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MY TURN

by Jo Ann Nunley



How things do change in a year.

I was invited to go on a dream trip to Italy last June with my oldest granddaughter, Hannah Bratton, and her mother and my daughter, Rhonda Bratton, along with a group of other students who attended O. Henry Middle School in Austin.

I was warned that there would be a lot of walking and we would carry a backpack or bag everywhere we went. That was definitely an understatement.

Early last spring after some urging, I started walking a month in advance to get in condition for the 10-day trek. But no way could I imagine the kind of walking we would be doing — over stone paths, up steep inclines, climbing a kazillion steep, narrow steps, all while carrying luggage (part of the time) in the late June heat.

Part of the heavy luggage problem took care of itself early on in the trip due to the airlines losing our luggage. We learned quickly we were with a quality group when they offered to loan us their clothes.

Our luggage, with tags marked France and other places we had not and would not visit, finally caught up with us the day before we were to return home. And to my surprise, there was no handy Wal-Mart to get clothes to replace the well-planned baggage contents.

Walking around West Elementary and Snyder Junior High several times a week, sometimes even two times, must have helped more than I realized at the time.

Being the only grandmother, the oldest one in our group, I was quite proud of myself and my endurance for 61— I only fell down one time and I was up so quickly that hardly anyone realized I had fallen. I kept up with the group most of the time from 6:30 a.m. to 10 or 11 p.m., right up front as a matter of fact, partly so I could hear the tour guide better.

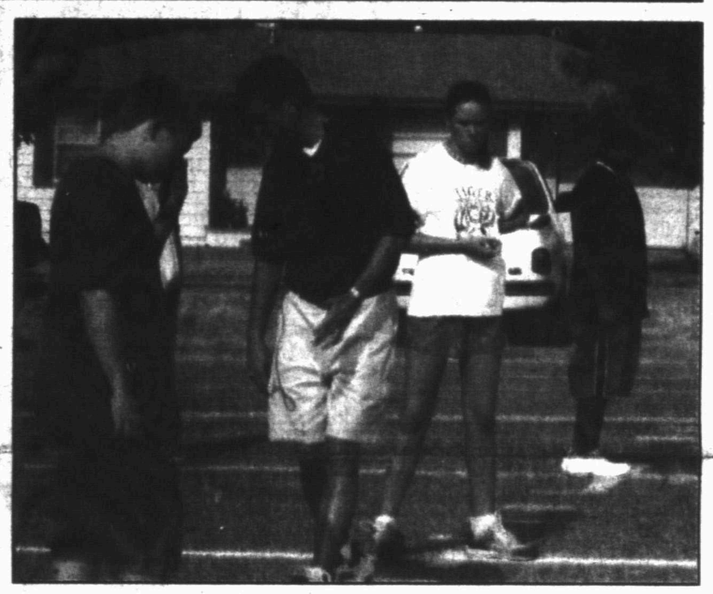
Getting to visit in Milan, Rome and the Vatican City, Florence, Venice, Assisi and Pompei, is a trip I'll always cherish and am so glad I went last year and not this year.

One year later there would be no running in airports, long walks over stone paths, long rides in airplanes and buses, and endless stair steps.

Almost one year later to the date, Hannah and I visited the Medieval Frescoes from the Vatican museums that we missed on our trip to Europe last summer.

Memories made with grandchildren are priceless and I vow to make as many as possible, as quickly as possible, because I've found that lots of physical changes are made in a year's time.





KEEPING PACE — Snyder High School band director Donnie Reston gives instructions to the marching band this morning in the sophomore parking lot. The band is preparing for the first home game Aug. 30 against Frenship. (SDN Staff Photo)

Grand jury no-bills two

In incident involving 3-year-old left on local Head Start van

Two endangerment to a child cases were presented to the Scurry County grand jury Monday and each person under investigation was no-billed.

The cases presented involved Ester Caberra and Karrie Brunson who were employed with Scurry County Head Start when a three-year-old child under their care was left in a van for eight hours on June 27.

Both were placed on suspension following the incident and neither is currently employed at the facility.

Shirley Fritz, director of the head start program, said today she is still waiting on the investigative report from the state on the incident involving Alisha Sanchez.

In other grand jury action, three persons who were indicted Monday but had not been arrested have now been taken into custody.

Michael Wayne Ewing, 22, of 100 E. 37th St., Apt. 44, was arrested Monday afternoon following his indictment for sexual assault, a second degree felony.

Ewing is accused of sexually assaulting a female younger than 17 years of age on July 5. Ewing is currently in jail in lieu of a $15,000 bond.

Sherlyn Timora, 48, of 5400 College Ave., Apt. 28, was indicted for forging a check on May 12 on the account of Vicyor and Irene Beinhauer in the amount of $840.

She is out of jail on a $5,000 bond.

Cirila Mar-De Ramrez, 27, who resides in the Fieldcrest Apartments, was charged with evading arrest on May 28.

She is accused of fleeing from Snyder police officer Kenny Burns. She is out of jail on a $5,000 bond.

Against Iraq...

U.S. barred from Saudi Arabia if attacks occur

JIDDAH, Saudi Arabia (AP) — Saudi Arabia has made clear to Washington that the U.S. military will not be allowed to use the kingdom's soil in any way for an attack on Iraq, Foreign Minister Prince Saud said today.

Saud said in an interview with The Associated Press that his country opposes any U.S. operation against Iraq "because we believe it is not needed, especially now that Iraq is moving to implement United Nations resolutions."

"We have told them we don't (want) them to use Saudi grounds" for any attack on Iraq, he said.

With speculation building about possible U.S. military action. Iraq last week invited U.N. chief weapons inspector Hans Blix to Baghdad for talks that could lead to a resumption of the inspections after more than 31/2 years.

President Bush has said he is committed to a regime change in Iraq, and Washington has dismissed the Blix invitation as a ploy.

In a letter replying to the Iraqi offer, U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan told Baghdad it must accept the Security Council's terms for the return of weapons inspectors.

Under U.N. Security Council resolutions, sanctions imposed after Iraq's 1990 invasion of Kuwait cannot be lifted until U.N. inspectors certify that Iraq's biological, chemical, and nuclear weapons have been destroyed along with the long-range missiles to deliver them.

The United States reportedly has quietly moved munitions, equipment and communications gear to the al-Udeid Air Base in Qatar from Saudi Arabia in recent months, concerned the kingdom would not lend its full support to military action.

Arab nations uniformly have come out against a U.S. military campaign to oust Saddam Hussein, even though there is little love regionally for the Iraqi leader. Most Arab nations joined the U.S.-led Gulf War coalition that liberated Kuwait in 1991, with Saudi Arabia inviting U.S. troops to the oil-rich kingdom to help defend it against Saddam's forces.

Today, Saud denied any speculation that Saudi Arabia might privately support action to remove Saddam despite its public opposition.

He said the private line to Washington was no different from the public remarks:

"We couldn't have made our position more clear, our leaders have said this and everybody responsible in the kingdom has said this."

"For the government of Iraq, the leadership of Iraq, any change that happens there has to come from the Iraqi people. This is our attitude," Saud said.

Opposition to U.S. action against Iraq has also been growing more vocal in Europe.

German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder this week came out against an attack. In an interview published today, he said military action would wreck the international coalition, throw the Mideast into turmoil and hurt the economy.

A government minister in Britain, a country seen as Bush's strongest supporter against Iraq, suggested Baghdad's gesture to readmit inspectors could make military action unnecessary.

Lee Presswood...

Trustees interview first candidate for interim post at SISD

Snyder ISD's trustees interviewed former Northeast Elementary principal Lee Presswood Tuesday evening the board began its search for an interim superintendent.

Presswood, who has been with the local system for 23 years, retired from the district at the end of school last spring after serving as Northeast principal for 12 years.

Trustees will meet at 6 p.m. today 6 o'clock for the first of two interviews. They first will interview former Denver City superintendent Howard Pollard and at 7 p.m. will meet with Jim Kirkland.

Kirkland formerly served as the Perryton ISD superintendent.

A fourth interview for Thursday night has been cancelled, according to Mark McCormick, board president.

McCormick said a decision on an interim superintendent to replace Gayle Lomax who abruptly resigned, could be made following this evening's meetings, or during Thursday's regular board meeting.

McCormick presided at Tuesday's meeting and all board members were present to include Luann Burleson, Richard Chambers, Cathy Peoples, Glenn Clarady, Mike Levens and Doug Neff.

Houston police kill robbery suspect

HOUSTON (AP) — A robbery suspect was shot and killed by Houston police officers after he pointed a pistol at them, a police spokesman says.

At least three officers opened fire Tuesday afternoon in the courtyard of an apartment building off Katy Freeway near the Sam Houston Tollway, police spokesman Alvin Wright said Tuesday.

Undercover officers had staked out a vehicle believed connected to several armed robberies, Wright said. They followed Ronald M. Cunningham, 41, when he left the apartments, but lost him in traffic, Wright said.

After hearing of a robbery of a pizza restaurant in west Houston, police officers returned to the apartments, thinking Cunningham would return, Wright said. The shooting followed.

Cunningham had his gun out when officers moved in to arrest him, Wright said.

"He put the weapon in his mouth, and officers ordered him to drop the weapon and to surrender," Wright said.

Reservations needed for Friday lunch

The open house at the AHNTECH bomber scoring site at Winston Field is Friday morning and a hot dog lunch will be served.

The public is invited, but the chamber of commerce needs a count of how many lunches to prepare.

Citizens planning on attending the open house, should call the chamber, 573-3558, before noon Thursday.

Hot dogs, apple pie and all the trimmings will be served beginning around 11 a.m.

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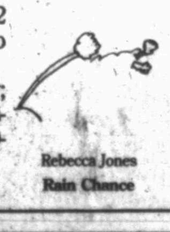
Q—Why does it take two people, one on a four-wheeler and one in a truck, to read the city's water meters?

A—Because a new meter reader is in training. When she learns the route, she will do it alone.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Tuesday, 92 degrees; low, 69; 7 a.m. Wednesday, 72; no precipitation; total for 2002, 14.31 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy; low lower 70s; E winds 5-15 mph; Thursday, partly cloudy; high 90-95; SE winds 10-15 mph; 20% rain chance.



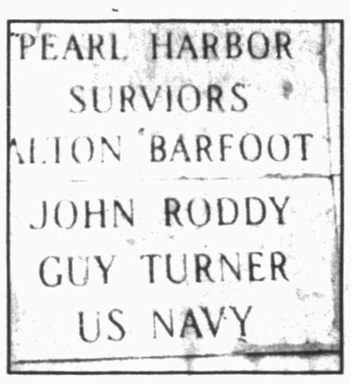
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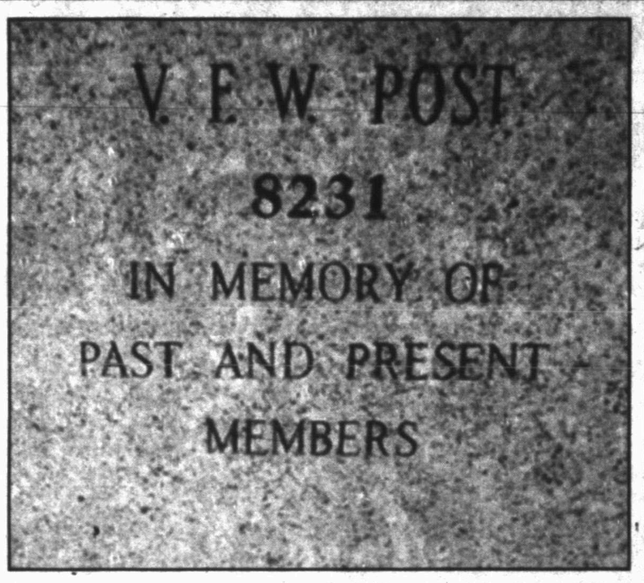
Sunset: 8:34 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:05 a.m.
Of 218 days in 2002, the sun has shone 211 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Become so wrapped up in something that you forget to be afraid.
—Lady Bird Johnson

VFW memorial





MEMORIAL BRICKS — The Veterans of Foreign Wars are installing new memorial bricks to honor veterans. The project has been in discussion for about four years but work began about six months ago. Bricks cost $25 dollars each (including lettering) and will be installed by VFW members. The memorial (top right photo) is located near the flag pole. Individual names on brick will look like the photo at left. (Contributed Photos)

People on River Walk boat ride sprayed with foul liquid

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — About two dozen people riding on a River Walk boat in downtown San Antonio were forced to strip naked and be decontaminated after they were doused with a foul liquid thrown from a bridge.

