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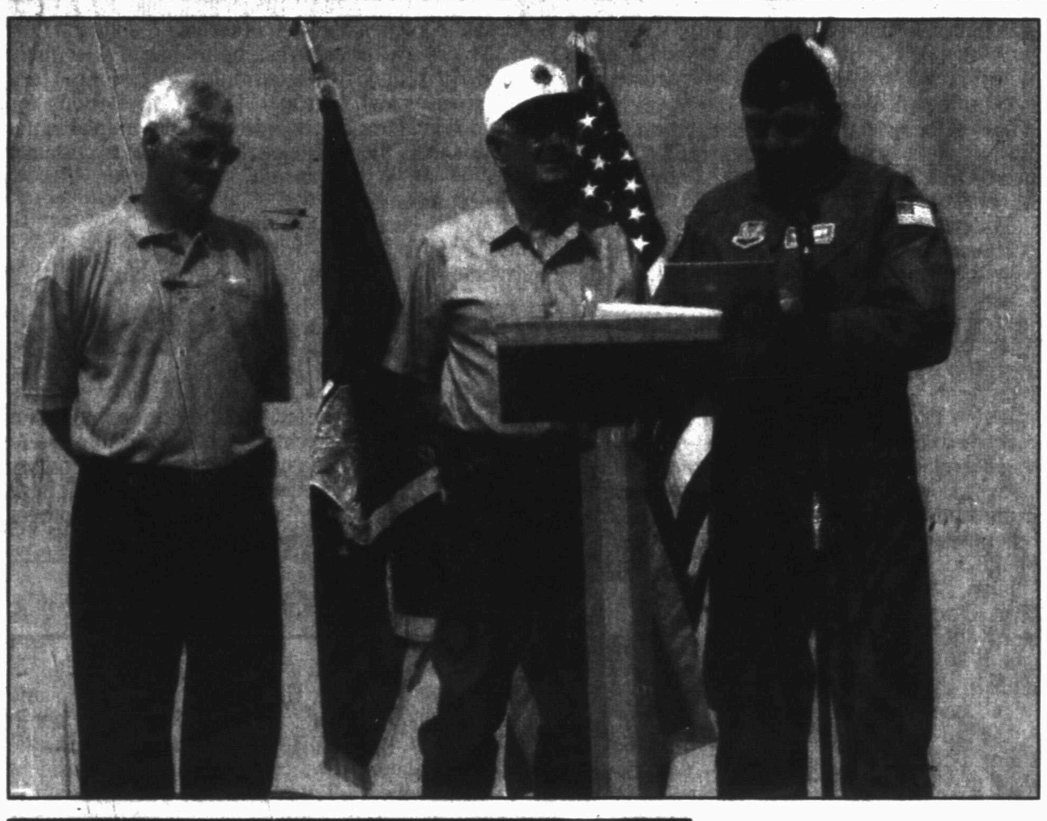
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Home of Ken Scott





GRAND OPENING — A large crowd was in attendance this morning at Winston Field for the grand opening of the AHN-TECH facility and Lone Star remote scoring site. Representatives from the U.S. Air Force, U.S. Rep. Charlie Stenholm and local civic leaders addressed the audience. Tours of the facility were given and hot dogs were served. Snyder civic leader Max von Roeder was presented a plaque of appreciation by Col. Dale Garrett and Dwight Williams, airspace manager at Dyess Air Base. Darrell Mize and Col. Garrett look over the fixings in the lunch line in the photo at left. (SDN Staff Photos)

SISD begins search for permanent school chief

By Wade Warren
SDN Managing Editor

With an interim superintendent on board, Snyder ISD trustees got the ball rolling Thursday night to find a permanent school chief.

Meeting for the third time this week, the board approved a search contract with the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB).

Dr. Don Killough, TASB representative, told the board that the organization would design the search process and make recommendations, but the final choice would be up to the local board.

"We will make recommendations, but you will make all the decisions," Dr. Killough said. He added that TASB takes the search very seriously, and would be working with the local trustees over the next three months.

"Within this three months, we hope to bring you a candidate you are comfortable with," said Dr. Killough.

The search process will begin in September, and if all goes as planned, a candidate could be announced in December.

Trustees unanimously approved the search contract for $7,500, plus expenses.

Prior to the regular meeting, a budget workshop was held and the 2002-2003 budget is now pegged at $17.7 million, down from the current year's budget of $20.4 million.

The district will lose $2.3 million in state funding due to the drop in enrollment and the increase in valuations.

Since last month, Karen Waller, assistant superintendent for finance, said she had added $10,000 for the superintendent search, and $10,000 to the food service line.

"The drop in income for food service also is a result of the declining enrollment," said Waller.

Due to the drop in income for food service, trustees voted to increase the price of elementary lunches from $1.30 to $1.45, and to raise the price of secondary lunches from $1.50 to $1.60.

Staff lunches will increase a quarter to $2.25, and guest lunches will go up 10 cents to $2.60.

The board also approved its intention to adopt the proposed tax rate of $1.50 per $100 valuation as part of the budget process.

Nine professional contracts also were approved.

These include Linda Clark, district-wide speech therapist; Lacee Cox, Northeast Elementary special education instructor; Paul Hayes, SJHS industrial technology teacher; Vickie Hollingsworth, SHS English teacher; Melissa McNeil, Central Elementary third grade teacher; Laura Moses, SHS volleyball coach and PE instructor; Canita Rhodes, SJHS science teacher and coach; Brock Rumfield, SJHS special education teacher and coach; and Meredith Schneider, East Elementary fourth grade teacher.

Charlene Light withdrew her name from consideration as an elementary counselor before the meeting, said Dr. Melissa Jones, assistant superintendent for personnel

Letters of resignation were accepted from Staci Bollinger, fifth grade teacher at Northeast; Charles Haggard, high school counselor; Jenny Hampton, speech assistant at Stanfield Elementary; and Virginia Lomax, SHS English teacher.

Dr. Jones also updated the board on the number of teacher positions that had been absorbed.

"Six positions have been absorbed at the elementary level, with 1½ at the junior high and seven at high school," said Dr. Jones.

Also given were brief reports on technology updates and on curriculum.

Board president Mark McCormick presided in the 90-minute meeting and all board members were present to include Luann Burleson, Richard Chambers, Cathy Peoples, Glenn Clarady, Mike Levens and Doug Neff.

Also present was Jim Kirkland, a former school superintendent in Perryton, who was selected Wednesday to serve as interim superintendent.

Kirkland was selected for the position on Wednesday. All school administrators also were present.

Medieval show set here Saturday

The Big Spring branch of the Society for Creative Anachronism Inc. (SCA) will make an appearance in Snyder Saturday at Towle Park.

The SCA is an organization dedicated to the research and recreation of the Middle Ages. The period recreated by the society covers Western civilization before 1600 AD, with an emphasis on the Western European high Middle Ages.

The members of the SCA study medieval martial arts, literature, dance, calligraphy, cooking, metalwork, stained glass, and clothing from the period.

The branch — also known as Shire of Crossrode Keep — will present a demonstration of medieval fighting techniques, showing armored and rapier-style combat. Also on display will be Middle Ages-period arts and crafts.

SCA member Jane Lusk said the demonstration would last from 2 to 6 p.m. She said the branch visits whenever they have a request.

"You've got some new folks in Snyder that are from Big Spring that were members of the SCA," she said. "They've made new friends who were interested and asked us to come."

The society was formed in 1966 in Berkeley, Calif.

Since then, the society has grown to over 24,000 paying members in the U.S., Canada, Britain and several other European and Asian countries.

Through Labor Day...

'Ready to Roll' exhibit will roll on at museum

Those who have yet to view the "Ready to Roll" motorcycle exhibit at the Scurry County Museum will now have through the Labor Day weekend to see the display.

Museum administrative assistant Jodie Digby said the popularity of the exhibit led to the decision to extend the display.

"Over 800 people have visited," she said. "We felt that Labor Day would be a good opportunity for people to come."

The exhibit features 30 Harley-Davidson and Indian motorcycles and Cushman scooters owned by Scurry County residents.

Clothing, collectibles and mementos also are on display, as are photographs and historical background on the manufacturers.

Digby said the next exhibit would be an inmate art show featuring the works of prisoners in the Price Daniel Unit and an exhibit of the Pallett Club, a water color painting club from Snyder.

The opening reception for the next exhibit will be Sept. 8 and will run through Sept. 27.

Until on-campus complex is finished...

College sports teams to use local facilities for practice

Construction delays at Western Texas College's sports complex and repairs at Snyder High School's baseball practice field will force the college's new baseball team to head a little further south to begin workouts at the start of the school year.

Dr. Greg Williams, WTC president, said an agreement has been reached to allow the college team to practice at Ira High School facilities.

"We originally planned to workout at Snyder High's practice field, but they are doing some work there so we can't use it yet," Dr. Williams said. "We will instead use Ira's fields until the repairs at SHS are complete."

Plans are for the WTC baseball team to utilize the Snyder High practice field as soon as it's ready. The college softball team will practice and play at Cates Field in Snyder.

Finding a place to practice and play shouldn't be a problem for either team after this year as dirt work has begun on the college's two-field sports complex to be located on the southwest corner of campus.

A September deadline for laying sod was set this summer, but state regulations for affluent water testing are taking longer than expected, according to Dr. Williams.

"We use the affluent water out of our lake to keep our golf course watered, but the regulations for a golf course and a playing field are different so we have to go through a lengthy testing process."

The Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission reported that the tests can take up to 90 days, thus forcing the college to miss the deadline it set to lay the sod. The turf will be laid in the spring instead.

About 85 students are expected to enroll this fall in conjunction with the baseball and softball teams.

Dr. Williams reported that players are beginning to register and will move onto campus soon.

THE SDN COLUMN

MY TURN

by Wade Warren



() Doctor, () Lawyer, () Indian Chief, or () Psychologist...

...please check one.

I know of only a few persons who are actually doing what they checked during college registration and I think I know the motivation behind long-time friend Jarvis Wright pursuing many degrees in psychology, including his doctorate.

One practical joke altered Jarvis's life and darn near ended mine and his younger brother's.

Jarvis, James (his brother), and myself all served as lifeguards at a pool in Odessa during all our high school years and a couple of summers into college.

I would hesitate to call the several girls that frequented the pool every day "pool groupies," but they did seem real interested in what went on after-hours as we cleaned the pool.

You have to remember that we were all 16 or 17 years old so the attention of any girl around 15 or so was okay with us — even if they only wanted to swim free at night.

But one summer, something happened that changed everything.

Jarvis went on vacation for two weeks — leaving James and me to work the pool. When he returned, he had a mustache!

The first day back to work, the pool girls started following Jarvis around and they never quit. They liked his mustache!

We tried to get the pool manager to have him shave it because we claimed it looked "unprofessional."

