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Home of Amy Strong

Suspect in four deaths...

Accused murderer's capture has a number of local connections

By Wade Warren
SDN Managing Editor

The capture of a North Carolina man in Mitchell County Wednesday involved several individuals with close ties to Scurry County.

Sheriff Patrick Toombs' mother lives in the Fluvanna area, while his grandfather, Cullen, once served as a Scurry County commissioner.

One of Toombs' deputies, Darrell Campbell, is from Snyder, and a Colorado City police officer involved in the capture, Dan Hicks, was once on the Snyder police force.

"It was a very long day" is the way Sheriff Toombs described Wednesday.

"Our dispatchers received a call around 2 a.m. Wednesday that the suspect, Allen Quincy, was possibly headed our way from Baird," said Toombs.

"Campbell, Hicks and myself went out to the Interstate waited awhile and Campbell went to Loraine and Hicks began checking the motels here."

"I decided to go west to check the roadside park around Westbrook and spotted a 2002 Explorer at the park," said Toombs.

The sheriff said he ran a check on the Ohio license plates and it came back as a stolen vehicle.

"I figured Quincy was asleep in his vehicle and knew that he was dangerous and probably armed so I called for some backup."

Toombs said Howard County sent three deputies and three DPS troopers from Colorado City responded, as well as a Roscoe officer plus Hicks and Campbell.

"We had about a dozen people or so there and we quietly went around and had everyone else evacuate the area," said Toombs. "When all were gone, we placed spikes in front of the Explorer in case he wanted to run."

"I called him on my PA speaker and apparently woke him up as we could see him crawling over the seats from the back of the Explorer," said Toombs.

"He started the car up and ran over the spikes and ruined two of his tires but he kept on going," said the sheriff. "Shots were fired and one of his good tires was hit but he proceeded toward Big Spring for about four miles until he collided with another vehicle."

Toombs said Quincy's vehicle became inoperable and he existed his vehicle as he was told what to do via the PA system. "The arrest was quiet as compared to what he had done earlier," said Toombs.

Toombs added that Texas Ranger John Billings is aiding in the investigation.

"It was pretty exciting down here for awhile," said Toombs.

Quincy's arrest followed a shooting spree in which he is a suspect in four deaths in North Carolina.

He is linked to a killing in Richland where the body was burned, and shooting a woman last Thursday.

He also was wanted in connection with two shooting deaths at a convenience store in which store cameras saw Allen shoot the men without any confrontation.

Rock and roll...
CADA to host free dance Friday night

Those looking for one last bash before the beginning of the school year need look no further than the square right here in Snyder.

The staff of the Snyder Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse (CADA) is looking for a large turnout at its inaugural drug and alcohol-free back-to-school dance Friday.

"We're getting excited," prevention specialist assistant Jessie Keller said. "We hope everyone comes."

The dance will be from 8 p.m. to 12 a.m., and Lyn Chaney said that all area residents are invited to attend. "The more support we get the more likely we are to do it again."

The idea for the dance started in May, when CADA received funding for a community coalition from the Texas CADA.

"We started talking about it, trying to find ideas and Jessie got fired up about it," Chaney said.

Keller, a senior at Snyder High School, was the impetus behind the dance, Chaney said, securing local band The Mumble Some and DJ Cody Christopher from KSNY to perform at the dance and working to put the idea into motion.

KSNY also will provide a live feed of the dance between 8 p.m. and 10 p.m.

Chaney said CADA asked several local groups funded through the United Way to set up food and drink stands as a way to help with the dance and raise funds for their organizations at the same time. CADA will have a no-booze sports bar at the south end of the courthouse, with the Girl Scouts selling watermelon and Snyder Day Care offering pickles, Sno-Cones and popcorn.

The Ritz Theater offered its marquee to publicize the dance, and other groups are scheduled to be on hand selling food and drinks.

Keller said attendees would be offered a ticket, making them eligible for one of 128 door prizes. The tickets are free of charge, but those with winning tickets must be present to claim their prize.

The purpose behind the dance is to provide an outlet for the community that is family-oriented without the presence of alcohol.

"We are trying to prove there are other things to do besides drinking and drugs," program coordinator Leslie Cooley said. "We want as many people as possible to come out and show support for drug-free activities."

Chaney said CADA has received phenomenal support from the Scurry County United Way, and that Stephen Covey of the United Way "will be on hand, shaking hands and smiling."

She said CADA hopes to garner enough community support to make this an annual event in Snyder.

"We have been extremely pleased with the support of area businesses," she said. "And everyone is excited to help."

Friday is last day...

Deadline is here for season ticket renewal

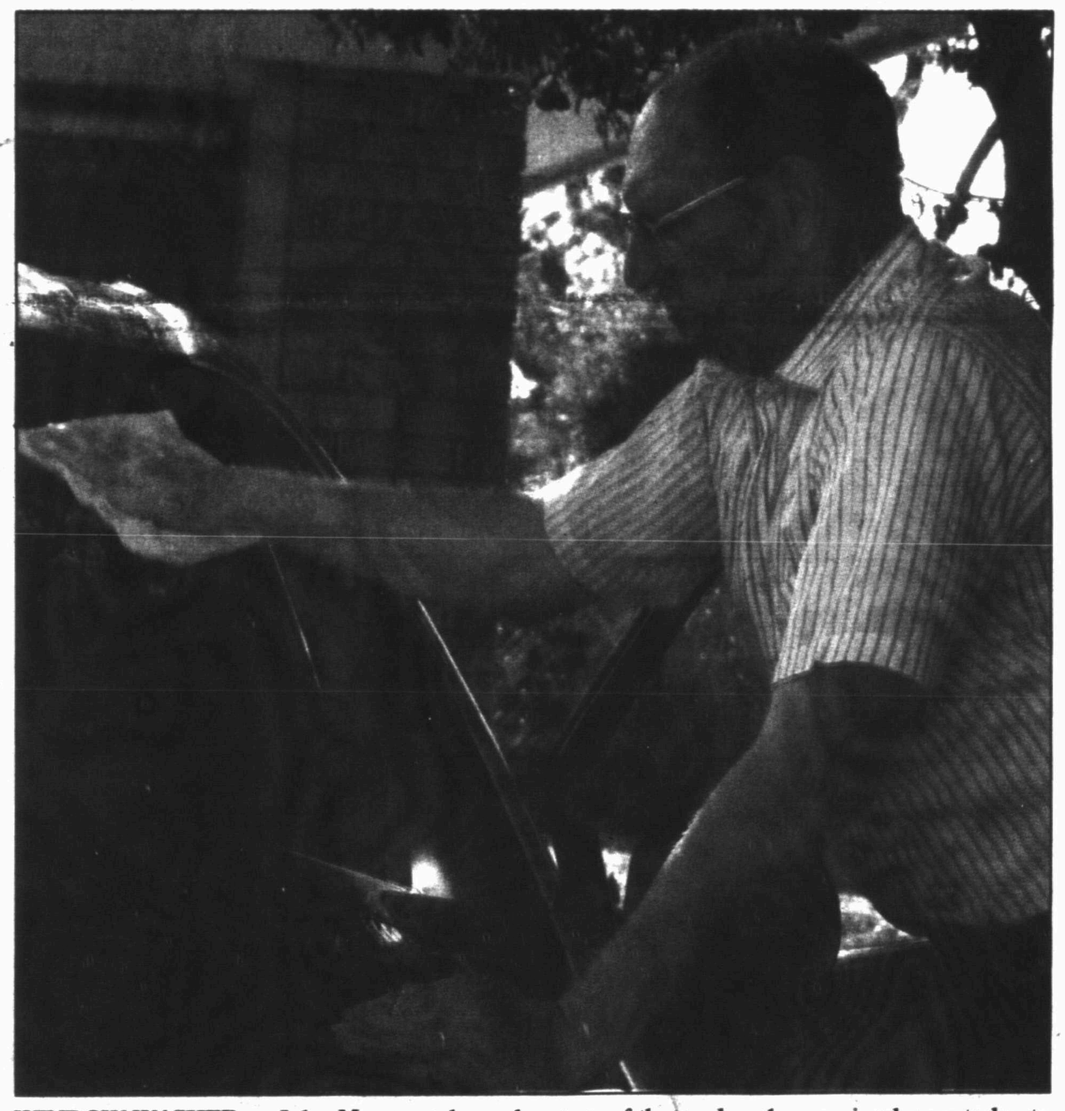
Current season ticket holders who wish to renew their Snyder Tigers football tickets have until Friday to do so, before the tickets become available to the public Monday Aug. 19.

Season tickets can be purchased at the administration building between 8 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. during the week until Aug. 23. After that, only single game tickets will be sold.

The cost of the five-game home package is $20. Adult tickets will be $4 in advance and $5 at the gate. Student tickets are $3 in advance and also $5 at the gate, and will be available at each campus and the administration building.

The Tigers open their home schedule Aug. 30 against Frenship. Other home games include homecoming against Ft. Stockton on Sept. 2, Sweetwater on Oct. 11, Seminole on Oct. 25 and Lamesa Nov. 1.

Kick off for all home games will be at 7:30 p.m.



WINDOW WASHER — John Morgan takes advantage of the cool early morning hours today to wash his mini-van under a shade tree. Snyder has experienced mild temperatures during the early morning this week. (SDN Staff Photo by Bobby Allen)

Pentagon opens rebuilt offices

WASHINGTON (AP) — Nearly two dozen Pentagon workers returned today to offices rebuilt after being destroyed in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

"It's like I'm bringing somebody in and saying, 'I want to show you my office that's been destroyed,' but it hasn't been. It's exactly the same as it was on Sept. 10," said Peter M. Murphy, the top lawyer for the Marine Corps. "So it's just kind of an eerie feeling."

Murphy was one of 22 workers who returned to their offices in the rebuilt section of the Pentagon.

The $500 million reconstruction project is nearly complete, although construction workers still must finish interior work on the 400,000 square feet of rebuilt office space.

Murphy was standing at his fourth-floor office window in the outer ring of the Pentagon when hijackers slammed American Airlines Flight 77 into the building below him. The attack killed 125 people in the Pentagon and 64 on the plane, including the hijackers.

THE SDN COLUMN
MY TURN
by Brian Brisendine



We took a minute the other evening to ponder what we could do with $2.38 million a year.

