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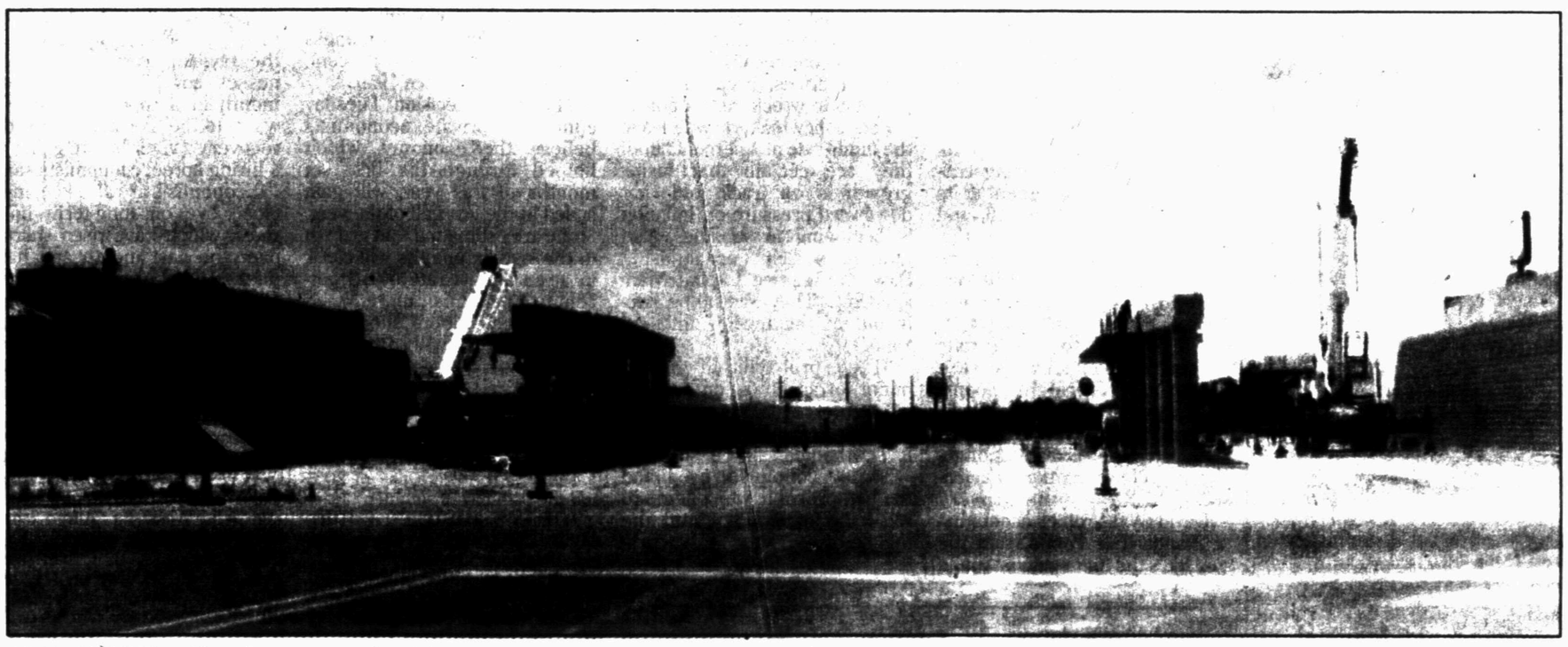
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ROAD CLOSED – Motorists are restricted from using the underpass at Huffman Ave. and U.S. 84 today and Thursday morning. The closure of the underpass will allow contractors to work without disruption while beams are set for the new bridge. (SDN Staff Photo)

*For 2003-2004 school year...*

## Snyder, Hermleigh and Ira districts work on budgets

### *Snyder*

Snyder ISD board of trustees approved their intent to adopt the current tax rate of $1.50 per $100 valuation during a brief meeting Tuesday night.

This is another step in the board approving the district's 2003-2004 budget. The next step will be Thursday, Aug. 26, as the trustees will meet at noon to formally adopt the tax rate and the upcoming year's budget in the amount of $18.9 million.

In other business Tuesday night, trustees approved the high school's FFA trip to Louisville, KY for the national convention, and Texas Workers' Compensation Solutions as its carrier for workers' compensation insurance for $116,300 per year.

The agenda called for a closed session prior to personnel matters, but board president Mark McCormick said there were none to consider and the session was not held.

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

### *Hermleigh*

Like most school board members this time of the year, Hermleigh school board members discussed budget matters at Tuesday night's meeting.

A public hearing was set for Aug. 25 to adopt the district's budget and tax rate for 2003-2004. The proposed rate is $1.50 per $100 valuation, up five-cents from last year's rate of $1.45.

Trustees also authorized Supt. Marvin Beaty to enter into an exclusive contract with Coca-Cola for soft drinks on the Hermleigh campus.

In personnel matters, Joe Campbell was hired as the ag teacher. He will replace Richard Smith, who recently retired.

### *Ira*

At Tuesday night's Ira ISD board meeting, trustees set Aug. 26 as the date for a public hearing to discuss the budget and proposed tax rate for 2003-2004. The hearing will be held in the Ira Community Center at 6:30 p.m.

All action items were approved and salary schedules were adopted in the meeting.

## GOP seeks probe of airplane used by Democratic senators

**By The Associated Press**

The Texas Republican Party is seeking a federal investigation into whether state Democratic senators and an Edinburg bank violated campaign finance laws by using a private jet owned by the bank in their escape to New Mexico.

Democratic leaders have said South Texas businessman David Rogers, president of the First National Bank of Edinburg, donated his private plane to help senators flee the state and avoid a vote on a GOP-backed congressional redistricting plan.

However, online records kept by the Federal Aviation Administration show no planes in Rogers' name. But the First National Bank of Edinburg is the registered owner of two planes, The Associated Press confirmed.

"This is a blatant abuse of campaign finance laws that cannot be tolerated in Texas or any other state," Texas GOP chairwoman Susan Weddington said. "We have rules against companies and national banks making political contributions, and the First National Bank of Edinburg and the Democrats that fled our state obviously have little regard for these laws."

Texas Democratic Party Consultant Jeff Crosby said Senate Democrats checked with the Texas Ethics Commission on the use of transportation.

"Everything they did was legal and proper," he said. "Contributions to the Texas Senate Democratic Caucus isn't political activity so it's not a political contribution; therefore, this is a completely frivolous complaint."

Senate Democratic Caucus Chair Van de Putte said last week that she asked Karen Lundquist, the ethics commission's executive director, if it was legal for the Democratic caucus to accept airplane travel that was a corporate contribution.

Lundquist responded in a letter that "a legislative caucus is not prohibited from accepting contributions from corporations."

But Weddington has sent a letter seeking "an immediate investigation" to Archie L. Bransford Jr., deputy comptroller of the Comptroller of the Currency's Southeastern District office in Atlanta.

## Gun show set for weekend at coliseum

**The 22nd Annual Canyon Gun, Knife and Coin show will be held this weekend at the Scurry County coliseum. The event will be held Saturday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.**

**Those in attendance can buy, sell, or trade rare guns, knives and coins.**

**Admission is $3, while children 12 and under get in free with their parents. For more information call Gene Bowlin at 573-2323.**

**Canyon Gun Club, Inc. is NRA affiliated.**

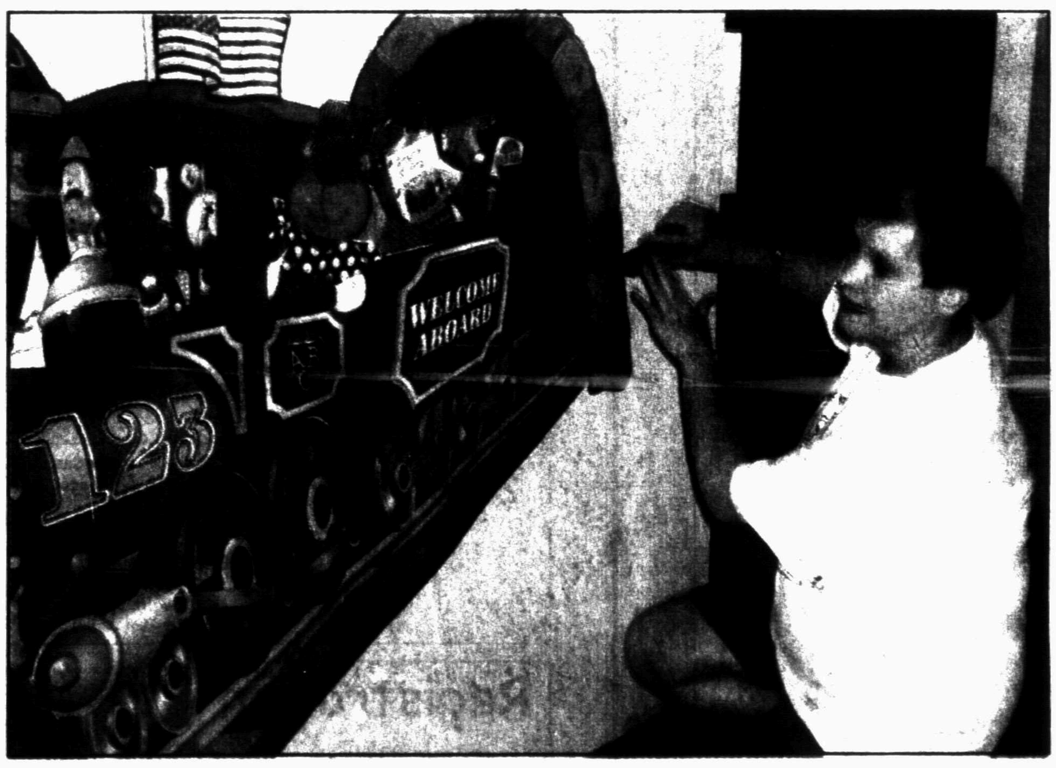
## Bomb blamed on al-Qaida

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan (AP) — A bomb ripped through a bus today in southern Afghanistan, killing 15 people, including six children. Officials blamed al-Qaida and remnants of the Taliban militia for the bombing, the deadliest in nearly a year.

The blast came as officials reported a large gunbattle in eastern Afghanistan between Afghan government forces and suspected Taliban fighters that killed at least 20 combatants.

Anti-government insurgents have been stepping up attacks in recent months, particularly in the south and east of the country, in a bid to destabilize the U.S.-backed government of President Hamid Karzai.

Today's explosion appeared to have been caused by a bomb planted in the bus.




GETTING READY — Sandy Holmes, who teaches kindergarten at Ira Schools, puts the finishing touches on this train stapled to the wall near the door of her classroom. Ira students go back to school Monday. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

## ASK US

**Q—How did Cogdell Hospital finance its recent renovations?**

**A—Through certificates of obligation guaranteed by Scurry County.**

## MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR



### John H. Roddy...

...Is the only living Pearl Harbor survivor left in Scurry County. He has lived in Snyder for 20 years. After he retired from the service in 1960, he moved to Fluvanna then he moved to Snyder in 1983.

His wife Juanita is a homemaker.

Hobbies include fishing, hunting and taking life easy.

## TODAY'S THOUGHT

**"It is not fair to ask of others what you are not willing to do yourself."**

**— Eleanor Roosevelt**

## THE SDN COLUMN

### MY TURN

by Shirley A. Gorman



This is one column I was really hoping I wouldn't have to write.

But they're bbbbbback! No, not scorpions, but those darn pesky skunks!

My first skirmishes this summer were all too familiar. Smelly and his buddies drop stink bombs in close proximity to my home. And then that delightful aroma comes wafting in, usually in the wee hours of the morning.

Been there done that, but I've learned to cope. But then Smelly decided to make his home under my mobile home.

That started the Skunk Wars.

When I returned from vacation, my neighbor told me she had seen a skunk go under my home. She showed me where and I immediately blocked that space between the skirting and the ground.

I enjoyed two hours of blissful ignorance, before I realized that I had closed Smelly inside. He must have had a hot date lined up for the night because when he couldn't get out he exploded a stink bomb in retaliation.

I opened a place in the back of the skirting so Smelly could get out and I called the animal warden. She dutifully set a skunk trap and left it for about three days or so, but Smelly, who is also The Wise One, laid low until the trap was removed and then he found another way to get under my home.

The Skunk Wars continued.

Smelly enjoys the game of hide and seek. I could hear him, but never see him when I peered inside the skirting with a flashlight. But I swear one day I saw a set of matching luggage at the other end. Still I left a section open in the back, hoping Smelly would leave. I even covered the ground with white flour hoping to see the telltale footprints going in the opposite direction.

Never saw a footprint, but I did see its droppings. Defiant little critter isn't he? Smelly was still underneath my home and showed no signs of leaving anytime soon. After all, winter is coming.

I consulted the Great Oracle and ordered a bottle of fox urine powder that is supposed to repel skunks. I didn't order enough so I don't know if it works or not. But I did find another entrance Smelly was using. Naturally I blocked it immediately. Hey! I thought I was winning the war.

But once again I had unknowingly closed Smelly inside. Early one morning he was so ticked off when he couldn't get out (he needs some anger management classes), that he dropped an economy size stink bomb, underneath my bedroom and bathroom.

I couldn't get the back section open fast enough, desperately hoping Smelly would move to a new address or take a cruise around the world to air out that lovely aroma.

