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Redistricting feud heats up

HOUSTON (AP) — A lawyer advising Republican lawmakers behind the scenes as they draft congressional redistricting maps designed to defeat incumbent Democrats is receiving criticism for also serving as attorney of record for the political group founded by U.S. House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, who has pushed for redrawing district lines.

Lawyer Andy Taylor, Democrats say, would also receive $400 an hour to defend any legal challenges against the state if one of the maps is approved in the special legislative session on redistricting..

Taylor is an attorney of record for Texans for a Republican Majority, founded by DeLay.

"If a Democrat was doing this, there'd be a moaning and gnashing of teeth. It's corrupt," Rep. Jim Dunnam, chairman of the House Democratic Caucus, told the Houston Chronicle.

Taylor's role in the redistricting process was defended by a spokeswoman for Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott.

"Mr. Taylor was retained for a single purpose, to ensure any map passed by the Legislature clears the Department of Justice and withstands court challenges," said the spokeswoman, Jane Shepperd. "Mr. Taylor has and will continue to offer his legal analysis of actual proposed maps in order to fulfill the purpose for which he was retained."

Taylor's office referred questions to the attorney general's office. The attorney did not return a telephone call from The Associated Press early today.

On Monday, the House passed a congressional redistricting bill that would make it all but impossible for six incumbent Democrats to win re-election next year, giving the GOP a 21-11 majority in the Texas delegation. The Senate has informally rejected that map and is now drawing its own redistricting proposal. The $1.7 million special session ends July 29.

Last week, a Democratic House Redistricting Committee member asked Republican map sponsor Rep. Phil King what experts were in a private room helping him draw maps. Several versions of the map were drawn.

King, R-Weatherford, responded that it was Republican National Committee lawyer Dale Holden and Taylor. King told the Chronicle that the lawyers were not in the room during the actual drawing of the maps. He said the lawyers were invited in to review already drawn maps.

"We had them come in and do a legal scrubbing," he said. "I was very cautious not to have any lawyers in there when I was drawing the map. We don't want them to be witnesses. We want them to be legal counsel."

THE SDN COLUMN

MY TURN by Brian Briscndine



One of the best publications to reach our mailbox each month is *Texas Monthly* magazine.

It's always a good read with great reporting and fantastic photos from across the state. We look forward to perusing the latest copy each month, but two issues each year always are highlights.

The reputable magazine annually publishes its *Bum Steer Awards*, which poke fun and take jabs at folks who almost always deserve the attention.

The other yearly tradition the magazine provides is its list of the state's *Best and Worst Legislators*.

The writers hold no punches in evaluating our state leaders — just the way it ought to be.

We West Texans can count ourselves lucky to have two of our own on the best half of the list.

Senator Teel Bivins is an Amarillo Republican and tops the magazine's best list.

We lived in Canyon, or South Amarillo as it's also called, for four years and enjoyed several audiences with Sen. Bivins.

We can attest that he is a gentleman and a great guy to have on our side.

Bivins had a tough job in this legislative session as chairman of the Senate Finance Committee — the body responsible for drafting a balanced budget.

Not an easy task, considering he went in with an almost $10 billion deficit to start with.

But Bivins stuck to his guns and played the game well and, in the end, came out with a balanced budget the *Texas Monthly* folks say shows as much mercy as possible.

Bivins is known for checking what ego he has at the door and doing whatever is necessary to help his constituents.

We're not in his district, but we're neighbors and everyone in our neck of the woods has got to stick together and fight the big-city boys for whatever we can get out of Austin.

Along with Bivins on the *Best* list is our own state senator, Robert Duncan.

We've met and interviewed Sen. Duncan on several occasions and he too is a standup guy who will fight for his home turf.

The Lubbock Republican knows how to play the game and, even better, he knows where Snyder is.

He's another ally in the capital who will do what he can for all of us west of I-30.

Duncan had very large shoes to fill in his predecessor John Montford, but so far looks like he's doing well.

One guy from our part of the state landed on the *Worst* half of the list and we think he deserves it.

Tom Craddick, a Republican from Midland, we think did a lousy job as Speaker of the House.

For years, Texas government has been a model of bi-partisanship and folks from both sides of the aisle working together — not anymore.

We don't know of an era in Texas politics more divided or more nasty than the one we've entered into under Mr. Craddick's watch.

If the bickering and partisan hatred doesn't end soon, the only folks who stand to lose are the citizens of Texas.

These guys should forget their differences for a little while and get back to work for the folks who put them where they are.

Maybe next year we can get a few more of our own on that *Best* list.



Hospital looking good...

OPEN HOUSE — Cogdell Memorial Hospital was a busy place Wednesday afternoon, as more than 150 attended the open house to view recently completed renovations. Helen Hood, above left, accepts a cup of punch from auxiliary members, left to right, Carolyn Cox, Peggy Fowler and Alma Posey. At left, Ouida Bruner and Geleska Baze take time to visit in the new Sue Mize Chapel. (SDN Staff Photos)

Chapel is named in honor of benefactor

More than 150 people attended the Cogdell Memorial Hospital open house Wednesday afternoon to view recently renovated emergency-admitting entrance, front lobby, emergency-surgical waiting room, Auxiliary Gift Shop and the Sue Mize Chapel.

Mrs. Mize's daughters, Vicki Kallemeyn of Snyder and Lynda Tolleson of Dallas, funded the chapel and its furnishings in her memory.

Mrs. Mize, a civic leader until her death on Dec. 18, 1997, was a former member of the CMH board of managers.

She also served as president of the Ladies Auxiliary as and as a member of the Cogdell Foundation, spearheading a financial drive to renovate portions of the hospital.

She also was a 10-year director of Snyder National Bank.

Christy Brown, assistant to CEO George Parsley, said everyone who attended Wednesday's open house was impressed with the new facility.

"Everyone enjoyed themselves and commented on how nice the new expansion is," she said. "Everything went well and we were all pleased with the turnout."

Members of the auxiliary served cookies and punch to visitors and hospital staff greeted guests.

Session set Friday on College Avenue

The Texas Department of Transportation will hold a pre-construction meeting at 10 a.m. Friday to discuss the College Ave. project.

The contractor for the job, Jones Bros. of Odessa, will be on hand to answer any questions and all sub-contractors also will be present.

The $6.9 million project will be completed in four phases and completion is expected to take almost a year and a half.

Phase one of the project will be the east half of College Ave. from 25th to 30th Street, including reconstruction of Deep Creek Bridge.

The second phase will encompass the western portion of the roadway along the same stretch.

The public is invited to the meeting to be held in the Snyder area engineers office.

French teen suspected of defacing web sites

LILLE, France (AP) — A French high school student is being investigated on suspicion of breaking into and defacing some 2,000 Web sites — including that of the U.S. Navy, police said today.

The 17-year-old boy, who went by the pseudonym "DKD," hacked into sites and often replaced their welcome pages with political slogans, said Eric Voulleminot of the Regional Service of Judicial Police in Lille.

The teen, who was not identified by police, often wrote messages in favor of the Palestinians or against U.S. military policy and is accused of attacking sites in France, Britain, Australia and the United States, Voulleminot said.

The attacks on American sites occurred mostly during the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq. The boy allegedly concentrated on government office and military sites, including that of the U.S. Navy.

Suspected of attacks over 14 months, he was arrested June 24 at his parents' home outside of Paris and released under surveillance.

18-year-old gets probation

An 18-year-old Snyder man pleaded guilty Wednesday in 132nd District Court and received a probated sentence for possession of a controlled substance..

Corey Vernon Clay of 3301 Ave. M appeared before District Judge Ernie Armstrong and entered the guilty plea for possession of cocaine on May 10.

Judge Armstrong sentenced Clay to serve two years in a Texas Department of Criminal Justice state jail facility, probated for five years. Clay also was fined $500, ordered to pay $140 in restitution and participate in a court-approved substance abuse program.

Principal post on Ira agenda

Ira ISD's board of trustees will meet at 6:30 this evening at in the Ira Community Center.

Trustees have an executive session planned to consider the employment of a K-12 principal to replace Mike Duke who is now with the Iraan school district.

Trustees also will discuss senior trip guidelines and update the policy manual.

Dr. Larry Devitt will give several reports from the superintendent's office, as will business manager Jan Duke.

Duke will report on taxes, utilities, the budget and monthly expenditures.

Worker kills supervisor, self

SAN ANGELO (AP) — A Verizon employee went into company offices in downtown San Angelo late Wednesday afternoon and fatally shot a Verizon supervisor before killing himself, authorities said.

Sgt. Tracy Fincher, a spokesman for the San Angelo Police Department, said no one else was injured.

Verizon spokesman Bill Kula said Rodney James Monke, 50, who had worked for the company for about 15 years, shot Tony Roy Smith, 32, a supervisor who had worked for the company for about six years, then killed himself as a police SWAT team moved in.

Police, called to the scene at 7:41 p.m., cordoned off a one-block perimeter. About 20 people were escorted out of the building about 8:15 p.m. and taken to a command post that police had set up, the San Angelo Standard-Times reported.

Both men worked for Verizon's Assignment Provisioning Center, a behind-the-scenes operation that ensures equipment is available for technicians who install and do repair work at customer locations, Kula said.

A full shift was on duty at the time of the shooting, Fincher told the newspaper for its online edition Wednesday night.

ASK US

Q—How much money does the county receive from the city and school district for collecting those entities' taxes?

A—The City of Snyder this year paid $3,156 and Snyder ISD paid $27,489.70.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR



John Mackey...

...has been employed with Higginbotham-Bartlett for three years, moving from Austin. John and his wife, Tammy, have two sons, Jared, 17, and Jordan, 14. John also works after hours at the local United Supermarket so he has no time left for hobbies.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

To be a champ, you have to believe in yourself when nobody else will.
—Sugar Ray Robinson

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events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

SHS mini cheerleading camp

Registration for the July 28-31 SHS mini cheerleading camp, ages 4 to 12, is set for 5-7 p.m. today at the Humble Smith Building. The cost, including T-shirt, is $40 per camper with $10 off for second and third campers in family. All campers will perform at halftime of Snyder's first home football game. Call Rhonda Ward at 573-3475 for more information.

Scurry Masonic Lodge

Scurry Masonic Lodge will have work in the Fellowcraft Degree at 7 this evening at the Masonic Hall. All Masons are invited.

JV cheerleader fundraiser

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

Masonic installation

An installation of Masonic officers will be held at 7 p.m. Saturday at the lodge hall. All Masons, families and friends are invited and refreshments will be served.

Class of 1993 reunion

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

Country and gospel music

For country and gospel music come to the Senior Citizens Center at 6 p.m. Saturday.

Sunday lunch

Martha Ann Woman's Club will serve lunch beginning at 11:30 a.m. Sunday at the clubhouse, south of the hospital. Tickets cost $8.50 for adults and $4.50 for children. Call 573-3427 for tickets. Reservations needed no later than Saturday morning.

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "Three Messages from Balaam," followed by "Put Away Lying."

S.M.A.R.T. School

S.M.A.R.T School at Ira ISD with Carol Scott and Kim Allen will be held from 8-11:45 a.m. Monday through next Thursday. Transportation is available. Call 573-2628 to reserve your spot.

White elephant auction

Lions Club members will have a "white elephant" sale at the noon meeting Tuesday at the Martha Ann Woman's Club. Members will be charged $10 for not bringing an item.

Emmaus meeting

Mesquite Country Emmaus Community meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Colonial Hill Baptist Church. Babe chicks meet at 6 p.m.

FBC services televised

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

First Methodist VBS

First United Methodist Church will hold Vacation Bible School from 6 to 8 p.m. July 28-Aug. 1. For ages kindergarten through 5th grade, theme is "God People Celebrate." Register at 2700 College Ave. or call 574-1547.

Senior swimnastics

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

SHS football program ads

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

Sonshine registration

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

Cancer treatment transportation

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

Shooter had gone through anger counseling

MERIDIAN, Miss. (AP) — He made threatening remarks at work and was reprimanded. Anger counseling didn't seem to help: co-workers said they continued to fear him.

Doug Williams, the 48-year-old assembly-line worker at a Lockheed Martin aircraft parts plant, had a troubled past long before he walked through the factory this week, spraying gunfire at colleagues.

Five people were killed and nine others injured in Tuesday's rampage before Williams turned the 12-gauge shotgun on himself. That morning he had attended a business ethics meeting on how to get along with co-workers.

