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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

THURSDAY

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Home of Don Farmer

In Brownwood...

DA seeks new trial

BROWNWOOD (AP) — Brown County's embattled district attorney says there is "a serious move afoot" to get him out of office, according to court documents.

Sky Sudderth, who was found in contempt of court July 7 after a judge said he lied to obtain a plea bargain for a sex offender, filed motions in 35th District Court on Monday seeking a new trial.

Sudderth and his attorneys said a special prosecutor threatened Sudderth with indictment and the loss of his law license if he testified.

"The interests of justice mandate a new trial," argued the attorneys, Tim Evans of Fort Worth and David Botsford of Austin.

Abilene attorney Burt Burnett, appointed as the special prosecutor in the contempt case, has said he told Sudderth that if he testified, he risked further prosecution. Burnett has said he was referring to a possible perjury charge.

Sudderth's testimony would have exonerated him, according to the newly filed documents. Sudderth, whose district includes Mills County, was prepared to testify that he did not knowingly make false statements to a judge to obtain a plea bargain for Albert Atwood on June 5.

Sudderth would have testified that he had approval to offer a term for Atwood of seven to 10 years' probation. Atwood was placed on eight years' deferred adjudication for prohibited sexual conduct with a relative.

State District Judge Steve Ellis accepted the plea bargain after Sudderth said the victim and her family supported it. But the woman and her relatives later wrote letters to Ellis saying they knew nothing about it and never would have approved it.

Sudderth said in court documents that when a judge refused his attorney's request for more time to prepare a defense, saying the community was anxious to resolve the matter, it "heightened my concern that there was a serious move afoot to get me out of office in Brownwood."

DECORATING — Florence Lewis, first grade teacher at Central Elementary, recently decorated the walls of her classroom in anticipation of students' first day of class — Monday. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

'Quick reaction' combat force is now in Liberia

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Pentagon expanded the U.S. military presence in Liberia today by adding a "quick reaction" force of 150 combat troops to back up Nigerian peacekeepers, even if only for several days.

An additional 50 or so U.S. troops will go as well to provide other help, such as assessing the need for improvements at the port in Monrovia to be used by ships laden with food and other humanitarian supplies.

The first of the expanded contingent of U.S. troops arrived in nine helicopters at Liberia's main airport early today.

More U.S. soldiers arrive in Liberia

The U.S. forces are not intended to become engaged in combat. U.S. policy remains unchanged in the sense that American troops will play a supporting role and leave the peacekeeping to a Nigerian-led force, officials said.

But these officials, discussing the situation on grounds of anonymity, also said today the deployment of 200 — after the administration had been saying for weeks that it would send a much smaller group — was meant to step up the pace of African stabilization and humanitarian operations now that President Charles Taylor has left. His departure had been a condition for U.S. intervention.

Administration officials on Wednesday stressed that the 200 U.S. troops — which are in addition to roughly 100 already there as liaison with the Nigerians and as security for the U.S. Embassy — will not directly do peacekeeping duty.

President Bush, speaking at his ranch in Texas, emphasized that the Nigerians are in charge.

"They are in the lead, and we are there in support," Bush said. "My focus now is on making sure humanitarian relief gets to the people who are suffering in Liberia."

The plan for bringing in the extra 200 U.S. troops had been contingent on rebels withdrawing from the Monrovia port on today as they promised after Taylor flew into exile on Monday.

"The objective is to let the Nigerian forces continue with stabilizing key areas of the city" that are needed to provide humanitarian relief, said Lawrence Di Rita, spokesman for Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld.

There already are about 750 Nigerian peacekeepers on the scene, and the expectation is they will have sufficient strength to stabilize the situation.

ROUND UP – Dale Yerby, far right, of Lubbock Wrecker service helps herd cattle after a tractor-trailer accident on Hwy. 208. The animals escaped from the trailer after it turned over. The driver of the rig was taken by Snyder EMS to Cogdell Memorial Hospital, where he was treated and released. (SDN Staff Photo)

Registration deadline for amendment election today

Today is the final day to register to vote in the Sept. 13 constitutional amendment election. Voters across Texas will decide 22 propositions that range from establishing veterans' homes to reducing the size of juries in district court criminal misdemeanor cases.

To register or to update your voter registration information, visit the Scurry County clerk office, which closes at 5 p.m.

For questions, contact the office at 573-5332.

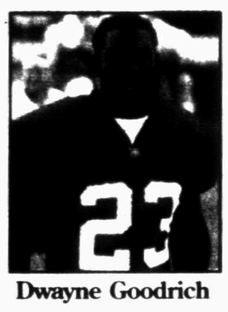
Former Dallas player's trial is continuing

DALLAS (AP) — In its opening salvo of the hit-and-run manslaughter trial of former Dallas Cowboys defensive back Dwayne Goodrich, the defense called to the stand Wednesday an expert who testified that he believes the player was not intoxicated at the time of a Jan. 14 accident on Interstate 35 that left two men dead.

Gary Wimbish of Forensic Toxicology Consultants of Milford testified he had dinner with Goodrich and they ordered the same amount of drinks that Goodrich said he consumed in the hours before the accident. A nurse went along and later did blood-alcohol tests on Goodrich, Wimbish said.

The results, Wimbish said, were a reading of .002. The blood-alcohol level at which a person is considered legally intoxicated in Texas is .08.

Although intoxication is not a part of the manslaughter charge, jurors have heard testimony describing how Goodrich went to dinner and then to two topless clubs in the hours before the accident.



Dwayne Goodrich

Before the hit-and-run, a car had rear-ended a disabled tractor-trailer rig about 2:15 a.m. and caught fire in the northbound lanes of I-35 in northwest Dallas, also known as Stemmons Freeway.

Goodrich, driving his BMW at speeds one witness estimated at more than 100 mph, veered up on the freeway shoulder at the last instant, striking Joseph "Joby" Wood, 21, and Demont Matthews, 23, between the disabled car and freeway median as they tried to free a man from the burning car.

The prosecution rested earlier in the day after a traffic investigator testified he believes Goodrich, 25, had time to slow down before he sped through the accident scene.

Goodrich said in a statement he gave police in the 24 hours after the accident that he was traveling about 75 mph on his way home from a topless bar and didn't realize he was coming up on an accident until it was too late for him to avoid it.

THE SDN COLUMN

MY TURN

by Leslie Schmidt

When we were kids, our parents took us to the drive-in nearly every week. We would go to the Tiger drive-in or the Rocket in Sweetwater. It's etched into memory how movie night would play out.

Dad would pay for the tickets and the tires would crunch over the gravel as we found the perfect spot to park. While he adjusted the heavy speaker on the window, we would run to the playground that was set up under the screen and meet some new friends. We would run back and forth between the car, playground and concession stand all during the movie.

Sometimes we might sway listlessly in a swing and watch a bit of the show. We would fall asleep on the ride home and then groggily make our way out of the car and into to the house, where we would crawl into bed. Our parents knew how to show a kid a good time.

Nightmares and wild imaginations were born of the drive-in experience. "Let's Scare Jessica to Death" has to be one of the scariest movies ever made. There wasn't a lot of gore, but it got to you with psychological undertones. The show is about a woman who had just gotten out of a mental institution and went traveling with some hippie friends. They stay in a backwoods town where everyone seems prejudiced, but it ends up that all the citizens are vampires. There's a scene in the movie where a red-haired woman in a bride's dress is underwater in a lake. She starts moving quickly through the water, like a shark, and her hair flows and undulates behind her under the water. Sounds corny, but that was a staying image.

There were other great movies, like "Crazy Larry and Dirty Mary", "Walking Tall" and "Smoky and the Bandit". We still watch these shows on TV, but the effect just isn't the same. Also, we're older and it's not the '70's anymore. That seems to make a lot of difference, too.

Dad's experiences with movies go back another generation. The cowboy flicks were popular back then. For 15 cents, he could purchase a ticket, coke, popcorn and a candy bar. If they would bring back those prices, we could all feel like life was a little simpler.

He had some cousins who started a theatre back in the '40's, during WWII. The whole family pitched in to help by taking tickets, selling snacks and running the movie reel. Eventually they built a drive-in that went on to change hands many times. Now it's a junkyard, but it's a legendary part of our family history.

We tried re-living the past in our teens by going to the drive-ins, but by then they were in disrepair and more carousing than movie watching was going on. It was definitely not a family-type experience.

Going to the cinema is also enjoyable. We used to go to the walk-in quite a bit, too. But the drive-in called for more interaction in the movie-going experience. Perhaps because it's a bygone fad we yearn for it. Absence makes the heart grow fonder.

We hear that there's a nice drive-in over in Lamesa that has good food and a nice playground. It might be a good time to renew the family tradition.

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ASK US

Q—Who has the right of way at a four-way stop sign?

A—The driver to the right. This also applies to intersections that have no stop or yield signs.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

Rhonda McCollum...

Rhonda McCollum has lived in Snyder for nine years.

She is a housewife and her husband Steve works for Elkco Wireline Services. They have a daughter and son-in-law, Kimberly and Guy Baker, who live in Kingsville. They have three grandchildren.

Hobbies that Rhonda enjoys include gardening, yardwork and sewing.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Working in Washington means that you're trying to do the Lord's work in the devil's workshop.

—Phil Gramm

events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Tour SJHS

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

Tiger's Lair to be distributed

The Tiger's Lair yearbook will be distributed through Friday from 4-6 p.m. in the foyer of Worsham Auditorium. Only a student or parent may pick up a yearbook that has bee ordered. Please bring your recepit.

Northeast open house

Northeast Elementary will have an open house from 6-7 p.m. today.

East open house

East Elementary will have an open house from 6:30-7:30 p.m. today.

Scurry Masonic meeting

Scurry Lodge #706 will have work in the Masters Degree at 7 p.m. today at the lodge. All Master Masons are welcome.

Fluvanna Baptist speakers

Dr. Kent Brooks and Mike Daniel, children's book author, will speak at 10 a.m. Sunday at Fluvanna Baptist Church.

Safe Child registration

Students in the Safe Child After School Program must be registered at Humble Smith. Safe Child is offered at the five elementary campus from 2:30-5:45 p.m. for students in kindergarten through the sixth grade. For more information, call Rhonda Ward at 574-6080.

Girl Scout swim party

All registered Scurry County Girl Scouts are invited to a back-to-school swim party from 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday in Towle Park. Sandwiches will be served. For more information, Call Judi Martin at 573-7556.

Back-to-School bash

The Lord's Supper Church, 119 36th St., will hold its back-to-school bash at 7 p.m. Saturday. There will be free hot dogs and Cokes, plus games with the prizes to be school supplies for all ages. For more information, call 574-1888.

Stanfield open house

Stanfield Open House is set from 3-4 p.m. Sunday.

Lions Club meeting

Lions Club will meet at noon Tuesday at Martha Ann Woman's Club.

WTC dual credit enrollment

Western Texas College will hold registration for dual credit (concurrent) students from Snyder, Hermleigh and Ira High Schools from 3:30-5:30 p.m. Aug. 18-20. The registration process will be in the admissions office located in the WTC student center. Dual credit students may also register during the regular registration Aug. 21-22.

