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Home Of "Digger" Graves

Walks off work detail in Spur...

Search continues here for escapee

By Joyce May
SDN Staff Writer

A search continues in the area for a 28-year-old escapee of the Dickens County Correctional Center after a van he stole was located here Thursday evening in the 1300 block of Avenue M.



Tommy Gene Nevil

Tommy Gene Nevil walked away from a community crew working on the Dickens County Museum in Spur around 9 a.m. Thursday. There were six inmates on the crew and one officer supervising.

"He walked out of the museum they were working on and found a vehicle within 300 feet with the keys in the ignition," Warden Jerry Baggs said.

The vehicle, a 1994 Chevrolet Lumina van, was located at 6:23 p.m. Thursday by Sgt. Patrick Coggins of the Snyder Police Department.

Nevil had been on the work crew 1½ months.

"He had a special classification so he could work on the community crew. There was no indication he was going to run. There were no sign of any problems," Baggs said.

Nevil is described as 28-years-old, 5'8", 186 pounds and bald.

He was serving a 10-year-sentence for forgery by passing checks.

Baggs said Nevil does not have a violent record.

Sgt. Trevlyn Pitner with the Snyder Police Department said, "As with any escapee, he should be considered dangerous. In no way try to apprehend him, call 911."

Nevil's record shows his family and hometown to be in the Dallas/Ft. Worth area.

Sgt. Pitner said there have been no confirmed sightings of him and it is unknown if he is still in the area.

Baggs said Nevil was discovered missing approximately 15 minutes after he walked away.

"The officer noticed him gone probably about 15 minutes after he had gone. So he had about a 15 minute head start on us."

Sgt. Pitner said about 25 members of law enforcement were combing the area last night after the van was located.

Those included members of the Scurry County Sheriff's Office, Snyder Police Department and Dicken's County Sheriff's Office as well as Texas Department of Criminal Justice correctional officers and internal affairs investigators.

Department of Public Safety troopers also assisted.

Sgt. Pitner said the van was processed for evidence and prints and that Nevil's inmate issued uniform pants were located in the vehicle.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "The trouble with a big-screen TV is seeing more of the stuff you'd rather not see."

Keeping tabs on our neighbors:

Despite the continued feel of summer weather, school has begun over most of the state.

Stephen Henry, in the Levelland News-Press, told about a father in nearby Sundown who overheard his kid praying at bedtime.

"Dear God, please bless mom and dad and grandma and grandpa. And please make St. Louis the capital of Missouri."

The next morning, the father asked the youngster why he had included such a request in his nightly talk with God.

"Simple," explained the kid. "That's what I put on my geography test yesterday."

And Lynn Brisendine, in the Brownfield News, suggests that logic is always helpful on a test – especially if you don't know the correct answer.

The Terry County publisher told of a grade-school science class that was taking an exam with a question which asked "Which is the last teeth to appear in the mouth?"

One kid succinctly answered, "False."

And Larry Crabtree, in the Vernon Daily Record, told the story that points out the refreshing honesty of youngsters.

A pre-school teacher was taking her class on a field trip when the bus passed a fire truck

A handsome Dalmatian was sitting on the fire engine, and the children began to discuss the reason for the dog.

One suggested that the hound was for crowd control.

A second student suggested that the dog was a mascot and went along for good luck. A third argued that the dog helped in rescue efforts.

A young girl brought the discussion to a close by firmly stating, "They take the dog along so they can find the fire hydrant."

Have a good weekend!

Former FBI agent fears 'witchhunt'

WASHINGTON (AP) — The former senior FBI official who disclosed that incendiary tear gas canisters were used in the waning hours of the Branch Davidians' 51-day siege expressed fear today that a new investigation ordered by Attorney General Janet Reno may turn into a witchhunt.

"We should be very careful that agents who told the truth don't become the scapegoats for the Department of Justice, and I have a real fear that will occur," Danny Coulson said. "The agents did the things there that they believed they had the authority to do, and they gave statements saying they had done so."

Coulson, a deputy assistant FBI director at the time of the 1993 siege and the founding commander of the FBI's Hostage Rescue Team, said agents did disclose during their post-siege debriefings the use of the pyrotechnic tear gas grenades.

Why that information wasn't conveyed to high-ranking FBI and Justice Department officials in Washington — who steadfastly claimed before congressional committees and in public statements that only nonincendiary tear gas was used — is a mystery, Coulson said.

"There was certainly no cover-up," he said in an interview.

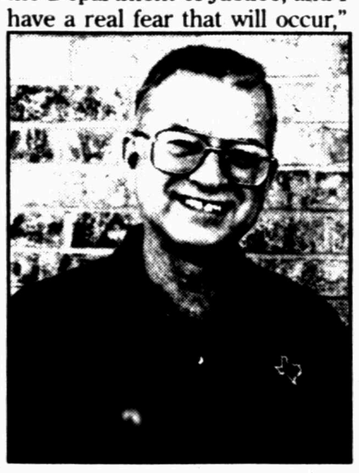
The Justice Department has come under attack for its belated admission this week that pyrotechnic canisters were used in the hours before flames raced through the Davidians' wooden compound outside Waco, Texas. Cult leader David Koresh and some 80 followers died in the April 19, 1993 inferno that began after tanks punched holes into the compound's thin walls and pumped tear gas inside.

A visibly angry Reno pledged Wednesday to "get to the bottom" of the matter but reiterated her belief that the Davidians' deaths were not caused by the FBI.

A team of independent arson investigators convened by the Justice Department during its 1993 investigation of Waco concluded that the fire was set in three places simultaneously inside the compound. FBI bugs also detected the voices of Davidians discussing their plans to set a fire.

Conspiracy theorists have long alleged that the government started the blaze.

Coulson, who is adamant the pyrotechnic devices played no role in the fire, said he learned only a week ago that a few military tear gas rounds were lobbed at a concrete bunker some 40 yards from the compound.



Jimmy Kiker

Kiker to retire

Jimmy Kiker, assistant manager for Big Country Electric Cooperative, will retire on Tuesday following 43 years of service with the local Rural Electric Cooperative. A reception honoring Kiker will be held at the Snyder Country Club Monday from 3:30 to 6 p.m.

Kiker, a native of Roby, began his career with Midwest Electric Cooperative on Sept. 1, 1956 in Roby. Kiker worked on a service vehicle until transferring to the Snyder area office in February, 1960.

Over the years Kiker has worked as crew foreman, district manager, area service supervisor and assistant manager. Jimmy is also the owner/operator of K&N Electric of Snyder for the past 25 years, and has served on the Snyder City Electric Board for many years.

Kiker will continue to operate his electric business.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MEETING — Several representatives from area chambers of commerce and economic development boards and numerous local officials participated in a workshop today with Jeff Moseley, the executive director of the Texas Department of Economic Development. The workshop was held at the Snyder Country Club. Pictured are Rep. David Counts, Moseley, Mike Thornton with Western Texas College and Jack Gorman with the Development Corporation of Snyder. (SDN Staff Photo)

Sec. Albright explores further Mideast peacemaking efforts

WASHINGTON (AP) — With an agreement on an Israeli pullback falling into place, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright is exploring further Mideast peacemaking with senior Palestinian officials.

Albright is due to travel to the region next week where she would witness the signing of an agreement between Israel and the Palestinian Authority if final details can be worked out.

Her talks today with negotiator Saeb Erekat and Yasser Arafat's deputy, Mahmoud Abbas, widely known as Abu Mazen, are part of the stock-taking the State Department says is Albright's aim on her trip.

The hard bargaining is going on in the region. And there, Arafat was quoted by Rep. Gene Green, D-Texas, as saying "there is an agreement on a timetable, at least in principle."

Green was in a group of visiting American members of Congress who met with the Palestinian leader. Until recently, Arafat had registered impatience with Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak on implementing Israel's promise to give up another 13 percent of the West Bank.

Here, diplomatic sources said Thursday that a memorandum of understanding between the two sides could be signed next Thursday in Alexandria, Egypt, with Albright on hand. The sources spoke on the condition they not be named.

The agreement now taking shape calls for Israel to resume a pullback from 13 percent of the West Bank that was promised last October but halted after 2 percent was surrendered. Israel would relinquish 7 percent this October and the remaining 4 percent in January.

That stretches out the period of pulling back a few weeks but gives the Palestinians more territory in the October phase.

At the same time, the two sides would begin negotiations on the thorniest issues that have divided them for decades — the future of Jerusalem, whether the Palestinians are to be granted a state and what to do about refugee and water questions.

Abbas and Hasan Abdel Rahman, head of the Palestine Liberation Organization's office in Washington, have held a series of unannounced meetings here with Dennis B. Ross, the senior U.S. mediator, and Martin Indyk, the assistant secretary of state for the Near East.

Resuming Israel's pullback from the West Bank and transfer of the territory to the Palestinian Authority is a major goal of the Clinton administration.

President Clinton has said that is Israel's best hope for security, and he has publicly supported Palestinian "aspirations" while blocking transfer of the U.S. Embassy to Jerusalem from Tel Aviv.

On her trip, Albright also hopes to make headway in promoting a negotiated withdrawal by Israel on the Golan Heights, a strategic enclave lost by Syria in the 1967 Middle East war. Negotiations were broken off three years ago.

Rahman said the Palestinians were hopeful for an agreement to implement the Wye River accords that called for the 13 percent Israeli pullback on the West Bank, as well as on other interim issues and on starting talks on a final settlement.

Other diplomatic sources, elaborating on the emerging accord, said it would also establish passages to connect Palestinian-held Gaza with the West Bank.

Hermleigh trustees to consider budget

Hermleigh ISD board of trustees will meet in a special session tonight to hold a public hearing on the district's budget and also consider its approval.

Supt. Jerry Church said the budget is $1,235,000 – down from last year's total of $1,280,000.

Church said the board will also consider a policy requiring school district employee's children to attend school at Hermleigh.

The meeting is set for 8 p.m. in the high school building.

Time to order your "Tiger Paws" from SHS band boosters

With the 1999 football season kicking off tonight as the Tigers travel to Monahans, Snyder band boosters are urging everyone to get in the proper school spirit.

The boosters are beginning their annual "Tiger Paw Painting" project on Tuesday as they will paint paws in front of the high school.

To order your Paws, call 573-3251.

ASK US

Q—When did the old Sinclair station on 25th Street cease to operate?

