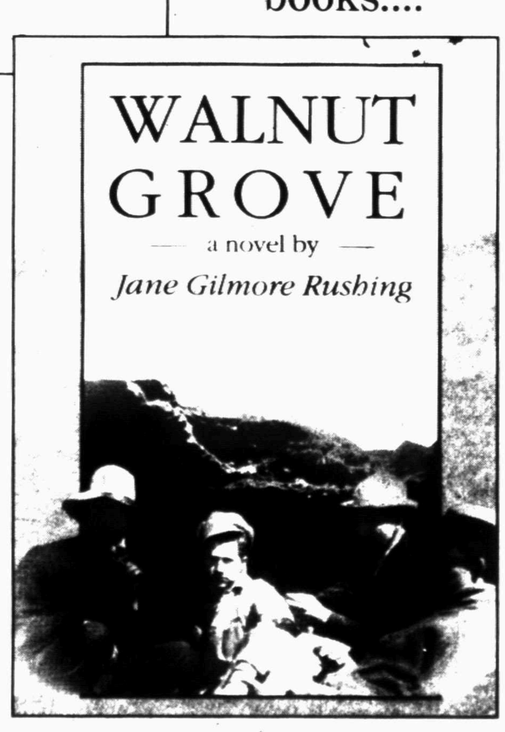
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USDA issues new guidelines to help meat shipping firms protect against terrorism

WASHINGTON (AP) — Companies that ship meat, poultry and eggs should tighten security in places where terrorists would be likely to tamper with food, according to new guidelines by the Agriculture Department.

The guidelines issued Monday are voluntary, but department officials said meatpackers, shipping companies, retailers and other distributors have a vested interest in making sure food is safe for consumers.

"These guidelines will further enhance the safety and security of meat, poultry and egg products throughout the food distribution chain," said Garry L. McKee, administrator of the department's Food Safety and Inspection Service.

Under the recommendations, companies are asked to check for vulnerable spots in the shipping where terrorists could poison food with harmful bacteria or chemicals. Companies should make security improvements like providing workers with additional training and increasing oversight of trucks, ships and airplanes carrying food, department officials said.

They noted that terrorists are most likely to sabotage hamburger, chicken or other meat and poultry products as they are loaded and unloaded from freight trains or trucks. Those are moments when workers should closely monitor the shipments, the department said.

The department also recommended:

—Truckers and other workers should be trained to deal with intentional and unintentional contamination of the food they are hauling.

—Those who are hauling meat products should routinely check their loads to ensure they haven't been tainted and that the food is kept at the proper temperature.

—Processors should make sure the company shipping their product has a security program to protect the food.

—Shippers also should check the seals on the doors of boats, planes and trucks carrying meat, poultry and eggs, to ensure that no one has broken in.

The department said in a Federal Register notice that it is seeking comments before it considers issuing the guidelines as requirements.

The Agriculture Department is charged with ensuring that meat, poultry and eggs are safe. Some other foods, like cheese, are overseen by the Food and Drug Administration.

Son of Demo candidate faces charges

BURLINGTON, Vt. (AP) — Police said that while four teens tried to break into a country club to get liquor, the 17-year-old son of Democratic presidential candidate Howard Dean waited at the wheel of the getaway car.

For his alleged role, Paul Dean must now answer charges that he helped burglarize the Burlington Country Club during the early morning of June 20. He faces an accessory charge in the incident and was scheduled to appear in court today.

Described by his father as an "honor student," Paul Dean, who also is captain of his school hockey team, was with a group of classmates that police said were caught trying to steal beer from the country club.

Police allegedly spotted the younger Dean seated at the wheel of a car near the country club. After questioning him, they learned a burglary was in progress.

The four others face burglary charges.

It was unclear if presidential candidate Howard Dean would attend his son's court appearance. He had no public appearances scheduled today morning.

After his son's arrest, he said that Paul would have to face the consequences of his actions.

"He's going to have to go through the judicial system and they are going to figure out what to do about him and his friends," Dean said in late June.

New York City will try to match DNA profiles to crimes

NEW YORK (AP) — City officials plan to scour the records of hundreds of unsolved sex crimes and bring indictments against still-unknown attackers based on their DNA, an effort to circumvent the statute of limitations.

