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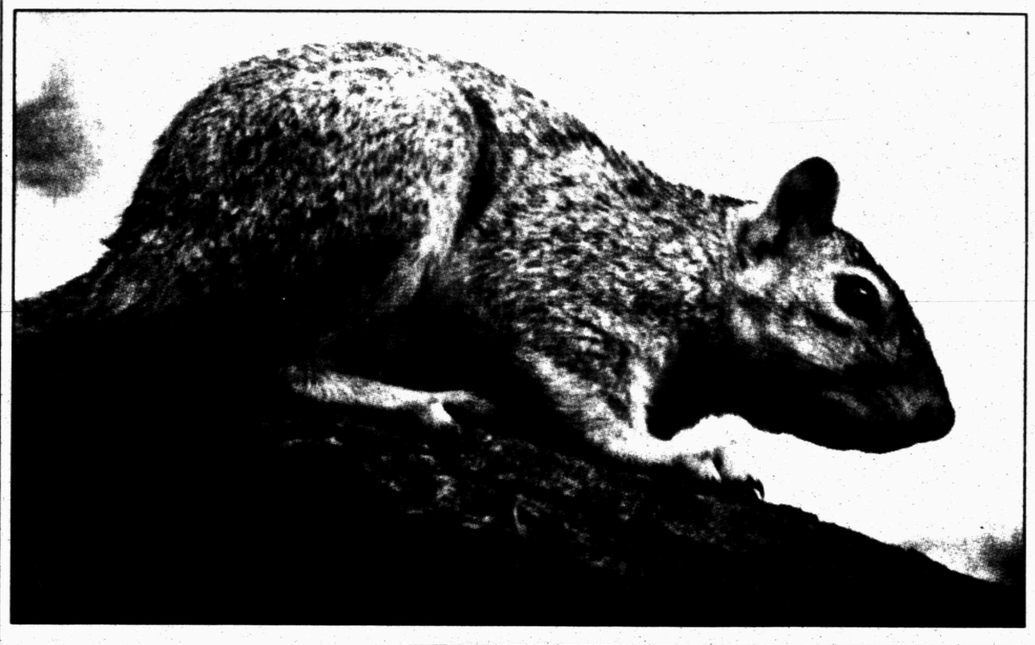


This week's cooler weather has seen squirrels increasing their activity in anticipation of the colder months ahead. Those that know say block the critters' entrance to attics as electrical wires are among their favorite winter meals. (SDN Staff Photos)

Thursday morning...

Equipment for parks work on county agenda

The Scurry County commissioners' court will meet at 11:30 a.m. Thursday to discuss the purchase of new maintenance equipment for the parks and recreation department.

The department is in need of a mower for maintenance of the grounds in several areas, said Scott Crenwlege, director.

One option is the purchase of a new John Deere mower with an attached turf collection system. The court will decide on a plan that will be the most cost-effective for the county, added Crenwelge.

"We have the chance to get a really good price on one now, but we have to place the order before Nov. 1," said County Judge Rod Waller. "That's the reason for calling the special session so we can try to (take advantage) of this price".

Crenwelge sees the purchase as necessary and cost-effective.

"The mower can be used on ball fields and throughout the park system. The turf collection system can not only be used for grass clippings, but also for clean up after events like the Fourth of July."

Funds for the purchase of the equipment are already in the budget for next year. Crenwelge is being able to take advantage of John Deere's offer through a lease-purchase option.

"The plan is a six-month, no-interest program. Our department will make the first lease payment in December, and then pay the equipment off in January," he said.

The regular meeting of the commissioners usually takes place on the third Monday of each month. However, if they waited until the next regular meeting, it would be too late to take advantage of the cheaper price.

"I think that we will be leasing the tractor for now and pay it off with next year's budget," said Judge Waller.

THE SDN COLUMN

MY TURN

by Jo Ann Nunley

According to the Hospice Foundation of America, your life story is one of the most valuable gifts you can give to your children and grandchildren — your loved ones.

This project begins by simply setting aside an amount of time each day or week in a comfortable, quiet place and if the chronological order of your life is a bit fuzzy, that can be fixed later.

A book, "Telling Your Own Stories," by Donald Davis, is a helpful tool, to jump start the project and it offers general, practical advice on recalling memories. It advises that the key is to divide your life story into small and manageable segments with chapter subject assignments. Another helpful book is "How to Write Your Own Life Story," by Lois Daniel.

Evidence of true nostalgia doesn't set in for some until the early 40s, some later in age. But, it will surely come for most people. Take time to write it down.

Even without reading books like the one mentioned or use of instructional videos, one can get a notebook and begin your life story for those you love. Just keep these tips in mind:

–Don't worry about grammar or spelling.

–Don't worry about how it sounds.

–Be yourself. Don't be afraid of using the word 'I" — this is an autobiography, after all.

–Be honest.