A—In 1972.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Thursday, 98 degrees, low, 72; 7 a.m. Friday, 74; no precipitation; total for 1999, 19.31 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly clear. Lows 65-70. Saturday, mostly sunny. Highs, mid 90s. Saturday night, mostly clear. Lows 65-70. Sunday, mostly sunny. Highs 90-95.



Derek Anderson
Partly Cloudy

Sunset:
8:14 p.m.
Sunrise:
7:17 a.m.
Of 238 days in 1999, the sun has shone 231 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

"Without labor nothing prospers."

—Sophocles

AUG 27 1999

GOP is slamming new court rulings

WASHINGTON (AP) — Far-flung court rulings on school vouchers and abortion are stirring anger in the Republican presidential campaign over what one candidate calls "judicial activism run amok."

Both Texas Gov. George Bush and rival Steve Forbes on Thursday attacked a judge's suspension of Cleveland's voucher program, a decision that affects a prime education reform favored by the GOP presidential field and many governors.

Bush called the ruling a "judicial overreach with serious casualties — Cleveland's disadvantaged school children."

Republicans see a potential wedge issue against Democrats in the voucher flap because the program is designed in part to help poor inner city children attend private schools offering superior education.

Democrats argue that vouchers would destroy the public school system and there are better ways to give parents a choice, such as charter schools, experimental institutions that receive public support but can operate independently of local school district rules. Critics of vouchers also say such programs unfairly favor religious schools with tax money.

"This case is not about the state imposing religion," Bush argued. "This is about parents having the right to choose an appropriate school for their children."

Forbes was first to attack the voucher ruling and he went beyond that to decry a county judge's decision in Arizona forcing officials to provide for an abortion for a 14-year-old girl who was 23 weeks pregnant.

"These cases are just the latest offensive examples of judicial activism run amok," Forbes said. He said they underscore the need to appoint judges who will respect the rights of parents and the unborn.

U.S. District Judge Solomon Oliver Jr., who made the voucher ruling, was appointed by President Clinton. Judge William Sargeant of Maricopa County Superior Court, who made the abortion decision, is a Republican and not a presidential appointee.

Forbes, whose anti-abortion views have hardened since he ran for the GOP nomination in 1996, has said that as president he would appoint judges opposed to abortion rights. Among rivals for the GOP nomination, Bush has said he would not make abortion views a test for his judicial appointments.

GOP candidate John McCain, recently accused by some conservatives of softening his anti-abortion stance, declined immediate comment on the abortion matter in his own state.

"It sounds like a tragic case," the senator said when asked about it while campaigning in San Diego. But he said he wanted to study the matter further before saying more.

Forbes was not so reticent, calling the decision "nothing short of infanticide." The state's Republican governor, Jane Hull, said the judge was acting in the perceived best interest of the girl.

The Cleveland ruling came the week schools were opening, causing turmoil for the parents of some 4,000 pupils who have been using tuition vouchers paid for by taxpayers to go to private schools.



RECEPTION AT IRA — Ira School's faculty gathered Aug. 15 in the home of Mrs. Tammy Shirley to honor the staff members who will not be returning due to budget cuts. From left are Theleca Wilson, PEIMS coordinator, 13 years with IISD; Mrs. Sue Parham, theatre arts, speech, radio/TV teacher and one-act play director, 30 years with Ira ISD; Mrs. Louise Layne, special education aide, 31 years with IISD; and Mrs. Janet Wesson, counselor, seven years with Ira ISD. Not pictured is Kristi Goodwin, aide, one year with Ira School. (Contributed Photo)

Water detected in meteorite

WASHINGTON (AP) — A rock that fell from the sky to land in a West Texas yard contained a remarkable surprise — water from the far reaches of space.

The researchers who opened the meteorite discovered tiny pockets of briny water, providing the first close look at water not originating on earth, according to an article in the journal Science.

"The existence of a water-soluble salt in this meteorite is astonishing," wrote R. N. Clayton of the University of Chicago, who was not involved the research on the meteorite.

While astronomers have long thought that water flowed through asteroids and other bodies formed at the beginning of the solar system, the meteorite's liquid cargo offered the first chance to actually study it in a lab.

The meteorite burned through the sky last year and was spotted by a group of boys in Monahans, Texas, who alerted scientists from NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston.

When the NASA team, including asteroid specialist Michael Zolensky, cracked open part of the meteorite at their lab, they found purple crystals of halite — or rock salt — that contained minuscule pockets of water with bubbles, which indicated that water flowed on whatever parent body spawned the meteorite.

Chondrite meteorites, such as the one found in Monahans, are thought to comprise some of the most primitive ingredients from the early period of the solar system, and the water in the crystals could date as far back as 4.5 billion years.

Parents find son's actions and death hard to understand

CHICAGO (AP) — The parents of a white supremacist who killed two minorities before committing suicide last month said their son grew up in a loving, diverse environment that belied his racist views.

In their first public statement since their son's Fourth of July weekend rampage, Kenneth and Beverly Smith said their son was raised in a household where they "had friends from diverse racial and religious groups."

However, the couple said their son severed ties with the family and they were unable to contact him for two months before the shootings.

"It was very painful to first lose him to a viewpoint we found abhorrent and then lose him in such a horrible and final way," the couple said.

In the statement, the couple said they have searched in vain for an explanation for the shootings, in which former basketball coach Ricky Byrdsong, who was black, and Won-Joon Yoon, an Asian college student, were killed.

"Like the parents of other good children who became criminal, alcoholic, drug-addicted or mentally ill, we found no answer," the couple said. "We were loving parents to Benjamin."

Smith, 21, later shot himself while struggling with police on July 4.

"We did not share or understand the beliefs our son adopted near the end of his life," the couple said.

Chandra's images are a good sign

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Chandra X-ray Observatory, NASA's new $1 billion X-ray telescope, is performing as expected. Scientists say it transmitted crystal clear images of an exploding star.

"We were astounded by these images," Harvey Tananbaum, director of the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory's Chandra X-ray Center in Cambridge, Mass., said Thursday in a statement.

The orbiting telescope captured as its first view an image of the Cassiopeia A supernova, a star in the Milky Way galaxy that exploded about 300 years ago.

The image contains such detail of the explosion and its surrounding cloud that scientists say they have detected evidence of what may be a black hole near its center, a National Aeronautics and Space Administration announcement said.

A second image released Thursday shows an X-ray jet streaming some 200,000 light years into intergalactic space from a quasar some 6 billion light years away.

Quasars are distant, very energetic stellar objects that may spew forth X-rays and visible light equal to the total brightness of trillions of stars. A light year is the distance light travels across space in a year, about 6 trillion miles.

Chandra, the world's largest and most sensitive X-ray telescope, was launched July 23, and is still undergoing orbital checkout and calibration tests. But officials said the initial images show that the space telescope "is in excellent health," a NASA statement said.

Chandra joins NASA's fleet of orbiting observatories that include the Hubble Space Telescope, which collects images in visible light, and the Compton Gamma Ray Observatory, which studies gamma ray emissions in the universe.

Chandra operates from a high orbit, ranging from 6,000 to 86,400 miles above the Earth.

Date Book

Friday, Aug. 27, 1999

Today is the 239th day of 1999 and the 68th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1859, the first successful oil well was drilled in the United States, by Col. Edwin Drake, near Titusville, Pa.

On this day in 1966, Francis Chichester embarked from Plymouth, England, on a solo sailing voyage around the world.

On this day in 1990, a helicopter crash in southeastern Wisconsin claimed the lives of Stevie Ray Vaughan and associates of Eric Clapton.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel (1770-1831), philosopher; Theodore Dreiser (1871-1945), writer; Samuel Goldwyn (1882-1974), film producer; Lyndon Johnson (1908-1973), U.S. president; Lester Young (1909-1959), musician; Mother Teresa (1910-1997), missionary; Martha Raye (1916-1994), comedian-actress; Tuesday Weld (1943-), actress, is 56.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1976, the U.S. Open Tennis Championship organization refused to allow Renee Richards, who was once Dr. Richard Raskind, to compete in the U.S. Open when she refused to take a genetic test.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "If people don't want to go to the picture, nobody can stop them." — Samuel Goldwyn

TODAY'S MOON: Day after full moon (Aug. 26).

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Gas prices up for Labor Day

STAMFORD, Conn. (AP) — Monica Lewis fumed as she filled the tank of her Saab 900S at a Mobil station in downtown Stamford.

"This is ridiculous," she snapped, looking up at pump prices ranging from $1.39 to $1.63 per gallon. "I used to buy the mid-grade. Now, I've got to go with the cheapest. I have to buy food, too."

Motorists across New England are exasperated by a sharp rise in gas prices over the last month. Nationally, the average increase in self-service unleaded this month was the biggest since 1990, following Iraq's attack on Kuwait.

"You know, I don't even look anymore they're so bad," said Tony Zeppieri, who filled his tank Thursday at a Mobil station in Richmond, R.I., where the price for unleaded was $1.27 per gallon.

Connecticut has the highest prices in the region — an average $1.37 per gallon for regular unleaded self-serve — after a 9-cent increase during the last month, according to the most recent survey by the American Automobile Association.

In Rhode Island, the average price is $1.28 per gallon, followed by Massachusetts, Maine, Vermont and New Hampshire, at $1.22. Connecticut was already stinging from a 12-cent jump in April.

The association said the national average price of unleaded has risen 8.1 cents per gallon in the past month. The increase — to $1.255 a gallon — is the biggest from one month to another since prices soared 11.4 cents after Iraq attacked Kuwait in 1990.

Last year the pre-Labor Day average price was $1.08 a gallon.

With Labor Day coming up, motorists said they are particularly concerned about the gas prices.

"If it continues to increase, I will have to limit my trips," said Lewis, a software trainer from Stamford.

Analysts and representatives of the petroleum industry say they cannot predict whether prices could go up again before Labor Day.

There have been a variety of reasons offered for the rising price at the pump — improving economies in Asia, the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries' plan to cut crude oil production and refinery explosions on the West Coast.

Some motorists aren't buying any of it.

"The claims of a shortage are not true. It doesn't seem to me that we're going to run out of gas," said Paul Caston, a computer consultant from Chicago who filled up his rental car in Stamford.