"Look how nice and clean shaven we are," James and I pleaded to the manager as our attempts to grow a mustache were dismal failures.

James and I knew we had to figure out a way to get rid of that mustache.

So we told Jarvis of a buddy in Lubbock that got mustache stuff from France and it really made his look good.

We baited him for a good month or so and finally one day we bought some Nair, put it in an empty medicine jar and told Jarvis that our friend had mailed it all the way from France.

He didn't hesitate to smear the stuff on his mustache and I can still see him sitting in the lifeguard stand, deeply tanned with this white glob on his upper lip.

Jarvis would pat his mustache occasionally and we were beginning to wonder if the Nair would work.

It did.

One pat left most of his mustache on his finger!

He took off after us and we took off out the pool's front doors and there we all went around the park with him hollering, "Why? Why did you do this?"

Heck, it was in his best interest. We were just giving him some career guidance.

ASK US

Q—When is the College Football Hall of Fame induction ceremony?

A—At 5 p.m. Saturday.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Thursday, 98 degrees; low, 71; 7 a.m. Friday, 71; no precipitation; total for 2002, 14.31 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy; low 70-75; SE winds 5-15 mph; 30% rain chance. Saturday, partly cloudy; high 90-95; SE winds 10-20 mph; 30% rain chance.



Megan Williamson
Partly Cloudy

Sunset:
8:33 p.m.
Sunrise:
7:06 a.m.
Of 220 days in 2002, the sun has shone 213 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Every generation must wage a new war for freedom.

—Political Action Conference, 1924

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More accounting woes found at WorldCom

NEW YORK (AP) — The bad news about bankrupt telecommunications firm WorldCom Inc. has become $3.3 billion worse.

The company said Thursday that it had uncovered another $3.3 billion in bogus accounting, bringing the total to about $7.1 billion, and warned that it could find more accounting problems as it moves forward with its internal investigation.

WorldCom spokesman Brad Burns said the latest figures have already been reported to the Securities and Exchange Commission and won't affect the Clinton, Miss.-based company's ability to keep operating.

"The company identified the financial issues to the investigative authorities and we are working hard to get the company back on solid financial footing," Burns said.

The long-distance and Internet services company said it may write off $50.6 billion in goodwill and other intangible assets when it restates its finances to adjust for the accounting problems. That would be one of the biggest such write-offs in U.S. corporate history.

The company previously reported finding $3.8 billion in accounting irregularities for 2001 and the first half of 2002. The latest discovery was made as the company reviewed its books for 1999 and 2000.

Because of the accounting problems, WorldCom said it would restate its financial statements for all of 2000, 2001 and the first quarter of 2002.

WorldCom filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection on July 21, listing $107 billion in total assets and $41 billion in debts. It was the biggest bankruptcy filing in U.S. history.

Thursday's revelation came amid a string of accounting scandals that has tarnished some of the nation's largest firms, felling once mighty companies like Enron and Global Crossing. The fallout has severely shaken investor confidence, pummeling stocks and pension funds.

The total impact of problems at WorldCom won't be known until accounting firm KPMG LLP finishes auditing the its financial statements for 2000-02, the company said.

Arthur Andersen LLP, the accounting firm convicted of criminal charges for shredding Enron audit documents, had been WorldCom's auditor until May.

The accounting fraud that occurred in 2000 is said to differ from the techniques used in 2001 and 2002, according to a report Thursday by the financial news network CNBC.

In the latest case, the report said, former chief financial officer Scott Sullivan is believed to have used a variety of methods to bolster income, including counting reserves for bad debts as operating income.

Last week, Sullivan and former controller David Myers were arrested and charged with hiding nearly $4 billion in expenses and lying to investors and regulators in a desperate bid to keep the company afloat.

But whether the company's former chief executive, Bernard Ebbers, had knowledge of fraudulent accounting methods hasn't been determined.

Ebbers' attorney defended his client in an interview Thursday night with CNBC.

"I'm certain of this. When the investigation is done, there will not be a shred of credible evidence that Bernie Ebbers had a thing to do with those (accounting) decisions," said Reid Weingarten of Steptoe & Johnson LLP, a Washington-based law firm. "Accounting decisions are arcane. They're mysterious for people who are not trained in the science. Bernie Ebbers certainly was not."

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"WHAT'S GOING ON WITH THE MARKET?"

Pearl's body returned to United States

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The body of Wall Street Journal reporter Daniel Pearl, recovered from a shallow grave where it was abandoned after his slaying by Islamic militants, was returned to his family for a proper burial.

The body was flown from Pakistan Thursday on a Cathay Pacific flight to Los Angeles International Airport, said James Lee, a spokesman for Pearl's parents, who live in a suburb of the city.

The plane, which had stopped in Hong Kong, taxied to an isolated gate where media access was restricted. Passengers were bused to the international terminal, where they went through customs.

The family plans a private funeral service in the next week. Lee declined further comment, citing the family's desire for privacy.

Pearl's body, in an oak casket covered with red flowers, was transferred Wednesday by police convoy from a mortuary at the Edhi Foundation, a Pakistani relief organization, according to foundation official Rezwan Edhi.

Pearl, 38, was kidnapped Jan. 23 in Karachi while working on a story about links between Pakistani Islamic extremists and Richard C. Reid, who was arrested in December after he allegedly tried to light explosives in his shoes while on a flight from Paris to Miami.

A few days later, e-mails announcing the kidnapping were received by Western and Pakistani news organizations from the previously unknown National Movement for the Restoration of Pakistani Sovereignty.

In February, a videotape given to American diplomats in Karachi confirmed Pearl was dead. A body found in May in a shallow grave in Karachi was later identified through DNA tests as Pearl's.

Last month, four men, including British-born militant Ahmed Omar Saeed Sheikh, were convicted of the kidnapping and slaying. Saeed was sentenced to death by hanging and the others received life sentences. All have filed appeals, and seven others are being sought in the case.

Date Book

Friday, Aug. 9, 2002

Today is the 221st day of 2002 and the 50th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1892, Thomas Edison received a patent on his invention of a system for sending two telegraph messages over one wire at the same time.

On this day in 1944, the character Smokey the Bear was created by the Forest Service and the Wartime Advertising Council.

On this day in 1945, three days after dropping an atomic bomb on Hiroshima, and on the same day as another atomic bomb would be dropped on the Japanese city of Nagasaki, President Truman spoke publicly about the bombing and threatened a continuation if Japan did not surrender.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Izaak Walton (1593-1683), writer; John Dryden (1631-1700), poet and dramatist; Sam Elliott (1944-), actor, is 58; Whitney Houston (1963-), singer, is 39.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1981, actor Paul Newman qualified for the pole position in the Nissan Trans-Am Road Race, where he would go on to set a course record with an average 102.595 miles per hour.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Tomorrow do thy worst, I have lived today." — John Dryden

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (Aug. 8) and first quarter (Aug. 15).

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Caskets personalized

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP) — Golf clubs are propped upright and a basketball hoop hangs nearby. A recliner sits in front of a television set showing sports highlights. Together, it makes a perfect setting — for a sports fan's casket.

Funeral directors say "sets" personalized for anglers, film buffs and sports fans have gained popularity as a way to give viewings a personal touch.

"We really bought into the idea that funerals should be a meaningful experience reflective of a person's life," Silvy Edmonds Cotton, president of Perpetua told The Press of Atlantic City.

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RESULTS

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Thursday by the Texas Lottery:
1-6-18-24-27

Pick 3

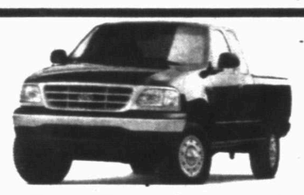
AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order:
1-8-4

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- 1994 Mercury Cougar *V-6, power windows/locks, leather, alum. wheels*
- 1996 Mercury Mystique *4 cyl., auto, power windows/locks, cruise, only 39,000 miles*

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Child-abuse headlines make mom fear for her young son

DEAR ABBY: I just finished reading a newspaper article describing the arrest and plea bargain of a man who has been sexually abusing his daughter since before she could walk.

As I watch my young son toddling around the house, I don't want to face the future. Will I always have to worry about a sex deviant hurting him?

I am starting to be paranoid —. second-guessing everyone's motive for smiling at him. Between the church scandals and parents who harm their own, I am afraid to leave my son anywhere. The thought that someone out there would hurt precious children breaks my heart.

I don't understand how this happens. Please tell me where are the mothers, fathers, aunts, uncles, grandparents? Do they close their eyes and ears, or is it so insidious that no one notices? — **HEARTSICK ON LONG ISLAND**

DEAR HEARTSICK: It's impossible to generalize because each case is different. Your fears are normal, but should not be allowed to distort your view of the world.

Teach your son while he is very young that you will listen to him. He also needs to be taught proper boundaries — that NO ONE has the right to touch him inappropriately. And further, that he can confide ANYTHING to you without fear of punishment.

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DEAR ABBY: I am 17. Last spring my boyfriend's brother got married. I attended the wedding and reception. I was also invited to the family home the next day for the bride and groom's gift-opening ceremony.

My boyfriend and I gave them pretty candlesticks for their apartment. My mother, who was not invited to the wedding or reception, thought it would be nice to give them a token gift, so she gave them a lovely wedding card with $20 enclosed.

As they opened their gifts and cards, they disclosed the amount of money on each check they received, and made comments about each one in front of everybody in the room. The bride is from a wealthy family. Some checks were for more than $500. When they got to my mom's card, instead of just saying a simple, "Thank you," they announced the $20 amount and said, "Well, I guess THAT'S appropriate!"

Abby, I was appalled and furious. My mother didn't have to give them a thing. I was so upset, I left the party. Is this kind of behavior acceptable? It's been bugging me after all this time. What do you think? — **STILL BUGGED IN ILLINOIS**

DEAR STILL BUGGED: Their behavior was insensitive, immature, rude and ungrateful. When money is received and wedding gifts in the form of checks are displayed, it's supposed to be done with the amount concealed. To ridicule people for the size of their gift is inexcusable.

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder



North 08-09-02
♠ 5 2
♥ 7 4
♦ J 9 6 5
♣ Q J 10 8 7

West
♠ 7 4
♥ Q
♦ 10 8 7 4 2
♣ 9 6 5 3 2

East
♠ 3
♥ A 10 9 8 6 5 3 2
♦ 3
♣ A K 4

South
♠ A K Q J 10 9 8 6
♥ K J
♦ A K Q
♣ —

Dealer: West
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
	Pass	Pass	4 ♥
6 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♥ Q

Friday, Aug. 9, 2002

The last letter of five is dee

By Phillip Alder

We have reached the fifth and last letter used by Dave Huggett for his acronyms that help one to analyze a deal at trick one. We move from C is for Counting, B is for Bidding, A is for Analyze the Opening Lead and E is for Entries to D is for Danger.