Indicting the unidentified rapists by their DNA profile alone permits authorities to later arrest and charge suspects, a way to "stop the clock" on a 10-year deadline to prosecute, Mayor Michael Bloomberg said Monday in announcing the plan.

"So on the day that we find out who that rapist is, whether it takes us 10 years, 20 years, 30 years or more, he will have his day in court," he said.

Some criminal law specialists said avoiding the statute of limitations would make it more difficult for suspects to defend themselves since exculpatory evidence may have disappeared and witnesses may have died.

"The whole purpose of having a statute of limitations is that it's more difficult to defend yourself in a case that's been hanging out there for 20 to 30 years," said Justin Brooks, director of the California Innocence Project, which focuses on the use of DNA to exonerate wrongly convicted people.

Brooks also he had concerns about indicting and charging people who were not aware they were suspected of a crime.

While the strategy of indicting based on DNA has been used sparingly in New York and elsewhere in the past, Bloomberg said it will become "business as usual in our city."

DNA evidence has been collected in more than 600 unsolved sex assaults in the city that occurred nine years ago. Authorities hope to single out cases involving attacks committed by strangers and indict the assailants' DNA profiles before the 10-year deadline, so prosecutors can bring charges against them if they are caught.

The 1994 attacks "are the cases we hope to target first, before it's too late," Bloomberg said.

Forensic experts said the program raises concerns about whether the technology used to test older samples of DNA is reliable enough to indict suspects.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Unsupervised backyard pool could lead to deep trouble

DEAR ABBY: My daughter has a 3-foot-deep swimming pool in her yard. My two granddaughters, ages 5 and 9, have been playing in it all summer with friends their ages.

I am deeply concerned because they are out there alone for hours. They are not supervised by an adult or competent teenager. I'm worried because I know a horrible accident can happen very quickly. Do you think I am being overly protective? — **DISTRESSED NANA IN NEBRASKA**

DEAR DISTRESSED NANA: No, I do not. Even adults should not swim alone. If something were to "go wrong" with one of the children in the pool, someone who knows how to react in an emergency — or recognize that it IS an emergency — should be present in a supervisory capacity. To do otherwise is child endangerment.

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DEAR ABBY: "Graciela in Brazil" said she has been dating a young man for only a month, and that he is pushing so hard for an exclusive relationship that she "sometimes feels suffocated." You advised that his behavior is one of the warning signs of an abuser.

About 10 years ago, I met a woman who is now my ex-wife. I "overlooked" the fact that she initially lied to me about the fact she was married. She left her "controlling" husband, and we entered into an immediate sexual and exclusive relationship (I slept with her the night we met). On a scale of one to 10, our passion level was about a 12.

After three months, she pushed for marriage and I went along. She said, "Let's set a wedding date," even though she didn't know when her divorce would be final. The next time we were shopping, she suggested buying our wedding bands so we would have them when the time came. In spite of the fact I felt things were moving too quickly, I went along with everything because I didn't want to be perceived as noncommittal — and our passion was boundless.

We were married five days after her divorce was final, even though we'd had some heavy-duty arguments during the 10 months we dated. Those arguments stemmed from one issue: She felt threatened by my past relationships. I couldn't convince her that I had absolutely no contact with any of my former girlfriends. If there was a hang-up on my answering machine, she suspected an old girlfriend was trying to contact me.

I believe, in retrospect, if her first husband was controlling, she saw in me someone SHE could control. I had sent her that message loud and clear when I let slide her lying to me about her marital status when we met.

I know all of this is water over the dam, but I'm curious. Am I off base in believing she was a controlling person herself? — **NEVER AGAIN IN VIRGINIA**

DEAR NEVER AGAIN: What a story! I'd say you are right on target with your assessment. I suspect your former wife was terrified of being alone and on her own — and you were the safety net she grabbed onto. Of course, there were warning signs all over the place, all of which are visible with hindsight.

It's time to pinpoint what need in yourself was filled by allowing her to lie to you and lead you around by the nose. Counseling would be helpful to you in closing this chapter of your life. If you haven't done so already, I recommend you get a referral.