We wouldn't bellyache so much about the missus leaving lights on all over the house that's for sure. And we'd probably go ahead and upgrade our TV to a big screen.

We'll admit those aren't the loftiest of goals when considering that amount of dough, but it's only because we have a hard time even imagining having that many greenbacks to play with every 12 months.

In case you're wondering, we didn't draw that monetary figure out of thin air. That's the average salary this year in major league baseball.

And as we write this, those wealthy sluggers are busy preparing for a walkout because they say they're not making enough money.

We should probably find out the cost of insurance for a Ferrari convertible before we scoff at their complaints of inadequate wages, but whiny professional athletes have never garnered much sympathy from us.

We listened to one of these pros defend their super-high wages on a call-in show that evening and we weren't impressed.

We almost called in and suggested that if he was having trouble making ends meet, he might consider selling one of the three outrageous pieces of jewelry wrapped around his neck.

We're sure the gold and diamond necklaces cost him quite a bit more than his average fan pulls down in a year's time.

The crybaby athlete complained of how hard he and his teammates work and he felt they deserve to be justly compensated.

We're a firm believer in just compensation, but our view of a hard day's work apparently is a tad skewed from that pro's.

We think he and his teammates should look for work elsewhere if they're unhappy with their circumstances.

But we'd like to see them find similar benefits at any other job.

We perused the want ads that evening and didn't locate a single position offering four-day workweeks, free travel and accommodations in the finest hotels, adoring fans and a $2.4 million starting salary.

Don't get us wrong — we don't hold it against them for making that kind of money. We would if we could.

We just get a little peeved when the greedy sluggers demand more and threaten to strike if they don't get it.

Only the little guys get hurt if that happens. The hot dog vendors and all the folks hocking peanuts and such during the games can't make a living if the players aren't on the field.

Those folks most likely don't have millions of dollars in the bank allowing them to sit on their heels until a strike is resolved like the money-grubbing hardballers can afford to do.

The worst thing about all this greed is that it ends up on the fans' shoulders. We forked over a 10-spot for a hotdog and a Coke the last time we attended a game.

Next time we probably won't get off that cheap. All so our favorite athletes can live the high life with a little more gusto courtesy of the general population who just want to take the family to a ballgame every once in a while.

Don't you just love this game?

Play ball!

ASK US

Q—On July 11, there was a meeting of the Ira school board. Why wasn't it in the paper and what was discussed?

A—Ira board minutes reflect meetings on July 8 and July 29. Both were reported.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Wednesday, 91 degrees; low, 64; 7 a.m. Thursday, 74; no precipitation; total for 2002, 14.73 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, clear; lower 70s; SE winds 10-20 mph. Friday, partly cloudy; high, mid 90s; SE winds 10-20 mph. Friday night, partly cloudy; low, lower 70s.

Trent Ruiz
Partly Cloudy

Sunset: 8:27 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:10 a.m.

Of 226 days in 2002, the sun has shone 219 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Industry is a better horse to ride than genius.
—Walter Lippmann

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Parents reunited with baby

ABILENE (AP) — Screaming and bleeding after being dragged across a parking lot by a car that sped away with her infant daughter, Margarita Chavez somehow believed she would hold her baby again.

Twenty-six hours later, she was cradling Nancy Crystal Chavez in her bandaged arms.

"There's no words (that) can explain how I feel. My hopes never ended," she said Wednesday after her daughter was found unharmed. "I trust the Lord, and I was very sure I was going to get my baby back."

A former prison guard who convinced her family that she had given birth has been accused of abducting Nancy. Paula Roach, 24, was charged with aggravated kidnapping and jailed on $200,000 bond.

Chavez and her baby rarely took their eyes off each other during a news conference Wednesday. Month-old Nancy yawned a couple of times but never made a sound — it was her father and other relatives who were crying.

The father, Salvador Chavez, spoke of the hard work by authorities and thanked community members for their support.

"I don't have sufficient words to say thanks, and I ask God that he blesses each one of you. God bless America," said Chavez, 42.

The infant was snatched from the family's minivan Tuesday afternoon outside a Wal-Mart when her mother turned around to stow a shopping cart.

Authorities in Quanah, about 125 miles north of Abilene, got a tip from employees at a nursing home where Roach had gone to show off the infant. On Wednesday, officers stopped a car carrying Roach, her mother and the baby. Roach was taken into custody and Nancy was returned to her family hours later.

Roach worked as a corrections officer at a prison in Abilene for about 20 months before she resigned in September 2000, warden James Duke said. Police said Roach recently worked at an Abilene convenience store and had lived in Quanah, where she apparently planned to stay and raise the baby.

Protests fail to halt execution

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Protests from the Mexican government and last-day appeals failed to keep a man from a trip to the Texas death chamber for killing a Dallas policeman nearly 14 years ago.

Soon after Javier Suarez Medina's death Wednesday night, Mexican President Vicente Fox canceled a trip to Texas to protest the execution of Suarez, who Fox says is a Mexican national.

Suarez received lethal injection for gunning down undercover officer Lawrence Cadena, 43, during a drug deal.

Suarez's punishment spurred complaints from Fox and other government officials, who argued along with the convict's lawyers that the then 19-year-old Suarez was not told when he was arrested that he could have sought assistance from the Mexican consulate under an international treaty that guarantees foreigners legal help.

The same agreement, the 1963 Vienna Convention of Consular Relations, ensures Americans get legal advice from U.S. officials if they are arrested in a foreign land.

"It's a difficult moment ... a very solemn moment," Eduardo Ibarrola, Mexico's Houston-based consul-general, said outside the Huntsville Unit of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, where the execution was carried out. "I don't believe the death penalty is any solution.

"I do recognize the pain of the victim's family, but I don't think the death penalty is the remedy."

Suarez said much the same in a several-minute-long final statement while strapped to the death chamber gurney.

"Please forgive me and I hope you find it in your heart to forgive me," he said, speaking to the slain officer's mother and son, who watched through a window a few feet away. "The peace you will find will be a temporary peace...

"I thought about your loved one very much. He will be waiting in heaven for me. I will be able to talk to him and ask him for forgiveness personally."

Drowning Pool's lead singer discovered dead on tour bus

MANASSAS, Va. (AP) — The lead singer of the rock band Drowning Pool was found dead on the band's tour bus Wednesday, police said. The cause of death was being investigated.

Band mates found David Williams, 30, Prince William County police spokeswoman Kim Chinn said. The band had gone into a hotel to check in and when Williams didn't follow, they went back to check on him.

Chinn said an autopsy would be performed, though she said it could be days before a cause of death could be determined.

The band had come from Indianapolis the night before with the Ozzfest concert tour, Chinn said.

Steve Karas, a spokesman for the band's record label, Wind-up Records, said Drowning Pool was scheduled to play today in suburban Washington.

"He was somebody who knew how to entertain," Karas said Wednesday night. "He cared more about his fans than most artists and, genuinely, in his heart, gave everything he had every time he was on stage.

Drowning Pool's debut album, "Sinner," has sold 1.2 million copies since its release last June, according to SoundScan.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Free-loading new neighbor is welcome to take her leave

DEAR ABBY: When our neighbors with five small children moved in next door, my husband offered them our barbecue grill to use, because they were trying to cook on one that was too small.

Since that day, the wife has come over no less than twice a day to borrow something — but she never returns the items. She'll ring the doorbell, waking up the baby and disturbing me when I'm finally getting a break.

Yesterday, this neighbor asked if she could borrow some diet soda because her husband didn't want to drink what they had at their house. (Yes, they have a car to go to the store themselves.)

I have given this woman everything from plastic zip-lock bags to milk for her two youngest who are still bottle-fed — as well as lending out my dog carrier, which our dog needs.

She also comes over to use my phone for what she says is "only a minute" — then calls her husband at work just to chat. Lately, I've been telling her I'm out of whatever she asks for, but she's always quick to ask for something else.

Last night I didn't answer the door when I saw her standing there. I feel like I'm literally hiding in my own house. How can I put an end to this? — **HIDING BEHIND THE BLINDS IN NAPLES, FLA.**

DEAR HIDING: Your neighbor has taken advantage of your and your husband's kindness. Tell this freeloader the store is closed — and you are busy. And to please not call when the baby is napping because it's disruptive. Period. If you don't stop her now, her behavior will escalate.

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DEAR ABBY: Our only child, a son in his late 40s, has decided he is gay. He was married briefly for three years and has had three partners. I have seen very little of him, as he lives on one coast and we live on the other.

We haven't seen him for four years because he will not visit us without his partner. We do not approve of his lifestyle and feel he should visit his parents alone. I think he is being unreasonable. We both have health problems and don't need the stress.

Don't get me wrong, Abby. I love my son and it is his choice to live his life this way. But do I have to be subject to it? Am I wrong? Does anyone else have my problem? — **HEARTBROKEN MOTHER IN ORLANDO**

DEAR HEARTBROKEN: You are wrong. People aren't gay because they choose to be; they are gay because they are born that way. Your son tried to please you by marrying. It didn't work — he is only being himself now. For you to demand that he visit you without his partner is both insulting and unreasonable. If he were married, you would not insist he visit you without his spouse. His partner is his family, too.

Many other parents have handled this situation in a positive way by getting information from — or joining — PFLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays). This organization has more than 20 years' experience building bridges of understanding between lesbian, gay, bisexual and transsexual people and their families. Contact it by writing: PFLAG, 1726 M St. NW, Washington, DC 20036, or by e-mail at info(at)pflag.org, or by visiting the Web site at www.pflag.org. You'll be glad you did.

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RESULTS

Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — No tickets correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 54 were: 8-12-14-39-44-43.

Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $6 million.

Pick 3-Day

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

6-5-0

Pick 3

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

4-7-3

Cash Five

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

9-14-15-16-33

Inmate on house arrest, 2 others charged in killing

CAMDEN, N.J. (AP) — A state prison inmate under house arrest allegedly choked a man until he was unconscious, then ordered two friends to wrap him in duct tape and put him in a car that they set on fire.

The inmate and his two friends were all charged with murder.

Sherman Artwell, 32, of Camden, was being monitored by an electronic device, but it was turned off for six hours Sunday as a reward for good behavior and so Artwell could attend to some personal business, authorities said.

During that time, an argument broke out between Artwell and Ronald T. Jackson, 44. After choking Jackson unconscious, Artwell told Zoranda Paulson, 30, to get the duct tape, authorities said.