The American Petroleum Institute, which represents about 400 oil companies, said increases in crude oil costs are behind the increases at the pumps. In December, refiners were paying an average of $9.84 per barrel. Now, they are paying close to $20 per barrel.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



North 08-27-99
♠ K 9 5 3
♥ K 10 9 3
♦ 10 5 2
♣ A Q

West
♠ 10 2
♥ Q J 8 2
♦ Q 8 7
♣ K J 8 2

East
♠ Q J
♥ A 6 5 4
♦ A K 4 3
♣ 7 6 4

South
♠ A 8 7 6 4
♥ 7
♦ J 9 6
♣ 10 9 5 3

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: East

South	West	North	East
			1 ♦
1 ♠	Dbl.	2 ♠	3 ♥
Pass	Pass	3 ♠	Dbl.
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Opening lead: ♦ 7

This deal occurred during a Philip Morris Cup event in Evian, France, in the mid-1970s. Evian, famous for its spa water, is a picturesque town that sits on Lake Geneva — or Lac Leman, as the French call it. The play features excellent defense by two French internationals, Leon Yallouze, who was Egyptian by birth, and Leon Tintner, an Austrian by birth who is perhaps the quietest-spoken expert of all.

The bidding exhibits the modern tournament game. First, South made an absurd overcall. (If a simple overcall can have anywhere between five and 17 points, how is partner supposed to know what to do?) West made a negative double, promising four hearts, but perhaps having five or six if too weak to respond two hearts. North presumably bid only two spades because he worked out that his partner was light. East had to compete to three hearts. And when North couldn't resist going to three spades — who could? — East made a cling-wrap-thin penalty double.

The defenders began with three rounds of diamonds ending in West. Yallouze switched to the heart queen, declarer playing low from the dummy. Now Tintner found the perfect defense. He overtook with the heart ace and returned his last diamond. Yallouze ruffed with the spade 10, which uppercut dummy's king and promoted a trump trick for East: one down.

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The other side of the coin

By Phillip Alder

So far this week, I have given four deals in which a defender doubled with long trumps but couldn't defeat the contract. To balance the books, as it were, let's end with a couple of less obvious but effective doubles.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Saturday, Aug. 28, 1999

Peripheral effects will result from some interesting changes you make in the year ahead that will produce fortunate circumstances for you. It'll be two for the price of one.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Where the final decision rests solely on your shoulder and needs your stamp of approval is where you should do best today. You'll have excellent insight concerning judgment calls. 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 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Even if it isn't done in an obvious fashion, Lady Luck will be the one responsible for some good things that happen for you today. Try to involve yourself with people who deserve to share.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Discussions on the golf course, tennis court or dining room with persons who are important to your aims could turn out quite satisfactorily. Mixing business and pleasure is a homogeneous blend.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Challenge your creativity and it will broaden your dimensions to effectively deal with whatever is important to you today. Your imagination will be your greatest asset.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) One with whom you're chummy socially could be a tipster about an opportunity of substantial magnitude. Be all eyes and ears when in the company of a pal.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Developments might arise at a later date where you could use something another does today to gain what she or he wants. Closely watch how others strategize.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Chances are it won't be material considerations you'll garner today, but instead it will be the priceless good will and golden thoughts of a friend with whom you'll be involved.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) In more than one instance today, you could be rather lucky. Perhaps the most obvious one will be concerning a financial situation, but a friendship involvement may be another.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Any pitch you need to make today should be directed at the head honcho rather than going through intermediaries. She or he is the only one who can give you a definite answer.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Think positive today, because conditions could end up much better than you dare to hope. Something that has been rather uncomfortable may undergo a major improvement.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Of course, you'll still have to do your part, but today could usher in a very hopeful cycle where your expectations have better than average chances of being fulfilled.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) We should always strive to be upbeat and positive about things, but today it could be doubly significant that you do so. It might have a major influence over an ambitious endeavor.

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Poll: Policemen in school would quell violent incidents

WASHINGTON (AP) — Posting police officers in hallways would help curb school violence, two out of three adults say in an Associated Press poll. But most Americans see dangerous acts as events that happen elsewhere, with more than 80 percent saying they think schools in their own communities are safe.

Even for people who are comfortable with the safety of their own schools, police officers in schools can provide peace of mind.

"I like the idea of a human being, someone the kids could go to" if there was trouble, said Mary Beth Corvati, a mother of two children in Harford County, Md., and one of 1,016 surveyed in the poll conducted by ICR of Media, Pa.

While 65 percent said they thought stationing officers in schools would reduce violence, compared with 33 percent who said it would not, Americans were less certain that metal detectors would help. Fifty percent said they would help, 47 percent said they would not.

"I would like for my children to view a police officer as someone who could help preserve their safety, be a role model — someone they could look up to," said Mrs. Corvati. "I don't think my children could look up to a metal detector."

People have had the summer to assess how they feel about school safety after two students at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo., killed a dozen classmates, a teacher and themselves last April. A sheriff's deputy was on duty at the school when the shootings occurred.

Despite the Columbine shootings and other high-profile cases of violence in schools, only 14 percent of Americans say their schools are not safe.

Blacks were more likely than whites — 30 percent to 10 percent — to say schools in their community were either "not too safe" or "not safe at all."

But more than four out of five of all respondents felt their schools were relatively safe.

"After Columbine, we had a little flurry of activity, but for the most part our schools are pretty safe," said Carrie Clark, a mother of two young children from Dover, N.H. "We had one incident in an elementary school — a boy was caught with a gun in his knapsack. He was expelled."

Her efforts to shelter her children include keeping toy guns away from them, but that has met with mixed results.

"I don't let them play with toy guns, but they build Legos into guns," she said. "My daughter's play hairdryer is a gun. When I'm in another room I hear them (say) 'bang, bang, I'm going to kill you' or (shooting) their stuffed animals."

Reducing violence in TV shows and movies was cited by one-third of those surveyed as the most effective way to stop school violence, with women, Republicans and older Americans most likely to choose that option. Another 22 percent said increased counseling for teenagers would be most effective.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Widow Says Husband's Secret Should Have Stayed Buried

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: It has taken me years to write this letter.

My husband and I were married 35 years when he died suddenly. I adored him. He was my whole world.

A few years later I was putting my life back together when out of the blue, my "best friend" told me my husband had had an affair, and she could prove it. All his pallbearers knew about it. After much looking back, I knew it was true. I was devastated and have been in therapy for several years.

I would like to thank all of those who knew and kept silent. When a person dies, let all secrets be buried with him.

I cry as I write this, Abby. I loved him so much. Perhaps my letter will keep someone from hurting a person who is already hurting.
WOUNDED IN MIDLAND, TEXAS

DEAR WOUNDED: A person who pours salt on the wound of someone who is already hurting is not a "friend"; she is a troublemaker. All you had left of your marriage were your memories, and I have to wonder why someone would want to destroy them. I hope that your years of therapy have helped you put your feelings of anger and betrayal into perspective, and to focus on the many wonderful years you had together — because in the long run that is all that's important. You have years of life ahead of you, and it would be a tragedy if you spent them crying over something that no one can change and was better left unsaid.

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DEAR ABBY: The recent letter in your column about jury duty prompts this letter. How do we ever get a jury of our peers when the selection process weeds out anyone who has read a newspaper or listened to the news in the last five years? They seem to want only brain-dead jurors.

ARLEN B., HERCULES, CALIF.

DEAR ARLEN: During the last decade or so, the jury selection process has become very sophisticated — and counsel for both sides usually have specific criteria in mind as they go through the process. If I had to name the No. 1 complaint I receive from readers about jury duty, it's that so little money is paid to jurors that they fear it would cause financial hardship to their families. Someone has to pay for the groceries while the jurors sit in judgment.

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DEAR ABBY: I thought you'd be interested to know that the story of the wife and mother in a sinking boat was used for courses for Western men who would be doing business in the Far East to show contrasts in the way the two cultures differ.

When presented with the choice of saving the wife or the mother, most men brought up in a Western culture chose to save their wife. The men brought up in an Eastern culture would choose to save their mother — the rationale being that it was possible to have another wife, but one could never have another mother.

DIFFERENT STROKES,
LAKELAND, FLA.

DEAR DIFFERENT: That's why it's so important for women to know how to paddle their own canoes.

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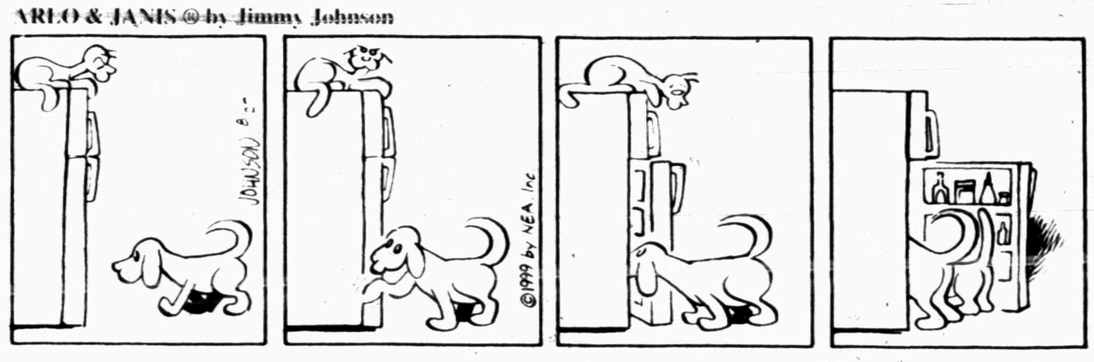
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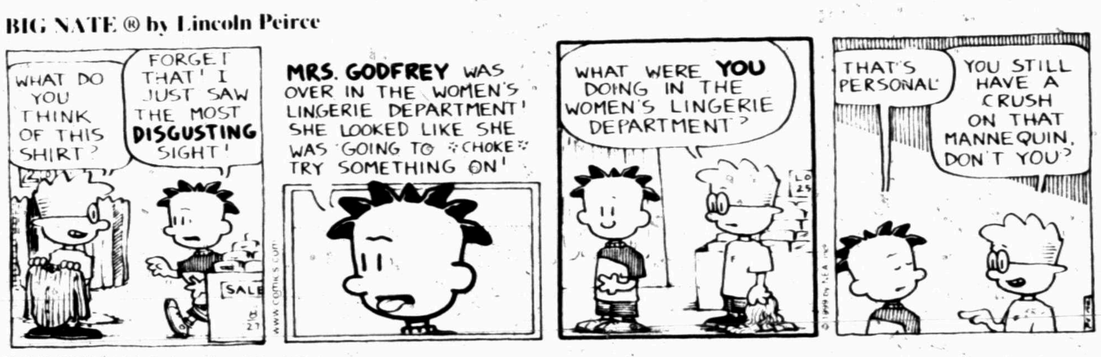
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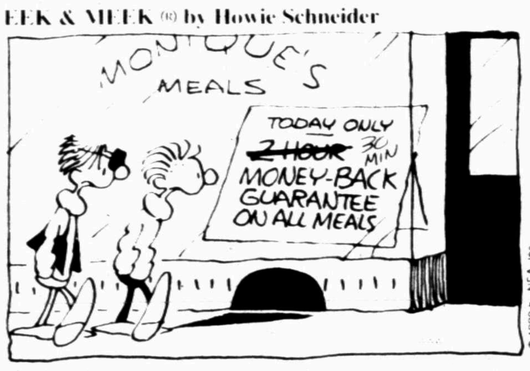
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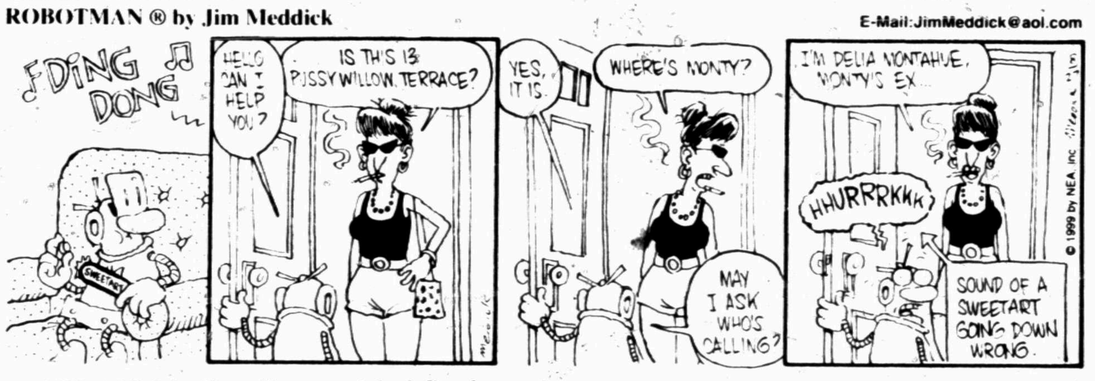


