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Home of Joann Snider



ON ITS WAY TO SANTA — Kelby Greene, 7, the daughter of Jason and Kari Greene of Snyder, mailed her letter to Santa Claus on Wednesday. The deadline for Santa letters to be turned in at the Snyder Daily News is Friday. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Snyder ISD...

Two closed sessions set for trustees

Snyder ISD trustees have two executive sessions scheduled for this evening's board meeting at 6 o'clock.

Trustees will meet will representatives of one of two law firms, Perry & Kellogg, or the Helwig Law Firm, to discuss filing common-law claims for the underpayment of ad valorem taxes by oil companies.

Representatives of the law firms also have contacted Scurry County and Western Texas College about similar lawsuits, but no action has been taken by these entities.

Midland County filed a lawsuit in August against more than a dozen oil companies for fraud and conspiracy in underreporting the market value of oil.

The Midland school board Tuesday took no action in joining Midland County in the lawsuit.

Midland's superintendent of schools, Robert Nicks, said the trustees would continue to monitor the case as it progresses with other entities.

"I think at this point in time the feeling of the board is that they want to be supportive of the companies that help drive the economy of the community," said Nicks.

Karen Waller, Snyder ISD's executive director of business and finance, said today's session with the attorneys is expected to be a fact-finding session and to hear the attorney's proposal.

The board also will meet with legal counsel concerning a possible settlement offer on an insurance dispute.

Trustees will receive the 2002-2003 audit report from Davis, Kinard & Co., and approve the district improvement plans.

Those plans were presented by campus representatives last month.

Trustees also will hear options on deductibles for property casualty insurance, and hear the financial report as presented by Waller.

Dr. Ronny Collins, superintendent, will update the board on any resignations or retirements.

Reports to be given include the Academic Excellence Indicator System (AEIS) and local district policy updates.

The meeting will be in the administration boardroom.

Snyder bands in concert at 7 o'clock today

It's going to sound a lot like Christmas at Worsham Auditorium this evening as the Snyder ISD bands will present their annual holiday concert at 7 o'clock.

There is no admission charge.

Bands will be from the sixth grade, junior high and high school.

Band directors are Donnie Reston and Kay Kennedy.

THE SDN COLUMN

MY TURN

by Annie Rowe



It's a good rule of thumb not to kill yourself early in the week because you just don't know how things are going to turn out later on.

I figured this was about to be a week straight from Hades, but by "hump day," things were looking pretty bright.

You see, my husband, "Big T" and I are leaving our daughter, Lacey's humble abode and moving into our own house. I haven't seen her this happy since Tom Cruise went back on the singles list.

Anyway, moving is a pain. That's all there is to it. I called a satellite company the other day to have my dish moved. I can't say the name, but it's the one that has the satellite out in space that sends a beam ***direct***-ly to your ***TV***.

Well, I called the 800 number on newspaper time (please don't tell) and told them that I had followed all of the instructions from their commercial and I was ready to have the new dish installed.

"You'll have to speak to our new install department," said the woman on the other end.

"That's fine," I said and the elevator instrumental version of "Rock My World, Little Country Girl" started playing. Brooks and Dunn would have been sick.

My next little helper came on the line.

"Thhhaaannk you for holding. This is Kim. How can I help you?"

"Hold on there, partner. For a Kim, your register is a tad low," I said.

"Yes, well, I'm a guy Kim," he said.

I proceeded to relay the same message to guy Kim. He told me to hang up and dial 1-800 blah blah because the company didn't service Scurry County. I would have to call a different company to have service hooked up.

"Ok, well, thank you K—" He hung up before I could finish.

Dear God, I know that somewhere there are mommies who love these people, so please keep me from killing them.

I dialed the new number. Soon what sounded like a 13-year-old KISS fan picked up the line.

"Thanks for callin' Peg-a-sus. What kin I do for ya t'day."

"Yes, hello," I said. "And how are you enjoying that 'Employee of the Month' prize?"

I could tell that my little stab at humor was lost on her, so I explained that I had moved and needed my dish installed.

"You can't have a dish installed there," she said. "That's in Scurry County."

Oh my gosh! I thought. *I can deal with no Super Wal-Mart, no malls, no Wendy's and no Starbucks,* (which has been a tuffy) *but I've at least got to have my satellite!* "No ma'am. We don't service Scurry County. We service Kent County, but not Scurry County."

My voice started to quiver. I tightened my grip on a pen I was holding. I thought of how comical it would be when I forced it right through the phone lines, through her little headset and into her eye!

"So who do I call about installation?" I asked.

Guess what happened then. The little trollop gave me the FIRST phone number that I had called. She said that *they* were the ones who would put a dish in Scurry County!

When I finally emerged victorious from my quest for the hallowed satellite system, my fellow journalist Shirley Gorman complimented me on my handling of the situation. I really appreciate her, but I just have one question. Can you have satellite in a Texas prison?

Towle Park popular for parade

Towle Park looked like a winter wonderland Saturday evening when floats decorated with Christmas lights wove through the parks curved streets.

"The parade was bigger than ever this year," said Vicki Shroyer, Snyder Chamber of Commerce executive director. "All of the participants made their float entries so beautiful and the turn out to watch was tremendous."

A number of groups representing Snyder businesses and organizations worked many hours in preparation for the judging of the parade floats.

First place for best float went to First Baptist Church Creative Arts Ministry. Second place was awarded to Ballet Folklorico de Guadalupe and third place was garnered by Calvary Baptist Church.

The 45-minute parade included a performance by the Snyder High School marching band.

Shroyer said she is pleased with the reaction that she has heard concerning the continuation of the parade in Towle Park from its former route on College Ave.

"The reaction has been great and I'm going to be surveying the community to see if we want to keep the parade at Towle Park or go back to having it on College," Shroyer said.

Church to hold Maniata early Friday morning

By Annie Rowe
SDN Staff Writer

She has reportedly appeared in numerous spots throughout the globe and for millions of Catholics, she is the symbol of the eternal and omnipresent Mother of Jesus Christ. She is the Virgin Mary.

The explorer Hernan Cortez and his Conquistadors conquered Tenochtitlan, the capitol of Mexico, in 1521. Spanish priests and missionaries who began the introduction of Christianity to thousands of Aztec Indians.

One such convert was a farmer named Juan Diego. The story is told that he was crossing a desolate hill called Tepeyac when the Virgin Mary appeared. Afraid at first, he was comforted by what was said to him.

She also gave specific instructions for Juan Diego to deliver to Bishop Juan De Zumarraga in what is now Mexico City. Her mandate called for a church to be built on Tepeyac Hill where she and Juan Diego stood.

His message to the Bishop went first unheeded, but on Dec. 12, 1531 the Virgin Mary appeared to Juan Diego a second time. She told him to gather roses from the wintry, barren hill and take then to the Bishop.

Juan Diego did as he was told, gathering the roses and wrapping them in his Indian tilma, or blanket. When he arrived, he unwrapped the blanket to show the roses to the Bishop. But miraculously an image of the Virgin of Guadalupe appeared on the blanket, which had earlier been just a piece of rough cloth.

Thus was the event that gave birth to Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Queen of Mexico.

Guadalupe Morales, a parishioner at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Snyder, feels that the love of the Virgin Mother is as necessary now.

"The Virgin Mary is the Mother of Jesus and she is the Mother of all people. Juan Diego was a poor, humble man. He represents all of us," he said.

Morales added that there is comfort in knowing that the Virgin Mary is also there to help us.

"We want protection for ourselves and those we love. Sometimes we pray and we want them to be answered the way that we want them to be. But we hope and we believe, and we leave it all up to God."

Catholics in Snyder will remember the anniversary of this miracle on Friday. At 5:30 a.m. parishioners, led by Father Roy Badilles, will hold the annual "Maniata", when songs are sung early in the morning for the Virgin Mary as part of the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Mass for Our Lady of Guadalupe will begin at 6 a.m. at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church.

"This is a very special day and the mass will be very lovely. The singing is very beautiful. It's a wonderful tradition," said Badilles. The public is invited.

Redistricting case legality beginning

AUSTIN (AP) — Democratic attorneys are hoping that stacks of subpoenaed correspondence will show that the state's redrawn district map was engineered by Washington, D.C., operatives rather than the Texas Legislature, as the constitution mandates.

A trial to determine the legality of the congressional district map began today. The legal battle follows months of partisan fighting and two out-of-state boycotts by Democratic legislators over the Republican-drawn map.

Democrats challenging the reworked districts filed e-mails, memos, proposed maps, talking points and other communications Wednesday they say show the GOP redistricting effort was orchestrated by high-ranking Republicans in Washington, including Jim Ellis, who was an aide to Republican U.S. Rep. Tom DeLay.

Ellis spent time in Austin earlier this year as the Legislature considered redistricting, meeting regularly with individual legislators and reporting progress back to DeLay. E-mails to DeLay are among the documents filed with the court.

"Of course members of the congressional delegation had an interest in the process," Ellis said. "It would be ridiculous to say they didn't have an interest in how their districts would look."

Second distance learning lab is on HISD agenda

Hermleigh ISD school board will consider the purchase of a second distant learning lab when it meets this evening at 7.

Also on the agenda are reports from both Supt. Marvin Beaty and Clarence Spieker, principal.

The meeting will be in the high school library.



Santa Claus reminds everyone that there are

14

days until Christmas

ASK US

Q—Has the new hospital in Colorado City opened?