Head Start registration

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

WTC offers COMPASS placement testing

The counseling office at Western Texas College will offer COMPASS placement testing at 6 p.m. Monday, 1:30 p.m. next Thursday and 9 a.m. next Friday. New students who are not exempt and have not taken the TASP or other placement tests should contact the counseling office at 573-8511, ext. 313 to reserve a sport,

Hermleigh Masonic Lodge

The Hermleigh Masonic Lodge will hold its monthly stated meeting at 7:30 p.m. Monday. All Master Masons are welcome.

Volunteer fireman fundraiser

Snyder Volunteer Fire Department will hold a fill-a-boot fundraiser starting at 8 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 23, at 37th and College. All proceeds will go to muscular dystrophy.

Ritz Theatre production

The Heartbeat of Dance, an original production created and choreographed by Allie Brewster, will be performed Aug. 22-23 at 7:30 p.m., and Aug. 24 at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are $5, seniors and students are $4 for the matinee. Box office is open 2-5 p.m. and reservations can be made by calling 573-8880 or 573-6337.

Car wash

Boy Scout Troop 2 will have a car wash starting at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 23, at Wal-Mart. Cost will be a donation with all proceeds going to muscular dystrophy.

Adult basic education

GED and ESL classes at Western Texas College will resume Tuesday, Aug. 26. Classes are 8 a.m. until noon Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and 6-9 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday. Certified teachers and Spanish-speaking aides teach the classes. Call 573-8511, ext. 322 for more information.

Central K-3rd parent orientation

Central Elementary Parent Orientation Night for K-3rd grade parents will be from 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 28. Childcare will be provided for all students and smaller siblings.

Taste of Snyder

The Taste of Snyder, the annual fundraiser for the Scurry County Museum, will be held at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 28, in the First Baptist Church Family Life Center. Tickets are $12.50 for adults, $5 for children 5 to 12. Those under five eat free.

SCA demonstration

The Society for Creative Anachronism (SCA) will hold a demonstration in Snyder on Saturday, Sept. 13. SCA is a non-profit group striving to recreate the Middle Ages with historical accuracy. Call 574-8019 for more information.

California recall ballot lists 135 names

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — California's historic recall ballot will have 135 candidates who range from the well-known to the unknown to the offbeat.

Among some full-time politicians, a handful of celebrities and plenty of people from the business world, there is an American Indian tribal chairman, a discount cigarette retailer, a used car salesman, a golf pro, a retired police officer, a bounty hunter, a porn star and a sumo wrestler.

The only name missing from the choices in the Oct. 7 election is the target of the recall effort: Gov. Gray Davis. The state Supreme Court refused to hear Davis' lawsuit to have his name added to the list of those who want his job.

Voters will decide whether Davis should be ousted and then pick who should replace him from the motley field.

The ballot was certified by the secretary of state Wednesday with little fanfare, as election officials feverishly verified the last of the 247 would-be governors who submitted papers to run. By the close of business, 112 were tossed out for failing to file proper paperwork.

Better-known candidates who made the cut include Democratic Lt. Gov. Cruz Bustamante, independent commentator Arianna Huffington, Green Party standard-bearer Peter Miguel Camejo and four Republicans: businessman Bill Simon, who was defeated by Davis in November; actor Arnold Schwarzenegger; former baseball commissioner Peter Ueberroth; and state Sen. Tom McClintock of Northridge.

The field includes 50 Democrats, 42 Republicans and 32 independents. There are four Green Party members, three Libertarians, two Natural Law Party members and one each from the American Independent and Peace and Freedom parties.

The one-of-a-kind ballot is likely the largest ever of gubernatorial candidates in one election, said Bruce Cain, a political science professor at the University of California, Berkeley.

"There's nothing comes close," Cain said. "I think it's fair to say it's a record, and probably a national record."

Among an assortment of everyday Californians are billboard model Angelyne, former child actor Gary Coleman and publisher Larry Flynt.

Those who didn't make the ballot included Donald A. Novello, who played Father Guido Sarducci of "Saturday Night Live" fame, and Mathilda Karel Spak, who at 100 would have been the oldest candidate.

Spak of Long Beach, whose candidacy was sponsored by the 99 Cents Only Stores after it relaxed its initial requirement that the candidate be 99 years old, paid the $3,500 filing fee but failed to turn in the required 65 nominating signatures, the secretary of state's office said.

"I'm not going to worry about it," the centenarian said.

Before voters face the lengthy ballot, many questions remain about how the next 54 days will unfold as scores of candidates try to get out their message.

Even the traditional political forum — the debate — faces a unique test: how to get the candidates together without the stage collapsing.

Today, the California Broadcasters Association planned to tackle that subject with plans for a unique 90-minute debate. The group planned to announce its criteria for selecting candidates and the proposed format that will give "real Californians" a chance to ask questions.

State and county election officials must sort out the logistics and costs of putting on the first-ever California gubernatorial recall.

"Our next task is to turn our attention to the mechanics of Oct. 7, so that we can work on the details of a smooth Election Day operation," Secretary of State Kevin Shelley said in a statement.

The recall comes amid a record state budget crisis and is expected to cost $67 million. Deficit-strapped counties are tapping emergency reserves, using money budgeted for the March primary and hoping the state pitches in to cover the special election.

If recalled, Davis will be the nation's second governor voted out midterm. North Dakota voters ousted Gov. Lynn Frazier in 1921.

On the campaign front Wednesday, Davis reaffirmed his support for abortion rights and said he was getting advice from former President Clinton.

Huffington said she would campaign with Camejo. The two said they would step aside if the other had a significant advantage in the polls.

Schwarzenegger, who rode a wave of publicity in the days after he announced his candidacy, made no appearances, but his campaign announced it had tapped billionaire investor Warren Buffett as a financial adviser.

Campaign disclosure forms showed the actor gave his campaign $1 million on Tuesday.

On the Net:
Secretary of State's recall site: http://www.ss.ca.gov/elections/recall—cand.htm

Today's chuckle

Beginner's luck makes man very wealthy

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — Beginner's luck struck for a Miami man from Haiti, who says his half of a $80.9 million Lotto jackpot came the first time he ever played the Florida Lottery.

Jacquelin Ferdinand, 55, claimed his price Monday, choosing a lump sum of $21,601,782.48 over 30 annual payments of about $1,349,000 a year.

"This was the first time I ever played Lotto, and the numbers I chose were at random," Ferdinand said at Florida Lottery headquarters.

Ferdinand said he didn't check his numbers until two weeks after the July 26 drawing. He went to the suburban Miami gas station, where he bought the tickets to jot down the winning numbers.

"I then drove down I-95 checking my numbers when I realized I had all six numbers," Ferdinand said. "I had to pull over because I was stunned, and had to wait 15 minutes before heading off."

Ferdinand said he will meet with his family to decide what to do with his winnings. He said he plans to keep working, but told Lottery officials that he didn't want to disclose his occupation to help protect his privacy.

It was the 10th largest jackpot in Lotto history.

LOTTO TEXAS — TEXAS LOTTERY

Wednesday's Lottery Numbers
Lotto Texas

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

Winning numbers drawn: 10-13-30-38-42. Bonus Ball: 27.

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

Number matching five of five: 3. Prize: $10,835.

Number matching four of five, plus Bonus Ball: 18. Prize: $1,639.

Number matching four of five: 524. Prize: $122.

Number matching three of five, plus Bonus Ball: 509. Prize: $110.

Number matching three of five: 22,293. Prize: $5.

Number matching two of five, plus Bonus Ball: 6,774. Prize: $5.

Number matching one of five, plus Bonus Ball: 31,648. Prize: $5.

Estimated jackpot for Saturday night drawing: $12 million.

Cash Five

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

Winning numbers drawn: 5-13-23-36-37.

Number matching five of five: 0.

Prize per winner: $0.

Matching four of five: 179. Prize: $393.

Matching three of five: 5,703. Prize: $9.

Matching two of five: 54,600. Prize: $2.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Thursday night.

Pick 3
(Day) 2-9-4
(Night) 2-0-3

Date Book

Thursday, Aug. 14, 2003
Today is the 226th day of 2003 and the 55th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1935, the Social Security Act was passed.

On this day in 1945, President Truman officially announced Japan's unconditional surrender to the Allied forces.

On this day in 1959, the first images of Earth from outer space were telecast.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: David Crosby (1941-), musician, is 62; Steve Martin (1945-), comedian, is 58; Danielle Steel (1947-), author, is 56; Earvin "Magic" Johnson (1959-), former basketball star, is 44.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1958, the first game of the Canadian Football League was played. The Winnipeg Blue Bombers defeated the Edmonton Eskimos 29-21.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Chaos in the midst of chaos isn't funny, but chaos in the midst of order is." — Steve Martin

TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (Aug. 12) and last quarter (Aug. 20).

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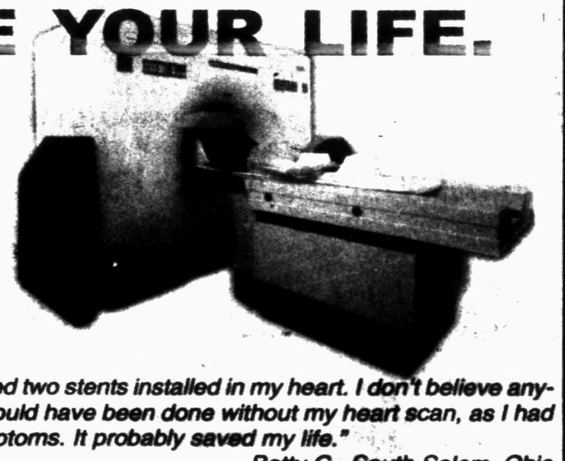

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HEART DISEASE

- 45% of all heart attacks occur in people between the ages of 45 and 65.
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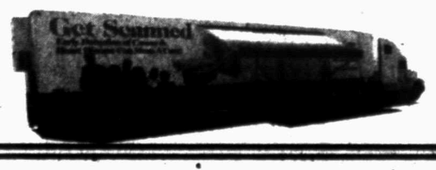

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TO MARRY SATURDAY — Heather Bell, daughter of Danny and Jenie Bell of Colorado City, and Christopher Doggett, son of Steve and Roxie Doggett of Wolfforth and formerly of Hermleigh, will marry at 7 p.m. Saturday in Oak Street Baptist Church in Colorado City. (Contributed Photo)

Community Calendar

THURSDAY

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

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

AA Big Book Study; closed meeting; contact numbers are 574-1292 or 573-1141; 7 p.m.

FRIDAY

Free blood pressure clinics; Senior Citizens Center; 9:30 to 11 a.m.

Blood pressures will be taken at Cogdell Hospital Home Health Services, 1800 Cogdell Blvd., Suite B; 1-2 p.m.

ABCL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointment, call 573-0538 or 573-0770.

Scurry County AA closed meeting; Park Club at Winston Park; for information call 574-1292 or 573-9458; 8 p.m.