–Include as many details as you can, rather than reciting events. Include feelings and opinions. Describe scenes.

–Tell family members what you are doing. Family members can help by asking you questions or searching through photo albums. Those your age or older can share your memories, adding their prospectives.

–If you can't remember, leave a space and go back to it later.

–Experts on the subject tell us that early life memories tend to come in the evening.

–To help you remember things, try writing a letter to an old friend about what you want to remember.

–Utilize the memory of others, ask questions of family members and friends. Look at old photos to stimulate your memory.

–Use as many full names and dates as possible (years from now, no one will know who "Aunt Susie" is, so give her parents' names and exactly how she is related to you.)

–Include any historic events you remember, along with what you were doing, how old you were and how you reacted.

Oh, how I wish I had documented all the happenings my grandfathers told me, and all the favorite recipes from my grandmothers.

Other helpful information for writing your life story is on the Internet at parents@connection-cennter.org or www.connection-scenter.org.

For executive director...

Chamber again to start resume review

A total of 41 resumes have been received by the Snyder Chamber of Commerce selection committee for the vacant executive director's post.

The selection committee and the executive board will begin reviewing the resumes at 11:30 a.m. Thursday at the chamber office.

This is the second go-round for applicants as the field was lowered to three in September, and two of those were interviewed.

Board president Mike Thornton and the board then decided to re-open the application process.

At that time, Thornton said it was the chamber board's feeling that it had not fulfilled its responsibility to Snyder in trying to fill the position.

Twenty-seven applications were initially reviewed, and 14 more have been received since the process was re-opened. The field is expected to be narrowed down Thursday and then recommendations for interviews will be made to the full chamber board. Interviews are expected to be held beginning next week.

Patterson-UTI earnings show 42 percent increase

From local, wire reports

Patterson-UTI Energy today announced that third-quarter net earnings had increased 42 percent.

Patterson-UTI, headquartered in Snyder, reported net income of $17.1 million or $0.21 per share for the three-month period, compared to net income of $249,000 or $0.00 per share for the comparable three months in 2002. Revenues for the quarter were $207.0 million, versus $133.5 million for the three months ended Sept. 30 last year.

Net income for the nine months ended Sept. 30 was $34.9 million or $0.43 per share compared to net income of $339,000 or $0.00 per share for the nine months ended Sept. 30, 2002.

Revenues for the nine months totaled $567.9 million, compared to $387.1 million for the comparable nine-month period last year.

Cloyce A. Talbott, chief executive officer, said, "While demand for drilling rigs has remained relatively stable over the past several months, we have increased average revenues and margin per drilling day. Compared to the second quarter of 2003, our average revenue per drilling day increased by $340 to $9,580 and our average margin per drilling day increased by $370 to $2,600.

"During the third quarter, we had an average of 192 rigs operating, including 11 in Canada. While we are beginning to see an increase in the demand for drilling services, recent activity has been impacted by wet conditions in Texas, which has caused delays in preparing drilling locations and moving rigs.

"We estimate that our rig count will average 188 rigs operating for October, including 12 in Canada, and expect our rig count to increase as the negative effect of the wet conditions diminishes."

Mark S. Siegel, company chairman, added, "Our results again demonstrate the earnings leverage that we are able to achieve as daily drilling margins improve. Net income for the quarter increased 42 percent compared to the second quarter on a 6 percent increase in revenues.

"Looking ahead, we expect the demand for drilling rigs to increase in the coming months as producers seek to overcome natural gas production declines and to profit from the strong commodity prices."

Ruidoso fire closes in on Ski Run Road

A fire north of Ruidoso has slowly crept from the Lincoln National Forest to land on the Mescalero Apache Reservation near Ski Run Road.

Employees of Ski Apache were not allowed to go to work today, and some residents have been asked to evacuate their cabins in the area of the fire.

The fire was first reported around 8 p.m. Monday and quickly spread to some 200 acres and now to 350, according to forest service spokesman, Bill Duemling.