A—No. A Texas Department of Health inspection was held and almost 60 deficiencies were found and are now being corrected in hopes of an early spring opening.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR



Ben Berrera...

...is a resident of Colorado City, but visits Snyder often to do family shopping. Ben is married to Nina Barrera. He is the father of four children, Michael, James, Felicia and Alice, who all live in nearby Haskell. Right now, Ben's favorite hobby is getting ready for Christmas, but he also enjoys watching television.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Don't talk unless you can improve the silence.
—New England saying

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

First Baptist support group

First Baptist Church sponsors a support group for persons facing difficulties — including cancer, divorce, grief, etc. It meets on the first floor Adult 6 Department at 6:30 p.m. today.

Toy Drive

Snyder Wheels Club will host a toy drive from 2-4 p.m. Saturday at the Sonic to benefit Christmas for Kids.

SHS garage sale

SHS honors history and English students will have a garage sale from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday at the SHS girls gym, featuring a wide variety of items including baked goods and breakfast foods. Proceeds will go toward a cultural trip to the Metroplex.

THEE Place

Rodney Orsborn of Stand Firm World Ministries will be at THEE Place, 904 26th St., at 7 p.m. Friday and at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday. Music by Stand Firm Ministries. For more information, call 573-9799.

Central Elementary fundraiser

Pies purchased through the Central Elementary fundraiser will be available from 1-6 p.m. Friday.

WTC spring pre-registration

Pre-registration at WTC continues through Friday. Students should call or go by the counseling center to make an appointment. The number is 573-8511, ext. 313. Students who have not passed THEA (formerly TASP) and are in DRE, DMT and DEN classes must wait until grades are posted.

Calvary Christmas programs

Calvary Baptist Church, 2405 35th St., will present Christmas programs Sunday. During the 10:50 a.m. service, the adult choir will present *I'll Be Home For Christmas*. The children's ministry will present *The First Leon* during the 6 p.m. service. For more information, call 573-2191.

TSA booster club

The TSA booster club will meet at 7:15 p.m. Monday in the high school shop building.

Coat drive underway

SISD, local businesses and organizations are sponsoring a coat drive through Monday to assist children and families in need. New or slightly used clean coats, hats, gloves and scarves of all sizes are needed. Collection sites are Humble Smith, Snyder CADA, chamber, WTSB, ASB, FAB, Texas Savings and SNB. If necessary, call 574-6012 or 573-1141 to schedule a collection. Coats will be distributed Dec. 17-18 at 1904 37th St. Schools will get coats prior to Christmas holidays. School principals may call above numbers to request a coat, etc.

Madrigal Christmas dinners

The annual Madrigal Christmas dinners presented by the SHS choral department will be held at 7:30 p.m. Monday and Tuesday at Martha Ann Woman's Club. Tickets are $15 and can be obtained by calling 573-6301. Friday noon is the deadline. The choir also has a few poinsettias for sale.

Retirement reception

A retirement reception for Kathye Parker and Barbara Shipp will be from 4-5 p.m. Tuesday at the Snyder High School library.

Food Cupboard donations

Snyder Ministerial Alliance seeks donations to the Food Cupboard, non-perishable items only. Contributions can be dropped off at the Food Cupboard on Tuesday between 8 to 11 a.m. Food may also be taken to your home church or to First United Methodist Church from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., where it will be picked up.

Hospice caregivers dinner

An appreciation dinner for past and present Odyssey Hospice caregivers will be held at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in the First Baptist church fellowship hall. Harold and Zola Kornegy will furnish the fish.

Doodle Bug writers club

Members of the Doodle Bug writers club invite all writers to meet at 1 p.m. every other Tuesday at the Golden Village Terrace community room. For more information call 574-1817, 573-7369, or 573-5819.

Mike Holmes retirement reception

A retirement reception for Snyder Junior High teacher Mike Holmes will be from 4-5 p.m. Wednesday in the junior high library.

House decorating contest

The house decorating contest will be judged from 6:30-10:30 p.m. Wednesday. To enter your home, contact the chamber at 573-3558.

SHS volleyball banquet

Snyder High School volleyball awards banquet will be held at 7 p.m. next Thursday in Towle Park Barn. Tickets for parents and family are $5 and are available at the athletic office. There is no charge for players.

Smokey Bear posters

Smokey Bear posters for a contest sponsored by Snyder Garden Club must be turned in by next Thursday to classroom teachers or by calling Sandra Browning at 573-7277. Local winners will be announced in January and top posters will advance to the state contest.

FBC to present Christmas program

First Baptist Church will present *A Family Christmas* at 6:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 20-21, featuring over 150 people. All are invited.

Goodfellows drive underway

Canned goods may be brought to any school campus and monetary contributions can be made at any financial institution for the Goodfellows Food Drive.

2004 Tiger's Lair yearbook

2004 Tiger's Lair yearbooks can still be ordered for $50 for the book only with additional options available for an extra costs. For more information, call 574-6138.



SELECTED TO PRE-AREA — Rebecca Pavlovsky and Ryan Ward have been selected to the Pre-Area Choir following recent competition at Frenship High School. Rebecca, a senior and the daughter of Donnie and Lorie Pavlovsky, sings Alto II and Ryan, a junior and the son of Keith and Debra Ward, sings Tenor I. In January, they will compete in the area audition in Midland. If selected they will join the all-state choir. Alternates to pre-area were junior Stephanie Parmer, Alto I, and sophomore Cade Simpson, tenor II. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Today's chuckle

Home builders think they found meteorite

SHELBYVILLE, Ind. (AP) — Bob and Brian Weddle have seen a rock or two in their line of work, but the home builders suspect what they found imbedded in foam insulation is a meteorite.



Bob Weddle, 51, and son Brian Weddle, 27, discovered the rock Dec. 1 at a work site near Shelbyville, about 20 miles southeast of Indianapolis.

The rock, about 4 inches around with a porous surface, was about 7 inches deep in the insulation.

"If it fell into a field, I wouldn't have noticed anything about it, but it went through that foam," Bob Weddle said. "If you threw a rock at the foam, it'd bounce right off it. This burned its way through it."

That's possible, said Abhijit Basu, a geologist at Indiana University. A meteor burning through the atmosphere is "more than red hot; it's bluish-green hot," he said.

But Carl Agee, director of the Institute of Meteoritics at the University of New Mexico, said a meteorite would be more likely to crash through a stack of foam than melt through, however.

Most meteor showers do not produce objects large enough to reach the ground, he said.

The Weddles were trying to find an expert to confirm whether the rock was, indeed, from outer space.

Scotty Moore stable after brain surgery

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Scotty Moore, a Hall of Fame guitarist who played on Elvis Presley's first single, was in serious but stable condition Thursday following brain surgery, hospital officials said.

Moore, 71, was admitted to Baptist Hospital last week after doctors found he had a subdural hematoma, said his longtime companion, Gail Pollock.

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Faulty tire lawsuit settled for $3.2M

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A tire maker has agreed to pay $3.2 million to settle a lawsuit over faulty tires that reportedly caused a sport utility vehicle to roll over last year.

Three people died and a child was seriously injured in the March 2002 crash in Cuidad, Juarez, Mexico.

Lawyers for Bridgestone/Firestone, Inc. reached a deal with relatives of the victims on Wednesday during a hearing in San Antonio.

Dan MacDonald, a spokesman for the company, said the settlement was to avoid a drawn-out trial.

The lawsuit, filed about nine months ago in Del Rio, blamed the accident on separating tread on a Daytona Radial Stag tire on the vehicle. The separation caused the 1994 Chevrolet Blazer to roll over, the suit said.

The crash injured Gilberto Escobedo Jr., now 5, and killed his parents, Gilberto Escobedo Castro, 36, and Angelica Alaniz Baeza, 26, and the boy's uncle Santiago Alaniz Baeza, 32.

The family was headed from California to visit relatives in Fresnillo, in the Mexican state of Zacatecas.

U.S. District Judge Orlando Garcia approved the agreement, which will go to the boy and three other children. The children will receive about $7.5 million paid out in annuities.

Bridgestone/Firestone was the major target of the lawsuit. The settlement allows GM and a tire-testing facility to deny any liability.

McAllen lawyer Raymond L. Thomas, whose firm represented the family, also said previous tire cases have brought positive change in the industry.

"I think Firestone seems to have recognized the problem with tread separation, and in this case, acted responsibly and resolved it quickly," Thomas said in today's edition of the San Antonio Express-News.

Bridgestone/Firestone in 2000 and 2001 recalled 6.5 million tires from the Firestone ATX, ATXII and Wilderness AT lines after several fatal crashes were linked to the tires.

MacDonald said there were no plans to pull the Daytonas.

Wednesday's Lottery Numbers
Lotto Texas

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

Winning numbers drawn: 5-18-26-41-44. Bonus Ball: 15.

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

Number matching five of five: 1. Prize: $30,351.

Number matching four of five, plus Bonus Ball: 14. Prize: $1,967.

Number matching four of five: 503. Prize: $118.

Number matching three of five, plus Bonus Ball: 478. Prize: $110.

Number matching three of five: 20,692. Prize: $5.

Number matching two of five, plus Bonus Ball: 5,826. Prize: $5.

Number matching one of five, plus Bonus Ball: 27,196. Prize: $3.

Estimated jackpot for Saturday night drawing: $22 million.

Cash Five

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

Winning numbers drawn: 1-6-20-25-31.

Number matching five of five: 3.