What was I to do? Smelly had me down on the mat with a "spinning toe hold" and I couldn't get up.

Then the Great Oracle spoke the magic words: "Mothballs." Mothballs? Believe it or not, skunks don't like things that smell. Imagine that! I guess they must be immune to their own body perfume. I have sprinkled mothballs around and inside the skirting as much as I could.

It's now 13 days and counting since I last heard or had a whiff of Smelly. Do I dare think I have won the war? Nah! I'm sure he and his troops are nearby plotting their next strategic attack.

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# WHAT'S UP?

## ONGOINGS

### Hermleigh registration

Registration for new students and juniors and seniors is set from 9-11 a.m. Thursday at the principal's office at Hermleigh.

### Tour SJHS

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

### Tiger's Lair to be distributed

The Tiger's Lair yearbook will be distributed today through Friday from 4-6 p.m. in the foyer of Worsham Auditorium. Only a student or parent may pick up a yearbook ordered, and bring the receipt.

### FBC services televised

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

### Northeast open house

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

### East open house

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

### Scurry Masonic meeting

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

### Safe Child registration

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

### Girl Scout swim party

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

### Stanfield open house

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

### Adult basic education

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

### WTC dual credit enrollment

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

### Head Start registration

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

### Hermleigh Masonic Lodge

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

### Back-to-School bash

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

### Volunteer fireman fundraiser

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

### Ritz Theatre production

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

### Car wash

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

### Central K-3rd parent orientation

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

### Taste of Snyder

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

### SCA demonstration

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

### SHS Class of 1994 reunion

Anyone having addresses of members of the SHS class of 1994 can contact Brandi Doyle at 806-281-0067, Amy James at 806-866-2728, or Shelley Shields at 806-745-3331, or send an e-mail to snyderhigh94@yahoo.com. Information is needed for the 10-year reunion.

# Short-term interest rate at 45-year low

WASHINGTON (AP) — Steady as she goes. That's the message from Federal Reserve policy-makers, who indicated they may hold a key short-term interest rate at a 45-year low in the months ahead, an effort to help the nation's economy sail smoothly again.

Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan and his Open Market Committee colleagues on Tuesday said low short-term interest rates "can be maintained for a considerable period."

Economists predicted that means the Fed will keep its main lever for influencing economic activity at 1 percent at its next meeting on Sept. 16, and probably through the rest of this year. Some economists believe the federal funds rate will stay where it is — the lowest since 1958 — through part of 2004.

The Fed left the funds rate, the interest banks charge each other on overnight loans, unchanged at its meeting Tuesday, saying currently low short-term rates are "providing ongoing support to economic activity."

David Wyss, chief economist at Standard & Poor's, said the Fed feels the funds rate is "in the right place and we want to stay here."

With the Fed more concerned about inflation going down, rather than up, the central bank has leeway to hold the funds rate at low levels for a while even if the economy picks up speed in the second half of this year, economists said.

The Fed has said repeatedly that it must be on guard against even a remote threat of deflation, an economically dangerous slide in prices, because of its potential to wreck the economy.

Fed policy-makers will leave the funds rate at 1 percent "until they are certain that faster growth is on track and that downward pressure on inflation is beginning to subside," said Lynn Reaser, chief economist at Banc of America Capital Management. "They want to be safely out of the too-low inflation zone."

"The probability, though minor, of an unwelcome fall in inflation exceeds that of a rise in inflation from its already low level," the Fed said Tuesday.

Some economists predicted the Fed probably won't begin to raise the funds rate until the middle of next year at the earliest.

"The indication that the committee is confident that inflation will not be a major threat anytime soon and therefore no tightening should be expected for quite a while is the key message being sent," said Joel Naroff, president of Naroff Economic Advisors.

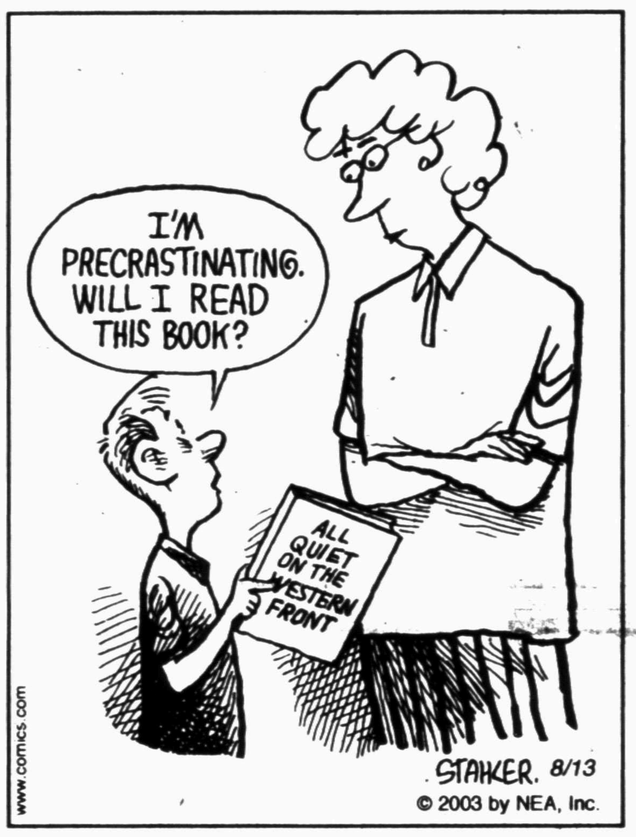
Holding the funds rate steady means commercial banks' prime lending rate for many short-term consumer and business loans will remain at 4 percent, the lowest level since 1959.

The Fed's decision Tuesday comes as private economists believe the economy, which limped through the first six months of this year, will gain speed in the last half of the year. Some are estimating that growth in the last six months will clock in at an annual rate of 3.5 percent to 4 percent or more.

Near rock-bottom short-term interest rates, with President Bush's third round of tax cuts, should motivate consumers and businesses to spend and invest more, thus strengthening economic growth in the second half, economists said.

Even if the economy does pick up in the second half, the job market is likely to remain sluggish, economists said. The nation's unemployment rate dipped to 6.2 percent in July, mainly because many people left the civilian work force. Businesses cut jobs for the sixth month in a row. Business will want to be certain about the recovery's vigor before going on a hiring spree, economists said.

Economists are also keeping a close eye on long-term bond rates, which have risen sharply over the past month and have pushed up mortgage rates. Economists don't want to see rising long-term rates short-circuit the budding economic recovery.




# Date Book

**Wednesday, Aug. 13, 2003**

Today is the 225th day of 2003 and the 54th day of summer.

**TODAY'S HISTORY:** On this day in 1928, WRNY in Coytesville, N.J., became the first station to broadcast a television image.

On this day in 1942, Disney's "Bambi" premiered at Radio City Music Hall in New York City.

On this day in 1961, free passage between the Eastern and Western sectors of Berlin was sealed off with barbed wire. Two days later, construction on the Berlin Wall began.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS:** Annie Oakley (1860-1926), sharpshooter and Wild West star; Alfred Hitchcock (1899-1980), director; Fidel Castro Ruz (1926-), Cuban president, is 77; M. Joycelyn Elders (1933-), former surgeon general, is 70.

**TODAY'S SPORTS:** On this day in 1988, the Boston Red Sox won their 24th straight home game, an American League record.

**TODAY'S QUOTE:** "I never said all actors are cattle; what I said was all actors should be treated like cattle." — Alfred Hitchcock

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

LOTTO TEXAS LOTTERY

**Tuesday's Lottery Numbers**
**Cash Five**

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

**Winning numbers drawn: 10-25-29-32-35.**

**Number matching five of five: 0.**

**Prize per winner: $0.**

**Matching four of five: 164. Prize: $507.**

**Matching three of five: 5,165. Prize: $11.**

**Matching two of five: 53,291. Prize: $2.**

**Next Cash 5 drawing: Wednesday night.**

**Pick 3**
**(Day) 5-2-4**
**(Night) 9-7-6**

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# Faulty maps blamed for flood that trapped miners

NEW STANTON, Pa. (AP) — A mine where nine men were trapped underground for three days last summer flooded because there was no map detailing the full extent of previous mining done in an inundated, long-abandoned mine adjacent to the Quecreek operation, federal investigators found.

The Mine Safety and Health Administration also said Tuesday that more could have been done to prevent the flooding of the Quecreek Mine.

The maps that were available led miners to believe the flooded mine was hundreds of feet away when they breached it last July 24, releasing millions of gallons of water that trapped them inside.

The federal report suggested that since no certified map of that adjacent mine — last mined in the early 1960s — was available, the operators, owners and engineers for the Quecreek Mine could have taken other steps, like drilling test holes, to determine how close the old mine was to the new one when it was opening in the late 1990s.

Operators also could have consulted production records from the older mine and concluded the maps on hand were incomplete, said Dave Lauriski, assistant U.S. secretary of labor for Mine Safety and Health.

Lauriski said because inaccurate maps were used, citations were issued Tuesday against Black Wolf Coal Co., the contractor employing the miners; PBS Coals Inc., which owns the Quecreek Mine; and Musser Engineering Inc., which helped prepare the mine maps in support of the company's state permit.

Penalties for the violations will be determined later.

Six of the miners have filed lawsuits against past and present owners and operators of the mines, saying they knew or should have known about the danger. Black Wolf is not named in the lawsuits because of workers' compensation rules. Two miners have returned to work — one underground.

The miners' lawyer, Howard Messer, said the federal report supports his claim that more should have been done to protect the men. "If you can't find a good one (map), you have to validate the information by some other process," he said.

Randy Musser, president of Musser Engineering, said the law requires a citation to be issued if any map is found to be inaccurate, but that the mapping of Quecreek was "done in accordance with the standards applicable at that time."

"Our engineers felt the map that we had ... showed the extent of that (old) mine," Musser said.

## Colorado towns face showdown over gun laws

DENVER (AP) — A showdown is developing in Colorado cities over the right to bear arms as city councils consider barring residents from openly carrying guns in public buildings.

A new state law prevents cities from banning concealed weapons in public buildings, but at least seven communities are trying to keep people from carrying them openly.

The Colorado Springs City Council approved a ban on openly carrying weapons in city buildings on a 5-4 vote Tuesday, prompted by a resident who took an unloaded shotgun to meetings at City Hall.

The Breckenridge City Council gave preliminary approval to a similar ban Tuesday. A final vote was scheduled for Aug. 26.

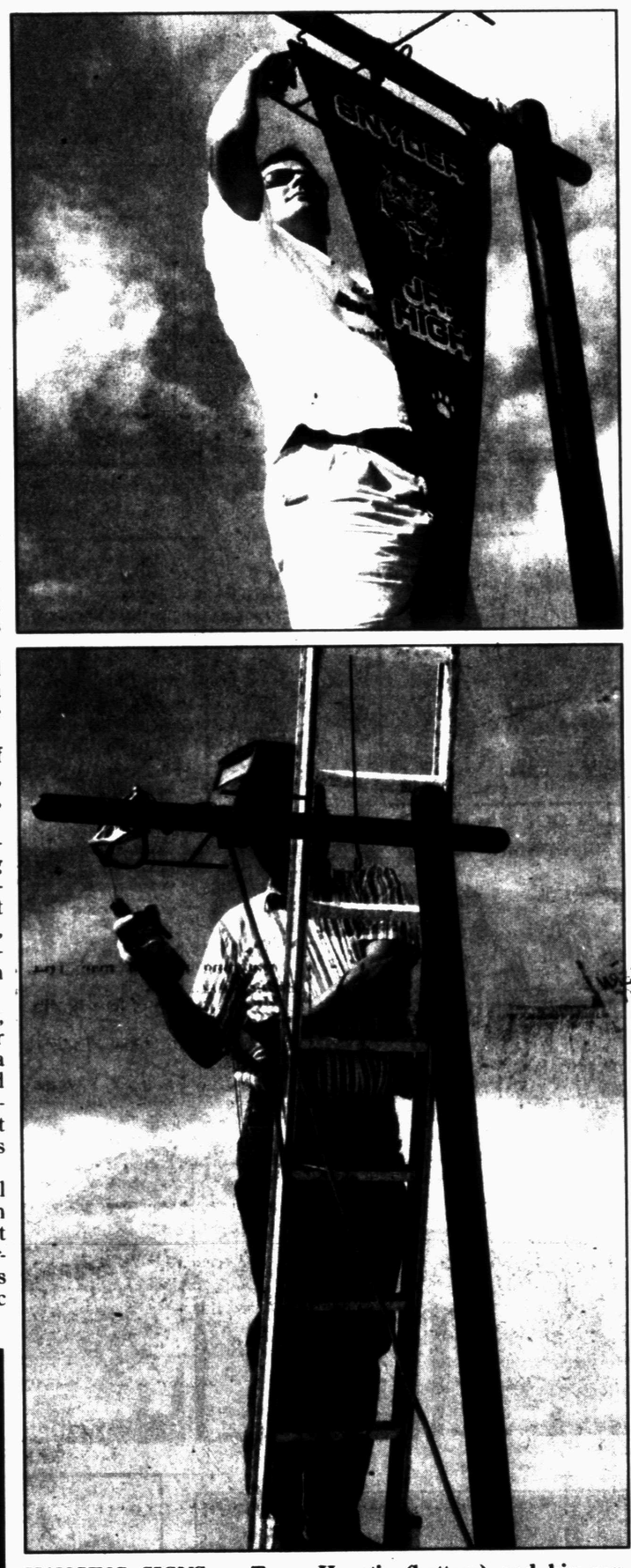
The executive director of Rocky Mountain Gun Owners, which lists 7,000 members, warned the bans may be illegal.