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

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

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

Births

Tony Becerra and Emily Luera of Snyder announce the birth of their daughter, Stormie Raie Becerra. Stormie was born, weighing six pounds, six ounces, at 7:58 p.m. on Aug. 12 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Paternal grandparents are Juan and Mary Becerra and maternal grandparents are Locadio and Alice Luera. All are of Snyder.

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Taste of Scurry set

On Aug. 28 the Scurry County Museum will hold the 7th Annual Taste of Scurry County.

Julie Sentell is the chairperson and it will be held at the First Baptist Church Life Center.

Local cooks will provide the salads, desserts and breads to accompany the meats cooked by Jerry Baird and Kerry Clay.

Anyone having a special dish they could prepare should call the museum director Charlene Akers at 573-6107.

Charlie Bell will conduct an auction. Some items to be auctioned are a Christmas Tea at Millie Sentell's Lake Allen Henry ranch home, a signed Linda Miller print and two $25 gift certificates to Southwest Airlines.

Tickets will be available at the museum, from board members and at Bullard's Computer Solutions.

Admission is $12.50 for each adult and $5 for children 5 to 12 years old and under 5, free.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 08-14-03
♠ J 7 6
♥ 8 6 4 3
♦ A Q J 4
♣ K 4

West
♠ A
♥ K J 10 7
♦ 10 9 7 6
♣ Q J 8 5

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

South
♠ K Q 10 9 8 5 4
♥ A Q
♦ K 2
♣ 7 3

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: East-West

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Dbl.	Redbl.	2 ♣
Pass	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♣ Q

Thursday, Aug. 14, 2003

Redouble with three-card support

By Phillip Alder

The opener bids one of a suit, the next player makes a takeout double, and the responder redoubles. As we have seen over the last three days, often the responder is short in partner's suit and hoping to extract a juicy penalty from the opponents. However, if the opener bid one of a major, it is possible that the responder has exactly three-card support for that suit and 10-plus high-card points. On the second round, the responder supports his partner's major, with a jump if having game-forcing values.

Here, North starts with redouble, then supports spades to show game-invitational strength with exactly three spades. South is happy to take a shot at game. (Remember, if South had bid spades on the second round, he would have shown some 10-12 high-card points.)

West leads the club queen. Declarer covers with dummy's king, but East wins with the ace and carefully continues with the club 10, so that he can hold the lead for a heart shift.

Since West is sure to have the heart king for his takeout double, South wins with the ace. Then, if he plays a trump immediately, he will lose four tricks: one spade, one heart and two clubs. Declarer must discard that heart loser before attacking spades. So, he cashes the diamond king, crosses to dummy's diamond jack, and jettisons that pesky heart queen on the diamond ace. Finally, it is time to remove the missing trumps.

South's 10 tricks are six spades, one heart and three diamonds.

What does reponder do with four-card major-suit support?

Tune in tomorrow.

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DONATED SCHOOL SUPPLIES — The Snyder community donated school supplies for 194 economically disadvantaged students to be prepared for the first day of school Monday. Parents began picking up supplies Wednesday at the Region 14 Service Center. Supplies are also distributed to Gateway Family Services and the foster child program. Wal-Mart employees shown left are Leon Gutierrez and Melissa Hoyle who delivered supplies to the center. Also pictured are Missy Jones, director of personnel; Carlos Trevino of Marble Falls and his aunt, Mary Ann Juarez, home/community liason. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Pedicab helps pedestrians in downtown Lincoln

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Police officer Conan Schafer is handing out tickets — but these tickets are welcomed by downtown pedestrians.

Schafer operates a pedal cab service in the downtown area when not on duty as a bike officer.

"I just thought it would be fun," he said.

Limited parking downtown can lead to long walks, which makes pedicab a needed and welcome service, said Ken Piccini, who caught a ride to a downtown bank Wednesday.

"And, hey, he's a cop, so he won't have to worry about getting ticketed," Piccini said.

Schafer, who is president of Urban Excursions Pedal Cab Co., already has two white and black pedicabs on Lincoln's streets. Two more, complete with lighting systems and seat belts, are expected by the end of the week.

Schafer works only for tips, but he earns them.

The three-wheeled cab is propelled only by Schafer's pedaling. The cab consists of a one-piece welded frame with a carriage seat for passengers in the back.

If business goes well, Schafer said he may start a similar service in downtown Omaha.

"If it doesn't work out, at least I had a good time," Schafer said.

Rowboat returned

WESTFIELD, Mass. (AP) — Anna Wilmot has her rowboat back a week before her 105th birthday.

The 10-foot aluminum boat emblazoned "Granny Annie" was returned to Wilmot on Sunday by a 16-year-old Max Riley III, who said some teenagers had sold him the boat for $20 last week while he was fishing on Pequot Pond.

Riley's parents said they realized the boat was Wilmot's after reading a front-page story about the theft Saturday in The Republican newspaper.

Wilmot reported the boat stolen on Thursday, but said she wasn't certain exactly when it was taken, because rain had kept her from her daily row on the pond for several days.

"I'd like to bat (the thieves) one," she said.

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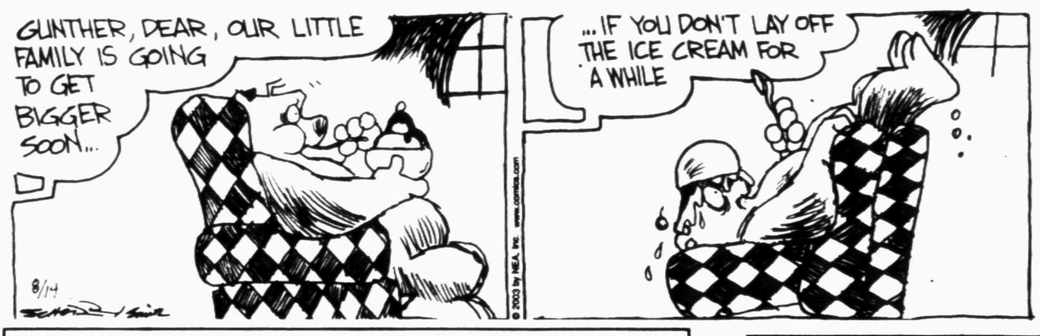

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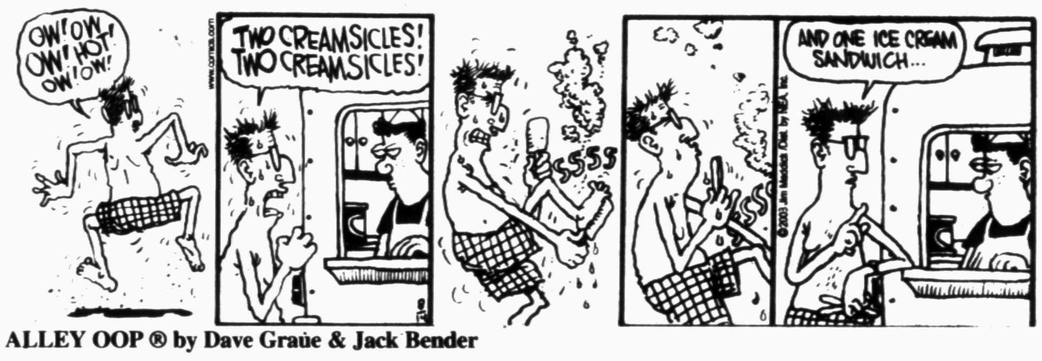

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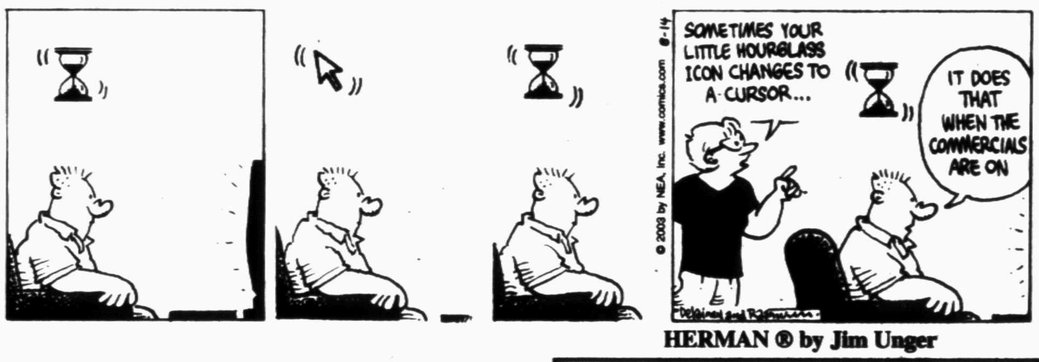

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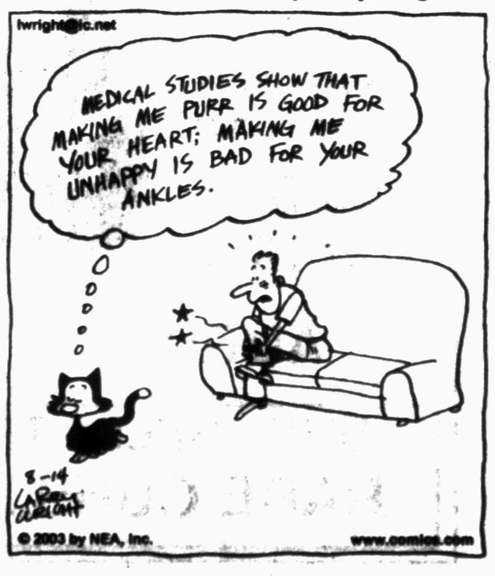

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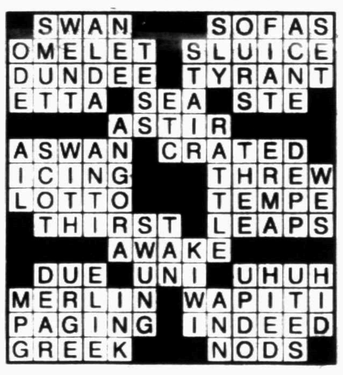

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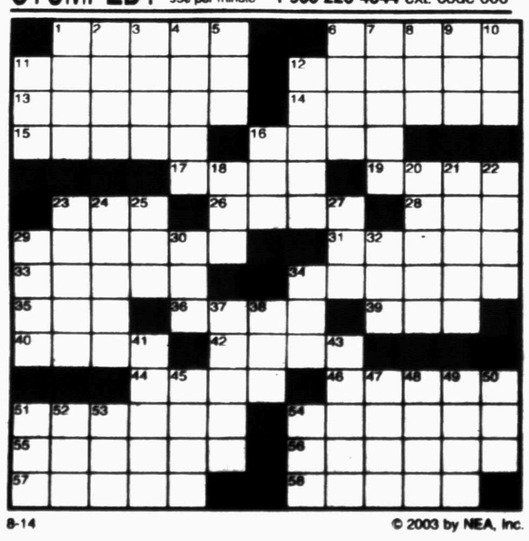

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SPORTS

Soggy Oak Hill set for PGA Championship

ROCHESTER, N.Y. (AP) — Rain spent the past two weeks softening up Oak Hill. Now we'll see whether Tiger Woods and the rest of the world's best players can take advantage.