Prize per winner: $14,063.

Winning tickets sold in: Edinburg and Euless.

Matching four of five: 115. Prize: $165.

Matching three of five: 3,619. Prize: $12.

Matching two of five: 39,382. Prize: $2.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Thursday night.

Pick 3
(Day) 1-6-8
(Night) 2-0-8

Date Book

Thursday, Dec. 11, 2003

Today is the 345th day of 2003 and the 80th day of autumn.

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1688, in the "Glorious Revolution," Britain's King James II fled England, in effect abdicating in favor of William of Orange.

In 1919, the people of Enterprise, Ala., erected a monument to the boll weevil, a type of beetle.

In 1941, the United States declared war on Germany and Italy.

In 1967, the Concorde, the world's first supersonic passenger plane, made its debut in France.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Hector Berlioz (1803-1869), composer; Fiorello La Guardia (1882-1947), New York City mayor; Alexander Solzhenitsyn (1918-), novelist, former dissident, is 85; John Kerry (1943-), senator, presidential candidate, is 60; Teri Garr (1949-), actress, is 54.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 1951, Yankee great Joe DiMaggio, after compiling a lifetime battering average of .325, announced his retirement from baseball.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "No regime has ever loved great writers, only minor ones."— Alexander Solzhenitsyn

TODAY'S FACT: Bifocal lenses for eyeglasses were invented by Benjamin Franklin in 1780.

TODAY'S NUMBER: 26 — languages in which the game Monopoly is published.

TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (Dec. 8) and last quarter (Dec. 16).

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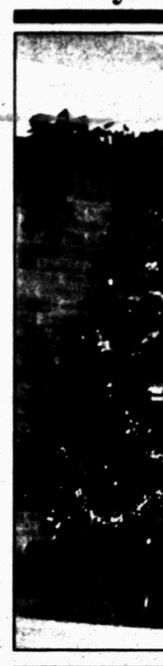
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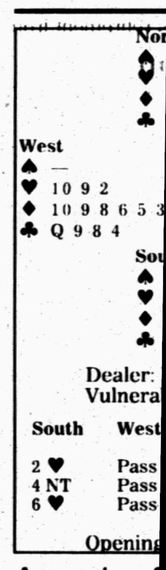
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LIONS ENJOY "CRAPPIE CHRISTMAS" — WTC drama department performed *Crappie Christmas* for members of the Snyder Lions Club and guests Tuesday evening at the Martha Ann Woman's Club. Pictured are actors Chris Hensley, left, and Ryan Ballard. Lions will meet Tuesday at noon at the MAWC. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)



SGC CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON — Anna Sears displayed her many nativity scenes she has acquired from her travels with her husband, Ernest, and family and friends at a garden club luncheon in the home of BeBe Boren. The program and business meeting were followed with a "pot luck" lunch. The garden club will meet again on Jan. 8 at the Scurry County Library. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Make Christmas ornaments with kids

BAKER'S CLAY CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS

Ingredients:
4 cups flour
1 cup salt
1¼–1½ cups water

Mix together and knead until smooth. Add food coloring if desired. Make shapes or use cookie cutters. Use a straw to cut a hole in the top if making a hanging ornament. Bake at 300 degrees until set and golden (½ hr. to 1 hr).

For more golden appearance, paint with a beaten egg when it is almost done baking and looks dry. You can paint with egg two or three times for a darker golden color. Don't use egg on colored dough.

For colored dough, paint with a shellac or lacquer after baking. If cracks appear, patch with some slightly moister dough and continue baking.

Making decorations with Baker's Clay is limited only by the imagination. It's just like working with clay.

CINNAMON CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS

1 4-oz. can of cinnamon
1 T. cloves
1 T. nutmeg
¾ cup applesauce
2 T white glue

Mix dry ingredients and add to wet ingredients. Mix thoroughly. Roll out and cut shapes. Let dry several days, turning over frequently. DO NOT EAT.

CORNSTARCH COOKIE CUTTER CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS (Adult Supervision Required)

1 cup cornstarch
2 cups baking soda
1½ cups water

In a large saucepan, mix cornstarch and baking soda. Add water and stir until smooth. Cover and cook over medium heat, stirring occasionally, until mixture is the consistency of slightly dry mashed potatoes. Remove from heat and cover with a damp cloth. When cool enough to handle, coat hands and surface lightly with cornstarch and knead until dough is smooth and pliable.

Roll out to ¼ inch thickness and cut with holiday cookie cutters.

To dry, place on a baking sheet in a 250-degree oven for 20-30 minutes or until hard.

For best results, allow to cool and brush loose powder off ornaments before painting. Makes about 16-20 ornaments.

Community Calendar

THURSDAY

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

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

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

SATURDAY

Defensive Driving Course; for information, call 573-2850; 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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

SUNDAY

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

Bridge by Phillip Alder

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Vulnerable: East-West

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4 NT	Pass	5 ♣	Pass
6 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♦ 10

At most tables, North opened one no-trump, promising 15-17 points. South responded with a two-diamond transfer bid, guaranteeing at least five hearts, then drove to slam. This made North the declarer. East led a spade; West ruffed and shifted to a diamond. Each declarer, shrugging his shoulders, took the finesse, but East won with the king, gave his partner another spade ruff, received a diamond ruff in return, and delivered a third spade ruff: four down!

Altman realized, when West led a diamond, not his partner's suit, that he had to have a spade void. So, taking no chances, declarer called for dummy's ace, fortuitously dropping the king. A moment later, he claimed all 13 tricks. This result gave Altman and Sontag just enough to win the event, defeating Peter Weichsel (soon to become Sontag's regular partner) and Tom Smith, who were their opponents on this deal.

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A reprise from a reprint

Yesterday, I mentioned the reprint of Alan Sontag's "A Bridge Bum" (Master Point Press, 2003). The author gives an excellent insight to top-level tournament bridge. This deal, from the 1973 Sunday Times Invitational Pairs, played in London, caught my eye.

Sontag has a great flair for sensing when it is right to do "wrong." Sitting North, he would normally have opened one no-trump, showing 13-15 points in the system he was using with partner Steve Altman. But Sontag decided instead to start with one diamond, which in principle indicated an unbalanced hand with no five-card major. His subsequent five clubs announced (zero or) three aces.

Against six hearts, West led the diamond 10. How did Altman plan the play?

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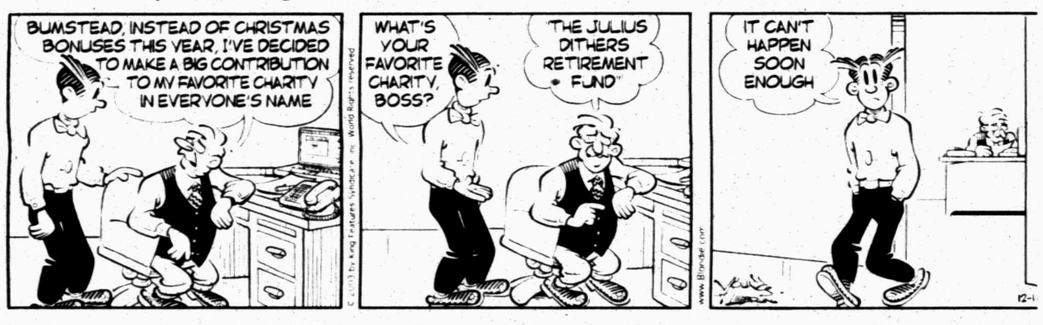
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1 Turkish ruler
6 Backslide
11 Good-bye
12 Just right
13 Substitute pitcher
15 Disguises
16 Loud
18 Large parrot
19 Kind of deer
21 Tony-winner — Hagen
22 Prices may do it
23 Carpenter's need
25 Theorem ender
28 Rodeo gear
30 Taste
31 Ms. Thurman
32 Sonnet relative
33 Clock-face number
35 Pick
37 Mountain curve
38 Cosmetics brand
40 Length times width
41 Business name part
42 Do batik
43 Entirety
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48 Dins
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55 Go away
56 Warnings, perhaps
57 Not extraordinary

