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U.S. forces capture two Saddam Hussein loyals

TIKRIT, Iraq (AP) — American forces captured seven men — two of them Saddam Hussein loyalists and five believed responsible for attacks on U.S. troops — during raids in the deposed leader's hometown.

American troops operating near Hamurrabi, 60 miles south of Baghdad, also reported finding a huge arms cache that included 400 cases of anti-aircraft shells and 200 rocket-propelled grenade rounds.

At the bombed U.N. headquarters in Baghdad, officials handed over to family members the bodies of seven Iraqis killed in the Aug. 19 terror suicide attack.

Nicolaas Rademeyer, U.N. field security officer, said the organization had been able to confirm 20 deaths with an unknown number of people missing. An Associated Press survey of hospitals found three other deaths in the attack, for a total of at least 23.

David Roath, an investigator with the U.S. Army, said American forces would continue to maintain security around the compound, even though all the search and rescue missions were complete. "We're pretty much done with the site," he said.

No U.S. troops were hurt in the raids that resulted in the capture of seven men in Tikrit, 120 miles north of Baghdad, according to the 4th Infantry Division 1st Battalion 22nd Regiment, which conducted the searches.

The military said the captured men and some still being sought were suspected of organizing regional cells of the Fedayeen Saddam, the militia loyal to Saddam and believed spearheading the guerrilla war against U.S. occupation forces. The military gave no identities.

Early today, two Iraqis were wounded when their vehicle attempted to avoid a U.S. checkpoint near Kirkuk, Aberle said. The soldiers manning the checkpoint opened fire and disabled the vehicle, she said. The Iraqis were being treated and were detained. Their wounds were not serious, she said.

An American soldier said Monday that the Republican Bridge over the Tigris River in central Baghdad had been closed for an hour Sunday night after U.S. forces discovered a bomb. He refused to give any other details.

In Najaf this morning, mourners buried three guards who were killed in a bomb attack Sunday on the house of Mohammed Saeed al-Hakim, one of Iraq's most important Muslim Shiite clerics.

The bomb, a gas cylinder wired to explode, was placed along the outside wall of the house. It blew up just after noon prayers. A number of al-Hakim's family members were wounded. He suffered cuts on his neck.

"Obviously terrorist groups who belong to the former regime are behind this incident," said Abdel-Aziz Hakim, a relative of the religious leader.

Football contest to appear on Tuesday

Watch Tuesday's edition of the Snyder Daily News for the first Football Contest of the season.

Readers have a chance to win $1,000 for a perfect entry that includes the exact score on the tie-breaker. Picking all 20 games correctly will result in a $250 prize.

First place entry each week will win $50 while $25 goes to the runner-up. Third place entry wins $15.

The contest will appear each Tuesday during the grid season which begins Friday night. Entry deadline is 5 p.m. each Friday.

Hermleigh expected to ok budget tonight

Hermleigh ISD trustees meet at 7 tonight in the high school homemaking room to adopt a proposed budget and tax rate for the 2003-2004 year.

Last year's budget was $1.2 million and the tax rate was $1.45 per $100 valuation. Supt. Marvin Beaty said the proposed budget is $1.24 million. There will be an opportunity for public discussion and comment regarding the proposed budget and proposed tax rate of $1.50 per $100 valuation.

Other items on the agenda are board training and progress toward completion of board goals.



BALANCES AND BOOKS — Bruno Paoliello from Brazil discusses tuition with Teresa Pinkerton, accounts payable clerk at Western Texas College. Classes at WTC begin Tuesday. (SDN Staff Photo)

U.S., allies may be required to achieve stability in Israel

WASHINGTON (AP) — As violence escalates in the Middle East, the chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee says military involvement by the U.S. and its NATO allies might be required to bring stability to Israel and the Palestinians.

"If we're serious about having a situation of stability, a very direct action, I think, is going to be required," Sen. Dick Lugar, R-Ind., said Sunday.

Israeli helicopters fired missiles at a group of armed men sitting near the Gaza City beach Sunday, killing four Hamas fighters, including a fugitive commander.

Hours earlier, Palestinian militants fired a new, longer-range rocket into Israel. The rocket, which landed about four miles from the city of Ashkelon, fell on a beach just 30 feet from an unmanned lifeguard post, the Israeli army said.

"At some point the United States and its NATO allies and somebody is going to have to work with the Israelis and the Palestinians who want a state to get rid of the terrorists. I think it's just that simple," Lugar said.

International mediators want Yasser Arafat to relinquish control of security forces and allow Palestinian Prime Minister Mahmoud Abbas and the U.S.-backed security chief, Mohammed Dahlan, to clamp down on militants in response to a Hamas bus bombing that killed 21 people in Jerusalem last week.

Arafat continues to command several of the security branches, while Abbas and Dahlan supervise the rest. Instead of giving up control over armed men, Arafat has proposed passing the supreme command to a loyalist, effectively sidelining Dahlan.

The Bush administration "has to figure out who is going to go after the terrorists," Lugar said, adding that U.S. military involvement "has to be a potential possibility."

Democratic Sen. Dianne Feinstein agreed.

SISD trustees to adopt budget at noon on Tuesday

Snyder public schools are expected to formally adopt its $18.9 million dollar budget when trustees meet at noon Tuesday in the school administration building.

In addition to the budget, the board is expected to set the tax rate at $1.50 per $100 valuation with three cents of that rate going to pay tax maintenance notes for campus renovations.

The proposed budget also calls for a two percent pay hike for most employees.

Also on the agenda is consideration of two resolutions, one to designate a portion of the district fund balance and the other to authorize the issuance of maintenance tax notes.

WTC trustees will approve $8.2 million budget tonight

Western Texas College trustees are expected to formally adopt the budget and set the tax rate when the board meets at 6:30 this evening in the administration board room.

The budget of $8.2 million is $300,000 lower than the current year, made possible largely by an increase in tax valuation of just under $1 billion. Most of the increase was from mineral and industrial values.

The board is expected to set the tax rate at 24.49 cents per 100 valuation, which is three percent over the effective tax rate. Included in the budget is a two percent pay increase for WTC staffers.

Also on the agenda are two personnel matters. Sandra Hall will resign her post as public information coordinator to become director of the Upward Bound grant program.

Also on the agenda is consideration of health insurance for college trustees. Effective Sept. 1, the state will no longer pay premiums for health insurance for trustees.

It was believed that local funds could not be used for that purpose, however a letter received from State Sen. Robert Duncan (R-Lubbock) said this was not the legislature's intent.

The board is expected to discuss the use of local funds to pay for trustees' health insurance, but it is unclear when it would be effective.

Informational items on the agenda include an update on the sports complex under construction, an education report on athletics and information of art instructors.

KSNY sister station offers 'alternative'

By Leslie Schmidt
SDN Staff Writer

Radio station owners Lydia and Dink Foree have come up with "The Real Alternative" for rock music fans. KLYD.

Named for Lydia, it has a wide range of rock and roll to offer listeners. It is a sister station to KSNY, which has a country music format. Both are transmitted live out of the KSNY Snyder studio.

"We think the live DJs are one of the things that appeal to the audience," said Dink. "Who wants to listen to a transmit out of New York or Dallas? Having live DJs makes a better community program."

Traditionally, DJs use bogus names while on air. Cody Christopher, Marc Anthony, Max Fisher, Trace Allen, Sheree Stone and Misty Dawn are the creative monikers KLYD DJs have given themselves. All of the DJs, except one, who serves up hard rock on the night shift, have dual positions as jockeys for both stations.

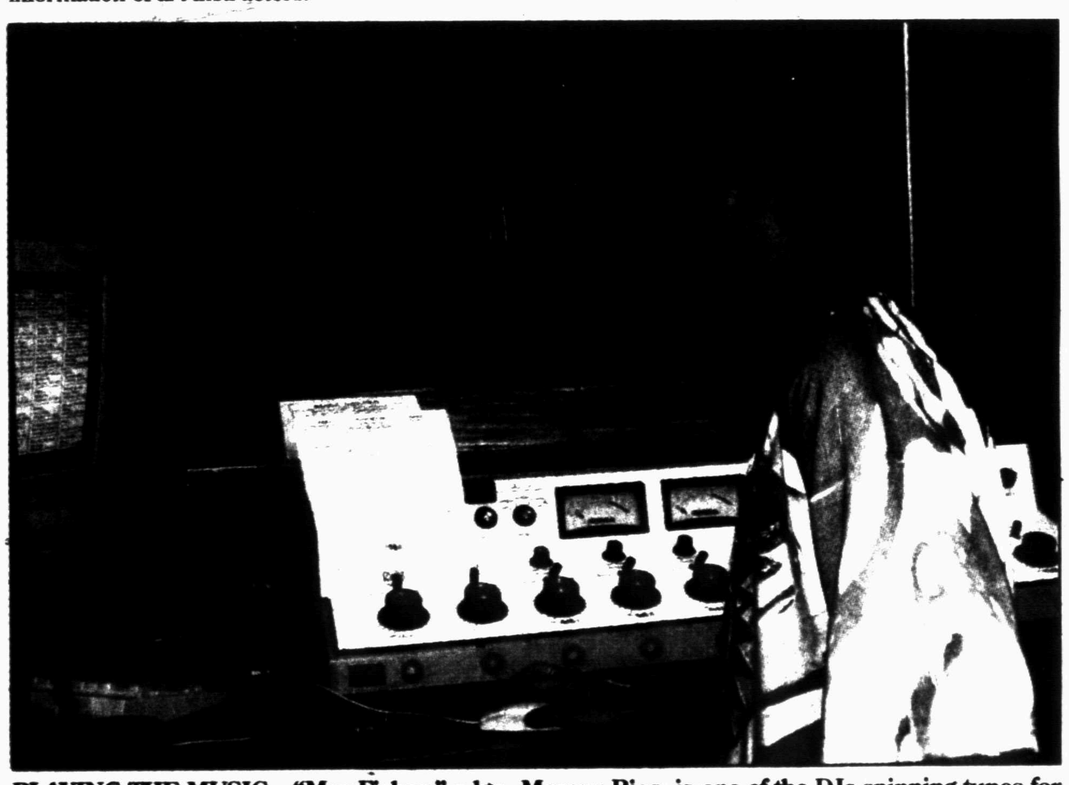
KLYD first came on the air last October. The 6,500-watt station plays a variety of rock, differing in time range and popularity. Classic rock includes music from the 1950s through the '80s, and several classic songs are scheduled to play each hour on the regular format. They start out playing five classics an hour at 6 a.m. and finally dwindle down to one an hour through 10 p.m. Then it's time for the Power Hour, where you can get your daily dose of hard rock.

The stations also play cutting-edge new rock and music by obscure bands that aren't produced by big labels. They have a refreshing sound, playing more than just the same songs over and over again.

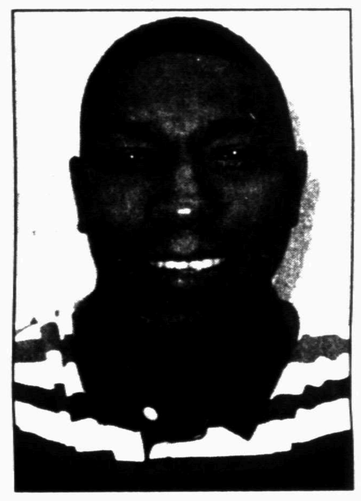
Of course, albums are a thing of the past, but the variety of music from an on-line library and CD collection is pleasing the crowds.

"We believe we've hit a different demographic with KLYD," said Dink. "Yes, we have," agrees Lydia. "We've picked up a niche that covers anyone who wants to listen to rock."

You can give the station a listen at 98.9 F.M.



PLAYING THE MUSIC – "Max Fisher," a.k.a. Marcus Rios, is one of the DJs spinning tunes for rock station KLYD in Snyder. (SDN Staff Photo)



Warden Vernon Pittman

Asst. warden takes new job at Luther unit

Vernon Pittman, assistant warden at the Price Daniel Unit the past five years, is returning to East Texas.

Pittman, who became assistant warden here in July, 1998 will become assistant warden at the Luther unit in Navasota effective Sept. 1, according to Senior Warden Wilhelmenia Howard.

Pittman, a 19-year veteran with the Department of Criminal Justice, moved to Snyder from the Eastham unit in Lovelady where he had served as a major.

Prior to that he was a major at the McConnel unit in Beeville after having served as captain for six months at the Boyd unit in Teague.

Pittman, 43, had began his career with TDCJ in Navasota at the Pack II unit in 1994.

Pittman is criminal justice graduate from Sam Houston State University in Huntsville. Pittman, a native of Bryan, also attended Texas A&M University where he earned all-American honors as a member of the Aggie track team.

ASK US

Q—How much money do football tickets sales generate for the school district?
A—About $55,000.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

Julian Gutierrez...