It was the third time in about three hours Tuesday night that an ammonia-like chemical was thrown onto boats passing below, San Antonio park police said.

A woman walking near Rivercenter mall was sprayed about 6:30 p.m., and a husband, wife and four children also were sprayed, the San Antonio Express-News reported today.

About 9:30 p.m., as park police searched for whoever was responsible, a two-gallon bucket of the foul substance was dumped upon the river boat as it passed under Commerce Street, officials said.

Most of the people on the $5.25 boat ride were contained to a spot on the river, then told to removed all of their clothes so they could be rinsed and "scrubbed from head to toe," district fire chief Jim Wueste said.

Police took into custody a 17- and 18-year-old based on witness descriptions, but they had not been charged Tuesday night.

Wueste said preliminary lab tests indicated the substance was neutral, or non-corrosive. It covered almost everyone on the boat. Many of them complained of itchy skin and burning eyes, but none had to be taken to the hospital, Wueste said.

Men and women were separated for privacy and given yellow plastic sheets to cover themselves. Eventually, they were dressed in plastic suits to wear home. Their clothes were put into a yellow, plastic 50-gallon drum until hazardous material teams could determine the nature of the substances.

Officials said it smelled like urine and had ammonia-like qualities.

Pat O'Brien, special projects coordinator for Yanaguana Cruises Inc., tried to handle the customers with as much finesse as he could, including literally giving one woman the shirt off his back.

O'Brien said it's not unusual for people to throw papers or empty cups into the boats as they pass, but never had he encountered something as severe as Tuesday night's incident.

About 15 regular tourist boats and five or six dinner boats cruise the San Antonio River on a typical night, he said. April Solalinde, a supervisor for the boat company, was one of the first on the scene. "I can't believe people would do something like this," she said. "This is terrible."

Many on the boat immediately began to rinse with river water, which may have been irritating as well, O'Brien said.

Fire officials set up a plastic tent along the banks and blocked a large portion of street access with yellow tape to protect people's privacy.

House investigators want to question Martha Stewart

NEW YORK (AP) — House investigators sent a letter to Martha Stewart's lawyer asking again for the opportunity to question Stewart on her possible involvement in an insider trading scandal at ImClone Systems.

The House Energy and Commerce Committee requested additional documents from Stewart on Tuesday — including e-mails and records from her business manager — as they widened the probe into her sale of ImClone shares a day before they plummeted.

In a letter to Stewart's lawyer Tuesday, the committee chairman, Rep. Billy Tauzin, R-La., and Rep. James D. Greenwood, R-Pa., chairman of the subcommittee on oversight and investigations, requested an interview with Stewart to clear up discrepancies between her account of the sale and that of her broker and his assistant.

Stewart, chief executive of Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia Inc., has declined to meet with investigators, saying it's premature. However, her lawyer said they would do everything they could to comply with the committee's request for documents.

Stewart disposed of nearly 4,000 shares on Dec. 27, a day before ImClone stock tanked on the news that the Food and Drug Administration refused to accept the biotech company's application to review its highly touted cancer drug.

Stewart maintains she simply had an order to sell her stock when it went below $60. But doubt has been cast on that assertion because she and her Merrill Lynch broker, Peter Bacanovic, differ on when the order was placed.

Bacanovic's assistant, Douglas Faneuil, originally said there was such an order but has since changed his story.

Tuesday's New York Times and Wall Street Journal reported that Faneuil told investigators that Bacanovic ordered him to call Stewart to advise her to sell her shares because ImClone's founder and members of his family were dumping their shares. Phone records obtained by the House committee show no record of such a call, said Ken Johnson, a spokesman for the panel.

They do have a record of Bacanovic calling Stewart that afternoon, shortly after which she sold her shares.

Furthermore, a statement given under oath by Stewart's assistant, Ann Armstrong, said that Bacanovic called Stewart on the morning of Dec. 27. There is no record of that call.

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TEXAS LOTTERY

RESULTS

Texas Two Step

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Texas Two Step numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery:

15-23-25-35

Bonus number 18

Estimated jackpot: $200,000

Cash Five

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

7-8-15-25-33

Pick 3

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

1-7-2

Pistol is fired accidentally

ATLANTA (AP) — An antique .38-caliber pistol accidentally discharged and hit a glass door as it was being handled by Rep. Bob Barr during a reception in his honor. No one was hurt.

Georgia lobbyist Bruce Widener said Tuesday that he had removed the magazine from the 1908 Colt but did not clear the chamber before handing the weapon to Barr, a board member of the National Rifle Association.

Widener said "one of us hit the trigger" just as he gave Barr the gun during Friday's reception.

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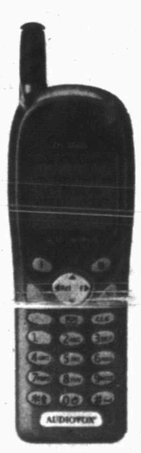
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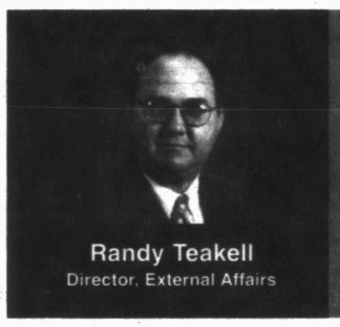
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Texas Needs Pro-Investment Broadband Policy

Despite broadband's promise, broadband investment isn't happening the way it should across Texas. DSL isn't being made available to many communities that would otherwise be attractive candidates for new investment.

For more information about high-speed Internet access, please visit www.connecttexas.org

SBC Southwestern Bell

Texas has suffered immensely from the recent technology meltdown. The Texas Workforce Commission recently reported the state lost over 38,000 high-tech jobs in 2001.

Recovery won't happen overnight, but there may be good news ahead. Broadband deployment can be an important catalyst for getting the Texas economy on track. But that won't happen unless the Texas Legislature adopts a state policy encouraging ongoing broadband investment.

Broadband is the technology that makes faster Internet connections possible. With broadband, a Bastrop business can videoconference with Dallas clients. A San Saba entrepreneur can run a distribution business from her home. The possibilities are endless.

Unfortunately, broadband investment isn't happening the way it could. Companies like SBC Southwestern Bell are eager to bring broadband's benefits to customers. While our flagship broadband offering is Digital Subscriber Line (DSL), we partnered with a satellite vendor to ensure greater availability of high-speed Internet access.

Investment has stalled due to Texas' uneven regulations. Cable companies, our chief competitors, operate almost regulation-free, helping them corner almost 70 percent of the high-speed market. Meanwhile, companies offering DSL must comply with rules intended for the traditional telephone business — a disparity that makes DSL more expensive to deploy and an uncertain investment.

The effect of the disparity is DSL isn't being made available to many communities that would otherwise be attractive for investment. While today's version of DSL won't ever be viable in certain locations, other high-speed technologies similar to DSL will be. It will be just as difficult to justify investing in any new services if policymakers continue to single them out for unique regulatory burdens.

In 2003, the Texas Legislature can send a strong signal to regulators: Texans want a robust environment for broadband investment. Lawmakers can accept the status quo — and watch broadband go to states with policies encouraging investment — or they can demand an environment to keep broadband benefits here in Texas.

Randy Teakell
Director, External Affairs

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



World War II desert battalion rises again after man's plea

DEAR ABBY: You have some amazing readers! When I wrote about my mother's adventures in the Desert Battalion during World War II, I had no idea there would be such a response.

Within 12 hours after my letter appeared in your column on May 30, I received a dozen phone calls and numerous e-mail messages. Two days later, letters started arriving.

With only my name and hometown, your readers tracked me down to tell me they had located copies of "The Desert Battalion" on various book-search sites.

One man had a copy he was kind enough to send to me; another had one because he was a personal friend of Mrs. Edward G. Robinson's and had actually accompanied the battalion on several trips to visit the troops in 1943-44; and a lady from San Diego named Betty called to say she had been one of the original battalion!

Amazingly, Mrs. Robinson's granddaughter also called. We talked for an hour about her grandmother's reminiscences of the battalion. We plan to correspond further.

I was able to order a copy of the book, which I have given to Mom; received another as a gift; and learned much about Gen. Patton's secret "Camp X" near Palm Desert, Calif. The Desert Battalion was the only civilian group to go there or know about it.

It's been an amazing experience, thanks to you, your readers, and the U.S. Postal Service, which delivered many letters to me addressed only with my name, city and state! — **DAVE KOHL, WEST LINN, ORE.**

DEAR DAVE: My readers are the most caring and generous people in the world. I'm not surprised that they were galvanized to action after reading your letter. Thank you for sharing your happiness. (I'll have more on this subject tomorrow.)

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DEAR ABBY: A few years ago, my mother told me my father had cheated on her. They are now divorced. I decided then that my father would not walk down the aisle when I got married — nor would he and his new wife ever be invited to my wedding.

Even though that day is a long way off (I am 12), I was wondering if you agree with my decision. — **MAD AT DAD IN VIRGINIA**

DEAR MAD AT DAD: I understand your anger at your father, and your protectiveness toward your mother. The best advice I can offer is not to make any hard-and-fast decisions at this time.

When you are older, and actually planning your wedding, you will better understand the reasons why your parents' marriage failed, and then you can make a mature decision that you will not later regret.

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DEAR ABBY: I am 76. My husband is 79. Until recently, our sex life was nonexistent. Somehow he got his hands on a sample of Viagra and now he is, as they say, "hot to trot."

The trouble is, he has serious heart problems and gets so flushed and out of breath when we have sex that it scares me. I don't think he should be taking the pills.

I know you have medical experts you could ask for advice. I'm sure he hasn't told his cardiologist he's taking Viagra. Help! — **WORRIED IN COLORADO**

DEAR WORRIED: If your husband won't tell his cardiologist he's taking Viagra, you should — and do it today. From what I have read, in most cases, sex won't kill a man with a heart condition, but the combination of Viagra with the wrong medication could. Your husband might prefer to go out with a "bang" — but before he takes the risk, you both should be fully informed.

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Tampering charge dropped

HOUSTON (AP) — A jury had just been selected, but a tampering charge against a Bellaire police officer was dismissed before a trial could proceed. Prosecutors said they decided officer Jimmie Norman, who had been on leave with pay since October, made an honest mistake.

Norman was one of five defendants in a case that grew out of one undercover vehicle rear-ending another undercover vehicle in late June of last year.

The other defendants, members of the Harris County Organized Crime and Narcotics Task Force, were accused of making false reports about the accident.

Bobby Oliver, 42, a former sheriff's deputy, was sentenced Monday to two years' deferred adjudication after pleading guilty. His accident report said he had been chasing a suspect, prosecutors said.

Norman spent part of the evening with the others, but was not involved in the accident, prosecutors said. He filed a report saying he had worked that night. When confronted with the discrepancy, Norman said his duty had been a day earlier and that he erred in filling out his report to the task force.

Prosecutors said they did not learn of the mistake until they talked to a witness on Tuesday.

Wrong teen listed as dead

BRANDENBURG, Ky. (AP) — Family members mourning the death of a teenager were ready to say their goodbyes at a funeral home when they discovered that the body in the casket wasn't his.

Relatives of John D. Grubs Jr., one of two teens involved in a car crash on July 31, learned during the funeral home visit Saturday that it was in fact the other teen, Jeremy Hylemon, who had been killed in the accident.

Meanwhile, Grubs, who suffered critical injuries but survived, was misidentified as Hylemon by the dead teen's family.

The body at the funeral home would have been cremated if Hylemon's grandmother hadn't attended the funeral and recognized her grandson, said Meade County Sheriff's Deputy William Sego.

The two teens were flown to Louisville after the crash. Hylemon died later that morning at University Hospital.

Grubs' father and other relatives had identified the dead boy as John Grubs, 16, officials said. Meanwhile, Hylemon's family identified the injured boy as Jeremy Hylemon, 15, and sat vigil over him for three days, said Ken Marshall, a spokesman for University Hospital.

"People have been asking me how this happened, and I have to tell them, 'I don't know,'" said Richard Siclari, a Jefferson County deputy coroner who escorted Grubs' family into a room at the hospital where they identified the dead teenager as their son.

"They cried and prayed and said, 'This is John,'" he said. "It's just a terrible case of mistaken identity."