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6 Scandinavian capital
10 Irritate
12 Rock salt
14 Pass by
15 Like O. Henry's works
16 Pro —
17 Indian memorial post
19 Mexican coin
20 Newborn's clothing
23 Actor Ritchard
26 Male title
27 Chemist's workplace
30 Hype
32 Not at all
34 Commencement
35 Steers
36 Opposite of "post"
37 Tibetan gazelle
39 Linger over a triumph
40 Long
42 Greek peak
45 Comparative ending
46 Half a dance?
49 Make obese
51 Style of type
54 On a jet
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57 Yellow fever mosquito

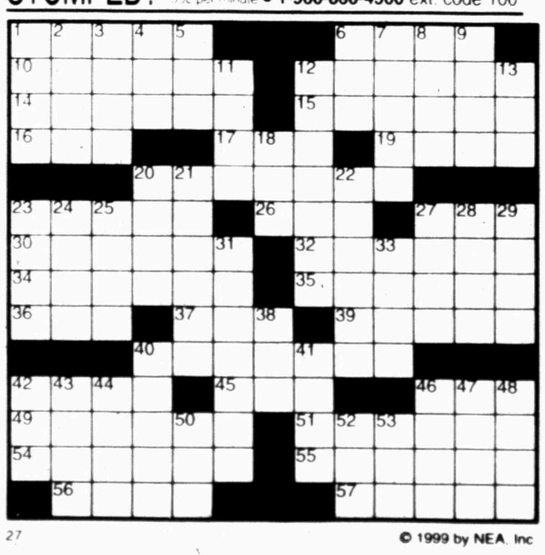
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2 New Haven school
3 Study at the last minute
4 Drink like a dog
5 Highway curve
6 Rower's need
7 Slant
8 Something to stand in
9 Cornelia — Skinner
11 Alluring
12 Smacking
13 Author Umberto —
18 Roman bronze
20 Facial features
21 Assert without proof
22 Pig's feeding tray
23 Lamb —
24 Possessive pronoun
25 Learn by — (memorize)
27 Fashionable beach resort
28 On the briny
29 Most excellent
31 Making amends
33 Sly
38 Get older
40 Ancient language
41 Math course
42 Not on
43 Mineo and namesakes
44 Eyelid problem
46 Wearing clothes
47 Put on the payroll
48 Deeds
50 Noun suffix
52 — — fault (overmuch)
53 Highest card

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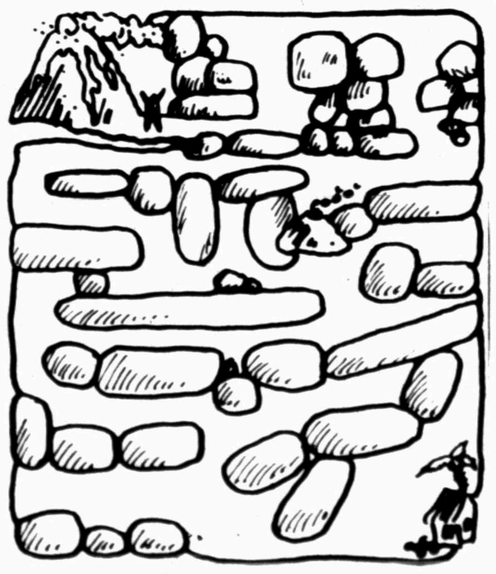




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SPORTS

Snyder JV rolls past Monahans

With an opportunistic defense and a first-half offensive explosion, Snyder's junior varsity football team walked away with an opening-season victory Thursday night.

Snyder recovered four fumbles and posted all three of its touchdowns in the first half of its 22-7 win over Monahans at Tiger Stadium.

Aaron Benitez pounced on a pair of Lobo fumbles, with T.J. Cagle and Craig Bowen recovering one each.

The Tigers opened the scoring midway through the first quarter when Rudy Deanda found the endzone from six yards out. Brooks Nunley then hooked up with Deanda on the two-point conversion for an 8-0 lead.

Early in the second period, Snyder extended its advantage as Cagle plunged in from the 1. The conversion failed for a 14-0 tally.

The Tigers would record its final touchdown less than two minutes later on a 34-yard run by Wade Pinson. Snyder added two points on a Nunley pass to Bowen, running the score to 22-0 at halftime.

Monahans put its only points on the board with just over a minute left in the third.

Snyder, now 1-0 on the season, will be in action again Thursday at 6 p.m. at Littlefield.



BREAKING TACKLES — Snyder junior varsity running back Jamaal Pruitt tries to break the grasp of a Monahans defender during Snyder's 22-7 victory Thursday night at Tiger Stadium. In varsity action tonight, the Tigers and the Loboes square off at 7:30 in Monahans. (SDN Staff Photo)

Wolfpack returns to heat to face Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — Lloyd Harrison vividly remembers the Texas heat, how it rose from the football field and burned his backside when he sat on the bench.

"It was a different kind of heat," the All-American cornerback said, thinking back to North Carolina State's 33-30 loss to Baylor last season.

"I didn't even want to sit on the chairs on the sideline because the chairs were black. But after a while you realize it's just football and they get tired just like you do."

The Wolfpack returns to Texas Saturday night to play the No. 17 Texas Longhorns in the Black Coaches Association Classic.

Temperatures in Austin are expected to reach 100 degrees in the afternoon and should still be in the mid-90s by kickoff at 7:30 p.m.

The heat will only add to the fire their quarterbacks will be feeling as they try filling the large voids left by last year's star players.

For Texas, that means sophomore quarterback Major Applewhite becoming the focus of an offense that Heisman Trophy winner Ricky Williams led to a 9-3 record with a Cotton Bowl victory in coach Mack Brown's first year.

"I can't make the runs Ricky did last year, but I'm ready to take more of a leadership role," said Applewhite, the Big 12 freshman of the year in 1998 when he passed for 2,453 yards and 18 TDs.

"When I think about losing a Heisman Trophy-caliber player, I think of Tennessee, which lost Peyton Manning and then won the national title. I'm not predicting a national championship, but I'm saying I think we'll be as good as last year."

North Carolina State returns 17 starters, including quarterback Jamie Barnette, the ACC's total offense leader in 1998. Many of those yards, however, came from throwing the ball to receiver Torry Holt, who is now in the NFL.

"It will be a great opportunity if we can go out there and win," NC State coach Mike O'Cain said. "It will bring tremendous recognition to our program, which will help us reach the dreams and goals we set ourselves."

O'Cain said his team won't be intimidated by the expected sell-out crowd of 80,082 at Royal-Memorial Stadium. He's reminded them of their season opener two years ago, when the Wolfpack went to Syracuse and beat the Orangemen 32-21.

"That's what we've been working on. Our guys will go down there and stand up to them," said O'Cain, whose team also pulled off a stunning 24-7 victory over Florida State last year.

A victory would be the first for O'Cain against Brown, who was 5-0 against NC State when he coached North Carolina.

"I haven't caught as much grief (from the fans) as I thought I would," O'Cain said. "Not to my face anyway."

At NFL training camp...

Lions' top pick is out for the season

By The Associated Press

When the Detroit Lions selected Aaron Gibson in the first round, they figured he would be opening big holes for Barry Sanders. Now, Sanders is retired and Gibson is out for the season.

In the latest training camp blow to hit the Lions, Gibson will undergo season-ending surgery on his left shoulder next week.

"He's done," coach Bobby Ross said Thursday.

Dr. James Andrews, an Alabama-based orthopedist, evaluated Gibson Wednesday after the Lions put the 6-foot-4, 380-pound rookie through two weeks of rehabilitation.

The Lions believe that Gibson injured the shoulder prior to being drafted out of Wisconsin in April. Gibson told the Detroit Free Press that he believes he suffered the injury on the third day of training camp, back in July.

There is no medical term for the condition, but doctors will go in to "clean some things out" during surgery in Birmingham, Ala., on Thursday, Lions spokeswoman Deanna Caldwell said.

Lions medical personnel originally thought surgery was not needed immediately. They had hoped weightlifting and other exercises and physical therapy would allow him to play at least part time this season.

"At this point, it's time to move on," Ross said. "We have a plan and we have to put it in place. We were never going to be able to use him the way that we wanted to use him, which was as a starter."