...has been a Snyder resident for 27 years and is assistant manager at O'Reilly Auto Parts on College Avenue.

He has a son, Daniel B. Gutierrez, 18, who graduated from Snyder High school last May.

His hobbies include fishing and working on cars.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Luck is what happens when preparation meets opportunity.
—Darrell Royal

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events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

FFA watermelon feed, volleyball tourney

The annual watermelon feed and volleyball tournament will be held at 6:30 p.m. today in Towle Park. All FFA members, parents and booster club are invited.

Mt. Olive revival

Mt. Olive Baptist Church, 3306 Ave. N, is holding a revival at 7:30 p.m. each day this week. Speaker today and Tuesday is Shannon Harrison of Snyder. The speaker Wednesday through Friday is I.L. Patrick of Pampa.

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 this evening is "What Jesus Means to Me," followed by "Some Maxiums for Christian Living."

Scurry Cancer Unit to meet

The board of directors of the Scurry Unit of the American Cancer Society will meet at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Desperado Classroom, 1708 27th St. (just south of First Baptist Church Main Sanctuary.)

Genealogical Society to meet

The Genealogical Society will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the library. The program will be tales of pets encountered by the members in childhood.

SHS choir booster

SHS choir boosters will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the choir room to discuss the fiesta stack-up dinner.

Adult basic education

GED and ESL classes at Western Texas College will resume Tuesday. 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.

Hospice caregivers dinner

Odyssey Healthcare Hospice will host and "Italian" caregivers appreciation dinner at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Fellowship Hall of First Presbyterian Church.

MAWC game day, luncheon

Martha Ann Woman's Club will host the fourth Wednesday luncheon and game day beginning at 11:30 a.m. Cost is $8.50. Games of choice will be played following the luncheon. Reservations are necessary by Tuesday afternoon by calling 573-3427.

Orientation for CNA classes

Mandatory orientation for certified nurses' aide classes at Snyder Oaks is set for 2 p.m. Thursday at Snyder Oaks. Classes will begin Saturday and classes will be held on Saturdays and Sundays will be from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Books can be purchased at the WTC Book Store. For more information, call Maggie Barnes at 863-2426.

Central K-3rd parent orientation

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

Parenting with love, logic

Central Elementary will host the first of six free Thursday afternoon seminars at 1 p.m. Thursday. Parents are invited to hear Brenda Bird, teacher and professional speaker, present a discussion of discipline, "Parenting with Love and Logic. Free childcare is available.

Hermleigh FFA hamburger fry

Hermleigh FFA will have a meet and greet hamburger fry at 6 p.m. Thursday in the ag shop.

Taste of Snyder

The Taste of Snyder, the annual fundraiser for the Scurry County Museum, will be held at 6:30 p.m. Thursday 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.

SHS football program ads

The deadline for placing ads in the Tigers football program is Friday. For more information, or for an ad, call Christy Smith at 573-6301.

2003 Bulldog annuals arrive

The 2003 Bulldog annuals have arrived and have been delivered to those who purchased one. To purchase an extra annual at a cost of $22 each, contact Becky Hudgins at Ira School.

SHS student council Tiger T-shirts

The SHS student council has Tiger T-shirts, youth and adult sizes, day planners, book socks and lanyards for sale. Contact Christy Smith at the high school at 573-6301.

Gifted, talented advisory committee

There will be a meeting of the gifted and talented parent-community advisory committee from 6-8 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 4, in the SJHS auditorium. Call 574-6078 for more information.

Drivers license office

Due to vacation, the drivers license office will close at noon on Tuesday, Sept. 9, and will reopen on Wednesday, Sept. 17.

Lord's Acre fish fry

First United Methodist Church's Lord's Acre fish fry is at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 9, in Wesley Hall. Tickets are $7 for adults and $3 for children under 10. Tickets are on sale now and take-outs will be available.

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.

1950s dance contest

A '50s dance contest will be held Saturday, Oct. 11, in conjunction with the White Buffalo Festival. Judging for the $100 prize will be 50% costume and 50% dance skills. The White Buffalo Committee also solicits 1950s'yearbooks for the display. For more information call Jackie at the coliseum at 573-9811.

Teens try to save Big Spring VA hospital

BIG SPRING (AP) — Three Big Spring High School juniors have taken it upon themselves to rally support for the town's VA medical center, collecting more than 4,000 signatures in a couple of weeks.

"It was my mom's idea. She started at he office. She had some personal friends sign it," Logan Churchwell said.

Since then, Churchwell and his friends Manoj Thangam and Corey Green, all 16, have collected 4,327 signatures in the town of 20,000 people.

"I just took it and ran with it," Churchwell said. He started at the local post office, then moved to churches and Wal-Mart. "Now there are petitions all over town."

The petition says those who sign it oppose any action to close the VA medical center in Big Spring.

Churchwell said he plans to collect the petitions today and send them to U.S. Rep. Randy Neugebauer and the Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services Commission, to be delivered when Big Spring officials go to Washington, D.C.

The Department of Veterans Affairs plans to close seven VA hospitals, open others and retarget services. The Big Spring hospital, called the West Texas VA Healthcare System, is not scheduled to close, but the VA has proposed that the hospital close its surgery services and contract care to facilities closer to the patients.

The VA will also study closing all health care services in Big Spring and opening a critical access or acute care hospital in the Odessa-Midland area.

A 15-member commission appointed by VA Secretary Anthony Principi is expected to make its recommendations at the beginning of December, and Principi will make the final decision by the end of December, the Odessa American reported in its today editions.

Churchwell said he's circulating the petitions because he plans to join the service himself.

"I want to be accepted to West Point. I know after I've served (my country) I'd rather come back to Big Spring," he said.

Thangam and Green say they got involved because of the effect the hospital's closure would have on the economy.

The teens say they realized the power ordinary citizens have.

"Doing something is much better than doing nothing," Green said.

Man killed when wall collapses

CARROLLTON (AP) — A construction worker died Sunday night when a section of wall collapsed on him as he waited out a thunderstorm with strong winds that moved through the Dallas suburb.

It wasn't immediately clear what caused the collapse, police Sgt. David Sponhour said. "We don't know if it was just the weather, if it had something to do with the construction."

The 25-year-old Lewisville man, whose name wasn't immediately released, was buried beneath more than seven tons of concrete, Sponhour said.

Sponhour said eight to 10 workers had been putting up stucco on a section of a new Home Depot store.

"The storm came through and most of the workers decided to run over by the trailer," Sponhour said. The worker who died decided to take shelter by a pillar.

"He was sitting next to the pillars with his back against the wall, I believe, just trying to get out of the storm when the wall collapsed," Sponhour said. He said another worker barely escaped the collapse.

Sponhour described the section that collapsed as about 17 feet tall and 30 feet across. Two pillars also fell.

Last year, three construction workers were killed when a section of a concrete wall fell on them at the site of a Home Depot store under construction in Greensboro, N.C.

One dead after car plows into crowd at NJ bakery

WILDWOOD CREST N.J. (AP) — A sport utility hicle backed into a crowd outside a New Jersey shore bakery Sunday morning, killing one woman and injuring five people — at least one critically, police said.

A preliminary investigation found that Dorothy Burke, 60, of Bensalem, Pa., was trying to parallel park outside Britton's Gourmet Bakery when her Ford Explorer suddenly accelerated, backing over the curb and striking people on the sidewalk.

No charges had been filed as of Sunday afternoon, and police were continuing to investigate.

The crash killed a 42-year-old Piscataway woman whose name had not been released, The Press of Atlantic City reported.

Police identified the injured as Brenna Fach, 25, of Voorhees; Theresa Hopkins, 50, of Piscataway; Richard DeRocco, 57, of Convent Station; and John Palcza, 60, of Ewing. Another man was treated at the scene for injuries, police said.

Fach was listed in critical condition Sunday night at an Atlantic City hospital. DeRocco was flown to a Camden hospital but his condition was not immediately available. Hopkins and Palcza were treated and released from a Cape May Court House hospital.

A woman who answered the phone at the family-run bakery Sunday said everyone there was too distraught to talk about the crash.



events

LOTTO TEXAS TEXAS LOTTERY

RESULTS

Saturday's Lottery Numbers Lotto Texas

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

Winning numbers drawn: 2-3-16-18-41. Bonus Ball: 20.

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

Number matching five of five: 1. Prize: $29,714.

Number matching four of five, plus Bonus Ball: 18. Prize: $1,498.

Number matching four of five: 518. Prize: $112.

Number matching three of five, plus Bonus Ball: 582. Prize: $88.

Number matching three of five: 20,717. Prize: $5.

Number matching two of five, plus Bonus Ball: 6,643. Prize: $5.

Number matching one of five, plus Bonus Ball: 30,062. Prize: $3.

Estimated jackpot for Wednesday night drawing: $5 million.

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Cash Five

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

Winning numbers drawn: 3-10-22-26-32.

Number matching five of five: 0.

Prize per winner: $0.

Matching four of five: 111. Prize: $586.

Matching three of five: 4,108. Prize: $12.

Matching two of five: 43,815. Prize: $2.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Monday night.

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Date Book

Monday, Aug. 25, 2003

Today is the 237th day of 2003 and the 66th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1940, Arno Rudolphi and Ann Hayward exchanged vows on the Coney Island Parachute Jump in Coney Island, N.Y., in what came to be known as the first parachute wedding.

On this day in 1944, Paris was liberated by Allied forces after more than four years of Nazi occupation.

On this day in 1949, popular radio show "Father Knows Best" made its television debut on NBC.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Leonard Bernstein (1918-1990), composer; Monty Hall (1923-), game show host, is 80; Sean Connery (1930-), actor, is 73; Regis Philbin (1933-), television personality, is 70; Elvis Costello (Declan Patrick McManus) (1955-), musician, is 48.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1875, Matthew Webb became the first person to swim the English Channel, completing the journey in 21 hours and 45 minutes.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "There's no such thing as an original sin." — Elvis Costello

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (Aug. 20) and new moon (Aug. 27).

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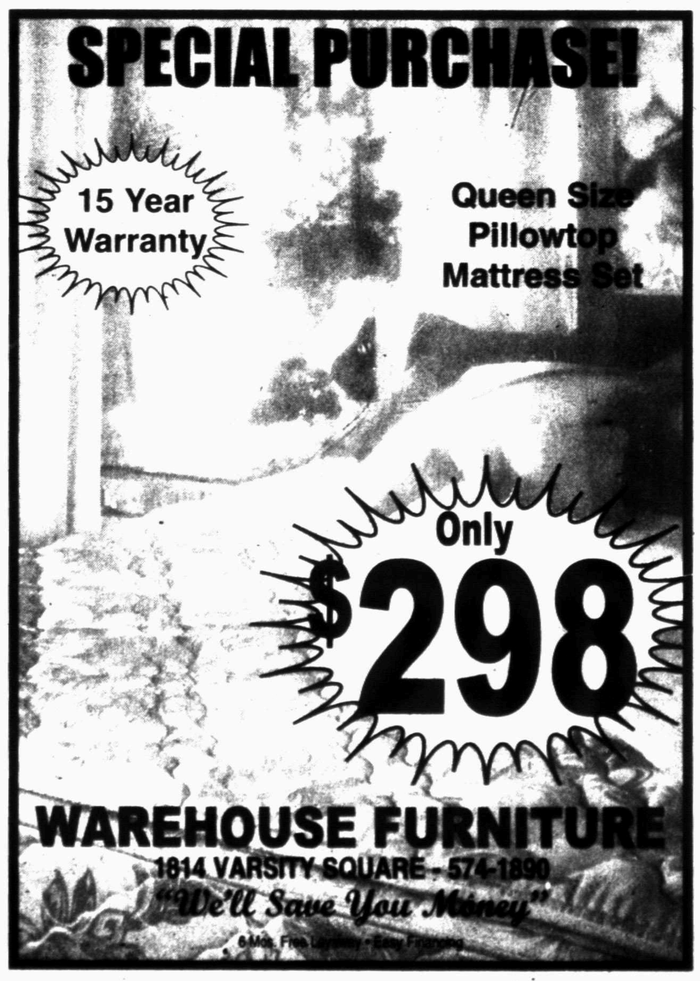
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PRISON STAFF RETIREES –Price Daniel Unit retirees were honored during a luncheon Thursday where Warden Wilhelmenia Howard praised them for their service. From left front row are Jose Gaona, Jan Baker, Martha Gist and Mary Williams. Back row from left are Howard, Joe Cheyne, Linda Hardy, Mike Herrington and Don McArthur. (SDN Staff Photo)

Boy dies during prayer service

MILWAUKEE (AP) — An autistic 8-year-old boy died while wrapped in sheets during a prayer service held to exorcise the evil spirits that church members blamed for his condition.

A man has been arrested in connection with the death, which occurred Friday night at a church in a run-down strip mall. Authorities have not identified the man or disclosed what charges he could face.