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Thursday, Aug. 8, 2002

The year ahead indicates a ringing out of the old and a bringing in of the new. Many fresh opportunities will be presented to you, allowing you to turn your life around in ways that will enrich you both materially and spiritually.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — By disengaging yourself today from something that has been unproductive, you'll automatically grant yourself the chance for new personal beginnings. Let the old go with no regrets. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Sometimes being introspective allows one to unveil great truths. Today may be one of those times when being off by yourself can lead to discoveries that will free you from erroneous beliefs.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Today marks the beginning of a new short cycle, but with significant occurrences. Events could start developing at this time in a manner that will awaken new hopes for you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — If you haven't been pushing yourself of late, chances are you haven't been achieving up to your potential. Starting today, begin to set new, lofty goals for yourself and crack down on them.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Take advantage of the fresh opportunity you'll get today to uncover new data in an area where you've been working. You can acquire the information you need to resolve an old problem.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — An associate who likes you a lot has been considering inviting you to participate in an endeavor that could be quite profitable. Today may be the day you get brought into the picture.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — This is an excellent day to negotiate that agreement you've been hoping to bring about. Terms can be worked out to everyone's mutual advantage.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — You've always been willing to work hard for personal gain, but you don't always get the breaks. Today, if you're strongly motivated, this won't be an obstacle.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — If there is something you would like to be more involved in, today may be the day to make your move. Don't wait to be asked, go after it.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — At those times today when you find yourself looking out for the welfare of others, you will achieve great personal satisfaction. It'll make you feel good about yourself.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Someone you met recently and have been hoping to cultivate a friendship with may openly offer acceptance of you today. If you want to get your wish, respond in kind.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Today may mark a red-letter day for you concerning your work or career. An important development may transpire that will have a direct effect on bettering your earnings.

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Man was sentenced

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A man pleaded no contest to stealing Jackie Robinson's National League championship ring and was sentenced to 180 days in jail.

Miguel Rodriguez, 21, of Los Angeles entered the plea Monday to charges of receiving stolen property and to grand theft of personal property, Deputy District Attorney Louis Parise said.

Judge Rand S. Rubin ordered Rodriguez to surrender Sept. 5 to begin serving the jail term.

Robinson, who broke baseball's color barrier in 1947, won the ring in 1953 with the Brooklyn Dodgers.

Robinson's brother-in-law, Charles Raymond, inherited the ring after Robinson's death in 1972. He reported that it had been stolen from his home last year.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The IRA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT will hold a public meeting at 6:30 P.M., August 26, 2002 in the Administration Building at Ira, Texas. **The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted.** Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	$ 1.5000	$ -0- *	$ 1.5000	$ 7968	$1131
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	$ 1.9570	$ -0- *	$ 1.9570	$ 8689	$ 410
Proposed Rate	$ 1.5000	$ -0- *	$ 1.5000	$ 6619	$ 410

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax provision is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters on [illegible].

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	$ 32,941	$ 30,932
Average Taxable Value of Residences	$ 22,041	$ 20,510
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per $100 Value	$ 1.5000	$ 1.5000
Taxes Due on Average Residence	$ 330.62	$ 307.65
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		$ (22.97)

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

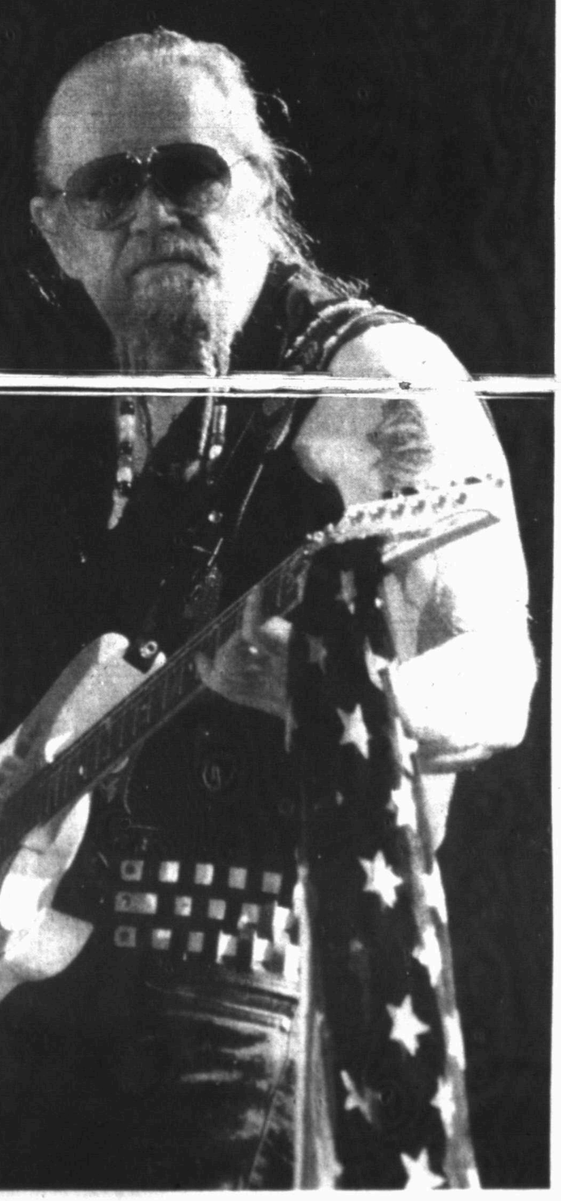
Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.50. **This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of** 1.50.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	$ 475,000
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	$ -0-

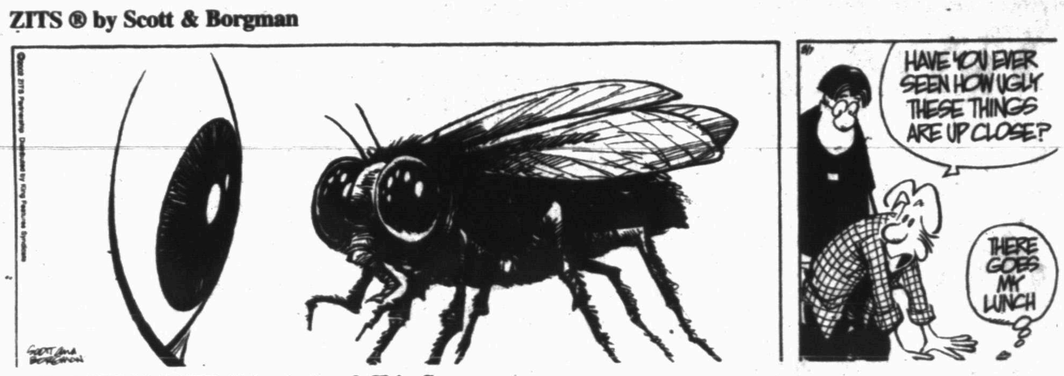
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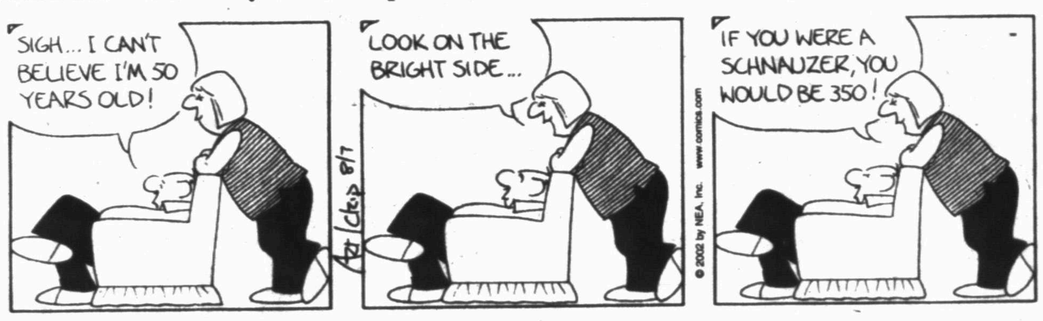
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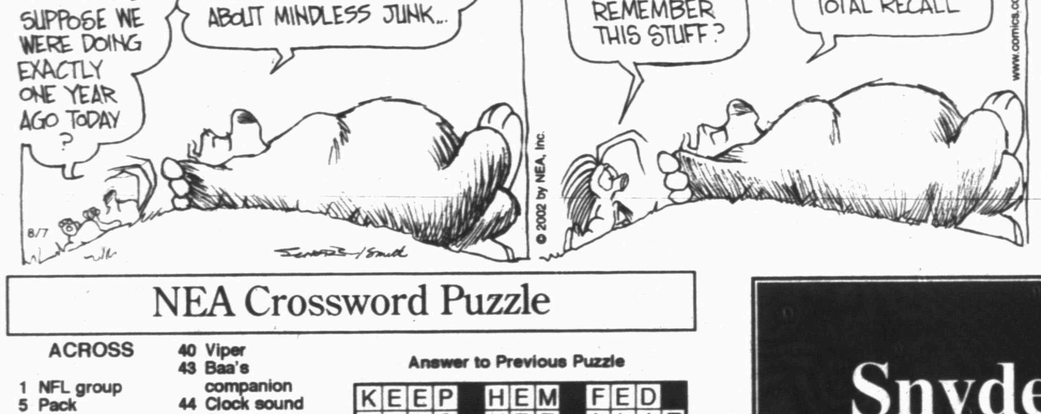


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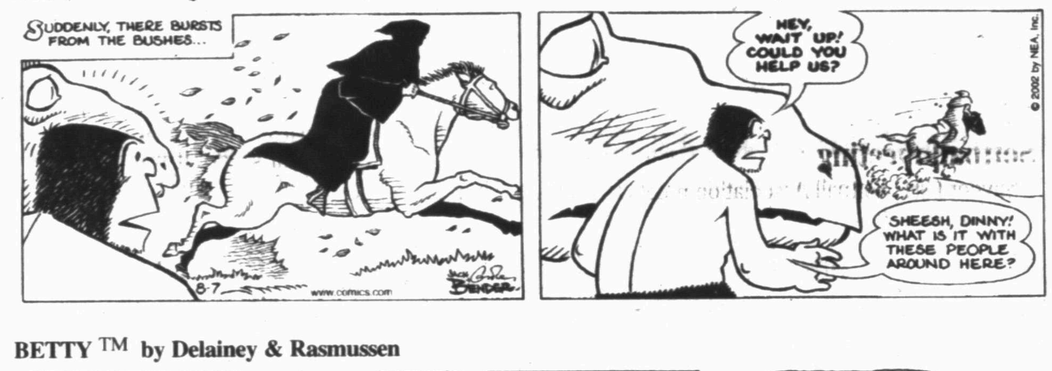
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30 Delicate hue
32 Basement opposite
33 Reflection
34 Closet freshener
37 Like pea-soup fog
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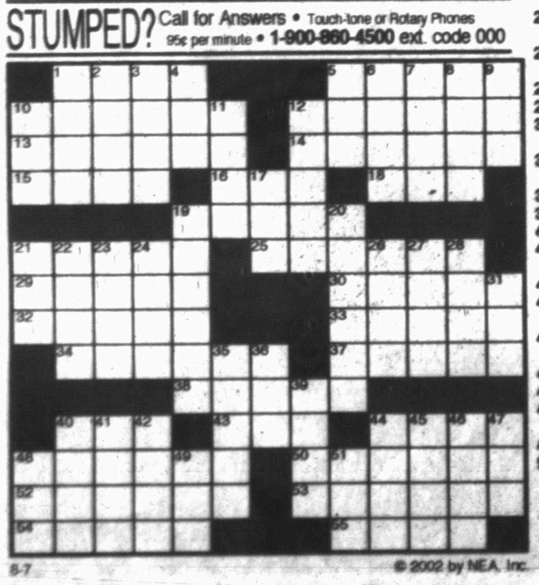
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SPORTS

Players could set strike date

NEW YORK (AP) — Depending on whether there is progress this week at baseball's labor talks, players could set a strike date Monday when their union's executive board meets in Chicago.

The board held a telephone conference call Tuesday to discuss negotiations, where slow-but-steady progress is being made. It also prepared a response today to the owners' proposal for mandatory drug testing.

Players seem reluctant to set a deadline that could trigger baseball's ninth work stoppage since 1972. But depending on negotiations the rest of this week, a strike date could be set at the Chicago meeting, according to a pair of lawyers familiar with the union's deliberations, both speaking on condition of anonymity.

"It's hard for me to believe that we're going to get anything done without having a deadline," NL player representative Tom Glavine said. "It's almost like the threat of a strike date has kind of become the deadline of this thing. If that spurs things on, great."