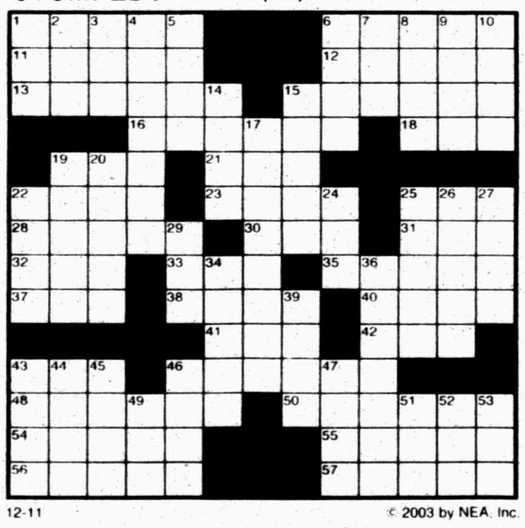
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3 Part of RSVP
4 Young cows
5 Novelist Jean — 6 Fragrant blossom
7 Big fuss
8 Pike's discovery
9 Quaff with sushi
10 Bride in "Lohengrin"
14 Satyr
15 Preside at a meeting
17 Depots
19 Drivers' needs
20 Camel halts
22 Blackthorn
24 Strong alkali
25 Ask about
26 Game-show host
27 Bits of information
29 Biologist's eggs
34 Leafy vines
36 Edinburgh boys
39 Sgts. and Cpls.
43 Livy's year
44 Appear on the horizon
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52 Zsa Zsa's sister
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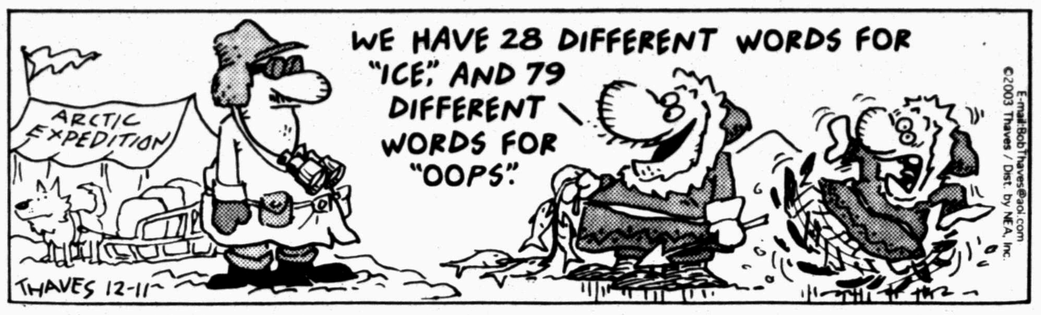
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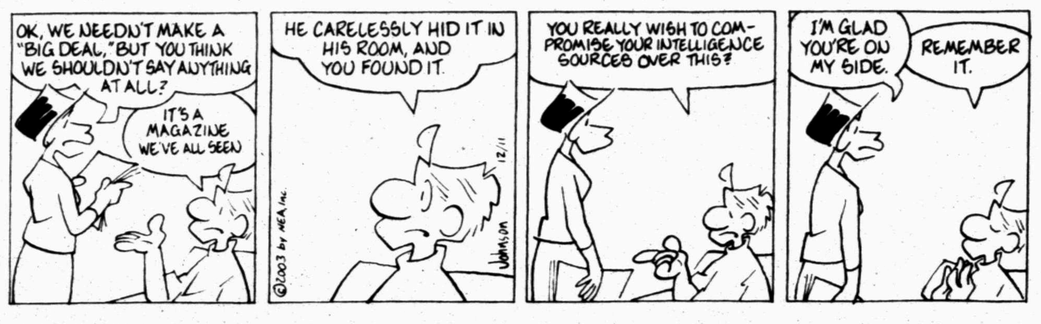


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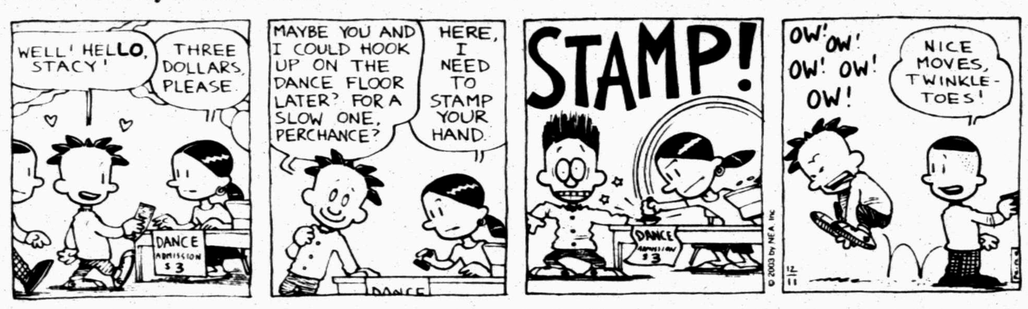
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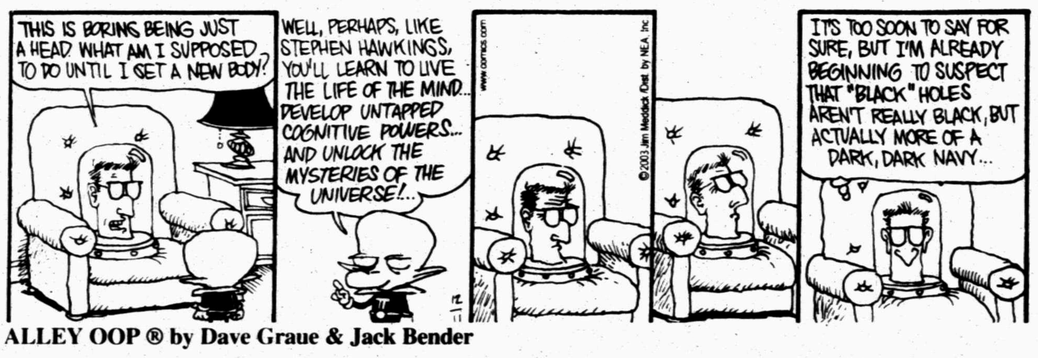
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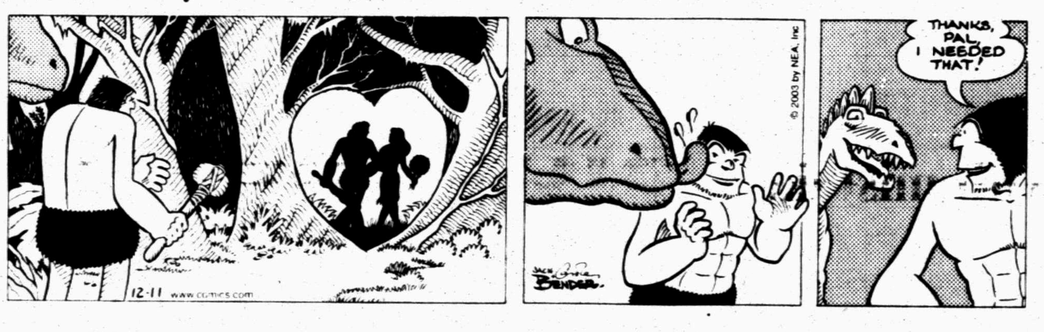
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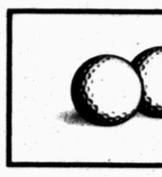


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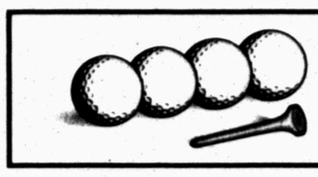
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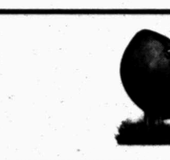


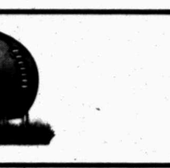
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Center — Corey Gillespie, Highland

Quarterback — Ryan Dunn, Highland

Running Back — Jared Matlock, Westbrook; Marcus Calderon, Highland; Josiah Hannon, Westbrook; **Jess Wall, Ira**

Utility — **Jonathon McClure, Hermleigh**; David Robetson, Trent

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Tigers rewrite Snyder record books

By Bobby Allen
SDN Sports Editor

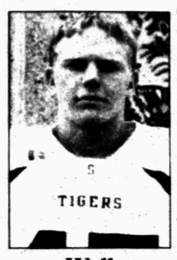
The Snyder Tigers set six team records and four individual records on the gridiron this season, highlighting one of the most successful campaigns in school history.


Martinez

The team went 8-5 in head coach Chad Rogers' third season, advancing to the third round of the playoffs for just the second time ever after shutting out Monahans and topping Brownfield in the postseason.

The 2003 Tigers blew away the previous record for total offense in a season, gaining 4,006 yards — the first time in history the offense has surpassed 4,000 yards.

The old record was 3,614, set in 1999. That squad won the district title and sent two players — Sonny Cumbie and Matthew Grimmett — on to Division I college football.

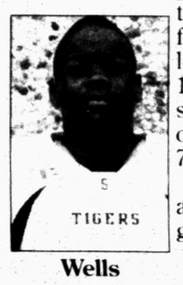

Wall

Cumbie is the backup quarterback at Texas Tech, and Grimmett is a receiver for Texas Christian.

The Tigers also set a record for points scored with 332, topping the 313 set by the 1990 club, the only other team in school history to advance past the second round.

The team bested the record for rushing in a season set last year with 2,749 yards. The team gained 2,648 yards on the ground in 2002.

The 2003 Tigers also shattered the mark for tackles-for-loss, recording 101 this season. The previous record was 77 set in 1998.


Wells

The team set a pair of single-game records, as well.

The Tiger defense allowed the fewest yards passing in a game, holding Merkel to –4 yards through the air.

The Snyder offense set a new single-game standard for total yards with 545 against

Bobby Martinez
Cumbie's 1999
yards of tandem
rushing and passing
yards. Cumbie is
the starter for
the Red Raiders next season.

Cody Wall broke the single-season mark for tackles-for-loss, recording 19. Aaron Stanley held the previous record with

Justin Wells set the
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Pettitte signs 3-year deal with Astros

HOUSTON (AP) — Andy Pettitte will pitch at home, agreeing today to a $31.5 million, three-year contract with the Houston Astros after playing his entire major league career for the New York Yankees.

New York immediately went to its backup plan, closing in on a trade with Los Angeles that would send Kevin Brown to the Yankees for Jeff Weaver in a swap of starters, a baseball official said on the condition of anonymity.

Pettitte made his decision to accept Houston's heavily back-loaded proposal after weighing a new offer from the Yankees on Wednesday night, another baseball source said, also on the condition of anonymity.

He took $7.5 million less to sign with the Astros, both sources said. The Astros play near Pettitte's hometown of Deer Park, an important factor for the pitcher's wife and children.