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Alcohol is associated with intestinal malignancies

DEAR DR. GOTT: How long does it take for a tumor the size of an apple to form in the colon? Would heavy drinking contribute to the growth?

DEAR READER: Some tumors, such as prostate and bowel cancer, usually grow slowly over years; other malignancies can reach the size of an apple in weeks. Therefore, the answer to your question depends on the type of tumor.

For example, some cancers contain cells that appear so abnormal that a pathologist cannot identify the source of the growths. Such lesions are so malignant that they spread rapidly and kill early.

On the other hand, other lesions show fairly organized cellular structures, and are considered to be less aggressively malignant than the types I mentioned above. Such characteristics can be determined by biopsy, and are of crucial importance because effective therapy depends on whether the type and source of the cancer can be determined. For instance, the presence of cancerous lung cells in a lymph node has more far-reaching consequences than the appearance of abnormal lymph gland cells in that organ. In the first instance, the finding confirms the spread of cancer (metastases), whereas the second situation suggests lymphoma, a relatively easy malignancy to treat.

Excessive alcohol consumption is statistically associated with certain malignancies in the gastrointestinal tract.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: My husband's toenails and fingernails are unnaturally convex, woody, thickened, and yellow. The tips of his fingers and toes are red and globular. What could be causing this?

DEAR READER: Your husband probably has an advanced fungal infection of his nails — or he could be suffering from a circulatory deficiency. In the first instance, he may be helped either by anti-fungal medication such as Lamisil pills, or, as a cheaper alternative, the application of Vick's VapoRub to the affected nails.

In the second instance, he would need medical attention.

I recommend that he be examined by a podiatrist, who will provide necessary nail care and refer your husband to a physician, if necessary, for examination and testing to determine if your husband has a health issue, such as diabetes or vascular disease, that needs attention.

DEAR DR. GOTT: You were wrong to advise women to receive abortion counseling from groups such as Planned Parenthood, the very organizations that promote and carry out abortions. Remember, when you go to a shoe store, the salesman is going to try to sell you shoes.

DEAR READER: In my experience, organizations such as Planned Parenthood make serious efforts to be objective and nonjudgmental. I believe that they are appropriate and valid resources for counseling.

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

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Pakistani man in U.S. custody expected to face terror charges

NEW YORK (AP) — A Pakistani man who has been held in U.S. custody for the past four months could face terrorism conspiracy charges over alleged ties to al-Qaida, according to broadcast reports.

The man, Uzair Paracha, 23, was arrested in New York by agents from the FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force in March, and has been held as a material witness in the government's al-Qaida investigation.

Authorities suspect Paracha of helping operatives of the terrorist group gain entry into the United States and of being part of an effort to obtain chemical weapons, his attorney, Anthony Ricco, told CNN.

Federal agents were given information leading to Paracha's arrest by Khalid Shaikh Mohammed, the alleged Sept. 11, 2001, attack planner who was arrested in Pakistan in March, Ricco said.

Paracha is expected to be charged with helping terrorists obtaining weapons of mass destruction and conspiracy to give the assistance, CNN and NBC News reported Monday. Fox News, citing people close to the investigation, said a final decision on charges had not been made.

Ricco balked at the allegations.

"He is an extremely bright and extremely naive guy," Ricco said. "He is neither a chemist nor a soldier."

Calls by The Associated Press seeking further details from Ricco and the FBI were not immediately returned Monday.

Authorities said they do not know if Paracha is an al-Qaida member, but they are worried over his access to the shipping industry. His father operates a clothing export firm in Pakistan that ships clothing containers to Newark, N.J.

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Gene Grimes was born in Watonga, Ok. on January 8, 1938. He and his wife Kathy have been married for 31 years. He has 3 children, 11 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. He worked as a Drilling Contractor for a number of years and was a member of the Kiwanis. He has always enjoyed racketball and all sports. He was in the National Guard. He puts up and takes the flag down for us each day. We are proud to have him as a member of our family at Snyder Oaks

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13 killed in hotel bomb blast in Jakarta

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — A powerful car bomb exploded in an apparent suicide attack outside the Marriott hotel in downtown Jakarta on today, killing 13 people and wounding 149 — including two Americans.