On the drug issue, it appears players will agree to some level of tests for steroids and performance-enhancing drugs.

"Everyone's going to test for illegal steroids," Chicago White Sox infielder Jeff Liefer said after the conference call.

Earlier this year, former MVPs Jose Canseco and Ken Caminiti admitted steroid use, and Canseco estimated up to 85 percent of major leaguers took muscle-enhancing drugs when he played.

"As players, we want to be able to clear our name from what Caminiti and Canseco said," Toronto's Vernon Wells said. "Unfortunately, we have to prove our innocence. If none of that happened we wouldn't have to do this."

Baseball has been without a drug agreement since 1985. Owners have proposed testing all players three times a year for performance-enhancing drugs and once a year for illegal drugs such as cocaine and marijuana.

Negotiators for players and owners met twice Tuesday, spending most of their time discussing the owners' proposals for debt regulation and new rules regarding the funding of deferred compensation. They did not discuss the central issues: management's proposals for increased revenue sharing and for a luxury tax that would slow the increase of player salaries.

"The key issues that will determine whether we have to set a strike date or not are still being talked about," Baltimore player representative Jason Johnson said. "We'll find out on Monday what's going to be done."

Negotiations for a deal to replace the one that expired Nov. 7 have intensified the past 10 days, and the sides have reached agreements on minor issues.

"The state of negotiations is guarded optimism. We are at a very crucial point right now," New York Yankees player representative Mike Stanton said. "The simple fact that we haven't set a date yet shows how much we understand it will affect the game and the fans. But we don't want the fact that we haven't set a date to be seen as some sign of weakness. We'll do what we have to do."

Players fear that without an agreement, owners will lock them out or change work rules after the World Series. The union would rather have a work stoppage late in the season, when more pressure is on owners, than during the spring.

Union head Donald Fehr said the timing of setting a strike date "depends on the status of the negotiations." Asked whether the executive board will discuss a strike date Monday, he said, it would go over "all issues related to negotiations."

Wells said establishing a deadline wasn't discussed during the conference call.

"No strike date has been set, and it looks like we may not have to set one," he said.

Tampa Bay's John Flaherty was wary about reports of progress.

"What you hear on TV and the radio and read in the papers can give you a very clouded picture," he said. "I'm not sure it's as optimistic as that."

While the sides are making progress on finding a middle ground on revenue sharing, the luxury tax will probably be the most divisive issue. Players were reluctant to agree to a luxury tax for the 1997, '98 and '99 seasons, and most owners felt that tax was ineffective.

The tax in the previous deal affected only the teams with the five highest payrolls and was at 34 or 35 percent, depending on the year. Owners are seeking a 50 percent tax on the portions of payrolls over $98 million. Players think such a tax, when combined with increased revenue sharing, would act like a salary cap.

"No one wants to strike, but the players will strike if that's what it takes to cut a deal," Liefer said. "We get treated like it's a business, so we've got to act like it's a business."

LADY TIGER VOLLEYBALL

DATE		OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
Aug.	20	Plainview	Plainview	6:00
Aug.	23	Bev Ball tourn.	Abilene	TBA
Aug.	24	Bev Ball tourn.	Abilene	TBA
Aug.	27	Odessa/Monahans	Monahans	4:30
Aug.	30	Justin Northwest tourn.	Ft. Worth	TBA
Aug.	31	Justin Northwest tourn.	Ft. Worth	TBA
Sept.	3	Midland High/Andrews	Midland	5:00
Sept.	6	Trinity Christian tourn.	Lubbock	TBA
Sept.	7	Trinity Christian tourn.	Lubbock	TBA
Sept.	10	Midland Lee/Monahans	Midland	TBA
Sept.	14	Colorado City	Snyder	Noon
Sept.	17	Lubbock Cooper	Snyder	5:30
Sept.	21	Seminole	Seminole	1:00
Sept.	24	Denver City	Snyder	5:30
Sept.	28	Lamesa	Lamesa	1:00
Oct.	1	Brownfield	Snyder	5:30
Oct.	5	Sweetwater	Sweetwater	1:00
Oct.	8	Lubbock Trinity	Lubbock	5:30
Oct.	12	Lubbock Cooper	Lubbock	1:00
Oct.	15	Seminole	Snyder	5:30
Oct.	19	Denver City	Denver City	1:00
Oct.	22	Lamesa	Snyder	5:30
Oct.	26	Brownfield	Brownfield	1:00
Oct.	29	Sweetwater	Snyder	5:30

Astros blank Marlins, 2-0

HOUSTON (AP) — Lance Berkman just hoped he could help with his defense.

He made a spectacular catch in center field and hit a two-run double to lift the Houston Astros to a 2-0 victory over the Florida Marlins on Tuesday night.

The catch in the second inning was the most talked about subject of the night in both clubhouses.

With no score and runners on first and second, Mike Redmond hit a long drive just left of dead center. Berkman was playing too shallow and had to turn and sprint after the ball.

He caught it over his shoulders in full stride. It was a rewarding play for Berkman, who was in a 2-for-30 slump entering the game.

"My dad always told me if you're not beating them with your bat, do it with your glove or your legs," Berkman said. "Do something to help win and I've adopted that philosophy.

"It was just one of those things that happens. It's nothing you think about. It's like when you're a kid playing pass in your back yard. You run a deep pattern and somebody lobs a football over your shoulder."

Dave Mlicki (4-7) won his first game since April 27, a span which included a 53-day stint on the DL and eight losses.

"I didn't know he had it," Mlicki said. "I knew it was hit hard. I was fortunate tonight. That play was big. He's something special out there defensively and, of course, offensively."

Redmond was astounded by the catch.

"Lance made that catch and it probably kept us from scoring two runs," Redmond said. "It could have changed the outcome of the game.

"It was an incredible catch. To sprint back and catch it over your shoulder like that was something. He's an All-Star and you can see why."

Marlins manager Jeff Torborg agreed.

"It was an outstanding play," Torborg said. "I don't know if you can make a catch like that look easy, but he seemed to. It was like he had it all the way."

Berkman's catch and his double in the third spoiled what Torborg thought was a strong performance by Florida starter Josh Beckett, who scattered three hits while striking out five in five innings.

"Josh wasn't real sharp with his location," Torborg said. "But he battled. He couldn't get his curve over and had trouble locating his fastball. But he showed how special a player he's going to be."

Tigers trip Rangers, 8-2

DETROIT (AP) — Steve Sparks struck out eight in his third complete game of the season, and Carlos Pena hit a three-run homer as the Detroit Tigers beat the Texas Rangers 8-2 Tuesday night.

Shane Halter added a solo shot for the Tigers, who won for only the second time in 10 games and snapped a three-game losing streak.

Sparks (6-11) gave up seven hits and walked one in his 16th career complete game. It was the second win in three starts for the knuckleballer, who has struggled most of the season.

Texas starter Chan Ho Park (4-6) allowed three runs and five hits in three innings before leaving because of a blister on his right middle finger. He was replaced by Todd Van Poppel to start the fourth.

The Tigers broke a 1-1 tie with two runs in the third on Robert Fick's RBI single and a bases-loaded sacrifice fly by Chris Truby.

Detroit added four more in the fourth off Van Poppel.

Leadoff batter George Lombard singled, stole second and scored on Damion Easley's single. After a walk to Randall Simon, Pena hit his 12th home run of the year.

The drive into the right-field stands was Pena's fifth home run with the Tigers since arriving from Oakland in the three-team trade that sent pitcher Jeff Weaver to the New York Yankees on July 6.

Detroit took a 1-0 lead in the first inning on an RBI single by Simon.

Texas tied it in the second when Ivan Rodriguez singled, stole second and scored on Herbert Perry's RBI groundout.

The Rangers got a run in the fifth on a run-scoring double by former Tiger Frank Catalanotto.

Texas had runners on second and third with no outs, but Sparks struck out Kevin Mench and Alex Rodriguez before Rafael Palmeiro bounced back to the mound on a check swing.

Halter hit his sixth home in the seventh.

Sports Briefs

Softball meeting

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

Junior high football

Snyder junior high football players will receive equipment Aug. 15 at the SJHS field house. Eighth graders should be there from 1-2 p.m., followed by seventh graders from 2-3 p.m.

Snyder football program

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

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

Softball tournament

The USSSA Men's Class E State Softball Tournament is set for Friday through Sunday at Winston Field. Cost is $175 per team and deadline to enter is Thursday.

To enter, call Chris Maxfield at 573-6862 (day) or 573-4332 (evening).

Blowout partnership tournament

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

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

Junior golf tournament

The Western Texas College Junior Golf Championship is scheduled for Friday. Entry fee is $10 for players 11-under and $15 for ages 12-up. For more information, call the pro shop at 573-9291.

Cargile golf tournament

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

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

Friday swingers

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

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

WGA weekly play day

The SCGA Women's Golf Association holds a weekly play day each Tuesday at 9 a.m. Format is competition against 2001 champion Anita Talbott.

Hunter education course

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

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

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

Major League Baseball

National League
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All Times EDT

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	74	38	.661	—
Montreal	56	56	.500	18
New York	56	56	.500	18
Florida	55	57	.491	19
Philadelphia	54	58	.482	20

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	59	50	.541	—
Cincinnati	58	53	.523	2
Houston	58	53	.523	2
Pittsburgh	51	61	.455	9½
Chicago	47	63	.427	12½
Milwaukee	39	73	.348	21½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	69	44	.611	—
San Francisco	52	50	.554	6½
Los Angeles	62	51	.549	7
Colorado	51	61	.455	17½
San Diego	46	66	.411	22½

Tuesday's Games

Houston 2, Florida 0
N.Y. Mets 5, Milwaukee 1
Montreal 10, St. Louis 1
Colorado 7, Cincinnati 6
Atlanta 4, Arizona 3, 13 innings
Philadelphia 5, San Diego 4, 16 innings
Pittsburgh 3, Los Angeles 1
San Francisco 11, Chicago Cubs 10

Wednesday's Games

N.Y. Mets (D'Amico 5-9) at Milwaukee (Rusch 5-11), 8:05 p.m.
Florida (Burnett 11-7) at Houston (Oswalt 12-6), 8:05 p.m.
Montreal (Ohka 8-6) at St. Louis (Simontacchi 7-3), 8:10 p.m.
Cincinnati (Hamilton 3-6) at Colorado (Jennings 11-5), 9:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Maddux 11-3) at Arizona (Helling 7-8), 10:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Padilla 11-6) at San Diego (Peavy 2-4), 10:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Meadows 0-1) at Los Angeles (Ashby 7-9), 10:10 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Wood 9-5) at San Francisco (Ortiz 7-8), 10:15 p.m.

Thursday's Games

N.Y. Mets (Trachsel 7-7) at Milwaukee (J.Wright 4-10), 2:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Haynes 12-6) at Colorado (Hampton 5-13), 3:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Clement 8-8) at San Francisco (L.Hernandez 7-11), 3:35 p.m.
Florida (Tavarez 7-9) at Houston (Munro 2-1), 4:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Roa 0-1) at San Diego (Lawrence 10-6), 5:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Glavine 14-6) at Arizona (B.Anderson 5-7), 6:05 p.m.
Montreal (Reames 1-2) at St. Louis (Morris 12-7), 8:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh (J.Anderson 8-11) at Los Angeles (Ishii 12-7), 10:10 p.m.

American League
All Times EDT

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	69	42	.622	—
Boston	65	46	.586	4
Baltimore	53	57	.482	15½
Toronto	50	61	.450	19
Tampa Bay	37	75	.330	32½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	69	45	.605	—
Chicago	53	61	.465	16
Cleveland	49	62	.441	18½
Kansas City	46	67	.407	22½
Detroit	42	70	.375	26

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	69	44	.611	—
Anaheim	67	45	.598	1½
Oakland	65	48	.575	4
Texas	47	65	.420	21½

Tuesday's Games

Toronto 14, Seattle 12
Oakland 9, Boston 1
Detroit 8, Texas 2
Baltimore 9, Minnesota 2
Cleveland 4, Tampa Bay 2
Kansas City 6, N.Y. Yankees 2
Anaheim 11, Chicago White Sox 2

Wednesday's Games

Seattle (Pineiro 11-4) at Toronto (Loaiza 4-6), 7:05 p.m.
Texas (Benoit 2-1) at Detroit (Redman 7-9), 7:05 p.m.
Oakland (Harang 3-2) at Boston (Burkett 10-4), 7:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Reed 9-5) at Baltimore (Erickson 4-10), 7:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Sturtze 1-11) at Cleveland (Sabathia 6-9), 7:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Suppan 8-10) at N.Y. Yankees (Clemens 8-3), 7:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Appier 9-9) at Chicago White Sox (Glover 4-5), 8:05 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Minnesota (Radke 4-2) at Baltimore (Driskill 7-5), 12:35 p.m.
Kansas City (Byrd 14-7) at N.Y. Yankees (Pettitte 6-4), 1:05 p.m.
Oakland (Zito 15-4) at Boston (Lowe 15-5), 7:05 p.m.
Texas (Valdes 5-8) at Detroit (Lima 2-5), 7:05 p.m.
Seattle (Moyer 11-4) at Toronto (Carpenter 4-3), 7:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (P.Wilson 4-7) at Cleveland (Baez 8-8), 7:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Sele 8-7) at Chicago White Sox (Ritchie 5-15), 8:05 p.m.