You should ask yourself: What is the danger to my contract? Then, you should try to annul that danger — if you can. If you cannot handle, say, a 5-0 trump break, then assume it is 4-1 or 3-2, whatever you can manage, and proceed. But if you can cope with 5-0, do so.

The danger to your contract in this deal shouldn't be hard to recognize, but work out your play before calling for dummy's card at trick one. East opens four hearts in third position. Seeing 12 tricks, you jump to six spades. West leads the heart queen. What would be your plan?

East's opening bid is reasonable. As West is a passed hand, it is unlikely that his side has a slam, and four hearts might be just enough to silence South.

Your contract is in jeopardy only if West has led a singleton, which is, of course, a lively possibility. When East wins with the heart ace, you must smoothly drop the king. It's no good hesitating — that will give away the position for sure.

At trick two, maybe East will try to cash the club ace. He shouldn't, because you wouldn't have bid six spades off two cashing aces. However, he might. But if you play the heart jack at trick one, East will have no problem, West's lead having marked you with the heart king.

Play the card you are known to hold — and do it in tempo.

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Sleeping woman killed

HOUSTON (AP) — A woman who regularly wandered a southwest Houston neighborhood was killed when she crawled underneath a pickup to sleep and the owner of the vehicle later drove over her, not knowing she was there.

The truck owner said he pulled out of his driveway on Thursday to go to work. The truck passed over the woman and dragged her body 12 to 15 feet out into the street, police said.

The 44-year-old woman, whose name was not released, was dead by the time she hit the road, officials said.

Oregon court OKs punitive damage law

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — A state law that gives a crime victims fund 60 percent of punitive damages awarded by juries was declared constitutional Thursday by the Oregon Supreme Court.

"This is a big one for us," said Kevin Neely, spokesman for the Oregon attorney general, saying the decision should speed collection of some outstanding judgments.

But the Oregon Trial Lawyers Association said the ruling would make consumers and attorneys less willing to risk suing companies for fraud or illegal business practices.

"Our clients typically don't have the financial resources to go to court, and they need a lawyer willing to take the risk that they will get back the cost of going to trial if they win," said Chris Bouneff, a spokesman for the association.

Punitive damages are awarded in addition to compensation for injuries to punish defendants in a lawsuit — either individuals or corporations — that juries consider especially negligent or a threat to public interest.

In 1987, the Legislature passed a law requiring a portion of the damage award be paid to a crime victims fund. After several amendments, the state is now allowed to take 60 percent of the damages and attorney fees are capped at 20 percent.

Frank DeMendoza had sued his former attorney, Bruce Huffman, claiming fraudulent transfer of real estate and wrongful use of legal procedure.

In 1999, a federal jury awarded DeMendoza $1.767 million, including $1.1 million in punitive damages that were later reduced to $550,000.

DeMendoza challenged the state law requiring payment to the crime victims fund, claiming the state had no authority to take any part of an award made in federal court.

The Oregon Supreme Court rejected the challenge.

"A plaintiff has no right or entitlement to punitive damages," Justice Tom Balmer wrote. "It has always been, at most, an expectation."

In addition, the court noted, punitive damages are not intended to reward lawsuits but to punish people or companies for misconduct.

DeMendoza's attorney, Dave Gilstrap, said he did not plan an appeal.

"We had a strong argument but the Supreme Court of Oregon did not agree and that has become the law," Gilstrap said.

Man executed for killing elderly man when he was 17

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Condemned killer T.J. Jones went to his death with a smile and an apology.

Jones, 25, who was 17 when he was arrested for killing an East Texas man during a 1994 carjacking, was executed Thursday evening.

Strapped to the Texas death chamber gurney, Jones greeted his mother, an aunt and two friends with smiles. He then turned to apologize to relatives of the 75-year-old retired electrician, Willard Davis, who was gunned down outside his Longview home after surrendering his car to Jones and three accomplices.

"I regret the pain I put y'all through," he said. "I hope y'all can move on after this."

He looked back toward his mother and told her he loved her.

"Take care," he said.

Seven minutes later, after a lethal mixture of drugs was pumped into his arms, he was pronounced dead.

Jones became the 20th inmate put to death this year in Texas and the second in as many days.

Jones' sentence, particularly because of his age at the time of the crime, renewed criticism of capital punishment from traditional death penalty opponents.

Among them was the European Union, an organization of European delegates to the United States, which said in a letter to Texas Gov. Rick Perry that the execution of juvenile offenders "is contrary to widely accepted human rights norms and the minimum standards of human rights set forth by the United Nations."

Texas is among 22 states that allow capital punishment for 17-year-olds.

"First of all, Texas law says if you're 17 or older, you're an adult for all purposes," said Alfonso Charles, a Gregg County assistant district attorney who prosecuted Jones. "And the Supreme Court has said even a 16-year-old is.

"And personally, I feel a 17-year-old knows right from wrong, especially the actions that T.J. did."

Jones, who had exhausted his legal avenues and had no appeals in the courts as his execution date approached, became the 12th Texas inmate and the 20th in the United States to be executed.

Victims say outsiders should monitor all abusive priests

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Leaders of Roman Catholic religious orders said they could keep young people safe from sexually abusive priests, rejecting criticism from victims' advocates who say the groups are too protective of errant clergy.

The Rev. Canice Connors, a Conventual Franciscan who has overseen treatment for sexually abusive priests, said critics were ignoring data indicating that some offenders can be treated.

Referring to victims, Connors said, "we clearly have received the message of their fear. We have also responded adequately."

Connors was attending the Conference of Major Superiors of Men, an association of the heads of orders. It is evaluating how the sex abuse policy approved by U.S. bishops in June should be adapted for religious communities. About 15,000 of the nation's 46,000 priests belong to orders such as the Jesuits and Benedictines.

The Survivors Network of Those Abused by Priests said they feared the groups would not protect children because they have said their errant members were still like family and deserved compassion.

"I would sooner find a jail cell than a place for a sex offender in my family," said Mark Serrano, a SNAP national board member.

Members of SNAP had asked to address the conference, but Connors — also the conference president — said he heard the group speak to the bishops and felt this week's event should focus on making a plan.

SNAP organized a news conference at the hotel where the meeting was being held. Conference workers saw Serrano and the others in the lobby and invited them to use a media room.

The Rev. Ted Keating, a Marist and the conference executive director, said the orders, like the bishops, would bar abusers from face-to-face contact with parishioners. But the religious communities said they would find roles for the men in administrative positions far from children. The bishops decided that any church work was too risky for offenders.

One-third of priests from religious orders work in parishes, with the rest serving in hospitals, schools and other ministries.

Under church law, bishops have authority over religious-order clergy working in dioceses.

Judge: Makah Tribe can hunt whales

TACOMA, Wash. (AP) — A federal judge on Thursday dismissed a challenge by animal welfare groups to the Makah Indian whale hunts, clearing the way for the gray whale hunts to resume.

U.S. District Judge Franklin Burgess said the whale hunt opponents failed to prove that federal agencies' assessment of the hunts' impact was arbitrary or capricious.

"The ruling is a pretty important victory," said John Arum, lawyer for the tribe. "It likely means the litigation over Makah whaling is at an end."

The lawsuit was brought by the New York-based Fund for Animals, Humane Society of the United States, and others against the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the National Marine Fisheries Service.

The plaintiffs contended the agencies hadn't adequately assessed the impact of the hunts on public safety and so-called resident whales, which linger to feed along the northwest Washington coast during the grays' annual migration between winter breeding grounds in Mexico and summer feeding grounds in Alaska.

A call to a lawyer for the plaintiffs was not immediately returned after business hours Thursday.

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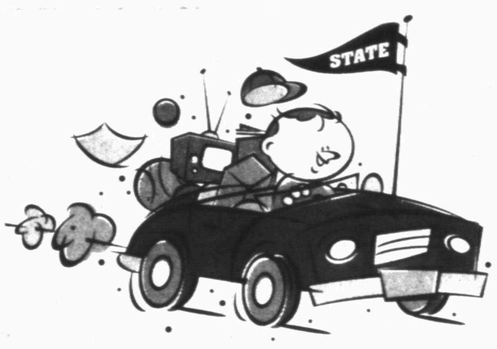
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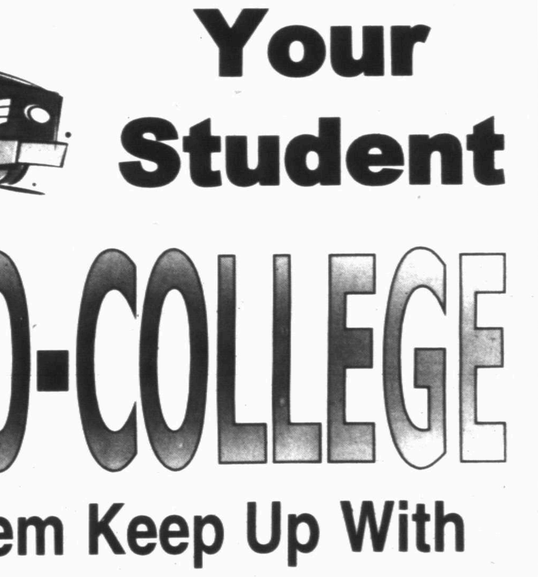
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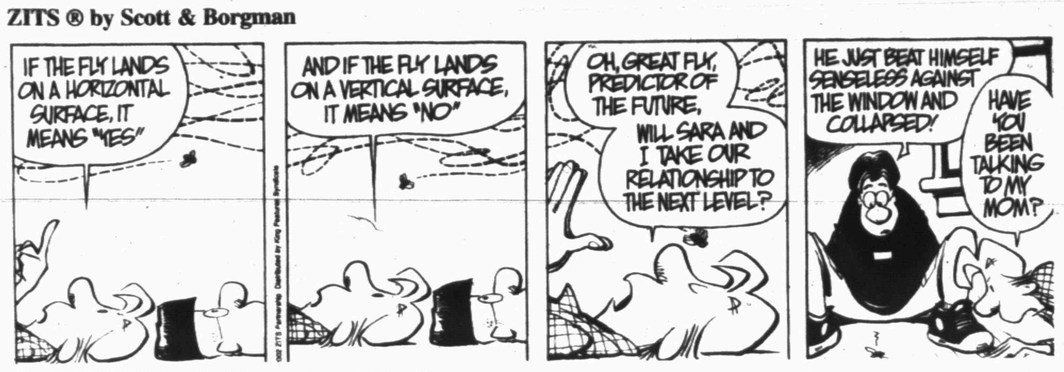
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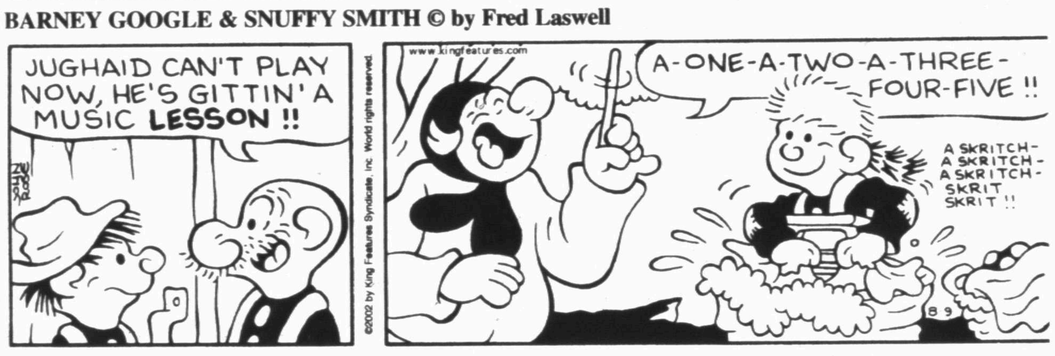