The 85th PGA Championship opened today with several questions. The most intriguing was whether the long hitters, with their fancy drivers and high-tech golf balls, could put a dent into a 77-year-old course that tested the likes of Ben Hogan and Jack Nicklaus and, most recently, was the site of the 1995 Ryder Cup.

As much as softer fairways and greens work to the players' advantage, the task at Oak Hill has always been about keeping the ball in play.

And that remains the challenge on a 7,134-yard, par-70 course that features thick rough, lining tight, tree-lined fairways that are an average of 23 yards wide.

Club professional John Guyton found out the hard way with the tournament-opening tee shot, which sailed right and landed out of bounds in a backyard of a home neighboring the course. Guyton, from East Williston, N.Y., settled for a double-bogey.

Anders Hansen birdied No. 2, becoming the first player to go under par.

Play opened in muggy conditions, and under a bright sun that was burning off a morning haze. The forecast calls for sun and mid-80 degree temperatures through the weekend.

The two most anticipated groups of the day feature this year's three major champions, Mike Weir (Masters), Jim Furyk (U.S. Open) and Ben Curtis (British Open), scheduled to begin at 8:50 a.m., followed by Woods, defending champion Rich Beem and David Toms.

Whatever the weather, Oak Hill continues to impress both newcomers and veterans.

"Every time I come here I just think, driving first. If I can drive the ball into the fairway, I'll do all right," veteran Tom Watson said Wednesday. "It's long, wet and it will provide a great test of golf."

Justin Rose, who was 11 days old when Nicklaus won the 1980 PGA Championship at Oak Hill, agreed.

"I think the only saving grace right now is the fact that the greens are relatively soft," Rose said.

Enjoy it while you can after the rains subsided on Tuesday, setting the stage for the final major of what has been a highly competitive season.

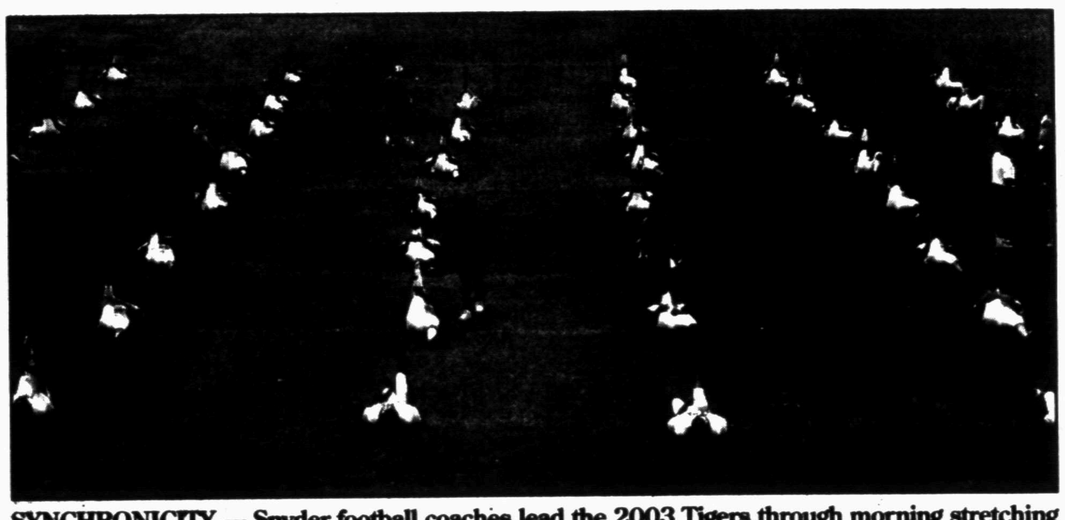
It's a year which has featured eight multiple PGA Tour winners, led by Woods and Davis Love III, with four each. And it's a season in which the player of the year award is up for grabs.

By Sunday, plenty of questions will be answered, including: whether Woods can win his first major in six tries, and ninth of his career; whether a European can become the first to win a PGA Championship since Tommy Armour in 1930; or if this will unveil the year's fourth first-time major winner.

The tournament has traditionally favored first-time major winners, 44 in all, the most recent Beem at Hazeltine last year.

But Oak Hill has been a course for veterans, where Hogan finished second to Cary Middlecoff in the 1956 U.S. Open, Lee Trevino won the 1968 U.S. Open, Nicklaus won the 1980 PGA and Curtis Strange won the 1989 U.S. Open.

Watson, who has played Oak Hill twice, was eager to make a prediction, saying, "I would suspect that Tiger Woods is going to break his slump this week."



SYNCHRONICITY — Snyder football coaches lead the 2003 Tigers through morning stretching and conditioning at the practice field. The team will conduct drills under the lights of Tiger Stadium at 7 tonight. (SDN Staff Photo)

Dickey makes pitch for rotation

ARLINGTON (AP) — R.A. Dickey is doing his best to earn a spot in Texas' starting rotation for next season.

The 28-year-old rookie pitched six effective innings and got home run support from Rafael Palmeiro and Alex Rodriguez as the Rangers beat the Detroit Tigers 7-3 on Wednesday night.

"Any time I can throw like that and keep it close, give the team a chance to win, I'm happy," Dickey said. "Any time you get run support, it's fun."

After opening the season in the minors, Dickey was called up in April for long relief. When bigger names on the pitching staff faltered or were injured, Dickey was promoted to the rotation in July. He's tied for the AL lead in victories by a rookie at 7-5.

"R.A. bends but he keeps grinding," Rangers manager Buck Showalter said. "I thought he was a little wild in the strike zone but he had a good outing."

Dickey allowed three runs and seven hits over six innings to win his third straight start. He struck out three and walked two.

He appreciated the help from Palmeiro, who had a three-run homer in the second to give Texas a 6-1 lead, and Rodriguez, whose blast in the first staked Dickey to a 2-0 advantage.

"The big boys have been doing their thing for me my last several outings, and not just offensively either," Dickey said. "It's fun to sit in the dugout and watch these guys. They've been incredible."

Francisco Cordero entered the ninth with one out and two runners on base. After an out, he walked Alex Sanchez to load the bases and then got Warren Morris to hit a grounder to first.

Freshman dies after practice

VICTORIA (AP) — A high school freshman collapsed at the end of a preseason football practice and died at De Tar Hospital Navarro, school officials have confirmed.

Justice of the Peace Beatriz Q. Gonzalez has ordered an autopsy in the death of Matthew Thomas, 14, who collapsed as he walked off the field Tuesday afternoon. Victoria Memorial High School Principal Mike Ryan said Wednesday that Thomas lost consciousness after collapsing.

The player was taken to the hospital, where he was pronounced dead at 8:34 p.m.

Head trainer Carrie Koliba, a licensed emergency medical technician, attended to Thomas immediately after he collapsed, Ryan said.

Lucas declines Baylor job after son transfers

FORT WORTH (AP) — Former Cleveland Cavaliers coach John Lucas has told a newspaper that he is not considering taking the Baylor men's basketball coach's job.

That was after Lucas' son, Baylor starting point guard John Lucas III, said Wednesday that he had received his release to talk to other schools about transferring.

"My only concern at this time is my son," the elder Lucas told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. "Coaching isn't an option for me at this time."

The Star-Telegram quoted unidentified sources as saying Baylor officials had preliminary talks with Lucas about succeeding Dave Bliss. Bliss resigned as head coach last week in the wake of reported NCAA violations that emerged in the investigation of Baylor player Patrick Dennehy's slaying.

The elder Lucas is a former San Antonio Spurs head coach and one-time Houston Rockets and Spurs player. An unidentified source told the Houston Chronicle that Lucas might have taken the Baylor job if he had been asked early on. But if John III finds a place he would rather be than Baylor, his father would not be interested in coming to Waco, the source told the Chronicle.

Cowboys sign RB Murrell

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Running back Adrian Murrell signed a one-year contract Wednesday with the Dallas Cowboys, returning to the NFL after missing the past two seasons.

Murrell worked out for the Cowboys in the morning, then signed his contract and took part in the team's afternoon practice.

"I don't know how much I will play or what my role will be, but I know I'm here to work," Murrell said after the two-hour workout. "I think I've got something left in the tank, but I have to get in playing shape and re-acclimate myself to the system."

The last of Murrell's eight seasons was in 2000 for Washington when he had just 20 carries for 50 yards. He played for Cowboys coach Bill Parcells in 1997 on the New York Jets, gaining 1,086 yards and scoring seven touchdowns.

Since Parcells came to Dallas, the Cowboys released NFL career rushing leader Emmitt Smith but didn't make a move to replace him, essentially turning the job over to backup Troy Hambrick. Hambrick struggled along with the whole offense in the preseason opener, and Parcells has talked all camp about Hambrick needing to win the job.

Parcells said he had no complaints about Hambrick and just wants to see Murrell.

Sideline Views

by Bobby Allen

There was a familiar scent to the air this morning, a dewy, soft smell that is the harbinger of the school year.

Fall is almost here, and the rites of autumn are as sacred as the hopes of spring.

Children growing up and teenagers getting reacquainted after a few months apart and all the expectations and apprehensions that come from being another year older —and, hopefully, wiser.

Leaves changing and ultimately falling, the sharp, clear breeze of a planet in rotation, signaling the coming of some respite from the broiling summer heat.

New clothes and old jackets and pulling the lever on the car's climate control to the red in the mornings and the blue in the afternoon.

Rolling the lawnmower into the shed for its seasonal hibernation, and the cstrippers picking the cotton.

And, of course, the truest sign of fall for many of us — football.

Friday nights, Saturday and Sunday afternoons and Monday Night Football.

The clack-rattle-snap of distant drum rolls and the brassy sounds of the band splitting the day with spirit and precision.

The first rush through the tunnel and the initial roar of a sold-out stadium. The smell of hot chocolate and coffee and the frosty breath of fatigue billowing through the facemasks.

The glee of the contact and the pain of the results. The struggle and the violence and the beauty of America's new National Pastime.

Yes, fall is coming.

A season for renewal, for shedding the old to make way for the new, for correcting past errors and seeking new goals.

A season for champions to officially earn the title — whether they win or lose.

The Snyder gridders will practice under the lights of Tiger Stadium tonight, giving the players their first taste of playing under the lights.

Head coach Chad Rogers said he does not want this club to be fielding punts and catching passes under halogen for the first time at Frenship.

Already, the Tigers have practiced twice on field turf — last week in Lubbock and Tuesday at Midland — to prepare for the surface at the Mustang Bowl when the team plays Sweetwater Sept. 10, giving the players an idea of the feel, stability and traction of the artificial surface.

Tonight's practice is slated for 7 p.m.