Shattered glass and puddles of blood covered the ground for two blocks around the hotel after the bombing, which came amid fears that Islamic militants still pose a threat to security here after last year's Bali bombings.

"People were screaming, panicking," said Sodik, a man who goes by one name who was having lunch on the 27th floor of an adjacent building. "I thought it was an earthquake."

The attack targeted the Indonesian capital's business district, which is near many embassies and a popular place for foreigners to stay. No one immediately took responsibility, but the blast came two days ahead of a verdict in the trial of a key suspect in the Bali nightclub bombings, which killed 202 people.

Authorities warned that more attacks were likely in Indonesia after the Oct. 12 Bali attack, which the United States and other governments blamed on the al-Qaida-linked regional terrorist network Jemaah Islamiyah.

As police investigated the Marriott carnage, the terror group's alleged leader, Muslim cleric Abu Bakar Bashir, began testifying in a Jakarta courtroom in his trial for a series of Christmas Eve church bombings three years ago.

A U.S. official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said today's attack showed characteristics of past violence by the Jemaah Islamiyah. He said it was a trademark of the group to cause as many deaths as possible, though he stressed that most casualties appeared to be Indonesians, not foreigners.

President Megawati Sukarnoputri's government has arrested scores of alleged Jemaah Islamiyah members since the Bali attacks, and today's bombing amplified fears that militants are trying to strike back at her administration.

Indonesia's Vice President Hamzah Haz said the car bomb might have targeted U.S. interests in the country.

Desperately needed aid flows toward Liberia's capital city

MONROVIA, Liberia (AP) — Desperately needed aid flowed toward Liberia's capital today as the arrival of West African peacekeeping troops brought a dramatic easing of two weeks of gunbattles in the rebel-besieged city.

Nigerian troops began arriving Monday at the vanguard of what will be a 3,250 strong force seeking to end 14 years of carnage and usher warlord-turned-president Charles Taylor into exile.

The Nigerians, who concentrated on setting up defenses at the airport, had yet to be seen inside the city. But with guns stilled and expectations high, fighters on both sides waved at each other, hungry families emerged from homes to scour for food, and relief workers rushed supplies toward Monrovia.

The international intervention came after weeks of rebel sieges of the capital, aimed at ousting the president.

Taylor, who has reneged on previous promises to step down, assured Nigerian officials that he would leave Liberia soon after he cedes power, which he promised to do Aug. 11.

"He even said the place would no longer be safe for him then," said Nigerian diplomat Folu Ogunbanwo, who attended a private meeting between the Liberian leader and Nigeria Foreign Minister Oluyemi Adeniji.

American Marines were offshore in two warships, but it remained unclear if they would come ashore.

U.S. and West African diplomats were negotiating entry to the rebel-held side of three key bridges — the dividing lines for two months between the port and Taylor's stronghold downtown.

Three rebels at the city's fiercely contested New Bridge briefly crossed from the insurgent-held port early today, shaking hands with government fighters before returning to the other side.

"Our brothers on the other side are clearly tired of fighting. Just like our men here," said Prince Hilton.

Three persons arrested in Snyder

•Arrests

Joelda Hester, 29, of 2111 O'Neil Ave. was taken into custody from adult probation at 1:54 p.m. Monday on a felony warrant for motion to revoke.

At 12:32 p.m. Monday, a 23-year-old woman was arrested in the 2000 block of Ave. L on a warrant for issuing bad checks. She was taken to the sheriff's office, then later released.

A 27-year-old man was arrested at 12:32 a.m. today in the 2000 block of Sunset on warrants for theft by check, failure to appear, and failure to serve time for carrying a concealed weapon.

•Burglary

Wayne Jones reported at 7:05 a.m. Monday that equipment had been stolen from Blankenship Packer Service. A report for burglary of a building was filed.

•Criminal mischief

At 7:42 a.m., Nicky Martinez reported damage to her vehicle at 1707 Ave. E. A report for criminal mischief was submitted.

Damage to windows in a vehicle was reported at 5:07 p.m. Monday in the 1300 Block of 23rd Street. A close patrol was initiated.

Jose Rodarte requested officers at 7:16 p.m. Monday at 2303 27th Street in reference to someone throwing a brick at his pickup. A criminal mischief report was submitted.