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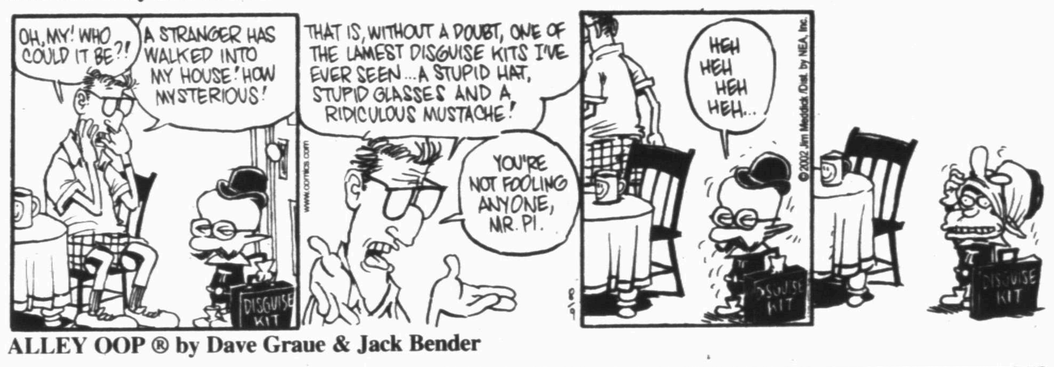


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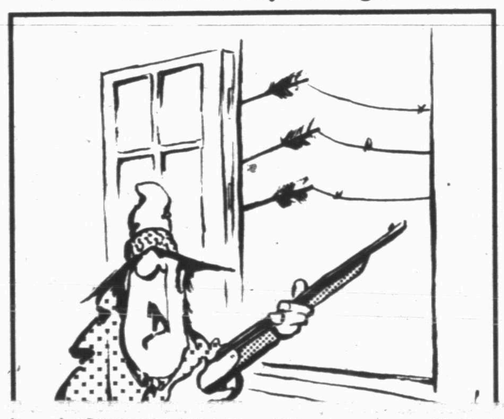


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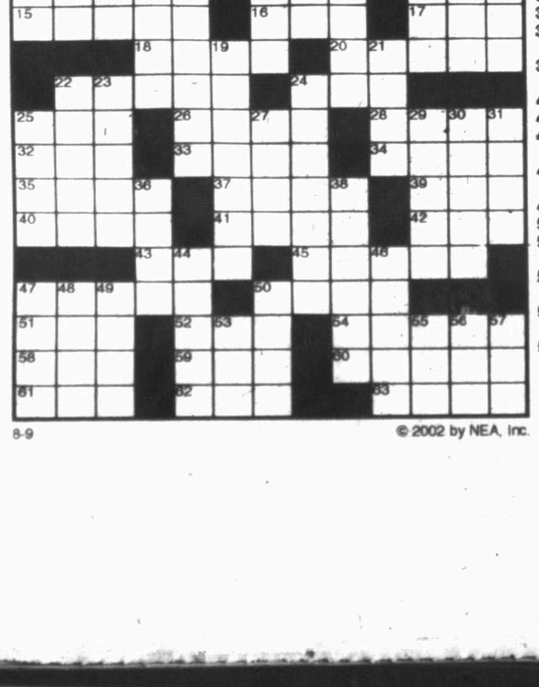
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SPORTS

Dallas, Oakland tangle tonight...

New coach hasn't changed Raiders

IRVING (AP) — The Oakland Raiders will start the Bill Callahan era Friday night pretty much the same way they left off under coach Jon Gruden.

Callahan, who was promoted from offensive coordinator when Gruden went to Tampa Bay, has kept most of the same players and assistant coaches that helped Oakland win the AFC West the last two seasons.

Whatever changes he will make likely won't be revealed in the preseason opener against the Dallas Cowboys.

"I think this game will give us a chance to get started," Raiders cornerback Charles Woodson said. "But we won't really know how ready we are until the regular season."

Quarterback Rich Gannon and receivers Jerry Rice and Tim Brown probably won't play more than one quarter. Pro Bowl offensive tackle Lincoln Kennedy injured his knee during Tuesday's practice and might play only a few snaps. Running back Tyrone Wheatley likely won't play at all because of a calf injury.

One of the more intriguing aspects of the game will be the Raiders' battle at the safety positions.

Starters Anthony Dorsett and Johnnie Harris will try to hold off the second-team unit of Pro Bowler Rod Woodson, who was released by Baltimore in the offseason, and Derrick Gibson, Oakland's 2001 first-round draft pick.

The Cowboys get their first chance to show off free agent signees, a strong rookie class and the playcalling of new offensive coordinator Bruce Coslet. Dallas coach Dave Campo would like the team to improve its 3-17 record over the last four preseasons.

"We're going out there to win some games," he said. "We need to get some confidence in some things."

Second-year quarterback Quincy Carter is expected to play about a half. Chad Hutchinson, a 25-year-old rookie and former St. Louis Cardinals pitcher, is pressing Carter for playing time and should play at least a quarter.

"We've got a lot to work on," Carter said. "I don't have a lot of NFL experience and this will give us a chance to come together as a unit."

The offense's progress could be hindered by a rash of injuries to starting offensive linemen during camp.

Offensive tackle Flozell Adams will be out at least six weeks with a knee sprain. Guard Larry Allen is still recovering from offseason shoulder surgery and guard Kelvin Garmon is being limited after a concussion. Allen and Garmon are expected to return to practice next week.

"Some of the guys are just going to have to suck it up and play a little longer than expected," Campo said.

Emmitt Smith, who is 540 yards shy of breaking Walter Payton's NFL career rushing record, missed the tail end of Wednesday's practice to visit his ailing grandfather in Florida. He's expected to play briefly.

The Cowboys are really excited to see how the free-agent additions of defensive tackle La'Roi Glover, linebacker Kevin Hardy and cornerback Bryant Westbrook mesh with last season's fourth-ranked defense. Also figuring big into their plans is safety Roy Williams, their top draft pick.

"We can't get lulled to sleep by last season's success," linebacker Dexter Coakley said. "The sky is the limit for this defense. Now, we've got to go out there Friday and start building."

The game continues one of the league's longest-running preseason matchups.

The Cowboys and Raiders have played in the preseason every year since 1993 and 22 times overall, including twice last season.

"I love the challenge of going down and playing the Cowboys," Callahan said. "I don't think there's been a year since I've been in pro football where I haven't been involved in a game against the Cowboys."

NFL Preseason

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Saturday's Game
Washington 38, San Francisco 7

Monday's Game
New York Giants 34, Houston 17

Thursday's Game
New York Jets 16, Pittsburgh 6

Friday's Games
Cincinnati at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.
Jacksonville at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Detroit at Baltimore, 8 p.m.
Oakland at Dallas, 9 p.m.

Saturday's Games
Green Bay at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Denver at Chicago at Champaign, Ill., 8 p.m.
Houston at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
New England at New York Giants, 8 p.m.
St. Louis at Tennessee, 8 p.m.
Washington at Carolina, 8 p.m.
Kansas City at San Francisco, 9 p.m.
Indianapolis at Seattle, 10 p.m.
Arizona at San Diego, 10 p.m.

Sports Briefs

Volleyball booster club

Snyder Volleyball Booster Club meets at 7 p.m. Monday at the SHS gym. Parents of all SHS volleyball players are urged to attend.

Soccer teams

Two local traveling soccer teams are forming. Boys aged 7-8 or 11-12 who are interested in playing should contact Arthur Hernandez at 573-1283 or 575-1782.

Softball meeting

Snyder Girls Softball Association meets at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the BP Pipeline office.

Junior high football

Snyder junior high football players will receive equipment Thursday at the SJHS field house. Eighth graders should be there from 1-2 p.m., followed by seventh graders from 2-3 p.m.

Snyder football program

Anyone wishing to place an ad in the Snyder Tiger football program should contact Christy Smith at 573-6301.

Ad prices are $75 for 1/2 page, $60 for 1/4 page and $40 for 1/8 page. Proceeds benefit the student council.

Blowout partnership tournament

The 14th annual Blowout Partnership is set for Aug. 17-18 at the country club. Entry fee is $300 per team and deadline to register is Saturday.

Format is scramble the first day and lowball for the final round. Teams will be pre-flighted by certified combined handicaps. Each flight will receive cash prizes.

Cargile golf tournament

The Kiwanis Cargile Scholarship Foundation benefit Golf Tournament is set for Saturday at Western Texas College. It is a two-person scramble and cost is $30 per player.

Cash prizes will go to the top four teams. Contests for closest-to-the-hole, longest drive and hole-in-one will be held. To register, call the pro shop at 573-9291.

Friday swingers

The SCGA Women's Golf Association holds a weekly swingers event at 5:30 each Friday. It is open to all members and prospective members. Cost is $10 per couple and the format is scramble.

Cash prizes go to the top three finishers as well as closest to the hole. For more information, call Barbara Leatherwood at 725-7875.

WGA weekly play day

The SCGA Women's Golf Association holds a weekly play day each Tuesday at 9 a.m. Format is competition against club champion Anita Talbott.

Hunter education course

A hunter education course is scheduled for Aug. 24 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Aug. 25 from 1-5 p.m. Every Texas hunter born on or after Sept. 2, 1971 must successfully complete a hunter education training course.

Students aged 12 and older who successfully complete the course will be issued a hunter education certificate from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. Cost of the course is $10.00, which covers the cost of the classroom materials and certificate.

Class size is limited. For more information, contact Gene or Nancy Bowlin at 573-2323.

Florida 4, Houston 3...

Former Astro gets redemption

HOUSTON (AP) — Ramon Castro wanted to show the Houston Astros that trading him was a mistake.

The backup catcher did that Thursday, going 2-for-4 with a career-best three RBIs in leading the Florida Marlins to a 4-3 victory which broke the Astros' four-game winning streak.

Castro, the Astros' first-round pick in 1994, played in their minor league organization for four years before being traded to the Marlins in 1998. This was his ninth start of the season.