"You could see something in his face. He snapped," said Hubert Threatt, a union shop steward who had worked with Williams for 15 years and pleaded with him not to shoot people.

Tuesday was not the first time Williams had had problems at work and company officials know of at least two prior incidents over his 19-year career there, said Dain Hancock, president of Lockheed Martin Aeronautics.

A community memorial service for the victims was to be held today at First Baptist Church in Meridian.

Williams, who was white, had undergone anger counseling at least once in the past couple of years, frustrated because he thought black people had a leg up in society, co-workers said.

They said Williams also was angry that he had been passed over for promotions at the plant. Co-workers said he kept "score" on whoever he thought was offending him.

Hancock said the 2001 confrontation was the only one listed in Williams' personnel file, but that a June 12 incident in which Williams wore a white covering over his head had been reported. He said another employee found the covering offensive. Co-workers have said the covering resembled clothing worn by Ku Klux Klansmen.

Williams chose to leave rather than remove the covering, Hancock said. In what Hancock called a mutual agreement, Williams did not return to work for about five or six days.

"Both incidents were taken seriously and handled promptly," Hancock said. "This company does not tolerate harassment."

Threatt said other employees had expressed concerns to managers about Williams over the years. Threatt said company counselors came to the plant two years ago to work with Williams.

Threatt said Williams was generally quiet after the counseling but once told him: "One of these days, they're going to (expletive) me off and I'm going to come here and shoot some people."

On Tuesday, Williams sat in a meeting with managers, listening to them explain the importance of being honest and responsible in the workplace. Also on the agenda: getting along with co-workers, regardless of their sex or race.

At some point during the meeting Williams walked out of the room, telling co-workers, "Y'all can handle this."

Minutes later, he returned with a shotgun and a rifle. He sprayed the room with shotgun blasts, killing two people, and then continued the rampage on the factory floor, leaving three more co-workers dead before taking his own life.

"He said, 'I told you about (expletive) with me,'" said co-worker Brenda Dubose, who had been in the meeting and was shot in the hand.

Wal-Mart urges top suppliers to use tiny radio transmitters

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — Wal-Mart wants its top 100 suppliers to slap tiny radio transmitters on all products they provide to the retail giant in an effort to better track merchandise while driving costs down.

The technology is intended to provide automatic coordination of goods going into and out of Wal-Mart's 103 distribution centers, replacing what Wal-Mart uses now — bar codes that are scanned.

As products tagged with radio transmitters get within range of a reader, the distribution center's system automatically picks up the location of the product and details about what's on the pallet, Wal-Mart spokesman Tom Williams said.

"It's almost like a voice coming into range of a microphone," Williams said. "It's a unique, quick and efficient way to gather information on a pallet of goods as it comes into a distribution center."

If the technology moves to the shelves, shoppers could see some significant changes. The labels could allow customers to breeze through a checkout line with all their items being read via radio frequency at once.

Williams said today the company wants its top 100 manufacturers to have the system in place by 2005 on all Wal-Mart products. By 2006, the company wants all its other suppliers to use the technology.

Radio transmitters have promise for retail shelves, as well. With the transmitters on individual products, stores can get signals from areas that need restocking, protect against theft, and determine other product movement.



Today's chuckle

Animal lover rescues five dogs in Iraq

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Five Iraqi dogs have a new home in southern California thanks to an animal lover who saw them sitting forlornly in the desert during a TV news report.



Marcy Christmas, 51, beamed as the four skinny puppies and their sad-eyed mother tumbled out of an Air France plane Monday after surviving war, hunger and a 9,300-mile journey from the Jordan-Iraq border.

"I'm as amazed as you are that this happened," said Christmas, who spotted the dogs April 10 on a television news report. The woman, who lives with five adopted Chihuahuas in Camarillo, has been rescuing dogs for decades.

After Christmas spotted the 4-month-old pups, she contacted the Jordan-based Humane Center for Animal Welfare and asked if they could rescue the litter and their mom.

"Actually, we were going to Iraq to save gazelles," said Margaret Ledger, director of the center. But Ledger pledged to keep an eye out for the dogs along the way.

Six puppies and their mother were spotted in the village of Al Amanieh. One pup was adopted by an Iraqi family and another by military personnel. Christmas agreed to pay the $1,000 cost of transporting the others to California.

Black bear attacks sleeping camper

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A black bear tried to drag a teenager out of his sleeping bag as he and other campers slept under the stars in a remote canyon — the first bear attack in Utah in 11 years, officials said.

Nick Greeve, 18, of West Linn, Ore., was treated for puncture wounds and lacerations at a hospital in Price and released, officials said. The animal grabbed him by the head and neck, but the other campers chased the bear away after hearing Greeve's screams.

Wildlife officers tried to find the bear to kill it, but the animal apparently had left the area, said Bill Bates, southeastern region wildlife manager for the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources.

Greeve was part of a group of 15 campers and five instructors from the Utah Outdoor Leadership School who were sleeping in the open early Monday in the canyon about 120 miles southeast of Salt Lake City.

"Bear attacks like this are extremely rare, but they do occur," said Craig McLaughlin, mammals coordinator for the Division of Wildlife Resources.

The group was on an 80-mile, four- to five-day float trip on the Green River.

Bruce Palmer, executive director of the National Outdoor Leadership School headquarters in Wyoming, said it was the first time he had heard of a bear attacking one of the school's groups. The school, founded in 1965, specializes in whitewater rafting trips in areas including Alaska, the Pacific Northwest, Chile and New Zealand.

"We do operate in remote areas. There's a whole variety of risks," Palmer said.

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Thursday, July 10, 2003

Today is the 191st day of 2003 and the 20th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1890, Wyoming was admitted to the Union as the 44th state.

On this day in 1925, the so-called "Scopes Monkey Trial" began in Dayton, Tenn. John Thomas Scopes, a young high school science teacher was accused of teaching Charles Darwin's Theory of Evolution, which was forbidden by state law. The trial ended in a conviction.

On this day in 1962, Telstar I, the first commercial communications satellite, was launched into orbit. It was designed at the Bell Telephone Laboratories and launched by NASA.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: John Calvin (1509-1564), theologian; Marcel Proust (1871-1922), writer; David Brinkley (1920-2003), broadcast journalist; Arthur Ashe (1943-1993), tennis great; Fiona Shaw (1958-), actress, is 45.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1971, golfer Lee Trevino won the British Open.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The one function that TV news performs very well is that when there is no news we give it to you with the same emphasis as if it were." — David Brinkley

TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (July 6) and full moon (July 13).

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LOTTO TEXAS™ TEXAS LOTTERY

RESULTS

Wednesday's Lottery Numbers Lotto Texas

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

Winning numbers drawn: 13-15-16-26-37 (numerical order). Bonus Ball: 20.

Number matching five of five, plus Bonus Ball: 0.

Winning ticket(s) sold in: NONE.

Number matching five of five: 3. Prize: $14,325.

Number matching four of five, plus Bonus Ball: 17. Prize: $2,294.

Number matching four of five: 765. Prize: $110.

Number matching three of five, plus Bonus Ball: 744. Prize: $100.

Number matching three of five: 29,672. Prize: $5.

Number matching two of five, plus Bonus Ball: 9,281. Prize: $5.

Number matching one of five, plus Bonus Ball: 43,453. Prize: $3.

Estimated jackpot for Saturday night drawing: $24 million.

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5-14-16-27-29
Pick 3
(Day) 7-8-4
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Bostein will direct Jerusalem orchestra

NEW YORK (AP) — Leon Botstein will become music director of the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra this fall.

Botstein, 56, has been music director of the American Symphony Orchestra since 1992 and founded the Bard Music Festival in 1990.

"I look forward to the opportunity to make a contribution to the future of this historic and significant orchestra at a crucial moment in the history of Jerusalem and Israel," Botstein said in a statement for release Tuesday.

"Jerusalem is an international city of unparalleled historic and cultural importance to people of all faiths. Its musical life must realize the potential that Jerusalem represents," he said.

Botstein has been president of Bard College at Annandale-on-Hudson since 1975.

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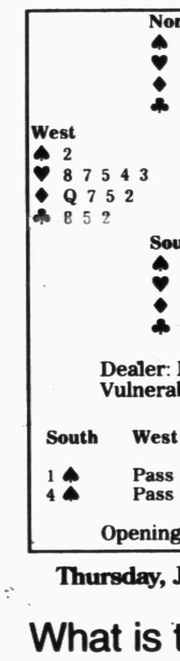
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MAWC LUNCHEON — Sandra Robinson and Jeanelle Hammock, board members seated from left, discuss recipes for the Martha Ann Woman's Club's fundraiser lunch as Sandra Brace, caterer, looks on. The luncheon is open to the public and reservations must be made by Saturday morning by calling 573-3427. Serving will begin at 11:30 and the cost is $8.50–adult, $4.50–child. The buffet will offer chicken fried steak or chicken on rice, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans or broccoli with cheese, pasta salad or tossed salad, rolls, punch bowl cake and tea or coffee. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Flowers are linked to smiles

If you can't prove that giving flowers is the way to make people smile, a recent study provides the scientific evidence.

A recent 10-month study explored the link between flowers and life satisfaction. The study examined 147 women's behavioral and emotional reactions to receiving flowers.

"Common sense tells us that flowers make us happy," said Dr. Haviland-Jones, professor of psychology and project director, Human Development Lab at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey. "Now, science shows that not only do flowers make us happier than we know, they have a strong positive effect on our emotional well-being."

Results of the Emotional Impact of Flowers Study reveals that flowers are a natural and healthful arbitrator of moods:

• Flowers have an immediate impact on happiness. All participants expressed "true" or "excited" smiles upon receiving flowers, demonstrating extraordinary delight and gratitude.

• Flowers have a long-term positive effect on moods. Specifically, the women reported feeling less depressed, anxious and agitated after receiving flowers and demonstrated a higher sense of enjoyment and life satisfaction.

• Flowers make intimate connections. The presence of flowers led to increased contact with family and friends.

The whole idea of making someone smile by giving them flowers has even inspired an annual event. Established five years ago by Teleflora, Make Someone Smile Week encourages people to make someone in their life smile by sending him or her flowers during the week of July 13th.

Last year, during that week, Teleflora launched an outreach program, whereby member-florists delivered "Be Happy" arrangements to nursing homes, hospitals, homebound people and veteran homes. Be Happy mugs were donated to the florists who gave of their free time, resources and creativity to bring smiles and joy to those ill or less fortunate.

Ten thousand bouquets were delivered last year, generating tons of smiles around the country.

Salads make summer meals sensational

Whether it's a holiday party, a weekend barbecue or a weeknight meal, full-flavored salads can improve a so-so dinner or become a savory main course in itself. From potato to tuna to mixed greens, it just takes a little extra something to make the salad tease the taste buds.

Here are two recipes to help punch up your summer meals from Nancy Hale, Fresno, Calif.

AUNTIE M'S DEVILED EGG SALAD
(Low-Carb)

10 hard-boiled eggs, chopped
¾ cup mayonnaise
1/3 cup sweet pickle relish
1 tsp. mustard
¼ tsp. salt
¼ tsp. black pepper

Mix all ingredients thoroughly and chill. Serve on lettuce, or with crackers.