•Criminal trespass

Val York reported at 8:33 a.m. Monday that some electrical boxes at Western Crest Apartments were being tampered with. Officers filed a report for criminal trespass.

•Disorderly conduct

At 7:07 p.m. Monday, a woman on Hill Street reported another woman harassing her. A report for disorderly conduct was filed.

•Grass fire

Monday at 5:54 p.m., Snyder fire department was called to a small grass fire at FM 1611 and Gary Brewer Rd. Three fire trucks and a Scurry County sheriff's deputy responded.

•Gas drive off

An employee at Town and Country east at 6 p.m. Monday reported a gas drive off worth $58.74.

•Animal patrol

At 11 a.m. Monday, David Phillips at 1601 Ave. T reported that a stray cat had scratched his daughter. The animal was secured and report was filed.

•Bee swarm

Adrianna Jones reported a swarm of bees at her residence on County Road 132 at 4:30 p.m. Monday. The game warden was advised.

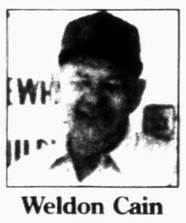
Obituaries

Weldon Cain

1931-2003

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

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



Weldon Cain

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

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

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

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

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

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

Velta Day

1925-2003

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

Graveside service for Mr. Day was held today in the Slaters Chapel Cemetery in Nolan County. The Rev. Walter McCall, Odyssey Hospice chaplain, officiated. Arrangements were under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.



Velta Day

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

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

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

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

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Lottery Commission OKs Texas joining Mega Millions game

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Lottery Commission voted today to join 10 other states in the multistate lottery Mega Millions.

Lottery officials expect $324.5 million in game ticket sales in Texas over 10 months starting this fall.

To begin participating in the multi-jurisdiction lottery, certain steps must be taken including entering into an agreement with Mega Millions and adopting game rules, said Reagan Greer, executive director of the Texas Lottery Commission.

"We are looking at a late fall timeline for having this process completed," Greer said.

For weeks, Greer had been studying whether to recommend that Texas join Mega Millions or Powerball. Both are multistate lotteries.

The Legislature in its regular session this past spring approved joining a multistate lottery as a way to raise more state revenue.

Multistate lottery games are designed to generate jackpots into the hundreds of millions of dollars, creating a frenzy of ticket purchases across the country. Participating states get a cut of the tickets sold within their borders.

The push to join a multistate lottery comes as Lotto Texas, the state's signature game, continues to suffer from depressed ticket sales. This spring, lottery officials increased the odds against winning a jackpot from one in 25 million to nearly one in 48 million.

Powerball and Mega Millions officials made presentations to lottery commissioners in June.

Prison system to cut overtime pay

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — The Texas Department of Criminal Justice said Monday it would eliminate cash payments for the first 240 hours of overtime worked by prison guards and parole officers and instead give them extra time off from work.

"To continue to pay for overtime is simply not prudent if the agency is to get by for the next two years in our tight fiscal climate," said Texas Department of Criminal Justice Executive Director Gary Johnson, adding that the overtime pay can be trimmed because of increased staffing since 1999.

Johnson said overtime pay cost the prison system $36.1 million in 2002 and $32.2 million a year earlier. This year the state's prisons have budgeted for $22 million in overtime spending.

Prison officials said guards rarely accumulate more than 240 hours of overtime .