Major League Baseball

American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	71	47	.602	—
Boston	69	51	.575	3
Toronto	59	61	.492	13
Baltimore	57	62	.479	14½
Tampa Bay	48	71	.403	23½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Kansas City	64	55	.538	—
Chicago	63	57	.525	1½
Minnesota	61	59	.508	3½
Cleveland	52	69	.430	13
Detroit	31	87	.263	32½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	73	47	.608	—
Oakland	69	51	.575	4
Anaheim	56	64	.467	17
Texas	53	67	.442	20

Wednesday's Games

Tampa Bay 6, Baltimore 5, 10 innings
Cleveland 5, Minnesota 0, 14 innings
Texas 7, Detroit 3
Kansas City 11, N.Y. Yankees 0
Seattle 13, Toronto 6
Anaheim 2, Chicago White Sox 1
Boston 7, Oakland 3

Today's Games

Cleveland (B.Anderson 8-9) at Minnesota (Radke 8-9), 12:05 p.m.
Boston (Wakefield 9-5) at Oakland (Lilly 6-9), 2:35 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Pettitte 13-7) at Baltimore (Moss 0-1), 6:05 p.m.
Detroit (Roney 1-7) at Texas (Thomson 9-10), 7:05 p.m.
Toronto (Escober 8-6) at Seattle (Meche 13-7), 9:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Garland 8-8) at Anaheim (Shields 2-3), 9:05 p.m.

National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	77	42	.647	—
Florida	66	54	.550	11½
Philadelphia	65	54	.546	12
Montreal	61	60	.504	17
New York	50	69	.420	27

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	64	56	.533	—
St. Louis	63	57	.525	1
Chicago	62	57	.521	1½
Pittsburgh	55	63	.466	8
Cincinnati	52	67	.437	11½
Milwaukee	47	72	.395	16½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	73	46	.613	—
Arizona	64	55	.538	9
Los Angeles	61	58	.513	12
Colorado	61	62	.496	14
San Diego	47	74	.388	27

Wednesday's Games

Chicago Cubs 6, Houston 4
Atlanta 7, San Diego 1
Montreal 6, Colorado 5
Florida 2, Los Angeles 1, 11 innings
Pittsburgh 6, St. Louis 5
Philadelphia 11, Milwaukee 4
N.Y. Mets 9, San Francisco 2
Arizona 3, Cincinnati 1

Thursday's Games

St. Louis (Stephenson 6-11) at Pittsburgh (D'Amico 7-11), 11:35 a.m.
Los Angeles (K. Brown 11-6) at Florida (Redman 10-5), 12:35 p.m.
Houston (Fernandez 1-1) at Chicago Cubs (Clement 9-10), 1:20 p.m.
Milwaukee (Obermueller 0-3) at Philadelphia (Wolf 11-7), 6:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Foppert 8-8) at N.Y. Mets (Glavine 7-11), 6:10 p.m.
Arizona (Webb 7-5) at Cincinnati (Harang 1-0), 6:10 p.m.
San Diego (Peavy 9-8) at Atlanta (Ru.Ortiz 16-5), 6:35 p.m.

NFL

National Football League
Preseason Glance

Monday's Game

Philadelphia 27, New Orleans 17

Today's Game

Oakland at San Francisco, 8 p.m.

Friday's Games

Miami at Jacksonville, 6:30 p.m.
Houston at Dallas, 7 p.m.
Seattle at Indianapolis, 7 p.m.
Carolina at N.Y. Giants, 7 p.m.
Green Bay at Cleveland, 7 p.m.

Saturday's Games

Detroit at Cincinnati, 6:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, 6:30 p.m.
Buffalo at Tennessee, 7 p.m.
Baltimore at Atlanta, 7 p.m.
New Orleans at N.Y. Jets, 7 p.m.
New England at Washington, 7 p.m.
Denver at Chicago, 7:05 p.m.
Minnesota at Kansas City, 7:30 p.m.
Arizona at San Diego, 9 p.m.

Monday, Aug. 18

Tampa Bay at St. Louis, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 21

Dallas at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.

Sports Briefs

Pool closing Saturday

The Towle Park pool will close for the season at 6 p.m. Saturday. Admission is $1 from now until Saturday, and normal pool hours will remain in effect.

Junior high football equipment issue

The junior high football program will issue equipment Friday at the boys field house on the junior high campus. Incoming eighth-grade players will receive equipment at noon and seventh-graders will report for equipment at 1:30 p.m. Call the junior high field house at 573-6356 for more information.

Ira scrimmage

The Ira High School football team will hold an inter-squad scrimmage at 7 p.m. Friday. Cost for the scrimmage will be a towel or a donation.

Pee Wee football sign-ups

Pee Wee football sign-ups will take place at the Scurry County Boys and Girls Club today and Friday from 5:30-8:30 p.m., Saturday from 9 a.m. until noon, and Aug. 18-22 from 5:30-8 p.m. Tryouts will be held at 9 a.m. Aug. 23.

For more information contact Brad Hinton at 573-2530 or 573-0878.

WTC golf tournament

WTC will host a golf tournament for the junior class Friday. Tee-off will be at 8 a.m. and entry fee is $10. Call the pro shop at 573-9291 for more information.

Hunter education course

A hunter training education course will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and from 1-5 p.m. Aug. 24 in Snyder. Every Texas hunter born on or after Sept. 2, 1971 must complete the course. Students 12 and older will receive a certificate upon completion of the course.

Cost of the course is $10. Class size is limited and those who pre-register will receive preference over walk-ins. For more information, contact Gene and Nancy Bowlin at 572-2323.

Pujols extends hitting streak

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Albert Pujols of the St. Louis Cardinals homered for the fourth straight game to extend his hitting streak to 27 games, the longest in the majors this season.

Earlier this season, Kenny Lofton and Nomar Garciaparra each hit in 26 consecutive games. Pujols' streak is the Cardinals' longest since Ken Boyer's 29-game run in 1959.

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Four teenage camp counselors drown

ELIZABETHTOWN, N.Y. (AP) — Four teenage camp counselors who were spending their day off swimming in the Adirondacks drowned after one fell into the water and three others tried to rescue him from the raging current.

Authorities recovered one body from the popular swimming hole Tuesday and the other three Wednesday. Using drop cameras on long poles, they found the three bodies trapped under a ledge in a small pool about 20 feet deep.

The four disappeared Tuesday at Split Rock Falls, a series of waterfalls and pools on the Boquet River near Elizabethtown, 110 miles north of Albany.

"This time of year with this much rain, it's a dangerous place to be," state police Capt. Bruce Dunning said. "It's completely whitewater today."

The four teens had been among about 20 counselors from Camp Baco in Minerva who were spending their day off at Split Rock Falls, said Don Jaquish of Essex County emergency services.

"The force of the water cannot be underestimated," forest ranger Ed Russell said.

The teens were identified as Jonah Richman, 18, Adam Cohen, 19, and Jordan Satin, 19, all of Woodmere, N.Y.; and David Altschuler, 18, of Philadelphia.

Richman, Cohen and Satin, all college students, graduated last year from George W. Hewlett High School. Richman and Cohen had been co-captains of the swim team and were considered strong swimmers, but officials said the current was far too strong.

"These were fine young men, good friends and the fact that they risked and lost their own lives to save another is totally consistent with the students our staff knew and respected," said school district Superintendent Charles Fowler.

In their high school yearbooks, under hobbies and interests, each mentioned the summer camp and each other.

"I think their actions speak to their character. They would react no matter what the peril," Hewlett Mayor Mitchell Sahn said.

Russell said accidents are not uncommon at Split Rock Falls, where ledges jut out high over rock-bottom pools.

Bob Maloney, who lives a mile downstream from the swimming hole, told The Press-Republican of Plattsburgh that he once got caught in the current and had to be pulled out of the water by his son.

"When the water's high like this, they ought to send a state trooper down here to say, 'You can look, but no swimming today,'" he said.

Camp owner Bob Wortman released a statement saying: "This is a very sad day for everyone at Camp Baco. These counselors were part of our family and we are all devastated by this loss."

Education Department clarifies position on campus free speech

By The Associated Press

Colleges shouldn't use federal regulations barring the harassment of students to trample free speech rights on campus, according to a letter sent to schools from the U.S. Education Department's Office for Civil Rights.

With colleges and universities establishing so-called "speech codes," an individual rights advocacy group said Tuesday that the letter is a victory for freedom of expression.

"Some colleges and universities have interpreted OCR's prohibition of 'harassment' as encompassing all offensive speech regarding sex, disability, race or other classifications," said the letter from Gerald Reynolds, an assistant secretary with the Office for Civil Rights.

But harassment, he said, "must include something beyond the mere expression of views, words, symbols or thoughts that some person finds offensive."

The letter, dated July 28, was sent to colleges last Friday.

Greg Lukianoff, the director of legal and public advocacy for the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education — one of the organizations that asked the OCR to clarify the difference between free and offensive speech — called the letter an "end to an era" of speech codes.

"This is a generation that has been taught that they have the right not to be offended," he said. "But if you teach students that they should never have their beliefs challenged, you're really undoing the process of education."

Lukianoff said he hopes Reynolds' explanation will help colleges resolve OCR regulations that have been "legitimately misunderstood" by administrations. He said concerns about harassment have limited political debates and even been used as a basis for complaints about the content of sex education classes.

"It's not anything new as far as policy in this letter," said Texas Tech University Vice Chancellor Cindy Rugeley. "But it's clarification and any kind of clarification is helpful."

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

An unusual skin disorder

DEAR DR. GOTT: My sister has pemphigus. What exactly is this and what is used to treat it?

DEAR READER: Pemphigus, a rare autoimmune skin disorder, can be fatal. The disease begins as multiple blisters that eventually burst, leaving raw skin that easily becomes infected. The diagnosis is made by biopsy.

Treatment with prednisone (or other steroids) almost always halts progression of the affliction and helps heal the raw lesions — but years of therapy may be required. Antibiotics, too, may be necessary to combat infection. Other treatments include gold injections and plasmapheresis, a technique to alter the proteins in the blood.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm tired of dieting. No matter how strict I am, I really can't lose weight. Is there any medicine that might help or is surgery my best choice?

DEAR READER: There is now a national focus on the incidence, consequences, causes, costs and treatment of obesity, an epidemic in U.S. adults and children. Unfortunately, the situation is more complicated than we are led to believe by the media.

While stoutness is clearly related to inactivity and the consumption of unnecessary dietary calories, it has been termed, by experts, as being "a chronic, relapsing, neurochemical disease that occurs in genetically susceptible people" (from a series of articles in The Journal of the American Medical Association). Clearly, overweight people will benefit from dieting (and increasing physical activity), but many diets are difficult to follow and impossible to continue indefinitely. Thus, patients (and their doctors) have become interested in various types of surgery to promote weight loss.

In addition, researchers are hard at work trying to identify the molecular signals that cause us to eat. Leptin, the first anti-obesity hormone to be discovered, has not resulted in significant treatment changes. Other hormones, such as ghrelin (which is produced in the stomach), stimulate short-term appetite and may be increased in people who diet, thereby undermining the dieter's ability to lose weight. New anti-appetite drugs are presently under investigation; however, they are not scheduled to receive FDA approval until next year at the soonest.

Consequently, short of surgery, we are stuck at present with dietary therapy.