"It was exciting to play against them," Castro said. "I always try to do the best I can. But I like to show them what I can do."

Marlins manager Jeff Torborg understood Castro's mindset.

"Sure, most players want to prove to the organization that gave up on them that they were wrong. I did when I was playing," Torborg said. "Ramon played a really good game. He called a good game, he caught a good game and he helped us at the plate."

Julian Tavarez (8-9) was also impressed by Castro. Tavarez ended a five-game losing streak by going six innings. He allowed two runs on five hits and four walks while striking out three.

"Castro is a great catcher," Tavarez said. "If he was given a chance to play regularly, he would do some damage.

"We've got three good catchers and you can't take anything away from any of them. So it might take a while, but he's going to play every day some time, whether it's here or somewhere else."

Torborg agreed.

"The thing I love about him is he never complains," he said. "Day in and day out, no matter what, he won't complain. Even after he had two home runs in a game (against Atlanta on April 14), he never said a word. It's just, OK, whatever you need."

The Astros didn't gain ground on Central Division leader St. Louis, but they still won the series from Florida 2-1.

Major League Baseball

National League
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East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	75	39	.658	—
Montreal	57	57	.500	18
New York	57	57	.500	18
Florida	56	58	.491	19
Philadelphia	54	60	.474	21

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	60	51	.541	—
Houston	59	54	.522	2
Cincinnati	58	55	.513	3
Pittsburgh	51	63	.447	10½
Chicago	48	64	.429	12½
Milwaukee	40	74	.351	21½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	70	45	.609	—
Los Angeles	64	51	.557	6
San Francisco	63	51	.553	6½
Colorado	53	61	.465	16½
San Diego	48	66	.421	21½

Thursday's Games
Florida 4, Houston 3
N.Y. Mets 9, Milwaukee 0
Colorado 10, Cincinnati 3
Chicago Cubs 9, San Francisco 3
San Diego 7, Philadelphia 4
Atlanta 4, Arizona 1
Los Angeles 10, Pittsburgh 5

Friday's Games
San Diego (Tomko 5-7) at Cincinnati (Fernandez 1-2), 7:10 p.m.
Atlanta (Marquis 8-5) at Houston (Miller 9-3), 8:05 p.m.
Montreal (Colon 4-1) at Milwaukee (Quevedo 6-9), 8:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Leiter 9-8) at St. Louis (Benes 1-3), 8:10 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (C.Zambrano 2-2) at Colorado (Neagle 5-7), 9:05 p.m.
Florida (Penny 5-4) at Arizona (Batista 6-7), 10:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (B.Myers 1-2) at Los Angeles (Daal 9-6), 10:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh (K.Wells 10-9) at San Francisco (Schmidt 7-5), 10:35 p.m.

Saturday's Games
N.Y. Mets (Estes 4-9) at St. Louis (Stephenson 1-4), 3:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Moss 7-4) at Houston (Saarloos 4-2), 4:05 p.m.
Florida (Tejera 7-4) at Arizona (Johnson 16-4), 4:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Benson 4-6) at San Francisco (Rueter 10-6), 4:05 p.m.
Montreal (Vazquez 8-7) at Milwaukee (Cabrera 4-8), 7:05 p.m.
San Diego (B.Jones 7-6) at Cincinnati (Dempster 6-11), 7:10 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Prior 5-3) at Colorado (Chacon 5-8), 8:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Duckworth 5-8) at Los Angeles (Nomo 11-6), 10:10 p.m.

Sunday's Games
San Diego at Cincinnati, 1:15 p.m.
Montreal at Milwaukee, 2:05 p.m.
Atlanta at Houston, 2:35 p.m.
Chicago Cubs at Colorado, 3:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh at San Francisco, 4:05 p.m.
Florida at Arizona, 4:35 p.m.
N.Y. Mets at St. Louis, 8:05 p.m.
Philadelphia at Los Angeles, 8:10 p.m.

American League
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East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	71	42	.628	—
Boston	66	47	.584	5
Baltimore	55	57	.491	15½
Toronto	50	63	.442	21
Tampa Bay	38	76	.333	33½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	69	47	.595	—
Chicago	55	61	.474	14
Cleveland	50	63	.442	17½
Kansas City	46	69	.400	22½
Detroit	43	71	.377	25

West Division

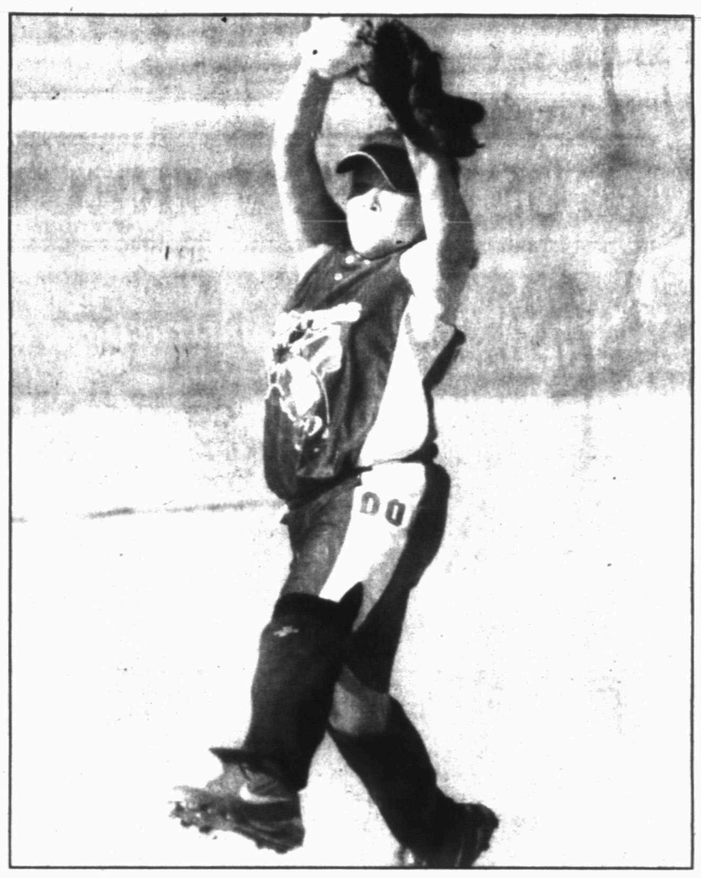
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Seattle	71	44	.617	—
Anaheim	67	47	.588	3½
Oakland	66	49	.574	5
Texas	48	66	.421	22½

Thursday's Games
Baltimore 4, Minnesota 1
N.Y. Yankees 6, Kansas City 3
Seattle 3, Toronto 1
Boston 4, Oakland 2
Tampa Bay 4, Cleveland 2
Chicago White Sox 3, Anaheim 2

Friday's Games
Anaheim (Ortiz 9-8) at Toronto (Walker 4-2), 7:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Lohse 10-6) at Boston (Fossum 2-1), 7:05 p.m.
Texas (Rogers 11-6) at Cleveland (Westbrook 1-1), 7:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Johnson 3-8) at Detroit (Maroth 3-4), 7:05 p.m.
Oakland (Hudson 8-9) at N.Y. Yankees (O.Hernandez 6-3), 7:05 p.m.
Seattle (Garcia 12-7) at Chicago White Sox (Buehrle 14-8), 8:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Kennedy 7-8) at Kansas City (Asencio 2-4), 8:05 p.m.

Saturday's Games
Texas (Bell 4-3) at Cleveland (Drese 9-8), 1:05 p.m.
Seattle (Halama 5-3) at Chicago White Sox (Garland 8-8), 1:15 p.m.
Anaheim (Lackey 3-2) at Toronto (Parris 5-2), 4:05 p.m.
Oakland (Lidle 4-9) at N.Y. Yankees (D.Wells 12-5), 4:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Mays 1-3) at Boston (P.Martinez 15-2), 5:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Lopez 12-4) at Detroit (Powell 1-2), 7:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (V.Zambrano 4-4) at Kansas City (Sedlacek 2-2), 7:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Anaheim at Toronto, 1:05 p.m.
Minnesota at Boston, 1:05 p.m.
Texas at Cleveland, 1:05 p.m.
Oakland at N.Y. Yankees, 1:05 p.m.
Baltimore at Detroit, 2:05 p.m.
Seattle at Chicago White Sox, 2:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Kansas City, 2:05 p.m.



BRINGING THE HEAT — Snyder's Heather Newton was recently named Defensive MVP at the USSSA 10-under state tournament at Lubbock. Newton, who plays for a traveling squad out of Midland, is the daughter of Billy and Katy Newton, and the granddaughter of Blanche Lane and Jo Newton. (Contributed Photo)

Tigers edge Texas, 2-1

DETROIT (AP) — Juan Acevedo wasn't comfortable.

Being one strike away from a Detroit victory and his 20th save, the reliever faced Alex Rodriguez with the bases loaded and the Tigers clinging to a one-run lead over the Texas Rangers.

Tigers pitching coach Steve McCatty came to chat with Acevedo, but the pitcher said the trip wasn't necessary. He was right, as he closed out 2-1 victory Thursday.

"I knew what I was going to do," said Acevedo, who with two out walked Mike Lamb, allowed Kevin Mench to single and walked Carl Everett.

"I didn't let the walks or the hit bother me. It just made me more focused."

Acevedo then showed that focus by getting Rodriguez to hit a weak topper down the third-base line that Tigers third baseman Chris Truby fielded easily and stepped on the base to get the game-ending forceout.

"Made it a little exciting at the end, but we got the 'W,'" Detroit manager Luis Pujols said.

Acevedo became focused, but said he could have done without the self-inflicted excitement.

"I think the fans loved it more than I did," he said.

The Tigers were outhit 11-4.

"We got hits, we just couldn't get a single when we needed it," Rangers manager Jerry Narron said. "Not a bloop."

Jose Lima (3-5), making his eighth start since he was promoted from the bullpen, allowed nine hits, one run and no walks in 5 1-3 innings.

"I'm begging now for wins," Lima said. "Got like, probably, eight starts left? I want to go out and do my job and win every start now."

Lima threw 53 of 71 pitches for strikes. Three relievers finished for the Tigers with Acevedo getting three outs.

Rangers starter Ismael Valdes (5-9) allowed both Detroit runs and only four hits in 7 1-3 innings. He struck out eight and walked three. He left because of a blister on the little finger of his pitching hand, and he said it shouldn't force him to miss his next start.

"I'm getting the team in position to win ballgames, that's all I can do," said Valdes, who has a 3.71 ERA this season. "I'm doing my job pretty good."

He retired the first eight batters he faced. The Tigers didn't have a runner reach until center fielder Ruben Rivera dropped Chris Truby's flyball with two outs in the third inning for a two-base error. But Valdes struck out George Lombard to end the inning.