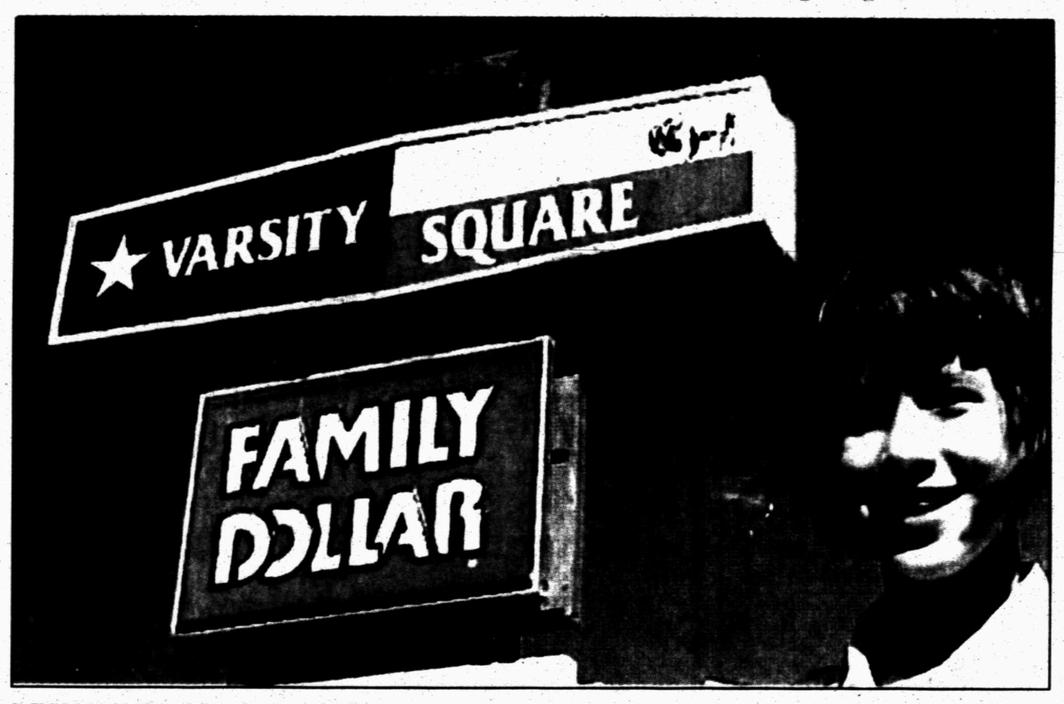
When it was first spotted, it covered only about 10 acres, said Duemling.

Areas currently in danger, according to the Ruidoso News on-line edition, are the Oak Grove Campground, Villa Madonna and the Eagle Creek Cabins.

Six fire departments from around Ruidoso are currently trying to contain the blaze, as well as the Mescalero Hot Shots firefighting team.

Three helicopters capable of carrying up to 500 gallons of water also are assisting as winds allow.

In all, about 75 people are currently fighting the blaze.



DESIGN WINNER – Bailey Richardson, a 7th grader at Snyder Junior High, was winner of the "Design Our Sign" contest for Varsity Square Shopping Center. Bailey's design was one of more than two dozen entries. Bailey received a $200 gift certificate. Justin Taylor of Ira was runner-up and won a $50 Varsity Square gift certificate. Owners of Varsity Square announced that a new tenant, Uncommon Grounds Coffee, will open soon. (Contributed Photo)

ASK US

Q—When is the decision expected to be made in Hobbs, N. M. about a race track and casino to be built there?

A—It could be sometime this week.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

Lillian Ashley...

...has lived in Scurry County all of her life and has been a resident of Snyder since 1991. She has a daughter, Betse Rosson, and two grandsons who live in California. Lillian also has a granddaughter, Lisette Patrick and a great-granddaughter, Brittany, who live in Big Spring. She is retired and enjoys spending time at the Senior Center, taking part in all the activities. She especially enjoys just visiting with her friends.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Happiness lies in the joy of achievement and the thrill of creative effort.
—Franklin D. Roosevelt

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events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Gospel concert

The Toney Brothers will be featured in a gospel concert at 7 tonight at the First Baptist Church in Hermleigh. Admission is a free-will offering. For more information, call 863-2484.

SHS volleyball booster club

The SHS volleyball booster club will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday in the high school gym.

Fall Fest at WTC

WTC and the Scurry County Anti-drug Connection will sponsor a Fall Fest from 6-8:30 p.m. Thursday in the WTC gym. Tickets, needed for the games and concession, are four for a $1. Everyone may wear a costume.

Bone marrow drive

A bone marrow drive for Nick Gutierrez is set from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday at St. Elizabeth Parish Hall. Donors must be age 18-60.

Used eyeglasses needed

The Snyder and WTC Lions Clubs, in partnership with the local post office, will pick up used eyeglasses from mailboxes Friday. Eyeglasses should be bagged and hung on mailbox.

Snyder Healthcare Halloween

Residents of Snyder Healthcare invite children to trick or treat from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Friday.

Girl Scouts open house

Snyder Girl Scouts are celebrating their founder's birthday from 4:30-6 p.m. Friday at the Girl Scout Hut. It marks the second anniversary of the vandalism at the Hut. For more information, call Judy Martin at 573-7556.

Christmas exhibit at museum

Scurry County Museum needs several items for its Grand Ole Opry exhibit opening Nov. 9. Needed by Friday are radios, record players, 1950s country records, vintage country musical and instruments and Grand Ole Opry memorabilia. Call 573-6107 for more information.

Gateway needs costumes

Gateway Family Services is in need of used Halloween costumes in all sizes as well as basic arts and craft supplies for children's holiday projects. Donations may be dropped off at the shelter or call 573-1822.