Artwell then had Paulson and Jonathan Martin, 19, wrap Jackson in duct tape, and Jackson was put in his car several hours later. His body was found around 4 a.m. Monday when police responded to the car fire.

The suspects were being held today in the Camden County Jail.

Berry's World



Date Book

Thursday, Aug. 15, 2002

Today is the 227th day of 2002 and the 56th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1057, King Macbeth of Scotland was killed by Malcolm Canmore. Canmore was avenging the murder of his father, King Duncan I, at the hands of Macbeth.

On this day in 1945, Emperor Hirohito of Japan announced Japan's surrender. Though the surrender had already been made public, Hirohito's status as emperor led many to await his declaration before they would believe it.

On this day in 1947, India and Pakistan became independent nations when the British relinquished control of India and created the separate countries in its stead.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Napoleon Bonaparte (1769-1821), French leader; Sir Walter Scott (1771-1832), writer; Ethel Barrymore (1879-1959), actress; Edna Ferber (1887-1968), writer; Thomas E. Lawrence ("Lawrence of Arabia") (1888-1935), archaeologist, soldier and writer; Oscar Peterson (1925-), pianist, is 77.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1970, Patricia Palinkas became the first woman to play in a professional football game. She was the holder for the Orlando Panthers in a game against the Bridgeport Jets. Orlando won the game 26-7.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The willow which bends to the tempest, often escapes better than the oak which resists it." — Sir Walter Scott

TODAY'S MOON: First quarter (Aug. 15).

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Woman wins lottery

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — A Fort Lauderdale woman claimed a $10 million Florida Lotto prize, more than two months after the winning ticket was tossed into a sewing drawer.

Diane Charboneau, 55, found several Lotto tickets in the drawer and checked the winning numbers for those dates on the Internet. She soon realized four numbers matched her ticket from the May 29 drawing.

"I thought that was nice," said Charboneau, a computer programmer. "When I checked all six numbers, I had them all. All I could say was, 'Oh my God, I have all of them.'"

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WEDDING SHOWER — A come and go wedding shower for Sandra Barboza and Prudencio Salinas Jr. was held Tuesday at the Snyder Chamber of Commerce. Sandra is assistant executive director of the chamber. From left are Donna Fowler, chamber executive director and friend; Jennifer Morin of Snyder, holding Julian, sister and nephew of the bride-elect; the honoree; and Maggie Morin, mother of the honoree. Sandra and Prudencio will marry Aug. 24. (Contributed Photo)

Fun ways to help build children's reading skills

You can help your child build valuable skills by incorporating reading elements into everyday activities.

Below are a few suggestions for kids of various ages taken from the booklet 25 Fun Ways to Encourage Reading from Schwab Learning, a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping kids with learning differences be successful in learning and life. You can download a free copy of this booklet and other publications at www.SchwabLearning.org/pubs.

• Notebook of Sounds—Create an alphabet of pictures (preschool to grade 1): Choose a sound from the alphabet and ask your child to cut out pictures of things that begin with that sound. Have her glue the pictures onto paper. Label the page with the letter that makes the sound. For example, the "P" page might include pictures of a pig, a pencil or a pipe. Use a three-hole punch to fill a notebook. Collect the whole alphabet.

• Twisted Words—Putting words together was never this kind of workout! (grades 1 to 2): Take the big plastic sheet from the game Twister® or make your own version from white plastic bags taped together. In each of the 24 circles print a letter of the alphabet, then call out simple words for your child to "spell" by putting a hand or foot on the appropriate letters. Four "circles" are the maximum length of a word, two hands and two feet. (Try to plot out different letter combinations of vowels and consonants beforehand to make sure you "spell" a good number of words.) To complete a word, your child has to get a hand or foot on all four letters, requiring her to twist into various positions.

• Market Match—Turn grocery shopping into a match game (grades 2 to 5): Plan a meal with your child and compose a menu. Ask your child to help you make a list of items you need from the market based on the menu. Whenever possible, specify the brand names of products to add complexity. For example, ask him to write the brand name, such as Starkist rather than simply tuna. This will encourage him to read the labels rather than just identify them by location or packaging. When you are at the store, have your child read the labels and match them to the items on your list. If you use coupons, match coupons to the items as well.

• Music to Read By—Music can help make reading seem less of a chore and more of a joy (grades 3 to 5): Have your child read the verses to her favorite popular songs-most albums and CDs come with the lyrics printed inside. Read the verses again as you listen and sing along to the music together. If someone in your family plays an instrument, buy music books that feature the lyrics and ask your child to accompany them in an impromptu performance.

• Reporting, Live!—Bring out the budding journalist in your child (grades 4 to 5): Pick a special "news" night and review the newspaper with your child. Focus on the sections of interest to your child (sports, entertainment, even the comics for younger children). Ask your child to read the article and then report back to you as a real television reporter might. He can involve other family members as interview subjects, or even use props.

Hyphen is disputed

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — The humble hyphen is at the center of a dispute over the listing of a congressional candidate's name on a primary ballot.

One of four Democrats seeking an open Sarasota-area congressional seat sued one of his opponents over the punctuation in her name, which affects where it will appear on the ballot.

Candidate Patrick Feheley objects to his rival being listed as Candice Brown-McElyea. He prefers Candice Brown McElyea.

Candidates will be listed on the ballot in alphabetical order when voters go to the polls on Sept. 10. Brown-McElyea comes before Feheley; McElyea, used alone as a last name, doesn't.

Feheley's suit seeks to determine whether a candidate "may for the purpose of gaining a preferable ballot position change their surname after having qualified as a candidate."

Brown-McElyea says Brown is part of her last name, not her middle name.

Community Calendar

THURSDAY

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

AA Big Book Study; closed meeting; contact numbers are 574-8015, 574-1292 or 573-1141; 7 p.m.

Snyder Chapter 450 Order of the Eastern Star; Masonic Hall, 1912 35th Street; 7:30 p.m.

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

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

Hermleigh Community Center Family Night; 6:30 p.m.

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

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club; 573-3733, 573-2101 or 5731141; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

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

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By Phillip Alder



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West ♠ J 10 9 3 ♥ 9 6 5 4 ♦ K 6 5 4 2 ♣ —		East ♠ A K 6 2 ♥ 7 ♦ J 10 9 ♣ J 7 6 5 3
	South ♠ Q 4 ♥ A K Q J 10 8 ♦ 8 3 ♣ Q 10 2	

Dealer: North
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
		1 ♣	Pass
2 ♥	Pass	2 NT	Pass
4 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♠ J

Thursday, Aug. 15, 2002

Be an optimist and a realist

By Phillip Alder

Mark Twain wrote, "The man who is a pessimist before 48 knows too much; if he is an optimist after it, he knows too little."

That is perhaps depressing for those of us who have progressed beyond 48. At the bridge table, though, it pays to be an optimist, whatever one's age and knowledge.

Look at the North and East hands in today's diagram. You are sitting East, defending against four hearts. Your partner leads the spade jack. How would you plan the defense?

South's sequence, a strong jump shift followed by a jump to game, shows a solid six- or seven-card suit with an honor or two outside. With more in high cards, responder would take the auction slower. Here, he wishes to describe his hand and leave it up to partner to decide whether to head toward slam.

Count declarer's tricks. He has advertised six winners in hearts. There are two top clubs in the dummy, and South can collect two diamond tricks because the finesse, if needed, is working. The lead also marks declarer with the spade queen, so only two spade tricks are available to the defense.

Is it time to throw in the towel? Not quite. Perhaps West has a club void. You, East, should win with the spade king and shift immediately to a club. Here, West will ruff and lead a second spade to your ace, then you will give your partner another club ruff to defeat the contract. Nicely done!

Afterward, North might unfairly ask South why he didn't raise to three no-trump. With the spades breaking 4-4, that contract is impregnable.

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LIONS SUPPORTS MUSEUM — Jodie Digby, administrative assistant at the Scurry County Museum, accepted a $100 check from Lions Club president Cliff Shiller Tuesday at the Martha Ann Woman's Club. The monetary gift is for the Taste of Scurry County, a museum fundraising project set for Thursday, Aug. 22, in the family life center at First Baptist Church. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