"They really wanted me here," Pettitte said. "My heart started pulling me and tugging me to come back down here and play in front of the Astros and the Houston fans."

Pettitte, 31, went 149-78 with the Yankees, who signed him in 1991. If he had stayed in New York, he would have had the chance to surpass Whitey Ford's 236 victories and become the winningest pitcher in team history.

He went 21-8 with a 4.02 ERA last season.

"About a month ago when this all first began, I don't think any of us thought this was more than a pipe dream," Astros general manager Gerry Hunsicker said. "I can't think of a better person that fits the description of what we are trying to do in Houston, Texas, in regard to image and character. And we all know how important pitching is to a successful baseball team."

Pettitte will get $5.5 million next season, $8.5 million in 2005 and $17.5 million in 2006, according to contract details obtained

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Knight upset with mistakes

LUBBOCK (AP) — Bob Knight didn't hide any of his frustration about his Texas Tech team's mistakes even after they pulled out a victory.

His players made numerous mistakes and selected bad shots in squandering two 15-point leads in the second half in Tech's 67-60 win over TCU on Wednesday night. They scored only one field goal in the final 8:43 of the game.

"I might be too old to coach because these are things I have a tough time handling," Knight said. "We got points out of four players, and that's it. We will have no chance when we play the teams we have to play unless we get a turnaround going and quit making mistakes."

Knight allowed no players to attend the postgame press conference, spoke for less than five minutes and took no questions from reporters.

Andre Emmett scored 27 points as Texas Tech held off TCU's late-game charge. Jarrius Jackson scored 19 points and Robert Tomaszek scored 17. Devonne Giles had four points.

Tech (7-2) built 15-point leads twice in the second half but the Horned Frogs used an 8-0 run late in the game to whittle the deficit to four at 63-59 on a 3-pointer and a field goal by Marcus Shropshire with 2:48 remaining. They could get no closer.

"We've been in situations like this before where we are in a really good position and we just have a tough time with both getting behind and trying to come back and getting ahead and holding the lead," Knight said.

Sideline Views



by Bobby Allen

A spontaneous show of respect swept through Snyder High during the junior varsity tournament last week.

Every morning at 9:50 a.m., either a student or faculty member recites the Pledge of Allegiance, the Texas Pledge and then asks for a moment of silence from the student body.

The pledges go out over the loudspeaker to every part of the school — including Tiger Gym.

Just about the time SHS principal Larry Scott started the pledge, the ball went out of bounds during the Snyder-Big Spring game.

Instead of continuing to play, however, the players from both teams stopped in the middle of the action, recited the pledges and observed the moment of silence.

Afterwards, the players resumed the game, and it went off without a hitch — except that the Tigers fell to the Steers.

Scott said the official told him that if the players wanted to show respect, then that's exactly what the refs would allow them to do.

The kids should be commended for demonstrating maturity and reverence, even though not a word would have been said had they continued playing.

And kudos to the officials and coaches, who allowed the unplanned exhibition of patriotism to go off unimpeded.

It's evident that the priorities of all the parties involved are in the proper order.

Which Atlanta Braves rookie will have the biggest impact on the upcoming season?

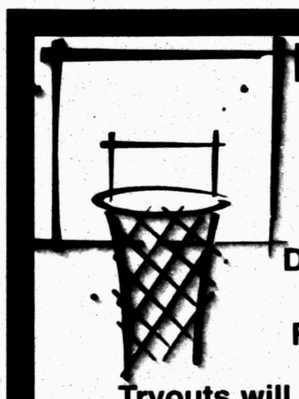
That's the poll question at atlantabraves.com, and SHS English teacher Beth Bowen has the answer — her nephew, Ryan Langerhans.

Ryan, an outfielder, batted .267 in 15 at bats last year, getting four hits and two RBI.

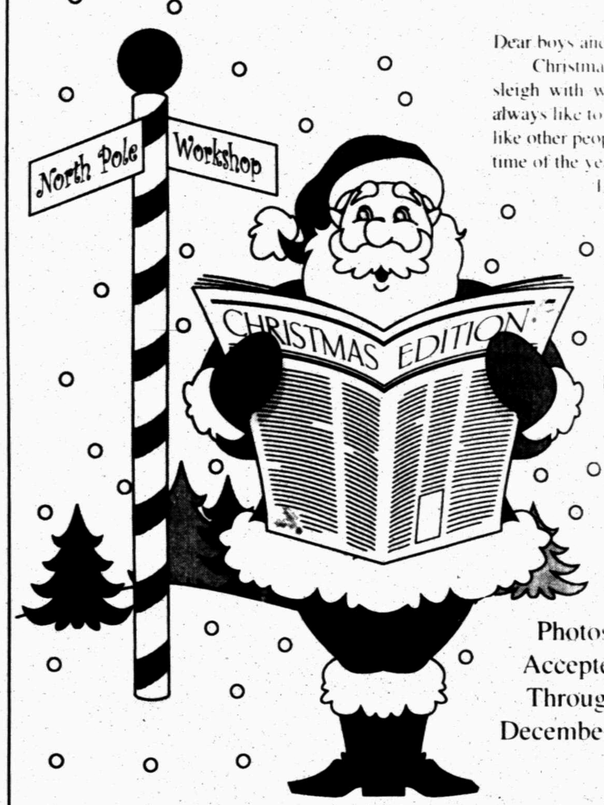
He currently trails Johnny Estrada, who is slated to catch for the NL East champions next season, and Adam LaRouche in the poll.

He currently leads right-handed pitcher Bubba Nelson by 1,393 votes.

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DEAR DR. GOTT: In 1985, I had two wisdom teeth removed. During the procedure, some nerves were disturbed. As a result, I live with bilateral paresthesias. Some days the complete numbness of my jaw doesn't bother me much. On others, I want to rip my jaw off. My speech is sometimes slurred.

On the bright side, I feel no pain while having dental work done on my lower teeth and I can't eat meat because it takes too long to chew.

Is there any answer to my problem?

DEAR READER: I gather from your question that almost 20 years ago you suffered an injury to the nerves in your jaw. This damage has produced paresthesias (tingling and numbness), as well as anesthesia (lack of feeling) and neuropathy (nerve malfunction).

Almost everybody has experienced the numb feeling caused by an anesthetic in preparation for major dental work. Ordinarily, the effects of the injection wear off in a matter of hours.

Nonetheless, sometimes the anesthetized nerve continues to misbehave. This causes persisting symptoms; such as yours, for years or even decades. In many instances, the reason for this affliction is impossible to determine; it appears to be an unusual but recognized complication of the dental procedure.

I don't have any sage advice to offer. Although your symptoms are unlikely to resolve spontaneously after so many years, a dental surgeon may be able to help you if, as unlikely as it sounds, a bone chip or portion of a dental root is pressing on a nerve. In my opinion, you should have an MRI scan of your jaw. If appropriate, further surgery might help.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Informed Approach to Surgery." 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: While in Vietnam, I observed a fellow Army officer occasionally sipping apple cider vinegar after a meal in an attempt to eliminate acid indigestion. So, because I recently suffered from this condition that did not respond to antacids, I tried the vinegar. It really works. I know that patients addicted to TUMS, Rolaids and Mylanta don't want to read this, but I'm sure that vinegar-makers will.

DEAR READER: Vinegar is no more than flavored, diluted acetic acid. As such, I don't understand how it could possibly relieve an over-acid condition. What I suspect happens is that the vinegar provides extra fluid that itself dilutes the extreme gastric acid secretions, thereby reducing heartburn and indigestion. Water would probably serve the same purpose.

If your antacids have been ineffective, I urge you to see a doctor. Indigestion could reflect a cardiac condition or peptic disease, both of which should be treated with prescription drugs.

On the other hand, if the vinegar works, fine. But I don't have an explanation for its benefits.

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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'Jethro' wants to build casino

CARSON CITY, Nev. (AP) — Max Baer Jr. has gone to court in an effort to build his proposed $54 million Beverly Hillbillies Mansion & Casino in a shopping center he shares with The Glenbrook Co. and J.C. Penney.

Plans for the casino include a 200-foot flaming oil derrick, 30,000-square-foot casino with 800 slot machines and 16 game tables, a 240-room hotel and restaurants — all keying on "The Beverly Hillbillies" TV series, in which Baer starred as Jethro Bodine.

In a petition filed Monday in Carson City District Court, lawyers for Baer, 66, said he has a legal right to develop his property.

"We were hoping to resolve these issues outside the courtroom," said Glenbrook Co. spokeswoman Shelley Aldean. "That Baer has chosen to take this to the courts is regrettable."

Standing in the way of Baer's plans are restrictions barring development of a theater, bowling alley, nightclub or other place of recreation or amusement at the mall.

Signed in 1993 among the three major property owners at the time — J.C. Penney Co., Glenbrook Corp. and Wal-Mart — the restrictions limit the mall's use to commercial purposes "normally found in a retail shopping center." Wal-Mart had sought the restrictions, and they remained in place after the company's departure in July 2002.