The mother had been taking her son to Faith Temple Church of the Apostolic Faith three times a week for the last three weeks in hopes of curing his autism, said Bishop David Hemphill Sr.

It was after more than an hour of prayer that a parishioner noticed the boy was no longer moving and called emergency workers, Hemphill said. The boy's grandmother said force was used, an allegation disputed by church members.

"We were asking God to take this spirit that was tormenting this little boy to death," Hemphill said. "We were praying that hard, but not to kill."

Hemphill identified the boy as Torrance Cantrell and the man arrested as Ray Hemphill, his brother and another minister who led Friday's service. David Hemphill said he has not talked to his brother or the boy's mother, Patricia Cooper, since Friday night. Cooper could not be reached for comment.

Police have not released the boy's name but have said they don't believe he was struck. The results of an autopsy also have not been disclosed.

Church members had wrapped the boy in sheets to keep him from scratching himself and others, but he was allowed to sit "any way that he feels comfortable," Hemphill said.

The boy's grandmother said the boy had been restrained.

"They held the boy down, they held him down until ... he went to a smothery grave," Mary Luckett told Milwaukee television station WTMJ.

David Hemphill started the independent church in 1997. It meets twice a week and has a congregation of six families.

Cooper, the boy's mother, started coming to the church about three months ago after she met a parishioner at a doctor's office, Hemphill said. Cooper told the parishioner about her son's autism, and the church member invited her to a Sunday service. She joined the next week.

A makeshift memorial with four colored candles and a few stuffed animals sat on a window ledge outside the boy's home Sunday.

Verizon, unions nearing accord

WASHINGTON (AP) — Verizon Communications and its unions are nearing an agreement as 78,000 East Coast telephone operators and technicians begin a fourth week on the job without contracts.

Negotiators had made significant progress at the bargaining table over the past several days — enough that the end appeared within reach.

Candice Johnson, spokeswoman for the Communications Workers of America, said talks Sunday centered on "a few remaining issues," but she declined to be specific. Negotiations were to resume today.

Both sides "certainly have been bargaining intensely over the past several days and moving forward to resolve a a lot of the outstanding issues," Johnson said.

Verizon spokesman Daniel Diaz Zapata said only that "the process continues and I have no new developments."

Johnson cautioned that negotiators may need more time to strike a deal. The union also was preparing to open its annual convention today in Chicago.

Still, the tone was a stark turnaround from last week, when both sides sparred publicly over efforts to gain a public relations advantage.

Today's chuckle

Lucky dogs get their own drinking fountain

CARMEL, Calif. (AP) — For dogs lucky enough to live in Carmel-By-The-Sea, life just doesn't get any better.



The upscale tourist town of art galleries and beautiful coastal vistas has a soft spot for its four-legged residents. Carmel now has a special place for dogs to quench their thirsts as well.

Carmel has dedicated the "Fountain of Woof," a dogs-only drinking fountain at Carmel Plaza. The recirculating water fountain features a life-size dog's head spurting water from its mouth onto a stair-step arrangement of rocky pools.

Mayor Sue McCloud inaugurated the fountain Friday before a crowd of dogs and owners. "By 'pup-ular' demand," she said, cutting a "rib-bone" to mark the occasion.

"Dogs have always been very much a part of Carmel," said McCloud.

Other amenities for pooches in Carmel include the right to run free on the city's white-sand beach.

Nora Brooke and her Doberman pinscher, Night, were among those who attended the dedication, which included a dog fashion show and the reading of a special poem.

"If you live in Carmel, how could you not be here?" said Brooke.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Teen unhappy as full-time host for foreign relative

DEAR ABBY: I am 13 and come from a big family. About a month ago, some relatives came to the United States and they're living with us for a while. They have two kids — a girl a year older than I and a boy two years younger (I'll call him Joe).

My dad is constantly pushing me to play with Joe and include him in everything I'm doing. Usually I'm OK with it, but sometimes I just want to be alone to think or read or spend time with friends my age.

Wherever I go, Joe follows me. He doesn't understand English very well, so it's hard to explain that I need time away from him. If I talk to my mom or dad about it, they call me selfish and say I should let Joe come with me. I like Joe, but I don't want him with me ALL the time! Am I being selfish? What should I do, Abby? — **WANT TO BE ALONE IN TENNESSEE**

DEAR WANT TO BE ALONE: Look at it this way: Joe is a stranger in a country and culture that's new to him. He is surrounded by people with whom it's difficult to communicate. He must feel very uprooted and alone. Try to get him involved in activities — like sports — where language is not so important. That way, he will meet kids his own age and have a chance to excel. It will give you time to yourself, and he won't be so dependent upon you.

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DEAR ABBY: My daughter, "Jeanine," and three grandchildren ages 6, 7 and 9 live with my husband and me. Jeanine pays us $25 a week for rent and buys some of the groceries. She works in a convenience store part time and takes some college classes.

I am happy to help my daughter and pay tuition to a private school for the grandkids. However, our utilities have skyrocketed since she and the children moved in two years ago. Jeanine has a bank account, and last week I looked at her checkbook. I was shocked to see that she gives her church $50 to $60 a week. She has also written a check for $2,000 to the same church.

I confronted Jeanine when she got home and things have not been the same since. I know I shouldn't have snooped, but shouldn't she give more toward this household than she contributes to the church? — **FEELING USED IN MACON, GA.**

DEAR FEELING USED: In this case, absolutely. But it won't happen unless you put your foot down and make it clear that she must. I'm all for contributing to the church, but charity begins at home, and that means paying a fair share of household expenses.

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DEAR ABBY: My wife is seven months pregnant. This is her first child. (I have a 9-year-old son from my first marriage.) Like most expectant parents, we've been looking through baby books for names and have run into a problem.

My wife and I would like to name our baby after me if it's a boy, but we're unsure if that's a no-no because of my oldest son. My first wife had no interest in naming our son after me. Would it be OK to give our baby the "Junior" title, or should we continue to search for another name? — **NEW DADDY AGAIN**

DEAR NEW DADDY: As long as "Junior" hasn't been used before, I see no reason why you shouldn't name the baby after you. However, a word to the wise: Include your 9-year-old in the naming process if possible. It will give him "ownership" and head off any possible resentment.

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Eight Oregon firefighters killed in van-truck collision

VALE, Ore. (AP) — Eight contract firefighters who had spent two weeks fighting an Idaho wildfire were killed on their way home when their van collided with a tractor-trailer and exploded into flames.

The van apparently tried to pass another truck on a curve and crossed the double-yellow line before it collided head-on with the truck, Malheur County Undersheriff Brian Wolfe said Sunday.

It took more than seven hours for the section of remote eastern Oregon highway to reopen, once authorities recovered the bodies and highway crews shoveled ash and debris onto trucks.

The wreckage of the van and the semi were almost indistinguishable. The charred frame of the van was torn in two. The cab of the semi was demolished but the diesel exhaust stack remained erect.

The firefighters, all men under the age of 23, worked for First Strike Environmental, a Roseburg-based contract firefighting company. Their names were not expected to be released until today because authorities were still trying to reach their relatives.

"I extend my wholehearted sorrow and sympathy to the families who lost their sons today," First Strike president Robert Krueger said in a statement.

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Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The **Scurry County Commissioner's Court** will hold a public hearing on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by **18.38%** percent. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The public hearing will be held on **Tuesday, September 2, 2003** at **10:00 a.m. in the County Courtroom, Scurry County Courthouse.**

For the proposal: **Rod Waller, Ralph Trevey, Jerry House, Howard Limmer, Chloanne Lindsey**

Against the proposal: None

Present and not voting: None

Absent: None

The following table compares taxes on an average home in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average home this year. Again, your individual taxes may be higher or lower, depending on the taxable value of your property.

	Last Year	This Year
Average residence homestead value	$32,338.00	$33,447
General exemptions available (amount available on the average homestead, not including senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	$8,087	$8,260
Average taxable value	$24,251	$25,187
Tax rate	.5050/$100	.5050/$100
Tax	$122.46	$127.19 proposed

Under the proposal, taxes on the average homestead would **increase** by **$4.73** or **3.86%** percent compared with last year's taxes. Comparing tax rates without adjusting for changes in property value, the tax rate would **increase** by **$0.0000** per $100 of taxable value or **0.00%** percent compared to last year's tax rate. These tax rate figures are not adjusted for changes in the taxable value of property.

Criminal Justice Mandate (for counties)

The Scurry County Auditor certifies that Scurry County has spent $47,043.81 in the previous 12 months beginning December 1, 2001 for the maintenance and operations cost of keeping inmates sentenced to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Scurry County Sheriff has provided information on these costs, minus the state revenues received for reimbursement of such cost.

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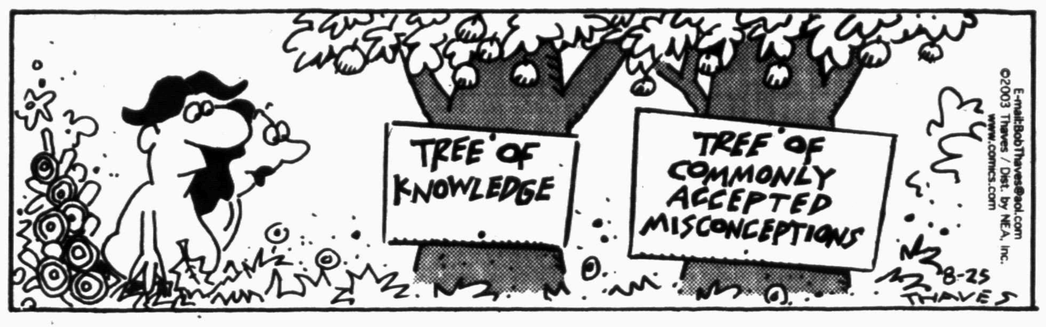
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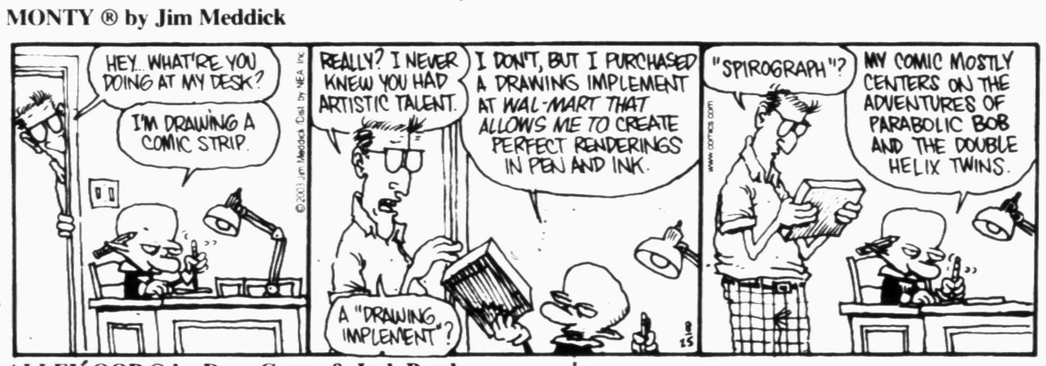


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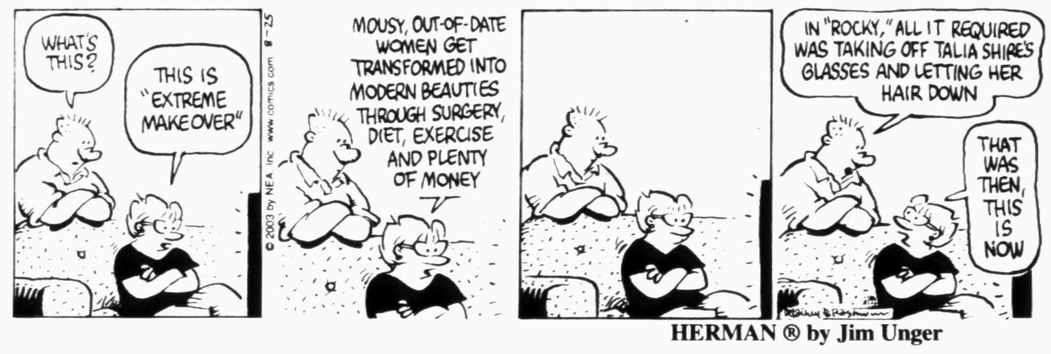
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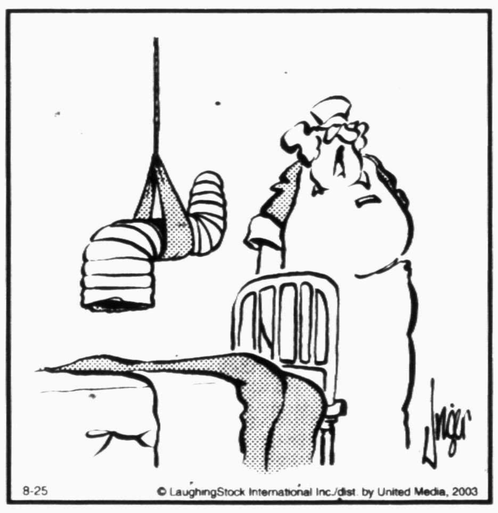
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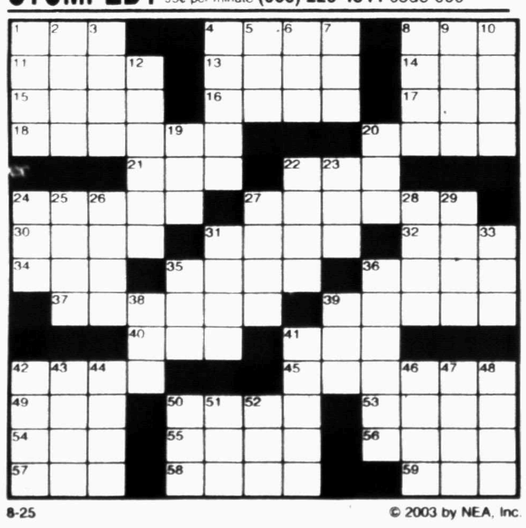
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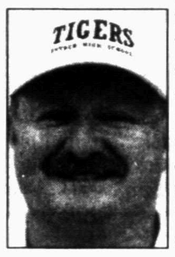


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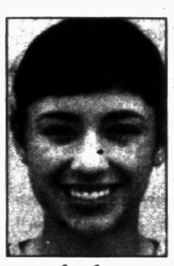
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SPORTS

Young Tigers have no pressure in 2003-2004



Coach Phillips


Andra Dunham


Tanner Reed

Unlike last season, when the Snyder varsity tennis team was full of experienced seniors and dreams of state supremacy, this season the expectations are lowered a bit with a young, but talented, squad.