"All we can say to those politicians who vote in favor of banning citizens' right to defend themselves is, watch out in the next election," said Dudley Brown, executive director of the 7,000-member Rocky Mountain Gun Owners.

"We believe wholeheartedly, cities can't make up rules all over the place," he said. "Otherwise, a driver's license might not be valid in Denver if it's valid in Breckenridge. It seems pretty silly, yet we're doing that on firearms laws."

The Colorado Municipal League says one of the new gun laws left a gray area when it allowed cities to ban the open carrying of firearms in specific areas but didn't define what a "specific area" could be.

**West Texas State Bank**
was inadvertently left off of the Babe Ruth League thank you ad in the weekend paper. Sorry for the oversight.
**Thank You West Texas State Bank!**



HANGING SIGNS — Terry Huestis (bottom) and his son, Robby (top), hung new signs at Snyder Junior High School last week. (Staff Photos by Shirley A. Gorman)

## Dear Abby

**By Abigail Van Buren**



### *Fiance threatens to ground family's high-flying vacation*

**DEAR ABBY:** I have saved for two years to take my children — ages 7, 11 and 13 — on a dream vacation. My kids have never been on a plane, and they are very excited about the prospect.

The problem is my fiance, "Drew." He wants to come with us. However, he has just admitted to me that he is deathly afraid of flying. He wants us to change our plans and drive instead. It would require an 18-hour drive each way.

The kids will be very disappointed if they have to give up their first flight, and we'd all be miserable spending that much time confined in a car. We'd be tired before we arrived, and worst of all, four days of our one-week vacation would be spent in transit.

I have offered to pay for Drew's gas or train ticket so he can meet us there. I even found the name of a psychologist who specializes in phobias, but Drew won't fly, take a train or see a "shrink."

Drew claims if I "really loved him," I would accept him, fears and all, and return the plane tickets. He also says if we go without him, the engagement is over.

I understand that Drew's fears are very real, and I am sympathetic to his problem. However, I feel it is unreasonable for him to expect us to make such a drastic change of plans to accommodate him — especially since we are leaving in less than a month.

Am I unsympathetic? — **TRYING TO BE REASONABLE IN RALEIGH**

**DEAR TRYING:** I don't think so. You made an important promise to your children, and it should be kept. A mature individual would understand that and not twist your arm with an ultimatum.

If I were you, I'd take the children on that trip and let the chips fall where they may. Your fiance appears to be controlling and self-centered. He does not have your children's best interests at heart, and his attempts to control you and them show what kind of stepfather he will be. Please think twice about tying the knot with Drew.

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**DEAR ABBY:** One of my co-workers, "Roger," conducts business for his second job — real estate — every day on company time. Everyone in the office can hear him "selling" on the phone.

My office mates and I find Roger's real estate paperwork scattered all over the place — left in the copier or fax machine, even in the lunchroom. He is constantly surfing the Internet looking at houses.

Roger is a nice person with a sweet wife and three little kids. However, my office mates and I see the side of him that is without morals.

I, for one, don't know how to treat him. All employees sign a "code of conduct" each year in order to continue working for our company. The document clearly states that employees are to report anyone conducting outside or personal business on company time.

I am torn about what to do. I don't want to ruin this man's career, but I feel I have broken a pledge by not reporting him. What's the answer, Abby? — **WORKING WITH A CHEAT IN MICHIGAN**

**DEAR WORKING:** The person in the office who is closest to Roger should have a heart-to-heart with him, conveying the sentiments of the rest of the employees. If that doesn't do the trick, then all of Roger's co-workers — including you — should sign a letter to the bosses informing them about the breach in company policy. The names should be listed in alphabetical order.

Rogers' behavior is not only dishonest, but it also undermines office morale. A warning from his supervisor may teach him a lesson and get him to shape up. If he's lucky, he won't be dismissed.

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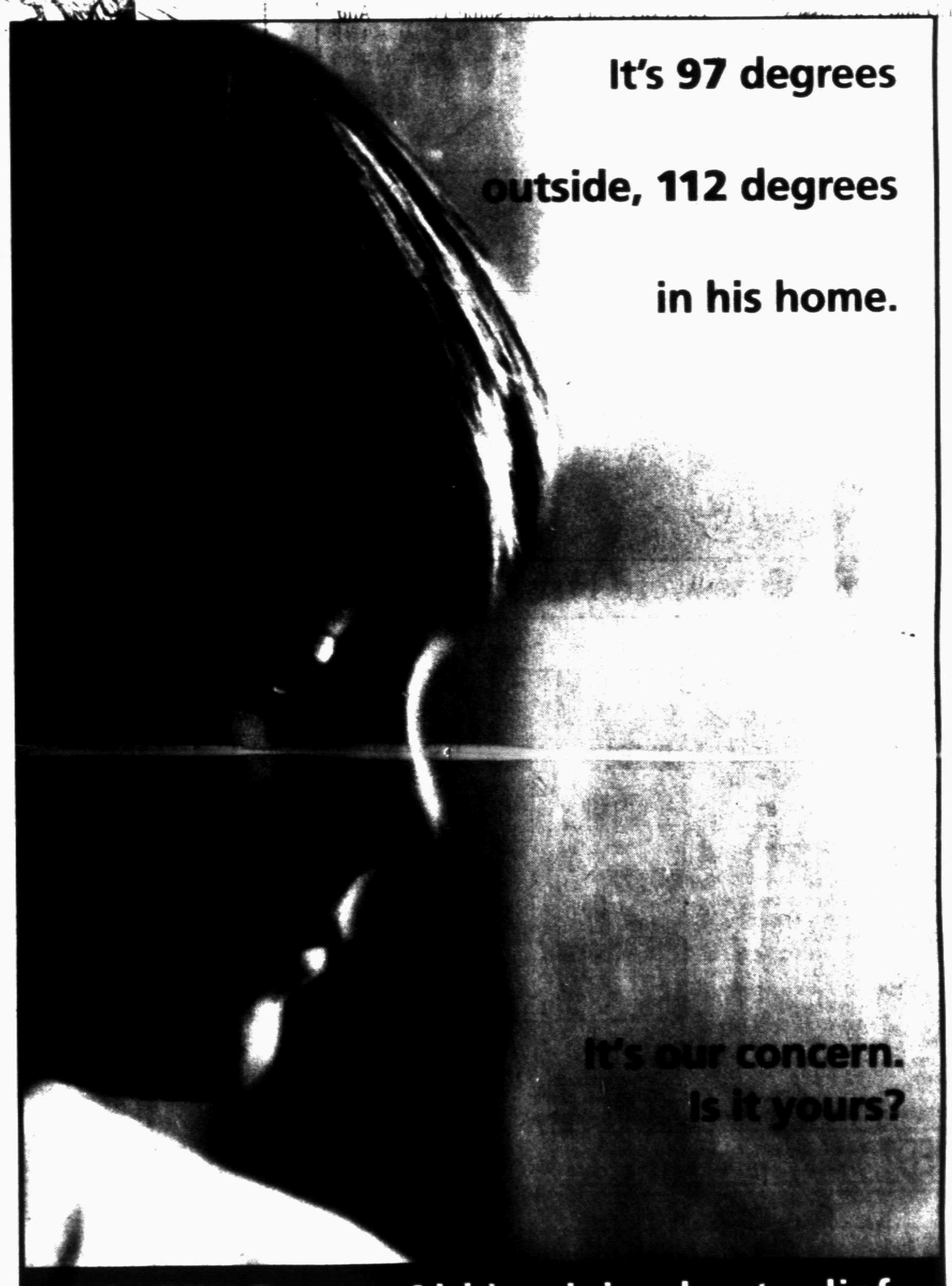
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## NEA Crossword Puzzle

**ACROSS**

1 Graceful swimmer
5 Couches
10 Brunch favorite
12 Miner's trough
13 "Crocodile —"
14 Despot
15 Soul singer — James
16 Mermaid's domain
18 Fr. holy woman
19 Up and about
21 Lake Nasser dam
25 Boxed up
29 Cake topper
30 Pitched
32 Gambling game
33 City near Phoenix
34 Be parched
37 Springs up
38 Fully aware
40 Owed
43 Prefix for verse
44 "Forget it!" (hyph.)
48 King Arthur's advisor
50 Elk
52 Using a beeper
53 Truly
54 From Athens
55 Looks sleepy

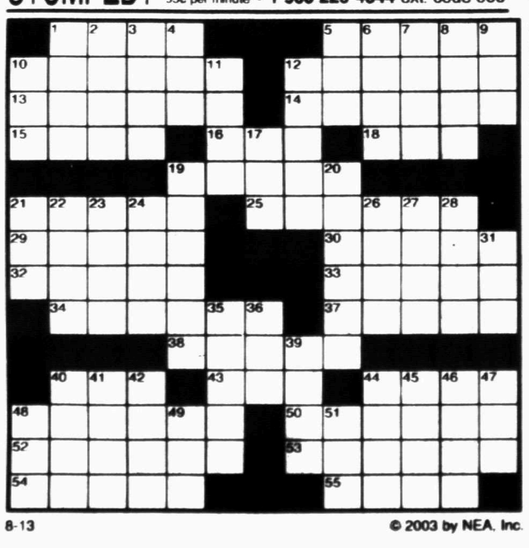
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27 "Cope Book" aunt
28 Scissorhands portrayer
31 Craven or Unseld
35 Wielded a bat
36 Get some sun
39 Fruit or bird
40 Honey
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44 Elegant hairstyle
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46 Colorado Indians
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48 Sticker stat
49 Sign a contract
51 Advice columnist

**Answer to Previous Puzzle**

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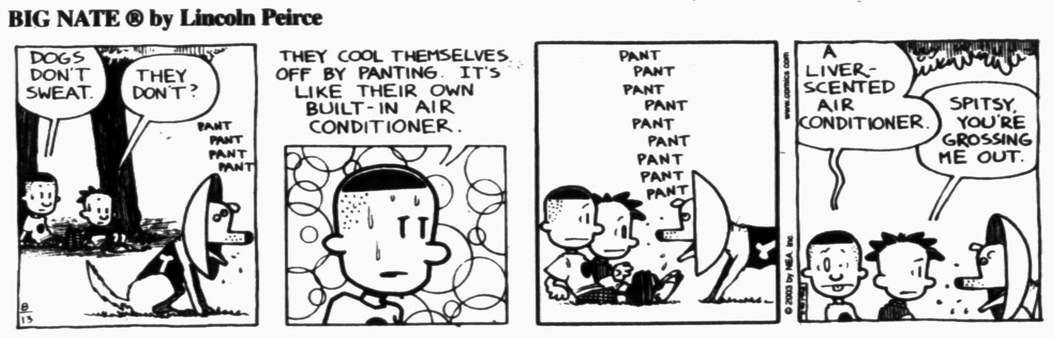
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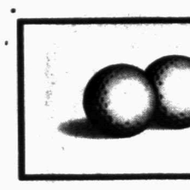
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# SPORTS



HEAVY DUTY — Ira athletic director and assistant football coach Randy Jones runs his linemen through sled drills during Tuesday's practice. The Bulldogs will open their season Sept. 5 at home against Whitharral. (SDN Staff Photo)

## New quarterback, same attack for Red Raiders

LUBBOCK (AP) — Just because Kliff Kingsbury's record-shattering career is over, don't expect Texas Tech to change its pass-based offense.

"It's kind of amazing to me that ... there's so many question marks," coach Mike Leach said. "There's a change. But in my mind there's no question mark."

Fifth-year senior B.J. Symons is ready for the chance after wearing a path on the sidelines the last three seasons. Leach says Symons has a strong arm, a snappy delivery and makes decisions quickly, qualities that Kingsbury sometimes lacked.

"B.J. is one backup quarterback that I felt like never squandered his time," Leach said. "He really zeroed in and really got better. When it's all said and done, B.J. is going to be a heck of a quarterback and comparable (to Kingsbury) in every way."

With Kingsbury throwing for more than 5,000 yards and 45 touchdowns last season, Tech went 9-5 and finished third in the Big 12 South at 5-3. The Red Raiders had a chance to win the division after beating then-No. 3 Texas, but lost to Oklahoma by 45 in the finale. Tech capped the season by beating Clemson 55-15 in the Tangerine Bowl.

Kingsbury finished with numerous NCAA records, including career marks in completions (1,231) and attempts (1,883). Among his 39 school records are career yards (12,429) and career TDs (95).

Symons' career numbers (545 yards, seven touchdowns) are about the equivalent of one big game for Kingsbury. He knows he's not going to be the statistical freak his predecessor was, he just wants to keep the offense churning.

"I'm not Kliff, and I'm not going to try to fill his shoes," Symons said. "I'm going to try to do the things to make this team win. That's my goal.

Symons' job will be to get the ball to Taurean Henderson, Wes Welker and Mickey Peters. Each was among the top seven in catches-per-game in the conference last season, while Henderson, a running back, set an NCAA freshman record with 98 receptions.

Welker also is a threat on punts. His 88-yard return against Texas A&M helped the Red Raiders erase an 18-point fourth quarter deficit en route to an overtime win.