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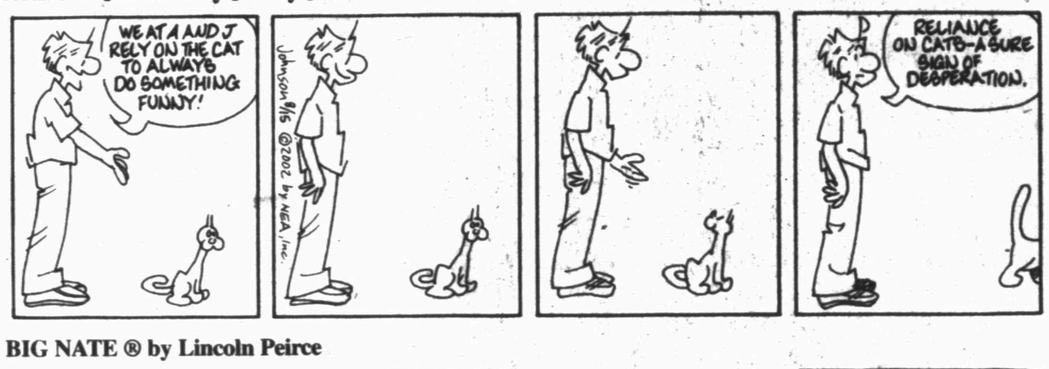
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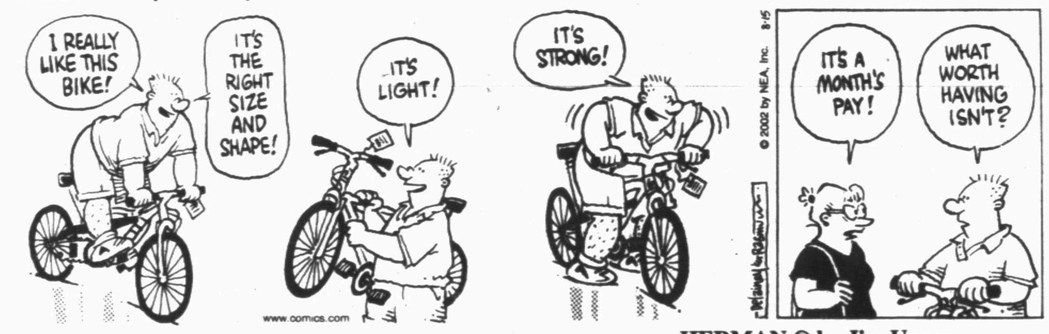
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6 Very
11 Opera tunes
12 Wild
13 Good brandy
15 Colombian city
16 Verdict givers
18 Longing
19 Drill sgt.
21 Goof up
22 Week parts
23 Many, many years
28 Game-show host
30 Teachers' gp.
31 Run up a tab
32 Comic — Brooks
33 Ply the oars
35 Famed statuette
37 Lyric poem
38 Economist Smith
40 Innermost part
41 Websurfer's suffix
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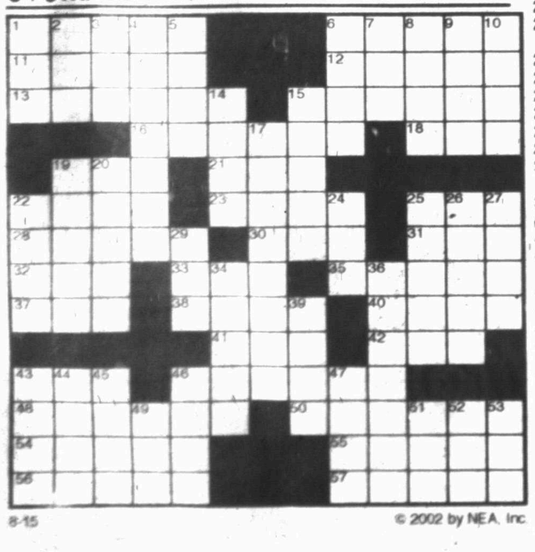
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9 Appraise
10 Sen. —
Cranston
14 Manitoba tribe
15 Swiss capital
17 Pots and kettles
19 Appointed
20 Bike or trike
22 Showroom model
24 — Tome
25 Hot drink
26 Tower over
27 Withered
29 Paleozoic, e.g.
34 Stenches
36 November sign
39 Execs
43 Brawl
44 The lowdown
45 Eight, to Caesar
46 Sawbucks
47 Fumbler's word
49 Pullet
51 Cat's foot
52 Flight dir.
53 Drapery support

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SPORTS

Williams, Driggers back for more

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

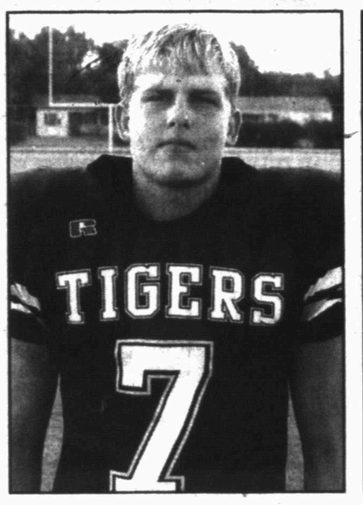
As the only two returning starters in the Snyder Tigers' secondary, seniors Clay Williams and Colby Driggers want to set the tone early in the season.

"How well we defend the pass in those first couple of games could determine how much other teams try to throw on us," said Williams, a returning starter at cornerback. "It should be a lot of fun."

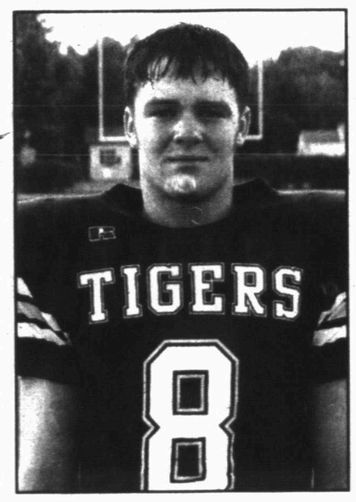
The secondary should certainly be tested early as the Tigers face pass-happy Frenship and Abilene Wylie in the first two weeks of the season.

The two seniors will be relied upon to anchor the defensive backfield, but Driggers expects the newest members of the secondary to fit right in.

"Whoever is on the field with Clay and I will do a good job," the returning free safety stated. "They're really good guys and they're learning quickly."



Clay Williams



Colby Driggers

Williams and Driggers performed well last season, a year in which the Tigers were forced to change defensive schemes in midstream due to injuries. Being able to stick with one plan should benefit this year's unit.

"Being able to run the same defense all year will help a lot," said Williams. "There won't be as much confusion on who's covering who."

"Everyone will know their assignment," Driggers added. "And that'll help us exploit any weakness or mistakes by the other team's offense."

The SHS defense hopes to use its speed and aggressiveness to handle opposing offenses.

"I think we persue the ball well. We're all pretty fast," Williams said. "And we're aggressive. We don't sit back and wait, and that's the way I like to play."

Driggers explained that the aggressiveness stems from the coaching staff.

"I think we have an aggressive mentality, because that's the attitude the coaches have instilled in us," Driggers stated. "They're always stressing to us what it takes to be a good defense."

With their aggressive mind set, the two seniors don't mind helping out against the run. But defending the pass is still their forte.

"It's fun to stick your head in there and make a tackle," Williams remarked. "But it's more exciting to pick off a pass."

Snyder has its first tune-up for the upcoming season Saturday at the annual Watermelon Bowl when the Tigers scrimmage Post at Travis Field. Varsity action should get underway at 11:30 a.m.

"I expect us to have a really good year," Driggers said. "In the secondary, we're already reading our keys well and picking up on different offensive sets. We're just ready to hit somebody other than our teammates."

Rain halts play at PGA Championship

CHASKA, Minn. (AP) — One shot was all Tiger Woods got this morning before play was suspended because of bad weather in the opening round of the PGA Championship.

Woods hit an iron shot down the middle of the 410-yard, par-4 10th hole but, just as he reached his drive, the horn sounded to halt play.

With no rain falling, Woods had a look of, "Are you kidding me?" but lighting soon was spotted and heavy rain began falling about 10 minutes later.

During the last major tournament at Hazeltine National Golf Club, the 1991 U.S. Open, spectator Billy Fadell was killed and five others were hospitalized when struck by lightning on June 13, 1991.

As Woods and playing partners Ernie Els (the British Open champion) and David Toms (the defending champion) were coming off the course, a spectator asked Woods' mother, Kultida, what the suspension meant.

"It means he's won," she said, laughing.

Els outdrove Woods by about 10 yards, but the South African's ball landed in a large divot.

When play was stopped, less than one-fifth of the field of 156 was on the course, and the best score, shared by numerous golfers, was 1 under.

The last major of the year — the PGA calls it "Glory's Last Stop" — is often the least appreciated, least identifiable and least watched of golfing's version of the Final Four.

But no tournament has a better field.

All but two of the world's top 100 are entered, led by Woods, who no longer can win the Grand Slam but still can finish a first-ever All-American Slam by winning the Masters, U.S. Open and PGA in the same year.

"I always feel that's one thing the PGA Championship has going for it — we've always got the best players in the field," Thomas Bjorn said. "That's a great, great thing to have for a championship. If you look at all the tournaments that are played throughout the world over the whole year, this has got to be the strongest field."

And not just this year, either.

"I think we have the best field of all time," Woods said.

That's why the PGA just could be the toughest of the four majors — well, at least to predict. Of the last 14 PGA winners, 11 had never captured a major before, including Toms in 2001.

Phil Mickelson and Sergio Garcia, arguably the most skilled golfers in the field without a major title, wouldn't mind if that soon becomes 12 of 15.

"I'm here to try to win, and it doesn't matter if it's the PGA, the U.S. Open or whatever major," Garcia said.

Biggio homer salvages 4-2 win

CHICAGO (AP) — Craig Biggio looked up at the scoreboard, saw the Houston Astros were up 3-0 in the seventh and knew it wouldn't be enough to win the game.

He was right.

Biggio's solo homer in the seventh turned out to be the game-winner Wednesday afternoon, as Houston had to withstand yet another Chicago Cubs rally before winning 4-3. It was Houston's second one-run victory in as many days.

"Three-nothing in this ballpark, there is no way," Biggio said. "With that lineup as good as it is and the bullpen that they have, it's tough."

The Astros' bullpen is pretty good, too, though. After Sammy Sosa's two-run, two-out single in the eighth, Pedro Borbon struck out Fred McGriff.

Pinch-hitter Angel Echevarria drove in another run off of rookie Ricky Stone in the ninth. But Stone, in his first major league save opportunity, struck out Mark Bellhorn to preserve the victory.

"Unfortunately, they got ahead of us," Cubs interim manager Bruce Kimm said, "and we couldn't quite catch up."

Wade Miller (10-3) scattered two runs and five hits over 7 2-3 innings to get his career-best seventh straight decision. He struck out six and walked four.

Carlos Zambrano (2-4) allowed four runs — two earned — and four hits in seven innings. He struck out seven and walked three.

The Astros have jumped out to big, early leads in every game of this series, only to watch the Cubs rally.

On Monday, Houston was up by seven runs before Sosa's two-run homer in the seventh inning cut the lead to 9-6. On Tuesday, the Astros led by five runs before winning 5-4.

It was a similar scenario Wednesday, as Biggio's homer gave Houston a 4-0 lead.

"All of the games that we played this year against each other have been real close," Biggio said. "It's never over here until the last out is made."

Sure enough, after pitching magnificently for the first seven innings, Miller tired in the eighth.

Pinch-hitter Roosevelt Brown started the Chicago rally, drawing a walk with two outs. Bellhorn singled and Bill Mueller walked, loading the bases.

That brought up Sosa, whose two-run single up the middle cut Houston's lead to 4-2.

Texas bullpen saves victory over Sox

ARLINGTON (AP) — The Texas Rangers bullpen finally produced when it was called upon.

Ismael Valdes received some rare run support and relievers Jay Powell and Francisco Cordero were perfect over the last three innings as the Rangers beat the Chicago White Sox 11-6 on Wednesday night.

Texas relievers started the night with 28 blown saves, 27 losses and a 5.52 ERA.

Powell, hampered by a tendon injury on his right middle finger that kept him out for most of the season's first three months, worked the seventh and eighth innings.

"He was outstanding," Rangers manager Jerry Narron said. "The outs he got were huge. He hasn't been healthy. His finger hasn't allowed him to throw the hard slider. We haven't seen Jay pitch like he's capable."