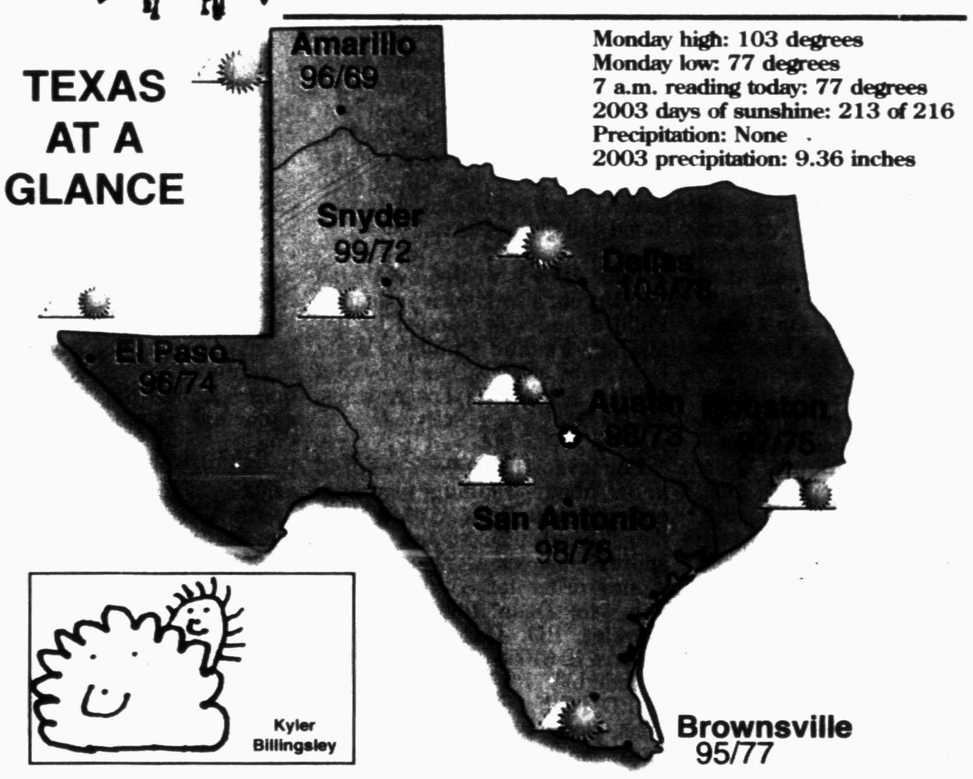
Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Wed 8/6	Thu 8/7	Fri 8/8
99/72	100/70	98/70
Sunshine along with some passing clouds. High 99F. Winds SSE at 5 to 10 mph.	Mix of sun and clouds. Highs 98 to 102F and lows in the low 70s.	Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the low 70s.
Sunrise 7:01 AM, Sunset 8:38 PM	Sunrise 7:01 AM, Sunset 8:37 PM	Sunrise 7:02 AM, Sunset 8:36 PM

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TEXAS AT A GLANCE



Monday high: 103 degrees
Monday low: 77 degrees
7 a.m. reading today: 77 degrees
2003 days of sunshine: 213 of 216
Precipitation: None
2003 precipitation: 9.36 inches

Kyler Billingsley

Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	102	76	mst sunny	El Paso	96	74	pt sunny	Midland	100	74	mst sunny
Amarillo	96	69	mst sunny	Fort Stockton	97	72	pt sunny	Raymondville	97	75	mst sunny
Austin	98	73	pt sunny	Gainesville	103	73	mst sunny	Rosenberg	96	75	pt sunny
Beaumont	96	75	pt sunny	Greenville	101	72	mst sunny	San Antonio	98	75	pt sunny
Brownsville	95	77	mst sunny	Houston	97	75	pt sunny	San Marcos	99	74	pt sunny
Brownwood	104	74	mst sunny	Kingsville	96	74	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	103	71	mst sunny
Corpus Christi	94	77	pt sunny	Livingston	99	72	pt sunny	Sweetwater	101	74	pt sunny
Corsicana	101	74	mst sunny	Longview	99	72	pt sunny	Tyler	101	75	mst sunny
Dallas	104	78	mst sunny	Lubbock	99	72	mst sunny	Weatherford	103	73	mst sunny
Del Rio	100	77	pt sunny	Lufkin	99	74	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	105	75	mst sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	83	67	t-storm	Houston	97	75	pt sunny	Phoenix	110	84	pt sunny
Boston	77	69	t-storm	Los Angeles	79	63	pt sunny	San Francisco	68	54	windy
Chicago	81	65	t-storm	Miami	86	77	t-storm	Seattle	71	55	rain
Dallas	104	78	mst sunny	Minneapolis	80	66	rain	St. Louis	86	70	t-storm
Denver	91	63	t-storm	New York	81	71	t-storm	Washington, DC	87	73	cloudy

Moon Phases

First	Full	Last	New
Aug 5	Aug 12	Aug 20	Aug 27

UV Index

Wed 8/6	Thu 8/7	Fri 8/8
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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