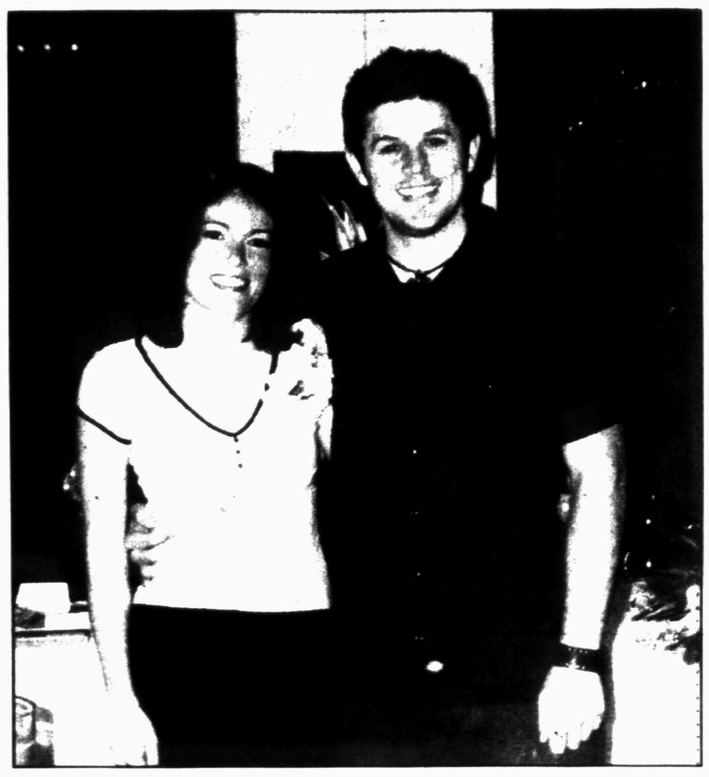
GERMAN PICKLED POTATO SALAD

1½ pounds red potatoes, cut into 1-inch chunks
1 package (8 ounces) sliced bacon, diced
1 cup sliced kosher dill pickles (½-inch slices)
2 large scallions, sliced
¼ cup cider vinegar
1 teaspoon sugar
½ teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon pepper

In 2-quart saucepan, cover potatoes with water. Bring to a boil over high heat. Reduce heat to low; cover and simmer 15 minutes or until potatoes are just tender. Drain and set potatoes aside.

Meanwhile, in 12-inch skillet over medium-high heat, cook bacon until crisp, stirring occasionally. Remove bacon to paper towels to drain.

Discard all but 1 tablespoon drippings from skillet; over medium heat, add potatoes, pickles, scallions, vinegar, sugar, salt and pepper. Cook 3 to 5 minutes or until potatoes are lightly browned and mixture is heated through, stirring frequently. Add drained bacon and blend well. Serves 6.



HUGHES-PALMER HONORED — A wedding shower honoring Nikky Hughes and J.K. Palmer was held June 22 in the Fine Arts lobby at Western Texas College. J.K. and Nikky will marry July 12 in Sedalia, Colo. (Contributed Photo)

Government of Singapore will now allow gum chewing

SINGAPORE (AP) — Good news for gum lovers.

The government of this island nation announced it will allow chewing gum, long-banned here, to be sold — although only from pharmacies.

The decision stems from a recently signed free trade agreement between the United States and Singapore, and follows lobbying from the U.S. Congress and American gum makers.

Squeaky-clean Singapore outlawed the import, manufacture and sale of chewing gum in 1992, complaining that spent wads were fouling the city-state's famously tidy pavements, buildings, buses and subway trains.

Gum became a sticking point in recent trade talks with Washington.

Philip Crane, chairman of the House Ways and Means Trade Subcommittee and a congressman from Illinois — where gum giant Wrigley Co. is headquartered — pressed for Singapore to loosen the ban.

Singapore initially agreed to allow gum to be sold only with a doctor's prescription, but that didn't satisfy U.S. negotiators.

Pharmacies may sell dentist-recommended gum that aids "dental and oral hygiene" once the trade pact takes effect, expected to be by the end of the year, a government spokeswoman said.

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Do not remove a fly from your friend's forehead with a hatchet.
—Chinese proverb

Community Calendar

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.

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Live together like brothers and do business like strangers.
—Proverb

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



North 07-10-03
♠ K 9 6 5
♥ K 2
♦ 9 6 3
♣ A 10 9 4

West
♠ 2
♥ 8 7 5 4 3
♦ Q 7 5 2
♣ 8 5 2

East
♠ 8 3
♥ A Q J 10
♦ K 10 8 4
♣ K 6 3

South
♠ A Q J 10 7 4
♥ 9 6
♦ A J
♣ Q J 7

Dealer: East
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
			1 ♦
1 ♠	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♦ 2

Thursday, July 10, 2003

What is the risk to your contract?

By Phillip Alder

Leon Trotsky, in his "Literature and Revolution," wrote, "Learning carries within itself certain dangers because out of necessity one has to learn from one's enemies."

That is true at the bridge table too. You learn information from the calls and plays of your opponents. Also, simultaneously, you should be asking yourself if there is any danger to your contract — as in this deal.

You are sitting South, the declarer in four spades after East has opened one diamond. West leads the diamond two, and East puts up the king. What would be your plan of campaign?

The auction might have followed an alternative path. (In the tournament world, North would have cue-bid two diamonds to show at least a limit raise — 10 or more support points — in spades.) Note that five hearts doubled is a good sacrifice for East-West ... if South can make four spades.

There appear to be 10 tricks via six spades, one diamond and three clubs. Is there any danger? Yes! East's play at trick one tells you that West has the diamond queen. Then, from the bidding, you have learned that East has the heart ace and club king. So, if West can gain the lead, a heart shift through dummy's king could give the defenders four tricks (two hearts, one diamond and one club) before you have 10.

The secret is to duck the first trick, so that West can never get on lead with his diamond queen. You win East's diamond return, draw trumps, and take the club finesse. Everything is under control.

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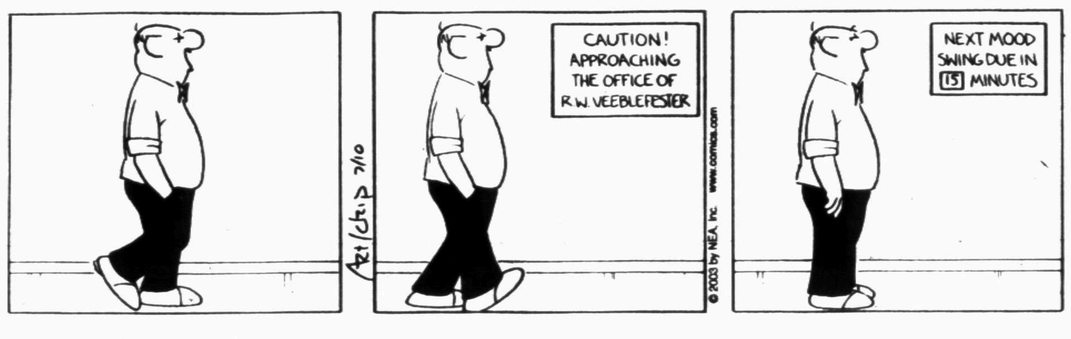
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ACROSS

1 Diner coffee
5 Old photo color
10 False front
12 Bring up
13 Summer flower
14 Corridors
15 Walk unsteadily
16 Leather punch
18 Tokyo, once
19 Spun
23 Cheer
26 Some
27 Reminder
30 Dojo activity
32 Forest clearing
34 Window ledges
35 Substitute for (2 wds.)
36 Test out
37 Fox burrow
38 Guitarist — Paul
39 More vexed
42 EPA figure
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46 Votes for
50 Clannish
53 Garden produce
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58 Charged particles

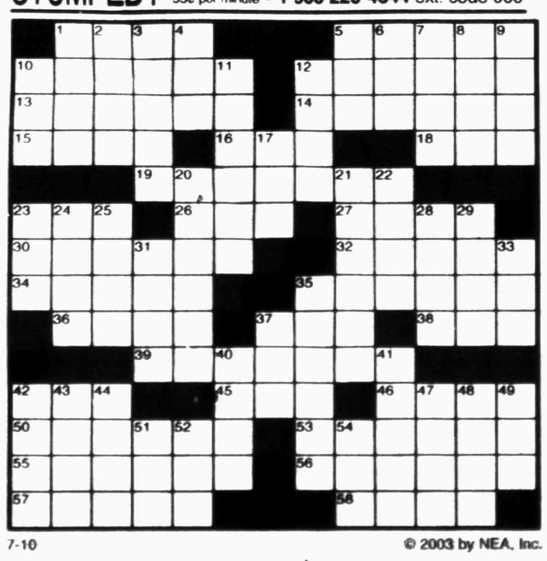
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2 Teen woe
3 Dome
4 Oklahoma town
5 — Lanka
6 Dawn deity
7 Without a tan
8 Kept cold
9 Chan rejoinder (2 wds.)
10 Out of reach
11 Seinfeld pal
12 Formal dance
17 Ironic
20 Holmes sidekick
21 Motor
22 Child's toy
23 Rubber-stamps
24 Set down
25 Perry's penner
28 Like a skyscraper
29 Adams or Brickell
31 Gluck of opera
33 USCG officer
35 Dekes or jukes
37 Kind of humor
40 Fundraiser, often
41 Stallone role
42 Map abbr.
43 Uphold
44 Donate
47 Open wide
48 Airline guesses
49 Tofu constituent
51 Actor — Affleck
52 Picnic intruder
54 Yes, to Yvette

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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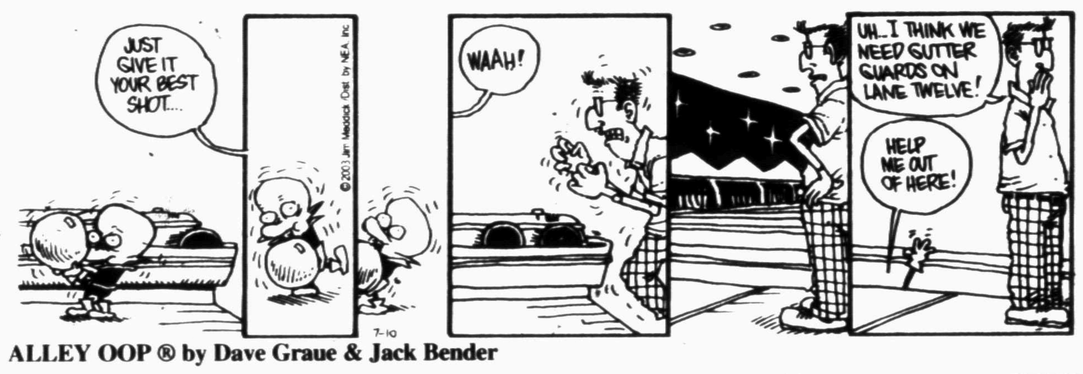
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SPORTS

Northern ousts Snyder from Rotan tourney

ROTAN — The Snyder 11- and 12-year-old all-stars were ousted from the district tournament Wednesday night, ending its season with a 6-4 loss at the hands of Northern.

Northern jumped out to a 5-0 lead in the top of the first, only to see Snyder respond with four runs in the bottom of the inning.

Rey Juarez led off with a single, and Rance Dunn singled ahead of Benji Gutierrez, who was hit by a pitch.

A single by Riley Davis plated two, and Jake Alaniz added an RBI single and scored on Gage West's base hit.

Davis went the distance, striking out eight and walking three in six innings of work.

Manager Ray Conner said the team was definitely fatigued heading into the semifinal match-up with Northern, but said the kids played well throughout the all-star tourney.

"They were tired, really," he said. "We played 10 games in 12 days, and it is real tough to get out of this district, because there are so many good teams."

Conner said his line-up helped them get as far as they did. "We played good ball (in the tournament). This was one of the best hitting teams I've seen in a long time."

Rangers, Benoit slip by Twins

ARLINGTON (AP) — The Minnesota Twins were favored to win the AL Central and perhaps make a serious run in the postseason.

So far, they're lagging behind in pursuit of that first expectation. They lost their fourth straight game and 11th in 16, falling 4-1 to the Texas Rangers on Wednesday night.

There was no smiling in the Minnesota clubhouse after the Twins (44-45) dipped under .500 for the first time since they were 14-15 on May 3. They trail division-leading Kansas City by 4½ games.

"We haven't played well all year," said starter Kenny Rogers, beaten by his former team. "I thought this team would do better than it has.

"We haven't clicked offensively, defensively and pitching. We've got to play with more life and enthusiasm. There's too much talent on this team to be playing like this."

Rogers (7-5) allowed four runs and seven hits over seven innings. He struck out three and walked one. That should have been good enough to give the Twins a chance to snap out of their funk.

But Minnesota managed only one run and four hits in seven innings against Joaquin Benoit (4-4).

Alex Rodriguez snapped a 1-1 tie in the sixth with his 22nd home run after Donnie Sadler drew a leadoff walk.

Rogers, who leads the Rangers with 463 career appearances and is third in team history with 101 victories, signed as a free agent with the Twins on March 12. Rogers went 13-8 for Texas last season but wasn't resigned.

Meanwhile, Benoit took another step toward nailing down a spot in Texas' rotation.

"It's one of my best games," Benoit said. "With good pitches came good results. The team won and that's the main thing. It's one step toward seeing what happens the rest of the way. I can't ask for more. It's a step forward."