Detroit scored both its runs in the fourth inning as Bobby Higginson and Wendell Magee connected for RBI singles.

Lima was in trouble for much of the night, but he got outs when he needed to. He left with two on and one out in the sixth and Herbert Perry greeted Julio Santana with an RBI single to left.

Lima appeared upset when Pujols took him out, and stormed into the dugout.

"I like to finish what I start. I only had 71 pitches," he said.

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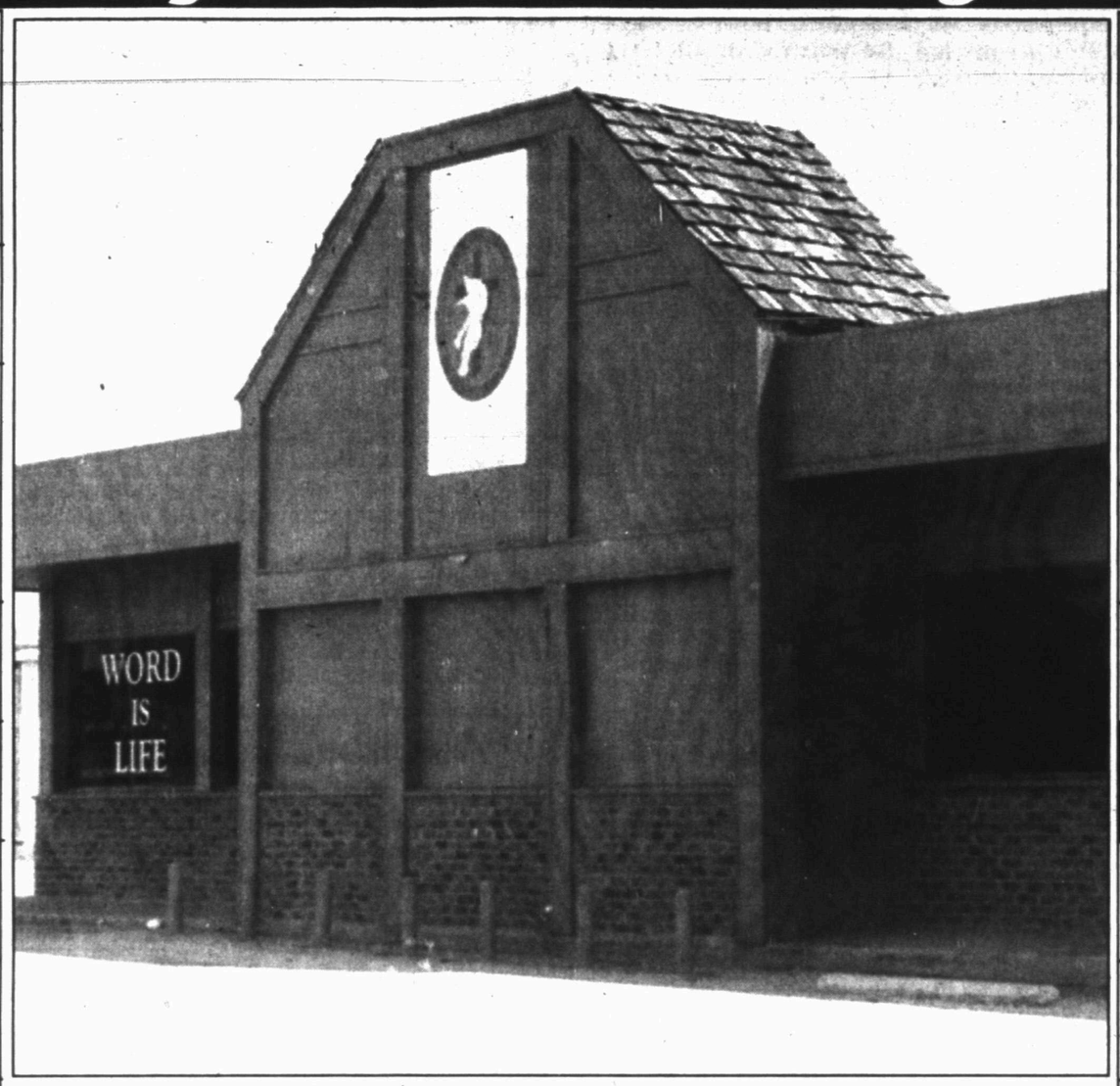
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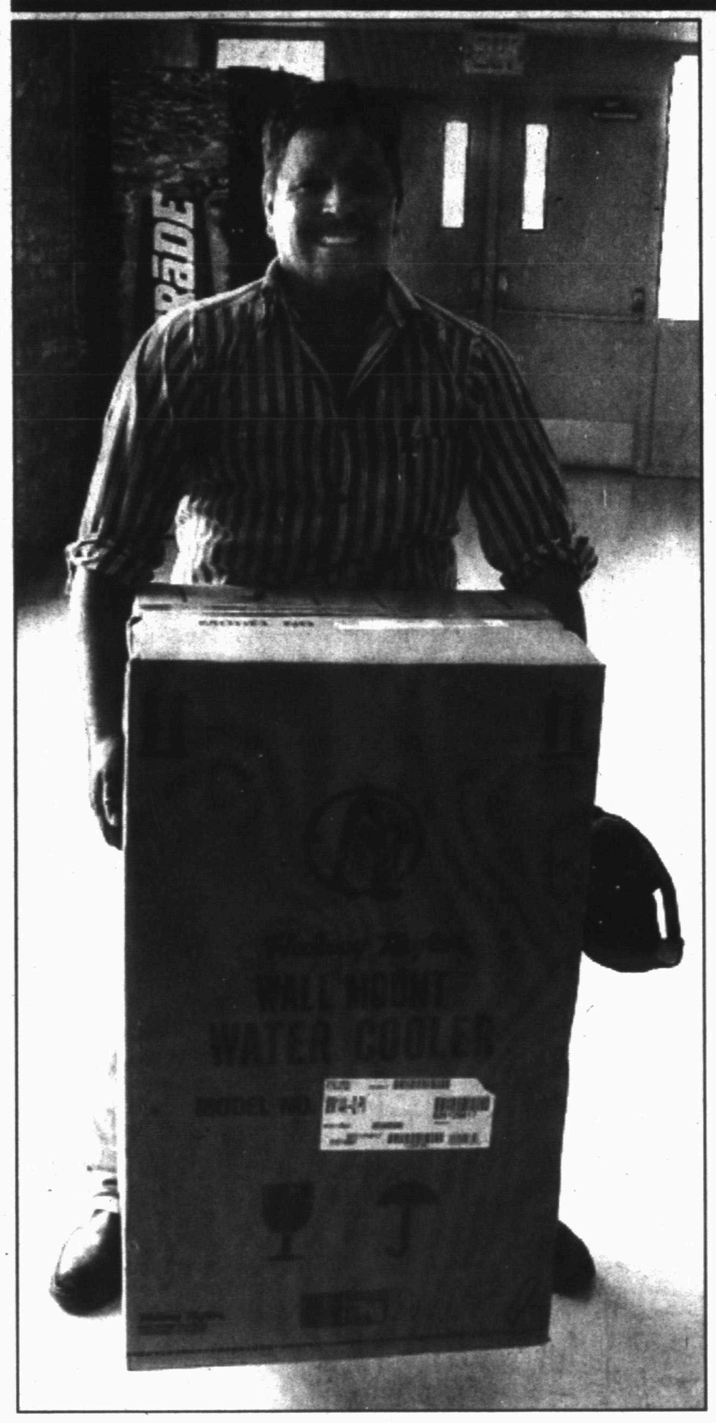
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Oklahoma town mourns slain 10-year-old

EL RENO, Okla. (AP)— As if they were signing a cast or a yearbook, Tremain Richey's classmates wrote messages to the slain 10-year-old on poster-board outside his home.

Stuffed animals decorate the chain-link fence as a memorial to Tremain, shown on the poster in his football uniform.

"You're in the Big 12 now," one child wrote, referring to the college football conference.

"We'll miss you," says another.

Residents in this working-class community of 15,000 are grappling with Tremain's shooting death — especially the possibility that a 10-year-old playmate may have been responsible. The friend, who lived a few blocks away, was arrested and jailed on a murder complaint.

"They were practically raised together," said Tremain's mother, Tiffany Gillispie. "They always played well, they never got in fights. They always spent the night together."

Police said they don't think Monday's shooting was an accident, but they have not established a motive.

Gillispie said that when she got home from work Monday, her son, who was supposed to be looking after his 5-year-old sister, was not there. The girl told her mother she didn't know where Tremain was, and the two went driving around to look for him.

It was then that the girl told her mother Tremain had been shot.

They returned home and Gillispie found her son lying dead in the yard near the back of the house.

It is unclear if the 5-year-old witnessed the shooting, though she was home at the time. Police said there was a juvenile witness, but didn't say whether it was the victim's sister.

Sandwiched between two bustling highways, this town 30 miles west of Oklahoma City is known for its truck stops. Youth violence is hardly commonplace here, and Tremain's death has left the town in shock.

"This boy knew right from wrong," said Anna Palmer, Tremain's great-grandmother. "He knew not to come down here and point a gun at his friend's head. We just want to know why."

Neighborhood children reported seeing the suspect carrying a weapon.

Police said they found the gun believed to have been used in the shooting at a home nearby. It was wrapped in a blanket inside a garage, Police Chief Fred Savage said.

The suspect was in police custody at a juvenile detention center, and a closed hearing was held Thursday to determine if there is enough evidence to keep him in custody. Attorneys refused to discuss the hearing, citing a gag order imposed by the judge.

The boy has not been charged and his name has not been released.

Tremain's family describes the shooting victim as a quiet child who excelled at sports and school.

"He led by example," said Estavion Trotter, Tremain's uncle. "He didn't say much until he got to know you, but he was a pretty good kid overall."

The police chief, like so many other El Reno residents, was struggling to understand what had happened in his quiet town.

"We have problems just like any other city," Savage said. "But we've never had anything like this. A 10-year-old shooting a 10-year-old is just not normal."

Academy considering push to move part of Oscars to New York

NEW YORK (AP) — Could Oscar be coming to New York?

The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences and a group of New York leaders have been talking about moving part of next year's Academy Awards show to New York City to help the city recover from the Sept. 11 terror attack.

The group of New Yorkers — including Gov. George Pataki, Mayor Michael Bloomberg and Miramax Films Co-Chairman Harvey Weinstein — asked the academy to consider bringing at least a portion of the March 23 event to New York.

The academy is seriously considering the idea as a one-time nod to New York, academy President Frank Pierson told The New York Times and the Los Angeles Times for Friday's editions.

He said an early proposal from Weinstein to move the entire show to New York was "out of the question" because the show is a Hollywood staple and because of the academy's contractual obligations.

But "New York will be a huge presence in next year's show," he said. "America wouldn't be America without New York and the movie business wouldn't be the movie business without New York. Just like the movies, it's part of our culture and our lives."