"Our whole objective this fall is to get better," head coach Ted Phillips said. "I'm not worried about the record like last year. We just want to work on getting better with young, inexperienced players."

The Tigers lost eight seniors from last year's team, including state doubles finalists Adam Rodgers and Curt Phillips, as well as the number one girl from last season, Pat Vargas.

"This is my 21st year of coaching, and I can not remember losing that many seniors," Phillips said.

He added that the team will benefit from returning varsity players like Andra Dunham and Tanner Reed. Dunham comes back after advancing to state in doubles last year with Vargas.

"Andra is one of the best 3A girls in the state and Tanner is one of the best 3A boys," Phillips said. "We'll have Andra's leadership, and the other girls know how hard she has worked. We will be very, very good at number one."

Depth is a factor for the Tigers, with little experience beyond the top three of Reed, Joe Ynguanzo and Matt Hale, and for the lady netters, who have a host of new faces behind number one Dunham and number two Stephanie Williams.

Arch-rival Vernon lost nine seniors in the offseason, and Phillips said they will not be as strong as in recent years, but Sweetwater and Canyon have both improved.

"We want to improve by February and play for that third spot at state," Phillips said.

Despite the loss of experience, the enthusiasm remains for the sport, with 47 students out for the team.

"The goal is to find eight kids who want to get after it," Phillips said. "It's going to be fun. We just want to improve, so there's no pressure."

The boys and girls varsity squads have been set for Tuesday's opening match with Levelland at home.

The varsity girls are Dunham, Williams, Mattie Phillips, Nikki Timora, Megan Crisp, freshman Krista Dorsett, Tara Kubena and freshman Allie Brewster.

The varsity boys are Reed, Ynguanzo, Hale, Austin Lyle, Kenny Alcala, freshman Wesley Price, Will Banks and Sterling Millhollon.

"I'm anxious for Tuesday to see how we line-up," he said.

The match will get underway at 4:30 p.m. at the junior high tennis courts.

Clarke holds off Woods to claim victory at Firestone

AKRON, Ohio (AP) — Darren Clarke is good enough to win two World Golf Championships, both times beating back a challenge from Tiger Woods with ease.

Then again, he has never won a major and only contended in a couple of them. Despite 14 victories worldwide, some question whether he has squeezed the most out of his talent.

"He's either playing great and winning tournaments or missing cuts," Woods said. "When he gets on a roll ... you saw it out there."

No one saw Clarke for very long.

A one-stroke lead Sunday in the NEC Invitational turned into four shots when Clarke rolled in a 15-foot eagle putt on the second hole. And when Woods tried to apply pressure with back-to-back birdies, Clarke responded with three birdies in five holes.

The result was a four-shot victory for Clarke, allowing the 35-year-old from Northern Ireland to join Woods as the only multiple winners of the WGC series.

Clarke also beat the world's No. 1 player, 4 and 3, in the 2000 Match Play Championship.

"I don't know which was more tougher," Clarke said after closing with a 3-under 67 to finish four ahead of Jonathan Kaye.

"Match Play was head-to-head against the best players in the world, so that's never going to be an easy game. That day, I played as well as I could and Tiger didn't. Today, I was competing against more guys, as well as Tiger."

Not really.

After dispatching of Woods, his only serious challenger, Clarke was only competing against himself.

He finished at 12-under 268 and earned $1.05 million for his first victory of the year, moving him into second place behind Ernie Els in the European tour money list.

He also became the first European player to win on the PGA Tour this year.

"Any time he gets near the lead, he plays very well," said Davis Love III, who closed with a 69 and finished third. "When he's on his game, he's one of the best players out there."

Only three other players scored better than Clarke's 67, and they all finished before he could digest his lunch.

Woods, a winner the last three times at Firestone, bogeyed three of his last seven holes and closed with a 70, six strokes behind.

Varsity spikers struggle at Bev Ball tourney

The slow start to the volleyball season for Lady Tigers followed them to Abilene over the weekend, as the varsity spikers dropped four matches in the Bev Ball tournament Friday and Saturday.

Things started out fine Friday, with the squad stopping Birdville in the tournament opener in five sets, 25-23, 14-25, 22-25, 25-19 and 15-13, before a decisive loss to Abilene High altered the momentum.

Snyder fell to Abilene in three games, 9-25, 20-25 and 8-25.

Saturday saw three straight defeats, with five-game losses to Burleson and Breckenridge, and a four-game defeat at the hands of Miles.

Snyder is now off to a disappointing 1-6 start.

"Consistency and intensity are what we need throughout the entire match," head coach Laura Moses said. "We will concentrate on it even more in practice."

The freshmen dropped two-of-three at the Lubbock Trinity tourney Friday and Saturday.

After sweeping the Trinity Fellowship 25-23 and 25-22, the freshmen Lady Tigers fell to district foe Denver City 19-25 and 11-25, before dropping the match with Cooper, 25-20, 22-25 and 14-16.

The varsity, junior varsity and freshmen get back into action Tuesday at Odessa, with a 4:30 p.m. start for all three squads.

Thompson blanks ChiSox

CHICAGO (AP) — John Thomson (12-10) threw a four-hitter for his career-high fifth straight victory as Texas stopped the Chicago White Sox 5-0 on Sunday. He struck out six and walked one as the Rangers avoided a four-game sweep.

Thomson didn't allow a runner to reach second until there were two outs in the ninth. He threw 107 pitches — 77 for strikes — in his third complete game of the season. His last came May 18 in a 5-1 victory over the New York Yankees.

"That's as good a game as you will see pitched anywhere this year," Texas manager Buck Showalter said. "You've got probably one of the hottest offensive teams in baseball playing in their ballpark with a big crowd."

Thomson hasn't lost since July 22 at Baltimore — seven starts.

"He hit the corners all day long," said Chicago's Frank Thomas, who went 0-for-3. "That's what you call teasing the zone."

The loss snapped a six-game winning streak for Chicago, which remained a game ahead of Kansas City in the AL Central. The Royals lost 8-1 to Minnesota, which is 1½ games behind the White Sox.

The Rangers had won eight in a row coming into the series, including a three-game sweep of Chicago last weekend in Texas, before dropping the first three games of the series.

Hank Blalock had a two-run homer for the Rangers.

Jon Garland (9-10) was almost as sharp as Thomson. He had a career-high 10 strikeouts and gave up just three runs and five hits in seven-plus innings.

"John had a good outing for us. He gave us a chance to win," Chicago manager Jerry Manuel said.

Texas scored two runs in the third when Todd Greene singled and Blalock hit the first pitch from Garland into the seats.

Pennington out for 12 weeks

NEW YORK (AP) — Vinny Testaverde was supposed to provide veteran leadership to Chad Pennington and the rest of the New York Jets this season.

Scrap that plan.

Pennington is expected to miss 12 weeks with a broken and dislocated left wrist, leaving the quarterback duties to the 17-year veteran. So far, coach Herman Edwards does not seem worried about entrusting his team to a 39-year-old player.

"I mean, we're acting like Vinny Testaverde has never played quarterback in the National Football League," Edwards said Sunday. "He's not a rookie. He's a veteran guy. That's why he was here. Now he's going to be the guy that goes in there."

Pennington will not be in for a while. Though Edwards said Pennington's injury is not career-threatening, he would not rule out the possibility that Pennington could miss the entire year.

The fourth-year player was injured Saturday night in an exhibition game against the New York Giants. As Brandon Short came on a blitz, Pennington rolled to his right and threw the ball away. But Short tackled him from behind, and Pennington used his wrist to cushion his fall to the turf.

Edwards said that in addition to the dislocation, Pennington broke four bones that connect the knuckles to the wrist and also has ligament damage.

He said Pennington had seven pins inserted in his wrist and will be in a splint for the next week. Pennington then will wear a cast for three-to-four weeks.

The 12-week estimation is the doctors' best guess. Edwards said Pennington could come back earlier, depending on how his wrist heals. If he does miss 12 weeks, he could return against Jacksonville on Nov. 23 and play the final six games of the Jets' season.

"I'm optimistic," Edwards said. "I think if anyone can do it, Chad has the will to do it. But we're not going to put him in harm's way."

Young guns clicking for Texans, Chargers

HOUSTON (AP) — The Chargers and Texans have three draft picks and millions of dollars invested in newly minted quarterback-receiver combinations the teams hope will lead them out of the NFL wilderness.

Both teams might someday point to San Diego's 19-17 victory Saturday in an otherwise meaningless preseason game as when they started clicking.

Of course the Chargers offense still revolves around a third Texan, running back LaDainian Tomlinson, who missed the Texans game with a bruised left heel.

San Diego is hopeful Brees, the first second-round pick of the 2001 draft, will develop a rapport with Boston, who left Arizona after four seasons to sign a seven-year, $47 million deal with the Chargers.

Meanwhile, Texans quarterback David Carr and receiver Andre Johnson looked much like general manager Charley Casserly hoped they might as last year's top pick and this year's No. 3 pick, respectively. They combined for five receptions, 81 yards and a nifty 24-yard touchdown in the first quarter in which Johnson reached out to spear a Carr bullet, made a quick move and crossed the goal line.

Even better, most of the duo's work came against the Chargers' front-line defense.

"You can see they're starting to get a feel for each other," coach Dom Capers said.

Nowitzki hurt in Germany

BRAUNSCHWEIG, Germany (AP) — Dallas Mavericks star Dirk Nowitzki injured his ankle Sunday night while playing a game for Germany.

Mavericks spokeswoman Sarah Melton said Sunday that Nowitzki suffered a mild left ankle sprain and an MRI showed no bone or ligament damage.

Nowitzki is expected to rejoin the German National Team on Wednesday following the team's two-day break.

Melton said Nowitzki rolled his ankle when he stepped on another player's foot.

Sports Briefs

Bobby Bonds dead at 57

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Bobby Bonds, a three-time All-Star and father of Barry Bonds, died Saturday. He was 57. Bonds had been ill for nearly a year with lung cancer and a brain tumor.

Bobby Bonds, hit 332 home runs and stole 461 bases for eight major league teams, including the San Francisco Giants.

Football booster club

The football booster club will meet at 7 tonight in the film room. Head coach Chad Rogers will discuss the scrimmage with Dumas, and everyone is invited to attend.

Meet the Cardinals Tuesday

Hermleigh High School will hold a $5 hamburger supper during its 'Meet the Cardinals' night at 7 Tuesday in the high school cafeteria.

Flag football, volleyball sign-ups

The Scurry County Boys and Girls Club will hold sign-ups for flag football and volleyball from 4-7 p.m. today through Friday.

Flag football is open to first and second-graders and the fee is $25. Volleyball is open to grades three through six, and cost is $40. Call the Boys and Girls Club at 573-3344.

Cheerleading sign-ups

The Scurry County Boys and Girls Club will hold sign-ups for recreational cheerleading from 4-7 p.m. today through Friday at the club. Cost is $20. Call Tawnya Archer at 575-2030 for more information.