Benoit allowed a homer to Torii Hunter in the sixth, but had little trouble otherwise.

Benoit was 1-3 with a 7.13 ERA in his previous five starts, but he enjoyed his most effective start of the season against the Twins. Benoit struck out five and walked three.



DISTRICT CHAMPS — The Snyder nine-and 10-year-old Little League All-Star team earned a trip to the sectional tournament after topping Cedar Creek in the district championship Wednesday. The team is, front, Hunter Cox, Dakota Delacruz, Anthony Taylor, Kyler Billingsley, Jeffrey Stewart, Jady Pittman, middle, Wesley Anderson, Dakota Carroll, Kylor Fine, Kelton Garcia, Shade Roemisch, Robbie Rinehart, back, coach David Tate, manager Les Rinehart and coach Elliott Cox. (Contributed Photo)

Snyder Little League advances to sectionals

ABILENE — Snyder claimed the district Little League crown Wednesday, topping Cedar Creek, 5-3, in a hotly contested championship tilt.

Snyder jumped out to an early, 2-0, lead before Cedar Creek tied things in the top of the second.

The game stayed tied until the fourth, when Snyder gained a one-run edge, taking advantage of some free passes.

Leading 3-2 in the fifth, Jeff Stewart delivered the knockout punch, roping a two-out, two-run double to give the 11- and 12-year-olds the hardware.

Shade Roemisch pitched a complete game, striking out five.

Anthony Taylor had a pair of singles, while Roemsich helped his cause with three hits, including a double.

The team will play in the sectional tournament at 8 p.m. Saturday in Odessa, with the site and opponent still undetermined.

Armstrong one second off pace

SAINT-DIZIER, France (AP) — Lance Armstrong is breathing easier.

The four-time Tour de France winner is only a second behind the leader, U.S. Postal teammate Victor Hugo Pena, with the hardest part of the three-week race still ahead.

In Wednesday's fourth stage — a 42.8-mile team time trial from Joinville to Saint-Dizier — Armstrong and his teammates blew the competition away, recording their first ever win in the speed and teamwork-orientated discipline.

Armstrong, closing in on Spaniard Miguel Indurain's record of five-straight Tour victories, is peaking at the right time — with the weekend's mountain stages lying in wait.

"I had some problems before the Tour that I didn't elaborate on," Armstrong said after the win. "I didn't talk about them because it's really not important. But I'm getting better. I feel better every day."

With the Postals hogging the top eight places in the overall rankings, Armstrong and his teammates are in great shape to tackle the next five stages, which begin with some modest climbs Thursday and Friday before the first of three daunting alpine stages.

The danger has almost passed for Armstrong — fortunate not to be seriously hurt in Sunday's first stage when the Texan was among around 35 riders caught in a pileup.

Armstrong will hope to avoid further mishap in Thursday's fifth stage — a 121.52-mile route from Troyes toward Nevers in central France. The course is relatively flat with some minor hill climbs.

Friday's sixth stage sees the first noteworthy climb.

Riders must tackle the Cote des Echarmeaux — which peaks at 2,336-feet — before arriving in Lyon.

Saturday's 140.12-mile haul from Lyon to the ski resort of Morzine-Avoriaz is the first of three days of alpine ascents.

After several medium-difficulty ascents, the riders face two mammoth climbs in the last 12.4 miles of the stage.

The Col de la Ramaz, which peaks at 5,343 feet, is followed by a 3,897-foot ascent on the Cote des Gets. A downhill dash then carries tired limbs to the finish line.

"I'm feeling better and better," Armstrong said, adding that a modest seventh-place finish in Saturday's prologue and Sunday's first-stage crash had dampened his spirits.

Astros rough up Reds, 12-2

HOUSTON (AP) — Jeriome Robertson (8-3) became the first Houston rookie to win seven straight decisions as the Astros beat Cincinnati 12-2. He hasn't lost since April 25, a span of 13 starts, and leads the team in victories.

Robertson gave up one run and four hits in seven innings. He struck out seven and didn't walk a batter.

Adam Everett hit his first career grand slam to highlight a six-run first inning as the Astros won their third in a row and sent Cincinnati to its seventh straight loss. The Reds' losing streak is their longest since an eight-game skid in June 2002.

Cincinnati's Danny Graves (4-9) went five innings and allowed eight runs on nine hits and two walks.

Lance Berkman and Richard Hidalgo hit consecutive homers for Houston and Zaun also connected.

Sports Briefs

Hermleigh athletic physicals

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

Snyder athletic physicals

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

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

Pirate booked for sausage attack

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Pittsburgh first baseman Randall Simon was booked for misdemeanor battery for hitting one of the Milwaukee Brewers' popular racing sausages with a bat during a game.

Film of the race showed that when the group went past the Pirates' third-base dugout, Simon took a two-handed chop at the Italian sausage character — portrayed by a 20-year-old South Milwaukee woman — hitting her from behind and causing her to tumble to the ground.

Bryant taken to hospital after alleged assault

EAGLE, Colo. (AP) — One of the investigators in the case involving Kobe Bryant said the NBA star was taken to a hospital hours after he was accused of sexually assaulting a 19-year-old woman at a mountain resort.

Doug Winters, a detective with the Eagle County sheriff's department, refused to say why Bryant was taken to Valley View Hospital in Glenwood Springs early July 2.

Major League Baseball

American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	55	34	.618	—
Boston	52	37	.584	3
Toronto	48	43	.527	8
Baltimore	40	47	.460	14
Tampa Bay	31	57	.352	23½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Kansas City	48	40	.545	—
Minnesota	44	45	.494	4½
Chicago	43	46	.483	5½
Cleveland	38	51	.427	10½
Detroit	23	65	.261	25

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	56	33	.629	—
Oakland	50	39	.562	6
Anaheim	45	43	.511	10½
Texas	37	52	.416	19

Wednesday's Games

Oakland 6, Tampa Bay 3
Boston 8, Toronto 7
N.Y. Yankees 6, Cleveland 2
Detroit 4, Chicago White Sox 2
Texas 4, Minnesota 1
Baltimore 7, Seattle 2
Anaheim 5, Kansas City 3

Today's Games

Chicago White Sox (Loaiza 11-4) at Detroit (Cornejo 3-7), 12:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Sosa 2-6) at Oakland (Mulder 11-6), 2:35 p.m.
Kansas City (George 9-5) at Anaheim (Sele 5-6), 3:05 p.m.
Boston (Mendoza 2-3) at Toronto (Lidle 10-7), 6:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Clemens 8-6) at Cleveland (Ja.Davis 7-7), 6:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Reed 4-8) at Texas (Thomson 5-9), 7:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Ponson 11-5) at Seattle (Garcia 9-7), 9:05 p.m.

National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	58	31	.652	—
Philadelphia	49	39	.557	8½
Montreal	48	43	.527	11
Florida	47	45	.511	12½
New York	39	50	.438	19

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	47	43	.522	—
Chicago	46	44	.511	1
St. Louis	46	44	.511	1
Cincinnati	40	49	.449	6½
Pittsburgh	39	48	.448	6½
Milwaukee	37	52	.416	9½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	55	35	.611	—
Arizona	51	39	.567	4
Los Angeles	47	42	.528	7½
Colorado	47	46	.505	9½
San Diego	34	58	.370	22

Wednesday's Games

Atlanta 6, N.Y. Mets 3
Chicago Cubs 5, Florida 1
Philadelphia 2, Montreal 0
Los Angeles 6, St. Louis 5
Houston 12, Cincinnati 2
Milwaukee 2, Pittsburgh 1, 12 innings
Colorado 11, San Francisco 7
Arizona 8, San Diego 3

Today's Games

Pittsburgh (Suppan 7-7) at Milwaukee (Ford 0-1), 1:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Maddux 6-8) at Chicago Cubs (Estes 6-7), 1:20 p.m.
San Diego (Jarvis 1-2) at Arizona (Dessens 5-5), 5:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Padilla 7-8) at N.Y. Mets (Trachsel 8-5), 6:10 p.m.
Cincinnati (P.Wilson 5-5) at Houston (Villone 0-0), 7:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Od.Perez 5-7) at St. Louis (Morris 8-5), 7:10 p.m.
San Francisco (Powell 0-0) at Colorado (Oliver 6-5), 8:05 p.m.

Mourning, Riley preparing for life without one another

MIAMI (AP) — Alonzo Mourning has not ruled out returning to the Miami Heat, but the seven-time All-Star center said Wednesday night he will look elsewhere if the team is committed to a lengthy rebuilding project.

Mourning was offered a contract Wednesday to stay with the Heat, and although he said there is a possibility of returning, he indicated that he and coach Pat Riley are headed in much different philosophical directions.

"I want to be here. But I understand Riles has to make the right decision for this franchise," Mourning said. "He's already explained to me that he has to rebuild, and I told him I want to win. That pretty much explains itself there."

Riley, addressing reporters in Orlando, where Miami has a team in a summer league, reiterated that he wants Mourning to remain with the Heat, who have paid him $105 million over the past seven years — including his full $20.6 million last season when he sat out because of kidney disease.

"He's the heart and soul of this franchise and always has been. I want him to reboot it with me," Riley said. "He's going to have to cooperate with me but I can't expect him to do that. I know exactly where Zo is coming from and he knows exactly where we're coming from."

Neither side addressed the specifics of the Heat's offer, but Mourning dismissed it as "not a significant one."

The Heat went 25-57 last season, the fourth-worst record in the NBA. Riley said before last month's draft that the team was entering a rebuilding mode, one that actually began last Sept. 5, the day he learned Mourning's medical condition would prevent him from playing in 2002-03.

Mourning would rather play for a team trying to win a championship right away.

"It's not just about the money, man," Mourning said. "Obviously, I want to be paid for my services, but it's not just about the money. It's about winning, too."

Major League Leaders

AMERICAN LEAGUE

BATTING—Mora, Baltimore, .358; ISuzuki, Seattle, .349; Bradley, Cleveland, .336; Blalock, Texas, .330; Mueller, Boston, .327; Garciaparra, Boston, .324; MRamirez, Boston, .322.

RUNS—CDelgado, Toronto, 74; Garciaparra, Boston, 73; ASoriano, New York, 72; Wells, Toronto, 71; MRamirez, Boston, 71; ISuzuki, Seattle, 65; BBoone, Seattle, 64.

RBI—CDelgado, Toronto, 94; Wells, Toronto, 81; GAnderson, Anaheim, 72; BBoone, Seattle, 72; MRamirez, Boston, 68; JaGiambi, New York, 65; Matsui, New York, 64.

HITS—ISuzuki, Seattle, 130; Garciaparra, Boston, 121; Wells, Toronto, 115; ASoriano, New York, 115; MYoung, Texas, 111; Matsui, New York, 110; GAnderson, Anaheim, 110; BBoone, Seattle, 110.

DOUBLES—Huff, Tampa Bay, 30; Mueller, Boston, 30; GAnderson, Anaheim, 30; Matsui, New York, 28; Wells, Toronto, 28; Catalanotto, Toronto, 28; Bradley, Cleveland, 27.

TRIPLES—Garciaparra, Boston, 12; CGuzman, Minnesota, 9; Baldelli, Tampa Bay, 7; Byrnes, Oakland, 6; Rivas, Minnesota, 6; DYoung, Detroit, 6; Crawford, Tampa Bay, 5; MYoung, Texas, 5; DJimenez, Chicago, 5.

HOME RUNS—CDelgado, Toronto, 28; JaGiambi, New York, 23; ASoriano, New York, 22; ARodriguez, Texas, 22; BBoone, Seattle, 22; Wells, Toronto, 21; MRamirez, Boston, 21; JGonzalez, Texas, 21; RPalmeiro, Texas, 21.

STOLEN BASES—ASoriano, New York, 25; ISuzuki, Seattle, 24; Beltran, Kansas City, 23; Crawford, Tampa Bay, 21; Damon, Boston, 18; Baldelli, Tampa Bay, 16; ASanchez, Detroit, 15; Winn, Seattle, 15; Mondesi, New York, 15.

PITCHING (10 Decisions)—Halladay, Toronto, 12-2, .857, 3.48; DWells, New York, 11-3, .786, 3.76; DLowe, Boston, 10-3, .769, 4.81; Loaiza, Chicago, 11-4, .733, 2.26; Meche, Seattle, 10-4, .714, 3.35; Ponson, Baltimore, 11-5, .687, 3.85; Moyer, Seattle, 11-5, .687, 2.99.