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Albertsons	20.36	20.06	20.28	+ .04
Alltel	45.35	45.00	45.20	+ .16
AmEl Pw	28.42	28.01	28.39	+ .44
AndarkPtr	48.17	47.67	47.75	— .43
ATMOS Egy	24.70	24.48	24.62	+ .24
Aviall	15.99	15.55	15.91	+ .41
BP PLC	45.41	45.18	45.28	+ .06
BakerHughes	30.10	29.65	29.80	— .20
Bank of Amer	75.90	75.63	75.79	+ .20
BellSouth	27.14	26.92	27.05	+ .09
BurlNoSFe	31.21	30.96	31.15	+ .17
Caterpillar	76.75	76.10	76.69	+ .69
CenterPoint	9.24	9.03	9.09	— .15
ChevronTex	79.19	78.65	79.15	+ .47
Citigroup	47.90	47.15	47.82	+ .46
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Cooper Inds	55.77	54.98	55.74	+ .76
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Motorola	12.95	12.55	12.82	+ .31
NCR Corp	36.06	35.30	35.99	+ .55
Navistar	42.71	42.09	42.69	+ .40
PNM Rescs	27.76	27.45	27.76	+ .26
Penney JC	24.55	24.05	24.52	+ .58
PepBoys	20.71	19.51	20.66	+ 1.17
PepsiCo	47.13	46.62	47.02	+ .12
PhelpDodge	67.27	65.78	67.15	+ .70
PilgrimsPride	14.38	13.56	14.38	+ .82
Praxair	73.68	73.16	73.54	+ .39
ProctGamb	96.88	95.89	96.11	— .77
RadioShack	29.29	28.77	29.25	+ .54
RoyalDut	47.75	47.42	47.74	+ .24
SBC Comm	24.86	24.41	24.75	+ .14
SaraLee	20.83	20.65	20.79	+ .09
Scripps EW	92.09	90.93	92.09	+ 1.14
SearsRoeb	47.06	46.18	46.99	+ .99
SherwinW	34.00	33.56	33.89	+ .12
SouthernCo	29.57	29.34	29.49	+ .12
SwstAirl	15.94	15.72	15.93	+ .23
SprintFON	15.27	15.06	15.17	— .02
SprintPCS	4.62	4.56	4.62	+ .02
Sunoco Inc	47.76	47.30	47.71	— .58
TXU Corp	22.72	22.33	22.59	+ .18
TempleInland	60.49	60.10	60.39	+ .15
TexInd	30.49	29.80	30.26	+ .54
TexasInst	28.53	27.85	28.45	+ .53
Textron	53.13	52.40	53.07	+ .68
TimeWarner	16.67	16.39	16.65	+ .25
TrinityInds	28.50	27.90	28.50	+ .63
TylerTech	8.65	8.41	8.48	— .09
UnionPacif	66.77	66.31	66.46	
USSteel	29.05	28.11	28.99	+ .76
UnitedTech	89.49	88.11	89.48	+ 1.21
Unocal	34.70	34.49	34.55	— .15
VerizonComm	33.47	33.02	33.20	— .17
WalMart	53.53	52.90	53.52	+ .57
WellsFargo	57.10	56.32	57.03	+ .62
WstnGasRs	46.01	45.80	45.83	— .18
WinnDixie	9.41	9.19	9.40	+ .20
Xerox Cp	11.90	11.50	11.89	+ .36
YumBrands	34.68	34.21	34.54	+ .26

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Dallas County sheriff inquiry widens

DALLAS (AP) — An investigation into the Dallas County sheriff and his dealings with a jail vendor has expanded to include three other North Texas counties that have contracts with the vendor, according to a published report.

Court records obtained by The Dallas Morning News show that the campaign finance records of Denton County Sheriff Weldon Lucas were recently subpoenaed by Chris Milner, who is overseeing the probe of Dallas County Jim Bowles.

Officials in Tarrant and Nueces County told the newspaper that Milner had also subpoenaed jail commissary and election records from their offices.

Milner, an assistant district attorney in Collin County, declined the newspaper's request for comment on the investigation.

Milner is investigating whether Bowles improperly awarded the Sheriff Department's commissary contract to Jack Madera of Mid-America Services based on reports published by the newspaper in September.

Bowles accepted meals and travel expenses worth thousands of dollars from Madera from 1999 to 2001, and, in 2002, awarded Madera the department's commissary contract even though other vendors offered higher commissions to the department.

The sheriff said that he repaid Madera for all expenses except the meals, but hasn't shown proof of those reimbursements.

Lucas awarded Mid-America Denton County's jail commissary contract that same year under a similar circumstances, the newspaper reported in its today edition.

Lucas said he handed over to Milner his department's records detailing how he selected the commissary vendor.

"I am sure the prosecutor is looking at any and all possibilities of anything being wrong, since an accusation was made in one county," Lucas said. "I am sure he is going to be looking at all counties. We will cooperate in any way we can."

Nueces County Clark Ernest M. Briones and the county's chief attorney Rene C. Flores said their offices received a subpoena for campaign finance records and for jail commissary records.

Nueces County Sheriff Larry Olivarez awarded Madera's company the county's jail commissary contract in September 2002 based on a committee recommendation, according to public records obtained by the newspaper. Madera had listed Olivarez as a reference when he submitted his bid. He also listed Lucas, Smith County Sheriff J.B. Smith and Tarrant County commissioners J.D. Johnson and Marti VanRavenswaay.

In November, Milner requested campaign finance records from Tarrant County Sheriff Dee Anderson, according to a county official who asked not to be named. He also subpoenaed campaign finance records for several elected officials from the Elections Department, said another county official.

Elections Administrator Robert Parten declined to comment, and Anderson's aide, Terry Grisham, would not confirm whether the department received a subpoena.



UNITED DONTATION — United Supermarket donated gift cards to Snyder High School students who used the funds to buy canned goods for the annual Goodfellows Food Drive, which benefits the Food Cupboard. Anita Peavy, United employee, presented the gift cards to SHS students from left, Aeryal Peoples, Chris Smith, Jeremy Torrez and Bianca Gonzales. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Moderately Confused



Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Friday, Dec. 12, 2003

Taking a back seat will get you further in the year ahead than being in the driver's seat. You could find yourself indirectly swept up in a profitable arrangement in which you'll be part of the division.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Look to your past experiences and use your victories to build a positive foundation for something new you're trying to get launched today. Having faith in yourself is all it will take.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Although you like to fly solo, joint ventures look more promising for you today than things you do on your own. If you don't already have a collaborator, start searching for one.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Parity could be the stepping-stone to success today, so when interacting with others don't expect more than you are entitled to and be willing to give back in equal measure that which is given to you.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Your productivity will be in direct proportion to your output today. If you're really ambitious and motivated, you'll have no trouble rolling up your sleeves and achieving surprising feats.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — If you don't have any social plans for today, make some. As the day wears on, getting out and doing something fun with your pals will become more and more imperative for you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — To your credit, the concerns of others will be more important to you than taking care of your own affairs today. When you see someone in discomfort, you'll jump right in to help.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — You're innately creative, but today these instincts will be more pronounced than usual and it'll become important to you that you find something important to fulfill your talented urges.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — There are times to be frugal and there are times to splurge. Today you might find a way to combine these two extremes where neither is abused but both are expressed.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Set a good example today for all to follow, because whether you like it or not, you're apt to be center stage playing to a large audience. Being noticed sanctions you for setting protocol.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — You have a natural talent for knowing how to function behind the throne and wield power for purposes of getting what you want and today you'll be in good form to do just that.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Large groups could hold special promise for you today, so don't be shy about getting involved with something big. Good things could happen in places where you deal with lots of people.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — The pride of accomplishment will be important to you today, but not be what motivates you into action. Your goals are high and you will do whatever it takes to acquire what you want.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Too many TVs spoil the meal for annoyed restaurant patron

DEAR ABBY: What do you think of restaurants that have televisions in every room while you're trying to eat dinner with your family? They make me crazy! I can't stand them.

I consider dinnertime to be a special opportunity for family members to share a nutritious meal while conversing about the events of everyone's day. We don't answer the phone or the doorbell, nor do we watch TV, so that we can concentrate on hearing about school and work. Because during the rest of the day family members eat at different times and rush about, dinnertime is sacred.

Occasionally we dine out at different restaurants so that I can have a break from cooking and doing dishes. Lately they all seem to have TVs in every room, and instead of talking, everyone stares at the TV like hypnotized zombies.

If a baseball or football game is on, everything else is ignored. This defeats the purpose of having dinner out together.

Can anything be done to get the TVs removed from the dining areas in restaurants? Shouldn't there be a choice as to whether you eat in a room with a television or not? Restaurants used to have small TV sets in the bar area, but not in the dining room.

I hate to give up eating out, but I'm about ready to. Any other suggestions? — **TV-LESS MOM, SOUTH MIAMI, FLA.**

DEAR MOM: You have my sympathy, but the restaurants are only obeying the laws of supply and demand. They are providing televised access to the games because their customers are demanding it. If the restaurateurs refuse, they risk losing business because their customers will watch the event elsewhere.

I agree that the "traditional" family dinner is important. Not only does it draw families closer, it also fosters communications skills. Sadly, however, I have heard from educators who tell me that fewer families are continuing the tradition — and more and more children eat their meals glued to the television set. Of course, people who are distracted tend to overeat — so not only does the net effect show up in a shrinkage of conversational skills, but there is a corresponding expansion of waistlines as well.

Some possible solutions to your problem: Make sure to avoid going to sports bars. Before making dinner reservations, do some reconnoitering. Scout around and see for yourself if there are any restaurants in your neighborhood that have TV-free dining rooms. There are probably some in every price range.

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DEAR ABBY: I'm concerned about a friend I'll call Edith. Despite the fact that her husband died several years ago, she continues to wear her engagement and wedding rings. Is that in poor taste or what?