Ladies play day

The SCGA hosts a ladies play day at 9 a.m. each Tuesday at Scurry County Golf Course. Format is flag tournament.

Major League Baseball

American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	79	49	.617	—
Boston	75	55	.577	5
Toronto	64	66	.492	16
Baltimore	61	68	.473	18½
Tampa Bay	51	78	.395	28½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	69	62	.527	—
Kansas City	67	62	.519	1
Minnesota	67	63	.515	1½
Cleveland	58	73	.443	11
Detroit	32	97	.248	36

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	76	54	.585	—
Oakland	75	55	.577	1
Anaheim	63	68	.481	13½
Texas	61	70	.466	15½

Sunday's Games

Oakland 17, Toronto 2
Detroit 10, Anaheim 9
N.Y. Yankees 7, Baltimore 0
Cleveland 7, Tampa Bay 5
Minnesota 8, Kansas City 1
Texas 5, Chicago White Sox 0
Boston 6, Seattle 1

Monday's Games

Seattle (Meche 13-9) at Boston (P.Martinez 9-3), 12:05 p.m.
Oakland (Lilly 6-9) at Toronto (Lidle 11-10), 6:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Moss 1-1) at N.Y. Yankees (Pettitte 15-7), 6:05 p.m.

National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	84	46	.646	—
Philadelphia	70	59	.543	13½
Florida	70	60	.538	14
Montreal	67	64	.511	17½
New York	57	72	.442	26½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	68	62	.523	—
St. Louis	68	62	.523	—
Chicago	67	62	.519	½
Pittsburgh	58	70	.453	9
Cincinnati	58	71	.450	9½
Milwaukee	54	75	.419	13½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	78	51	.605	—
Arizona	68	62	.523	10½
Los Angeles	67	62	.519	11
Colorado	64	69	.481	16
San Diego	51	80	.389	28

Sunday's Games

Houston 6, Cincinnati 3
Milwaukee 10, Pittsburgh 9
St. Louis 3, Philadelphia 0
Atlanta 12, Colorado 6
Florida 7, San Francisco 4
Chicago Cubs 5, Arizona 3
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Today's Games

Philadelphia (Wolf 12-8) at Montreal (L.Hernandez 13-7), 6:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Kinney 8-9) at Cincinnati (Harang 3-0), 6:10 p.m.
San Diego (Peavy 9-9) at Arizona (Johnson 3-6), 8:05 p.m.

NFL Preseason

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Saturday's Games

Buffalo 28, St. Louis 24
Detroit 38, Cleveland 17
Tennessee 23, Cincinnati 15
N.Y. Jets 15, N.Y. Giants 14
Carolina 20, Green Bay 7
Washington 24, Baltimore 3
Tampa Bay 10, Jacksonville 6
San Diego 19, Houston 17
San Francisco 27, New Orleans 12
Seattle 42, Kansas City 31

Monday's Game

Indianapolis at Denver, 7 p.m.

Wednesday's Game

Chicago at New England, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 28

Detroit at Buffalo, 6 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
Oakland at Dallas, 7 p.m.
Tennessee at Green Bay, 7 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at Baltimore, 7 p.m.
Miami at New Orleans, 7 p.m.
Kansas City at St. Louis, 7 p.m.
Atlanta at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
Houston at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m.
Washington at Jacksonville, 7 p.m.
Arizona at Minnesota, 7 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 29

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Poll results fuel call for GOP unity in California recall vote

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Arnold Schwarzenegger's top remaining Republican rivals refused to drop out of the gubernatorial race despite a new poll showing Schwarzenegger trailing the leading Democratic hopeful and pressure on the GOP to unify behind one candidate.

"This horse is in the race to the finish line," state Sen. Tom McClintock said Sunday, a day after fellow conservative Bill Simon abandoned the race, arguing that the crowded field could hurt GOP chances.

A spokesman for former baseball commissioner Peter Ueberroth said Ueberroth also plans to stay in the contest, and will begin airing radio ads this week.

The vows from McClintock and Ueberroth came during a weekend that yet again reshuffled the ever-changing race, with Simon giving up, Democrats offering signs of increasing unity and the poll results showing that Schwarzenegger may no longer be the leading man.

The new poll, conducted by the Los Angeles Times, showed a big lead for Democratic Lt. Gov. Cruz Bustamante, the only major Democrat on the replacement ballot.

Bustamante had 35 percent support among likely voters, compared with 22 percent for Schwarzenegger, a significant reversal of earlier polls showing a virtual dead heat or a Schwarzenegger lead.

Bustamante strategist Richie Ross said that in response, the lieutenant governor said, "we have to work harder. We're working 19 hours a day, and he told me to bump it up to 20."

Trailing well behind the two leaders were McClintock with 12 percent, Ueberroth with 7 percent and Simon with 6 percent. Simon, last year's Republican nominee for governor, abandoned his campaign Saturday, after the poll was conducted. The poll of 801 likely voters had a margin of error of plus or minus three percentage points.

Some Republicans saw the poll results as evidence that the field of replacement candidates should be winnowed.

Plenty of relief has arrived for shortage of gas in Phoenix

PHOENIX (AP) — Gas station attendant Aaron Welmon was back behind the register and a sign outside his station had welcome news for Phoenix motorists: "Gas Open."

Gasoline was once again flowing Sunday through a crucial pipeline that normally supplies about a third of Phoenix-area's gas, even though it's expected to be several days before supplies begin flowing here at a normal level.

Trucked-in fuel, relaxed gas restrictions and less panic pumping also have eased or eliminated lines at gas stations.

"It's fine now," said Welmon, who was forced to direct traffic at the gas station during the shortage.

The trouble started when the pipeline ruptured due to corrosion on July 30. The line, which brings gas in from El Paso was opened Aug. 1 but shut down on Aug. 8 after safety concerns surfaced.

The shortage came to a head last weekend when gas stations began running dry and drivers' patience started running short. At its worst, two-thirds of metro gas stations were empty and some that remained open were selling a gallon of gas for $3.99 and higher.

Some relief was found when federal requirements that Phoenix use cleaner-burning fuel were temporarily eased, as were restrictions on the number of hours gas truckers could work.

Officials at Kinder Morgan Energy Partners, the company that owns the pipeline, said they began pumping gas through their east pipeline Sunday morning, using a bypass to circumvent the rupture point.

Eighty-five percent of the Phoenix area's 700 or so stations had gas on Sunday, according to state officials. But prices remained high.

The Lundberg Survey of gasoline stations across the country showed Phoenix had the highest gasoline prices in the nation Friday, with self-serve regular in the city averaging $2.14 a gallon. That was a jump of just over 60 cents in two weeks.

Nationally, the recent blackout and the broken pipeline pushed average retail gasoline prices up more than 15 cents a gallon during the past two weeks — the biggest two-week jump since the Lundberg Survey began keeping records 50 years ago.

Kerry Criticizes Bush on Iraq, treatment of American veterans

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry is telling fellow veterans that the Bush administration has failed U.S. troops in Iraq while neglecting soldiers who served in past wars.

Kerry, a veteran of the Vietnam War, said as president he would get more allies involved in Iraq, improve pay for U.S. soldiers and ensure veterans the benefits they were long ago promised.

"If I am commander in chief, I won't just bring to that profound responsibility the perspective of sitting in the Situation Room. I'll also bring the perspective of someone who's fought on the front lines," the Massachusetts senator said in a draft of his today address to the Veterans of Foreign Wars in San Antonio.

"And I will ensure that America always is the best equipped, best trained and most powerful fighting force in the world," Kerry said.

Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld and National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice were addressing the group after Kerry.

Kerry, who formally announces his candidacy next week, is casting himself as the only Democratic candidate capable of neutralizing Bush's advantage on national security issues. Kerry was highly decorated for his service aboard a gunboat during the Vietnam War.

In his address, Kerry suggested that the Bush administration has not heeded the lessons of Vietnam in its planning on Iraq. "Above all, we learned that the interests of the grunts on the ground come before all politics and all ideology. And what we urgently need now to protect our young men and women in uniform — and America's role in the world — are decisions based on professional military judgments and strategic vision, not politics and pride," Kerry said.

"I believe a lack of planning and the lack of candor with the American people have placed our men and women in uniform in increased harm's way."

He said the Bush administration has "stubbornly refused' to allow other nations to assume risks in Iraq. Kerry urged wider involvement of the United Nations.

"With the threats we face, we can never cede our security to others, but even a nation as great as the United States needs some friends in this world," he said.

On veterans issues, Kerry criticized the GOP-led House for seeking to cut $1.8 billion from Veterans Administration health care programs that he said are already in poor shape. More than 130,000 veterans are waiting for care at VA facilities, Kerry said, and more than 50,000 wait longer than six months for their first doctor's visit.

"We shouldn't be neglecting to care for our troops and their families before, during and after the war," Kerry said.

He criticized the Pentagon for opposing legislation that would extend an increase in combat pay for troops in Iraq and other war zones. Kerry said troops should be paid comparable to what they would be earning in the private sector.

More people are buckling up than ever, government says

WASHINGTON (AP) — The clicking of seat belt buckles is an increasingly common sound as American motorists take to the road, the federal government reported today.

A survey conducted in June found that seat belt use in the United States was at 79 percent, four percentage points higher than a year earlier and above a goal of 78 percent by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Dr. Jeffrey Runge, NHTSA administrator, was to present the numbers at a meeting of the Governor's Highway Safety Association in New Orleans.

The survey found that users of sport utility vehicle and vans have the highest use rates, at 83 percent, while pickup truck drivers have the lowest rates, at 69 percent.

Seat belt usage was highest in the West, at 84 percent, and the South, at 80 percent. It was lowest in the Midwest, at 75 percent, and the Northeast, at 74 percent.

No individual state-by-state figures were available.

The survey also found that belt use was 6 percent higher in states with primary seat belt laws, which allow police to ticket occupants solely for failing to wear a seat belt. Twenty states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico have primary belt laws; their average usage rate was 83 percent.

The usage rate this year is more than five times higher than in 1983, when NHTSA first began conducting seat belt use surveys. The national rate that year was 14 percent.

Runge, a former emergency room physician, said belt use will save 1,000 lives and prevent 16,000 injuries more than last year. He also estimated it will save $3.2 billion in health care and other costs.

"This is 1,000 people, every year, that will be with their families at Christmas that wouldn't be there otherwise," he said.

The survey monitored belt use at 2,000 sites over a 20-day period. It has a margin of error of 1.2 percentage points.

The survey was conducted a few weeks after a $20 million national campaign, which warned motorists in ads that police would be stepping up enforcement of seat belt laws. Some critics have questioned whether that artificially inflates NHTSA's numbers, but the agency says the timing is critical because it wants to see if its seat belt campaigns are effective.

Several arrests made over weekend

Arrests

Sunday at 3:57 p.m., Leo Patrick McDonald, 45, of 1504 26th Street was arrested for injury to a child, a third degree felony.

At 11:42 p.m. Saturday, Gerardo Luna Jr., 31, of 1901 Ave. M, was taken into custody in the 1900 block of 19th Street for felony driving while intoxicated and driving while license suspended.

Saturday at 7:28 a.m. a 30-year-old man was arrested in the 200 block of 35th for interference with an emergency phone call.

At 4:37 p.m. Saturday in the 3800 block of Highland Dr., a 33-year-old man was taken into custody on warrants for criminal mischief and possession of marijuana.

Saturday at 7 p.m. a 39-year-old man was arrested in the 1700 block of Ave. R for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

At 10:21 p.m. Saturday, a 35-year-old man was taken into custody on the Colorado City highway for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

Sunday at 1:52 a.m. a 29-year-old man was arrested for Class A assault, family violence.

At 1:56 a.m. Sunday, a 17-year-old man was taken into custody at 16th Street and College Ave. misdemeanor for driving while intoxicated.

Sunday at 4:06 a.m. in the 2900 block of Ave. J, a 21-year-old man was taken into custody for possession of a controlled substance.

At 6:02 a.m. Sunday, a 21-year-old man was arrested in the 1000 block of 29th Street for public intoxication and evading arrest.

Sunday at 6:28 a.m. in the 3100 block of 39th Street, a 33-year-old man was taken into custody for public intoxication.

Assault

Sunday at 4:03 a.m., a woman in the 2800 block of Ave. J reported that someone had broken out the windshield of her vehicle. A report for criminal mischief and class C assault was submitted.

Theft

Saturday at 11:19 a.m., Vered McHaney at the White Buffalo Café reported a theft. A report for Class B theft was filed.

At 8:08 a.m. Sunday, Wesley Key reported several road signs in the middle of FM 1606 west of Ira. A report for theft and criminal mischief was submitted.

Sunday at 12:08 p.m., John Carrasco of 105 36th Street reported property stolen from his storage building. A Class A theft report was filed.

Burglary

At 12:54 p.m. Saturday, a woman on FM 644 requested officers in reference to her house being burglarized. A report for burglary of a residence was submitted.