Powell said the finger has affected his grip and prevented him from pitching well.

"Sandy Koufax said the grip is the biggest factor behind your velocity," Powell said. "Sometimes the velocity gets close, but the consistency isn't always there. It's a matter of getting back healthy."

Rafael Palmeiro hit a three-run homer and Herbert Perry added a two-run shot to back Valdes, who has struggled in part due to a lack of run support.

Valdes (6-9) had a 7-0 lead after three innings before a five-run fifth. Texas had scored three runs or fewer in 13 of his 22 starts and managed only 11 runs in his nine defeats.

Major League Baseball

National League
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East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	78	41	.655	—
Montreal	59	60	.496	19
New York	58	61	.487	20
Philadelphia	57	62	.479	21
Florida	57	63	.475	21½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	65	52	.556	—
Houston	63	56	.529	3
Cincinnati	61	57	.517	4½
Pittsburgh	52	68	.433	14½
Chicago	50	68	.424	15½
Milwaukee	42	77	.353	24

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	75	45	.625	—
Los Angeles	67	53	.558	8
San Francisco	66	53	.555	8½
Colorado	56	64	.467	19
San Diego	50	69	.420	24½

Wednesday's Games
Houston 4, Chicago Cubs 3
Florida 1, Colorado 0
Atlanta 1, San Francisco 0
Los Angeles 5, Montreal 2
St. Louis 7, Pittsburgh 3
Philadelphia 4, Milwaukee 1
San Diego 6, N.Y. Mets 2
Arizona 7, Cincinnati 2

Thursday's Games
San Diego (Tomko 5-8) at N.Y. Mets (Thomson 7-9), 12:10 p.m.
Houston (Saarloos 5-2) at Chicago Cubs (Prior 6-3), 2:20 p.m.
Los Angeles (Daal 9-6) at Montreal (Vazquez 8-8), 7:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Hackman 3-3) at Pittsburgh (Benson 4-6), 7:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Quevedo 6-10) at Philadelphia (Roa 0-1), 7:05 p.m.
Arizona (Johnson 17-4) at Cincinnati (Dempster 7-11), 7:10 p.m.
San Francisco (Schmidt 7-6) at Atlanta (Moss 7-4), 7:35 p.m.

Friday's Games
Arizona (Schilling 19-4) at Chicago Cubs (Smyth 1-0), 3:20 p.m.
San Diego (BMJones 0-0) at Montreal (Yoshii 3-5), 7:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Sheets 6-14) at Pittsburgh (Fogg 11-7), 7:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Rueter 10-6) at Florida (Tejera 7-5), 7:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Finley 3-2) at Philadelphia (Wolf 7-7), 7:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Nomo 11-6) at N.Y. Mets (Estes 4-9), 7:10 p.m.
Houston (Mlicki 4-8) at Cincinnati (Moehler 1-2), 7:10 p.m.
Colorado (Chacon 5-9) at Atlanta (Millwood 11-6), 7:35 p.m.

American League
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East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	74	44	.627	—
Boston	69	49	.585	5
Baltimore	57	60	.487	16½
Toronto	52	67	.437	22½
Tampa Bay	39	80	.328	35½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	71	50	.587	—
Chicago	58	63	.479	13
Cleveland	53	65	.449	16½
Kansas City	48	72	.400	22½
Detroit	45	75	.375	25½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	73	47	.608	—
Anaheim	72	48	.600	1
Oakland	70	51	.579	3½
Texas	51	68	.429	21½

Wednesday's Games
Oakland 4, Toronto 2
Cleveland 6, Tampa Bay 4
Baltimore 6, Minnesota 5, 14 innings
N.Y. Yankees 3, Kansas City 2, 14 innings
Texas 11, Chicago White Sox 6
Boston 12, Seattle 5
Anaheim 5, Detroit 4

Thursday's Games
Cleveland (Westbrook 1-1) at Tampa Bay (Kennedy 7-8), 7:15 p.m.
Baltimore (Johnson 3-9) at Minnesota (Lohse 10-6), 8:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (O.Hernandez 6-3) at Kansas City (Asencio 2-4), 8:05 p.m.
Boston (Fossum 2-1) at Seattle (Garcia 12-8), 10:05 p.m.

Friday's Games
Detroit (Sparks 7-11) at Baltimore (Lopez 13-4), 7:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Sedlacek 2-3) at Tampa Bay (V.Zambrano 5-4), 7:15 p.m.
Boston (P.Martinez 16-2) at Minnesota (Mays 1-4), 8:05 p.m.
Toronto (Halladay 14-5) at Texas (Rogers 12-6), 8:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Drese 9-8) at Anaheim (Lackey 4-2), 10:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (D.Wells 12-6) at Seattle (Halama 5-3), 10:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Buehrle 15-8) at Oakland (Lidle 5-9), 10:05 p.m.

NFL Preseason

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Thursday's Games
New Orleans at Miami, 7 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at Baltimore, 8 p.m.
Oakland at Tennessee, 8 p.m.

Friday's Games
Tampa Bay at Jacksonville, 7 p.m.
Minnesota at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Seattle at San Diego, 11 p.m.

Saturday's Games
N.Y. Giants at Atlanta, 4 p.m.
Cincinnati at Indianapolis, 7 p.m.
Dallas at Carolina, 8 p.m.
Detroit at Cleveland, 8 p.m.
Philadelphia at New England, 8 p.m.
Houston at Kansas City, 8:30 p.m.
Green Bay at Arizona, 9 p.m.

Sunday's Game
Pittsburgh at Washington, 8 p.m.

Monday's Game
San Francisco at Denver, 8 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 22
San Diego at St. Louis, 9 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 23
Baltimore at Philadelphia, 8 p.m.
Carolina at New England, 8 p.m.
Jacksonville at Chicago at Champaign, Ill., 8 p.m.
Tennessee at Minnesota, 8 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 24
Pittsburgh at Detroit, 12:30 p.m.
Buffalo at Indianapolis, 6 p.m.
New Orleans at Cincinnati, 7:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Dallas, 8 p.m.
Miami at Houston, 8 p.m.
New York Giants at New York Jets, 8 p.m.
Washington at Tampa Bay, 8 p.m.
San Francisco at Oakland, 9 p.m.
Denver at Arizona, 10 p.m.
Kansas City at Seattle, 10 p.m.

Monday, Aug. 26
Cleveland at Green Bay, 8 p.m.

Sports Briefs

Watermelon Bowl

The annual Watermelon Bowl is set for Saturday at Travis Field. Snyder will scrimmage Post with freshmen and JV starting at 10 a.m. followed by the varsity.

A hamburger lunch will be sold for $5 and watermelon will be served after the scrimmages.

Soccer teams

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

Snyder football program

Anyone wishing to place an ad in the Snyder Tigers 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.

WGA weekly play day

The SCGA Women's Golf Association holds a weekly play day each Tuesday at 9 a.m. Format is queen of the hill.

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.

Labor talks hit snag

NEW YORK (AP) — Baseball's labor talks hit a snag when the sides delved deeper into the key economic issues, leaving the union's executive board on track to set a strike date Friday.

Rob Manfred, the owners' top labor lawyer, has repeatedly expressed optimism, but even he admitted little headway was made at the bargaining table.

The board is to hold a telephone call Friday, and without progress probably would set a strike date, most likely Aug. 30, according to a person familiar with the players' deliberations who spoke on the condition he not be identified.

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Bush says ties with Mexico still strong in spite of snub

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — The White House put the brightest face it could on Mexican President Vicente Fox's snub of an invitation to President Bush's Texas ranch, emphasizing what it said are strong ties between the two countries.

Fox canceled an Aug. 26-28 visit to four Texas cities and to Bush's ranch to protest the state's execution Wednesday of convicted police killer Javier Suarez Medina. Fox says Suarez is a Mexican national. Texas officials said it was unclear on which side of the border Suarez was born.

White House spokesman Jimmy Orr said Bush "respects President Fox and the two have an excellent professional relationship and a strong friendship that reflects the deep bonds between their two countries."

"President Bush looks forward to his next meeting with President Fox," Orr said. He had no comment about Fox's decision itself or on when the meeting would be rescheduled.

A White House official, discussing the situation on grounds of anonymity, said Fox and Bush spoke by telephone Tuesday night, but did not speak Wednesday.

White House officials were caught off guard by Fox's decision, which came at a hastily announced news conference in Mexico City Wednesday night. The president and several top White House officials were unwinding in Des Moines after a visit here during the day.

Claire Buchan, a spokeswoman, said the incident would not damage U.S.-Mexican relations and she refused to discuss the substance of Fox's decision. She said the issue of the death penalty was an issue for the state, not the White House.

Texas Gov. Rick Perry, a Republican, ascended to that job when Bush resigned in December 2000 in anticipation of his inauguration as president. Texas historically has been among the leading states in carrying out executions and that trend remained intact during Bush's time as governor there.

Of the more than 200 convicted killers executed in Texas since capital punishment resumed in 1982, over 130 were put to death while Bush was governor.

News of Fox's move lit up the officials' cell phones here late Wednesday night. Some learned of the decision from reporters.

The rejection of Bush's invitation is an embarrassment to his administration. Such an offer to Bush's beloved ranch is a highly coveted diplomatic overture. Russian President Vladimir Putin is among the world leaders Bush has hosted there.

Bush made relations with Fox and Mexico a centerpiece of his early foreign policy, a move that had the potential to help Bush with the critical Hispanic vote.

But relations chilled as Bush courted allies elsewhere to prosecute the war on terrorism.

Suarez, 33, was put to death by lethal injection Wednesday evening after apologizing for the crime and asking forgiveness from the relatives of the slain police officer. Bush is a strong supporter of the death penalty.

The case strained relations between Mexico and the United States, with Fox and Mexican lawmakers issuing last-minute appeals for clemency and the prisoner's relatives and friends praying for his life in the Mexican border town of Piedras Negras.

For many Mexicans, the execution emphasized his lack of influence north of the border.

Osbournes take in teen boy whose mother died of cancer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Ozzy Osbourne and his family are taking in a teenager whose mother died of the same type of cancer afflicting his wife, Sharon.

Robert Marcato, an 18-year-old friend of the Osbournes' daughters, will continue his education with the family's support and will be part of their MTV reality show's new season.