Lord's Supper Church

Lord's Supper Church, 119 36th St., Ave. B The church will have a fall festival from 6-9 p.m. Saturday at the church. Chances for a DVD or TV are being given for a donation.

Sophomore parents, students meeting

Parents of SHS sophomores and students will have a meeting at 7 p.m. Monday in the student center to discuss fundraisers.

TSA booster club

TSA booster club will meet at 7:15 p.m. Monday in the shop building. Club members are asked to bring tickets and money for the fundraiser.

THRiVE simulcast at FBC

THRiVE, a conference for women, will be simulcast from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15, at the First Baptist Church. Tickets are $35 until Saturday. After that they will be $40. Call 573-2631 to reserve tickets. Lunch, snacks and free daycare will be provided. The event begins Friday, Nov. 14.

Social Security Administration

Due to the Veterans Day Holiday, representatives of the Social Security Administration will be at the Senior Citizen's Center on Wednesday, Nov. 12.

Annual style show, dinner

The American Cancer Society has set its second annual style show and dinner, honoring cancer survivors, will be at 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15, at Martha Ann Woman's Club. Cancer survivors are treated to pampering and a dinner. Cancer survivors who wish to participate should call Terrisu Mann at 573-1031.

Cooking classes rescheduled

The county 4-H cooking classes have been rescheduled for Nov. 15 and Dec. 13. The basic cooking workshops are open to girls and boys, 8-18. They will be offered from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the extension office. Call 573-5423 to make reservations.

RENEW ADOPTION — Pizza Inn has renewed its adoption of Stanfield Elementary School. Keith and Karen Herrley received the plaque from their niece, Kelbie Herrley, as Mary Ann Juarez, SISD school and home liason, looks on. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Tuesday night...

2 soldiers are killed in Iraq

TIKRIT, Iraq (AP) — Two 4th Infantry Division soldiers were killed and one was wounded when their tank was hit by an undetermined explosive north of Baghdad, the U.S. military said Wednesday.

The three crewmembers of the Abrams tank were en route to a guard post when the explosion occurred Tuesday night near Balad, 45 miles north of Baghdad, according to the division spokeswoman, Maj. Jossyln Aberle.

The 4th Infantry, based at Fort Hood in Central Texas, controls a large swath of northern Iraq and is based in Tikrit, Saddam Hussein's hometown.

The wounded soldier was evacuated to a U.S. military hospital in Germany, she said.

The latest deaths bring to 115 the number of American soldiers killed in combat since President George W. Bush declared an end to major combat May 1.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Thursday, Oct. 30, 2003

Should you decide to make a major change in direction in the year ahead, be sure to explore it completely before venturing into it. The more you discover about this venue, the better your chances for success.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — If you're planning a get-together at your place today, be sure those you invite are compatible with one another. The wrong type could put a damper on your affair.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Someone with whom you get involved today may not be all that you expected. Don't blame this person for not living up to your expectations; blame yourself for creating your own version of the truth.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — You could be a bit too careless with your possessions or resources today by trusting someone you know little about. Be sensible when it comes to protecting or lending your valuables.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Usually you're pretty good at keeping your objectives in focus, but today your vision could be a bit fuzzy and you're not apt to achieve that which you set out to do.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — The worst thing you can do today is to try to cover up a mistake. If what you attempt to hide cannot be rectified, it could be embarrassing for you when it is discovered.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — When looking for financial advice today, don't rely on a friend for the answers. Go to an expert who won't further complicate your situation with well-meaning but costly counsel.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — The cooperation you're looking for from others today has got to start with you. Don't expect others to do your bidding if you focus only on your priorities and totally ignore theirs.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Take things at face value today and don't read more into what companions are saying than is intended. If you allow sensitivities to dominate, your feelings could needlessly be hurt.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — You could deeply upset one who loves you today by being overly attentive to someone else in his or her presence. Be careful where, when and on whom you cast your roving eye.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Do not put pressure on others to make commitments to you today that they shouldn't commit to or simply don't want to do. What you're anticipating from them won't be there even if they are.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — No matter how many excuses you make that certain jobs rightfully belong to co-workers, if you're the one who is responsible, you're the one who'll be held accountable. Get the job done.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Try not to get involved in social situations today where you know beforehand that the cost will be far more than you can afford. False evaluations will put you in the red.

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Today's chuckle

Couple gets half of lottery plus commission

MILPITAS, Calif. (AP) — A Santa Clara couple will not only receive half of a $99 million lottery jackpot — they also get the commission for selling the winning ticket.

Narinder Badwal said Monday he had not checked the Oct. 22 Super Lotto jackpot ticket he bought at his 7-Eleven franchise store until his brother urged him to take a look.

Badwal and his wife, Lilla Singh, officially claimed the ticket Friday.

The couple chose the annuity option and will receive payments starting at $1.2 million and graduating to $2.5 million by the 26th year, before a 25 percent federal withholding, lottery officials said.