Saturday at 2:47 p.m., Austin Hatfield of 2701 Ave. U reported that his wallet was stolen. A report for burglary of a motor vehicle was filed.

Accident

Saturday at 12:47 p.m., a two-vehicle accident occurred at Ave. E and 26th Street. Involved were a 1984 Datsun driven by John McKinney, 73, of Midlothian and a 1997 Mitsubishi driven by Frankie Ortegon, 74, of 1203 Ave. O. Beatrice Ortegon, 72, a passenger in the second vehicle, was transported by EMS to Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Fire

At 11:45 p.m. Saturday, smoke was reported coming from Our Place Antiques at 1601 College Ave. Upon arrival Snyder firefighters found a small interior fire thought to be started by an oscillating fan. Some of the store items were damaged and there was smoke and heat damage throughout the building. Three fire trucks and 14 firemen responded to the fire.

Gas drive off

At 10:02 a.m. Saturday, a Town and Country east employee reported a gas drive off worth $10.

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August 22, 2003

NOTICE

The following person has registered with the Snyder Police Department as a convicted sex offender.

(1) Jeremy Dale Blevins, 18 years of age, male, 3901 Avenue O, Apt. #3, Snyder, Texas 79549, convicted of "Sexual Assault". Victim was a female child 14 years old.

NOTIFICATION

El siguiente persona se a registrado con el Departamento de Policia de Snyder, y fue convicto de una offensa sexual.

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(s) Stephen W. Warren
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AMR Corp	10 47	10 20	10 28	— 03
AOL TimeWrn	15 98	15 74	15 76	— 26
AT&T Corp rs	21 90	21 49	21 50	— 23
Albertsons	20 82	20 60	20 70	— 19
Alltel	45 58	44 98	45 00	— 96
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AndarkPtr	43 27	42 96	43 11	+ 03
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Avnall	12 50	12 31	12 31	— 19
BP PLC	42 08	41 78	42 00	+ 20
BakerHughes	33 40	33 12	33 23	— 14
Bank of Amer	78 63	77 65	77 69	— 69
BellSouth	25 69	25 40	25 42	— 21
BurlNoSFe	26 97	26 58	26 75	— 01
Caterpillar	71 74	69 35	69 55	—2 14
CenterPoint	8 25	8 17	8 18	— 05
ChevronTex	72 53	71 80	72 33	+ 52
Citigroup	43 25	42 81	43 01	— 09
CocaCola	43 79	43 28	43 69	+ 41
ColgatePal	53 30	52 95	53 14	— 21
CmclMetals	19 30	18 84	18 94	— 39
ConocoPhill	54 52	54 15	54 42	+ 14
Cooper Inds	50 90	50 31	50 60	— 30
DaimlrChry	37 59	37 32	37 40	— 06
DeltaAirl	12 40	12 25	12 27	— 02
Dillards Inc	14 97	14 75	14 91	+ 11
DowChem	34 28	33 80	33 98	— 32
DuPont	44 32	43 82	43 97	— 48
EastmanChem	35 50	34 78	35 11	— 53
EstKodak	28 25	27 88	28 12	— 05
EDS Corp	22 29	22 13	22 16	— 22
Entergy	51 88	51 58	51 68	— 17
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FootLocker	16 40	16 20	16 30	+ 05
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GenElec	29 82	29 60	29 66	— 22
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KinderMorg	53 95	53 64	53 75	+ 05
Kroger Co	19 10	18 90	18 97	— 26
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LucentTech	1 90	1 72	1 79	— 05
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NCR Corp	28 60	28 40	28 41	— 14
Navistar	44 32	43 45	43 59	— 79
PNM Rescs	26 97	26 81	26 89	+ 07
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WellsFargo	49 14	48 90	49 05	— 08
WstnGasRs	38 84	38 65	38 66	+ 11
WinnDixie	10 05	9 96	10 03	+ 06
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YumBrands	28 77	28 51	28 66	— 04

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Reaction is mixed to priest killed in prison

BOSTON (AP) — His crimes ruined young lives, and many say he destroyed their faith in the Roman Catholic church. But even some victims of defrocked priest John J. Geoghan didn't wish for the violent death he met.

"Many victims are disappointed," said attorney Mitchell Garabedian, who represents more than 200 alleged victims of Geoghan and other clergy. "They wish Father John Geoghan had time to be in prison to reflect."

Geoghan was allegedly strangled and beaten Saturday by Joseph L. Druce, a fellow inmate in the maximum security Souza-Baranowski Correctional Center in Shirley.

The former priest molested nearly 150 boys over three decades and became a catalyst for the clergy sex abuse scandal that shook the foundations of the Catholic Church.

"He's never going to hurt anybody again, and at the same time, he still had a lot of penance to do on Earth," said Michael Linscott, 45, who claims he was abused by Geoghan from 1967 to 1972.

Geoghan, 68, was serving a nine- to 10-year sentence for assault and battery on a 10-year-old boy. He'd been in protective custody since being transferred to Souza-Baranowski in April, officials said.

Druce, 37, a reputed member of the neo-Nazi group Aryan Nation, is serving a life sentence for a 1988 murder. He also pleaded guilty to sending fake anthrax from prison to lawyers with Jewish-sounding names and was sentenced to an additional 37 months in prison.

Worcester District Attorney John J. Conte said Druce will be charged with murder. He said Geoghan appeared to have been strangled, though an autopsy was scheduled for today.

An executive of the state corrections union, Robert W. Brouillette, told The Boston Globe and The Washington Post that Druce followed Geoghan into his cell and jammed the electronic cell door to prevent guards from opening it. Druce bound Geoghan's hands behind his back with a sheet and gagged him. He then repeatedly jumped onto Geoghan's body from a bed and beat him with his fists, Brouillette said.

State correction officials declined to comment to The Associated Press on the reports.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Tuesday, Aug. 26, 2003

Your possibilities for generating the cooperation of those in high places who can help you realize your goals are quite good in the year ahead. You'll find out their aims and blend them into your own for a common objective.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Do not let your eagerness for drawing up a contract cloud your judgment today where the fine points are concerned. Take ample time to analyze all the details and consider the consequences.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Someone who is prepared to help you today may change his or her mind and walk off the job if it becomes evident that you're leaving all the ugly tasks for this person to handle, while you do the powder-puff stuff.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Innately, you tend to be quite fervent in your beliefs, so take care today not to come off too harshly in expressing your views. Try to be a bit subdued.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Associates will resent it today if they feel they have to account to you for all of their actions and deeds. Be a live-and-let-live person who allows others the freedom to be themselves.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Keep a tight rein on your temper today or else you could easily take offense at something you interpret as outrageous, which in reality is an innocent remark intended to entertain.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — If you put too many restrictions or conditions on something someone else is attempting to deal with today, this person will take a hike and leave you to fend for yourself. You won't come out the winner.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — A cohort's judgment might be far better than yours today, but you'll never know if you refuse to listen to any suggestions. Keep an open mind and don't be so obstinate about having your way.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Unfortunately, tasks you had planned to take care of could prove to be troublesome and not easily achieved today due to a great deal of difficulty to keep your mind on your work.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Do not take it upon yourself to be the spokesperson for your peers today. Although you may think you know what they believe, they could be quite angry with you if you're off base.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Showing a preference among your loved ones today, even if you don't mean to, can be one of the most hurtful things you could do. If someone becomes irate, consider the cause of that outrage.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Keep your cool should you find yourself dealing with an extremely difficult individual today. No matter how nasty this person becomes, don't demean yourself by behaving in kind.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Something extravagant that you can't afford (but which your pals might be purchasing) should not be the cause of pressure to keep up with them. This fad will pass with time.

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NASA launches rocket carrying infrared telescope

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — A rocket carrying the largest diameter infrared telescope ever put into space roared from its seaside pad early today.

The Space Infrared Telescope Facility, known as SIRTF, is the last of four NASA spacecraft designed to peer deeper into the universe using an array of tools that measure light of varying wavelengths.

The telescope will add to the work of the Hubble Telescope, launched in 1990, the Chandra X-ray Observatory, launched in 1999, and the Compton Gamma-Ray Observatory, which operated for nine years before falling back into Earth's atmosphere in 2000.

The telescope will look at some of the same deep space objects as its sister craft in order to make comparisons between the views. It will also survey other parts of the cosmos.

The 110-pound, 33.5-inch telescope is designed to measure heat from faraway celestial objects and give scientists a view of distant solar systems being born.

"Stars are continuing to form in our own galaxy," said Dr. Michael Jura, SIRTF interdisciplinary scientist for planetary science at the University of California at Los Angeles.

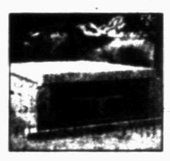
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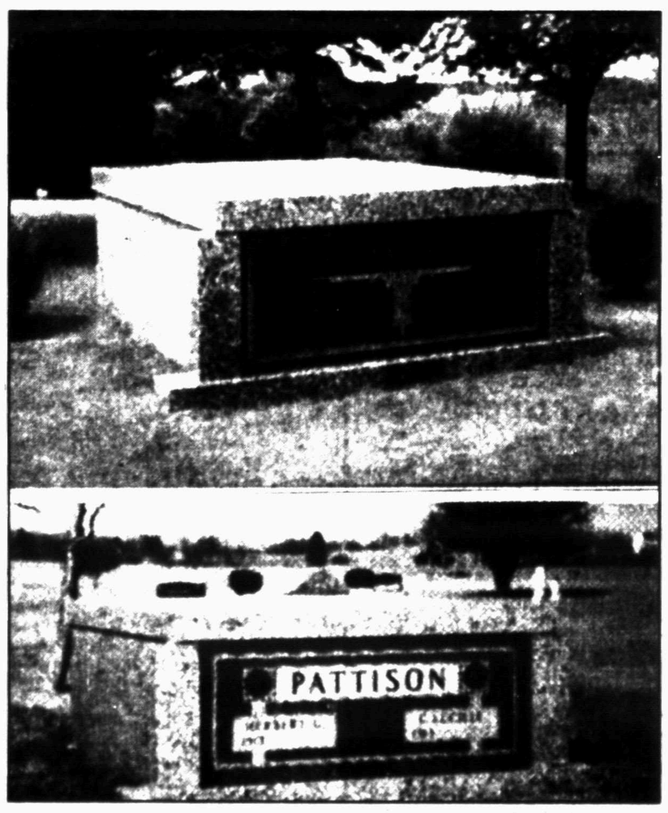

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Families of Columbia astronauts go on with life

HOUSTON (AP) — Evelyn Husband's memories of her spouse are still vivid.

Rick Husband, commander of the doomed space shuttle Columbia, took his job very seriously. But when he came home each night, his family was his focus.

He was able to set work aside "and be a tremendous father and husband and that's why I miss him so much," Evelyn Husband said, her voice cracking. "He would immediately start playing with the kids, help Laura with her homework, get on the floor and wrestle with Matthew, help me with dinner. He was totally devoted to us."

But like the families of the other six astronauts who died in the Feb. 1 disaster, Evelyn Husband is forging ahead with her life. All are dealing with grief and loss as investigators of the accident prepare to issue their report on its cause on Tuesday. Most of the families say they think the investigation has been thorough, and they hope NASA makes changes that will make a difference.

"You have to move on, not dwell on the past," said Dr. Jonathan Clark, whose wife Dr. Laurel Clark, was a mission specialist on Columbia. "For us it's to find a new life, a new future. It's a challenge but you can't just quit and say, 'My life is over.' You have to keep on."

Keeping on can be particularly hard for a young child. The Clarks' son, 8-year-old Iain, has fantasized about his mother's return.

"Like he said once about how he was going to develop a magic potion and pour it on her picture and bring her back, things like that," said Clark, a flight surgeon at Johnson Space Center. "But I see a tremendous resilience there. He's going through his own tough time, but he's not paralyzed by sadness or depression. It's had a profound effect on our lives, but it hasn't stopped our lives."

Barbara Anderson, mother of astronaut Michael Anderson, said her son would not want family members to stop living out their lives.

"No matter how grieved we are, it's not going to change what happened," she said in a telephone interview from Spokane, Wash. "We are doing OK. I know that's what he would want. We are going on with life as we must do. We just trust in our faith and strength."

Faith also has provided Evelyn Husband and her two children with the means to come to terms with their loss.

"It's what keeps me going. It's what helps me encourage my children that life will continue even though it's incredibly difficult," she said.

Audrey McCool, a professor in Las Vegas, said the public nature of the shuttle accident at times made it overwhelming to deal with the loss of her son, shuttle pilot William McCool.

A memorial ceremony at the Naval Academy in Annapolis was "a perfect send-off for an aviator. It was closure," she said. "The burial also was a very important event for me."

But there are still moments when family members struggle or are pained by memory.