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

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Awareness campaign will center on dog that survived gas chamber

ST. LOUIS (AP) — After surviving a trip to the gas chamber, Quentin the "miracle dog" has been tapped to be the center of a campaign to raise awareness about stray dogs killed each year because they don't have homes.

Randy Grim, founder of Stray Rescue of St. Louis and Quentin's guardian, thought the 30-pound dog basenji was spared because the cuddly canine was meant to serve some greater good.

His thoughts were confirmed when Mill Valley, Calif.-based In Defense of Animals told Grim they wanted Quentin to be the front dog for their campaign to educate the public about the millions of stray dogs that are euthanized each year.

"His bad days are behind him for good." Grim said.

About 700 people expressed an interest in adopting Quentin after his survival story spread across the country. Many included their own survival stories, saying they felt a connection to Quentin.

In Defense of Animals will donate $5,000 to begin a fund to eliminate the gas chamber as St. Louis' primary way of euthanizing stray dogs, founder Elliot Katz said.

Grim is holding a benefit Friday night at his shelter to kick off the fund-raising effort. The honored guest is Quentin.

Among other projects, Katz and his group advocate people calling themselves pet guardians instead of owners. The group has succeeded in replacing the word "owner" with "guardian" on licenses or other official documents in several states, including San Francisco and Rhode Island.

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Unocal	30.18	29.75	29.84	— .07
VerizonComm	36.10	35.60	35.80	+ .18
WalMart	58.47	57.50	58.27	+ .20
WellsFargo	50.24	49.76	50.05	
WstnGasRs	39.80	39.28	39.30	— .34
WinnDixie	10.23	9.93	9.95	— .15
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New wheelchair that climbs stairs gets approved by FDA

WASHINGTON (AP) — Stairs are about to become less of an obstacle for some of the nation's 2 million wheelchair users.

The Food and Drug Administration on Wednesday approved a wheelchair that literally can go up and down steps — as well as shift into four-wheel drive for grassy hills and elevate its occupant to standing height.

Called the iBOT Mobility System, the wheelchair uses sensors and gyroscopes to navigate stairs while balancing on two wheels. Doctors have said the technology is potentially revolutionary. But it is so complex that the FDA decided the wheelchair will require a doctor's prescription and special training to drive.

The iBOT costs $29,000, less than some top-of-the-line models for the severely impaired but far more than basic wheelchairs. The maker, Johnson & Johnson subsidiary Independence Technology, is negotiating with Medicare and other insurers but could not say Wednesday if payment to users was likely.

Sales will begin by year's end, a J&J spokesman said.

Wheelchairs have become increasingly sophisticated. Some raise a user a few inches to be able to reach high objects. More agile models specially are designed for zipping around basketball or tennis courts.

In the early 1990s, the FDA approved one model solely for stair-climbing, but it never became popular because it did not provide more routine transport, said Robert DeLuca, the FDA scientist who led the iBOT evaluation.

The iBOT, in contrast, is an all-purpose wheelchair that also climbs stairs, he said.

"We think this is something that can really benefit patients," DeLuca said. "It offers many advantages to anything else we've ever seen."

Most wheelchairs have two big back wheels and two smaller front wheels. The iBOT has four wheels the same size that rotate up and over one another to go up and down steps.

It does require some user exertion, meaning the iBOT is not an option for all wheelchair users.

People must have the use of at least one arm to operate the iBOT's joystick and other controls. Then they lean forward or backward, directing the chair to climb up or down as the gyroscopes sense and adjust to the person's center of gravity.

Users must hold onto a stair rail to help guide the iBOT, although there is a feature that allows someone else to hold onto the chair's back and assist the more severely disabled on stairs.

So far, it is not built for children or for people who weigh more than 250 pounds.

Dean Kamen, the well-known inventor whose credits include the Segway scooter, created the iBOT and licensed it to Johnson & Johnson. He says he built it not just for the stair-climbing ability but the extra elevation, too — because wheelchair users had told him they longed to carry on eye-level conversations with people standing nearby, and reach top grocery shelves by themselves.

To prove iBOT works, 18 wheelchair users test-drove it for two weeks. Scientists compared maneuverability in the iBOT versus users' regular wheelchairs in everyday situations and in special road tests.

Twelve patients could navigate stairs alone with the iBOT, while the rest used an assistant. In regular wheelchairs, one patient could literally bump his way down stairs, but no one could go up a single step.

Soldier dies of embolism in Iraq, dad says

GUILFORD, Conn. (AP) — An Army counterintelligence analyst who had been assigned to the Pentagon when it was attacked by terrorists died of an illness while serving in Iraq, his father said Wednesday.

Richard Eaton said military officials notified the family that his son, Staff Sgt. Richard S. Eaton Jr., died in his sleep Tuesday.

Maj. Bill Adams, a casualty assistance officer, said the cause of death remains under investigation but is thought to be pulmonary edema — a buildup of fluid in the lungs.

The family has few details about the death, the elder Eaton said, and they did not know whether he died from a strain of pneumonia that has killed other servicemen.

The elder Eaton, a spokesman for the University of New Haven, said his son's office in the Pentagon was struck by a hijacked jetliner during the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks. The father said the office was being remodeled at the time and the younger Eaton was in an office away from the Pentagon.

Eaton, 37, who was not married, was in the Army Reserves and deployed to Iraq in March with the Fort Meade, Md.-based 323rd Military Intelligence Battalion, said his mother, Sharon Noble Eaton.

Earlier in his Army career, the younger Eaton had been offered a spot at the U.S. Military Academy in West Point, N.Y., but declined because he believed "real soldiering" was done in the field, his father said. In the years that followed he spent close to 10 years in Korea and had appointments in Honduras, Korea, Panama and El Salvador.

Eaton grew up in Guilford, on the Connecticut coast near New Haven.

He came from a long line of military men, including William Eaton, who helped reinstate the deposed leader of Tripoli and rescue American captives in the early 1800s. William Eaton's story is being made into a movie called "Tripoli" starring Russell Crowe.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Friday, Aug. 15, 2003

Valuable contacts can be established in the year ahead through your involvements with friends and associates. You'll do especially well with individuals who share your interests.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — A funny thing could happen on the way to helping a friend sort out his or her troubles today. In your efforts to solve your pal's problems, you may discover it also serves to enlighten you as well.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — You won't go wrong today if you give an associate the benefit of the doubt when called upon to make a judgment call on this person. You'll benefit in the long run by his or her support of you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Because you deserve it, a willing assistant will step forward today and help you to perform an old, troubling task, which you have long neglected. It'll be great to get it out of the way.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Don't allow yourself to dwell in doom and gloom should you find them creeping into your psyche today. A good friend could be just what the doctor ordered to put you in a fun-loving mood.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Pay heed to your inner voice today, especially if you're trying to figure out how to handle a temperamental friend. It'll give you both the compassion and the insight to know what to do.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Depend on your organizational and managerial skills to get out of a quandary today. You can straighten out the mess by maintaining control.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Rely on your first impressions today regarding someone with whom you have to discuss a matter. Chances are that he or she will be correct.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — It may not come about the way you envision it, but your possibilities for financial or material acquisition are within your reach today. Go with the flow and let events dictate the outcome.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Don't be too obvious about what your intentions or desires are when dealing with a commercial situation today. Once another figures out what you want, the price may reach a new height.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Added responsibilities may be asked of you today by a group affiliation you're involved in. Take on the tasks if you consider this as an opportunity — if you don't, avoid being a patsy.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Challenges can either be a nuisance or a stimulant to you today. Much will depend on your attitude toward the contest: whether it's fun and exeiting or simply a bore.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Constructive criticism can sometimes be a bit harsh, but it can also be exceptionally helpful today if you go to the right person. They'll tell it like it is and not say things simply to be hurtful.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Woman in bankruptcy worries about giving man true account

DEAR ABBY: I am a woman in my late 20s. I declared bankruptcy last year. What led to this decision wasn't so much irresponsibility as it was circumstances beyond my control.

A few months ago, I met a wonderful man I'll call Andrew. We've grown attracted to each other. Andrew has begun talking about seeing me on an exclusive basis. I am extremely nervous about the prospect, primarily because Andrew is a financial adviser. Up until now, I saw no reason to divulge my bankruptcy. However, if we are beginning a long-term relationship, what's the best way to go about it?

I don't want him to feel I've been hiding something all this time, and I don't want him to think I'm using him for his financial expertise. I'm quite independent, have a stable job that I love and am now managing on my own. Any ideas? — **"INVESTING 101" IN WASHINGTON, D.C.**

DEAR INVESTING: Say it this way: "Andrew, there is something I need to tell you. It's something I'm not proud of, so I have been hesitant to disclose it to anyone. Last year I had to file bankruptcy, and this is why." Then explain the situation.

Tell him how special you think he is and that you are getting back on your feet without any outside assistance. His response will give you an indication of the depth of his feelings for you.

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DEAR ABBY: I am confused. I have been through four bad marriages and wound up in domestic abuse shelters because all my husbands verbally and physically attacked me.

Six months ago, I met "Mike," and we moved in together. He is very kind, gentle and loving most of the time, but sometimes Mike gets into these moods and makes me feel awful. He'll compare me to his former girlfriends and say I can't do anything right. He also makes fun of the fact that I am seeing a psychiatrist, a therapist and taking medication. He says it proves that I am crazy!

Mike won't get help for himself even though I know he needs it, so I have started sneaking antidepressants in with his daily vitamins. It has made some difference in his mood. I know I shouldn't do it, but I am desperate. Any advice? — **LOOKING FOR TRUE LOVE IN ALABAMA**

DEAR LOOKING: Yes. Admit you have drawn five losing cards in a row, and drop out of the romance game for a while. Discuss with your therapist why you are repeatedly attracted to men who are not good for you. And get out now before the abuse escalates again.

Depression is not the problem with abusive people. Abusers use abuse as a method to control their partners.

P.S. It is dangerous to give medications — particularly mood-altering drugs — to people for whom they have not been prescribed. Please call a halt to it now.

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DEAR ABBY: Last Sunday, my husband and I attended church in a city where we had lived before our retirement. As we left the chapel, I had a physically painful experience that has happened many times before — and I hope you'll spread the message.

When anyone shakes hands with an elderly person, PLEASE DO SO GENTLY. Many of us have arthritic hands, and a powerful handshake can be excruciating. I appreciated a strong handshake when I was young, but now it can be torture. Thanks, Abby. — **SENIOR IN SOUTH PASADENA, CALIF.**

DEAR SENIOR: A handshake should be firm without being a bone-crusher. Younger people can also have arthritic hands. I'm pleased you wrote to air your complaint. It's a valid one. A word to the wise ...