He said any decisions would have to come after a producer is selected for next year's show, most likely by next month.

Still to be determined are which segments of the show might be shifted. Events could be held at Radio City Music Hall or at Madison Square Garden, The New York Times reported.

The events could bring millions of dollars to the city, where tourist-driven industries are trying to recover from the attacks' impact.

The Oscars ceremony returned to Hollywood last year for the first time since 1960, to its new home at the Kodak Theatre. For years the event was held at the Shrine Auditorium and the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion in downtown Los Angeles.

Williams to try acting

MANHATTAN BEACH, Calif. (AP) — Serena Williams, the world's top-ranked woman's tennis player, has added struggling actress to her resume.

The 20-year-old says she's been taking classes and has a new acting coach.

"I'm trying to get some parts. A lot of people want me, but my schedule right now is kind of conflicting with my acting," she said Thursday at a tennis tournament in Manhattan Beach.

AP correction...

By The Associated Press

In a story Aug. 7 about a hormone that inhibits appetite, The Associated Press erred in reporting its scientific name. It is PYY3-36, not PPY3-36.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Palpitations need diagnosis

DEAR DR. GOTT: When do heart palpitations become serious enough for a person to seek medical attention? I'm 46 and have had them for about eight years. My doctor is convinced they are stress-related. On occasion, my pulse is 180 per minute. When these attacks occur, I experience apprehension and shortness of breath. I find it difficult to lead a normal life.

DEAR READER: I can understand why.

Palpitations, awareness of a rapid and/or irregular pulse, are a common complaint that affects both healthy people and those with heart disorders.

In its simplest form, palpitations consist of one or two extra heartbeats, or a brief episode of irregular pulse. This is harmless. It commonly occurs during periods of stress or fatigue and is often related to smoking and consuming caffeine. Most adults experience this phenomenon on occasion. It does not indicate heart disease. On the other hand, palpitations may reflect an extended burst of rapid heart rate, including ventricular tachycardia, a potentially fatal "runaway" rhythm associated with coronary disease.

Midway between these two extremes are moderately severe forms of cardiac irregularities, including paroxysmal atrial flutter, fibrillation and supraventricular tachycardia, that should be treated.

Therefore, before assuming that palpitations are harmless (or harmful), a doctor needs to discover what form is present. The diagnosis can usually be made by a Holter monitor, a continuous 24-hour electrocardiogram, which will automatically record the palpitations for later analysis. Or, in specific circumstances, a similar technique (called an event monitor) can be used.

With this information, the physician can determine the type of pulse abnormality, as well or correlating this with symptoms, such as chest pain, breathlessness, fainting or apprehension.

Judging from your age and description of the palpitations (180 beats per minute), I'd worry that your affliction may be a serious warning. So, in my opinion, you need the test I mentioned, plus an evaluation by a cardiologist, who will surely order a stress test and a cardiac ultrasound to analyze your cardiac function, pinpoint the exact cause of your symptoms and prescribe therapy to get the situation under control. Don't delay. While your palpitations may be normal and inconsequential, I'm concerned that your symptoms are not being addressed aggressively enough.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: What is Pick's disease?

DEAR READER: Pick's disease is a rare, progressive mental disorder, marked by neurotic behavior, personality changes, diminished mental abilities and poor judgment. The cause is unknown, but the affliction is characterized by a shrinkage of the front of the brain (frontal cortex). Pick's disease cannot ordinarily be distinguished from Alzheimer's disease, with which it shares many common symptoms.

Treatment is directed toward controlling the emotional outbursts and agitation that these patients exhibit. Also, such patients need a great deal of supervision and care with everyday tasks, such as eating and dressing. There is no cure. Although individuals with Pick's disease are ordinarily diagnosed by neurologists, they can be treated and managed by family doctors, usually in a skilled nursing facility or similar setting.

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LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — There is nothing wrong with your ideas for either making or saving money, but to have them work out as you envision, you must act on them. Turn your thoughts into action today. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Usually you find a way to brush off negative annoyances, and today it can still be done — though you may have to find some newer and stronger bristles in your brush.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — We often go around and around with ourselves as to whether we should step in to help when we haven't been asked to. Today, this decision could be mediated by your compassion.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Companions will have a strong influence over your attitude and actions today. If you hang out with lethargic types, it could be a dull day. If you're with energetic pals, it'll be exciting.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Adhere to your highest standards and you will do rather well in competitive developments today. Anything less and your day will end up on a hollow ring.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Bored? Focus your energies today in constructive channels where you can learn and develop new skills and knowledge. Only progressive action can turn the humdrum into something that stimulates your senses.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Instead of being upset by shifting conditions or changes today, make the most of what transpires. You've heard the saying, "When you're given lemons, make lemonade."

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — It might be necessary today for you to make some key concessions in order to appease someone who means a lot to you. Compromise always invites cooperation.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — It doesn't have to be all work and no play today. Get your tasks out of the way and you will free yourself up to direct your energies where you want them.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Don't wait for others to stir things up today, instigate your own plans and get everybody going on them. Life doesn't just happen to you, you have to make it happen — and it can be exciting.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Change is in the wind at this time and if you attempt to go against it, it can blow you over. Ride the tide today because there are some pretty good things waiting to take place.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — You don't have to sell yourself today in order for people to like you. All you have to do is be yourself and you'll generate the kind of activities and friendships that are best for you.

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New smoking ban possible

NEW YORK (AP) — Mayor Michael Bloomberg plans to seek a ban on smoking in all New York City bars and restaurants, a Bloomberg administration official said today.

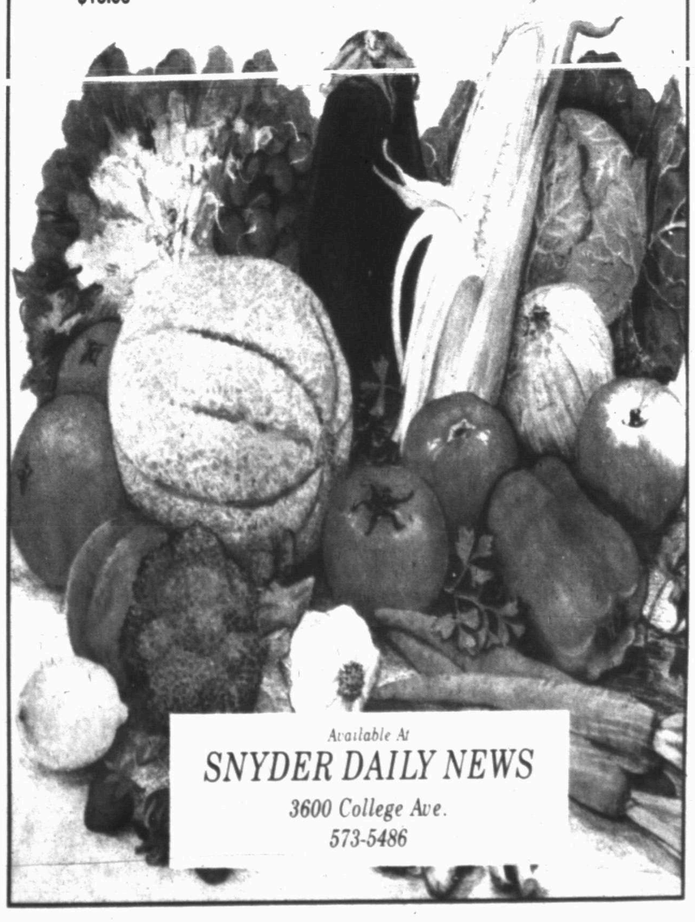
The administration is expected to ask the City Council next week to outlaw smoking in the roughly 13,000 establishments not covered by the current anti-smoking law, which permits smoking in bars and in restaurants with fewer than 35 seats.

The mayor has been lobbying council members to approve the expected bill. He is expected to seek more support by focusing on how bar and restaurant workers are harmed by secondhand smoke.

The administration plans to announce its proposal Monday.

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Blast kills at least 10 in Afghan city

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — A powerful explosion ripped through an Afghan construction firm's building in the eastern city of Jalalabad today, killing at least 10 people and injuring at least 25 others, the Jalalabad police chief said.

Hazrat Ali, a local military official, initially reported 12 dead and 85 injured.

The thunderous blast also damaged 50 surrounding homes, some as far as 500 yards away, Ali said.

The explosion occurred just 200 yards from a hydroelectric dam, and damaged the dam's electrical works, along with the power system for nearby Jalalabad University and the surrounding district, police chief Haji Ajib Shah said. The building was still burning two hours after the blast, Ali said.

Ali at first speculated the cause of the explosion was a car bomb, but the deputy governor of Nangarhar province, Dr. Mohammed Assef Qazi Zada, told the Afghan Islamic Press that the blast may have been an accident because explosives were stored at the site.

"It was a tremendous explosion," Ali, regional corps commander for the Afghan military, told The Associated Press in Kabul by satellite telephone. "The number of dead will probably rise because of people dying in the hospital."

The 12:30 p.m. explosion in western Jalalabad,70 miles east of Kabul, the capital, occurred at a maintenance facility of the Afghan Construction and Logistics Unit, which was founded as a non-governmental organization, but has since become a private company.

The blast came after several incidents in recent weeks put Afghan security forces on alert against possible terror attacks by resurgent Taliban or al-Qaida forces.

He said that three staff members, including the second-ranking officer of the organization, had been taken into custody for questioning about the blast. He did not say why the three were detained.

The organization, known as ACLU, was founded as a non-governmental organization with U.S. funding to do road-building and other construction, but U.S. support was withdrawn about a decade ago.

Palestinians ired by 'terror gang' label

JERUSALEM (AP) — A Palestinian official today accused Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon of trying to sabotage Palestinian talks with U.S. officials by branding the Palestinian Authority a "terror gang" in a televised speech.

Palestinian Cabinet Secretary Ahmed Abdel Rahman said Sharon's speech to a graduating class at Israel's Defense College on Thursday was timed to interfere with the Palestinian delegation's visit to Washington.

"He wanted to warn the Americans against reaching any agreement with the Palestinian delegation by describing Palestinian Authority officials as people (who are) against peace," Abdel Rahman said. "If we are like that, why are we in the States now exerting every possible effort to reach a way out?"

Sharon declared in his speech that he would not negotiate with the Palestinian leadership and said Palestinian leaders would have to be removed before there could be an end to fighting that has lasted nearly two years.

"Between us and the goal is the terror gang, the terror and the corruption of the Palestinian Authority," he said. "This gang does not want peace with Israel.

"The only way to peace is to remove this murderous gang from its political position," Sharon said.

Palestinians say that Sharon is not serious about peace talks, and is seeking to undermine Arafat and the Palestinian Authority.