Ross, who has been shuffling several injured players on offense, said Gibson could make a good right tackle, but might have used him at guard.

Juan Roque will start at right tackle against the Miami Dolphins on Saturday, replacing Tony Ramirez, who sat out of the team's double practice sessions Wednesday with an injured ankle.

Greg Engel will be at center instead of Mike Compton, who sprained a ligament in his left knee. The Lions aren't sure who will start at left guard.

Cornerback Bryant Westbrook, who broke a bone in his left hand three weeks ago, had the pins removed Tuesday and should be ready to play next week against St. Louis, the Lions said.

Rookie running back Sedrick Irvin out of Michigan State will miss the Miami game because of turf toe. Fullback Brock Olivo is expected to take his place.

Snyder freshmen post 29-16 win over Loboes

MONAHANS — Billy Pena rushed for 140 yards and in doing so helped carry Snyder's freshman football squad to a 29-16 victory over Monahans in the season opener.

In addition to his rushing statistics, Pena also caught a pair of passes for 52 yards; scored a touchdown, an extra point and a two-point conversion; and recovered a fumble.

Josh McGaha opened the scoring with a 15-yard jaunt, followed by a Pena run for an 8-0 advantage.

The Tigers' defense then got in the scoring act when Colby Driggers scooped up a punt, blocked by Josh Montoya, and raced 20 yards to up the tally to 14-0.

Following a Monahans touchdown, Pena found the endzone from six yards out, then booted the PAT for a 21-8 advantage.

Snyder found paydirt one last time on a 15-yard scamper by Caleb Durham. The two-point conversion was successful on a Durham run for the 29-16 final result.

On the defensive side of the ball for Snyder, Anthony Vasquez intercepted a Lobo pass, with Josh Mendoza, Patrick Alderete, Pena and Driggers recovering fumbles.

Snyder will be in action again Thursday. One SHS freshman squad will square off with Midland Christian at 4:30 at Travis Field, while another will take on Littlefield at 6:30 at Tiger Stadium.

Local Sports Schedule

TODAY

Football: Snyder at Monahans, season opener, 7:30.

Football: Trent at Ira, scrimmage, 6 p.m.

Football: Borden County at Jayton, scrimmage, 6 p.m.

Volleyball: Snyder varsity at Justin Northwest tourney.

SATURDAY

Tennis: Snyder varsity vs. Burkburnett and Ft. Worth Brewer, at Abilene.

Volleyball: Snyder varsity at Justin Northwest tourney.

Volleyball: Levelland at Snyder 9th, 1 p.m.

SDN Sports Briefs

Slingin' Sammy Baugh Snyder tourney

The eighth annual Slingin' Sammy Baugh Snyder Golf Tournament will be held Sept. 11 at Western Texas College. Shotgun starts will be at 8 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Format will be a four-person scramble and cost is $140 per team. All proceeds benefit Snyder I.S.D. golf programs.

Prizes will be $600 for first place, $400 for second, $350 for third, $300 for fourth and $250 for fifth. A hole-in-one on No. 15 will win a golf cart.

To register, go by the WTC pro shop. Deadline for entry is Sept. 10.

SISD sports tickets

Season passes for all Snyder volleyball and basketball games are on sale now at the SISD business administration office. Passes are $30 for each sport, or $50 for a combined volleyball/basketball pass. The passes are good for all home games, from the varsity level through seventh grade. If purchased individually, adult tickets to home games are $2 each.

WGA play day

The Women's Golf Association of Snyder Country Club will hold its two-person match play event Saturday and Sunday. Tee times will be 8 a.m. on Saturday and 1 p.m. on Sunday.

Bowling league meeting

The Men's Commercial Bowling League will hold its meeting Thursday at 7 p.m. at Snyder Lanes. League play begins Sept. 9.

Hunter education class

A course in hunter education has been scheduled for Saturday and Sunday. Every hunter born on or after Sept. 2 1971 must successfully complete the course, as mandated by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

Cost of the course is $10, and class size is limited. For information about registration, contact Gene or Nancy Bowlin at 573-2323.

Major League Baseball

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American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	77	49	611	—
Boston	69	58	543	8½
Toronto	69	60	535	9½
Baltimore	57	70	449	20½
Tampa Bay	57	71	445	21

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	77	49	611	—
Chicago	61	66	480	16½
Minnesota	52	73	416	24½
Kansas City	51	76	402	26½
Detroit	49	77	389	28

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Texas	76	52	594	—
Oakland	69	58	543	6½
Seattle	63	63	500	12
Anaheim	51	75	405	24

Thursday's Games

Tampa Bay 9, Chicago 7
Kansas City 6, Baltimore 0
Only games scheduled

Friday's Games

Anaheim (Washburn 0-2) at Boston (Mercker 0-0), 7:05 p.m.
Texas (Helling 10-7) at Toronto (Carpenter 9-7), 7:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Arrojo 4-8) at Cleveland (Burba 10-7), 7:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Johns 3-2) at Detroit (Weaver 7-9), 7:05 p.m.
Seattle (Meche 4-3) at New York (Clemens 11-6), 7:35 p.m.
Oakland (Olivares 11-9) at Chicago (Sirotka 8-10), 8:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Rosado 7-11) at Minnesota (Milton 5-10), 8:05 p.m.

Saturday's Games

Seattle (Moyer 12-6) at New York (O Hernandez 14-7), 1:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Witt 7-10) at Cleveland (Nagy 13-9), 1:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Sparks 5-10) at Boston (Wakefield 4-9), 4:05 p.m.
Texas (Sele 14-7) at Toronto (Wells 12-8), 4:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Erickson 10-10) at Detroit (Mlicki 9-10), 5:05 p.m.
Oakland (Heredia 10-5) at Chicago (Navarro 7-11), 7:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Suzuki 0-4) at Minnesota (Mays 5-6), 8:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Anaheim at Boston, 1:05 p.m.
Texas at Toronto, 1:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Cleveland, 1:05 p.m.
Baltimore at Detroit, 1:05 p.m.
Seattle at New York, 1:35 p.m.
Oakland at Chicago, 2:05 p.m.
Kansas City at Minnesota, 2:05 p.m.

National League

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East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	80	49	620	—
New York	78	50	609	1½
Philadelphia	67	59	532	11½
Montreal	53	74	417	26
Florida	50	76	397	28½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	76	52	594	—
Cincinnati	74	52	587	1
Pittsburgh	63	65	492	13
St. Louis	63	65	492	13
Milwaukee	56	70	444	19
Chicago	53	73	421	22

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Arizona	76	52	594	—
San Francisco	67	60	528	8½
Los Angeles	58	69	457	17½
San Diego	57	71	445	19
Colorado	57	72	442	19½

Thursday's Games

Arizona 12, Florida 2
Pittsburgh 8, Colorado 4
Chicago 11, San Francisco 10
San Diego 4, Milwaukee 3
Cincinnati 10, Montreal 4
Only games scheduled

Friday's Games

Florida (Springer 5-12 and Dempster 5-6) at Houston (Lima 16-7 and Holt 3-11), 2, 5:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Villone 6-4) at Montreal (Hermanson 5-11), 7:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Mulholland 7-7) at St. Louis (Stephenson 4-0), 8:10 p.m.
Philadelphia (Wolf 5-5) at Colorado (Thomson 1-6), 9:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Eldred 1-7) at San Diego (Hitchcock 11-9), 10:05 p.m.
New York (Dotel 4-1) at Arizona (Daal 13-6), 10:05 p.m.
Chicago (Trachsel 4-15) at Los Angeles (Valdes 8-11), 10:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Schmidt 10-9) at San Francisco (Nathan 4-2), 10:35 p.m.

Saturday's Games

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Chicago at Los Angeles, 4:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh at San Francisco, 4:05 p.m.
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Florida at Houston, 2:35 p.m.
Philadelphia at Colorado, 3:05 p.m.
Milwaukee at San Diego, 4:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh at San Francisco, 4:05 p.m.
Atlanta at St. Louis, 8:05 p.m.
New York at Arizona, 8:05 p.m.
Chicago at Los Angeles, 8:05 p.m.

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East

	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Indianapolis	2	1	0	667	63	33
Buffalo	1	1	0	500	43	30
Miami	1	1	0	500	27	36
New England	1	1	0	500	48	34
N.Y. Jets	1	1	0	500	26	36

Central

	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Baltimore	2	0	0	1.000	29	13
Jacksonville	2	1	0	667	86	43
Pittsburgh	1	1	0	500	43	43
Cleveland	1	2	0	333	40	71
Cincinnati	0	2	0	000	17	36
Tennessee	0	2	0	000	37	49

West

	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Oakland	2	0	0	1.000	28	20
Denver	2	1	0	667	70	51
Kansas City	1	2	0	333	35	68
Seattle	0	2	0	000	33	48
San Diego	0	3	0	000	51	64

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East

	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants	2	0	0	1.000	63	41
Washington	2	0	0	1.000	40	33
Arizona	1	1	0	500	34	55
Dallas	0	3	0	000	34	64
Philadelphia	0	3	0	000	29	37

Central

	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Green Bay	2	0	0	1.000	54	28
Tampa Bay	2	0	0	1.000	47	10
Chicago	2	1	0	667	70	60
Minnesota	2	1	0	667	62	66
Detroit	1	1	0	500	47	35

West

	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
San Francisco	2	0	0	1.000	55	47
Atlanta	1	1	0	500	41	50
Carolina	1	1	0	500	30	48
New Orleans	1	1	0	500	33	51
St. Louis	0	2	0	000	41	56

Thursday's Games

Jacksonville 31, Kansas City 6
Minnesota 17, Philadelphia 13

Friday's Game

Atlanta at Tennessee, 8 p.m.

Saturday's Games

Detroit at Miami, 7 p.m.
Carolina at Baltimore, 7:30 p.m.
Buffalo at Cincinnati, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at Cleveland, 8 p.m.
Green Bay at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at N.Y. Giants, 8 p.m.
San Diego at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
New England at Tampa Bay, 8 p.m.
Arizona at Seattle, 10 p.m.

Sunday's Game

Denver at Dallas, 8 p.m.