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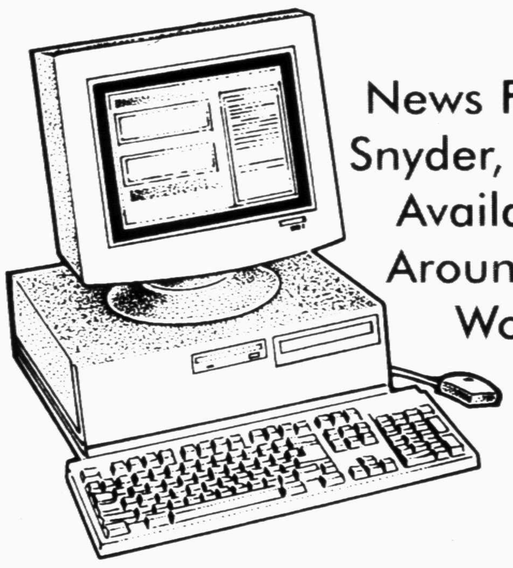
Mother of Verizon boss killed in murder-suicide files lawsuit

SAN ANGELO (AP) — A wrongful death lawsuit by the mother of a Verizon supervisor who died in a murder-suicide targets the perpetrator's estate, seeking damages from the summer attack.

Tony Smith, the supervisor, died on July 9 after a subordinate, Rodney Monke, called him to his cubicle and shot him four times in the upper torso and head at the phone company's Assignment Provisioning Center. Monke then walked down the hallway from his cubicle and shot himself with a Colt semiautomatic handgun just after police arrived. Smith died at the scene from multiple gunshot wounds.

An attorney for Smith's mother, Jackie Smith, filed the lawsuit Tuesday in Tom Green County District Court. It seeks an undetermined amount of damages.

The victim's father, who lives in Austin, has relinquished all claims to the estate, according to an affidavit obtained by the San Angelo Standard-Times and is barred from bringing any further action related to the suit.



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Colorado Dems support renegade Texans

DENVER (AP) — Five Colorado Democrats were in New Mexico today in a show of support for Texas Democrats who have fled there to stymie a Republican-led congressional redistricting plan.

Republicans called the trip misguided and ridiculed the lawmakers for taking beer to their Texas counterparts.

The Colorado Democrats met for breakfast with the Texans and planned a news conference today before driving back home. Senate Minority Leader Joan Fitz-Gerald, D-Golden, warned the 11 Texas lawmakers what could happen if they return home before a deadline to pass a plan expires.

Colorado Republicans rushed through a redistricting plan during the last three days of the session in May, suspending legislative rules that could have allowed Democrats in Colorado to block it.

Sen. Ken Gordon of Denver said a Republican senator told him beforehand that the Senate would follow the rules if it took up redistricting, so he was taken by surprise when Republicans suspended those rules. When he questioned his colleague, Gordon said, the Republican told him one rule allowed for suspending them.

The Colorado Democrats did not have the option to flee because legislative rules allowed Republicans, who have an 18-17 edge in the state Senate and a 38-27 majority in the House, to pass legislation with a simple majority. Senate Democrats walked out during the vote on redistricting, but the plan was approved anyway.

"We had a terrible experience here in Colorado, and that's what awaits them if they return to the Capitol," Fitz-Gerald said of the Texas lawmakers.

Tractor-trailer rig overturns, releasing cattle onto roadway

Accidents

At 10:53 a.m. Wednesday, a major accident was reported on Hwy. 208 at the Scurry/Kent County line. A tractor-trailer overturned releasing cattle onto the roadway. Scurry County sheriff's department deputies, Lubbock Wrecker Service, TxDot and Snyder EMS were dispatched to the scene. The driver was transported to Cogdell Memorial Hospital where he was treated and released.

At 2:32 p.m. Wednesday, a two-vehicle accident was reported at 29th Street and Ave. F. The vehicles involved were a 1996 Chevrolet pick-up driven by Amy Luera, 25, of 2709 Ave. F, and a 1997 Chevrolet driven by Rudolph Vasquez Hernandez, 51, of 810 29th Street. No injuries were reported.

Theft

Harvey Pinkerton reported at 9:38 a.m. Wednesday that a utility trailer had been stolen from Kinder Morgan. A felony theft report was submitted.

At 5:02 p.m. Wednesday, a woman reported her grandson's shoes stolen from the Towle Park pool. A report for Class C theft was filed.

Burglary

Wednesday at 6:41 a.m., a man in the 1200 block of 28th Street requested officers in reference to his vehicle being burglarized. A report for burglary of a vehicle was filed.

A man in the 2400 block of 42nd Street reported at 12:26 p.m. Wednesday that someone had gone into his house while he was working outside in the yard. Officers filed a report for burglary of a residence.

Criminal mischief

At 11:13 a.m. Wednesday, Ray Cooley reported that the rear window of Cooley's Body Shop had been tampered with. A report for Class B criminal mischief was submitted.

Wednesday at 7:03 p.m., a woman on F.M. 644 reported that someone had gone through her residence. A report for Class B criminal mischief was filed.

Family violence

At 1:23 a.m. today a woman ireported that a male subject had assaulted her. A report for family violence was filed.

Trespassing

At 3:06 a.m. today, a woman in the 200 block of 32nd Street requested officers in reference to her property being destroyed. A criminal trespass warning was served.

Grass fire

The Snyder fire dept. received a report Wednesday at 6:20 p.m. of a small grass fire in the median of U.S. 84. Origin of the fire was undetermined and the flame was quickly extinguished. Two firetrucks and eight firefighters responded.

Dog bite

At 7:37 p.m. Wednesday, a woman in the 3000 block of 38th Street reported that a dog had bitten her 10-year-old son. A dog bite report was filed and the owners of the animal were contacted.

FBI says suspect wanted to smuggle 50 missiles into the United States

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — The international sting operation that led to the arrest of a suspected arms smuggler should serve as a warning that the government is aggressively pursuing terrorist cells and black market weapons dealers, Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge said.

Hemant Lakhani, a Briton described by a federal prosecutor as a "significant international arms dealer," was ordered held without bond Wednesday.

According to an FBI affidavit, Lakhani had arranged to sell a shoulder-fired surface-to-air missile he believed was intended to shoot down a commercial airliner, and planned to smuggle 50 more.

Experts said the weapons, which weigh about 40 pounds, are capable of shooting down a jetliner. But the one used in the sting was inoperable, authorities said.

The affidavit says Lakhani, dealing with an undercover FBI agent he believed to be a Muslim terrorist, was also recorded as saying Osama bin Laden "did a good thing" on Sept. 11, 2001.

In an interview Wednesday with CBS News, Ridge said the sting should send a message to terrorists that "we'll just keep coming at you — one arms dealer, one cell at a time."

Lakhani, 68, is charged with attempting to provide material support and resources to terrorists and acting as an arms broker without a license. Lakhani's lawyer, Assistant Federal Public Defender Donald J. McCauley, refused to comment.

"The terrorists who have threatened America lost an ally in their attempts to kill our citizens," Christopher J. Christie, the U.S. attorney for New Jersey, said after Lakhani's arraignment Wednesday.

Speaking today on NBC's "Today" show, Christie disputed the notion that the alleged sale was not a real threat because law enforcement officials knew about the plot.

Powell says goal is different relationship with North Korea

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration is seeking a new relationship with North Korea but is not offering economic assistance as an incentive for terminating its nuclear weapons program, Secretary of State Colin Powell says.

"We have put no economic proposals forward at the moment," Powell said Wednesday as U.S., Japanese and South Korean officials met at the State Department to forge a common strategy designed to induce North Korea to dismantle its nuclear weapons program.

The delegations resumed their deliberations for nearly two hours today to deal with technical and logistical matters, a U.S. official said. Japanese and South Korean delegates left the building, saying only that the talks were over. There was no immediate U.S. statement.

Powell has offered to put in writing assurances that the Bush administration does not intend to attack North Korea.

"We are looking for a different relationship with North Korea," he told reporters.

Powell also noted that President Bush "has said many times that he is concerned about the welfare of the North Korean people. It concerns him that people are in need and starving."

A State Department spokesman, Tom Casey, said the 90-minute meeting reflected a joint desire for a verifiable and irreversible termination of North Korea's nuclear program.

The talks continued over dinner.

The three governments were preapring for negotiations with North Korea that are due to begin Aug. 27 in Beijing. China and Russia also will take part in the six-nation talks.

China's foreign minister confirmed the starting date in a brief announcement read on the national even newscast of China Central Television — the government-controlled broadcaster.

Taking a hard line, Bush said at his ranch in Crawford, Texas, that the United States and Asian nations "feel strongly about the peninsula being nuclear-free."

Bush said North Korea failed to keep its word and developed enriched uranium after reaching an agreement with the Clinton administration to freeze its nuclear program.

But with Russia and China joining the negotiations "we're making good progress," Bush said.

In Moscow, Deputy Foreign Minister Alexander Losyukov said Russia and China may offer North Korea security guarantees as a way of easing nuclear tensions "if guarantees established by the United States fail to meet North Korea's expectations to the full."

Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Fri 8/15	Sat 8/16	Sun 8/17
90/66	**95/72**	**96/70**
Sunshine along with some passing clouds. High near 90F.	Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the low 70s.	Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the low 70s
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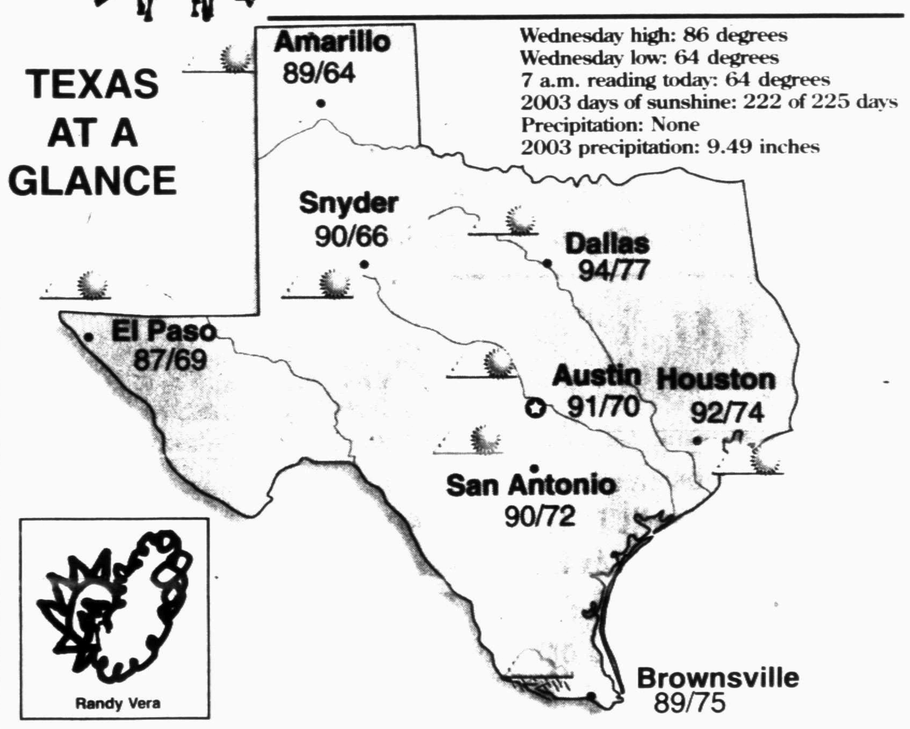