They will also get a $247,500 commission for selling one of the winning tickets. The other winners, a couple from Southern California, claimed their ticket last week.

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RESULTS

Tuesday's Lottery Numbers

Texas Two Step

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Tuesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 11-19-27-30. Bonus Ball: 17.

Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 1. Prize: $250,000.

Number matching four of four: 13. Prize: $1,143.

Number matching three of four, plus Bonus Ball: 36. Prize: $51.

Number matching three of four: 1,411. Prize: $17.

Number matching two of four, plus Bonus Ball: 964. Prize: $17.

Number matching one of four, plus Bonus Ball: 6,279. Prize: $7.

Number matching Bonus Ball alone: 10,187. Prize: $5.

Estimated jackpot for Friday night drawing: $250,000.

Cash Five

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

Winning numbers drawn: 7-9-14-15-21.

Number matching five of five: 0.

Prize per winner: $0.

Matching four of five: 166. Prize: $366.

Matching three of five: 5,355. Prize: $8.

Matching two of five: 48,279. Prize: $2.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Wednesday night.

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Ground zero workers have health problems

NEW YORK (AP) — Most ground zero workers still suffer from health problems two years after Sept. 11 and many do not have health insurance or job security, doctors told a congressional panel Tuesday.

Several of the workers testified at a Manhattan hospital before the committee, saying they had trouble breathing, suffered from post-traumatic stress disorder and no longer had the strength to do their old jobs.

"I can't tell you how hard it is living like this," said David Rapp, a construction worker who spent five months at the World Trade Center site and now always carries an oxygen tank and uses three inhalers. "The fear of not being able to take my next breath is unbearable."

Rapp said he built docks and rebuilt cars before Sept. 11, 2001, but can no longer take out his garbage or change a flat tire.

John Graham, a carpenter and emergency services worker who spent three days a week at the site for several months, said he has asthma and is sometimes too sick to work.

"I'm a chronically ill man who's anxious about my ability to support my family," he said.

Robin Herbert and Stephen Levin, the co-directors of a federal screening program at Mount Sinai Medical Center for ground zero workers, said they had examined 8,000 workers, 75 percent of whom had persistent respiratory problems. Forty percent of the workers suffer from mental health problems after the 2001 terror attack, the doctors said, but 40 percent also do not have health insurance and one-third are unemployed.

CENTRAL ADOPTION — West Texas State Bank has renewed its adoption of Central Elementary School. Pictured at the signing ceremony are from left, principal Pam Hart, Deana Stokes, WTSB; Rod Cottrell, SISD executive director of curriculum and instruction; Daniella Miranda, third grader; Phyllis Dominguez, WTSB; and Mary Ann Juarez, SISD school and home liason. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Vigilant mom turns Internet predator over to the police

DEAR ABBY: When you advised "Brokenhearted Mom in Virginia," whose daughter is being lured by an Internet predator, to call the police and get them involved, you gave good advice. My 13-year-old daughter was in the same situation.

The 37-year-old man who "loved" my daughter and "wanted to marry her and have children with her" was a pedophile who had already molested a 10-year-old girl. He had told my daughter he was 15. I went straight to the police with as much information as I could — name, address, phone number.

The detectives have been wonderful. My daughter and I are now in counseling to repair the damage this man did to our relationship. I am grateful beyond words for all the support I have been given, and thank God every day that my daughter is still with me.

By the way, she didn't meet this guy in a chat room, but playing a game on the Internet. — **THANKFUL MOM**

DEAR THANKFUL: I'm relieved your story has a happy ending. Since printing that letter, I have been informed that parents should also report this crime to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children by visiting the Web site at www.missingkids.com and filing a report on the CyberTip line.

Parents must be vigilant in monitoring their children's Internet usage. To do otherwise is to invite a stranger into your home with unmonitored access to your children. **Read on:**

DEAR ABBY: My 16-year-old stepdaughter, "Ginger," met a man on the Internet. At first he claimed to be 17 — then 24. He turned out to be 56. Ginger became pregnant at 17. She claimed her baby was a local boy's child. We found out on the eve of her moving out to live with the predator that our grandchild was really his.

In an effort to find out if he was sincere or a stalker, I created a fake screen name, set myself up as an attractive young girl (complete with a photo from a royalty-free photo site), and developed a profile that would be attractive to him based on my daughter's likes and dislikes. He contacted me immediately, and within 10 minutes he solicited me for intimate phone conversation. Our chats always ended with him urging me to call him. I recorded these sessions for future use against him, then reported the pervert to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (www.ncmec.org).

This incident has been devastating for Ginger. She suffers from it daily. She has missed a lot of fun in her high school days because of having a child. She is now in counseling and on a long road to becoming the bright, cheerful person she was before she was consumed by this. – **'GINGER'S' MOM**

DEAR MOM: Your story is chilling. Unfortunately, I have received similar letters from distraught parents telling this same story and wondering how to handle a situation that is out of control. No one wants to be told he or she is being used or taken advantage of, and that includes teenagers whose self-esteem may be fragile to begin with. But it is up to the parents to take control when necessary.