Sonny Cumbie, a 1999 graduate of Snyder High School, is battling for the back-up quarterback job.

## Woods, Els seek to end drought

ROCHESTER, N.Y. (AP) — Tiger Woods and Ernie Els have something in common heading into this week's PGA Championship.

They're enjoying successful seasons, having combined for nine PGA and European Tour victories. They stand first and second, respectively, in the world golf rankings. And they're both faced with the same question — why neither has won a major championship this year.

"It's been more of annoyance than anything, because I have to keep answering it," Woods said, when the subject was, predictably, raised Tuesday. "I've tried. It's not like I'm not trying out there."

Perhaps, it's raised expectations, said Els, who's won five events, including three on the European Tour, and got off to a strong start by winning four of them by Feb. 16.

"You know, to win twice in a year on this Tour is pretty nice," Els said of his victories at the Mercedes Championships and Sony Open in January. "So I haven't played to the same standard that I set at the start of the year."

They are at Oak Hill, where a long, tight and potentially meaty course — along with 94 of the world's other top 100-ranked players — stand in their way of winning the season's final major.

In a year that's featured three first-time major winners, and the reemergence of a hard-charging Davis Love III, plenty of eyes are on the formidable duo, which has combined for 11 major victories (Woods has eight), and is measured by how well they play at big events.

Woods' season serves as an example of how his performance is gauged differently than others.

## Astros lose ground in Central

CHICAGO (AP) — Carlos Zambrano pitched his first major league shutout Tuesday night, winning his fifth straight start, and Alex Gonzalez hit a two-run homer as the Chicago Cubs beat the Houston Astros 3-0.

Zambrano (11-8) allowed just five hits and matched his career high with 10 strikeouts.

At age 22, the 6-5, 245-pound Zambrano made the opening day roster for the first time this season. On a staff that already has two hard-throwing young pitchers in Kerry Wood and Mark Prior, Zambrano is making a name for himself.

"He's different," Chicago manager Dusty Baker said. "He's a power pitcher with a lot movement. It moves, it sinks, it cuts, it darts. ... His potential is unlimited."

He's pitched his best against the Astros, going 3-0 with a 0.85 ERA.

"It's one team that makes me throw more aggressively than other teams," Zambrano said.

Houston's lead in the NL Central was reduced to one game over St. Louis, which beat the Pirates 10-6, and 2½ over the Cubs.

## A's overtake Sox in wild card race

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Barry Zito finally got a little good fortune, and the Oakland Athletics finally pushed ahead of Boston in the AL wild card race.

Zito pitched into the sixth inning for his first win since July 3, and Eric Chavez and Terrence Long homered during Oakland's five-run first as the A's beat the Red Sox 5-3 Tuesday night.

Zito (9-10) allowed six hits and three runs while laboring through 101 pitches in just 5 1-3 innings.

## Tigers top Rangers, 7-4

ARLINGTON (AP) — Jeremy Bonderman pitched seven solid innings for his fourth victory in his last six decisions as the Detroit Tigers rallied from a three-run deficit to beat the Texas Rangers 7-4 Tuesday night.

The 20-year-old right-hander seemed headed for a 20-loss season when he dropped nine straight decisions earlier this season, but he's doing more things right lately.

"I'm in a results-oriented business and I liked the results tonight," Tigers manager Alan Trammell said.

Bonderman (6-15) allowed three runs and four hits, struck out two and walked three.

Brandon Inge had three RBIs as the Tigers spoiled the major league debut of Texas starter Juan Dominguez.

Carlos Pena and Craig Monroe hit consecutive homers in the fifth inning, helping Detroit overcome a three-run deficit. The Tigers hadn't rallied to win from a deficit of three or more runs all season.

## Baylor organizes search committee for coach, AD

WACO (AP) — Baylor organized a six-member search committee Tuesday to find a new men's basketball coach and athletic director as the school moves to dig out from the crushing scandal of a murdered player, drug use and improper payments to athletes.

The announcement from Baylor president Robert Sloan said the panel would work quickly but gave no specific timetable for hiring either position. He said the school could hire the coach first.

Baylor wants a coach with a "known reputation for integrity," and "a proven recruiter, mentor and winner," Sloan said.

"While speed will be a priority, we will focus on finding the right combination of experience, athletic success, and a commitment to integrity and Baylor's unique mission that will yield the results our constituents expect and deserve," Sloan said.

Former coach Dave Bliss and Athletic Director Tom Stanton abruptly resigned last week after school officials revealed that Bliss was involved in two players' receiving improper financial aid and that staff members did not properly report failed drug tests by players.

Allegations of NCAA violations surfaced after the mid-June disappearance of basketball player Patrick Dennehy, whose body was found July 25 in a field southeast of town. He was shot in the head.

## TIGER NOTEBOOK

•The Tigers worked-out at the 15,000-seat Grande Communications Stadium in Midland Tuesday.

•Head coach Chad Rogers said the team is steadily progressing, but said there is still room for improvement. "We looked as sharp as can be expected for this time of year," he said. "We still have a ways to go."

•The Tigers will get their first chance to hit someone besides each other when the first scrimmage convenes Saturday morning at Post.

•The sub-varsity will get things started at 10 a.m. in Post, with the varsity scheduled to take the field around 11:30 a.m.

## Sports Briefs

### Junior high football equipment issue

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

### Ira scrimmage

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

### Pee Wee football sign-ups

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

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

### WTC golf tournament

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

### Baseball booster club

The baseball booster club will meet at 7 p.m. Sunday in the film room. All baseball parents are invited to attend.

### Hunter education course

A hunter training education course will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Aug. 23 and from 1-5 p.m. Aug. 24 in Snyder. Every Texas hunter born on or after Sept. 2, 1971 must complete the course. Students 12 and older will receive a certificate upon completion of the course.

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

### MLB denies report on Rose

NEW YORK (AP) — Major league baseball denied an Internet report that it had reached an agreement with Pete Rose to allow the career hits leader to return to the sport next year.

Citing unidentified sources, Baseball Prospectus reported that the agreement includes no admission of wrongdoing by Rose. The report said Rose could be employed by a team in 2004 and would be allowed to manage again in 2005.

Bob DuPuy, baseball's president and chief operating officer, said commissioner Bud Selig has made no decision regarding Rose's application for reinstatement, first filed in 1997.

## Major League Baseball

**American League**

**East Division**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| New York | 71 | 46 | .607 | — |
| Boston | 68 | 51 | .571 | 4 |
| Toronto | 59 | 60 | .496 | 13 |
| Baltimore | 57 | 61 | .483 | 14½ |
| Tampa Bay | 47 | 71 | .398 | 24½ |

**Central Division**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Kansas City | 63 | 55 | .534 | — |
| Chicago | 63 | 56 | .529 | ½ |
| Minnesota | 61 | 58 | .513 | 2½ |
| Cleveland | 51 | 69 | .425 | 13 |
| Detroit | 31 | 86 | .265 | 31½ |

**West Division**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Seattle | 72 | 47 | .605 | — |
| Oakland | 69 | 50 | .580 | 3 |
| Anaheim | 55 | 64 | .462 | 17 |
| Texas | 52 | 67 | .437 | 20 |
| Los Angeles | 61 | 57 | .517 | 12 |
| Colorado | 61 | 61 | .500 | 14 |
| San Diego | 47 | 73 | .392 | 27 |

**Tuesday's Games**

Tampa Bay 4, Baltimore 2
Cleveland 9, Minnesota 6
Detroit 7, Texas 4
N.Y. Yankees 6, Kansas City 0
Seattle 3, Toronto 1
Chicago White Sox 10, Anaheim 4
Oakland 5, Boston 3

**Wednesday's Games**

Baltimore (Helling 7-8) at Tampa Bay (Gonzalez 5-5), 1:15 p.m.
Detroit (Maroth 6-16) at Texas (Dickey 6-5), 7:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Ja.Davis 7-9) at Minnesota (Santana 6-3), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Weaver 6-8) at Kansas City (Appier 7-8), 7:05 p.m.
Toronto (Thurman 1-1) at Seattle (R.Franklin 8-10), 9:05 p.m.
Boston (Lowe 11-6) at Oakland (Mulder 15-8), 9:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Buehrle 10-11) at Anaheim (Washburn 9-11), 9:05 p.m.

**National League**

**East Division**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Atlanta | 76 | 42 | .644 | — |
| Florida | 65 | 54 | .546 | 11½ |
| Philadelphia | 64 | 54 | .542 | 12 |
| Montreal | 60 | 60 | .500 | 17 |
| New York | 49 | 69 | .415 | 27 |

**Central Division**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Houston | 64 | 55 | .538 | — |
| St. Louis | 63 | 56 | .529 | 1 |
| Chicago | 61 | 57 | .517 | 2½ |
| Pittsburgh | 54 | 63 | .462 | 9 |
| Cincinnati | 52 | 66 | .441 | 11½ |
| Milwaukee | 47 | 71 | .398 | 16½ |

**West Division**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| San Francisco | 73 | 45 | .619 | — |
| Arizona | 63 | 55 | .534 | 10 |
| Los Angeles | 61 | 57 | .517 | 12 |
| Colorado | 61 | 61 | .500 | 14 |
| San Diego | 47 | 73 | .392 | 27 |

**Tuesday's Games**

Colorado 6, Montreal 3, 11 innings
Florida 5, Los Angeles 4, 13 innings
St. Louis 10, Pittsburgh 6
Milwaukee 6, Philadelphia 3
N.Y. Mets 5, San Francisco 4
Arizona 2, Cincinnati 0
San Diego 14, Atlanta 4
Chicago Cubs 3, Houston 0

**Wednesday's Games**

Houston (Robertson 11-5) at Chicago Cubs (Estes 7-9), 1:20 p.m.
San Diego (Jarvis 4-4) at Atlanta (Hampton 9-5), 6:05 p.m.
Colorado (Stark 1-0) at Montreal (Vazquez 9-8), 6:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Ashby 3-9) at Florida (Pavano 9-10), 6:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Fassero 1-6) at Pittsburgh (Meadows 2-1), 6:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Sheets 10-9) at Philadelphia (Millwood 11-8), 6:05 p.m.
San Francisco (J.Williams 5-2) at N.Y. Mets (Trachsel 10-7), 6:10 p.m.
Arizona (Batista 7-6) at Cincinnati (Bale 0-0), 6:10 p.m.

## NFL

**Preseason Glance**

**Monday's Game**

Philadelphia 27, New Orleans 17

**Thursday's Game**

Oakland at San Francisco, 7 p.m.

**Friday's Games**

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

**Saturday's Games**

Detroit at Cincinnati, 6:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, 6:30 p.m.
Buffalo at Tennessee, 7 p.m.
Baltimore at Atlanta, 7 p.m.
New Orleans at N.Y. Jets, 7 p.m.
New England at Washington, 7 p.m.
Denver at Chicago, 8:05 p.m.
Minnesota at Kansas City, 7:30 p.m.
Arizona at San Diego, 9 p.m.

**Monday, Aug. 18**

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

**Thursday, Aug. 21**

Dallas at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.

**Friday, Aug. 22**

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Chicago at Arizona, 9:30 p.m.

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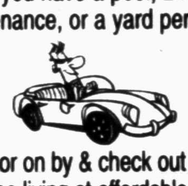
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# Appeals court panel overturns sentence

FORT WORTH (AP) — The death sentence of a North Texas auto mechanic who drowned a 4-month-old infant in a sink and fatally shot the child's father during a Christmas Eve killing spree almost 16 years ago has been overturned by federal appellate judges.

A panel of three judges from the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans has affirmed James Eugene Bigby's conviction but set aside his sentence.

Bigby of Kennedale has been on Death Row for more than a decade. During his 1991 trial, he grabbed a loaded gun from behind state District Judge Don Leonard's bench during a recess and barged into the jurist's chambers, telling him, "Let's go, judge."

Bigby was captured after the judge and a prosecutor wrestled him to the floor and pulled the gun away. The judge continued presiding over the case and jurors, who were told about the attack, later rejected Bigby's insanity defense and sentenced him to death.

The opinion issued last month stated that the trial jury wasn't properly instructed to consider Bigby's paranoid schizophrenia — which the panel said was an involuntary, permanent and severe mental condition that contributed to his criminal actions — and whether that condition was a mitigating factor that warranted a life sentence instead of death.

The case will be sent back to the original trial court if the 5th Circuit's decision stands and a jury will again decide whether Bigby goes to Death Row or spends the rest of his life in prison.

The Texas attorney general's office, which disagreed with the opinion, has petitioned the three-judge panel and the entire court of appeals to reconsider the case.

The trial jury took one hour and 50 minutes to decide that Bigby should die for killing Michael Trekell, 26, and his infant son, Jayson Kehler, on Dec. 24, 1987.

Danny Burns, Bigby's appellate attorney, has also asked the three-judge panel to rehear the case. Burns said he believes that Bigby's sentence — and conviction — should be overturned on the grounds that Leonard continued serving as the trial judge after he was attacked.

Burns contends that, because Leonard declined to recuse himself and allowed prosecutors to tell jurors about the attack, Bigby did not receive a fair trial from an impartial judge.

But the appeals court rejected that argument in last month's opinion.