Women's Golf Association

July Results

All irons (back nine): Jo Sterling, 34.5; Barbara Leatherwood and Suzy Reed, 36.5; Jo Sterling, chip-in.

Low score (even holes): Esther Guelker and Peggy Hardin, 47; Esther Guelker and Norma Thompson, chip-in.

Queen of the hill: Peggy Hardin, low gross, 95; Peggy Hardin, low net, 74; Donna Stehley, chip-in.

Nassau tournament: Barbara Leatherwood, front nine, 30.5; Joan Hood and Peggy Hardin, back nine, 32.5; Barbara Leatherwood and Peggy Hardin, total, 66; Joan Hood, chip-in.

Blind partners: Becky Knipe and Suzy Reed, 149; Suzy Reed, chip-in.

Low putters: Penny Perry (A), 28.5; Jo Sterling (B), 30.8; Norma Thompson (C), 32.7.

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	17	11	.607	—
Washington	15	13	.536	2
Charlotte	15	14	.517	2½
Orlando	14	14	.500	3
Indiana	13	15	.464	4
Miami	13	16	.448	4½
Cleveland	10	18	.357	7
Detroit	8	21	.276	9½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Los Angeles	22	6	.786	—
x-Houston	22	7	.759	½
x-Utah	19	10	.655	3½
Portland	16	14	.533	7
Seattle	15	14	.517	7½
Sacramento	11	17	.393	11
Minnesota	10	19	.345	12½
Phoenix	9	20	.310	13½

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Tuesday's Games

Indiana 64, Washington 55
Minnesota 52, New York 49
Charlotte 76, Detroit 65
Houston 67, Cleveland 54
Utah 82, Portland 69
Sacramento 73, Phoenix 70

Wednesday's Games

Orlando at Indiana, 8 p.m.
Cleveland at Phoenix, 10 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Sacramento at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
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Houston at Los Angeles, 10 p.m.

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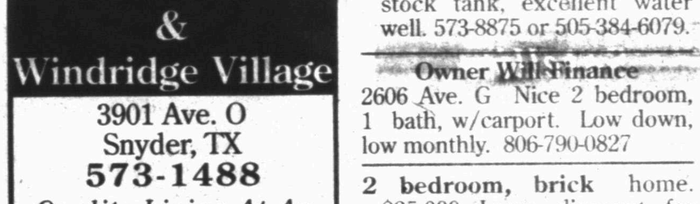
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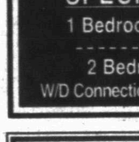
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Handyman in kidnapped teen case highlights parole gamble

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Ed Smart was stunned when police told him the handyman he'd invited into his home last year to do odd jobs was like hundreds of thousands of Americans — a parolee.

Two weeks into his daughter's kidnapping investigation, police told him Richard Albert Ricci was a felon with a 29-year criminal history and a record of parole violations.

"I was mad," Smart said. "And I was disappointed I hadn't heard this a year ago. I never would have hired him if I'd known."

The problem of parolees committing new crimes is hardly a new one. But recent high-profile cases come at a time when the parole system is in flux: In Utah and nationwide, more inmates are doing their time on the streets rather than behind bars as prison officials try to save money by easing former prisoners back into their communities.

The effort, known as "offender re-entry," is intended to build a system of education and support that sends fewer parolees back to prison for violations such as failing drug tests or missing appointments with parole agents.

Keeping offenders out of prison cells yields huge savings — $2,000 a year for community supervision compared with $24,000 a year for incarceration — an important consideration for cash-strapped states.

But given cases of crimes committed on parole, the public remains leery of such changes, said Joe Weedon of the American Correctional Association.

"There are going to be examples where somebody slips through the cracks," he said, adding that such instances are "very rare."

The most famous lapsed parolee may be Willie Horton. The Massachusetts murderer who committed rape while on furlough was a potent political weapon that helped foil Michael Dukakis's 1988 presidential bid.

Weedon said it's not the big cases but rather the local stories that power the corrections pendulum, swinging from the prison reform movement in the 1970s to the hard-line attitudes of the 1990s and now to middle ground.

The latest concerted effort to rethink parole has been led by several federal agencies recently. It includes an announcement by the Department of Justice last month that it is giving $100 million to 49 states, Washington, D.C., and the Virgin Islands as part of the Serious and Violent Offender Reentry Initiative.

"All the states are looking at this as a way to help both the offender community and the general public," Weedon said. "Instead of locking people up and throwing away the key, we can do more to give offenders the services they need."

Ricci, 48, was paroled for the fourth time in November 2000. Though Salt Lake City Police Chief Rick Dinse said Ricci is a top potential suspect in Elizabeth Smart's abduction, Ricci hasn't been charged in the June 5 kidnapping and has maintained his innocence.

Ricci has been charged in the 2001 theft of $3,500 worth of items from the Smart home and a night burglary of a neighbor's home during the time he was working for Ed Smart. He has pleaded innocent to those charges. Federal authorities have charged him with robbing a bank in November 2001.

Nationwide, more than 725,000 people are on parole; 97 percent of all prisoners one day will be freed.

Parolees tend to be undereducated and underskilled. Most arrests for additional crimes occur within the first six months of release. Sixty-five percent of parolees are back in prison within three years.

"We're the ones who know who they are, where they are, and we're responsible," said Utah Department of Corrections Deputy Director Chris Mitchell. "Whenever there is a serious crime, we have a bad feeling in the pit of our stomach. We worry it's one of our guys."

Weedon said corrections officials would like more study of the 33 percent of parolees who don't return to prison, a task that would run up against constitutional privacy guarantees.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Lupus and rheumatoid arthritis may be related

DEAR DR. GOTT: Is there any connection between rheumatoid arthritis and lupus? One doctor indicated my RA was dormant; after blood tests, he prescribed Naprosyn. Another physician said my lupus count was low, the RA higher and gave me Vioxx. My wrists and arms are tender. A nurse friend has thrown in a diagnosis of tendonitis. What do I have?

DEAR READER: Rheumatoid arthritis and lupus erythematosis are autoimmune disorders, two of many afflictions marked by self-allergy, when the body mistakenly identifies normal tissue as foreign and attempts to destroy it. There is a good deal of overlap between these conditions: Patients with RA may show weakly positive tests for lupus and vice-versa. Both diseases affect the joints, leading to stiffness, swelling, pain and limited motion.

From your brief description, I suspect that your basic disorder is rheumatoid arthritis. In this instance, non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs, such as ibuprofen, might relieve your discomfort. Other prescription NSAIDs — such as Arthrotec, Vioxx or Celebrex — might be worth a try. Enbrel, an expensive but effective therapy, given as an injection a week, could help you. Finally, the tried-and-true therapy for RA — steroids — may have to be considered.

Although I doubt that simple tendonitis is to blame, the medications I listed (except for Enbrel) should be appropriate therapy for this condition as well.

I am concerned that your diagnosis remains in doubt, because — as you know — lupus can cause serious kidney disease that should be addressed. Consequently, I urge you to resolve this situation by seeing a rheumatologist who can, by ordering further blood tests, clarify the issue.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm convinced that I swallowed my bottom false plate, which is (or was) smaller than ordinary false teeth. My local emergency room took X-rays and couldn't find any foreign matter, but the fact remains: My teeth are missing following a snack of raisins, and they're nowhere to be found.

DEAR READER: Most dental prostheses, such as false teeth, are radio-opaque, meaning they can be seen in an X-ray. Therefore, either you didn't swallow yours — or you did and they're slowly making their way through your intestinal tract, having not appeared on the X-ray exam.

I favor the first hypothesis because it's quite a trick to swallow an entire dental plate; the prosthesis is so large that it would be extremely uncomfortable — even impossible — to swallow.

If I'm wrong, sooner or later you will face the challenge to pass the dental plate in your bowel movement. Then the problems will really begin. You'll need a surgeon to remove the choppers from your rectum. For the time being, I advise you to sit tight (no pun intended) and see what happens. Nothing need be done until and unless you experience abdominal pain, a feeling of urgency or a wild chattering noise emanating from your behind. At that point, you'll need either medical assistance or an exorcism.

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TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1782, General George Washington, the commander in chief of the Continental Army, creates the "Badge for Military Merit," now known as the Purple Heart. The badge permits a soldier to pass sentinels and guards without challenge.

On this day in 1964, Congress passed the Gulf of Tonkin resolution, which authorized the administration to use any means necessary to defend U.S. troops and allies in Southeast Asia.

On this day in 1998, car bombs exploded simultaneously outside of American Embassies in two African capitals. Osama bin Laden was later believed to have been the ringleader behind these events.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Nathanael Greene (1742-1786), Revolutionary War general; Louis Leakey (1903-1972), archaeologist and anthropologist; Ralph Bunche (1904-1971), U.S. diplomat and educator; Garrison Keillor (1942-), humorist, is 60.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1972, a grasshopper attack postponed a minor league baseball game in Midland, Texas.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "If you want to get across an idea, wrap it up in a person." — Ralph Bunche

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (Aug. 1) and new moon (Aug. 8).

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Markets

Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP)