Stay tuned. There will be more on this tomorrow — when I print a letter that will curl your hair.

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House cats and ferrets found to be vulnerable to SARS virus

By The Associated Press

House cats and ferrets can get the SARS virus and pass it to other animals, a new study shows, raising the obvious question: Can they give it to people?

"You might want to quarantine the pets as well as the people," suggested Dr. Robert Shope, an expert on emerging diseases at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston. "If it's been shown that the virus can transmit from cat to cat, it doesn't take much of a leap of faith that it will transmit to humans."

Other scientists who have studied SARS say pet owners shouldn't overreact, however.

"These animals in all likelihood did not play a significant role in spread of (SARS) to humans," said Dr. Klaus Stohr, the World Health Organization's chief SARS scientist.

Besides, said Dr. Jeffrey Koplan, the former head of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, "we still don't know if they can pass the virus to people."

Researchers discovered the vulnerability of cats and ferrets to SARS while searching for animals to test potential vaccines.

Their study, which will appear in Thursday's issue of the journal Nature, also notes a separate report that cats were found infected with the virus in a Hong Kong apartment complex where residents contracted SARS last year.

Cats and ferrets are the first pets included on an exotic list of animals scientists think may be able to harbor the virus. However, the virus seems to be so versatile that it could have jumped to humans from a variety of animals, co-author Albert D.M.E. Osterhaus said.

"Cats and ferrets are only distantly related," he said. "So this demonstrates the promiscuous nature of the virus."

The origin of the virus that killed 774 people remains unknown. Scientists believe people may have gotten the virus from animals that were infected by another source.

In China, where SARS festered for months before it grew into a worldwide menace this year, exotic raccoon-dogs, ferret badgers and civets imported into markets have been found harboring a germ that's almost identical to the SARS virus.

The exotic animals were taken off the market for several months, but some markets have begun selling them again, said Dr. Henk Bekedam, the WHO's representative in Beijing.

Because of the possibility that animals can spread the respiratory virus, WHO has suggested that animals in China and elsewhere be tested for SARS and other diseases before they are eaten.

"We should stay away from animals who are known or likely to transmit the SARS coronavirus," Stohr said.

A SARS infection can cause flu-like symptoms, including a high fever, head and body aches, congestion and breathing trouble. About 8,100 people are thought to have been sickened by the virus between November 2002 and July, according to the WHO.

Date Book

Wednesday, Oct. 29, 2003

Today is the 302nd day of 2003 and the 37th day of autumn.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1911, Joseph Pulitzer, an immigrant who became an American newspaper icon, died aboard his yacht at the age of 64.

On this day in 1929, a day known as Black Tuesday, billions of dollars were lost on Wall Street. Following this was a steady downward spiral into the Great Depression.

On this day in 1998, Sen. John Glenn, then age 77, returned to space nearly four decades after he became the first American to orbit the earth. Glenn was part of a NASA study on health problems associated with aging.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: James Boswell (1740-1795), biographer; Fanny Brice (1891-1951), singer and comedian; Richard Dreyfuss (1947-), actor, is 56; Denis Potvin (1953-), hockey player, is 50.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1921, Centre College (student body: 300) defeated Harvard University 6-0. The game was Harvard's first loss in four years.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Let the world know you as you are, not as you think you should be, because sooner or later, if you are posing, you will forget the pose, and then where are you?" — Fanny Brice

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (Oct. 25) and first quarter (Nov. 1)

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Twins said 'guarded'

DALLAS (AP) — The conditions of Egyptian twins Ahmed and Mohamed Ibrahim were upgraded from serious to guarded Sunday as they continued to recover from surgery two weeks ago to separate them.

The 2-year-old boys were born joined at the head.

Dr. James Thomas, chief of critical care services at Children's Medical Center Dallas, said both boys continue to improve.

Mohamed is off all intravenous medications, the hospital said.

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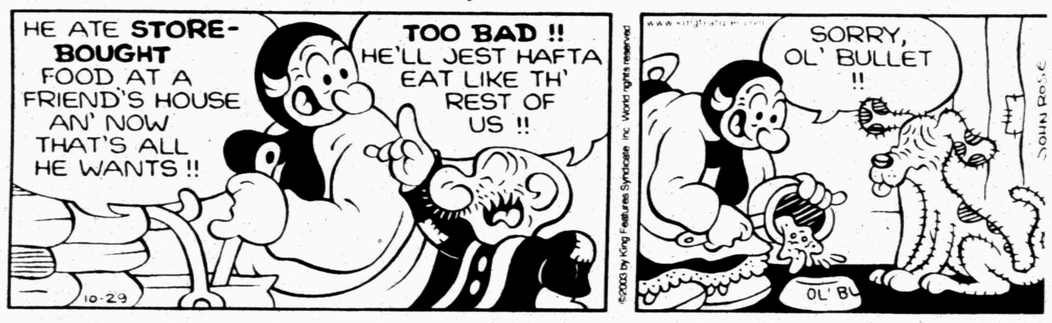