STRIKEOUTS—Clemens, New York, 122; Mussina, New York, 115; Halladay, Toronto, 109; PMartinez, Boston, 104; Loaiza, Chicago, 99; Colon, Chicago, 98; Wakefield, Boston, 97.

SAVES—Urbina, Texas, 26; MacDougal, Kansas City, 24; Foulke, Oakland, 23; DBaez, Cleveland, 20; Percival, Anaheim, 20; Guardado, Minnesota, 20; Julio, Baltimore, 18.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

BATTING—Pujols, St. Louis, .364; Helton, Colorado, .343; Sheffield, Atlanta, .335; Renteria, St. Louis, .329; Vidro, Montreal, .328; Lieberthal, Philadelphia, .326; Podsednik, Milwaukee, .325.

RUNS—Helton, Colorado, 80; Pujols, St. Louis, 77; Sheffield, Atlanta, 71; Furcal, Atlanta, 69; Payton, Colorado, 62; Bonds, San Francisco, 62; Lowell, Florida, 60; LGonzalez, Arizona, 60.

RBI—PrWilson, Colorado, 83; Pujols, St. Louis, 81; Lowell, Florida, 73; Helton, Colorado, 72; Sheffield, Atlanta, 70; Jenkins, Milwaukee, 68; Sexson, Milwaukee, 67.

HITS—Pujols, St. Louis, 123; Helton, Colorado, 118; Pierre, Florida, 113; Renteria, St. Louis, 112; LCastillo, Florida, 110; PrWilson, Colorado, 108; LGonzalez, Arizona, 107.

DOUBLES—Helton, Colorado, 31; LGonzalez, Arizona, 31; PrWilson, Colorado, 30; MGiles, Atlanta, 29; Pujols, St. Louis, 29; ShGreen, Los Angeles, 28; Rolen, St. Louis, 28; Renteria, St. Louis, 26; Biggio, Houston, 26.

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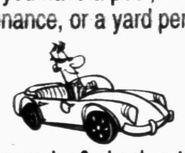
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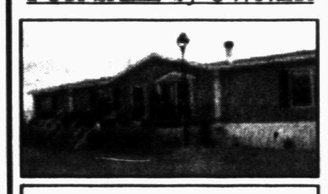
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FORT WORTH (AP) — Two men bulldozing in North Texas last week stirred up what the Parker County fire marshal described as a "100 percent colony of Africanized bees."

Each of the men were stung more than 100 times and required medical treatment, Fire Marshal Jeff Edwards said Tuesday. Both victims have since recovered.

Parker County has been added to a state quarantine list restricting the movement of commercial bee operations after a sample from the colony found at the Parker-Wise county line was sent to the Texas Honey Bee Identification Lab in College Station.

Following the identification, Parker County became the 148th county in the state to be added to the so-called "killer bee" quarantine list.

The fire marshal said he and Emergency Management Coordinator Brad Cathey have collected many samples from bee colonies. Edwards described the Africanized colony near Springtown, 20 miles northwest of Fort Worth, as "the meanest bees we've ever been around."

"They were extremely aggressive. Appearance-wise, they look exactly like a European honey bee, but if you get within 15 feet of where they are, depending on the size of the colony, bees will actually start coming out to protect that colony," said Edwards. "If you see that, it's best to get away and clear that area. If you start swatting at those bees, it will just attract more of them."

He said it's important to try to remain calm and not try to run from an Africanized colony.

"Just walk away and stay clear of the area. If people come in contact with them, they need to contact the county agent's office, and a beekeeper will come out and try to get a sample of them," Edwards said. "If someone is stung and seeks medical attention, we will act immediately to rid the area of them."

The Africanized bee was first detected in the United States near Brownsville in October 1990.

Man wakes after being in stupor for 19 years

MOUNTAIN VIEW, Ark. (AP) — The last time Terry Wallis was conscious of the world around him, Ronald Reagan was president, Bill Clinton was the governor, the Soviet Union was the enemy and the World Trade Center still stood.

Thrown into a stupor after an auto accident in 1984, he recently spoke his first words in 19 years: "Mom. Pepsi. Milk."

Only in the last two weeks has the 39-year-old Wallis realized that Reagan no longer is president, answering "I don't know" when asked who is in office now.

"He's beginning to realize he's in a different place now," said his physician, Dr. James Zini. "We never thought he'd regain this kind of cognitive level."

Wallis and a friend were in a car on July 13, 1984, when it ran off the road. Both men were found beneath a bridge the next day. The friend died; Wallis was left a quadriplegic and fell into a coma for three months.

He soon emerged partially from the coma. But for 18 years, he could communicate only by blinking his eyes or grunting.

Then, on June 13, he called out "Mom" to his mother and later asked for a Pepsi. While home from the hospital for a weekend, he said he wanted milk with his breakfast. Since then, he has steadily increased his vocabulary, and he is considered fully emerged from his stupor.

Wallis is eager to learn, now that the world is opening up to him again. Propped up in bed Wednesday at the nursing home where he lives, Wallis clutched small blue cushions that have kept his withered hands from closing shut over years of disuse.

He tells a visitor that he loves to talk and is happy, but he doesn't acknowledge, or isn't able to explain, the long gap in his life.

"I never had no accident," he said.

A speech therapist works with Wallis three days a week, and his doctor wants to give him more intensive physical therapy now that he can better comply with instructions. Nurses have been told to ask Wallis open-ended questions to help him develop answers beyond just "Yes" and "No."

Wallis has re-entered a world where so much was different. The World Trade Center, Pentagon and the Oklahoma City federal building were all attacked by terrorists. The Berlin Wall is gone, as is the Soviet Union.

The Internet in 1984 was a loose affiliation of computers of interest only to academics. National League and American League baseball teams never played each other until the World Series. Roger Maris was still the home run king.

Wallis' daughter, Amber, was 6 weeks old at the time of the accident.

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	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	11.50	11.05	11.21	— .29
AOL TimeWrn	16.68	16.26	16.32	— .36
AT&T Corp rs	19.85	19.28	19.34	— .51
Albertsons	19.33	19.15	19.24	— .14
Alltel	48.66	48.22	48.54	— .31
AmEl Pw	28.67	28.21	28.31	— .43
AndarkPtr	43.58	42.50	42.68	— .79
ATMOS Egy	24.98	24.50	24.55	— .33
Aviall	12.00	11.86	11.96	— .04
BP PLC	40.14	39.91	40.03	— .62
BakerHughes	33.47	32.06	32.17	—1.28
Bank of Amer	81.96	81.07	81.79	— .06
BellSouth	26.35	25.90	26.02	— .81
BurlNoSFe	28.72	28.36	28.43	— .32
Caterpillar	56.55	56.00	56.26	— .17
CenterPoint	8.27	8.10	8.12	— .13
ChevronTex	72.80	72.02	72.22	— .58
Citigroup	46.00	44.89	45.60	— .39
CocaCola	45.35	43.90	44.15	+ .27
ColgatePal	57.74	57.45	57.60	— .02
CmclMetals	18.12	17.91	17.92	— .23
ConocoPhill	53.34	52.83	52.96	— .23
Cooper Inds	42.48	41.71	41.85	— .54
DaimlrChry	35.89	35.55	35.71	— .49
DeltaAirl	14.96	14.57	14.69	— .26
Dillards Inc	13.82	12.48	13.42	— .40
DowChem	31.18	30.49	30.69	— .49
DuPont	42.14	41.70	41.83	— .37
EastmanChem	32.00	31.37	31.40	— .90
EstKodak	27.30	26.91	26.97	— .33
EDS Corp	22.50	22.16	22.44	— .08
Entergy	52.25	50.95	51.09	—1.21
ExxonMobil	35.86	35.49	35.59	— .27
FootLocker	13.34	13.15	13.22	— .22
GenDynam	75.37	74.86	75.07	— .06
GenElec	28.65	28.29	28.44	+ .06
GenMills	47.27	46.82	46.97	— .13
GenMotors	36.16	35.70	35.78	— .37
GaPacific	19.56	18.50	19.50	— .57
Goodrich	21.52	21.09	21.19	— .33
Goodyear	5.36	5.20	5.21	— .12
GtAtlPac	10.68	10.37	10.60	+ .05
Halliburtn	23.39	21.85	22.76	— .69
Hanson ADS	28.60	28.44	28.48	— .53
HarteHanks	19.19	18.94	19.02	— .21
HomeDepot	33.49	32.30	32.52	— .97
Honeywellntl	28.30	27.27	27.68	— .35
IBM	85.22	84.42	84.70	— .77
IntlPaper	37.35	36.22	36.34	—1.01
JohnsonJn	52.00	51.35	51.81	— .11
KinderMorg	53.62	52.70	52.95	— .73
Kroger Co	17.49	17.15	17.18	— .32
LockheedM	48.07	47.51	48.04	+ .15
Lowes Cos	44.96	43.76	44.66	— .29
Lubys	2.93	2.75	2.80	+ .05
LucentTech	2.05	1.97	2.03	+ .05
MarathonOil	26.70	26.40	26.40	— .30
MayDeptStr	23.32	22.56	22.77	— .34
Medtronic	47.72	46.86	47.66	+ .66
Motorola	10.08	9.06	9.74	— .51
NCR Corp	31.91	31.13	31.27	— .96
Navistar	36.65	36.15	36.18	— .67
PNM Rescs	26.80	26.50	26.56	— .13
Penney JC	17.15	16.45	16.87	+ .15
PepBoys	14.30	14.22	14.29	+ .06
PepsiCo	45.90	44.50	45.75	+ .20
PhelpDodge	37.87	37.50	37.67	+ .07
PilgrmPrd B	10.59	10.25	10.26	— .26
Praxair	60.45	60.01	60.26	— .35
ProctGamb	88.75	88.24	88.48	— .02
RadioShack	27.73	27.43	27.50	— .23
RoyalDut	45.21	44.93	45.04	— .46
SBC Comm	25.58	25.01	25.13	— .63
SaraLee	19.32	19.05	19.11	— .27
Scripps EW	88.78	88.04	88.21	— .62
SearsRoeb	35.13	32.78	34.59	+ .33
SherwinW	27.64	27.30	27.48	— .14
SouthernCo	29.53	28.93	28.99	— .69
SwstAirl	18.23	18.01	18.14	— .09
SprintFON	15.30	15.04	15.08	— .30
SprintPCS	5.89	5.79	5.86	— .03
Sunoco Inc	38.36	38.01	38.01	— .60
TXU Corp	20.96	20.55	20.87	— .08
TempleInland	43.00	42.55	42.95	+ .02
Textrnd	25.49	25.39	25.43	— .07
TexasInst	19.20	18.83	19.05	— .44
Textron	39.21	38.80	38.93	— .38
TrinityInds	20.80	20.21	20.39	— .08
TylerTech	5.00	4.96	4.98	
UnionPacif	58.75	57.75	58.15	— .45
USSteel	16.21	16.07	16.07	+ .03
UnitedTech	72.35	71.30	71.62	—1.02
Unocal	28.87	28.26	28.34	— .53
VerizonComm	38.65	38.12	38.29	— .52
WalMart	55.99	55.10	55.19	— .57
WellsFargo	51.40	49.75	51.10	+ .27
WstnGasRs	38.89	38.26	38.50	— .38
WinnDixie	12.69	12.46	12.51	— .23
Xerox Cp	10.99	10.71	10.75	— .25
YumBrands	30.19	29.50	29.76	— .42

LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLIC HUNTING ON WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS AT O.H. IVIE RESERVOIR

Application for public hunting permits on the O.H. Ivie Reservoir Wildlife Management Areas will be accepted ***by mail only*** beginning July 15, 2003 and ending August 15, 2003, at the O.H. Ivie Reservoir Field Office.

Hunting Permits will be limited, and requests for information and application packets should be made by calling the Colorado River Municipal Water District (CRMWD) at 432-267-6341, or by writing to:

CRMWD
P.O. Box 869
Big Spring, Texas 79721

Attn: Public Hunting

A public drawing for the WMA Public Hunting Permits for the 2003 Hunting Season will be held at 1:00 p.m. on September 12, 2003, at the O.H. Ivie Reservoir Field Office, located near the north end of the dam. All applicants are welcome to attend the drawing, if they desire.