When I pointed this out to Edith, she simply said it was her business. What do you say, Abby? — **EDITH'S FRIEND IN DES MOINES**

DEAR FRIEND: I agree with Edith. A widow may wear her wedding rings as long as she wishes. When she is ready to date again, the rings can be switched to her right hand, incorporated into another piece of jewelry, or simply put away.

P.S. If you are really Edith's friend, why are you labeling and criticizing her? She is hurting no one.

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Apache might have been shot down

MOSUL, Iraq (AP) — An Apache helicopter that crash-landed near the northern city of Mosul might have been hit by ground fire while making a low pass over the area, U.S. soldiers said today. Meanwhile an explosion set fire to an oil pipeline, forcing officials to halt the flow.

A military spokesman had insisted that the helicopter was forced to crash land on Wednesday because of mechanical failure and that the crew, who were uninjured, reported no ground fire. But a commander later said that he didn't know whether ground fire brought down the chopper from the 101st Airborne Division.

The Apache came down near a highway about 15 miles south of Mosul, Iraq's third-largest city, which has been the site of escalating anti-occupation resistance.

Troops guarding the site where the burned-out wreckage was still smoldering today morning said the chopper had been hit by enemy fire while flying over the area on a low-level patrol. They asked not to be identified.

"The helicopter was shot down," one said.

Brig. Gen. Frank Helmick of the 101st later said the cause of the crash was unclear.

"We don't know what happened," he said. "It could have been a mechanical failure but again, we are looking at all possibilities."

Mosul was the site of the deadliest incident so far involving U.S. forces. On Nov. 17, two Black Hawk helicopters collided and crashed, killing 17 soldiers. Although military spokesmen initially insisted that the collision was the result of an accident, officers have since acknowledged that ground fire was the likely cause.

Also today, Ghazi al-Talabani, director of the Northern Field Protection Force, which guards pipelines in northern Iraq, said an explosion set a pipeline ablaze, forcing officials to halt the flow.

He said the pipeline links the Beiji refinery in northern Iraq with the al-Doura refinery near Baghdad. A complex grid of pipelines move oil and natural gas throughout the region, and it was unclear how major the pipeline was.

An official said the U.S.-led occupation authority couldn't confirm a break at that location.

If it is confirmed that the Apache was brought shot down, it would be the sixth military helicopter downed in six weeks.

Separately, U.S. forces in Tikrit arrested three men believed to be leaders of a guerrilla cell responsible for attacks against American troops and Iraqi civilians in Saddam Hussein's volatile hometown. The raiders seized weapons and bomb-making gear, a U.S. commander said today.

"They are suspected members of a local (guerrilla) organization called Mohammed's Army and they received funding from the elements of the former regime," said Lt. Col. Steve Russell, commander of the 1st Battalion, 22nd Infantry Regiment of the 4th Infantry Division.

Russell's unit arrested the men after storming two houses in Tikrit.

Flu widespread in 24 states in nation

ATLANTA (AP) — Federal officials said today that the flu has hit hard in 24 states, nearly doubling the number since last week and including almost the entire Western half of the country.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said the flu has hit all 50 states at least sporadically, and the season has not yet peaked nationally.

The early and intense outbreak in some Western states has swamped many hospitals with sick children and dried up vaccine supplies.

As far east as Ohio, several schools closed for the rest of the week because so many students are absent with the flu. At Madison Junior High School in Mansfield, 250 of 900 students were out sick Wednesday, principal Timothy Rupert said.

"We've never closed down for flu," said Rupert, who has worked at the school about 60 miles north of Columbus for 23 years.

At least 11 children have died in the outbreak, and some experts predict this year's death toll easily could surpass the annual average of 36,000 deaths.

Epidemiologists are not ready to predict just how severe the flu season will be, since it still may peak as early as December, rather than February, which is the norm.

Today, the CDC added Arizona, Indiana, Iowa, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Oregon, Rhode Island and West Virginia to the list of states with widespread flu activity, meaning outbreaks of influenza or increases in influenza-like illnesses and lab-confirmed influenza samples in at least half the state.

Votes canvassed

In a brief meeting Wednesday afternoon, the Scurry County commissioners' court canvassed the vote totals from Saturday's election on the proposed hospital district.

County Judge Rod Waller and commissioners Chloanne Lindsey, Ralph Trevey, Jerry House and Howard Limmer accepted the no vote tally of 1,172 votes and 626 votes for.

Two plead guilty

Two Scurry County men charged with criminal mischief for shooting out lights at a Kinder Morgan facility last April pleaded guilty Tuesday in 132nd District Court.

Toby Dubb Trammell, 20, of 5397 CR 230 and Rowdy Cumbie, 19, of 8331 FM 1697 entered the guilty pleas before District Judge Ernie Armstrong.

Trammell was assessed a two-year state jail sentence, probated for three years with deferred adjudication.

Cumbie also was sentenced to two years in a state jail facility, probated for three years. He also was fined $500.

Minor accident reported here

Minor accident

A minor accident occurred at the intersection of College Ave. and 15th Street at 6:02 p.m. Wednesday. Involved were a 1993 Ford Tempo driven by Luz Maria Rameraz, 18, of Snyder and a 1997 Pontiac Grand Am driven by Eloisa Emilano Perez, 37, also of Snyder.

No injuries were reported.

Arrest

A 47-year-old woman was arrested in the 5100 block of College Ave. at 7:06 p.m. Wednesday on a warrant for theft by check.

Burglary

A resident of the Western Texas College dorms reported to authorities at 6:27 p.m. Wednesday that his room had been burglarized. A man's gold ring was reported taken.

A second burglary was reported at 7:10 p.m. Wednesday at 2804 Ave. H. The caller advised that a stereo had been stolen out of her garage.

Assault

A reported assault is currently under investigation. A woman contacted the police department at 12:51 p.m. Wednesday reporting that her son had been assaulted by another juvenile at Snyder High School.

Suspicious caller

A resident notified police at 12:38 p.m. Wednesday that an unknown male had called her home asking questions pertaining to her grandchildren. Officers will maintain a close patrol.

Obituaries

Valdean Riley

1916-2003

Gladys Valdean Riley, an Ira native, died Wednesday, Dec. 10, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital after a lengthy illness.

Graveside service for Mrs. Riley, 87, is set for 10 a.m. Saturday in the Snyder Cemetery. The Rev. Tom Woodward, pastor of Trinity United Methodist Church, will officiate. Arrangements are by Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

She was born on Oct. 21, 1916 in Ira and married Ross Riley on Oct. 21, 1965 in Snyder. He died on Aug. 30, 1969. A resident of Snyder, Mrs. Riley had worked over 30 years as an operator for Southwester Bell Telephone Co., working in Sweetwater for many years. She was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church.

She also was preceded in death by a brother-in-law, E.L. Keller.

Survivors include two brothers and sisters-in-law, Leonard and Cleo Keller and Raymond and Joy Keller, all of Snyder; another sister-in-law, Avanell Keller of Snyder; and numerous nieces and nephews and great-nieces and great-nephews.

Fred Wilkinson Jr.

1952-2003

Fred James Wilkinson Jr. of Eunice, N.M., and a native of Snyder, died Thursday, Dec. 4, in Eunice.

Graveside service for Mr. Wilkinson, 51, is set for 10 a.m. Friday in the Snyder Cemetery under the direction of Wright Colonial Funeral Home. The Rev. Michael Pigg, pastor of the Church of the Nazarene, will officiate.

Born on April 27, 1952 in Snyder, Mr. Wilkinson served in both the U.S. Navy and the Marine Corps.

A daughter, Kelly Wilkinson, and one grandson preceded him in death.

Survivors include a son, Fred Wilkinson III of Missouri; one daughter, Shellie Delice Wilkinson of Louisiana; and one granddaughter.

C.C. Cline

1928-2003

COLORADO CITY — C.C. Cline, 75, died Wednesday, Dec. 10, in a Midland hospital.

Graveside service for Mr. Cline is set for 2 p.m. Saturday in the Colorado City Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Born June 28, 1928 in Richmond, he married Betty Hill on Nov. 5, 1954 in Carlsbad, N.M.

A U.S. Army veteran of the Korean war, he was a resident of Big Spring for 40 years. The family moved to Midland and then to Colorado City before returning to Midland.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jessie and Shirley Colder Cline; a son, Troy Hooser; three brothers; and a sister.

Survivors include his wife, Betty Cline of Midland; two daughters, Peggy Cline and Brenda Cline, both of Midland; two sisters, Paulie Damon of Somerville and Everly Harmon of Victoria; two brothers, B.R. Cline of Needville and Johnny Cline of Somerville; and six grandchildren.

Santaiga Frausto

1914-2003

BRADY — Santaiga R. Frausto, the sister of Ricardo Ruiz of Snyder, died Tuesday, Dec. 9, in Eden.

Funeral Mass for Mrs. Frausto, 89, is set for 11 a.m. Friday in the St. Patrick's Catholic Church with Ft. Miguel Dinio officiating. Burial will follow in the Rest Haven Cemetery.

Born on July 18, 1914 in Killeen, she married Juan M. Frausto Sr. in Del Rio. A homemaker, Mrs. Frausto moved to Brady 34 years ago from Del Rio. She was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church and the Guadalupana Society.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Basilib and Josefina Arredondo Ruiz; and her husband, Juan Frausto Sr.; and one grandchild.