"We think they are right on that, but think they are wrong when they said he (Leonard) can stick around," Burns said. "No one can have a gun pointed in their face and say, 'I'll be fair and impartial to the guy that just tried to kidnap me.' "

The Tarrant County assistant district attorney who handled the case at the state appeals level said Bigby "created the situation that he is now complaining about."

Helena Faulkner recently called Trekell's family to tell them about the opinion.

"The family members, obviously, were disappointed in the 5th Circuit's decision on punishment and remain hopeful that, after nearly 16 years, justice will not be denied," Faulkner said.

# 62 units of blood drawn during drive

A blood drive held July 22-23 was sponsored by Cogdell Memorial Hospital Auxiliary and Blood Systems of Lubbock. There were 62 units drawn at First Baptist Family Life Center. Volunteers helped with the blood drive and merchants donated items or services for blood donors.

Merchants included: Jaramillo's, Spanish Inn, Subway, Pizza Hut, Rip Griffin's, Dairy Queen, Tiger Health and Fitness Center, Sonic Drive-In, Gill's Fried Chicken, Long John Silver's, Lulu's Beauty Shop, Taco John's, Wal-Mart, Whataburger, A Cut Above and The Shack.

Darren Jackson, Chad Pinkerton, Rebecca Brown, Trish Payne, Tommy Reynolds, David Griffin and Ed McAnally won certificates from Spanish Inn.

James Wolf, Libby Whitworth, Josh Knox, David Higgins, Kevin Walker, Kandace Kimmel, Diane Brunson and Barbara McGee won certificates from Jaramillo's.

Subway certificate winners were Teresa Smith, Denise Fuentez, Dana Partin, Crystal Valentine, Mike Velasquez and Charlie Johnson.

Certificate winners from Pizza Hut were Bill Wood, Annette Hernandez, Jose Castillo, A.Z. Thomas, Richard West, Kathy Beasley, Ashley Hill, June Turnage, Barbara McGee and Linda Shuman. Sherry Clayton and Blandine Morales won coupons from The Shack.

Volunteers also helped set up tables and chairs and assisted in other ways with the blood drive.

# Survivor of hit-and-run testifies in Goodrich trial

DALLAS (AP) — During three men's efforts to rescue a trapped motorist along a North Texas freeway, the impact of a luxury sedan that raced through the scene knocked one of the rescuers out of his boots, the survivor has testified in former Dallas Cowboys cornerback Dwayne Goodrich's manslaughter trial.

Shuki Josef told jurors on Tuesday he recalled a scream — or perhaps squealing brakes — followed by fast-approaching headlights and the sound of screeching metal as he and the other two men tried to pull the trapped motorist from a burning car.

"I heard people screaming outside," said Josef, clenching a fist and trembling as he testified. "I saw the car coming, the lights. ... The next thing I knew, somebody just hit the car. ... The guy didn't stop."

The 38-year-old Israeli immigrant, who used a walker to approach the witness stand, said his left leg will likely never be the same after severe damage. Joseph "Joby" Wood, 21, and Demont Matthews, 23, died in the collision. Goodrich is accused of hitting the two with his BMW 745 while they were on the highway shoulder.

Matthews was killed instantly and Wood died hours later. Relatives of Wood and Matthews sobbed in the courtroom as medical investigators described the injuries that the men suffered.

Testimony was to resume today morning in the trial.

Josef testified he was driving home about 2 a.m. on Jan. 14 when he spotted a car on fire in the northbound lanes of Interstate 35E and stopped to help. He said he was inside the car with only his leg sticking out when Goodrich drove onto the freeway shoulder, striking him and the other two men.

A fourth witness called by prosecutors testified Tuesday that Goodrich passed him on the highway traveling at more than 100 mph moments before the accident.

## Dr. Gott

**By Peter Gott, M.D.**



# *More testing is needed*

**DEAR DR. GOTT:** For years I've suffered from severe heartburn and indigestion that antacids have not helped. Sometimes that pain is so pronounced that I think I'm having a heart attack. But a stress test was normal, as were blood tests and a barium enema X-ray study. Could my doctor be missing something?

**DEAR READER:** I don't know — after all, medical tests are fallible — but I do know that you should look further. Specifically, I urge you to have an upper gastrointestinal X-ray series, followed, if necessary, by a consultation with a gastroenterologist.

As I have repeatedly stated before, no matter how knowledgeable and thorough a doctor is, second opinions and consultations are the mainstay of good medical practice.

One bright bit of datum: your indigestion is probably not caused by heart disease. The stress test confirmed that your heart is functioning normally.

Therefore, you should turn your attention to your upper intestinal tract. I'd be willing to bet that your basic problem is gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD), a common cause of indigestion and gas. If this condition is present, treatment is available, but the doctors must determine if this backwash of stomach acid could be harming the esophagus. Thus, in any case, you may need endoscopy, during which a gastroenterologist will meticulously examine your esophagus, stomach and part of your small intestine using a flexible fiber-optic tube. I believe that this would be your most fruitful path to a diagnosis. Ask your physician for a referral — or make an appointment yourself.

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

**DEAR DR. GOTT:** I suffer from chronic asthma. When the condition is severe, I use an albuterol inhaler. However, at other times, when using ibuprofen for my arthritis, I cough less and breathe easier. What is the connection? What more can I do to control the asthma?

**DEAR READER:** I do not believe that there is a relation between your asthma (cough) and your arthritis medicine. Perhaps this is serendipity: when your asthma is under control, you may tend to exercise more vigorously and, consequently, require ibuprofen for pain relief.

Some forms of asthma are worsened by aspirin and similar drugs, but I've never heard of these products improving the symptoms of asthma.

Although you appear to be receiving appropriate therapy for your asthma attacks, there are many new medicines, such as inhaled steroids, that are extremely effective in preventing asthma. Ask your doctor about this.

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

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## Bridge

**By Phillip Alder**



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

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: East-West

| South | West | North | East |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 ♥ | Dbl. | Redbl. | 1 ♠ |
| 3 ♣ | Pass | 4 ♣ | Pass |
| 4 ♠ | Pass | 5 ♦ | Pass |
| 5 ♥ | Pass | 7 ♣ | All pass |

Opening lead: ??

**Wednesday, Aug. 13, 2003**

## Bidding in front of partner is weak

**By Phillip Alder**

Yesterday, I pointed out that if the opener bids one of a suit, the next player doubles, and the responder redoubles, the opening side cannot sell out to the opponents below two of the opener's suit. If the bidding is lower than that, either the opponents are doubled in their contract, or the player in the pass-out seat must bid something.

There is another important aspect of this. If the opener rebids immediately, refusing to give his partner a chance to double the opponents for penalties, he is showing a minimum or subminimum opening bid in high-card terms. He is saying that he opened because he has good offense. This is true even if he makes a jump-shift rebid.

Now look at the West hand. Your opponents power into seven clubs. South has shown a distributional heart-club two-suiter with first-round controls in both majors. What would you lead?

To be honest, most pairs would do well — and be happy — to reach six clubs. But note South's immediate jump-shift rebid to show a distributional two-suiter with limited point-count. Give South, say, the diamond ace as well, and he would make a forcing pass over East's one spade, planning to jump in clubs on the next round.

Knowing South is void of spades, West might be tempted to lead the diamond king (or a trump), but neither is effective. South has sufficient clubs to establish his hearts, draw trumps, and cash the hearts.

However, if West leads a top spade, that fatally reduces South's trump length. He cannot both set up the hearts and draw trumps.

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## Markets

**Midday Stocks**

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| | High | Low | Last | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| AMR Corp | 9.13 | 8.90 | 8.95 | —.17 |
| AOL TimeWrn | 15.69 | 15.45 | 15.50 | —.07 |
| AT&T Corp rs | 21.26 | 20.85 | 20.90 | —.20 |
| Albertsons | 19.85 | 19.15 | 19.76 | +.74 |
| Alltel | 47.00 | 46.32 | 46.33 | —.38 |
| AmEl Pw | 28.10 | 27.60 | 27.61 | —.32 |
| AndarkPtr | 43.95 | 43.11 | 43.56 | +.91 |
| ATMOS Egy | 24.21 | 24.01 | 24.09 | —.14 |
| Aviall | 12.23 | 12.22 | 12.22 | |
| BP PLC | 42.56 | 42.16 | 42.19 | —.07 |
| BakerHughes | 33.11 | 32.59 | 32.71 | —.23 |
| Bank of Amer | 81.70 | 80.50 | 80.94 | —.49 |
| BellSouth | 25.72 | 25.20 | 25.21 | —.47 |
| BurlNoSFe | 27.32 | 27.07 | 27.10 | —.10 |
| Caterpillar | 70.50 | 69.89 | 70.02 | —.28 |
| CenterPoint | 8.31 | 8.12 | 8.13 | —.14 |
| ChevronTex | 74.29 | 73.26 | 73.31 | —.60 |
| Citigroup | 45.58 | 44.87 | 44.93 | —.26 |
| CocaCola | 44.74 | 44.20 | 44.25 | —.40 |
| ColgatePal | 56.25 | 55.80 | 55.88 | —.17 |
| CmclMetals | 18.23 | 18.08 | 18.10 | +.02 |
| ConocoPhill | 54.90 | 54.63 | 54.67 | +.20 |
| Cooper Inds | 45.59 | 45.35 | 45.43 | +.07 |
| DaimlrChry | 36.43 | 36.11 | 36.17 | +.29 |
| DeltaAirl | 10.80 | 10.51 | 10.65 | —.15 |
| Dillards Inc | 15.48 | 15.31 | 15.38 | +.04 |
| DowChem | 33.90 | 33.65 | 33.67 | —.27 |
| DuPont | 43.77 | 43.19 | 43.24 | —.10 |
| EastmanChem | 35.25 | 35.03 | 35.11 | +.01 |
| EstKodak | 27.27 | 26.85 | 26.86 | —.43 |
| EDS Corp | 22.59 | 22.25 | 22.30 | —.17 |
| Entergy | 52.20 | 51.70 | 51.72 | —.18 |
| ExxonMobil | 36.84 | 36.57 | 36.58 | —.13 |
| FootLocker | 15.14 | 15.00 | 15.12 | +.12 |
| GenDynam | 79.54 | 78.62 | 78.62 | —.86 |
| GenElec | 28.50 | 28.15 | 28.23 | —.10 |
| GenMills | 46.49 | 45.71 | 45.71 | —.64 |
| GenMotors | 37.69 | 37.15 | 37.16 | +.03 |
| GePacific | 21.89 | 21.50 | 21.79 | —.09 |
| Goodrich | 22.92 | 22.35 | 22.90 | +.51 |
| Goodyear | 5.35 | 5.25 | 5.26 | —.09 |
| GtAtlPac | 8.90 | 8.67 | 8.70 | —.16 |
| Halliburtn | 23.33 | 22.73 | 23.04 | —.29 |
| Hanson ADS | 31.55 | 31.40 | 31.46 | +.77 |
| HarteHanks | 18.95 | 18.89 | 18.92 | —.06 |
| HomeDepot | 33.34 | 33.10 | 33.18 | +.05 |
| Honeywellntl | 28.09 | 27.88 | 27.72 | —.07 |
| IBM | 82.25 | 80.65 | 80.76 | —.75 |
| IntlPaper | 39.80 | 39.39 | 39.43 | —.28 |
| JohnsonJn | 51.42 | 50.99 | 51.02 | —.24 |
| KinderMorg | 53.42 | 53.02 | 53.03 | —.39 |
| Kroger Co | 17.75 | 17.07 | 17.67 | +.52 |
| LockheedM | 51.30 | 50.74 | 50.75 | —.23 |
| Lowes Cos | 48.55 | 48.05 | 48.28 | —.27 |
| Lubys | 2.61 | 2.60 | 2.61 | +.01 |
| LucentTech | 1.83 | 1.77 | 1.78 | —.01 |
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| MayDeptStr | 27.00 | 26.32 | 26.98 | +.61 |
| Medtronic | 52.65 | 49.56 | 50.38 | —2.27 |
| Motorola | 9.35 | 9.23 | 9.26 | —.07 |
| NCR Corp | 26.95 | 26.59 | 26.71 | —.12 |
| Navistar | 41.05 | 40.48 | 40.88 | +.36 |
| PNM Rescs | 26.57 | 26.25 | 26.30 | —.09 |
| Penney JC | 17.85 | 17.25 | 17.66 | —.10 |
| PepBoys | 14.98 | 14.62 | 14.77 | +.06 |
| PepsiCo | 45.80 | 45.08 | 45.18 | —.42 |
| PhelpDodge | 43.20 | 42.65 | 42.91 | —.19 |
| PilgrmPrd B | 12.50 | 12.30 | 12.48 | —.17 |
| Praxair | 63.30 | 62.92 | 62.98 | +.14 |
| ProctGamb | 89.66 | 89.13 | 89.21 | —.20 |
| RadioShack | 26.60 | 26.31 | 26.32 | —.26 |
| RoyalDut | 45.74 | 45.26 | 45.27 | —.50 |
| SBC Comm | 23.71 | 23.11 | 23.15 | —.45 |
| SaraLee | 19.07 | 18.96 | 18.98 | —.12 |
| Scripps EW | 84.40 | 83.57 | 84.20 | +.63 |
| SearsRoeb | 43.00 | 42.48 | 42.86 | +.14 |
| SherwinW | 29.90 | 29.55 | 29.57 | —.10 |
| SouthernCo | 28.60 | 28.15 | 28.18 | —.22 |
| SwstAirl | 16.91 | 16.62 | 16.66 | —.18 |
| SprintFON | 14.62 | 14.21 | 14.24 | —.26 |
| SprintPCS | 5.52 | 5.35 | 5.35 | —.15 |
| Sunoco Inc | 39.69 | 39.31 | 39.55 | +.36 |
| TXU Corp | 21.14 | 20.92 | 20.96 | —.15 |
| TempleInland | 46.65 | 46.35 | 46.44 | —.01 |
| TexInd | 24.08 | 23.90 | 23.98 | —.08 |
| TexasInst | 19.28 | 18.87 | 19.06 | +.17 |
| Textron | 42.36 | 42.00 | 42.03 | +.18 |
| TrinityInds | 25.55 | 24.24 | 25.25 | +1.26 |
| TylerTech | 5.38 | 5.30 | 5.32 | +.06 |
| UnionPacif | 61.34 | 60.74 | 60.78 | —.35 |
| USSteel | 17.14 | 16.79 | 16.94 | —.16 |
| UnitedTech | 74.73 | 74.07 | 74.39 | —.19 |
| Unocal | 30.25 | 29.91 | 29.98 | —.16 |
| VerizonComm | 36.40 | 35.70 | 35.89 | —.19 |
| WalMart | 58.73 | 58.21 | 58.44 | —.36 |
| WellsFargo | 50.55 | 50.10 | 50.25 | —.11 |
| WstnGasRs | 40.05 | 39.24 | 39.65 | —.30 |
| WinnDixie | 9.93 | 9.61 | 9.90 | +.26 |
| Xerox Cp | 10.14 | 10.06 | 10.07 | —.04 |
| YumBrands | 29.74 | 29.41 | 29.42 | —.15 |