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Researchers find quick test for bioweapons

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sensors that light up within seconds after coming into contact with a dangerous virus or bacteria may allow emergency workers in the field to quickly detect any weapons of bioterrorism, researchers say.

In a study appearing this week in the journal Science, Massachusetts Institute of Technology researchers say they have engineered cells that are able to sense and identify bioweapons spread through the mails, air, or water.

The system uses mouse B lymphocytes, or white blood cells, that have been engineered to contain a jellyfish gene for a luminescent protein and altered to carry antibodies that respond to specific diseases.

When antibodies on the sensor cells detect a pathogen, such as anthrax, they trigger a burst of calcium within the B cells. Within seconds, the calcium activates the bioluminescent protein and causes the whole cell to glow. This is a signal that the specimen has a dangerous germ.

The system would not require advanced training to operate, in contrast to current lab techniques that are performed by highly trained scientists or technicians.

"It is very simple to operate," said Todd H. Rider, an MIT researcher and first author of the study. "The B cells do all the hard work. Nature has designed them to detect bacteria and viruses."

In the body, B cells are a major part of the immune system. Different B cells carry antibodies that recognize and adhere to specific bacteria or viruses.

Rider said the system, developed with funding from the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, has been tested successfully against all of the known pathogens that can be used for bioweapons, including anthrax, smallpox, plague, tularemia and encephalitis.

Using the system, emergency responders could test suspicious substances on the street or in subways or airports, he said.

"If you have a white powder, for instance, you could add it to the sensor and it would be analyzed within a few seconds," he said.

Right now, emergency workers often have to take a sample of the suspicious substance to a laboratory for tests.

"The existing techniques take at least a half hour to several hours," said Rider. "This system works in 30 seconds to three minutes."

The B cells could be housed in a closed, lightproof box equipped with an electronic light sensing unit, Rider said. If a biological sample inserted into the box gives off a sudden brightening from the bioluminescence of the B cells, the light sensor would detect the change and send a signal to a gauge or dial or laptop computer.

Rider said the MIT researchers are developing a way to use biosensors as "sniffers" to test for airborne pathogens. He said the technique could be used in subways, buildings or airports, all prime targets for bioterrorists.

In tests, the biosensor system quickly identified the presence of a disease-causing form of E. coli, a bacteria that can be a major cause of food poisoning. Rider said the system was sensitive enough to identify the E. coli strains that are pathogenic, or disease-causing, and to ignore those that are not hazardous. This suggests that the biosensors could used by inspectors to test food and water.

Eventually, said Rider, a version of the test could be developed for use in a doctor's office.

"Perhaps you could cough on something and wait a few seconds to find out what you have," said Rider. This would enable physicians, for instance, to immediately identify patients who have severe acute respiratory syndrome, or SARS, and those just infected with a cold.

Rider is the inventor of the technique and patent holder of record, although MIT has principal ownership. He said the university plans to license the technology so that practical systems can be developed for general use. Rider said he could personally benefit economically from the licensing.

Two tickets match Powerball numbers for latest jackpot

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Two tickets — one in Missouri, one in Pennsylvania — matched the numbers drawn in the Powerball lottery, splitting the estimated $261.3 million jackpot, lottery officials said.

No information about the winners or where the tickets were sold was available early today.

The numbers in Wednesday night's drawing were 19-21-26-31-51 and the Powerball was 40.

The jackpot has surpassed $200 million four times since Powerball began in 1992. The largest jackpot was the Christmas 2002 prize of $314.9 million, won by a West Virginia contractor.

Sales for this drawing had flagged over the long July Fourth weekend but picked up starting Monday.

"As people started going back to work this week, getting back into their normal routine, then across the Powerball states we saw sales going up," said Mary Neubauer, Iowa Lottery spokeswoman.

The latest winners can select half of a $147 million lump sum or opt for annual payments of more than $4.2 million over 30 years. Both figures are before taxes, Neubauer said.

Powerball, the nation's largest lottery game, is sold in 24 states, the District of Columbia and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

At a downtown Des Moines store, business analyst Kim Mingles grabbed 30 tickets for her office pool hours before the drawing.

The co-workers "decided we were buying new houses and paying bills," if they won, said Mingles, 40, of Bevington, Iowa.

On the Net: Powerball: http://www.powerball.com

SS Administration is vulnerable to identity thieves, GAO finds

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Social Security Administration's policies for issuing identification cards and numbers to infants, foreign students and citizens who report lost or stolen cards leave the agency vulnerable to identity thieves.

Congressional investigators at the General Accounting Office, working undercover, were able to use false documents to obtain fraudulent driver's licenses and get Social Security numbers for fake children.

The investigators were to present their findings to a House subcommittee on Thursday.

Social Security Administration officials want to press lawmakers at the hearing for legislation to keep Social Security numbers out of public records provided by state and local governments. The agency also wants to ban the sale of the numbers and limit their use in the private sector.

"The use of the SSN as a student or patient identification number, as part of a car rental contract or to rent a video, must be curtailed," said James G. Huse Jr., the agency's inspector general.

Rep. E. Clay Shaw Jr., R-Fla., chairman of the House subcommittee that oversees the Social Security system, said he will introduce legislation to remedy those and other vulnerabilities. "Identity theft is the fastest growing white-collar crime, and no one is immune," he said.

Identity thieves use Social Security and credit card numbers to establish false names or citizenship, purchase goods or fraudulently apply for credit.

Congressional investigators posed as new parents and used fake birth certificates and baptismal certificates to obtain Social Security numbers for infants.

They also used Social Security numbers of dead people to get driver's licenses. A program designed to verify the numbers for state driver's license facilities failed to catch the problems.

In other cases, investigators found that the agency does not require workers to check the authenticity of documents used to get Social Security numbers.

Foreign students applying for a number must show proof that they are enrolled in school full-time, but Social Security workers are not required to check the documents with schools or employers.

U.S. citizens who want to replace lost or stolen cards do not have to prove their citizenship. They can use cards for school identification, church membership or health insurance to apply for a new Social Security card.

Investigators found that 70 percent of the cards issued last year were replacements for lost or stolen cards. There is no limit on replacement cards, and investigators believe identity thieves are able to request multiple copies and sell them to non-citizens.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Friday, July 11, 2003

In the year ahead you could be doing things on a grander scale than you've done in the past. It could mean a bigger job, a bigger income or a bigger home.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Don't waste this auspicious day on insignificant activities. Spend today working toward increasing your earnings or income. It's a fortunate day for those who put forth the effort.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — If you sense that your popularity is moving upward today, your perceptions are correct. You have something extra going for you that others will find most appealing.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — It's the endings that count the most, not necessarily the beginnings. Even if things don't start out as you'd like, you could soon be whistling a happy tune.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Be hopeful today, even if things don't seem to be going your way. Luck is your ally and will take you where you need to go.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Conditions in general are favorable for you today, but your best breaks appear to be stemming from activities that stimulate your career and financial base.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — The aspects are trending towards success in all of your affairs today. It behooves you to devote as much time as possible to matters of personal importance.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Lucky you. You could profit today from something just because you happen to be in the right spot at the right time. Be sure to say thanks.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Shed any reclusive tendencies. Get involved in some type of activity that requires collective effort. Benefits come through partners.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Greater opportunities than usual exist today, especially in areas that affect your career. Be alert for Lady Luck to put something in your path you can capitalize on.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — If you don't have an immediate use for a creative idea you get today, file it away in your memory cabinet. Something good will eventually come from it.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — You won't have to look beyond your own bailiwick today for a way to fulfill a financial desire. Someone with whom you have powerful emotional bonds will come through for you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Fortunate circumstances are found in activities in which you are working in conjunction with another for a common cause. Link up to double your luck.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Online diaries can cause teen friendships to suffer

DEAR ABBY: I am a 14-year-old girl about to start my freshman year in high school. Most of my friends (including myself) have Web logs — or "blogs."

Blogs are online diaries where we record all kinds of stuff about ourselves. Of course, we're careful not to give out personal information like where we live, etc. But some of my friends get very offended at what is written about them.

I have several friends who have stopped speaking to each other after reading not-so-nice things about themselves in the blogs. I speak from experience, because I've been repeatedly bashed for my anti-war views, among other things.

In spite of this, the Web log trend continues to be popular. What's your opinion on this? — **BLOGGIN' AND LOVIN' IT IN NEW JERSEY**

DEAR BLOGGIN': The written word takes on a life of its own and never dies — particularly in cyberspace. That is why it's important that a person carefully consider what he or she is posting before making it public. I cannot urge people strongly enough to remember that on the Internet there is no such thing as an eraser. The messages live on and on for all to see. **Read on:**

DEAR ABBY: Allow me to give your readers a heads-up regarding a potentially embarrassing — and possibly illegal — situation they may encounter at their places of employment. I am talking about employees using their work computers and networks to conduct personal and private business.

As an information technology ("IT") security specialist, I can attest to the fact that almost everything an employee does on his or her work computer is monitored very closely, due to heightened security.

One of my responsibilities is to monitor e-mail that crosses the networks and investigate Web sites employees visit during the day. Believe me, I've seen it all! A few examples:

(1) Details between couples going through nasty divorces, as well as torrid love affairs. (The dialogue from even one of those messages could fuel a soap opera storyline for years!)

(2) The personal "measurements" and private "requirements" of individuals seeking a potential mate while checking out dating Web sites. (I will never look at certain employees the same way again.)

(3) The ridiculously overpriced items that people "had to have" on auction Web sites. (I could outbid individuals by a dollar each time they made a bid online and they'd never know.)

(4) How much money employees have in their checking and savings accounts, while conducting their online banking. (On more than one occasion, I knew that someone had bounced a check before he did.)

(5) Employees exploring pornographic Web sites. (You'd be amazed how many times I've had to begin an investigation into an employee because of something like this.)

Abby, IT security specialists are not nosy people. We are employed by the corporate and government worlds to ensure that highly valuable information and equipment is kept safe and secrets are not leaked. — **IT SECURITY SPECIALIST ON THE EAST COAST**

DEAR SPECIALIST: I'm sure many employees in the corporate world will appreciate your wakeup call. I'll bet it spoils some fascinating conversations you "techies" have been sharing during lunch hour!

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The basic monetary unit of Qatar is the riyal, and its chief fractional unit is the dirham.

Vermont is the 14th state. It was admitted to the Union in 1791.

The state bird of Virginia is the cardinal.

Pop group to perform

KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP) — Promoters of the annual Reggae Sumfest are hoping the growing popularity of dancehall music will attract American fans to this year's festival, which begins July 20 in Montego Bay.

Destiny's Child is the only American pop act on this year's bill, organizers said last week. They'll perform on July 26, the festival's closing night.

Jamaican singers Sean Paul, Elephant Man and Wayne Wonder are also scheduled to perform at the festival.

"Several of these dancehall artists are making waves on American radio, so it wasn't necessary for us to go for a lot of hip-hop acts this time," said Reggae Sumfest director Johnny Gourzong.

An estimated 5,000 tourists visit Montego Bay each year for Reggae Sumfest, according to figures from the Caribbean country's tourist board.



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Nike buys Converse for $305 million

BOSTON (AP) — Nike Inc. has reached into basketball's past to snatch a company that helped spark the high-top sneaker fad: the classic canvas and rubber "Chuck Taylor All Stars."

Under a deal announced Wednesday, Nike, the top maker of high-tech athletic shoes, will pay $305 million for Converse Inc., makers of the Chuck Taylor, Jack Purcell and One Star brands.

Nike spokeswoman Joani Komlos said Converse will be operated as a separate brand within the company. Nike would pay for the deal with cash and assume Converse debt.

"Converse is one of the strongest footwear brands in the world with great heritage and a long history of success," said Tom Clarke, Nike's president of new business ventures.

Robert Toomey, an analyst for RBC Dain Rauscher in Seattle, said Nike was probably looking to cash in on the popularity of "retro" shoes and Converse's close brand association with basketball.

The deal, which remains subject to regulatory approval, would give Converse the deep-pocketed backing and marketing depth to push its brand worldwide, while offering Nike a fashion niche it may have been missing.

Nike overtook Converse as the dominant basketball shoemaker in the 1980s. After battling Nike and Reebok's surging popularity for nearly 20 years, Converse filed for bankruptcy in January 2001.

Later that year, the North Andover-based company was bought by private investors who have tried to revive the brand. Last year, Nike had $10.7 billion in revenue, while Converse reported $205 million.