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Austin	91	70	pt sunny	Gainesville	94	72	pt sunny	Rosenberg	92	73	pt sunny
Beaumont	91	73	pt sunny	Greenville	93	71	mst sunny	San Antonio	90	72	pt sunny
Brownsville	89	75	t-storm	Houston	92	74	pt sunny	San Marcos	92	71	pt sunny
Brownwood	95	69	pt sunny	Kingsville	91	73	t-storm	Sulphur Springs	94	71	mst sunny
Corpus Christi	90	75	pt sunny	Livingston	93	71	mst sunny	Sweetwater	91	67	pt sunny
Corsicana	92	72	mst sunny	Longview	91	71	mst sunny	Tyler	92	74	sunny
Dallas	94	77	pt sunny	Lubbock	88	66	pt sunny	Weatherford	94	71	mst sunny
Del Rio	92	73	rain	Lufkin	92	73	mst sunny	Wichita Falls	95	72	pt sunny

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City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	88	69	t-storm	Houston	92	74	pt sunny	Phoenix	95	81	t-storm
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Chicago	87	71	pt sunny	Miami	86	76	t-storm	Seattle	75	57	pt sunny
Dallas	94	77	pt sunny	Minneapolis	91	68	mst sunny	St. Louis	92	74	pt sunny
Denver	85	59	mst sunny	New York	90	74	mst sunny	Washington, DC	93	75	mst sunny

Moon Phases

Full	Last	New	First
Aug 12	Aug 20	Aug 27	Sep 3

UV Index

Fri 8/15	Sat 8/16	Sun 8/17
Very High	Extreme	Extreme

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Obituaries

Betty Lou House

1928-2003

Betty Lou House, longtime Snyder civic worker, died Wednesday, Aug. 13, at her home after a brief illness.

Betty House

Funeral service for Mrs. House, 74, is set for 10 a.m. Saturday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Jim Hill, pastor of First Christian Church, will officiate. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Born Sept. 29, 1928 in Clarksville, she married Bud House on Nov. 26, 1947 in Snyder. Mrs. House, a homemaker, moved to Snyder in 1947. Involved in civic affairs Mrs. House had served on the state PTA board. A longtime member of the chamber of commerce Mrs. House received the Goldcoat of the Year award. She had served on the July 4th, chamber banquet, Western Swing and the White Buffalo Festival committees.

One sister and two brothers preceded her in death.

Survivors include her husband, Bud House of Snyder; three daughters, Brenda Kise and her husband Gene of Austin, Beverly Herring of Coahoma and Sandy Hildreth and her husband Brad of South Lake; a son, Gene House and his wife Dianna of Belen, N.M.; a sister, Jane West of Vernon; and seven grandchildren.

Family visitation is set for 7-8:30 Friday at the funeral home.

Eugenia Grizzle

1924-2003

Eugenia Faye Grizzle, longtime Ira resident, died Tuesday, Aug. 12, in Semper Care Center in Midland after a lengthy illness.

Service for Mrs. Grizzle, 79, is set for 2 p.m. Friday in the Ira Baptist Church. The Rev. Kenneth Martin, minister of the church, and Kevin Huddleston, Church of Christ minister of San Angelo, will officiate.

Born on June 9, 1924 in Ira, she married Jesse William Grizzle on March 14, 1945 in Ira. He died on June 10, 1979. Mrs. Grizzle was a homemaker and had lived in Ira for nearly 50 years, moving to Midland five years ago.

She was preceded in death by three sisters.

Survivors include one son and daughter-in-law, Dennis and Dianne Grizzle of Midland; a granddaughter, Cassandra Dianne Grizzle of Midland; and two grandsons, Heath Wayne Grizzle of Lubbock and Jesse Brent Grizzle of Midland.

Family visitation will be from 6:30-7:30 Thursday evening at the funeral home.

The family meal will be served at 11:45 a.m. Friday at the Ira Baptist Church.

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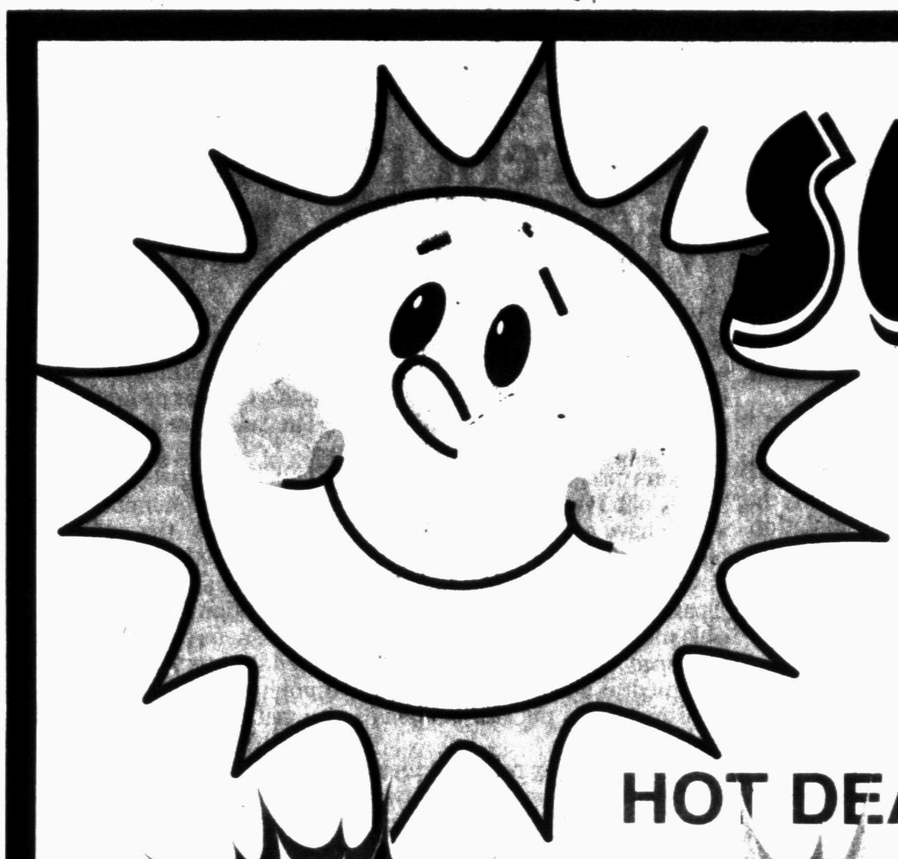

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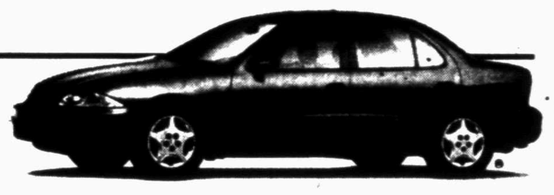
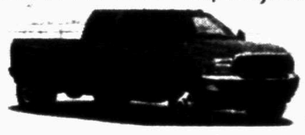


1999 Buick Century Custom	*Metallic blue, #A2886A*	$6,500
2000 Chevy Cavalier	*4 door, auto, bright red, 47K, #A2092A*	$6,500
2000 Chevy Impala	*Power windows/locks, CD player, tan, #G6056A*	$8,850
2001 Ford Escort	*4 dr. sedan, automatic, 22K, red, #P5264*	$7,950
1998 Ford Crown Victoria	*Big car ride - small price, #P8308*	$7,950
1999 Ford Mustang Sport	*V-6, auto, 47K, red, #TC6029A*	$9,500
2- 1999 Mercury Cougar	*V-6, new body style, black, "Priced Your Way"*	$7,950
2000 Pontiac Grand Am	*Sport sedan, silver, low miles, #A2092B*	$6,950
1998 Olds Aurora	*White diamond, #C6081A*	$9,500

CREW CABS!

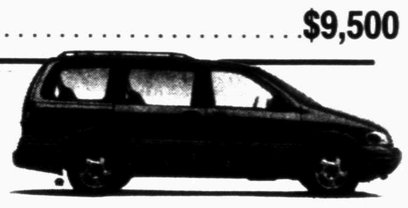
2002 Dodge Ram 1500 SLT	*Silver, V-8, equipped not stripped, #A3893*	$21,500
2002 Dodge Ram 1500 SLT	*White, V-8, chrome everywhere, #TC6205*	$22,300
2001 Chevy 1500 Crew Cab	*V-8, LS pkg., 4x4, 1 owner, #P7473*	$23,500
2002 Chevy 2500 HD	*40K, shortbed LS*	$22,750
2000 Chevy 2500 HD	*78K, LS, must see*	$16,500

HD DIESEL TRUCKS!



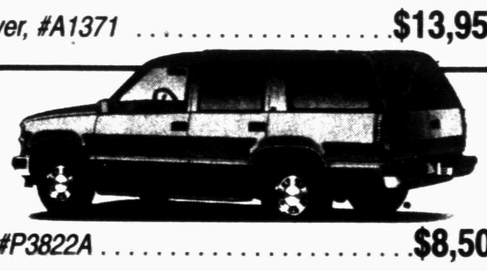
2002 Dodge 2500 Quad Cab	*Cummins SLT pkg., bright red #TC6057A*	$23,500
2001 Ford F350 Crew Cab 4x4	*Powerstroke Lariat, #P0722*	$26,500
2002 Ford F250 Super Cab XL	*#P2959*	$27,000
2001 Ford F350 Crew Cab XLT	*5 speed, #P4613*	$24,900

VANTASTIC VANS!



2000 Pontiac Montana	*#TG6279A*	$11,950
2003 Chevy Astro Van	*Dual a/c, like new, 21K, #TC6167B*	$15,500
2002 Pontiac Montana	*Silver, #C5720B*	$14,950
2003 Dodge PT Cruiser	*Like new, silver, #A1371*	$13,950

SUVs!



1997 Jeep Wranger	*65K, local owner, #P3822A*	$8,500
1999 Chevy Tahoe	*Loaded, high miles*	$8,500
1998 Ford Explorer XLT	*Teal, V-8, #TC5944C*	$9,900
1997 Chevy Suburban 4x4 LS	*White, #C5877B*	$9,200
1997 Ford Expedition XLT	*Silver, like new, #P6427A*	$12,500
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1999 Chevy Tahoe 4x4	*2 door, loaded, coppertone, #C6200A*	$16,500
2003 Jeep Liberty	*4 door, power windows/locks, new body style, #A5065*	$16,950
2001 Chevy Tahoe LS	*4 Door, charcoal gray, local, #PT5884A*	$21,500
2001 Chevy Suburban LS	*Split bench seat , dual a/c, #C6107A*	$19,950
2001 Chevy Suburban	*Loaded, bucket seats, one owner, #TC5852A*	$22,000
2003 GMC Envoy	*White, local owner, 17.5K, #TC6247A*	$22,500
2002 Chevy Trailblazer	*36K, white, power wind./locks, CD pl., #C5696A*	$19,550
2002 Chevy Trailblazer	*Pewter, 39K, "Priced Your Way", #TC6085A*	$18,950

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