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	9.70	9.42	9.45	+ .12
AOL TimeWrn	10.40	10.01	10.28	+ .38
AT&T Corp	9.59	9.25	9.28	—.03
Albertsons	28.58	27.85	28.05	+ .10
Alltel	39.49	38.07	38.18	—.75
AmEl Pw	32.15	31.10	31.45	—.15
AndarkPtr	40.90	39.80	39.94	—.08
ATMOS Egy	21.45	21.25	21.29	—.01
Aviall	12.87	12.63	12.85	+ .23
BP PLC	46.90	45.40	45.60	—.04
BakerHughes	24.03	22.99	23.13	—.61
Bank of Amer	65.25	64.24	64.95	+ 1.22
BellSouth	25.24	23.54	23.58	—.93
BurlNoSFe	28.75	27.71	27.85	+ .05
Caterpillar	43.40	42.25	42.30	—.09
ChevronTex	72.03	70.78	71.13	+ .56
Citigroup	33.32	30.75	31.16	+ .76
CocaCola	48.95	47.60	48.65	+ .78
ColgatePal	52.10	51.55	51.76	+ .11
CmclMetals s	17.86	17.66	17.71	+ .17
Cooper Inds	30.15	29.65	29.73	+ .33
DaimlrChry	42.64	41.77	42.23	+ 1.33
DeltaAirl	15.40	14.65	14.65	—.35
Dillards Inc	23.69	22.20	22.44	—.46
DowChem	28.38	27.82	28.02	
DuPont	40.74	39.65	39.78	+ .02
EastmanChem	43.57	42.71	43.11	+ .10
EstKodak	29.85	28.90	28.91	+ .01
EDS Corp	34.70	33.72	33.81	+ .50
Entergy	42.09	41.25	41.67	+ .25
ExxonMobil	34.22	33.56	33.72	+ .32
FstBksAm	41.71	41.50	41.50	—.20
FootLocker	9.90	9.41	9.41	—.19
GenDynam	82.94	79.75	79.92	—.59
GenElec	32.06	29.65	30.19	+ .54
GenMills	41.42	40.51	41.13	+ .48
GenMotors	43.75	42.01	42.22	—.62
GaPacific	20.70	19.79	19.80	—.59
Goodrich	22.70	22.35	22.44	+ .18
Goodyear	15.83	15.30	15.41	—.26
GtAtlPac	11.74	11.42	11.43	—.11
Halliburtn	12.47	11.75	11.79	—.37
Hanson ADS	28.75	28.55	28.66	+ .26
HarteHanks s	19.33	18.90	19.22	+ .51
HomeDepot	26.87	28.09	28.40	+ .37
HoneywellIntl	32.00	30.73	31.05	+ .65
IBM	69.90	67.70	68.04	+ .29
IntlPaper	38.50	37.95	37.95	+ .20
JohnsonJn	52.23	51.40	51.91	+ .83
vjK mart	.67	.65	.66	+ .01
KinderMorg	79.46	39.80	39.90	+ .17
Kroger Co	19.85	19.16	19.25	—.02
LockheedM	63.78	61.80	62.35	—.45
Lowes Cos	36.56	35.90	36.13	+ .48
Lubys	5.50	5.36	5.36	—.12
LucentTech	1.73	1.50	1.52	—.08
MarathonOil	22.92	22.43	22.67	+ .23
MayDeptStr	28.80	27.65	27.80	—.39
Medtronic	39.00	38.08	38.74	+ .90
Motorola	11.45	10.81	10.90	—.05
NCR Corp	26.05	25.41	25.62	+ .53
Navistar	24.27	23.47	23.49	—.48
PMI Group	19.72	19.50	19.68	+ .12
Penney JC	16.94	16.35	16.40	—.38
PepBoys	12.50	12.00	12.01	—.42
PepsiCo	41.15	40.10	41.08	+ .56
Pharmacia	43.85	43.10	43.67	+ 1.07
PhelpDodge	30.99	29.89	29.90	—.57
PhilipPet	49.04	47.90	48.57	+ .44
PilgrmPrd B	9.05	8.85	8.95	+ .06
Praxair	52.11	51.51	51.55	+ .43
ProctGamb	88.61	86.50	87.73	+ .01
RadioShack	25.10	24.30	24.30	—.33
ReliantEngy	10.25	9.80	9.99	+ .08
RoyalDut	44.37	43.46	43.99	+ 1.14
SBC Comm	26.50	24.90	25.11	—.98
SaraLee	18.76	18.43	18.67	+ .22
Scripps EW	73.00	72.30	72.30	+ .35
SearsRoeb	45.50	42.51	42.67	—.53
SherwinW	28.51	27.66	27.83	—.17
SouthernCo	29.20	28.35	28.57	—.29
SwstAirl	12.40	12.14	12.23	+ .13
SprintFON	9.88	9.16	9.27	—.36
SprintPCS	3.48	3.36	3.43	+ .21
Sunoco Inc	35.09	34.30	34.39	+ .05
TXU Corp	44.20	42.80	43.15	—.40
TempleInland	52.60	51.43	51.44	—.33
TexInd	27.60	26.80	26.80	—.38
TexasInst	20.25	19.64	19.67	+ .78
Textron	38.33	37.35	37.38	—.03
TrinityInds	18.42	17.97	18.18	+ .31
TylerTech	4.23	4.23	4.23	
UnionPacif	58.00	57.39	57.40	—.16
USSteel	15.40	14.61	14.61	—.67
UnitedTech	66.40	64.82	65.34	+ .14
Unocal	32.00	31.60	31.72	+ .09
VerizonComm	30.33	28.23	28.50	—1.37
WalMart	48.50	47.07	47.55	+ .27
WellsFargo	49.40	48.54	49.35	+ .84
WstnGasRs	30.50	29.70	29.82	—.27
WinnDixie	15.54	15.31	15.36	+ .16
Xerox Cp	6.55	6.20	6.32	+ .07
YumBrands s	28.90	27.75	27.89	—.03

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Scurry County Country

Diversified

By Greg Gruben, County Extension Agent

SOW WHAT? ANNUALS!

Serious gardeners plant perennials, not annuals, right? Well, yes and no. They plant perennials for beauty that returns from one year to the next, but they also indulge in annuals to bring season-long color to the garden. Annuals fill in bare spaces between newly planted perennials and provide continuous color to augment the shorter bloomtimes of most perennials. They supply flowers and foliage for containers, temporary camouflage on fences and arbors, and an unending supply of flowers in cutting gardens.

The easiest annuals grow successfully from seeds you sow directly in the garden.

Some, like bachelor's buttons and Shirley poppies, prefer the cool soil and temperatures of early spring, but most germinate best when you sow them in warm soil, after all danger of frost had passed. Try the following five flowers easily grown from seed sown in warm garden soil.

Cosmos- with gracefully filigreed foliage and pert flowers, cosmos belong in every garden. Plants grow from 12 inches to 4 feet tall, depending on the cultivar, so you can find a size suitable to a wide variety of uses and spaces, including containers.

Sow seeds in full sun in rows in a cutting garden, in groups or scattered among tall perennials in a border, or in empty spaces in a container after you set in other transplants of other annuals.

Stake tall cosmos in a cutting garden; in a border, or you can let them bend and drape gracefully in the background. Fertilize once or twice during the season if you cut flowers often for arrangement. Cosmos is fairly drought-tolerant.

Uses and combinations: In a cutting garden, of course, mix them with perennials or roses for an old-fashioned cottage garden design. Taller sorts belong at the back of the garden; shorter cosmos make excellent edging plants. Cosmos combine well in containers with lobelia, geraniums, poppies, ox-eye or Shasta daisies and blue salvia.

Marigold — small flowered and shorter than the African or American marigolds, french marigolds bear single or double blooms in bright yellow, orange, red and combinations. Sow seeds thinly and when germinated, space seedlings 6 to 8 inches apart in any good garden soil in full sun.

Pinch the growing tips of young plants to encourage bushy compact growth. French marigolds bloom in 45 to 50 days from sowing; remove faded blooms to promote the production of more flowers.

Fertilize midway through the season. Marigolds are fairly drought tolerant; they need supplemental water only in severe dry spells.

Uses and combinations: Edge beds and borders; they combine particularly well with dwarf daylilies, coreopsis, and yarrow. Plant along with tomatoes in the vegetable garden to repel root nematodes. Grow in containers and window boxes with salvias (blue or red), vinca, and nasturtiums.

Morning Glory — The twining stems of morning glories cover an arbor or fence with masses of heart-shaped leaves and beautiful flowers, each of which lasts for one day. The range of colors includes blue, such as classic "Heavenly Blue," red, pink and lavender, often combined with contrasting or deeper markings. For large, pure white, fragrant blooms, try the morning glory's relative, moonflower, which begins to open at dusk.

For best and fastest germination, before sowing seeds outdoors, soak them overnight in a damp paper towel; then, if you want, nick the rounded end lightly with a nail file or scissors. That is the only tricky part to growing morning glories. Use a sturdy support for the plants, which can become quite heavy as they quickly climb skyward to a height of 10 or more feet. You do not need to fertilize or provide extra water during the season. Plants flower in full or part sun.

Uses and combinations: Sow morning glories and moon flowers on the same trellis or arbor for morning to evening color. Camouflage an unattractive cyclone or stockade fence: stems will climb naturally up cyclone fencing; use twine or monofilament fishing line on wooden fences.

Sunflowers are great fun for kids to plant, and, of course, the birds will love you for providing them with one of their favorite foods.

Flowers come in a range of colors, from white and orange to claret-red, bronze, and bi-colors. The large seeds are easy to handle; thin seedlings to stand 2 to 4 feet apart, depending on the cultivar. Tall sunflowers maintain a more manageable height for smaller gardens to 2 to 3 feet. They love heat and tolerate drought. Flower heads turn to follow the arc of the sun. If you want to keep the seeds to feed birds in winter, cover the seed heads with mesh as they ripen.

Uses and combinations: Use at the back of a border, group for a screen or plant as a hedge, or as cut flowers. Dwarf varieties take well to large containers, where they do best on their own, although you can combine them with ornamental grasses such as pennisetum or blue oat grass, and black-eyed Susans and marigolds.

Zinnias — traditional and old fashioned, zinnias produce flowers nonstop all season. Sow seeds in the border thinly because germination rates are high and plants grow better when not crowded.

Fertilize at least once a month and water frequently unless nature provides rain. Avoid getting water on the foliage; that promotes mildew, although many newer hybrids are mildew resistant. Zinnias need a site in full sun, except in the hotter parts of the South and Southwest, where they appreciate some midday and late afternoon shade.

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Scurrying Around Snyder

Beth Davelaar, CEA—Family and Consumer Sciences, 2605 Avenue M, Snyder, Texas 79549

TEXAS PARENT TAUGHT DRIVER EDUCATION

How To Train and Test Drive Your Teenager

Part II

August, 2002

In 1997 parents and guardians in Texas began teaching their teenagers to drive using state-approved driver education courses. The state of Texas also put into law the Graduated Licensing Bill in January of 2002. Each of these efforts support the additional behind the wheel training needed to reduce the crash risk that is particularly high for beginner drivers.

The benefits of parent taught driver education programs include intimate knowledge of the teenager's inexperience, maturity, judgment, and dependability; the opportunity to teach and learn on a one to one basis; the ability to schedule training sessions around the family's busy schedule; and being able to move on at your teen's own pace after they master a skill. In comparison, school and commercial driver education courses are geared to teach only the basic vehicle control skills to meet the minimum standards. They do this in a group setting during a set schedule of their choice

"Parents should spend a minimum of 50 hours of daytime driving and 10 hours of night driving with their teen driver," said Patrick Barrett, nationally recognized expert in the field of collision-free driver training and author of *How to tell…Will Your Teenager Crash the Car?*

"Although this seems like a huge investment of time, when you break it down over a period of six months, the parent and teen are spending just over two hours a week in potentially life saving training."

The Texas Department of Public Safety developed the following procedures and curriculum guidelines for parents interested in registering for the driver education program.

The first step is obtaining a driver education packet request form DL 92 at a local driver license office. Call ahead of time to confirm they have one on hand. You may also download a request form from the Texas Department of Public Safety, www.txdps.state.tx.us http://www.txdps.state.tx.us.

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Markets

Colorado City

The Colorado City Livestock Auction had a run of 583 head of cattle for the Wednesday, July 31, sale. Compare to last week: Feeder steers and heifers were mostly steady. Slaughter bulls were $2 lower. Slaughter cows were steady to $1 lower.

Feeder steers:
200-275: 110-120
300-325: 100-115
500-600: 82-87
600-700: 74-75.50
700-710: 77.50

Feeder heifers:
400-420: 80
500-600: 76-79
700-720: 67-69

Replacement cows:
Bred cows (3-6 years old): 500-650
Bred cows (2-7 months): 325-550
Cow & calf pairs: 700-870
Aged pairs: 500-675

Slaughter cows:
Breakers: 1000-1250 Lbs.: 34
Boners: 1000-1200 Lbs. 37-41
1000-1250 Lbs.: 35.50-41
800-1000 Lbs.: 33-38
Under 750 Lbs.: 28-35.50

Slaughter bulls:
Yield Grade 1-2: 1300-2100 Lbs.: 45-47.50
High Dressing: 1500-2200: 50
Low Dressing 990-1375: 44

COLORADO RIVER MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

WEEKLY LAKE AND WATER DELIVERY REPORT

LAKE J. B. THOMAS (200,604 ACRE FEET AT ELEVATION 2258.00 FT.)

	ONE YEAR AGO 8/5/01	LAST WEEK 7/29/02	THIS WEEK 8/5/02
ELEVATION (FEET)	14.26	17.81	17.62
CONTENTS (ACRE-FEET)	12,860	19,326	18,941
PERCENT FULL	6.41	9.63	9.44
RAINFALL (INCHES) *		0.00	0.00
IVIE TO LAKE THOMAS (Gal.)		0	0
SPENCE TO THOMAS (Gal.)		0	0

*RAINFALL MEASUREMENT AT BIG SPRING/ODESSA INTAKE.

E.V. SPENCE RESERVOIR (517,262 ACRE-FEET AT ELEVATION 1898.00 FT.)

	ONE YEAR AGO 8/5/01	LAST WEEK 7/29/02	THIS WEEK 8/5/02
ELEVATION (FEET)	45.49	41.68	41.50
CONTENTS (ACRE-FEET)	59,862	46,868	46,300
PERCENT FULL	11.57	9.06	8.95
RAINFALL (INCHES) *		0.00	1.00

*RAINFALL MEASUREMENT AT SPENCE PUMP STATION.

O.H. IVIE RESERVOIR (554,340 ACRE-FEET AT ELEVATION 1551.50 FT.)