Converse invented basketball shoes in the early days of the game, and "Chucks" got their name from Chuck Taylor, a Converse salesman who traveled the country from the 1920s until the 1960s, evangelizing the game and selling shoes.

By the 1970s, the company it was crippled by internal problems — including the disastrous acquisition of apparel-maker ApexOne. Sales continued to sputter in the 1980s, although more than 750 million pairs of "Chucks" have been sold.

There also was bad luck. Nike signed Michael Jordan, who became the NBA's greatest star. Converse signed Latrell Sprewell, who tried to choke his coach during practice and was dropped as an endorser.

A renaissance of sorts began when grunge rockers and baby boomers, not basketball players, were spotted wearing "Chucks" and Converse expanded its brands. The year before bankruptcy, sales were $145 million.

Apparel-industry veterans Marsden Cason and William Simon bought the company out of bankruptcy and tried to rebuild Converse's reputation as a maker of top-of-the-line basketball shoes.

Toomey said the deal was the latest "selective acquisition" for Nike, which has expanded its portfolio to include Cole Haan, Bauer and Hurley International, a teen line.

Earlier this year, New Balance relaunched its PF Flyers canvas sneakers, jumping on the retro bandwagon. "Retro styling has come back so strong, a lot stronger than I would have expected," Toomey said.

Convicted killer executed for shooting three

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Convicted killer Christopher Black Sr. quietly went to his death for a shooting spree that left his 17-month-old step-granddaughter, his 5-month-old daughter and his estranged wife dead more than five years ago at their home in Killeen.

Black, 43, a retired Army sergeant, declined to make a final statement Wednesday evening after he was strapped to the Texas death chamber gurney for lethal injection for the death of the 17-month-old.

With relatives of his slain wife, Gwendolyn, watching through a window a few feet away, his only word was "No" when he was asked by a warden if he had any final statement.

Seven minutes later, after a gasp and a long gurgle, he was pronounced dead.

"I'm glad it went as well as it did," Mardelouis Hawthorne, Gwendolyn Black's sister, said after watching Black die. "I'm glad he didn't look at us and didn't have a comment. ... I really didn't want to see him. We're all here to support my parents. I'm glad it's gotten to this point so we can move beyond.

"We still miss our loved ones," she added. "I've had sleepless nights. I think after today, I'll feel a lot more relieved that it's over with."

Police determined 17-month-old Katrease Houston was eating french fries and corn in her high chair when Black opened fire Feb. 7, 1998, shooting her five times in the chest. The child's grandmother and Black's wife, 36, was shot 10 times with a 9 mm semiautomatic pistol. Black's daughter, Christina Maria, was shot once.

"It's undoubtedly as heinous (a case) as any I dealt with," said Lon Curtis, the former assistant district attorney in Bell County who was among the prosecutors in the case. "It was a case that merited the death penalty. In 24 years of prosecuting mostly very serious crimes, it stands out."

Black called 911 from the shooting scene to report the carnage. His plan apparently was to kill himself too, but he told the emergency operator he had run out of bullets.

Black became the 18th condemned Texas inmate to receive lethal injection this year and the second in as many weeks. Two more are set to die later this month.

The U.S. Supreme Court in April refused to consider Black's appeal and no additional appeals were made.

Black bought the gun a day before the shooting. He mailed cassette tapes to relatives explaining plans to kill his wife and anyone else in the house. The tapes were timed to arrive after the shooting.

The couple had married just over three years earlier but relatives said Black's wife, who worked as an elementary school teacher in nearby Copperas Cove, after leaving the Army as a captain, was seeking a divorce because she received little help from her husband with the children and he had moved out of town to take a security job.

It took a jury in Killeen 15 minutes to convict Black of capital murder of Katrease. He was charged but not tried for the two other slayings.

Woman is charged with capital murder

HOUSTON (AP) — A woman who police say admitted abandoning her newborn daughter last month was charged with capital murder Wednesday for the 1998 death of her newborn son, whose body was found abandoned in a trash bin and bound with duct tape.

DNA and fingerprints linked Kenisha Berry, 25, of Beaumont, to the newborn boy, who was previously unidentified, said Steven Thrower, a senior investigator with the Jefferson County District Attorney's office.

The case had been an unsolved capital murder since 1998, Thrower said Wednesday of the baby boy, who died of asphyxiation.

"It was a case that had gotten cold ... until this most recent child being abandoned," said Jefferson County Sheriff Mitch Woods.

When the newborn girl was found June 6 in a ditch in rural Jefferson County, she was alive but covered with ant bites, Thrower said.

Investigators later located Berry, who admitted she abandoned the girl, Woods said. Berry was charged with child endangerment for leaving the baby girl in a ditch.

Berry took investigators to a Dumpster where she had thrown some of the evidence from the most recent birth, Beaumont police Detective John Boles said in a sworn affidavit Wednesday. The Dumpster was the same one where the dead baby had been found, he said.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Avoid empty calories to lose weight

DEAR DR. GOTT: Is it true that consuming diet drinks with aspartame will slow down my metabolism?

DEAR READER: Sugar substitutes, such as aspartame, do not affect metabolism — except that by taking the place of high-calorie sugar, they force the body to burn unwanted fat for energy. Avoidance of sugar is the cornerstone of any diet program for weight reduction. If you're interested in an inexpensive and healthful diet, I suggest that you try my "no flour, no sugar" program, outlined in a Health Report "Losing Weight" which I am sending to you free of charge. 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: Please discuss the ramifications of driving while using a prescription narcotic for control of chronic pain. I take two Percocet with each meal and two at bedtime. I can see no negative impact on my driving ability, yet my son and daughter-in-law insist that I can only drive if I reduce my intake to one tablet every four hours. My doctor is reluctant about getting caught in the middle of this family dispute.

DEAR READER: I can't fault your doctor for staying out of the middle of this controversy, yet he is the very person who could negotiate a solution.

Percocet is a strong prescription narcotic that often causes poor coordination, drowsiness and diminished reaction times. These are not the characteristics of a responsible driver. Moreover, you are taking a substantial dose of eight tablets a day. At this level, you are probably addicted to the drug. At the very least, your body has adapted to a dose that would bring a normal person to his knees.

On the other hand, there is now ample evidence from medical studies that people in chronic pain are much more tolerant of narcotic effects. Addiction is far less a problem than previously believed. Nonetheless, as a general rule, the lower the dose of pain medication, the better.

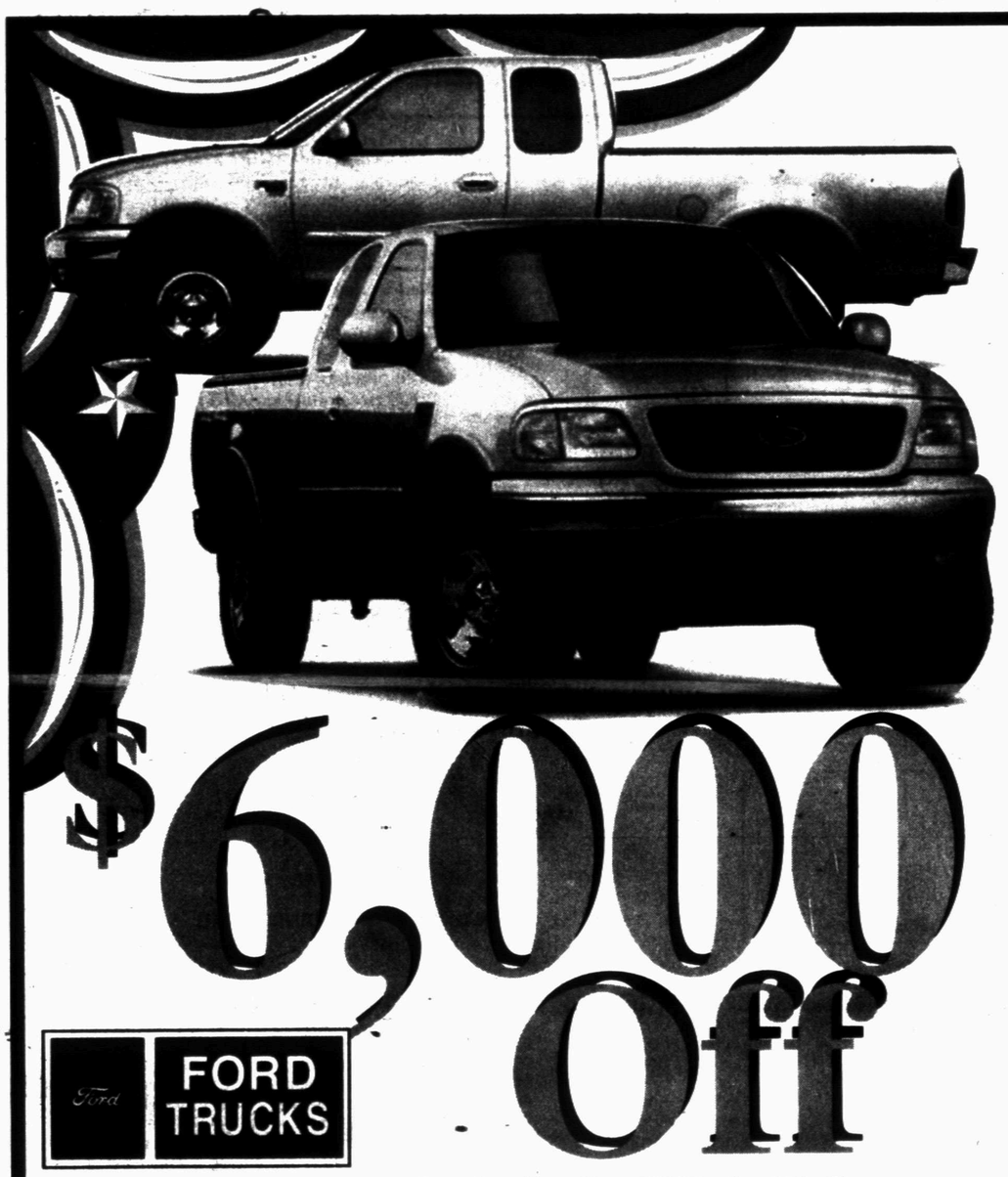
I suggest a compromise that I hope will control your pain and satisfy your family. Don't take more than one Percocet every four hours if you're planning to drive. At other times — such as at night or on days you don't drive — take your usual dose.

I said that your doctor is your best resource to resolve this disagreement because he knows the cause of your pain, controls the number of Percocet tablets you are prescribed, and is familiar with your responsibilities and daily activities. I am sure you would follow his advice about driving after taking Percocet, and he could also better explain the situation to your son and daughter-in-law.

In other words, his opinion is crucial. It is not enough that he merely distances himself from the controversy; he has got to vote "yea" or "nay" — or broker a compromise. Your so-called "family dispute" should be resolved by a medical authority.

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Bush: U.S. has to remain tough in Iraq

WASHINGTON (AP) — Pleading for patience, President Bush said the United States will "have to remain tough" in Iraq despite attacks on U.S. soldiers that killed at least two more Americans today.

Bush spoke in Gaborone, Botswana, amid a debate at home about erroneous evidence that the administration cited as part of its justification for the invasion of Iraq. A group of arms control experts accused the administration of misrepresenting intelligence information to justify the war.

Daryl G. Kimball, executive director of the private Arms Control Association, was one of several experts challenging the administration.

"We, along with an increasing number of others, believe that the administration made its case for going to war by misrepresenting intelligence findings as well as citing discredited intelligence information," Kimball said Wednesday.

And on Capitol Hill, Rep. Ike Skelton, D-Mo., the senior Democrat on the House Armed Services Committee, said he had a fear "we may find ourselves in the throes of guerrilla warfare for years."

"We cannot leave Iraq," Skelton said at a committee hearing with retired Gen. Tommy Franks, the U.S. commander in the war. "This must be a success."

Another committee member, Rep. Ellen Tauscher, D-Calif., said CIA Director George Tenet should be called to testify in public.

She said the committee owed it to the U.S. troops in Iraq "to evaluate whether the intelligence used to send them into harm's way ... was sound."

Bush, responding to concern about the rising casualty toll, said, "There's no question we have a security issue in Iraq, and we've just got to deal with it person to person. We're going to have to remain tough."

More than 70 American soldiers have died since Bush declared major combat over May 1. "It's going take more than 90 to 100 days for people to recognize the great joys of freedom and the responsibilities that come with freedom," he said. "It's very important for us to stay the course, and we will stay the course."