Audrey McCool still remembers when she and her husband, Barry, got up early on the day Columbia was returning to Earth to watch it streak across the sky on its way to Florida.

"It was a very beautiful sight. I guess if you will, it was the last time we saw him," she said.

Girish Chawla, younger brother of Columbia crew member Kalpana Chawla, said he pictures his sister, in the few moments before her death, as a fearless woman who didn't regret the path she chose.

"When I am in my silence, I see her face and still remember her face," said Chawla, who lives in suburban Atlanta. "She still lives in my heart."

The family of astronaut David Brown could not be reached for comment. Israeli astronaut Ilan Ramon's wife also could not be reached, and his father, Eliezer Wolferman in Israel, said he wants to wait for the accident report to come out.

For several of the families, the astronauts live on in a variety of ways. Some have charitable funds created in their names to reflect their interests and passions: McCool's fund will help at-risk children and the environment; Chawla's supports science education for underprivileged children; Anderson and David Brown have scholarship funds at their alma maters.

Seven asteroids circling the sun between the orbits of Mars and Jupiter are being named for the astronauts. In Rick Husband's hometown of Amarillo the airport was renamed in his honor. India renamed one of its meteorological satellites after Chawla, who grew up there. The National Naval Medical Center in Maryland dedicated a campus auditorium in honor of Laurel Clark, who studied pediatrics at the hospital.

"I hope people understand this was a group of people who worked really hard to get where they were and believed fully in what they were doing," said Clark's brother, Jon Salton in Albuquerque, N.M. "They believed in the program they were supporting. They were a very dedicated group of individuals."

2002 crime rate is lowest since studies began in year 1973

WASHINGTON (AP) — Violent and property crimes dipped in 2002 to their lowest levels since records started being compiled 30 years ago, and have dropped more than 50 percent in the last decade, the Justice Department reported Sunday.

The annual survey by the Bureau of Justice Statistics identified about 23 million crime victims last year, down slightly from the year before and far below the 44 million recorded when studies began in 1973.

The rate of violent crimes — rapes, robberies and assaults — was about 23 victims for every 1,000 U.S. residents 12 or older last year. That compares with 25 victims per 1,000 in 2001 and 50 in 1993.

For property crimes such as burglary and car theft, the rate was 159 crimes per 1,000 last year, down from 167 the previous year and 319 in 1993.

The study examined property and violent crimes except murder, which is measured separately by the FBI. Preliminary FBI statistics for 2002 released in June — based on reports from police across the country — reported a 0.8 percentage point rise in the murder rate compared with 2001.

The Justice Department survey, however, found continuing decreases in every major property and violent crime, crossing all household income, racial and ethnic lines. Crime is down in cities, suburbs and rural areas.

Attorney General John Ashcroft credited citizens for being more willing to report crimes and said the numbers are a tribute to the work of police, prosecutors and judges across the country.

"But lower crime rates must not lead to complacency," Ashcroft said. "We must continue our vigilance and renew our firm commitment to protect all Americans, bringing swift and certain justice to all those who would inflict pain and harm."

Experts say a number of factors have driven the crime rate down, including a more mature, less violent illegal drug trade, a drop in gang membership and even improved home locks and alarms that deter would-be burglars.

Even so, the continuing drop in crime surprises some.

"Everyone thought the numbers would bottom out and then go back up, but it hasn't happened," said James Lynch, law professor at the American University Center for Justice, Law and Society.

Some criminologists think tougher prison sentences and more prisons are key factors, because they take more criminals off the streets longer. The Justice Department reported last week that at the end of 2001, more than 5.6 million adults — one in every 37 U.S. adults — were either in state or federal prison or had done prison time during their lives.

Others say that theory is refuted by the government's own data. The Justice Policy Institute, a research group that favors alternatives to prison, pointed out that regions with higher prison expansion rates, such as the South and West, experienced more murders in 2002.

"We need to separate political rhetoric from sound crime and corrections policy," said Vincent Schiraldi, executive director of the institute.

The Justice Department figures on nonfatal crimes for 2002 are based on interviews of a nationally representative sample of 76,050 U.S. residents 12 or above. The previously released FBI Uniform Crime Reports, which also showed an overall drop in crime in 2002, is based on crimes reported to state and local police nationwide.

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The state bird of Kansas is the Western meadowlark.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Heartburn has many causes

DEAR DR. GOTT: After eating peppers, garlic or other spicy foods, I experience painful indigestion that lasts up to six hours. What is my problem?

DEAR READER: Getting heartburn after eating certain foods, especially those that are strongly flavored or highly spiced, often indicates irritation of the upper intestine, specifically the esophagus, stomach or duodenum (the first portion of the small intestine).

While such a symptom may simply reflect temporary irritation (which can be relieved by avoiding the offending food or by using antacids when necessary), persistent indigestion may indicate the presence of peptic ulcer, gallstones, acid reflux or other intestinal disorders that require diagnosis and treatment. (Remember, too, that the sensation of heartburn can occasionally be caused by heart afflictions, such as angina and heart attacks.)

You should be examined by your family physician, who may choose to order intestinal X-rays, ultrasound and other tests. Or he may refer you to a gastroenterologist for specialized testing, such as endoscopy (examination of the stomach and upper intestine with a lighted tube).

If, as I suspect, your discomfort is peptic in nature, there are many relatively new medicines (Nexium, Protonix, Prevacid and others) that will correct the acid problem and eliminate your symptom. Your primary care doctor is the place to start.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Peptic Ulcers." 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: If the chicken pox vaccine is given to children and it works, will it also prevent shingles in adults?

DEAR READER: Although chicken pox and shingles are caused by basically the same virus, the answer to your question is unknown. Despite the fact that the vaccine has been widely used in other parts of the world, notably Japan, U.S. experience is limited. As further information becomes available, I'll update my readers.

DEAR DR. GOTT: After spending $1,200 on medical tests, I am dismayed that there is no explanation for the fact that my stools have a terrible odor. This is most embarrassing. I take high-potency brewer's yeast and wonder if it contributes to the problem.

DEAR READER: I'm sorry to learn that you spent hundreds of dollars to discover why your stools smell bad. This seems to me to be a colossal waste of money, on a par with having your lawn professionally inspected to see when it needs mowing.

All fecal matter is odiferous because of bacterial action within the waste. This is normal, the way it's supposed to be. The pungency often depends on diet, especially if a lot of intestinal gas is formed, which will exacerbate an already smelly situation.

I suggest that you discontinue the brewer's yeast, which is a nonessential dietary supplement, if you are eating normally. See what happens. Perhaps the yeast is reacting in some way to worsen the normal fecal odor. If this doesn't work, close the bathroom door, turn on the exhaust fan, hold your breath and learn to accept your burden.

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		08 25 03
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	♥ A J 4 3		
	♦ A 9 8 7 6		
	♣ —		
West		**East**	
♠ K J 10		♠ 8 6 2	
♥ 7 6		♥ Q	
♦ Q J 10 4 3 2		♦ K 5	
♣ Q 3		♣ K J 10 9 7 5 4	
	South		
	♠ 9 4 3		
	♥ K 10 9 8 5 2		
	♦ —		
	♣ A 8 6 2		

Dealer: North
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
		1 ♦	3 ♣
Pass	Pass	Dbl	Pass
4 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♣ Q

Monday, Aug. 25, 2003

Trials compounded by tribulations

By Phillip Alder

Last June, the second stage of the United States Team Trial was held in Memphis, Tenn. The winners would represent the United States in the Bermuda Bowl world team championship, which begins November 2 in Monte Carlo. (The first trial was contested in the same venue last year, when the winners were Nick Nickell - Dick Freeman, Jeff Meckstroth - Eric Rodwell and Bob Hamman - Paul Soloway.)

After five days of play, four teams remained. This deal, no. 100 of 120, caused considerable controversy in the semifinal between Malcolm Brachman - Marc Jacobus, Eric Greco - Geoff Hampson and Mike Passell - Eddie Wold; and Roy Welland - Bjorn Fallenius, Steve Garner - Howard Weinstein.

In the first room, Fallenius (North) and Welland stopped in four hearts after the given auction, missing an excellent slam. When the spade finesse worked, Welland won all 13 tricks: two spades, six hearts, one diamond, one club and three club ruffs in the dummy.

In a tight match, this was a potential gain for Brachman. (Both teams bid six hearts in the other semifinal.) However, at the second table, the board was incorrectly marked with South as the dealer. After South had opened, an official noticed the error. Usually, boards come in sets of 32. But the American Contract Bridge League had produced sets of 120 (one for each table). And the person who did the labeling made one mistake.

There was no option — the deal had to be thrown out and a substitute played. On that, the Welland team gained seven points — and won the match by five.

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Oil Patch News

Scurry County

Kinder Morgan will drill the No. 1234 SACROC unit in the Kelly-Snyder field, four miles northwest of Snyder. Planned for a depth of 7,200 feet, location is in Kirkland and Fields survey.

Kinder Morgan will drill the No. 8702 SACROC unit in the Kelly-Snyder field, six miles northeast of Snyder. Contracted for 7,200 feet, drill site is in Section 338, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Borden County

Fagadau Energy Corp. will drill the No. 1 Stephens, a 7,500-foot wildcat located nine miles northwest of Gail. Location is in Section 1, Block32, T6N, T&P survey.

Western Reserves Oil Co. will drill the No. 141 Martin, a 7,100-foot wildcat located seven miles northwest of Gail. Location is in Section 41, Block 31, T6N, T&P survey.

Chevron will drill the No. 25-345 Jo-Mill field unit, 15 miles southwest of Gail. Planned for a depth of 7,400 feet, location is in Section 12, Block 33, T4N, T&P survey.

Mitchell County

Gruy Petroleum Management Co. will drill the No. 12 Westbrook southwest field unit, three miles northwest of Westbrook. Planned for a depth of 3,200 feet, location is in Section 29, Block 28, T1N, T&P survey.

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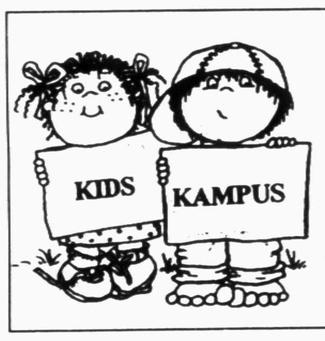
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Elderly French heat victims await burial

PARIS (AP) — Up to 400 unidentified or abandoned bodies awaited temporary burial today near Paris as authorities struggled with the fallout of France's deadly heat wave, officials said.

More than 100 bodies sat in refrigerated trucks outside a city-run warehouse in the southern suburb of Ivry-sur-Seine, said Bernadette Coulon-Kiang, director of the capital's Social Action Center.

City officials vowed to bury the bodies, whether families claimed them or not.

"Maybe they don't have relatives — a great-nephew or otherwise — who is interested in a burial," Paris Mayor Bertrand Delanoe told LCI Television. "In any case, we're doing all that we can so it takes place in the most emotionally honorable conditions."

Officials were still counting the casualties — mainly among the elderly and ailing — from the record heat in the first two weeks of August when temperatures got as high as 104.

At least 44 dead in Bombay car bombs

BOMBAY, India (AP) — Car bombs exploded at a crowded jewelry market and a historic landmark in Bombay today, killing at least 44 people, wounding 150 others and shaking buildings in India's financial capital.

The bombs, hidden in the trunks of two taxis, blew up within five minutes of each other, police said. Several people were being interrogated, including one taxi driver.

Police were focusing their investigation on Muslim militant groups.

"There are many jehadi groups out, let loose by the enemy country," said Ranjit Sharma, a police commissioner. Jehadi groups are operated by Islamic militants.

The "enemy country" was a clear reference to Pakistan, India's longtime rival. Such an accusation could threaten to increase tension between the nuclear-armed neighbors, though Pakistani officials quickly denounced the attack as "wanton targeting of civilians."

Sharma specifically mentioned the Students Islamic Movement of India, or SIMI, a militant students' group outlawed in September 2001, and Lashkar-e-Tayyaba, one of more than a dozen Islamic rebel groups fighting Indian security forces in Kashmir since 1989, seeking independence for the divided Himalayan province or its merger with Muslim dominated Pakistan.

No one immediately claimed responsibility for the lunchtime bombings, which came hours after the release of a long-anticipated archaeological report on a religious site in northern India claimed by both Hindus and Muslims. The dispute has been linked to previous bombings.

However, the attacks appeared aimed more at the city itself — the nation's financial heart — than at members of a particular religion. Stock prices plunged after the blast reports. The benchmark index of Bombay Stock Exchange, the Sensex, closed at 4,005, down 119 points or 3 percent.

One of the bombs exploded at the Gateway of India, a well-known historic landmark and popular lunchtime eating spot frequented by both Hindus and Muslims. The other was at a crowded neighborhood of jewelry stores, where many shops are owned by Hindus but many of the artisans are Muslims.