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# Scurry County Country

## Scurrying Around Snyder

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

**Easy Main Dish Green Salads**

Any way you toss it, a main dish green salad is an easy, nutritious meal — especially on a hot summer's night. Sometimes people think green salad = lettuce = blah. Not so. The only limits to exciting salads are limits of the imagination.

Begin with salad greens. Enhance the eye appeal and nutrition of a salad by adding colorful fruits and vegetables. Keep it light by limiting the amount of salad dressing to about 1 tablespoon per 1 ½ to 2 cups of greens. Then make the flavor really POP by adding some of the following ingredients. You can either put them atop or mix them in with your salad.

While some of these salad additions are higher in fat than others, just small amounts (about 1 tablespoon) can give extra flavor without too many calories. Also, many provide a nutrition boost! Add from one to three of these flavor accents, depending on how many other ingredients are in your salad.

**1. Artichoke hearts: marinated**

Enjoy the tangy taste of sliced marinated artichoke hearts in your salad. It's as easy as opening a jar and adding as desired.

**2. Cheese: Parmesan**

If your experience with Parmesan cheese is limited to shaking it from a can, try using a vegetable peeler to shave about a tablespoon per serving from a block of cheese. Or, sprinkle freshly grated Parmesan on salads. As just a small amount kicks up the flavor, you may find you can afford trying some of the more expensive Parmesan cheeses. Add flavor and bone-building calcium, too!

**Cook's Tip: Storing Cheeses**

According to the American Dairy Association, larger blocks of cheese tend to keep longer than shredded cheese.

**3. Croutons**

Add crunch, flavor and fiber with homemade whole grain croutons. Enjoy the recipe at the end of this article.

**4. Dried fruit: cherries, cranberries, raisins**

Add these dried fruits for their flavor. Benefit from their antioxidants that may help protect against cancer and heart disease.

**5. Fresh herbs: basil, chives, dill, parsley**

Toss small basil leaves or chopped larger ones in with your greens. Try chopped fresh dill. Add some minced chives or parsley. Start with about a teaspoon of herbs per person and adjust according to taste preference. Herbs boost flavor without increasing calories. Researchers also are finding many culinary herbs (both fresh and dried) have antioxidants that may help protect against such diseases as cancer and heart disease.

**6. Fresh fruit: apples and pears**

Slice apples with their skins into salads. The skin adds eye appeal and important dietary fiber, as well. Research shows an apple a day may indeed help keep the doctor away by helping reduce your risk of heart disease and cancer.

The juicy sweetness of pear slices, skin included, also tastes great in salads. Pears continue to ripen after they're picked. To determine if a pear is ripe, gently press it at the stem end. Most types yield to pressure when ripe.

Store fruits in a refrigerator crisper drawer separate from the one in which you store vegetables. Fruits give of ethylene gas which can shorten the storage life of vegetables. Some vegetables give off odors that can be absorbed by fruits and affect their quality.

**7. Olives: Black or Green**

Add extra oomph with olives. For ease of eating and to distribute their flavor throughout the salad, pit and slice olives before placing them in your salad .

About a tablespoon of olives per serving should be sufficient. According to the USDA National Nutrient Database, a tablespoon of canned ripe olives provides about 10 calories.

Experiment with different types for different flavors. For example, many people enjoy the rich flavor of kalamata olives, a black olive frequently found in Greek salad, pasta and pizza recipes. (By the way, did you know olives are a FRUIT?)

**8. Nuts: toasted almonds and walnuts**

Though almonds are a source of fat and calories, they contain mostly unsaturated fat that may help protect against heart disease. They also provide vitamin E, a nutrient that may be good for your heart. Almonds have about 7 calories apiece.

Likewise, the fat in walnuts is mostly unsaturated. Walnuts also provide heart-healthy omega-3 fatty acids. A tablespoon or two of walnuts adds just 50 to 100 calories to a meal.

(Continued Next Week)

## Diversified

**By Greg Gruben, County Extension Agent**

**August Garden Checklist**

• Caladiums require plenty of water at this time of the year if they are to remain lush and active until fall. Fertilize with 21-0-0 at the rate of 1/3 to ½ pound per 100 square feet of bed area and water thoroughly.

• Don't allow plants with green fruit or berries to suffer from lack of moisture. Hollies will frequently drop their fruit under drought conditions.

• Prune out dead or diseased wood from trees and shrubs. Hold off on major pruning from now until midwinter. Severe pruning now will only stimulate tender new growth prior to frost.

• Time to divide spring-flowering perennials such as iris, shasta or ox-eye daisy, gaillardia, cannas, day lilies, violets, liriope, and ajuga.

• A late-summer pruning of rose bushes can be beneficial. Prune out dead canes and any weak, brushy type of growth. Cut back tall, vigorous bushes to about 30 inches. After pruning, apply a complete fertilizer, and water thoroughly. If a preventive disease-control program has been maintained, your rose bushes should be ready to provide an excellent crop of flowers this fall.

• It is not too late to set out another planting of many warm-season annuals such as marigolds, zinnias, and periwinkles. They will require extra attention for the first few weeks, but should reward you with color during late September, October and November.

• Continue pruning fall blooming perennials through August. Chrysanthemums, Mexican Bush Sage, Copper Canyon daisies, autumn asters and cigar plant cuphea (Cuphea macropetala) all benefit from light pruning (remove top growth of 4-6") at this time.

## Boll weevil eradication notices of assessment mailed recently

Boll weevil eradication assessment notices were recently mailed to cotton producers in the Rolling Plains Central (RPC) eradication zone.

The assessments are based on information cotton producers provide the Farm Service Agency (FSA) when they certified their crops. If growers find an error in the information on their billing, they will need to correct the information at their local FSA office and forward the corrected information to the foundation.

A two-percent discount is available to growers who pay the full assessment by Sept. 1.

To aid RPC growers who have been affected by adverse weather conditions, the foundation is offering payment extension agreements for producers whose accounts are current.

"For those having difficulty paying their assessment, help is available by contacting the assessments department and arranging an extension agreement," said Chief Financial Officer Tina Ballard.

Producers entering into an extension agreement must make a 10 percent down payment, and they will be charged a late fee of one percent per month until their accounts are paid. This late fee begins on the date the signed agreement and down payment are received by the assessments department.

Producers who are delinquent in payment and who do not have an extension agreement are subject to a late fee of 1.5 percent per month. Producers with extension agreements have 150 days to pay their accounts.

For more information contact the assessments department in Abilene at (866) 672-2800.

## Wildlife management field day set at Mesquite Grove Ranch

Area landowners, sportsmen and wildlife enthusiasts are invited to participate in a special program to be held in Kent County on Wednesday, Sept. 10. Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, in cooperation with Andrew Kent Soil and Water Conservation District, Salt Fork Underground Water Conservation District, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service and Texas Cooperative Extension will host a Wildlife Management Field Day at Mesquite Grove Ranch near Clairemont.

The ranching and wildlife stewardship day will 'feature topics addressing essential elements of traditional ranching and wildlife production. Presentations will include grazing management, brush management, USDA conservation programs and deer/quail management as by-products of good habitat planning and land management.

Three Continuing Education Units (CEUs) will be available — one for laws and regulations, one general and one for integrated pest management. The morning session will be conducted in the field at Mesquite Grove Ranch, followed by a catered lunch served at the Clairemont Community Center. Additional presentations will continue at the community center in the afternoon.

Buddy Baldridge, owner of Mesquite Grove Ranch and manager Guy Glosson are recipients of Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's highly prestigious Lone Star Land Steward Award for 2002-2003 in the Rolling Plains region. They will be featured speakers, along with local representatives from state and federal resource agencies.

The ranch is located approximately 3 miles east of Clairemont on U.S. Hwy. 380 in southeastern Kent County.

Pre-registration at $15 per person on or before Sept. 3 is encouraged. On-site registration for the event will take place beginning at 8 a.m. at the ranch headquarters on Sept. 10 at $25 per person, including refreshments, lunch and information packet. Make checks payable to Andrew Kent Soil and Water Conservation District, P.O. Box 106, Jayton, TX, 79528.

For more information contact Mesquite Grove Ranch at 806-237-9125, or Jim Lionberger, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department at 325-863-2755. Field day brochures and pre-registration forms will be distributed to NRCS Field offices and TCE offices in Kent, Garza, Stonewall, Scurry and Dickens counties.

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The HERMLEIGH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT will hold a public meeting at 7:00P.M. on AUGUST 25,2003 in the Board Room -HERMLEIGH SCHOOL HERMLEIGH,TX. **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 | $1.4500 | $0.0000* | $1.45000 | $3788.00 | $6065.00 |
| Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service | $1.51360 | $0.0000* | $1.51360 | $4352.00 | $5501.00 |
| Proposed Rate | $1.50000 | $0.0000* | $1.50000 | $4369.00 | $5501.00 |

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue 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 of this district.

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

| | Last Year | This Year |
|---|---|---|
| Average Market Value of Residences | $ 23,286 | $ 24,426 |
| Average Taxable Value of Residences | $ 13,924 | $ 14,983 |
| Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per $100 Value | $ 1.45 | $ 1.50 |
| Taxes Due on Average Residence | $ 201.90 | $ 224.75 |
| Increase (Decrease) in Taxes | | $ 22.85 |

**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 1.5706. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.5706.**

**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) | $ 407,881 |
| Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s) | $ -0- |

## ?Weather Whys?

**Topic: Waterspouts**

**Q:** I've heard the weatherman mention the term waterspouts. What are they?

**A:** A waterspout is a tornado that forms over an ocean, bay or a lake, says Andrew Odins of Texas A&M University. "A waterspout is created in the same way as a tornado, but because it's over water and not land, you don't see the dark funnel cloud that a tornado has because there is no dust or dirt to form the ominous looking image that we associate with tornadoes," says Odins.

"In fact, they often appear almost white or light blue in color." He adds that there are two types of waterspouts — a tornadic waterspout and a fair weather waterspout. "Tornadic waterspouts are usually more dangerous than fair weather waterspouts because they generally start out as a tornado over land and then move across water," Odins adds. "They can be large and capable of destructions, while fair weather waterspouts are usually thin and not nearly as strong as a tornadic waterspout."

**Q:** Where do most waterspouts form?

**A:** Most form over the warm waters of the Gulf of Mexico or the southern Atlantic coast line, with the Florida Keys reporting the most waterspouts of any area, Odins says. "The National Weather Service statistics show that between 300 to 500 form off the Keys each year," Odins confirms. "While most of these are harmless, some can overturn boats or do serious damage to docks and structures along the water. Waterspouts are also frequently seen in the Great Lakes area during the summer months.

In any waterspout, around the base is a large sea spray called a cascade, and this large mist of swirling water can be as high as 500 feet. When waterspouts are sighted or are capable of forming, the National Weather Service issues a special marine warning for persons in the immediate area." Odins says if you should see a waterspout, consider it a dangerous event and be prepared to take shelter immediately.