	ONE YEAR AGO 8/5/01	LAST WEEK 7/29/02	THIS WEEK 8/5/02
ELEVATION (FEET)	33.63	29.95	29.93
CONTENTS (ACRE-FEET)	277,831	236,239	236,028
PERCENT FULL	50.12	42.62	42.58
RAINFALL (INCHES) *		0.00	0.00

* RAINFALL MEASUREMENT AT DAM.

2002 INFORMATION BASED ON NEW AREA CAPACITY CURVE DATA

MUNICIPAL WATER DELIVERIES IN GALLONS

	LAST WEEKS DAILY AVERAGE 7/29/02 7/23/02	THIS WEEKS DAILY AVERAGE 8/5/02 7/30/02	THIS WEEKS PEAK DAY 8/5/02 7/30/02
BIG SPRING	7,417,000	6,258,714	7,010,000
ODESSA	29,303,714	27,637,857	29,474,000
SNYDER	3,343,143	2,906,000	3,390,000
MIDLAND	29,754,429	28,276,286	30,296,000
SAN ANGELO	17,149,714	12,193,286	13,479,000
STANTON	108,857	97,714	135,000

ORDER OF THE COMMISSIONER'S COURT OF SCURRY COUNTY, TEXAS APPROVING THE TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE SECOND CALENDER QUARTER, 2002

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, BE IT KNOWN THAT:

THE COMMISSIONER'S COURT OF SCURRY COUNTY, TEXAS, did duly convene in REGULAR Session at its meeting place in the Courthouse in the City of Snyder At 10:00 o'clock A.M. on Monday, August 5, 2002 and, the entire membership of said court, viz., Ricky Fritz, Ralph Trevey, Roy L. Idom, Jr., Howard Limmer, and Chloanne Lindsey, Commissioner's for Precincts, 1, 2, 3 and 4, respectively, being present, the matter of the comparison and examination of the Quarterly Report of Nelda Colvin, Treasurer for Scurry County, for the period April 1, 2002 through June 30, 2002, came to the attention of said Court and the said Court compared and examined the same and inspected and counted all the actual cash, certificates of time and demand deposits, and other assets on the hands of the Treasurer belonging to the County at and as the time of such report: **NOW, THEREFORE,** the Commissioners Court finds that the Treasurer at and as of the time of his report did not have actually in his hands any money or other assets of Scurry County but the same were all on deposit in the Snyder National Bank of Snyder, Texas, the official County Depository, except the following, viz., Texpool; and that from the commencement of business at 8:00 o'clock A.M. on April 1, 2002 through June 30, 2002, the beginning and ending balance for each fund of the Treasurer of Scurry County, Texas for such quarterly period are fully and accurately reflected by the following tabulation attached hereto, incorporated herein by reference, and made a part hereof for all purposes:

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF we, the aforesaid and undersigned County Treasurer, County Judge, and each Commissioner, swear that the above and foregoing averments are complete and correct and that the requirements of Article 1636, Vernon's Annotated Civil Statues of Texas 1925, as amended, have been in all things duly complied with by the County Judge and each Commissioner aforementioned in the REGULAR Session of said Court of Scurry County.

Nelda Colvin,
County Treasurer
Ricky Fritz,
County Judge
Ralph W. Tevey,
Commissioner Precinct No. 1
Roy L. Idom, Jr,
Commissioner Precinct No. 2
Howard L. Limmer,
Commissioner Precinct No. 3
Chloanne Lindsey,
Commissioner Precinct No. 4

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to by the said Nelda Colvin, Ricky Fritz, Ralph Trevey, Roy L. Idom, Jr, Howard Limmer, and Chloanne Lindsey before me, the undersigned Scurry County Clerk for Scurry County, Texas:

ATTEST:
(s) Joan Bunch
County Clerk of Scurry County, Texas
(SEAL)

SCURRY COUNTY TREASURER
SECOND QUARTERLY SUMMARY

FUNDS	CASH & INVESTMENT BALANCES DATE: 03-31-02	RECEIPTS	TRANSFERS IN	DISBURSEMENTS	TRANSFERS OUT	CASH & INVESTMENT BALANCES DATE: 06-30-02
GENERAL						
Departmental				$783,400.68		
Jury				606.00		
Permanent Improvement				0.00		
Airport				40,654.24		
Health Unit				36,131.69		
Park & Coliseum				176,694.37		
Library				53,682.17		
TOTALS						
GENERAL FUND	$275,047.21	$1,382,716.91	$783,382.28	$1,090,008.56	$1,299,054.63	$26,083.82
PAYROLL CLEARING FUND	263.28	2,466.36	1,134,254.03	1,135,089.43	1,332.81	891.43
TEXPOOL FUND	11,638,430.86	90,513.86	267,420.24	0.00	1,717,135.34	10,229,229.62
ABANDONED VEHICLE FUND	3,492.24	46.19	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,538.43
SCURRY CO CONSTRUCTION FUND	499.76	298.10	900,000.00	899,846.56	0.00	2,949.34
HEALTH UNIT FUND	938.07	5,370.39	0.00	2,366.00	2,938.00	1,004.46
JUVENILE PROBATION FEES FUND	7,141.73	733.22	0.00	2,492.99	0.00	8,381.96
LIBRARY DONATIONS FUND	4,814.83	1,305.24	0.00	2,254.04	0.00	3,866.13
COGDELL DEPRECIATION FUND	20,288.16	182.03	150,000.00	161,948.16	0.00	8,470.03
COGDELL REFUND FUND	(13,209.14)	495.06	49,241.09	35,852.87	0.00	674.74
COGDELL PAYROLL FUND	81.34	812.34	1,186,375.79	1,187,991.65	0.00	(722.17)
COGDELL OPERATING FUND	324,622.39	3,969,941.03	0.00	2,449,999.78	1,646,170.81	200,392.83
COGDELL HEALTHCARE BENEFITS	41,134.39	133,386.11	179,868.01	315,187.97	0.00	34,740.43
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	$12,303,324.13	$5,648,130.63	$4,810,691.39	$7,296,249.49	$4,691,831.39	$10,814,264.14
Airport Revenue 2nd Quarter	$10,482.80					
Interest 2nd Quarter	$60,681.73					
Interest Earned to Date	$126,629.36					

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Hormone that helps curb appetite found

By The Associated Press

To help rescue us from our super-sized appetites, scientists say they have isolated the hormone that makes people feel full.

In a small experiment in London, people who had injections of the so-called "third helping hormone" before chowing down at a buffet lunch reduced the amount of food they ate by one-third.

The hormone infusion was "sort of a fake meal," said the study's senior author, Steven Bloom of the Imperial College of London. "The brain was fooled into thinking that it had already eaten."

Bloom said a medication based on boosting levels of the hormone might reduce overeating as well as between-meal snacking. However, other researchers said the results were too limited. Details appear in the current issue of the journal Nature.

Public health officials have been warning of an obesity epidemic in the United States, and the problem is spreading around the globe. The International Obesity Taskforce estimates that 300 million people worldwide are obese.

In the United States, obesity is implicated in the deaths of 300,000 people annually from heart disease, stroke, diabetes and cancers.

In the experiments, scientists in England and Oregon isolated the short-term hormone PPY3-36 that is secreted by cells lining the intestines. Levels of the hormone rise in the blood after eating and remain high between meals.

First, researchers identified the hormone's effect on certain neurons in the brains of mice associated with appetite and weight control.

Then, 12 people of normal weight at Imperial College were injected with extra hormone or a placebo saline solution for 90 minutes. Two hours later, they were offered a buffet lunch.

Results show the subjects who received the hormone boost ate one-third less. They reported feeling less hungry for another 12 hours and did not make up the "missing" calories by snacking.

However, other scientists in the study said the experiment does not by itself prove that injections of the "third helping hormone" can safely control appetite or reverse obesity. How the body might respond to elevated PPY3-36 levels over time is unclear.

"It would not make a suitable weight loss drug due to its potential effect on other important systems of the body," said Oregon Health Science University neurobiologist Roger Cone. "Scientists still have a long way to go before the development of a drug that can help Americans fighting obesity."

Still, harnessing the dietary role of hormones is an important step in developing effective weight control therapies, experts said.

Previous studies have focused limiting the effects of ghrelin, a hormone made by stomach cells that boosts appetite.

"If we are to combat the global obesity epidemic, such breakthroughs are urgently needed," said University of Washington endocrinologist Michael W. Schwartz, who did not contribute to the Nature report.

Weight loss schemes and food supplements are a $40 billion industry. Yet scientists still are untangling the complex chemical signals controlling appetite — how the body tells the brain it needs energy and how the brain tells the body how much to eat.

Its part of a chemical system called the adipostat, which continually adjusts food intake and energy expenditure like a thermostat.

Some hormones, like insulin, act over the long-term to regulate body fat stores. Other short-term hormones like PPY3-36 are released to trigger hunger pangs or communicate satiation.

Our metabolism evolved millions of years ago to store energy when prehuman ancestors hunted and gathered nourishment, but often returned home empty-handed. Today we live in a caloric extravaganza, but our adipostat — along with a sedentary lifestyle and other factors — hasn't adjusted.

"Ordinary folk feel hungry more often than they should," Bloom said "We have too much hunger for a civilized society where too much food is about. We now need a hunger regulator to stay at a normal weight."

On the Net:
Nature: http://www.nature.com
American Obesity Association: http://www.obesity.org

Scurrying Around Snyder

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Go to Online Services, click on downloadable forms and download form DL 92.

Parents must fill out the form and include the address of the driver license office where the student will undergo testing, since a driver education certificate must be mailed to that office in the student's name.

The completed form must then be mailed to DPS headquarters along with a non-refundable $20 fee for the materials packet.

The packet includes instructions, necessary forms, a Texas Drivers Handbook, a model curriculum guide and a resource list for textbooks and other materials. Information about state approved parent taught driver education courses such as Texas based Driver Ed in a Box® is included. Instruction packets will arrive by mail within three weeks. These packets are not available over the counter.

The approved curriculum requires at least 32 hours of classroom instruction and 14 hours of in-car instruction. No special classroom or vehicle equipment is required.

At least six hours of classroom work must be completed before students may take the written test. They also take an eye test at this time. Then students receive an instruction (learner) permit, which allows them to drive when accompanied in the front seat by a licensed driver at least 21 years old.

Parents who have been convicted of criminally negligent homicide or driving while intoxicated or who are disabled due to mental illness do not qualify for this program. Teens can begin the course at age 14 but must not complete the classroom portion and cannot take the written test until they turn 15. There's not an advantage in starting much before 15 since they cannot get their permit until they are 15.

Once students are 16, have held their permits for 6 months and successfully completed their training, by filling out appropriate DPS forms, the student will receive a provisional license.

Driving privileges of provisional licensees are restricted for the first six months. During that six-month period, the applicant may not have more than one passenger under 21 years of age who is not a family member, or operate a vehicle after midnight and before 5 a.m., unless driving is necessary for employment, school or school-related activities or a medical emergency. The passenger and time limitations do not apply if the provisional license holder is accompanied by a licensed operator age 21 or older in the front seat.

It is during this 6-month period that teen drivers are expected to continue sharpening their safe driving skills with parents and guardians consistently reviewing their daily behind-the-wheel activities.

Diversified by Greg Gruben

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They are not fussy about soil, as long as it drains well.

Uses and combinations: Zinnias practically define "cut flowers" because the more you cut, the more you get from May to frost. Stake tall zinnias in a cutting garden. Use shorter zinnias to edge a bed ('Profusion White,' 'Cherry,' and 'Orange' create flower mounds around a garden) and in containers. Combine plants with other annuals such as blue salvia, bachelor's buttons, marigolds, and silver-leafed dusty miller, as well as perennials from Shasta daisies and helenium to Russian sage, black-eyed Susan, and pennisetum. Z. angustifolia makes an excellent ground cover.

More Annual flowers and Herbs Easily Grown From Seed

Follow seed packet directions for bachelor's button, basil blanket flower, cilantro, dill, love-in-a-mist, moonflower, nasturtium, poppy, spider flower, strawflower

A Few Tips

Cover seeds with enough soil to protect them from wind and wildlife: 1/4 to ½ inch, or 2 to 3 times their thickness.

Water the seedbed to keep it evenly moist until the seeds germinate.

Thin seedlings to correct mature plant spacing (seed packets provide this information) when they grow to 1 to 2 inches tall. Gently pull them up and transplant the thinned seedlings to other parts of the garden, or snip the stems off at the soil surface.