Osbourne publicist Lisa Vega confirmed a report in Wednesday's New York Post about Marcato. His mother, Regan, died last week of colon cancer.

"He wants to go to drama school, and we're sending him to the best drama school we can find," Sharon Osbourne told the Post. "Right now, he wants to stay home in L.A. because he's a bit insecure because he doesn't have any family."

"We want to get him secure here, then we're going to take our time to pick the best college for him. ... We're moving him in as part of the family," she said.

Marcato already has appeared in episodes of "The Osbournes," which follows rocker Ozzy and his family and has become MTV's biggest hit ever. Filming on the second season starts next month; an air date has yet to be set.

Sharon Osbourne's chemotherapy sessions will be included in the series.

"I'm doing OK, I'm fine," she told the Post. "I'm so happy — three (chemo treatments) down and 22 to go."

Sharon Osbourne said she got to know Regan Marcato through Robert, who is a friend of Osbourne children Kelly and Aimee.

The 49-year-old said she arranged private nurses to care for Regan Marcato, whom she called "an amazing woman," for the final nine days of her life.

"When I look at somebody like Regan, who didn't have the resources I had, what ... have I got to complain about?" Osbourne said.

Ask Hollywood by Holly Wood

Ripa goes low on 'Live!'

Q: How do the producers of "LIVE! with Regis and Kelly" let Kelly Ripa wear such low-cut blouses? And she can't keep her hands off of Regis. She is disgusting, and I can't stand to watch the program. **— J.C., Charleroi, Pa.**

A: I guess her low-cut blouses are tame compared to what you can see on primetime. Morning television is limited in range, but you can always change the channel. In your area, you can watch "People's Court" or "Barney & Friends," among others. If small-time delinquency and toddler television aren't for you, try writing to the show to complain. The address is "LIVE! with Regis and Kelly," 7 Lincoln Square, New York, NY 10023.

Q: Where can I write to Tobey Maguire and Sam Raimi? — S.G., via e-mail

A: You can write to Maguire and Raimi c/o Spider-Man, Columbia Pictures, 10202 W. Washington Blvd., Russell Building, Culver City, CA 90232.

Q: Could you please tell me where I can find the video "Westward the Women"? It stars Denise Darcel and Robert Young. **— J.T., Guttenberg, Iowa**

A: It starred Robert Talyor, not Young, and you can get it Barnes&Noble.com (www.bn.com.) for $16.99.

Q: Please forgive me, Holly, / for my poetic verse, / But there is a VCR series / for which I fruitlessly search. / Marc Singer plays a reporter / uncovering an alien plot. / "V," the series, / was really hot. **— R.M., Myrtle Creek, Ore.**

A: I get lots of letters / about shows on TV / that are available in stores / on VHS and DVD. / "V" is at Amazon.com for $17.98, / but for poetry stick to Frost / 'cause mine's not so great. (Visit www.amazon.com for a VHS copy. It will soon be released on DVD. And I offer my apologies to accomplished poets everywhere.)

Q: I would like the address for Bill Murray, from the old episodes of "Saturday Night Live." — Chenon, Ill.

A: You can write to Murray at 9830 Wilshire Blvd., Beverly Hills, CA 90212.

Q: What can you tell me about Court TV's witty Catherine Crier? Where is she from? Is she married? **— S.H., Little Rock, Ark.**

A: Crier is originally from Dallas, Texas, but now she lives in Westchester, N.Y., with her husband. She earned a B.A. in political science and international affairs from the University of Texas, and her law degree from Southern Methodist University School of Law. She was an assistant district attorney in Dallas from 1978 to 1981 and a civil litigation attorny from 1982 to 1984. In 1984, she became the youngest elected state judge in Texas history. In her spare time, she raises and trains Arabian horses, scuba dives and plays golf. Her book, "The Case Against Lawyers" (Broadway Books), comes out in October 2002. If you have Internet access, you can check out her Web site at www.criercommunications.com.

TRIVIA: Kelly Ripa began studying ballet at age 3 and plays the piano.

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vjK mart	60	49	.51	—.09
KinderMorg	43.77	42.72	43.61	+ .88
Kroger Co	19.76	19.43	19.75	+ .30
LockheedM	64.64	62.90	63.60	—.15
Lowes Cos	38.07	36.86	37.95	+ 1.20
	5.38	5.30	5.30	—.08
LucentTech	1.54	1.50	1.52	+ .02
MarathonOil	25.52	24.98	25.45	+ .51
MayDeptStr	30.00	29.30	29.99	+ 1.14
Medtronic	41.88	40.77	41.42	+ .59
Motorola	12.42	11.85	12.30	+ .23
NCR Corp	29.11	28.29	29.09	+ .43
Navistar	25.10	24.26	25.10	+ .62
PNM Rescs	20.86	20.32	20.55	
Penney JC	16.85	16.25	16.85	+ .76
PepBoys	13.90	13.35	13.56	+ .09
PepsiCo	45.00	44.20	44.71	—.30
Pharmacia	45.25	44.02	44.96	+ .77
PhelpDodge	32.65	32.06	32.51	+ .53
PhilipPet	52.95	52.40	52.69	+ .42
PilgrmPrd B	8.78	8.70	8.70	—.10
Praxair	56.60	54.40	55.19	—.74
ProctGamb	92.90	91.93	92.65	—.24
RadioShack	28.07	27.25	27.82	+ .49
ReliantEngy	11.00	10.79	10.99	+ .16
RoyalDut	45.69	44.93	45.59	+ .89
SBC Comm	28.75	27.65	28.24	+ .10
SaraLee	19.89	19.65	19.77	
Scripps EW	74.61	74.08	74.44	+ .36
SearsRoeb	47.48	45.40	47.46	+ 2.84
SherwinW	29.75	29.20	29.71	+ .36
SouthernCo	29.00	28.40	28.60	—.39
SwstAirl	12.10	11.49	11.67	—.06
SprintFON	10.85	10.40	10.74	—.06
SprintPCS	4.23	3.92	3.98	—.26
Sunoco Inc	37.58	36.91	37.47	+ .49
TXU Corp	46.89	45.94	46.72	+ .59
TempleInland	53.40	51.98	52.70	+ .12
TexInd	27.52	27.00	27.52	—.18
TexasInst	20.53	19.58	20.46	+ .58
Textron	39.80	38.39	39.80	+ .83
TrinityInds	18.35	18.02	18.09	—.26
TylerTech	3.73	3.61	3.66	+ .05
UnionPacif	61.91	60.80	60.99	—.51
USSteel	14.63	14.14	14.60	+ .29
UnitedTech	61.50	59.00	61.50	+ .15
Unocal	35.05	34.61	35.05	+ .48
VerizonComm	31.41	30.50	30.91	—.04
WalMart	54.24	53.01	54.23	+ 1.61
WellsFargo	52.15	51.53	51.89	+ .34
WstnGasRs	34.12	33.45	34.03	+ .59
WinnDixie	15.83	15.60	15.80	+ .05
Xerox Cp	6.47	6.17	6.38	+ .25
YumBrands s	30.36	29.29	30.31	+ 1.13

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United Airlines considers bankruptcy filing

CHICAGO (AP) — United Airlines says it's in danger of heading to an undesirable new destination: bankruptcy court.

In an urgent bid to avoid Chapter 11, the financially ailing carrier is imposing a one-month deadline to slash costs through agreements with its employee unions and business partners. If unsuccessful, the nation's No. 2 carrier said it would declare bankruptcy.

"The changes we need to make are urgent, significant and immediate," CEO Jack Creighton said in announcing the intensified recovery effort.

United's announcement came just three days after US Airways filed for bankruptcy and a day after American Airlines disclosed drastic cutbacks, including 7,000 layoffs.

Two smaller carriers, Midway Airlines, Vanguard Airlines, also have filed for bankruptcy since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks that decimated the airline industry.

A falloff in demand, industry-leading wage contracts, a sluggish economy and tough discount-fare competition all have contributed to a financial slide that began in 2000 for United, which has 1,900 daily flights, 80,000 employees and an extensive worldwide route network.

The airline lost a record $2.1 billion last year and another $851 million in the first six months of 2002. Despite $2.7 billion in cash reserves, it continues to lose more than $1 million a day and faces an $875 million debt payment in the fourth quarter.

Creighton said the airline in the coming days will present new cost-saving proposals to employee representatives, leaseholders and vendors.

"Unless we lower our costs dramatically, filing for bankruptcy protection will be the only way we can ensure the company's future and the continued operation of our airline."

The announcement stepped up pressure on unions that so far have balked at pay cuts United says are necessary to stem massive losses.

It also signals a final attempt to improve its chances of receiving a much-needed $1.8 billion government loan guarantee. United said it's been told its application will be rejected by the Air Transportation Stabilization Board without making significant further cuts.

United's pilots' union tentatively agreed to a 10 percent pay reduction earlier this summer, but other groups have rejected proposed pay cuts.

United's biggest union, the International Association of Machinists, said late Wednesday it is ready to listen to new proposals. "We are concerned, however, that the company has yet to respond to cost-cutting suggestions from front-line employees at UAL," said Randy Canale and Scotty Ford, presidents of IAM Districts 141 and 141-M, in a joint statement.

Flight attendants, who also have declined pay-cut proposals, said they will consider a new United plan. But spokesman Jeff Zack of the Association of Flight Attendants said any new proposal must take into account that their pay is pegged to industry-average wages, unlike the industry-leading pay of other employee groups.

Airline analyst Ray Neidl said United could restructure without filing for bankruptcy.

"There's enough room, enough time, enough resources for them to get the airline in shape outside a Chapter 11 filing," said Neidl, of Blaylock & Partners. "But they're letting everybody know this can't go on forever. If you're not going to get (employee) concessions, you might as well take it into Chapter 11."

Bankruptcy fears have sent shares in United parent UAL Corp. plummeting. The stock closed at a 22-year low of $2.45 a share on Wednesday.

Companies OK financial statements

By The Associated Press

Executives at many of the biggest publicly traded companies in Texas waited until the 11th hour to certify their financial statements on Wednesday, as required under a new federal law.

A few, however, handily beat Wednesday's deadline for swearing that their companies' financial reports to the Securities and Exchange Commission are accurate.

Executives at all three big Texas-based airline companies, American Airlines' parent, AMR Corp., Continental Airlines and Southwest Airlines, certified their results before Wednesday. So did officials at Texas Instruments, Exxon Mobil Corp., SBC Communications, Clear Channel Communications, Electronic Data Systems, Perot Systems, Kimberly-Clark, Burlington Northern Santa Fe, Belo Corp., and several others.