Judge to issue new trial date for lawsuits

HOUSTON (AP) — A cluster of dozens of federal lawsuits against Enron Corp., former executives and various banks and brokerages has been on hold for months while a judge sifted through defendants' requests to throw it out.

Now U.S. District Judge Melinda Harmon is ready to pull the litigation out of its slumber.

The conglomeration of lawsuits, led by a $25 billion claim with the University of California as the lead plaintiff, alleges that Enron, dozens of former executives from the energy company and its one-time auditor, Arthur Andersen LLP, and a string of financial institutions defrauded investors with shady accounting, inflated profits and hidden debt in the years before Enron imploded in a sea of scandal.

In March 2002, Harmon set a trial date of December 2003 for the claims. But the claims kept growing as similar lawsuits were added to the cluster and the banks were added as defendants. The judge put the claims on hold in May 2002 so Harmon could read and rule on requests from defendants that she either dismiss the cases or release them from the litigation.

Harmon issued her first such ruling in December, keeping most of the banks in the litigation. More rulings regarding other defendants followed.

Police don't have evidence to hold man

BAKERSFIELD, Calif. (AP) — Less than 12 hours after he was arrested in the shooting deaths of five family members, an elementary school assistant principal was released from jail when police concluded they lacked enough evidence to hold him.

Vincent Brothers, 41, walked out of the county jail in Elizabeth City, N.C., early this morning, a day after he turned himself in to police for questioning in the deaths of his former wife, mother-in-law and three children.

Bakersfield Police Capt. Neil Mahan said the department decided to release Brothers based on new information and after conferring with the prosecutors who would decide whether to file charges.

"He may be rearrested. We have much to do," said Mahan, who earlier in the day had acknowledged that Brothers had been arrested "just because of the circumstances."

Following his arrest on Wednesday in North Carolina, where Brothers said he was visiting his mother, Bakersfield police said Brothers was their only potential suspect. But they acknowledged they were trying to determine whether anyone else would have had a motive for the killings.

A family friend found the bodies of the five victims at their home Tuesday morning. All had been shot to death.

Authorities identified them as Brothers' ex-wife, Joanie Harper, 39; their three children, Marques Harper, 4, Lyndsey Harper, 23 months, and Marshall Harper, 11/2 months; and Joanie Harper's mother, Earnestine Harper, 70.

Hood picked to head Merkel Independent School District

Bill Hood, a 1970 graduate of Snyder High School, has been chosen to lead the Merkel Independent School District.



Bill Hood

Hood, 52, was named superintendent from a list of 50 applicants.

Hood, who has been superintendent at Blackwell with 160 students the past two years, will assume his new post on Aug. 1 in a Class AAA district with an enrollment of 1,440.

Hood's father, the late Bill J. Hood, was superintendent of the Snyder ISD from 1967 to 1984.

Hood earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Texas in 1974 and his master's degree from Wayland Baptist University in 1985. He earned his mid-management certification from Sul Ross State University in 1993.

Prior to becoming an administrator in 1993, Hood taught elementary science for 18 years in Dalhart and Iraan-Sheffield ISD.

Hood and his wife Rhonda have 3 children, Jessica, Trevor and Ceneé.

Security meeting in doubt amid crisis in Palestinian leadership

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel's defense minister expressed optimism about talks to resolve an impasse over releasing Palestinian prisoners, but officials said a key meeting might be postponed because of a crisis in the Palestinian leadership.

Palestinian Prime Minister Mahmoud Abbas has been criticized by senior figures in Yasser Arafat's Fatah movement for being too conciliatory toward Israel during the recent weeks' fledgling peace efforts.

On Tuesday, Abbas resigned from Fatah's leadership council; the resignation was refused, but Abbas has threatened that unless he receives stronger support he will go further and resign the premiership as well. That could destroy the fragile truce that has brought a lull after 33 months of Mideast violence.

Palestinian Foreign Minister Nabil Shaath said today the crisis over Abbas' resignation threat appeared to have passed.

On a visit to China's capital, Beijing, Shaath said that "the threat is over. His resignation was rejected unanimously and he is still on the job." The Fatah Central Committee refused to accept Abbas' letter of resignation. On Wednesday, Abbas had said he would not resign as premier.

Palestinian sources had said the tensions within the Palestinian leadership could delay today's planned meeting in Jerusalem between Israeli Defense Minister Shaul Mofaz and Abbas' powerful security chief Mohammed Dahlan.

Dahlan said the meeting would be delayed for "a few hours" because of disagreement over the venue. Israel's Defense Ministry also said it expected the meeting to take place late today.

The two were expected to discuss the crisis over the estimated 7,000 Palestinian prisoners held by Israel, most on suspicion of terrorism.

Mofaz was optimistic that talks with Dahlan would be productive.

Snyder officers arrest man as a detainee of the INS

•Arrest

Snyder officers arrested a 21-year-old man in the 700 block of 30th Street at 9 p.m. Wednesday as an INS detainee. The subject was transported to the county jail and booked for holding.

•Theft

David Yanez reported at 10:40 p.m. Wednesday that $240 was missing from his residence. Officers advised a Class B theft report would be filed.

•Threats

A man reported at 7 a.m. Wednesday that a male subject threatened him with a weapon near the intersection of U.S. 84 and Hwy. 180. An offense report for deadly conduct was filed.

•Close patrol

An employee at Lone Star Cleaners reported a break-in Wednesday morning and advised that some change was taken from the cash register. A close patrol was requested.

•Suicide threat

A woman reported at 7:20 p.m. Wednesday that her 17-year-old daughter had left her residence. Officers located the juvenile and returned her to her mother.

At 7:50 the woman called again to report that the girl was trying to hurt herself. An officer was dispatched and advised an offense report for threatening suicide would be submitted.

Obituaries

Jerry Davis

1940-2003

LEONARD — Jerry A. Davis, a Scurry County native, died Tuesday, July 8, at Presbyterian Hospital in Greenville.

Funeral service for Mr. Davis, 62, was set for 10 a.m. today in the Peace Tabernacle Church in Trenton with the Rev. Wayne Hutchins officiating. Burial was to follow in the Leonard Cemetery under the direction of Taylor Funeral Home.

Born Aug. 8, 1940 in Snyder, he was a 1958 graduate of Snyder High School. He married Clydene Lyons on Aug. 24, 1985 in Durant, Okla.

A resident of Leonard, Mr. Davis was a certified public accountant and a member of the Peace Tabernacle Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jack and Geraldine Woolever Davis.

Survivors include his wife, Clydene Davis of Leonard; five sons, Joe Aguirre of Dallas, Eddie Aguirre of Leonard, Alex Aguirre of Rowlett, Kris Davis of Plano and Keith Davis of Saginaw; three daughters, Kim Sanders of Plano, Anita Cluck of Leonard and Karen Pratt of Arlington; a sister, Belinda Arey of Greenville; a brother, Naxey Davis of Greenville; and four grandchildren.

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Pauline Lee

1921-2003

LUBBOCK — Pauline Thompson Lee, a native of Scurry County, died Monday, July 7, in Lubbock.

Funeral service for Mrs. Lee, 82, is set for 11 a.m. Friday in the Wilson's Funeral Directors Chapel with the Rev. Howard Mayne officiating. Interment will be in Wilson's Funeral Directors Cemetery.

Born June 3, 1921 in Snyder, she married James Allen Lee on June 29, 1940 in Brownfield. He died Feb. 16, 1985. A son, Jerry Dewayne Lee, died in 1946.

Survivors include a daughter, Luene Cosson of Hitchcock; three sons, James Lee of Lubbock, Clyde Lee of Plainview and Teddy Lee of Carrollton; two sisters, Ernestine Dukes of Lakeland, Fla., and Winnie Young of Kermit; 15 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

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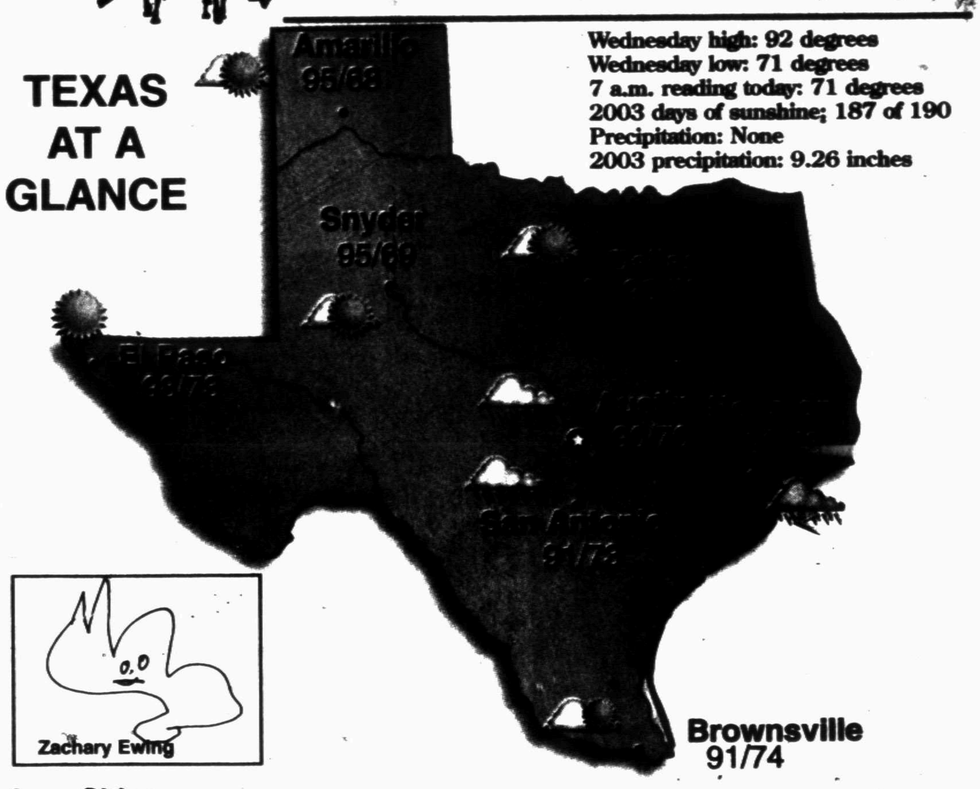
Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Fri 7/11	Sat 7/12	Sun 7/13
95/69	96/68	94/68
Mostly sunny skies. High near 95F. Winds S at 5 to 10 mph.	Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the upper 60s.	Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the upper 60s.
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Wednesday high: 92 degrees
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2003 days of sunshine; 187 of 190
Precipitation: None
2003 precipitation: 9.26 inches

Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond
Abilene	96	72	mst sunny
Amarillo	95	68	mst sunny
Austin	90	70	rain
Beaumont	89	72	t-storm
Brownsville	91	74	pt sunny
Brownwood	97	71	mst sunny
Corpus Christi	90	75	pt sunny
Corsicana	94	72	mst sunny
Dallas	96	76	mst sunny
Del Rio	95	74	mst sunny
El Paso	98	73	sunny
Fort Stockton	95	69	mst sunny
Gainesville	96	71	mst sunny
Greenville	94	71	mst sunny
Houston	90	73	t-storm
Kingsville	92	72	pt sunny
Livingston	91	70	t-storm
Longview	94	70	pt sunny
Lubbock	96	70	mst sunny
Lufkin	92	71	t-storm
Midland	96	70	mst sunny
Raymondville	93	72	pt sunny
Rosenberg	90	72	t-storm
San Antonio	91	73	rain
San Marcos	91	71	rain
Sulphur Springs	95	70	mst sunny
Sweetwater	96	70	mst sunny
Tyler	94	72	mst sunny
Weatherford	96	71	mst sunny
Wichita Falls	99	73	mst sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond
Atlanta	81	65	t-storm
Boston	72	66	rain
Chicago	77	61	pt sunny
Dallas	96	76	mst sunny
Denver	93	59	mst sunny
Houston	90	73	t-storm
Los Angeles	83	65	sunny
Miami	86	78	cloudy
Minneapolis	75	59	pt sunny
New York	79	68	rain
Phoenix	114	87	sunny
San Francisco	78	59	windy
Seattle	80	57	mst sunny
St. Louis	86	67	mst sunny
Washington, DC	86	70	pt sunny

Moon Phases

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

UV Index

Fri 7/11	Sat 7/12	Sun 7/13
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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