**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 8-11-02 | LAST WEEK 8-4-03 | THIS WEEK 8-11-03 |
|---|---|---|---|
| ELEVATION (FEET) | 17.38 | 17.93 | 17.43 |
| CONTENTS (ACRE-FEET) | 18,463 | 19,572 | 18,562 |
| PERCENT FULL | 9.20 | 9.76 | 9.25 |
| 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 8-11-02 | LAST WEEK 8-4-03 | THIS WEEK 8-11-03 |
|---|---|---|---|
| ELEVATION (FEET) | 41.25 | 42.08 | 41.75 |
| CONTENTS (ACRE-FEET) | 45,519 | 48,146 | 47,090 |
| PERCENT FULL | 8.80 | 9.31 | 9.10 |
| RAINFALL (INCHES) * | | 0.00 | 0.00 |

* RAINFALL MEASUREMENT AT SPENCE PUMP STATION

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

| | ONE YEAR AGO 8-11-02 | LAST WEEK 8-4-03 | THIS WEEK 8-11-03 |
|---|---|---|---|
| ELEVATION (FEET) | 29.71 | 27.22 | 26.91 |
| CONTENTS (ACRE-FEET) | 233,717 | 208,423 | 205,406 |
| PERCENT FULL | 42.16 | 37.60 | 37.05 |
| RAINFALL (INCHES) * | | 0.00 | 0.00 |

* RAINFALL MEASUREMENT AT DAM.

INFORMATION BASED ON NEW AREA CAPACITY CURVE DATA

MUNICIPAL WATER DELIVERIES IN GALLONS

| | LAST WEEKS DAILY AVERAGE 8-4-03 7-29-03 | THIS WEEKS DAILY AVERAGE 8-11-03 8-5-03 | THIS WEEKS PEAK DAY 8-11-03 8-5-03 |
|---|---|---|---|
| BIG SPRING | 7,080,000 | 7,575,714 | 8,030,000 |
| ODESSA | 29,734,714 | 31,523,857 | 35,122,000 |
| SNYDER | 3,589,429 | 3,646,571 | 4,554,000 |
| MIDLAND | 30,348,571 | 29,763,286 | 30,737,000 |
| SAN ANGELO | 19,548,714 | 19,858,571 | 20,647,000 |
| STANTON | 409,286 | 487,286 | 546,000 |

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# Plot to smuggle missile into U.S. foiled

WASHINGTON (AP) — A suspected arms dealer who thought he was selling a shoulder-fired missile to a Muslim terrorist bent on shooting down an airliner actually was the target of an international sting operation that resulted in three arrests, federal officials say.

Authorities in the United States, Britain and Russia cooperated in the investigation, which began months ago with a tip that the dealer, a Briton, was seeking weapons to buy in St. Petersburg, Russia, several U.S. law enforcement officials said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The probe culminated Tuesday in the arrest of the alleged arms dealer at a hotel in Newark, N.J., where, officials said, he had flown from London to close the deal on a sophisticated Russian SA-18 ILA missile capable of bringing down commercial airliners.

The Muslim extremist who wanted the missile actually was an undercover FBI agent and the weapon was an inoperable copy brought from Russia to the United States aboard a ship to make the deal seem real, officials said.

Two other men, believed to be involved in money laundering, were apprehended about the same time as the British suspect at what was described as a gem dealership on Fifth Avenue in New York City, according to a federal law enforcement official who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The names of the suspects were not immediately made available because the arrests and charges were under court-ordered seal. However, the law enforcement official said the British suspect is Hemat Lakhani. He will be charged with material support of terrorism and weapons smuggling, the official said.

Lakhani is not believed to be connected to al-Qaida or any other known terrorist group, federal officials say. Authorities also stressed that there was no specific, credible threat to shoot down an airliner in the United States.

But one official said the understanding between Lakhani and the undercover FBI agent was that the missile needed to be capable of bringing down a commercial airliner.

Evidence against Lakhani includes hours of audio and videotapes in which he discusses the plot, speaks favorably of Osama bin Laden and refers to the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks as "a good thing," according to another federal law enforcement official who spoke on condition of anonymity.

All three suspects were expected to appear today in federal court in Newark, officials said.

Justice Department officials had no immediate comment on the case.

# Three top Saddam loyalists captured

TIKRIT, Iraq (AP) — U.S. troops identified Saddam Hussein loyalists in custody today as two key members of the ousted dictator's Republican Guard and a paymaster for his Fedayeen Saddam militia.

The U.S. military today said two American soldiers were killed in guerrilla bomb attacks during the past 24 hours.

In an attack this morning , one soldier was killed and another was wounded when their convoy hit a roadside bomb 15 miles south of Saddam's hometown of Tikrit, the military reported. The soldiers were in an armored personnel carrier in a four-vehicle convoy, Maj. Josslyn Aberle, spokeswoman for the 4th Infantry Division, said.

Also today the military reported a soldier killed and two wounded in a bomb attack near Taji the day before. The military press office had no other details, but the deaths were in the same region where there was a big oil pipeline fire Tuesday and at about the same time.

The deaths brought to 60 the number of U.S. troops killed in action since May 1, when President Bush declared major combat over.

Officials at the 4th Infantry said they released 10 other men taken in a sweep through the outskirts of Tikrit Tuesday, keeping four in custody.

The military still had not released names but said the four included a Republican Guard corps-level chief of staff, a guard division commander and a paymaster for the militia. A fourth man kept in custody was not identified at all.

All those detained in the sweep were members of a family described as a pillar of support for the ousted regime, said U.S. Lt. Col. Steve Russell.

"They were trying to support the remnants of the former regime by organizing attacks, through funding and by trying to hide former regime members," Russell said.

The soldiers deaths came as the Bush administration faces growing questions over how long troops will remain in Iraq. The commander of U.S. forces has said all troops in Iraq should expect to serve for at least a year, with brief rest breaks in the region and possibly a few days at home.

## Construction work means people use back entrance

The sidewalk and handicapped parking areas in front of the Scurry County Appraisal District office will be removed during the work on College Ave. Those needing the services of the district are asked to call before arriving at the office or use the back door. The phone number is 573-8549. These conditions should continue for at least two weeks.

# Pentagon under fire for terror trial rules

WASHINGTON (AP) — Friends and critics alike are pressing the Bush administration to change its new rules for trying suspects in the global war on terrorism — rules for the first military tribunals planned by the United States since World War II.

And it appears the Pentagon is prepared to bend a little.

On Tuesday, the Pentagon's top lawyer held a third round of negotiations through which Britain is seeking special treatment for its two citizens facing trial — talks that critics say smack of political favoritism.

The American Bar Association said Tueday the administration should drop plans to let agents eavesdrop on conversations between terrorism suspects and defense lawyers and should ease other restrictions to ensure military tribunals are fair and open.

The ABA's policy-making House of Delegates took no position on whether individual lawyers should participate in tribunals, although another lawyers' organization has already said it would be unethical to represent terrorism suspects under the current rules.

Though some charge the administration is playing foreign policy favorites with close friends (ally Australia also is negotiating for its suspect), legal and human rights experts say the London talks could set a good precedent by forcing more changes in a newly created tribunal system that is seen internationally as secretive, unfair and full of rights abuses.

Diplomats from other countries whose nationals are being held as terrorism suspects say they are waiting to see how many changes and concessions Britain and Australia are able to negotiate.

So far, the Pentagon has said one Australian and two British suspects will not be subject to the death penalty and will be afforded several exceptions to tribunal rules.

Neal Sonnet, chairman of the ABA's task force on the treatment of detainees in the counterterror war, said in a recent interview, "That clearly sounds like a political favor to Tony Blair," the British prime minister. Sonnet warned that the Bush administration would draw "international scorn if they play foreign policy favorites with the death penalty."

His comment echoed the suspicion voiced by other lawyers and several diplomats whose countries also have nationals at the U.S. military prison in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Top British lawyer Lord Goldsmith twice traveled to Washington — and Defense Department general counsel William Haynes on Tuesday was in London — after the British asked for changes they said were needed to assure fair trials for suspects. One round of talks with Australia has been held; those negotiations continue, though another round is not yet scheduled.

Besides eliminating the question of the death penalty, negotiators have decided the Australian and two Britons will be allowed lawyers from their homelands as "consultants" despite a rule that lawyers before the tribunals must be U.S. citizens. The defendants' conversations with their defense teams won't be monitored, though Pentagon rules allow such monitoring for national security reasons.

It was agreed no tribunal proceedings on the three will go forward until the end of negotiations. Their countries also are seeking more access by the prisoners' families.

# Obituaries

## Eugenia Grizzle

**1924-2003**

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

Service for Mrs. Grizzle, 79, is set for 2 p.m. Friday in the Ira Baptist Church. The Rev. Kenneth Martin, pastor, will officiate.

Born on June 9, 1924 in Ira, she married Jesse William Grizzle in Ira. He died on June 13, 1979. Mrs. Grizzle was a homemaker and had lived in Ira for nearly 50 years, moving to Midland five years ago.

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

## Fred Beard

**1921-2002**

KERRVILLE — Mr. Fred Ray Beard passed away on May 30, 2002 in Kerrville, Texas.



Fred Beard

Mr. Beard was born August 28, 1921 in St. Petersburg, Texas to Samuel and Naomia Beard. He married Fern Cole on November 1, 1947 in Lubbock, Texas. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. Mr. Beard lived in Snyder from 1956 to 1985. During that time, he worked for the Snyder Independent School district. He then moved to Kerrville where he retired.

He is survived by his wife, Fern Beard of Kerrville; son, Randy Beard of Kerrville; daughter, Dr. Brenda Covey of New Braunfels; two grandchildren, Russell and Jarrod Covey; and one nephew, Fred Owen of Dallas.

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# Stolen bike and criminal mischief on police report

***Criminal mischief***

At 3:58 p.m. Tuesday, officers were requested in reference to a report that the side of a house in the 2400 block of 29th Street had been spray painted. A report for criminal mischief was submitted.

Tuesday at 2:39 p.m. on 35th and Ave. C, a man reported windows broken out of a building and a suspicious looking white van in the area.

***Stolen bicycle***

. Celia Vidulich of 2802 34th Street reported at 3:04 p.m. Tuesday that her grandson's bicycle had been stolen.

***Close patrol***

On .Tuesday at 10:05 a.m., a woman in the 2200 block of Sunset Ave. reported that her car had been broken into.

A close patrol was requested in the 500 block of 31st Street at 3:21 p.m. Tuesday in reference to someone slashing the tires on two vehicles at a residence.

***Harrassment***

A woman in the 300 block of 25th Street reported Tuesday at 5:42 p.m. that she was receiving harassing phone calls. An officer was dispatched and the woman was advised of the proper steps to take.

***Gas drive off***

At 9:38 p.m. Tuesday, an employee at Town and Country east reported a gas drive off worth $35.

***Animal control***

Tuesday at 11:51 a.m. at 912 Ave Q, a woman reported a snake in her front yard. The snake was caught and relocated.

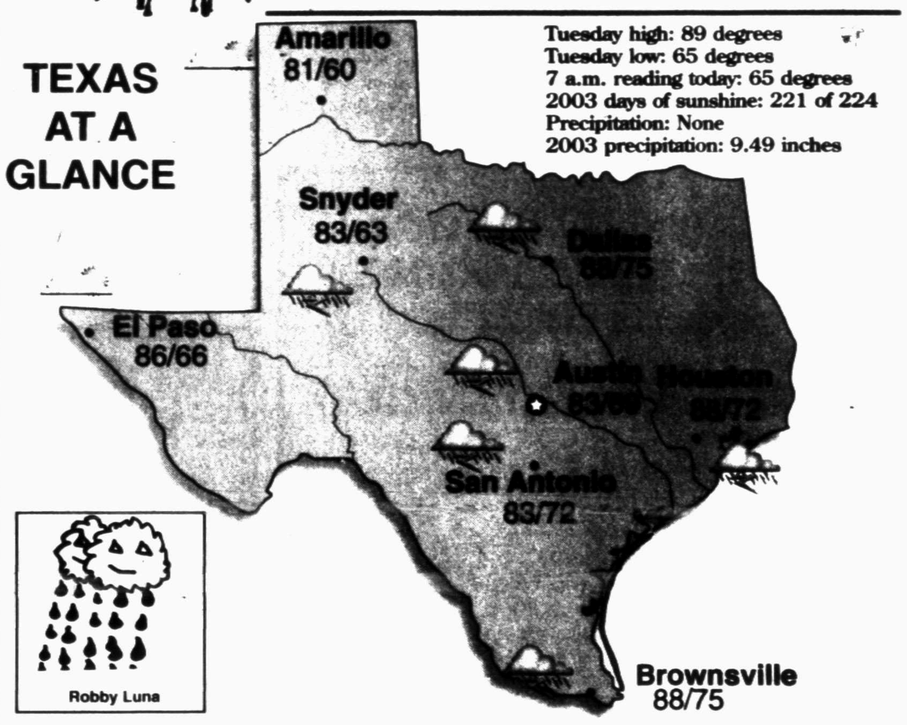
## Today's Weather

### Local 3-Day Forecast

| Thu 8/14 | Fri 8/15 | Sat 8/16 |
|---|---|---|
| 83/63 | 90/66 | 95/70 |
| Cloudy in the morning followed by isolated thunderstorms during the afterno. | Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the mid 60s. | Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the low 70s. |
| Sunrise 7:06 AM, Sunset 8:30 PM | Sunrise 7:07 AM, Sunset 8:29 PM | Sunrise 7:08 AM, Sunset 8:28 PM |

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### TEXAS AT A GLANCE




Tuesday high: 89 degrees
Tuesday low: 65 degrees
7 a.m. reading today: 65 degrees
2003 days of sunshine: 221 of 224
Precipitation: None
2003 precipitation: 9.49 inches