Monday's Game

San Francisco at Oakland, 8 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 2

St. Louis at Detroit, 7 p.m.
Cleveland at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
New England at Carolina, 8 p.m.
Miami at Green Bay, 8 p.m.
Seattle at Indianapolis, 8 p.m.
New Orleans at Tennessee, 8 p.m.
Jacksonville at Dallas, 9 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 3

N.Y. Giants at Baltimore, Noon
Atlanta at Cincinnati, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota at N.Y. Jets, 7:30 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Washington, 8 p.m.
San Francisco at Denver, 9 p.m.
Oakland at Arizona, 10 p.m.
Kansas City at San Diego, 11 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 4

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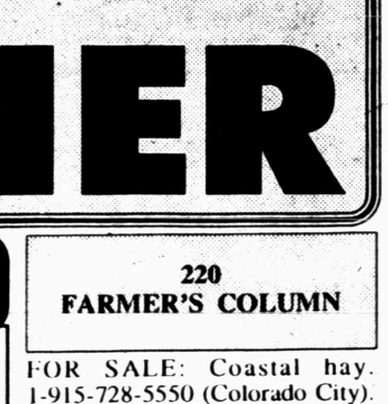
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Controversial franchise axed

MIAMI (AP) — Burger King Corp. announced Thursday it has canceled the rights of an Israeli company to operate a controversial franchise in the West Bank and ordered the restaurant to remove the Burger King brand from the site immediately.

The Miami-based restaurant company said the franchisee, Rikamor Ltd., had violated an agreement by falsely stating the restaurant would be located in Israel.

Burger King said it had made clear that it would not approve Rikamor opening restaurants in the West Bank at a sensitive time in the peace process.

"Burger King regrets that its name and reputation have become entangled in matters that have nothing to do with providing quality food and service to its customers," said David Williams, president of Burger King in Europe, the Middle East and Africa.

American-Arab and American-Muslim groups called last week for a worldwide boycott of Burger King for opening the restaurant in Maale Adumim, a settlement of 25,000 Jews just east of Jerusalem.

Jewish settlements, which are located throughout the West Bank, are at the center of the Middle East conflict.

The Palestinians hope to establish an independent country that includes the West Bank, which Israel captured in the 1967 Middle East War. Muslim and Arab groups had said opening the Maale Adumim restaurant amounts to supporting Israeli occupation.

"We are glad that Burger King came to realize that its participation in Israeli settlement activity was irresponsible and must end," said Hala Maksoud, president of the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee in Washington, D.C.

But a leading Jewish civil rights group, the Anti-Defamation League, criticized Burger King.

"We are saddened by Burger King's clear surrender to the outrageous guerilla tactics employed by American Arab and American Muslim groups," ADL national director Abraham H. Foxman said.

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Fatal SUV crashes focus attention on safety & seat belts

BOSTON (AP) — The carnage was visible from an overpass — bodies and blood from a crash in which six teens were thrown out of a sport utility vehicle. Two of them died.

A day earlier, a rollover accident involving another SUV killed two and injured five others.

There's no question SUVs are popular — 2.8 million were sold in this country last year. But as sales continue to climb, accidents involving the vehicles have prompted the government and other researchers to take a hard look at their safety.

The two Massachusetts crashes this week illustrate another danger — large numbers of passengers not wearing seat belts.

Shaynah Barnes saw the aftermath of Wednesday's accident from a highway overpass. She said it appeared bodies had traveled up to 30 feet or more from the white Ford Explorer lying on its roof.

"If they had been wearing their seat belts, they would not have been thrown out at least," she said.

Massachusetts State Police agreed. Authorities said it appeared that none of the youths wore seat belts.

Ms. Barnes, 23, said the accident will make her a faithful seat belt wearer, but she she's not deterred from wanting an SUV.

"If there's driver error, there's no car that's safe," Ms. Barnes said.

Safety experts say SUVs, like pickup trucks and vans, are heavier, ride higher off the ground and have stiffer frames that don't give. Transportation officials say their size also leads to more rollover accidents.

The U.S. Department of Transportation announced in March it was requiring the 20-year-old mandatory rollover warning labels in SUVs be made brighter and more prominent.

Sport utility vehicles have a rollover fatality rate of 98 fatalities per million registered vehicles. That's more than twice the 44 fatalities per million registered vehicles for all other light vehicle types, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

More than 60 percent of the SUV occupants killed in 1997 died in crashes when the vehicle rolled over, according to the NHTSA. Transportation officials also say that 1,088 of the 1,482 SUV rollover deaths that year — 73 percent — involved people who did not use their seat belts.

The NHTSA is studying rollovers, including those by SUVs. And researchers at the Harvard Center for Risk Analysis said they have just undertaken a study of SUV safety.

Markets

Midday Stocks

NEWYORK(AP)-

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	61¼	60¼	60	13-16— ¼
AT&T Corp s	50¾	50	1-16	50¼+ 3-16
Albertsons	52¼	52	52	3-16+ ¼
AlldSignal	65¼	64	13-16	64⅛—11-16
Alltel	71¼	70	9-16	70 9-16—1 3-16
AmOnline s	105	98¼	99	11-16— ¾
Ameritech	67¼	65	13-16	66¼— ¾
AndarkPtr	34¼	33¼	33¼+ ¼	
Armcolnc	6	15-16	6	11-16 6 11-16+ 1-16
AtlRichfld	86	11-16	85	13-16 86 — ¼
ATMOS Egy	25	1-16	2525	— 1-16
Aviall	12	3-16	12¼	12 3-16+ 1-16
BP Amoco 6	110	13-16	109	13-16 109 13-16— 9-16
BakerHughes	33	9-16	32	15-16 33⅛+ ⅜
Bank of Amer	64	11-16	63¾	64¼+ ¼
BellAtl	65	63	13-16	63 13-16- 1½
BellSouth s	47¾	46¾	47	1-16— ⅛
BethSteel	8	3-16	8	1-16 8¼
BurlNoSFe	30	3-16	29	15-16 30 3-16+ 9-16
CBS Corp	49	48⅛	48	9-16
Caterpillar	63¼	62	7-16	62¾— ⅛
CenSoWst	23	1-16	22¾	23 1-16+ 3-16
Chevron	93½	92	11-16	93 + 5-16
Citigroup s	47¾	47¼	47	9-16— ⅛
Coastal	44	11-16	4444⅛	— ⅛
CocaCola	61	13-16	6161¼+	3-16
ColgatePal s	54⅛	54¼	54	3-16—13-16
ComclMetals	31¾	31	9-16	31 9-16— 3-16
Cooperln	54¼	53	9-16	53¾— 7-16
CyprusAmax	17¾	17	5-16	17⅝— 3-16
DaimlrChry n	77⅛	76¼	76	15-16+ 3-16
DallSemicn	52¼	51	15-16	52⅛— ⅛
DeltaAirl s	54	9-16	53	7-16 53½ —13-16
Dillards Inc	23¾		23½	23¾+ ¼
DowChem	118¾		118	118¼+ ¼
DuPont	69	13-16	68¼	68¼— 9-16
EastmanChem	49¾		49	49 9-16+ ⅛
EstKodak	76¼		75½	75¾+ 1-16
EDS Corp	57	15-16	56	15-16 57 1-16— ⅛
Entergy	30¾		30	1-16 30¼— ¼
Exxon	80	15-16	79¾	79 13-16— ⅛
FstBksAm	17¾		17¾	17⅜+ ⅛
Flowers	16½		16	3-16 16 5-16+ 1-16
FordMotor	51	15-16	51	9-16 51 13-16+ 3-16
GTE Cp	72	5-16	71¾	72 —15-16
GenDynam	62¾		61¼	62¾+ 7-16
GenElec	118	15-16	117	3-16 117⅞— 1 3-16
GenMills	86		85	85 13-16+ ⅞
GenMotors	67⅞		65	7-16 66 1-16 1
GaPacGP s	43¾	42	15-16	43 9-16 7-16
GlobalMar	17	7-16	16	13-16 17⅛ +
Goodrich	38¾	38	1-16	38 3-16— 3-16
Goodyear s	55	13-16	55	55 3-16+ 3-16
GtAtlPac	35¼		35¼	35¾— ⅜
Halliburtn	45⅞	44	11-16	45¾+ 3-16
Hanson ADS	41	15-16	41¾	41 15-16
HarteHanks	23	9-16	23¼	23¾+ 1-16
HomeDepot	63¾	62	13-16	63 3-16+ 3-16
IBM s	125		122¾	124 9-16+ 1¾
IntlPaper	52		50	9-16 50 15-16— 9-16
JohnsonJn	103¾		102⅝	102 11-16— 1¼
K mart			13½	13¾ 13¾
Kroger Co s	24	9-16	24	24 5-16— 5-16
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LockheedM s	38⅛	37	11-16	38 — ⅛
Lowes Cos	47	9-16	47	1-16 47¼
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MediaOne	71	5-16	70	13-16 71 + 1-16
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Mobil	104⅜		102¾	103 1-16— ⅜
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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Amtrak to review security plan

OLMSTED FALLS, Ohio (AP) — Amtrak will review its security in the wake of a stabbing aboard its Lake Shore Limited train that left three people injured, two of them critically.

Aaron Hall, 41, of Ontario, Calif., was being held on $1 million bail after being charged with three counts of attempted murder. Police said he stabbed two conductors and a passenger as the train moved across Ohio early Thursday on its way from Chicago to New York.

The train's 376 passengers were jolted awake outside Cleveland shortly after 3 a.m. as Hall and the victims ran through the train, leaving a bloody trail in seven cars. Hall was arrested when a passenger identified him while leaving the halted train.

Jacqueline Williams, 43, of Worcester, Mass., who boarded the train in Toledo with her 12-year-old daughter, said one of the wounded conductors burst into her car.

"As soon as he came in, I heard the worker shout into a walkie-talkie: 'He's got a knife! He stabbed me! He stabbed me!'" she said.

Police have cited no motive for the attack, which witnesses said happened after Hall became unruly in the train's dining car. Amtrak spokesman Ray Lang said the victims were stabbed when they tried to subdue him.

The passenger, John Henry Crotty, was in serious condition early today at St. John West Shore Hospital in Westlake, Ohio after surgery for stab wounds to his cheek and jaw, hospital officials said.

Conductor Michael Dwyer, 52, was in guarded and stable condition at MetroHealth Medical Center in Cleveland with a head wound, a nursing supervisor said. The other conductor, Sean Wilcox, 26, of Merrillville, Ind., was released after being treated for wounds to his shoulder and chin.

Hall, who police said kicked out a patrol car window, told reporters he acted in self-defense when a train porter pulled a gun on him. Police said no gun was found.