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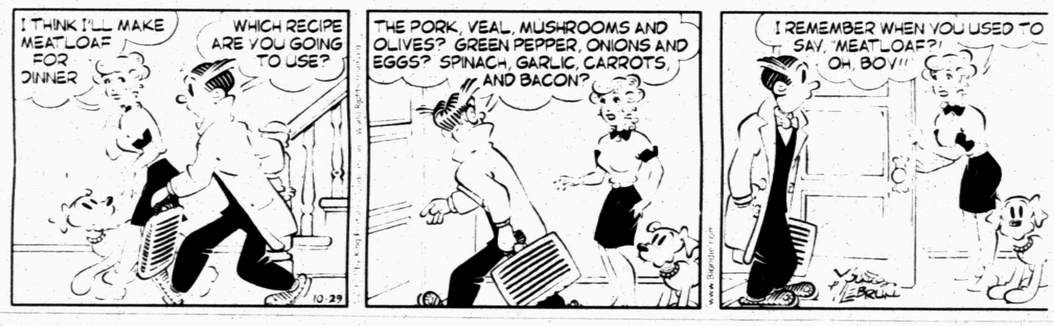

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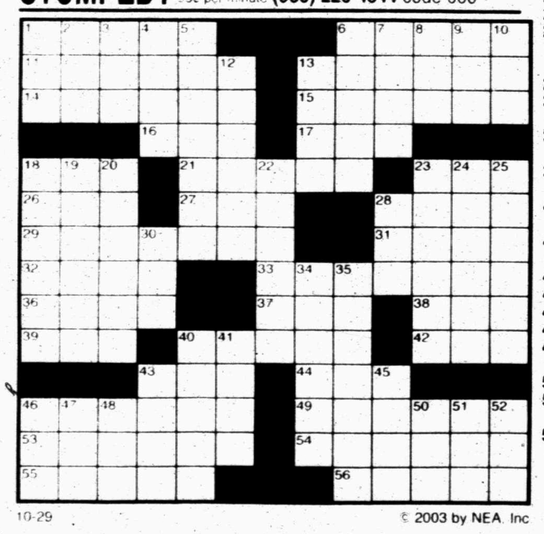

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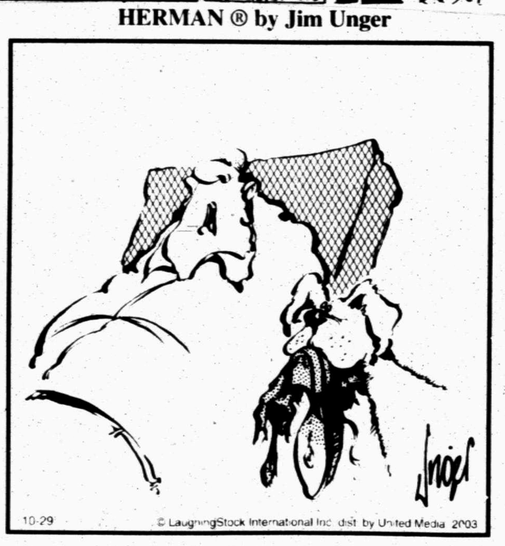

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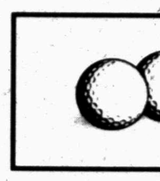

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Spikers end season with win

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The Lady Tigers ended the 2003 volleyball season on a strong note, besting Sweetwater Tuesday, 25-14, 25-21 and 25-22, to complete the season sweep of the Lady Mustangs.

Senior Kelsi Johnson got things started with a flourish, reeling off 13 straight service points to start the match. She finished with 22 service points, 14 digs, seven assists and five kills.

The teams locked in a tight battle in the second game. With the score tied 14-14, Snyder went on an 8-0 run to seal the win, and set the stage for the three-game victory to close out the season with a two-game winning streak.

"I'm going to miss this group," head coach Laura Moses said. "The good thing is coaching volleyball, I can still see them throughout the year. But it was sad for the seniors and sad for the whole varsity team."

Snyder handled Cooper and Sweetwater, and split with Brownfield to go 5-7 in district. The Lady Tigers were swept by Lamesa, Seminole and district champion Denver City.

Moses said the team played well down the stretch, but said the difference between Snyder and the top three was consistency.

"Last night everybody did their job and got playing time," she said. "We've got to look at the good as well as the bad and see what we need to do. They (the top three teams) came through and stayed in it the whole time. They were more consistent than us. We could do some awesome things at times, then give it right back. It's about being able to finish up and stay in there the whole time, and being able to pull through."