Among the companies that said Wednesday their executives had certified financials were El Paso Corp., Baker Hughes, TXU Corp., Sabre Holdings, Service Corp. International, Lennox International, Adminstaff, Haggar and Imperial Sugar.

It was unclear whether any Texas companies would miss Wednesday's deadline for chief executives and top financial officers of about 700 publicly traded companies to file sworn statements that they stand behind their financial statements.

Another 250 or so companies — including Dell Computer Corp., J.C. Penney Co. and several other Texas-based corporations — have deadlines later this year because their fiscal years don't end on Dec. 31. In all, 947 U.S. companies are covered by the rule, which was passed after a wave of accounting scandals at companies surfaced in recent months.

Executives who falsely certify company reports could face prison time, but the SEC's order didn't specify penalties for companies that missed Wednesday's deadline.

Companies were able to get an automatic five-day extension to file the statements, although it was unclear Wednesday afternoon how many would seek the extra time. Even a delay in filing the oaths could raise suspicion among investors, analysts said.

Most companies filed brief, straightforward affidavits. But Enron Corp. interim chief executive Stephen F. Cooper said investors shouldn't rely on any financial information that the energy-trading company reported before it filed for bankruptcy protection in December.

Chief financial officer, Raymond Bowen Jr., said key members of Enron's former management who would be needed to review some filings are no longer with the company.

Enron faces 14 federal and state investigations into its accounting practices.

Another energy trader, Dynegy Inc., also under SEC investigation for its accounting practices, said its top executives would only vouch for current financial reports but not those made 1999 to 2001.

A Dynegy spokeswoman said current leaders couldn't certify earlier reports because of pending restatements of last year's results and new audits of the 1999-2001 statements.

Many companies had announced in the days leading up to Wednesday's deadline that their CEOs and financial chiefs would certify corporate statements, leaving only a few surprises for Restatement Day.

Boston cardinal answers questions about church abuse

BOSTON (AP) — In a fourth day of testimony, Cardinal Bernard Law was questioned by attorneys for four men who claim they were sexually abused by retired priest Paul Shanley.

Plaintiffs' attorney Roderick MacLeish and attorneys for the Boston Archdiocese declined to discuss the depositions Wednesday. MacLeish said Law's testimony about Shanley, and about how the archdiocese responded to abuse allegations, is expected to resume after Labor Day.

Law's attorney, J. Owen Todd, said he was actively pursuing a settlement and that he had discussions with attorneys from MacLeish's firm Wednesday morning. MacLeish denied that claim.

"Settlement discussions have been off the table for weeks now," he said. "There have been absolutely no substantial discussions with anyone from the archdiocese."

In the first two days of his deposition, Law testified that he never looked at Shanley's personnel file before he promoted him in 1984 to pastor at a church in Newton, outside Boston.

In Shanley's file were letters from people who had heard the priest advocating sex between men and boys and blaming children for seducing adults.

More than 370 pages of transcripts and seven hours of videotapes of the first two days of Law's deposition in June were released Tuesday. The lawsuits allege Law and other church officials were negligent in their supervision of Shanley.

Shanley, 71, has pleaded innocent and is in jail awaiting trial on charges he abused boys from 1979 to 1989.

The deposition of Manchester, N.H., Bishop John McCormack, a former deputy to Law, was scheduled to continue today in Manchester.

On Wednesday, a Massachusetts priest pleaded innocent to two counts of rape of a child. The Rev. Paul Hurley was charged with sexually assaulting a 15-year-old boy in his Cambridge church in 1987 and 1988, paying up to $100 for sex acts.

Hurley, 59, said outside court he was shocked by the charges. He said all priests have suffered from the barrage of sex abuse allegations across the nation.

"A lot of priests feel that they're just one allegation away," he said.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Friday, Aug. 16, 2002

Endeavors you personally direct in the year ahead are likely to be the ones where you'll realize your greatest successes. One in particular may start out small in both size and significance, but it will grow to real importance.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — In situations or activities where you find yourself being the arbitrator among your friends, you'll bend over backwards to be just and fair. Because of this, they'll end up being loyal supporters. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that'll govern you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Get a jump on the weekend by giving household or domestic matters top priority today. If you are well organized going into the next two days, you'll have time to enjoy yourself with the family.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — In addition to your other assets, your natural diplomacy and tact can effectively be used today to your advantage. When you turn on the charm, others won't be able to resist.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Continue to associate with the moneymakers today, because the aspects still favor you. There are also additional benefits that can be derived through teaming up with such go-getters.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — You shouldn't be hesitant today to step in and take charge of matters when you're asked to take control. You'll be a good leader.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — It may be one of those days when keeping a low profile works to your advantage. You'll be able to function more effectively than stepping out in the open and finding yourself getting clobbered.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Try not to hang around with persons today who take themselves or their lives too seriously. Your restless spirit needs to be with happy, gregarious and outgoing people.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Even if the goals you establish for yourself today are a bit more difficult that usual, your possibilities for fulfilling them are better than usual. Aim high and shoot straight.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — You're a good analyzer and, along with your faculty for accurately sizing up the qualities in others, you'll be able to effectively use the positive things you see in them to help you today.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — There could be some important shifts in conditions initiated by others today. However, regardless of who or what authors them, you will know how to take advantage of them.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Because you'll neither be overly aggressive nor unduly complacent today, your luck will be greatly enhanced as you take that wining route straight down the middle of the road.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Once you get on a roll, your coworkers will automatically fall in step today with your industriousness and ambitious mood. They will mirror your pace and enthusiasm to the letter.

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Marijuana may have long-term consequences

DEAR DR. GOTT: My employer has recently instituted a random drug-testing policy. I occasionally smoke grass. Will the analysis be able to detect marijuana in my system through urine testing and, if so, how long will the drug be present in my body?

DEAR READER: The psychoactive ingredient in marijuana, tetrahydrocannabinol, can be measured in the blood and urine. (The latter is the most commonly used technique for ease and simplicity in drug screening.) Traces of urinary THC can be detected up to three weeks after smoking pot. More important, residual THC remains in the body much longer than a matter of weeks; it is stored in fatty tissue, including the brain, for months.

Therefore, while urinary excretion of THC may cease after a few weeks, the drug remains bound in the body's organs. The significance of this finding is not known. For example, experts are not sure if brain-bound THC continues to affect thinking and behavior.

In any case, long-term consequences aside, you are certainly jeopardizing your employment if you continue to smoke marijuana in the presence of a policy of random drug screening.

To give your related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Help II: Mental/Substance Abuse." 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 disagree with your advice to a reader to have his undescended testicle repaired. My husband had such an operation as a child and the testicle was attached to his leg for blood supply so he wouldn't be teased in the locker room. He died at 62 of testicular cancer after 23 trips to hospital. The cancer ruined his life and mine. Since only one testicle is necessary for reproduction, I think that saving the damaged gland is inhuman.

DEAR READER: I am not familiar with the surgery your husband had many years ago; I've never heard of surgery to attach an undescended testicle to the leg.

Clearly, a testicle that doesn't descend places a man at high risk for cancer. So the traditional approach is to remove the testicle or bring it down into the scrotum.

It is my understanding that removal or repair is a decision left to the surgeon; the choice depends on several factors, such as the age of the child and how high up in the abdomen the testicle is situated. Although I doubt that your husband's operation contributed significantly to his eventual health problem, the possibility exists, of course. Today's modern surgery is vastly superior to techniques used decades ago; the testicular operation has been substantially refined. Consequently, the procedure is considered to be safe and appropriate. I should add that testicular cancer usually affects men who have not required previous surgery; therefore, your husband's untimely demise may well have been unrelated to his childhood experience.

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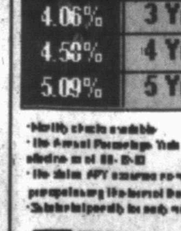
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Dresden braces for fresh flooding

DRESDEN, Germany (AP) — Floodwaters in Dresden's historic center rose to the highest level in more than a century today, threatening the Baroque city's landmark opera and art collection as east Germany became the focus of flooding that has killed at least 100 people across Europe.

In Bitterfeld, a town about 80 miles northwest of Dresden, a dam broke this afternoon, forcing the evacuation of all 16,000 residents and raising fears of dangerous water pollution. Bitterfeld was a major chemical center of the former East Germany and sits on a tributary of the Elbe, the river threatening Dresden.

The Elbe, which had receded slightly after bursting its banks this week and leaving some of Dresden's cultural treasures under water, swelled to more than 27 feet. It was expected to rise another foot, close to the 29-foot level reached in 1845.

Even before today's surge, floodwaters had damaged landmarks of the Saxony state capital, including the famed Semper Opera and Zwinger Gallery, where volunteers helped bring thousands of priceless masterworks to higher floors this week. The city's main train station is also waterlogged and has been closed for days.

Largely destroyed by a February 1945 Allied fire bombing near the end of World War II, rebuilt Dresden is one of Germany's foremost cultural attractions and tourist spots. Many of the landmarks are near the bank.

Today, workers pumped river water out of the Semper Opera's basement, where it damaged stage equipment and costumes, said Christoph Bauch, the opera's chief of stage technology.

State officials said no damage to paintings at the Zwinger Gallery had been discovered so far after hundreds of masterworks were evacuated from storage in the basement. The gallery's upper floors were not touched by the floods.

About 170 intensive care patients were evacuated overnight from several Dresden hospitals and brought to other facilities. Some 3,000 residents were evacuated from newly flooded areas in the morning to gyms, schools and private homes.

The rising Elbe has been fed in part by high water on the Vltava — the river that devastated Prague over the past week.

Today, Czechs crowded onto Prague's riverfront lookout points to watch the Vltava's muddy waters recede.

Generally clear skies over Germany today and a forecast of sunny weather promised relief here. Downstream from Dresden to the north, several cities on the Elbe braced for their share of flooding that has left 11 dead in Germany.

Israel and Palestinian talks resume

JERUSALEM (AP) — Palestinians threatened new reprisals today after a civilian was shot and killed when Israeli troops forced him to carry a message to Hamas militant — confined to a wheelchair after losing both legs and one arm in an earlier explosion — before blowing up his house and killing him as well.