Gerald Tiszczek, appointed as Hall's attorney, would not comment.

Amtrak said it would review the stabbing to determine if security is adequate aboard its trains.

"If it is determined that Amtrak needs to modify security procedures, changes will be made," the company said in a statement.

While the railway's police department patrols major stations, no security officers ride the Lake Shore Limited, Lang said.

Eric Eakin, a spokesman for the United Transportation Union, whose members include conductors, said the workers "have the same concerns as stewardesses or cab drivers. You just never know when these incidents are going to occur," he said.

Federal Railroad Administration officials joined several other rail unions in noting the high level of safety aboard Amtrak trains.

"This is the first incident of its kind in five years," Pamela Barry, an FRA spokeswoman.

Ex-Mexican official arrested on money laundering charges

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — A former Mexican deputy attorney general who has been fighting extradition to his homeland was arrested on charges he helped launder suspected drug payoffs in a Texas bank.

U.S. authorities took Mario Ruiz Massieu into custody Thursday at his home here.

A statement issued Thursday from the Mexican government said the United States has charged Ruiz Massieu with involvement in drug trafficking and money laundering. It said he will face trial in the United States.

Mexico had been seeking to have Ruiz Massieu returned there to face other charges stemming from its own narcotics and bribery probe.

Ruiz Massieu had been under house arrest here since 1995, when U.S. authorities grabbed him at Newark International Airport while he was fleeing to Spain.

U.S. courts have been considering a State Department request to have Ruiz Massieu deported to Mexico and also the Mexican national's request for asylum in the United States.

Ruiz Massieu has ties to the family of former Mexican President Carlos Salinas de Gortari and has claimed that he would be tortured if he is returned to Mexico.

Ruiz Massieu served two stints as deputy attorney general during the Salinas presidency. He also supervised Mexico's anti-drug effort for six months in 1994.

U.S. authorities have testified that Ruiz Massieu profited from the drug trade while in office and sabotaged international efforts to capture a former Mexican drug lord.

Details of the charges he faced in the United States were not immediately announced. The Wall Street Journal reported today that federal authorities in Houston have brought sealed indictments charging Ruiz Massieu with 25 counts of money laundering and conspiracy.

The newspaper quoted unidentified sources as saying the charges relate to more than $9 million in narcotics profits deposited into Ruiz Massieu's account with Texas Commerce Bank in Houston.

Ruiz Massieu is scheduled to appear today before a U.S. magistrate in Newark. One of his attorneys, Cathy Fleming, said he will plead innocent.

Mexico has tried unsuccessfully four times to have Ruiz Massieu extradited to face obstruction of justice charges. The government has accused Ruiz Massieu of obstructing the investigation into the 1994 assassination of his brother, Jose Francisco Ruiz Massieu, the No. 2 official of the ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party.

Mexican prosecutors contend Mario Ruiz Massieu was trying to protect the man convicted of masterminding that murder, Raul Salinas, the brother of the then-president.

Raul Salinas is also believed to have profited from the drug trade. Swiss banking authorities contend they have identified $115 million in protection money.

Personal income up for nation in July

WASHINGTON (AP) — Americans' personal income rose in July but their spending climbed much faster, leaving the nation's savings rate near a record low.

Personal income rose a slower-than-expected 0.2 percent last month, the Commerce Department said today. The gain, the smallest this year, followed a strong 0.7 percent increase in June.

Spending went up 0.4 percent in July, slightly less than many analysts had expected. In June, spending rose 0.3 percent.

The Federal Reserve on Tuesday bumped up interest rates for the second time this summer by a quarter of a point, making borrowing more expensive. The Fed did this to slow the economy and keep inflation in check.

The Fed hinted that no additional rate increases may be needed this year unless the economy showed signs of overheating or if inflation flared.

Because consumer spending has repeatedly outpaced incomes, the nation's savings rate has set a string of record lows this year.

In July, the savings rate was minus 1.4 percent, better than the record low of negative 1.5 percent in May. Previously, a record low of negative 1.2 percent was set in April.

A major reason for the negative savings rate, economists say, is that the strong stock market is boosting Americans' net worth and making them more comfortable about dipping into savings to pay for their spending sprees.

Today's report also said wages rose a solid 0.7 percent in July, following a 0.5 percent gain in June.

Last month, a big increase in federal disaster relief subsidy payments to farmers caused farm proprietors' income to surge, boosting overall personal income. In July, those payments decreased, causing their income to fall sharply and slow overall income growth.

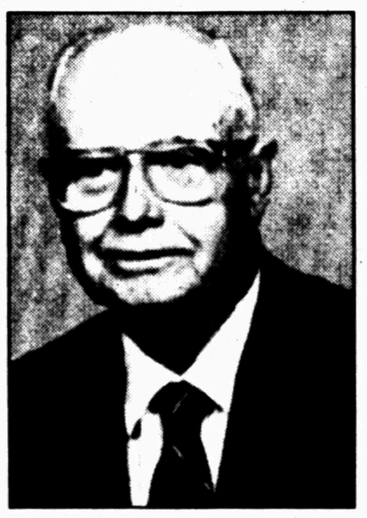
Spending on durable goods rose 0.2 percent in July, compared to a 0.1 percent gain in June.

Spending on nondurable products, such as food and fuel, went up 0.1 percent, slightly less than the 0.2 percent increase the month before.

On Thursday, the government reported that the nation's economic growth slowed in the second quarter of this year, held back by a swollen trade deficit

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Obituaries



Buford Browning

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Buford Browning, retired school superintendent, died Thursday, Aug. 26, in Middle Tennessee Medical Center in Murfreesboro.

A memorial service for Mr. Browning, 89, is set for 10 a.m. Monday in East Side Church of Christ where he served as an elder for 40 years.

Burial will follow in Fluvanna Cemetery. Tom Holcomb will officiate. Arrangements are by Woodfin Memorial Chapel. in Murfreesboro, Tenn.

He was born Jan. 25, 1910 in Scurry County to the late John and Jessie Martin Browning. Mr. Browning was Snyder's Man of the Year and retired as county school superintendent.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy Browning of Snyder; three daughters, Eleanor J. Vermillion of Murfreesboro, Wanda Turner of Lubbock and Cleone Stephens of Midland; a son, Douglas Brunson; 12 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the Mission Fund at East Side Church of Christ.

Etta Stroope

1920-1999

Graveside service for Etta Kathlene Stroope is set for 11 a.m. Monday at the Clyde Cemetery. Mr. Robert Burton will officiate. Arrangements are under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Mrs. Stroope, 79, died Thursday, Aug. 6, in Snyder Oaks Care Center after a lengthy illness.

Born on May 7, 1920 in Comanche, she had been a resident of Snyder since 1988. She was a homemaker.

A sister, Ona Mae Burton, preceded Mrs. Stroope in death in 1995.

Hospital

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DISMISSALS: Harold Kelley, Benn Nachlinger, Emetrio Romo, Roberto Diaz Jr. and W.T. Whitehead.

CENSUS: 33 (Med., Surg.-10, Long-term Care-23)

Two felony arrests reported Thursday

Two felony arrests were made Thursday in Snyder.

Deputies booked 24-year-old Raymond Lee Ware of 3316 W. Shanda in Midland into jail at 11:15 a.m. for felony revocation of probation on an original charge of burglary of a building.

Ricardo S. Zamora, 48, of 1111 13th was arrested at 9:46 p.m. in the 1400 block of Avenue M for felony driving while intoxicated.

Two subjects were also taken into custody in the past 24 hours on misdemeanor charges.

Officers arrested a 17-year-old female at 11:18 p.m. on outstanding warrants for motion to revoke probation.

A 42-year-old male was jailed at 12:31 a.m. today for Class C assault/family violence. He was arrested in the 2300 block of 30th Street.

A two-vehicle minor accident occurred at 12:05 p.m. in the 1900 block of 30th Street. Involved were a 1997 Ford Mustang driven by Jennifer Erin Roemisch, 25, of 1913 30th Street and a 1988 Chevrolet S-10 pickup driven by Juan Cruz Pena, 37, of 2901 Avenue X.

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ONGOINGS

Fifth Sunday lecture

Dr.. Jack Evans , preisdent of Southwestern Christian College, will be the guest speaker for Sunday's Fifth Sunday Lecture Program at 37th Street Church of Christ. Bible class begins at 9:30 a.m. and worship follows at 10:30 a.m.

Hamburger supper

The Hermleigh High School cheerleaders will have a hamburger supper from 6-8 p.m. today in the school cafeteria. Cost is $4 per person. The junior high and high school football team and cheerleaders will be introduced at 7:30 p.m.

Community garden workers

Workers are needed Saturday from 7:30 until noon at the community garden at 26th St. and Ave. C for end-of-summer clean up and planting of fall vegetables. Bring a rake, hoe, hammer, gloves and hat. Cold drinks will be provided. Vegetables from the garden supplements the local food cupboard. For more information, call Bebe Boren at 806 629-4475.

Car wash

The Snyder Tiger booster club will have a car wash Saturday at Wal-Mart from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Healing clinic

There will be a healing clinic at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Union Community Center, sponsored by the Road Back Ministry.

Inmate art show

The third annual Inmate Art Show opens Sunday at the Scurry County Museum. A reception is set from 1-3 p.m. Sunday. The exhibit, with more than 150 entries, will run until Oct. 21.

Rock and Roll quilting club

The quilting club meets every Monday from 8 a.m. until noon at Hermleigh Community Center for free quilting lessons. Everyone is invited. Call 863-2426 for more information.

Bible study tapes

Bible study video tapes air each week on cable TV channel 2. The [illegible] be shown at 7 p.m. Monday are "The Thousand Year Reign," followed by "Aging Gracefully."

Weigh-Down workshop

Weight Down is a Bible-based weight loss program. An orientation will be held at 7 p.m. Monday at Trinity United Methodist Church. The first class will be Sept. 13. Cost is $103 for 12 weeks. For more information, call 573-7044 or 573-3988.

Retirement reception

A reception in honor of Jimmy Kiker will be held from 3:30 to 6 p.m. Monday at Snyder Country Club. Kiker is retiring after 43 years with Big Country Electric Cooperative.

SHS band boosters

The boosters will meet Monday at 6 p.m. in the high school band hall. All band parents are invited to attend.

Hobbs open house

An open house is scheduled Monday at the [illegible] Alternative Education Co-op from 6-8 p.m.