Mulch plants (when they are tall enough so that you won't bury them) to prevent weeds and to conserve soil moisture. Spread mulch 2 to 3 inches deep.

Pinch off the growing tips of some annuals, such as basil, marigolds and strawflowers, to promote bushy, compact growth.

Water plants near the soil surface not from overhead, whenever possible.

Check container plants often in hot, dry weather, when you may need to water once a day.

Fertilize most annuals at least once during the growing season; midway through gives them the boost they need to preform beautifully until frost.

Information taken from Horticulture Update, July 2002

Help sought for low-income motorists

HOUSTON (AP) — Harris County has joined a statewide effort to help low-income motorists fix or replace vehicles that fail to comply with Texas' tougher emissions standards.

The state will supply $5 million to $6 million to Harris County aid low-income motorists in the Houston area. The money will come from a $6 fee that is part of the $39.50 charge for the state's annual vehicle inspection.

Low-income residents whose vehicles fail emissions tests can apply for as much as $600 per vehicle for emission-related repairs, including diagnostic tests. They also can get as much as $1,000 to replace a vehicle.

To qualify, an applicant must earn no more than $17,364 for an individual, $23,880 for a family of two, $30,048 for a family of three or $36,204 for a family of four.

The program and the state's tougher emissions standards are part of the state's plan to meet federal air quality standards in the Houston area by 2007.

Storefront locations will be set up where people can apply for the aid, the Houston Chronicle reported today. Officials said they also hope to identify local car dealers willing to participate.

The program was created by the Legislature last year and began in May. Participating counties are given state money to help low-income residents repair or replace cars unable to that do not comply with the new standards.

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Up to 15 reported killed in Kabul clash

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Attackers struck an Afghan army base today in southern Kabul, and 15 people were killed, including 11 guerrillas, authorities reported.

The base commander claimed the attackers were Arabs and Pakistanis, but that could not be confirmed.

It was the most serious battle in the capital in months, and came just a day after U.S. troops killed four men who reportedly opened fire on them in Kunar province, 90 miles to the northeast.

The two incidents, and another involving U.S. troops on Monday, represented an upsurge in violence during a relatively quiet period eight months after the fall of Afghanistan's Taliban government.

The attack on the Kabul army garrison began about 7 a.m. when the guerrillas, armed with AK-47 semiautomatic rifles, rushed the post in the Bagram-i District, about six miles south of the center of the capital, said the local police commander, Col. Haji Rashid.

Soldiers fought back mainly with rocket-propelled grenades, he said. The base commander, Bismullah Khan, told The Associated Press that in a three-hour battle his men pursued the attackers as they retreated to a nearby mountain, surrounded them and killed 11.

He said three of his men also were killed. A wounded civilian died en route to a hospital, said Maj. Angela Herbert, a spokeswoman for the International Security Assistance Force, the multinational force that patrols Kabul.

One guerrilla and four soldiers were wounded, the Afghan officials said.

Conjoined twins are in critical condition

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Guatemalan twins who spent the first year of their lives joined at the head were reported doing well today, their first full day as physically separate sisters.

Maria Teresa Quiej Alvarez and her twin, Maria de Jesus, were sedated and remained in critical condition today at the University of California, Los Angeles Medical Center. The 1-year-old girls, separated in a nearly daylong operation that ended early Tuesday, were expected to use breathing tubes for days.

"They slept through the night under heavy sedation in the pediatric intensive care unit," spokesman Dan Page said. "There was nothing unexpected overnight."

Early Tuesday, after the separation was completed, Maria Teresa was returned to surgery because of a buildup of blood on her brain, said Dr. Jorge Lazareff, the lead neurosurgeon. Nearly five hours later she was out of surgery again and back in the pediatric intensive care unit.

The second operation was not expected to have any effect on Maria Teresa's long-term prognosis, Lazareff said.

"I'm absolutely positive they will do OK. I'm absolutely positive if you go and visit them in five years they will be leading a normal life," Lazareff said.

Dr. John Frazee, another neurosurgeon, said it remained to be seen whether the girls suffered any brain damage following 22 hours of surgery.

"They're moving, which is a good sign," he said Tuesday. "There's no way of knowing what the state of affairs is for another week."

There was no word from the parents, Wenceslao Quiej Lopez and Alba Leticia Alvarez. The mother spent eight days in labor at home in July 2001 before delivering the twins in a hospital by Caesarean section.

Lazareff said that after the separation surgery, Alvarez said: "It's in the hands of God."

Bush seeking signs of reform in meetings with Palestinians

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration will be looking for assurances of political reform and a tightening of curbs on militants in meetings with three Palestinian Cabinet ministers.

The results of the sessions Thursday with Secretary of State Colin Powell and Condoleezza Rice, President Bush's national security adviser, will be factored into an ongoing administration review of terror attacks on Israel and how to stop them.

It also could accelerate assistance to Palestinian projects. The three ministers, all appointed by Yasser Arafat in a Cabinet reshuffle in June, will meet with Fred Schieck, the deputy director of the Agency for International Development, on Friday.

The delegation is headed by Saeb Erekat, a longtime adviser to Arafat, whose removal Bush has demanded in a drive to counter terror and end corruption before the Palestinians establish a state.

Accompanying Erekat are Economy Minister Maher el Masri and Interior Minister Abdel Raza Yehiyeh, both of whom have won the praise of Powell as "individuals th As they headed for Washington, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld raked the Palestinian Authority, saying it was entangled with terror and that he doubted Israel could turn over territory to it.

It would be different "if you are giving it to an entity that has a track record," Rumsfeld told Pentagon employees Tuesday as he signaled disagreement with Powell's call on Israel to stop building Jewish settlements and to withdraw from the West Bank and Gaza.

"Our focus is working with Palestinians with whom we think we can have constructive discussions about the way to move forward," State Department deputy spokesman Philip T. Reeker said.

Progress made on California wildfire

JULIAN, Calif. (AP) — Firefighters made progress Wednesday as they fought to corral a wildfire east of San Diego that forced dozens of residents to evacuate.

The blaze was 60 percent contained, up from 48 percent on Tuesday, said Abby O'Leary, a spokeswoman for the California Department of Forestry.

It was heading northeast toward the Anza-Borrego Desert State Park.

"As it heads toward the desert, the fuel becomes pretty sparse," she said. "In the foothills, there's still quite a bit of plants, but as it starts moving northeast ... it possibly could burn itself out."

The town of Warner Springs, population 1,200, remained partly evacuated Wednesday and 70 people had been told to leave the Los Coyotes Indian Reservation. In Borrego Springs, elderly residents who might suffer from smoky air were urged to leave.

The blaze had been about 80 percent contained but jumped a fire line on Monday. Full containment was expected by Sunday evening, officials said.

The blaze started July 29 when a National Guard helicopter clipped a power line during a search for marijuana plants in the rugged, isolated area. The 53,200-acre fire had destroyed 22 homes.

Drier weather and shifting wind heightened concern that two wildfires could threaten 220 homes along the Rogue River in southwestern Oregon. One of the fires was only 10 percent contained and the other was 25 percent contained. Firefighters and Curry County sheriff's deputies went door to door advising people to be ready to leave.

"If we come talk to you a second time, it's time to go," said fire spokeswoman Susan Mathison. "We don't want you to decide then what to take. We'd like you to be doing that now."

The fires had burned nearly 286,000 acres in southwestern Oregon and northeastern California.

Local burglaries investigated

Burglaries

Norma Maldonado requested officers at 12:45 Tuesday afternoon in reference to several DVDs and CDs stolen from her residence in the 2500 block of Avenue W.

Just before 11:30 p.m. Tuesday, police received calls from two people regarding noises and lights in a vacant house in the 500 block of 34th Street, and a report for burglary was submitted.

Attempted break in

Dora Little reported an attempted break in in the 2800 block of Avenue M at 10:10 Tuesday night. Police found a screen removed from the south side of the residence, but no entry had been made.

Theft

Manuel Fuentez requested deputies in reference to someone borrowing his tools and then selling them at a pawnshop. Deputies recovered and seized the property and filed a Class B theft report.

Shana Porter reported at 11:40 Tuesday morning CDs and personal papers were stolen from her vehicle in the 4100 block of Denison.

Just after 8 o'clock Tuesday evening, Woody Newton reported the theft of a gun from his residence in the 3700 block of Noble. The gun was retrieved in the 900 block of 17th Street and returned.

Just before midnight Tuesday, Chris Smith reported the theft of his son's bicycle in the 400 block of 36th Street.

Criminal mischief

Dave Haywood reported at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday three windows broken out at the North College Baptist Church.

Michael Hicks requested deputies at 4:17 this morning concerning someone breaking out a front and back window on his house in the 1700 block of Voss Lane.

Gas drive offs

A clerk with United Supermarkets reported the theft of 98 cents worth of fuel at 9:44 Tuesday morning.

Just before 7:30 Tuesday evening, another clerk with United reported a gas drive off in the amount of $15.

Obituaries

Florencio Baeza

1923-2002

ODESSA — Florencio Baeza, the brother of Alvaro Baeza of Snyder, died Saturday, Aug. 3, in Medical Center Hospital.

Funeral service for Mr. Baeza, 79, was held Tuesday at the Odessa Funeral Home Chapel. Graveside service was set for 10 a.m. today at the Rose Hill Cemetery.

Born in Presidio, Mr. Baeza, a Catholic, was a laborer and a ranch hand.

Survivors also include four sisters, Emma Villanueva of Pecos, Hortencia Ramirez and Anita Garcia of Presidio and Carmen Medrano of Odessa.

Norman Trepke

1933-2002

BOULDER, Colo. — Norman Trepke, a relative of several Scurry County residents, died Friday, Aug. 2, at his home in Boulder.

Funeral service for Mr. Trepke, 69, was held Tuesday at LifeBridge Christian Church with David Bradshaw officiating. Burial followed in the Longmont Mountain View Cemetery.

Born April 18, 1933 in Pueblo, he married Charlene Johnston on June 26, 1965 in Dunn.

Mr. Trepke worked for Goodyear Tire for 20 years and was assistant district manager in Denver. He then went into partnership and opened the Goodyear Tire Center in Boulder. He then operated Best Value Tire Company in Denver for two years and then moved to Boulder and opened Trepke's Tire Town in Boulder, Longmont and Lafayette.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Nathan and Frances Strauss; and two sons, David and Ted Trepke.

Survivors include his wife, Charlene Trepke of Boulder; a daughter, Terri Boroviak of Westminster, Colo.; a stepbrother, Marty Strauss of Hayward, Calif.; his mother-in-law, Modine Johnston of Snyder; a sister and brother-in-law, Rita and Bobby Staton of Dunn; and five grandchildren.

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Head Start registration

Head Start registration is being held through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Children must be at least three years old and family must meet income guidelines or child must have a diagnosed disability. Birth certificate, current immunization records, Social Security Card and proof of family income are required. For information, call 573-7403.

East Side Bug Safari

Make a beeline to join us at Vacation Bible School at East Side Church of Christ to study David, a little guy who did big things with God's help. Classes for kindergarten through fifth graders is being held from 9 a.m. to noon through Friday.

Ira booster club

Ira booster club will meet at 8:15 this evening in the school cafeteria. The agenda includes a discussion of a membership drive and the election of officers.

Bulldog car wash

The Ira Bulldog football players will have a car wash from 1-6 p.m. Thursday at the school. Donations will be accepted.

FBC support groups

Support groups dealing with divorce, death, cancer or caring for elderly parents meet at 6:30 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at the First Baptist Church educational building. A special group for students facing these problems is held at the same time.

FBC services televised

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

Garage sale donations

Hermleigh Junior High cheerleaders will accept donations for a garage sale until Friday to raise money for cheerleading camp and uniforms. Call Joyce Lionberger at 863-2755.

Ira HS seniors

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

Country, Gospel music

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

United Way meeting

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

Hermleigh Booster Club

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

Gateway Family Services

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

Alzheimer's Association

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

Distribute supplies

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

Weigh Down registration

Weigh Down registration and orientation is 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 15, at His Joy Ministries, 904 26th St. Classes will begin Thursday, Aug. 22. Contact Claudia Sanchez at 573-9615

Prophetic-Healing Conference

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

FFA dance

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

WOW4 Women's Conference

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

Medical expense account

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

Stanfield open house

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

Joy School registration

Joy School registration will be from 4-6 p.m. Aug. 15. Joy School begins Monday, Aug. 19. School hours are 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Call 573-3554 or 574-1789 for more information.

Cancer treatment transportation

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