"The explosions were aimed at targeting the economic activity of the city, as well as Bombay as a tourist destination," said Sushil Kumar Shinde, chief minister of Maharashtra, the state where Bombay is located.

"The blasts have thrown up a challenge to the resilience of this city," he said at a press conference, urging people not to panic.

Telephone lines were jammed and mobile phone services briefly crashed as panicked residents called family and friends. Police issued security alerts for Bombay and the Indian capital, New Delhi, calling policemen back from leave in case of further trouble.

Obituaries

Joe Ellington

1924-2003

Joe Ellington, longtime Snyder resident, died Saturday, Aug. 23, in Hendrick Hospice Care Center in Abilene.



Ellington

Funeral service for Mr. Ellington, 79, was set for 4 p.m. today in the East Side Church of Christ. Tom Holcomb, minister, was to officiate. Burial was to follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born May 11, 1924 in Nelson, Okla., he moved to Texas as a boy. He married Juanita Martin on Nov. 17, 1945 in Snyder. He served as a machinist mate in the U.S. Navy from 1943-46.

Mr. Ellington had been co-owner of D&D Auto Supply since 1969. He was a past-president of the Snyder Kiwanis Club and was a member of the East Side Church of Christ.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Henry Ellington and Rex Ellington; two sisters, Sally Yeager and Estelle Pitts; a granddaughter, Amy Rodgers; and a great-grandson, Quattro Keaton.

Survivors include his wife, Jaunita Ellington of Snyder; three daughters and sons-in-law, Connie and Allen Keaton and Jennifer and Rex Townsley, all of Abilene, and Deborah and Randy Rodgers of Midland; two brothers and sisters-in-law, B.C. and Ruth Ellington of Snyder and Bill and Kathey Ellington of Hurst; six grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Bertie Sandlin

1904-2003

Ella Bertie Sandlin, a resident of Scurry County since 1924, died Sunday, Aug. 24, in Snyder Healthcare Center after a lengthy illness.

Graveside service for Mrs. Sandlin, 98, is set for 10 a.m. Tuesday in Hillside Memorial Gardens. The Rev. Charles Day, pastor of Ave. D Baptist Church, will officiate. Arrangements are under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born Nov. 7, 1904 in New Boston in Bowie County, her family settled in the Hermleigh community in 1924. She married Jim Stringer in 1927. He died in 1938. She married John Crayton Sandlin in 1963. He died in 1981. She also was preceded in death by her parents, Willie and Effie King; two brothers, Jesse and Junior King; and a sister, Eula Daniels.

Mrs. Sandlin was a sales clerk and seamstress for a number of years.

Survivors include three stepchildren, Duane Sandlin and wife Patria of Cedar Point, Billie Larkhom of Dallas and Pat O'Neil of Oregon; a sister, Pearl Cagle of Snyder; two brothers, Jake King of Snyder and J.W. King and wife Lucille of Lubbock; five nieces and their spouses, Frances and Pete Pitner of Snyder, Ozane and James Beaver of Sweetwater; Barbara and Billy Rinehart of Arlington, Jeanneane and Eddie Watson of Brownwood and Linda Elam; five nephews, Jesse King of Pasadena, James King and wife Gayle of Austin, Col. Ted King and wife Darla of Ohio, Bobby King of Snyder and Jerry King.

The family suggests memorials to the Odyssey Healthcare Hospice, 1510 S. Gregg in Big Spring, 79720; Ave. D. Baptist Church, 324 30th in Snyder; or to a favorite charity.

Vada Burleson

1911-2003

Vada Mae Burleson, a lifelong resident of Scurry County, died Sunday, Aug. 24, in Snyder Healthcare Center after a lengthy illness.



Burleson

Services for Mrs. Burleson, 92, are tentatively set for 10 a.m. Wednesday in the Wright Colonial Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Tom Woodard, pastor of Trinity United Methodist Church, will officiate. Burial will follow in Snyder Cemetery.

Born May 16, 1911 in the Loyd Mountain Community, she married Jeff Woodward "Jack" Burleson in 1927 in Snyder. He died in September, 1959. She married James Curtis Terry on Feb. 2, 1989 in Snyder. He died in January, 2003.

Mrs. Burleson, a charter member of Trinity United Methodist Church, had worked for the Social Security Administration and for Cogdell Memorial Hospital. She was a member of the Snyder Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star.

She also was preceded in death by two sons, J.W. Burleson and Edward M. Burleson; two sisters, Geraldine Hightower and Peggy Westbrook; and two brothers, Elton Toby Morrow and O.L. Morrow.

Survivors include two sisters, Olline Shilling of Winnfield, La., and Bobby Jean Hale of Granbury; two grandsons, Bruce Burleson of Snyder and Jack Burleson of Lubbock; a granddaughter, Kay Anderson of Athens, Tenn.; five great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Taylor Oakland

1997-2003

ROTAN — Taylor Ryan Oakland, 5, died Friday, Aug. 22, at his home in Robert Lee.

Funeral service is set for 6:30 p.m. Tuesday in the First Baptist Church in Rotan with Ward Hayes and Corkey Wells officiating. Interment will follow in the Belvieu Cemetery under the direction of Weathersbee-Ray Funeral Home.

Born Nov. 16, 1997 in Topeka, Kan., he was preceded in death by an uncle, Ryan Oakland.

Survivors include his mother, Heather Randolph of Robert Lee; his father, Shawn Oakland of Colorado; a brother, Nick Owens of Aurora, Colo.; a sister, Alyssa Owens of Aurora, Colo.; his grandparents, Lou Ferrell of Robert Lee, Bruce Randolph of Snyder, Richard Oakland of Billings, Mont., and Tom and Judy Madigan of Rosell, Ill.; two aunts, Amanda Ferrell of Rotan and Amber Ferrell of Robert Lee; an uncle, Randy Randolph of Snyder.

Carol Birkenfeld

1937-2003

NAZARETH — Services are pending for Carol Birkenfeld, 66, who died Sunday, Aug. 24, at his home in Nazareth after a lengthy illness.

Born March 2, 1937 in Rhineland, Tex., he was a 1955 graduate of Nazareth High School. A U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War, he married Mildred Fetsch on June 1, 1965 in Hereford.



Birkenfeld

Mr. Birkenfeld was a farmer and rancher who was preceded in death by his father, Chris Birkenfeld; a brother, Clarence Birkenfeld; and a son, Paul Birkenfeld in 1989.

Survivors include his wife, Mildred Birkenfeld of Nazareth; his mother, Rose Birkenfeld of Nazareth; four sons and daughters-in-law, Patrick and Susan Birkenfeld of Snyder; Phillip and Mary Birkenfeld of Amarillo; Leroy and Asia Birkenfeld of Dimmitt and Chris Birkenfeld of Nazareth; three daughters and sons-in-law, Patsy and Marty Wells of Amarillo, Linda and Luis Tafoya of Albuquerque, N.M., and Christy and Shawn Christian of Amarillo; four brothers; two sisters; and 14 grandchildren, including Brandy, Shade and Brittany Birkenfeld of Snyder.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Peggy Roberts

1924-2003

BIG SPRING — Emily "Peggy" Roberts, a former Snyder resident, died Friday, Aug. 22, at her home in Big Spring after a long illness.

A private memorial service for Mrs. Roberts, 78, will be held at a later date under the direction of Myers and Smith Funeral Home.

Born Sept. 19, 1924 in Meeker, Colo., she had lived in Snyder from 1972 until 1997 when she moved to Big Spring. Mrs. Roberts was a homemaker and a member of Calvary Baptist Church.

She married Edgar R. Roberts on Sept. 28, 1946 in Elko, Nev., and he died Nov. 30, 1995. She also was preceded in death by her parents and one brother.

Survivors include two sons, Daniel Roberts of Big Spring and Alan Roberts of Clyde; two daughters, Irene Jackson of Lubbock and Helen Fairless of Delta, Utah; 12 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

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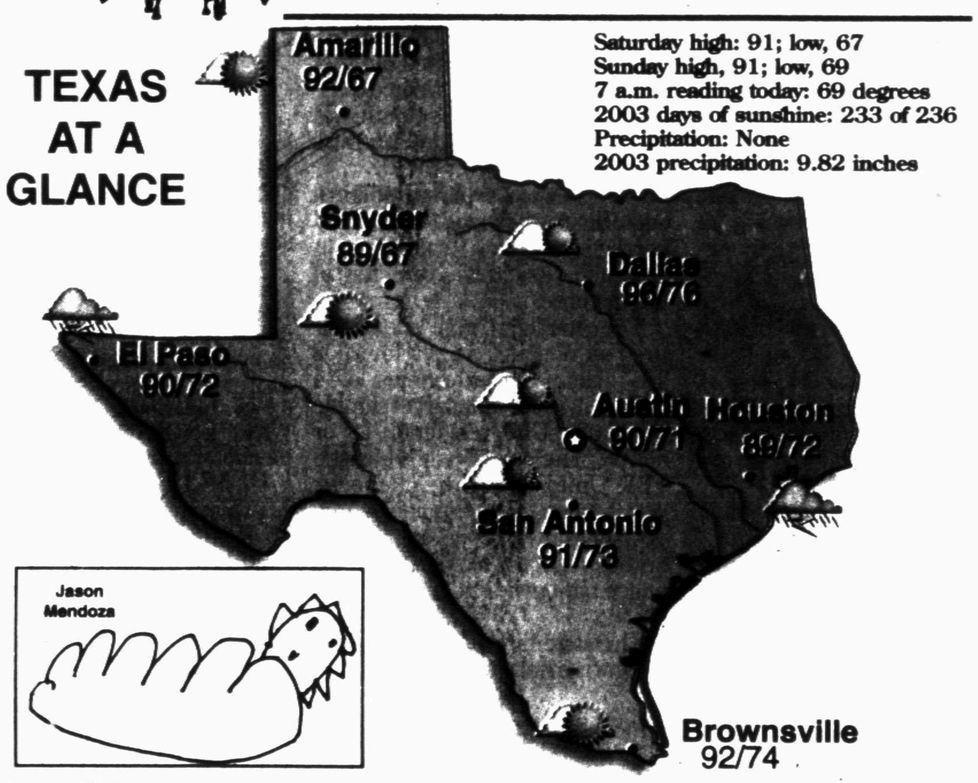
Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Tue 8/26	Wed 8/27	Thu 8/28
89/67	89/69	90/69
Except for a few afternoon clouds, mainly sunny. High 89F.	Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the upper 60s.	Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the upper 60s.
Sunrise 7:14 AM, Sunset 8:16 PM	Sunrise 7:15 AM, Sunset 8:15 PM	Sunrise 7:16 AM, Sunset 8:14 PM

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TEXAS AT A GLANCE



Saturday high: 91; low, 67
Sunday high, 91; low, 69
7 a.m. reading today: 69 degrees
2003 days of sunshine: 233 of 236
Precipitation: None
2003 precipitation: 9.82 inches

Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	90	71	mst sunny	El Paso	90	72	t-storm	Midland	90	69	mst sunny
Amarillo	92	67	mst sunny	Fort Stockton	90	69	mst sunny	Raymondville	93	73	mst sunny
Austin	90	71	pt sunny	Gainesville	95	72	mst sunny	Rosenberg	90	72	t-storm
Beaumont	88	72	t-storm	Greenville	93	71	t-storm	San Antonio	91	73	pt sunny
Brownsville	92	74	mst sunny	Houston	89	72	t-storm	San Marcos	91	72	t-storm
Brownwood	93	70	mst sunny	Kingsville	92	72	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	93	70	t-storm
Corpus Christi	90	75	pt sunny	Livingston	90	69	t-storm	Sweetwater	89	69	mst sunny
Corsicana	92	72	t-storm	Longview	91	70	t-storm	Tyler	92	73	t-storm
Dallas	96	76	pt sunny	Lubbock	90	67	pt sunny	Weatherford	94	71	mst sunny
Del Rio	93	75	pt sunny	Lufkin	91	71	t-storm	Wichita Falls	98	73	mst sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	91	70	mst sunny	Houston	89	72	t-storm	Phoenix	97	80	t-storm
Boston	79	65	pt sunny	Los Angeles	80	65	pt sunny	San Francisco	75	59	pt sunny
Chicago	92	70	t-storm	Miami	86	78	t-storm	Seattle	71	54	pt sunny
Dallas	96	76	pt sunny	Minneapolis	89	64	pt sunny	St. Louis	98	76	mst sunny
Denver	82	59	pt sunny	New York	83	70	pt sunny	Washington, DC	88	74	t-storm

Moon Phases

Last	New	First	Full
Aug 20	Aug 27	Sep 3	Sep 10

UV Index

Tue 8/26	Wed 8/27	Thu 8/28
Very High	Very High	Very High

The UV Index is measured on a 0-11 number scale, with a higher UV index showing the need for greater skin protection. 0 — 11

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