In another incident, in Gaza, a 5-year-old boy was killed and his grandfather and another man were critically wounded when Israeli troops opened fire on a residential area at the edge of Khan Younis near a Jewish settlement, Palestinians said. They said the firing was unprovoked. The Israeli military said Palestinians opened fire and the soldiers responded.

Despite the latest violence, senior Israeli and Palestinian officials planned to hold more talks today on withdrawing Israeli troops from the Gaza Strip.

The sides agreed late Wednesday that Israel would release another $14 million of $300 million in tax money it has been withholding from the Palestinians. Israel handed over one installment recently.

Also, Palestinian Finance Minister Salam Fayed announced he had formed a holding company that will oversee all funds handled by the Palestinian Authority. The Palestinian administration has been accused of widespread corruption.

In Gaza on today, Hamas spokesman Abdel Aziz Rantisi said the death late Wednesday of one of the group's leaders, Nasser Jerar, "will not pass without strong punishment."

Israeli forces knocked down the house where they located Jerar in Tubas .

Three arrested in Snyder Wednesday

•Arrests

Deputies arrested a 28-year-old man in the sheriff's office at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday on city warrants for Class C assault family violence and failure to appear.

A 35-year-old man was arrested at 3:00 p.m. Wednesday by deputies on DPS warrants for no liability insurance, open container of alcohol and failure to appear.

Officers arrested a 41-year-old man at Willow Park Inn at 7:14 p.m. Wednesday for public intoxication, possession of a prohibited knife and Class C assault by threat.

•Vehicle theft

David Rivera reported at 6 a.m. today the theft of his 1986 Chevrolet truck from the 400 block of 38th Street.

•Burglaries

Mel Heard requested police at 4:16 p.m. Wednesday in reference to a burglary of a residence in the 1900 block of College Avenue.

A broken door was reported at Snyder Lanes just before 1 a.m. today, two packs of cigarettes were stolen, and a burglary report was filed.

At 4:16 a.m. today, Richard Hester reported damage to a vehicle in the 2700 block of Avenue U. The vehicle had a broken window, and a wallet and $750 worth of CDs were reported stolen.

•Thefts

Sheila Kenny reported at 3:39 p.m. Wednesday the theft of $900 worth of welding equipment from Cattle Country restaurant.

Wendy Ingram with Wal-Mart reported the theft of one pair of underwear from the store just before 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon.

Just before 8 p.m. Wednesday, Leslie Bohannon reported the theft of his bicycle from the 1400 block of Avenue Q.

•Criminal mischief

Ray Cooley requested officers at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday in reference to damaged windows at Cooley's Body Shop.

•Suspicious activity

Police received a call about a suspicious vehicle behind Dollar General at 11:20 p.m. Wednesday.

Just after midnight Wednesday, a clerk with Allsup's reported several juveniles loitering around Pizza Hut and Pizza Inn.

Just after 2 a.m. today, Lyn Chaney reported dogs barking in the 2100 block of 24th Street, and police located a goat at large.

Obituaries

Maria Ramos

1914-2002

Maria Ramos, 88, of Snyder died Wednesday, Aug. 14, in the Midland Memorial Rehab Center following a lengthy illness.

Service for Mrs. Ramos is set for 2 p.m. Friday at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church with Fr. Leo Moras officiating. Burial will follow in Snyder Cemetery under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.



Maria Ramos

Rosary, led by Robert Ramirez, will be at 7 p.m. today at the funeral home.

She was born on July 15, 1914 in Anson and was preceded in death by four brothers, Paul Ramos, Willis Ramos, Louis Ramos and Juan Ramos; and four sisters, Benita Ramos, Juanita Costillo, Martina Ramos and Manuela Ramos.

Survivors include a nephew, Juan Ramos of Snyder; a sister, Lorenza Ramos of Midland; and an adopted sister, Savina Rodriguez of Midland.

Evelyn Miller

1905-2002

SWEETWATER — Evelyn "Granny" Miller of Sweetwater, mother of Bill Miller of Snyder, died Wednesday, Aug. 14, in Rolling Plains Memorial Hospital.

Graveside service for Mrs. Miller, 94, is set for 10 a.m. Friday in the Sweetwater Cemetery. The Rev. Lyndel Hix will officiate. McCoy Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Born on Jan. 18, 1909 in Girard, she married Clifton Warren Miller on Aug. 8, 1935 in Bellville. A graduate of Clairemont, she had lived in Sweetwater since 1954. She was a past postmaster at Clairemont. Mrs. Miller was a member of the Church of Christ, the Eastern Star and was an avid bowler.

She was preceded in death by her husband on May 22, 1977; one daughter; one grandson; and one brother and one sister.

Survivors also include one daughter, Garla McIntosh of Sweetwater; eight grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

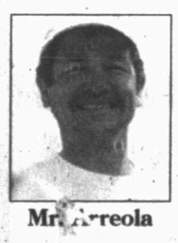
Family visitation is set for 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Fermin Arreola

1962-2002

SWEETWATER — Services are pending at Cate-Spencer-Trent Funeral Home for Fermin Arreola of Durango, Mexico, who drowned Sunday, Aug. 11, at Lake Alan Henry in Garza County, while saving a five-year-old girl from drowning. He is the brother of Alonso Arreola of Snyder. Burial will be in Durango.

Born July 7, 1962 in Rodeo, Durango, he married Marisela Arias in Durango on Jan. 4, 1988. They moved to San Rafael, Calif., that same year.



Mr. Arreola

Mr. Arreola was a flooring contractor for his brother's business, Arreola Brothers in Sweetwater. He came to the U.S. in the late 1970s and began working in the flooring business throughout several states.

Survivors include his wife, Marisela Arias De Arreola of Durango; a daughter, April Arreola of Durango; a son, Fabian of California; his mother, Paula Amdya De Arreola of Rodeo, Durango; his grandmother, Francisca Arreola of Rodeo; six brothers, Claudio Arreola, Eduardo Arreola, Alfredo Arreola, Alejandro Nunez Arreola; two sisters, Isabel Arreola De Reyes and Paula Arreola. All are of Durango.

Florene Mathes

1913-2002

TYLER — Annie Florene Mathes, mother and mother-in-law of Shirley and Willie Davis of Snyder, died Wednesday, Aug. 14, in the East Texas Medical Center.

Graveside service for Mrs. Mathes, 88, is set for 2 p.m. Saturday in the Williams Cemetery under the direction of Tyler Memorial Funeral Home.

Born Oct. 4, 1913 in Grayson County, she had lived in Tyler since 1977 and had been owner/operator of a restaurant.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Andrew T. Mathis; a son, Andrew Dunford; and two grandsons, Glen and James.

Family visitation will be 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Survivors include another daughter, Margaret Townsend of Tyler; a sister, Alene Rutherford of Breckenridge; 13 grandchildren, including Debi Guzman of Snyder; and 11 great-grandchildren.

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Safe child registration

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

Northeast open house

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

Junior High open house

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

Weigh Down registration

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

FBC services televised

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

Joy School registration

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

East Elementary open house

East Elementary will hold an open house from 1-4 p.m. Friday.

West meet the teachers

West Elementary meet-the-teachers event will be held from 4 to 5 p.m. Friday.

Back-2-School Bash

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

Girl Scout registration

Girl Scouts will have a registration booth at the Back-2-School Bash from 8-9:30 p.m. Friday. Bring one parent, school immunization record and $7 registration fee.

Prophetic-Healing Conference

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

Garage sale

Hermleigh junior high cheerleaders will conduct a garage sale from 7:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Saturday at 1357 Pyron Ave. in Hermleigh.

FFA dance

There will be a dance for all FFA members and incoming greenhands Saturday 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.

Stanfield open house

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

Mesquite Country Emmaus

Mesquite Country Emmaus will have its annual ice cream supper at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Towle Park Pavillion. Babe chicks meet at 6 p.m. at Word Is Life Church, 312 Coliseum Drive. Bring your favorite ice cream.

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.

Registration rally

The Girl Scout registration rally will be from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Aug. 24, at the Girl Scout Hut, 2501 35th. Call Judi 573-7556 or JoAnn 573-3926 fior more information.

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.

Fish Fry

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

Museum exhibit

A special exhibit of Harley-Davidson, Indian motorcycles and Cushman motor scooters continues through Sept. 2 at the Scurry County Museum on the Western Texas College campus. The free exhibit is entitled Ready To Roll and all bikes are owned by residents of Scurry County.

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.

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.

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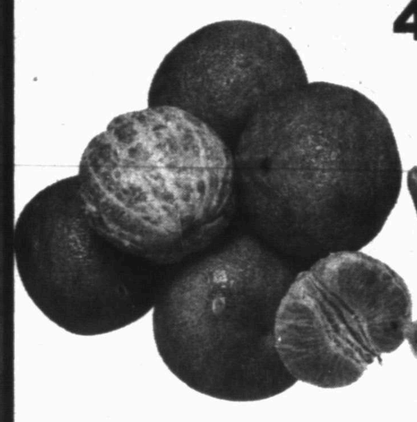


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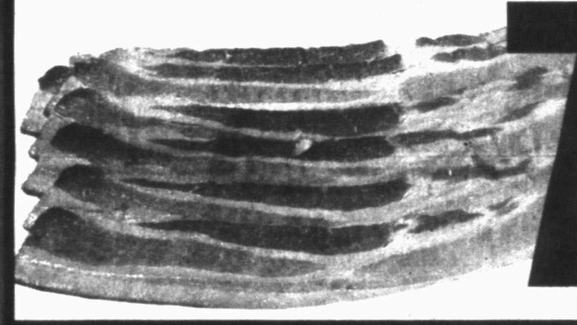
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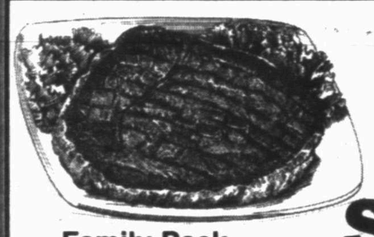


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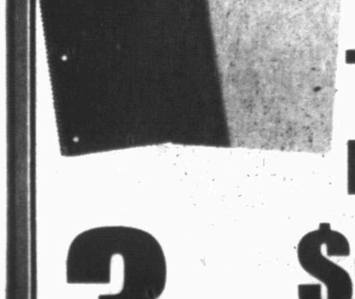
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