Hermleigh booste[illegible] club

The club will meet Monday at 7 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

4-H horse club

The club will meet Tuesday in the East Elementary cafeteria at 7 p.m.

Mexican stack supper

Snyder High choir boosters will hold a Mexican stack supper from 5-7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 3 before the football game with Littlefield. Tickets for $5 each are available from choir members. Carryout orders will be available.

Crystal River coming to Snyder

The First Baptist Church will host Crystal River on Sept. 5. The gospel singing trio will perform at 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. at the church. A special service at Towle Park will begin at 6 p.m.

United Way luncheon

The Scurry County United Way will have a kickoff luncheon at noon Thursday, Sept. 9, at Martha Ann Woman's Club.

Fair booths available

Food and vendor booths are available for the Scurry County Fair to be held Sept. 16-18 in the Scurry County Coliseum. Costs vary, depending on size and type. For more information, call Sandra Barboza at the chamber, 573-/3558.

Items needed

The First Church of Nazarene is accepting garage sale items for the church building fund for a new fellowship hall. Call Ethel Herrington at 574-1714 for more information.

Garage sale items needed

Lighthouse Assembly of God, 1900 Trinity Blvd., is accepting items for their garage sale to benefit the church building fund. Furniture, clothes, appliances and other items are appreciated. Call 573-5124 or 573-2947 for pickup.

Pick 3

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

3-7-8

(three, seven, eight)

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Thursday by the Texas Lottery:

7-13-15-22-27

(seven, thirteen, fifteen, twenty-two, twenty-seven)

USDA declares drought disaster in N.C.

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — All 100 counties in North Carolina have been declared drought disaster areas by the federal government.

The designation, approved Wednesday by Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman, means farmers can apply for low-interest loans.

Rain welcome; drought lingers along E. Coast

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — It will take more than a few rain showers to satiate the parched East Coast.

Green grass, budding trees and sudden rain over the past few weeks are only disguising a lingering, nasty dry spell. It's so bad that forecasters say the best solution might be a couple of hurricanes.

"A drought is not something that we can say, 'Hey, it's rained, now it's over,'" said Mark Tobin, a meteorologist with the private forecaster AccuWeather. "A drought is a big huge monster that slowly develops over time, and slowly goes away."

Rainfall has edged closer to normal this month for most of the East, but remains 6 inches to 13 inches below normal for the year, the National Weather Service said.

State officials and meteorologists say it would take several weeks of above-average rainfall to repair current water levels — and to beat the drought, it would take several months of good rain.

Hurricane Dennis or another other tropical storm could prove welcome rainmakers, should they trek through mid-Atlantic and Northeast states as they weaken.

"We're hopeful that these couple of hurricanes will bring us some rain," said Bob Will, a commissioner in Pennsylvania's drought-stricken Somerset County. Forecasters say the storm's path is far from certain, and it might not hit land at all.

Meanwhile, the bad news continues to mount.

Federal agriculture officials on Thursday declared North Carolina a drought disaster area, joining Kentucky, West Virginia, Delaware, Massachusetts and South Carolina. Similar disaster declarations have been issued in parts of six western states and 16 states east of the Mississippi.

This despite soaking rains in some areas.

While 3 inches of heavy rain tangled the commute in New York City on Thursday, the city was still 6 inches below normal for the year.

Seven inches of rain fell on Wednesday in Anne Arundel County, Md., but the state still needs 10 inches of rain to end the drought. Marci Smit of Columbia said her family sacrificed their lawn to save water.

"We understand that we have to do our part," Smit said. "It's been looking pretty sad, but ... in the last week, it has started to green up a bit."

It rained hard in parts of New Jersey this week, but state officials say they aren't yet ready to ease water restrictions imposed Aug. 6

Some parts of Pennsylvania have received up to 8 inches of rain this month. But the Susquehanna River is at its lowest point ever, western Pennsylvania rivers are being artificially maintained by the Army Corps of Engineers and most water suppliers are within a few weeks of rationing.

"It hasn't rained enough," said Marko Bourne, a spokesman for the state Emergency Management Agency. "We're trying to erase a 12-month-plus rainfall deficit."

Indeed, the scattered heavy rains are "a little late," said Abe Harpster, whose corn crop feeds a 2,000-cow dairy herd in south-central Pennsylvania. Many neighbors have already cut their stunted corn and the final growth of hay — if there was any.

Harpster's farm received more than 31/2 inches of rain last week and another inch on Thursday afternoon. "It's helping," Harpster said. "But a lot of the damage has been done."

Still, the recent showers left him somewhat optimistic.

"Every great drought is followed by great rains," he said.

Actor showing signs that he is improving

THOUSAND OAKS, Calif. (AP) — Comic actor Martin Lawrence was alert and showed encouraging signs Thursday as he recovered from a coma triggered by a jog in heavy clothing on a hot day, a hospital spokeswoman said.

Lawrence was in serious condition at Los Robles Regional Medical Center late Thursday. He had earlier been listed in critical condition.

"He was alert. He was following commands," spokeswoman Kris Carraway-Bowman said. "His eyes were focusing, so neurologically that's very encouraging."

The 34-year-old former star of the TV sitcom "Martin" was able to write, but he could not speak because doctors were keeping him on a ventilator as a precaution, Ms. Carraway-Bowman said.

Hospital officials said Lawrence was trying to lose weight for a movie role when he went for a jog Sunday in 100-degree temperatures. His temperature was more than 107 degrees when he reached the hospital. He was in a coma for three days.

"Martin" debuted in 1992 and was canceled by the Fox network in 1996. Lawrence has also starred in several movies, including "Life," "Bad Boys" and "You So Crazy."

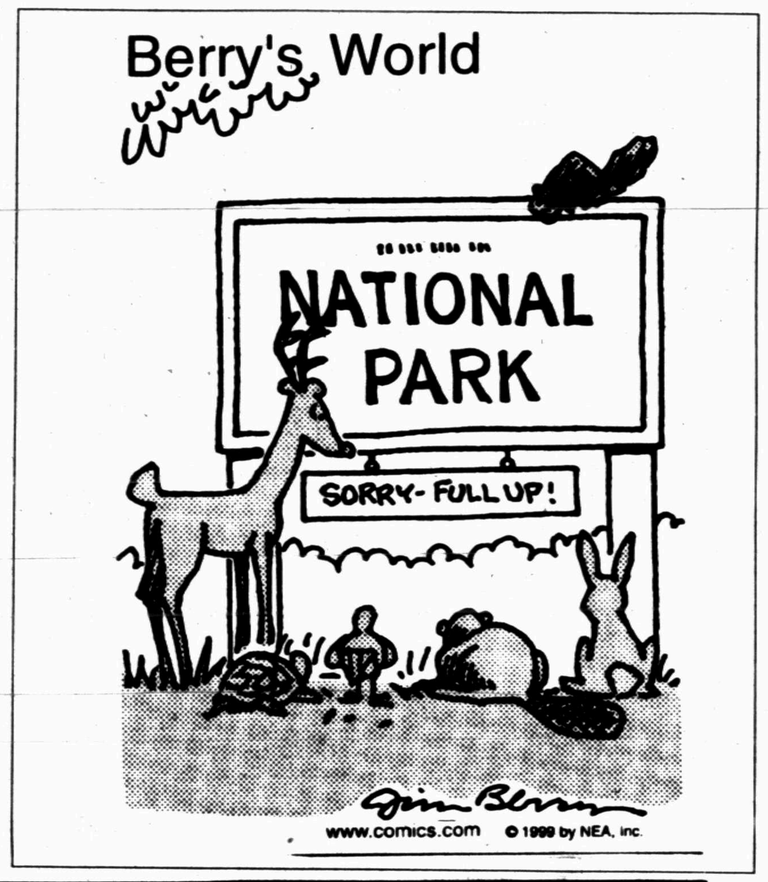
Terminal shut down during search

CHICAGO (AP) — United Airlines shut down a terminal for hours so authorities could search for a passenger who ran past a security checkpoint and disappeared into the crowd at O'Hare International Airport.

United canceled 123 flights Thursday, spokesman Joe Hopkins said. About 6,000 passengers were cleared from the terminal during the search, airline officials said.

The man was not found and Chicago police said officers turned up nothing suspicious.

The man was leaving a concourse and heading toward the baggage claim area when he turned back and ran up a one-way staircase leading to the concourse, said a United official.



Dr. Gott By Peter Gott, M.D.

Mom couldn't prevent son's death

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My 22-year-old son just died of a seizure. He was first diagnosed with epilepsy at age 5 and took medicine for years, without difficulty. However, at 17, he dropped out of high school, wouldn't take care of himself, became depressed and periodically stopped his anticonvulsant medication. I'm ashamed to admit that he also used drugs and drank heavily. He was found dead in his boarding house room.

I was completely heartbroken by his death. I feel guilty for not forcing him to return home and take his medicine, but he did have a mind of his own. My main question is: Why didn't any of his doctors tell me that seizures could be fatal?

DEAR READER: This situation is so incredibly complex that I can barely scratch the surface.

To answer your question specifically, the doctors may have not told you how dangerous seizures are, but they probably told your son. Unfortunately, he chose to ignore them and engaged in behavior that seems almost calculated to end in tragedy.

Seizures per se rarely cause death unless they cannot be controlled and last for hours, a condition called status epilepticus. Death during seizure is ordinarily caused by head injury or asphyxia (when the patient's airway becomes blocked).

An epileptic who stops his or her medicine without a doctor's approval is asking for serious trouble. Seizures will almost surely occur sooner or later, often in very violent forms. This was your son's first mistake.

Drugs and alcohol are recognized to aggravate certain seizure disorders. This was his second mistake.

Anyone who feels depressed should seek medical attention, because this illness is treatable in a sizeable majority of patients. Your son chose not to seek help. This was his third mistake.

I believe that you had very little leverage in exerting a positive force in your son's life. From your description, which I have edited and shortened, he seems to have been someone who wanted desperately to take control of his life, and was unable to do so. You could not have "forced" a 22-year-old to return home and take his medicine. All you could really do was watch a catastrophe unfold and pray that the end you feared could somehow be avoided. It wasn't, as is often the case. Therefore, you are left to grieve — but, please, don't prolong the issue with guilt. I do not believe that you had any responsibility for or control over your son's life choices.

What you have learned is that seizure disorders are serious business and cannot be ignored. And that is the message that I'll leave with my readers.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Epilepsy: The Falling Sickness." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

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