### Area Cities

| City | Hi | Lo | Cond. | City | Hi | Lo | Cond. | City | Hi | Lo | Cond. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Abilene | 84 | 68 | t-storm | El Paso | 86 | 66 | cloudy | Midland | 84 | 64 | t-storm |
| Amarillo | 81 | 60 | cloudy | Fort Stockton | 84 | 63 | cloudy | Raymondville | 90 | 73 | t-storm |
| Austin | 83 | 69 | t-storm | Gainesville | 88 | 70 | t-storm | Rosenberg | 88 | 72 | t-storm |
| Beaumont | 88 | 72 | t-storm | Greenville | 87 | 69 | t-storm | San Antonio | 83 | 72 | t-storm |
| Brownsville | 88 | 75 | t-storm | Houston | 88 | 72 | t-storm | San Marcos | 85 | 70 | t-storm |
| Brownwood | 87 | 67 | t-storm | Kingsville | 89 | 72 | t-storm | Sulphur Springs | 88 | 68 | t-storm |
| Corpus Christi | 87 | 75 | t-storm | Livingston | 88 | 69 | t-storm | Sweetwater | 83 | 65 | t-storm |
| Corsicana | 86 | 70 | t-storm | Longview | 86 | 69 | cloudy | Tyler | 87 | 72 | t-storm |
| Dallas | 88 | 75 | t-storm | Lubbock | 82 | 62 | t-storm | Weatherford | 87 | 69 | t-storm |
| Del Rio | 86 | 73 | rain | Lufkin | 88 | 71 | t-storm | Wichita Falls | 87 | 70 | t-storm |

### National Cities

| City | Hi | Lo | Cond. | City | Hi | Lo | Cond. | City | Hi | Lo | Cond. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Atlanta | 87 | 69 | pt sunny | Houston | 88 | 72 | t-storm | Phoenix | 100 | 82 | t-storm |
| Boston | 89 | 71 | pt sunny | Los Angeles | 86 | 66 | sunny | San Francisco | 74 | 57 | windy |
| Chicago | 86 | 69 | pt sunny | Miami | 85 | 78 | t-storm | Seattle | 73 | 56 | t-storm |
| Dallas | 88 | 75 | t-storm | Minneapolis | 88 | 67 | mst sunny | St. Louis | 89 | 73 | pt sunny |
| Denver | 84 | 57 | mst sunny | New York | 91 | 73 | pt sunny | Washington, DC | 91 | 75 | pt sunny |

### Moon Phases

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

### UV Index

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# Can aspirin be used against rare form of cancer?

By The Associated Press

Dutch scientists plan to test aspirin against a rare form of cancer after genetic testing suggested the common painkiller might also kill tumor cells.

The finding is the latest in a string of studies to show that aspirin and other anti-inflammatories may have cancer-fighting properties.

But researchers who did not participate in the experiments cautioned that aspirin research is in its earliest stages, and many potential anticancer aspects still need to be investigated, including dosage and side effects. Details of the experiments conducted at the Netherlands Cancer Institute in Amsterdam appear in Thursday's issue of Nature.

"There's no reason to begin or increase your aspirin consumption based on these studies," said Emory University biochemist Keith D. Wilkinson, who reviewed the research for the scientific journal.

The Dutch scientists focused on cylindromatosis, a genetic abnormality which causes benign tumors to grow in hair follicles and sweat gland cells. Without a normal tumor-suppressing CYLD gene, cells lack a biochemical instruction to die when they become old or damaged. Instead, the cells grow wildly and accumulate potentially cancerous changes.

To test aspirin's effect on this process, the researchers cultured human cells and silenced their CYLD gene to mimic the disease.

Then, they added a variety of different anti-inflammatory agents to the cultures, including sodium salicyate, a form of aspirin.

The compounds appear to have stimulated the same biochemical pathways as the proteins that would have been encoded by the normal CYLD gene. Normal cell death and tumor suppression was restored, they reported.

"By making the connection between this cell death pathway and this gene it suddenly became clear to us what the cause of the disease was," said RenDe Berhards, senior author of the Nature study.

The Dutch paper is one of three in Thursday's issue of the journal Nature describing the function of the CYLD gene.

Whether a misfiring CYLD gene is responsible for other cancers is not known, Bernards said.

"If it is, then aspirin may also be helpful for those forms of cancer," he said.

However, Bernards cautioned his group hasn't yet proven that aspirin can treat cylindromatosis. The Dutch researchers plan to test an aspirin cream applied to scalp tumors.

Previous studies have suggested that aspirin may help prevent colon cancer by reducing polyps that can become cancerous. An apparent association has also been found between aspirin and reduced rates of pancreatic cancer.

Boston University biologist Tom Gilmore said eventual aspirin-based cancer therapies will require considerable research because the drugs probably would work differently than aspirin that is swallowed to relieve a headache.

Also, the aspirin doses in a topical cream to treat cylindromatosis are "almost certain to be much higher" than normal doses that people ingest, Gilmore said.

# Investigators search for human remains at couple's house

RAYMOND, Wash. (AP) — Behind the white picket fence and pink swing set, workers sifted buckets of dirt through giant screens while others pulled up floorboards from the deck of the little red house, searching for human remains or other evidence of homicide.

They were investigating the disappearance of three people over the past 10 years amid reports of torture and death.

Remains from one person have already been found and authorities believe two others died at the rural home of David and Michelle Knotek near the small town of Raymond in southwest Washington.

"This is something every sheriff hopes they never see," Pacific County Sheriff John Didion said.

Remains recovered Saturday are likely those of Ronald Woodworth, 57, who was staying at the couple's home before he vanished in July, according to documents filed by prosecutor David Burke in Superior Court.

Authorities also believe Michelle Knotek's nephew, Shane Watson, 19, and hairdresser Kathy Loreno, 36, died at the house. Both had been staying there when they disappeared in 1994, Burke wrote.

Didion said tips have been pouring into his office since the first news reports of the findings, but neither he nor Burke would say whether they expect to find additional remains.

"We're looking for trace evidence," Didion said. "It's a very time-consuming, tedious process, but a very necessary process."

David Knotek, 51, and Michelle Knotek, 49, were jailed on $2 million bail each for investigation of first-degree murder. The couple's 14-year-old daughter was removed from the home last week before a search warrant was served. Two other daughters are adults.

Burke has until 5 p.m. today to file charges against the Knoteks.

David Knotek, a worker with Island Construction, said he fatally shot Watson as they struggled over a .22-caliber rifle, buried Woodworth, burned the bodies of Watson and Loreno and dumped their ashes at the beach, according to the court papers.

David Knotek said Loreno died from choking on her own vomit and that his wife told him Woodworth had killed himself.

Watson was killed because he had documented the abuse of Loreno with photographs, investigators wrote.

Witnesses who contacted deputies in the past two weeks said Michelle Knotek abused Loreno with "torturous acts" until she died.

A witness said Michelle Knotek physically abused Woodworth, according to a probable cause affidavit filed by Burke. Woodworth was hit in the mouth and his feet were plunged into boiling water until the skin came off, investigators wrote.

The initial search warrant cited the disappearance of Loreno, whose mother had placed a newspaper item seeking help figuring out what happened to her daughter.

The case is overwhelming for the sparsely populated county's law enforcement officials. Raymond has about 2,900 residents. South Bend, where the couple are jailed, has about 1,700.

The sheriff's office has fewer than 15 deputies and Burke doubles as the county coroner. He was trying to arrange an autopsy for the first set of remains by the King County medical examiner in Seattle.

# Executives indicted in looting of collapsed trust company

CHICAGO (AP) — Federal prosecutors say five executives duped investors and state regulators alike in a decade-long, $80 million looting of a trust company and a real estate title company.

The men were charged Tuesday in what U.S. Attorney Patrick J. Fitzgerald called one of Chicago's largest financial fraud cases.

Some 10,000 accounts at the Independent Trust Corp., known as "Intrust," were skimmed of $50 million and about $30 million were stolen from escrow accounts with the Intercounty Title Co. of Illinois, the 17-count indictment said.

The money was used to keep the floundering title company afloat as well as hire the men's friends and relatives, pay off personal credit cards and even renovate a golf course, the indictment said.

"They stole $80 million, driven by pure greed," Fitzgerald said at a news conference.

For years before Intrust collapsed in 2000, state regulators had expressed concern about the practice of transferring money from the trust accounts to the title company, federal officials said.

Prosecutors said Intrust officials lied to the regulators, in one case claiming in writing that a trust account that contained $45,000 actually had assets worth $55 million.

Laurence W. Capriotti, 58, of Frankfort, and Jack L. Hargrove, 62, of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., controlled both Intrust and Intercounty and served as directors of both, federal officials said.

Also charged with fraud were Intercounty executives Michel D. Thyfault, 56, of LaGrange; James R. Wallwin, 53, of Darien; and George J. Stimac, 41, of Chicago.

Wallwin and Stimac were cooperating and were expected to plead guilty, prosecutors said. Thyfault's attorney, Aldo Botti, said he was disappointed in the indictment because his client is "a highly ethical, professional family man."

Hargrove's attorney, Marc Martin, said his client intended to plead innocent. Capriotti attorney Jeffrey Steinback did not immediately return a message seeking comment.

# Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



## Your Birthday

**Thursday, Aug. 14, 2003**

Chances are you are going to be concentrating on finding ways to fulfill your desires and hopes in the year ahead. You won't neglect your duties, but you'll still find time to make your dreams become realities.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** — Even if your logic dictates otherwise, check out those intuitive perceptions you get today concerning your commercial dealings. Chances are your instincts will be right on track.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** — Kibitzers and advisers may try to dictate how you accomplish your tasks today. Instead, you'll quiely handle things your way, yet much to your credit, let them think they were helpful.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** — Should you have to work today with someone difficult to figure out, think up ways to still this individual's personality quirks. You'll be able to reach this person through his or her emotions.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** — There is nothing wrong with being in love with love today because there is ample room in this world for an optimistic realist, but do apply it in ways where others can enjoy your passion too.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** — You tend to be a dreamer today, so discipline may be needed in order for you to do your best on critical assignments, especially those where some kind of deadline may be required.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** — Check your phone messages and e-mail today. Chances are that more than a few friends and acquaintances could be trying to reach you concerning things that are important to you.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** — All it takes is time, money and inclination to make this a great shopping day for you. Bargain hunting at both the shopping mall and garage sales could be the most fun and appealing.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** — Don't let anyone restrict your time or put limitations on your schedule today. The more independently you're able to operate, the more effective you can be.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** — The depth of understanding you show to those who need your help today will be shown in your quick responsiveness to their calls. Your compassion and kindness will be greatly appreciated.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** — Although you may prefer a one-on-one relationship, group encounters also will work well for you today. Your friendly demeanor makes you well received by everybody.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** — You'll find that difficult obstacles for others can be creatively used as stepping-stones to success for you today.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** — Whenever you can use the full scope of your imagination you're usually able to handle most developments like a breeze. It'll be an advantage you'll have over your peers today.

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# Today's chuckle

## 91-year-old man accused of robbing bank

ABILENE (AP) — Authorities say convicted bank robber J.L. Hunter "Red" Rountree isn't letting old age stand in his way.

The 91-year-old Texas man is back behind bars, accused of robbing his third bank in five years.



Police say Rountree walked into a branch of First American Bank in Abilene about 10 a.m. Tuesday, demanded money from a teller and passed over a large envelope with "ROBBERY" written on it.

He left in a car parked near the bank, but a witness got the license plate, which police tracked to an address in Goldthwaite, 110 miles southeast of Abilene. About a half-hour later, Rountree was pulled over by officers 16 miles south of Abilene on U.S. 84 on his way home.

Rountree was jailed on a charge of bank robbery. Bail was set at $150,000.

On Dec. 9, 1998, one week before his 87th birthday, Rountree was arrested in Biloxi, Miss., minutes after he robbed a bank. He was eventually given three years probation, fined $260 and told to leave Mississippi.

In October 1999, he was arrested outside a NationsBank in Pensacola, Fla., after giving a teller a note that said "ROBBERY" written in red ink and telling her, "Give me the $100s." He was convicted of bank robbery and sentenced to three years in prison, becoming the oldest inmate in the Florida prison system.

Abilene Police Sgt. Mike Perry said about $2,000 was taken in Tuesday's robbery.


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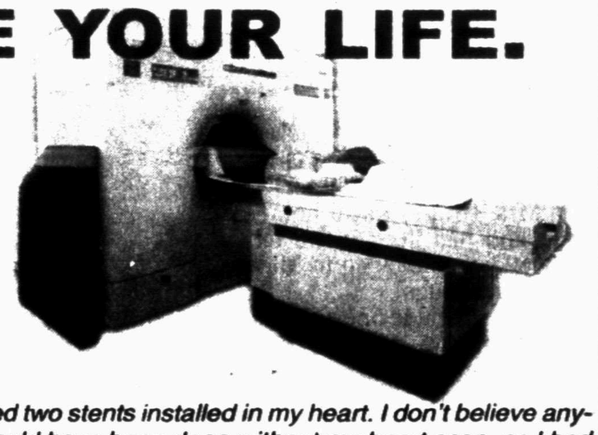
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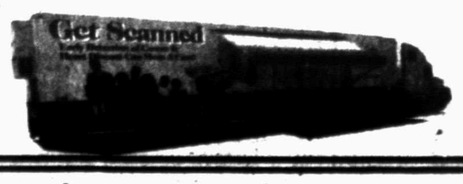
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