Survivors include three sons, Juan Frausto of Fort Worth, Armando Frausto of Balch Springs and Ramiro Frausto of Del Rio; three daughters, Elida Torres of Del Rio, Tina Mata and Linda Niaves, both of Brady; another brother, Robert Ruiz of Winters; two sisters, Paula Perez of San Angelo and Julia Ruiz of Sweetwater; 19 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchidren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Mary Webb

1915-2003

CRANE – Mary Alice Webb, a native of Scurry County, died Tuesday, Dec. 9, in Medical Center Hospital in Odessa.

Funeral service for Mrs. Webb, 88, was set for 2 p.m. today in the Shaffer-Nichols Funeral Home Chapel. Burial was to follow in the Crane County Cemetery.

A Methodist, she and her husband owned Webb's Grocery before their retirement.

Survivors include two daughters, Nancy Webb of Crane and Patty McDonnell of Collinsville; two sons, Fred Webb of Gainesville and Ben Webb of Muenster; seven grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

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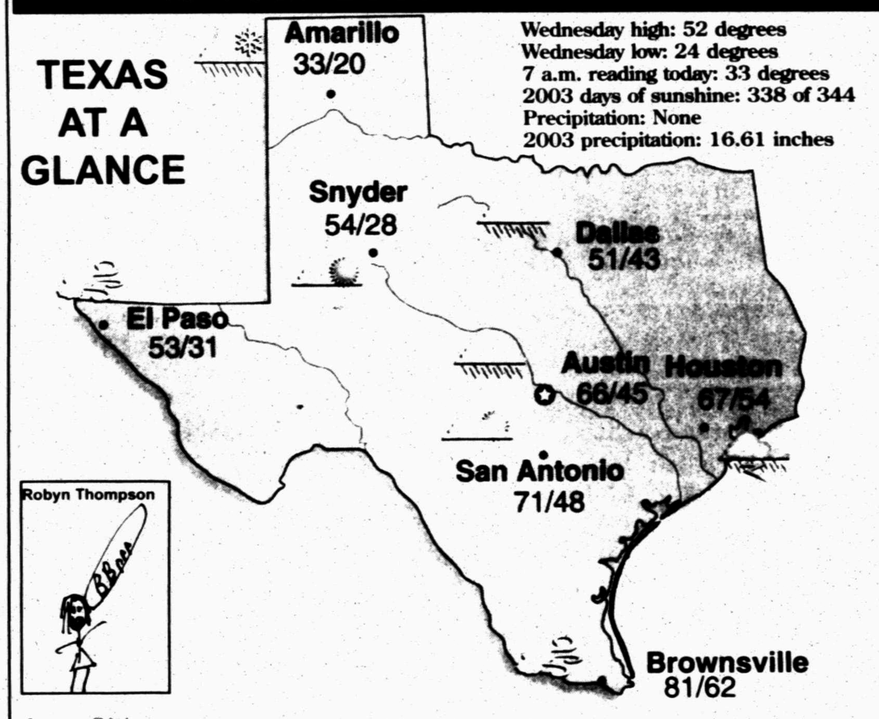
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Considerable clouds early. Some decrease in clouds later in the day.	More sun than clouds. Highs in the low 50s and lows in the upper 20s.	Abundant sunshine. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the upper 30s.
Sunrise 7:36 AM / Sunset 5:38 PM	Sunrise 7:37 AM / Sunset 5:38 PM	Sunrise 7:38 AM / Sunset 5:39 PM

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Wednesday low: 24 degrees
7 a.m. reading today: 33 degrees
2003 days of sunshine: 338 of 344
Precipitation: None
2003 precipitation: 16.61 inches

Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	55	33	pt sunny	El Paso	53	31	windy	Midland	60	31	pt sunny
Amarillo	33	20	sn shower	Fort Stockton	64	34	windy	Raymondville	81	58	cloudy
Austin	66	45	rain	Gainesville	46	37	rain	Rosenberg	68	54	t-storm
Beaumont	65	55	rain	Greenville	49	39	rain	San Antonio	71	48	cloudy
Brownsville	81	62	windy	Houston	67	54	t-storm	San Marcos	67	45	rain
Brownwood	58	37	cloudy	Kingsville	80	55	cloudy	Sulphur Springs	50	41	rain
Corpus Christi	77	56	cloudy	Livingston	61	49	rain	Sweetwater	56	32	pt sunny
Corsicana	52	43	rain	Longview	54	44	rain	Tyler	53	43	rain
Dallas	51	43	rain	Lubbock	45	25	cloudy	Weatherford	48	36	rain
Del Rio	69	45	pt sunny	Lufkin	59	50	rain	Wichita Falls	45	33	rain

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	54	34	pt sunny	Houston	67	54	t-storm	Phoenix	60	40	mst sunny
Boston	43	25	windy	Los Angeles	64	48	mst sunny	San Francisco	56	51	cloudy
Chicago	25	18	sunny	Miami	72	65	mst sunny	Seattle	48	42	rain
Dallas	51	43	rain	Minneapolis	14	7	pt sunny	St. Louis	35	26	cloudy
Denver	31	18	pt sunny	New York	43	28	sunny	Washington, DC	46	28	mst sunny

Moon Phases

Full	Last	New	First
Dec 8	Dec 16	Dec 23	Dec 30

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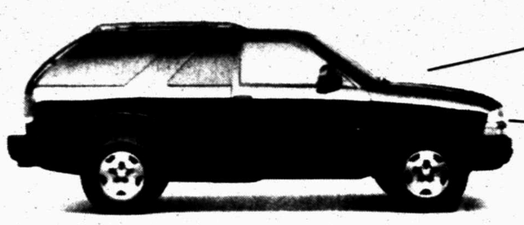
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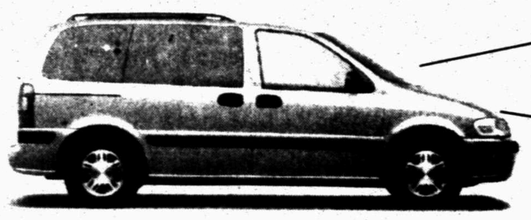
2003 Blazer LS 2-Door [2]



OPTION 1 $6,000 Off MSRP

OPTION 2 0.0% Financing APR 6 Years

2003 Venture Ext. [3]



OPTION 1 $6,000 Off MSRP

OPTION 2 1.9% Financing APR 6 Years

2003 Park Avenue Sedan [4]



OPTION 1 $8,500 Off MSRP

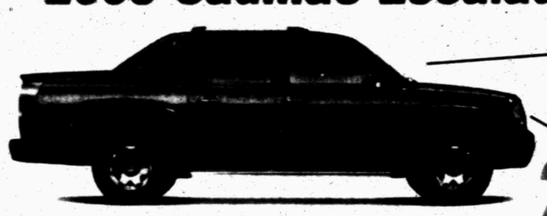
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2003 Calillac DeVille [5]



OPTION 1 $12,500 Off MSRP

2003 Cadillac Escalade Ext [6]



OPTION 1 $6,500 Off MSRP

OPTION 2 2.9% Financing APR 60 Months

2004 Buick LeSabre Custom [7]



OPTION 1 $3,000 Cash Back

OPTION 2 0.0% Financing APR

OPTION 3 $299.00 Smart Buy

2004 GMC Envoy SLE 4-Door [8]



OPTION 1 $3,000 Cash Back

OPTION 2 0.0% Financing APR

OPTION 3 $285.46 Smart Buy

2004 Chevrolet Trailblazer LS [9]

OPTION 1 $3,000 Cash Back

OPTION 2 0.0% Financing APR



OPTION 3 $299.00 Smart Buy

2004 Pontiac Grand Am Sedan [10]

OPTION 1 $3,000 Cash Back

OPTION 2 0.0% Financing APR



OPTION 3 $199.00 Smart Buy

2004 Chevrolet Impala Sedan [11]

OPTION 1 $3,000 Cash Back

OPTION 2 0.0% Financing APR



OPTION 3 $256.57 Smart Buy

2004 Chevy Silverado LS 1500 Ext Cab [12]

OPTION 1 $3,000 Cash Back

OPTION 2 0.0% Financing APR

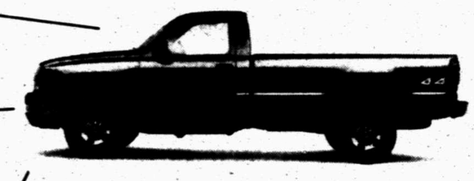


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2004 Chevy Silverado LS 1500 Reg. Cab [13]

OPTION 1 $2,500 Cash Back

OPTION 2 0.0% Financing APR



OPTION 3 $260.87 Smart Buy

2004 Buick Century Sedan [14]

OPTION 1 $3,000 Cash Back

OPTION 2 0.0% Financing APR



OPTION 3 $299.66 Smart Buy

2004 Pontiac Sunfire Coupe [15]

OPTION 1 $3,000 Cash Back

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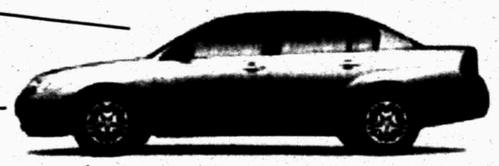


OPTION 3 $170.91 Smart Buy

2004 Chevy Malibu LS Sedan [16]

OPTION 1 $1,000 Cash Back

OPTION 2 0.0% Financing APR



OPTION 3 $246.32 Smart Buy

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