Three Palestinian Cabinet ministers traveled to Washington this week for meetings with U.S. officials. Yasser Arafat's recently appointed interior minister, Abdel Razak Yehiyeh, was preparing to meet CIA Director George J. Tenet on Saturday.

U.S. officials said a CIA team met secretly with Palestinian officials and formulated a detailed plan for security reforms.

Missing girl's body found; one arrested

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Police arrested a man in the murder of a 6-year-old girl who disappeared from a sleepover and was found dead the next day in nearby woods.

Police said Abdul M. El-Shabazz, an 18-year-old acquaintance of the girl's family, confessed to killing Destiny Wright and led investigators to her body. He was arrested late Thursday night and charged with murder.

"There is no motive. Nobody could possibly have a motive for killing a 6-year-old girl," said Philadelphia Police Commissioner Sylvester Johnson.

Police turned down requests Thursday for an interview with El-Shabazz.

Destiny was spending the night at the home of her father's girlfriend the last time she was seen, police said. Family members realized she was missing Wednesday morning.

Police found Destiny Thursday about 1½ miles from the rowhouse where she had gone to sleep at about 2:30 a.m. Wednesday with five or six other children. Police didn't release details about the nature of her death, but said she was found fully clothed.

Family and friends who had earlier searched for Destiny gathered outside in the Philadelphia neighborhood and made a memorial with teddy bears and candles near the house.

Destiny's mother, Kareama Wright, yelled "He killed her" when she arrived at the site where police found her daughter's body.

"My baby," she shouted. "I want to see my baby."

Bankrupt Global Crossing being sold for $250 million

NEW YORK (AP) — Global Crossing sold itself for $250 million on today to the same Asian companies that tried to buy the fiber-optic network company for three times as much when it first filed for bankruptcy.

A bankruptcy judge approved the agreement with Hutchison Whampoa and Singapore Technologies.

The deal is much smaller than an offer Global Crossing's banks and creditors rejected in May, and a sliver of the company's peak value of $50 billion during the heyday of dot-coms.

But banks and creditors raised no objections to the latest deal.

An outside financial adviser to Global Crossing who was called to testify at a hastily scheduled hearing today said only three credible bids had been received during a lengthy auction process.

Bidders were spooked by the continuing collapse of the business, said the adviser, Arthur Newman, the senior managing director in charge of the restructuring for the Blackstone Group.

"It's a very difficult world today in the telecommunications industry," Newman said.

The Asian companies bought control by agreeing to invest $250 million in cash in Global Crossing's business. As another part of the deal, Global Crossing will pay $300 million in cash and issue $200 million in notes to its assorted lenders and creditors.

The investors will hold a controlling 61.5 percent stake in the new Global Crossing that emerges from bankruptcy, possibly early next year. Under the earlier deal that was rejected, the investors would have gotten a 79 percent stake.

Six percent of the equity will go to lenders and 32.5 percent will go to unsecured creditors. Owners of Global Crossing stock will receive nothing.

Local swimming pool to close on Saturday

Scurry County pool will close for the season Saturday, and there will be no charge for those wishing to swim on the final day.

Director of Parks Scott Crenwelge said the early closing is due to a lack of lifeguards and a rash of petty thefts at the pool this year.

"Attendance has dropped off the last two weeks," he said. "The biggest problem is a lack of lifeguards."

He said with the first day of school approaching, many of the lifeguards have other commitments that have interfered with their ability to work at the pool.

He also added that many people have had items taken while they were in the pool. "People leave stuff by the pool and when they get out, it's gone," he said.

Crenwelge said the pool would continue to book private parties during the evenings until near the end of September.

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Several arrests made locally

Arrests

Erica Vasquez, 21, of 4700 Avenue R, was arrested at district court Thursday morning on a grand jury indictment for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

Also arrested at the courthouse were Jimmy Cain, 36, 60711 Camp Springs Rd., for parole violation on the original sentence for driving while intoxicated, and John Renfro, 35, of 103 Broken Bow in Big Spring, for surety withdrawal on the original charge of possession of a controlled substance.

At 3:30 a.m. today, police arrested a 19-year-old female in the 700 block of 33rd Street for minor in consumption of alcohol.

Burglaries

At 11:30 p.m. Thursday, Justin Cline reported the burglary of a vehicle in the 4100 block of College Avenue. He advised officers that a CD player and several CDs worth $225 were stolen.

At 2:44 a.m. today, a broken window was reported at Snyder Lanes. Police found three doors and a window damaged and filed a report for burglary of a building.

Thefts

Esther Cabrera reported the theft of her purse at Towle Park pool at 2:45 p.m. Thursday.

Belinda Lara contacted police just after 5:30 p.m. Thursday to report the theft of her son's bicycle from Dairy Queen on Coliseum Drive.

Hit and run

Officers responded to a hit-and-run accident in the intersection of 37th Street and College Avenue just after 1 p.m. Thursday. A 2001 Ford driven by Brenda Gentry, 41, of 2904 Highway 180 was struck by another vehicle that continued without stopping.

Criminal mischief

Beva Herrera requested police at 3:30 p.m. Thursday in reference to neighbors shooting her house and car with a pellet gun in the 600 block of 28th Street. Police made contact with the subject and confiscated the pellet gun.

Francisco Ornelas reported a vehicle doing donuts in the 3100 block of Avenue O at 2:19 a.m. today.

Grass fire

Firefighters extinguished a grass fire on the property of Earl and Lorita Clinkinbeard in the 4700 block of Avenue R at 2:38 p.m. Thursday.

Gas drive offs

A clerk with Town and Country east reported a gas drive off worth $10.30 at 7:46 a.m. Thursday.

A gas drive off was reported from United just before 8:30 p.m. Thursday in the amount of $14.92.

Obituaries

Sonny Phelps

1945-2002

ODESSA – Sonny Phelps, the brother-in-law of Joe Thacker of Snyder, died Saturday, Aug. 3.

Funeral service for Mr. Phelps, 56, is set for 10 a.m. Saturday in the Temple Baptist Church with Dr. Griffin Jones officiating. Burial will follow in Sunset Memorial Gardens under the direction of Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home.

Born Nov. 13, 1945 in Bakersfield, Calif., he was a graduate of Odessa High School and Odessa College. He married Jerry Thacker on Jan. 1, 1966.

A 14-year veteran of the U.S. Air Force, he had worked for Chevron-Texaco for 22 years and currently was a resident of Missouri City, Tex.

Survivors include his wife, Jerry Phelps of Missouri City; two sons, Thomas Phelps of Abilene and Tony Phelps of Denton; his mother, Juanita Phelps of Andrews; a brother, Eddie Phelps of Portland; and three grandchildren.

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Ira HS seniors

Ira seniors will be selling watermelons at Wal-Mart and at the gas pumps at Ira beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday.

Country, Gospel music

Country and Gospel music will be played starting at 6:30 p.m. Saturday at the Snyder Senior Citizens Center.

United Way meeting

Directors of the Scurry County United Way will meet at noon Monday at Gateway Family Services.

Safe child registration

Registration for the Safe Child After School Program can register from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at Humble Smith School. The program is on all five elementary campuses from 2:30-5:45 p.m. during school days and the charge is $2 per day per child. For more information, call Rhonda Ward at 574-6080.

Hermleigh Booster Club

The Hermleigh Booster Club will meet at 7 p.m. Monday at the school cafeteria.

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "How to Make a Difference with Your Life," followed by "In Search of the Real Thing."

Gateway Family Services

Gateway Family Services has a parenting discussion group from 10:30-11:30 a.m. every Tuesday, focusing on parenting issues and special challenges. The family violence support group also meets from 6:30-7:30 p.m. every Tuesday.

Alzheimer's Association

The West Texas Alzheimer's Association will have an educational program at 6 p.m. Tuesday at Colonial Hill Baptist Church. Presenter is Janet Cross, association program coordination. The public is invited.

Distribute supplies

School supplies for needy children will be distributed Wednesday at the Region 14 Satellite Office. To be eligible, parents must provide proof that their child is on the free or reduced price lunch program.

Junior High open house

Snyder Junior High students are invited to tour the building and locate homerooms between 4 and 5 p.m. Thursday. Students will report to homerooms at 8:20 a.m. Monday. Aug. 19, at which time they will receive individual class schedules.

Fall poetry contest

Mesquite Country Writers Guild is accepting entries for its fall poetry contest. Theme is open and there is a 20-line limit. Deadline is Thursday and entry fee is $2. First prize is $50, second is $30 and third is $20. Mail entries to Yvonne Nunn, 9221 S. State Hwy 208 in Hermleigh, 79526.

Weigh Down registration

Weigh Down registration and orientation is 7 p.m. Thursday at His Joy Ministries, 904 26th St. Classes will begin Thursday, Aug. 22. Contact Claudia Sanchez at 573-9615

Sonshine School registration

Sonshine School for ages two through five, is underway and informational packets are available at 37th Street Church of Christ office weekdays from 8:30 a.m. until noon, and from 1-4:30 p.m. Registration fee is $30 and monthly tuition is $45. Open house and registration is 9 a.m. Thursday. Call 574-1960 for more information.

Joy School registration

Joy School registration will be from 4-6 p.m. Thursday. Joy School begins Monday, Aug. 19. School hours are 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Call 573-3554 or 574-1789 for more information.

Back-2-school bash

There will be a street dance from 8 p.m. until midnight next Friday in front of the Ritz Theatre. Mumble Some will play and it is sponsored by the Scurry County Anti-Drug Connection. For more information, call 574-1931.

Prophetic-Healing Conference

Stand Firm World Ministries of Amarillo is bringing Keith Miller to Thee Place, 904 26th St., Friday and Saturday, Aug. 16-17 for a Prophetic-Healing Conference. Services are 7 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday.

FFA dance

There will be a dance for all FFA members and incoming greenhands Saturday, Aug. 17, from 8 p.m. until midnight at the Dunn Community Center. Admission is $2 for singles and $3 for couples. Call Beth Parsley at 574-2204 if there are any questions.

WOW4 Women's Conference

WOW4 Women's Conference sponsored by His Joy Ministries is set Aug. 23-24 at Thee Place, 904 26th St. Music will be by Mercy & Truth, Dance Troupe Doorkeepers of His Glory. Topics include Women of Worth, Eva Dooley; Women of Warfare, Claudine Chaney; Women of Worship, Pearlene Nolan, Vickie King and Martha Brown; and Women of Word, Judy Allen. For more information call 573-9799.

Medical expense account

An account has been set up at First American Bank for John Hardin who is battling cancer. Donations can be mailed or made in person at the bank for the John Hardin Account, #0328385407.

Stanfield open house

Stanfield Elementary's meet the teacher open house is from 2-3 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 18.

Fish Fry

The American Legion will have its fish fry from 4-7 p.m. Sunday., Sept. 1. Adult tickets are $7 each; the fee for 10-16 year olds will be $3.50 and children under nine are free.