Senior Sarah Crawford had a dominant game up front, delivering 12 kills in the match. Senior Kelbi Drum had another all-around performance in a season full of them, contributing 15 assists, 14 digs, three kills and four service points.

Sophomore Teddi Crenwelge added three kills and three assists, while senior Missy Vasquez added 14 digs and seven points.

Erin Hackfeld had two assists, Beth Clements and Courtney Cox posted five digs each, with Clements adding three points.

The junior varsity also claimed a sweep in Sweetwater, winning, 26-24, 25-16, to finish the district schedule at 6-5.

"I'm pleased with all the girls as a team," said first-year JV coach Darren Pool. "Throughout the season everyone contributed."

He praised Eric Little for her service work against Sweetwater. He also got solid contributions from Wendy Reed, Jessica Taylor and Heather Zajicek.

He also said the rest of the team played a big role in the district schedule including Amber Luecke, Aeryal Peoples, Bianca Gonzales, Morgan Bilderback, Allison Cottrell, Jodi McGinty, Kalli Wesson, Joshlyn Tovar, Kayla Guerrero, Samantha Moyers and Jacy Beccue.

Penny Perry

Peggy Hardin

Perry wins second straight club title

Penny Perry won her second consecutive Women's Golf Association Club Championship, and the sixth in eight years at Scurry County Golf Course.

Perry rode a second-round 69 after an opening round 73 to run away with the flight, shooting a two-day total of 142, besting second-place finisher Anita Talbott by 29 strokes.

Peggy Hardin was the net champion, firing a 136 net.

Esther Guelker won the second flight shooting a two-round total of 197 gross to top Jo Sterling by three shots.

First Flight:

1. Penny Perry 73-69 142, net 68-64 132; 2. Anita Talbott 86-85 171, net 75-74 149; 3. Peggy Hardin 90-88 178, 69-67 136; 4. Suzy Reed 94-88 182, net 74-68 142; 5. Joan Hood 96-92 188, net 75-71 146; 6. Kaye Cypert 95-101 196, net 75-81 156.

Second Flight:

1. Esther Guelker 103-94 197, net 76-67 143; 2. Jo Sterling 101-99 200, net 75-73 148; 3. Judy Moss 104-100 204, net 82-78 160; 4. Barbara Leatherwood 96-116 215, net 70-87 157; 5. Becky Knipe 113-107 220, net 85-79 164; 6. Norma Thompson 108-122 230, net 72-86 158.

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Lakers rout Mavs in opener

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The most recent Kobe-Shaq conflict distracted the Los Angeles Lakers in their opener about as much as a fly hitting a windshield.

That's precisely what newcomers Gary Payton and Karl Malone expected.

The longtime stars excelled in their first game with the Lakers, leading them to a 109-93 victory over the Dallas Mavericks in one of three openers played Tuesday night.

Defending champion San Antonio edged Phoenix 83-82 and Philadelphia beat Miami 89-74 in the other games.

The Lakers won decisively despite the fact that Kobe Bryant didn't play because of soreness in his surgically repaired right knee.

He was hardly missed.

"Being a professional and playing basketball — Karl's been in the league for 19 years, this is my 14th year — we don't have distractions," said Payton, who had 21 points, seven rebounds and nine assists. "We play through that. That's why we're veterans. It's a family feud — one hour and it's over.

"Everybody's acting as one. As soon as Kobe gets back, it's going to be even better. If we stay aggressive, it's going to be easy every night."

Malone just missed the fourth triple-double of his career with 15 points, 10 rebounds and nine assists in only 29 minutes.

"Everybody made the issue bigger than it was," Malone said. "When we step on the floor, guys have a goal, and that's winning ballgames. That was exciting to see. Hopefully the fans loved it

"We're going to get better and better as we get things down and our execution gets better. We're going to make a run at this thing."

The 35-year-old Payton and 40-year-old Malone, in search of their first championship rings, joined the Lakers at discount prices last summer to give them such an opportunity.

Shaquille O'Neal, Derek Fisher and Devean George scored 16 points each and Bryon Russell added 10 for the Lakers, who have won 26 straight games over the Mavericks in Los Angeles.

"Well, they're awesome," Dallas coach Don Nelson said. "Even without Kobe, they have enough firepower to dominate the league."

The Mavericks reached the Western Conference finals last spring before losing to eventual champion San Antonio, but they were thoroughly outplayed in this game.

"It's definitely the type of start that we needed," Fisher said. "I'm very proud of how well we played together. Karl and Shaq are great passers on the block. They hit open guys, and that's where it starts."

The Lakers led all the way, scoring the first eight points. They led by as many as 16 in the first quarter and the Mavericks weren't closer than 12 in the final period.

"It seems like we never really found our rhythm offensively," said Dirk Nowitzki, who led the Mavericks with 19 points and 13 rebounds.

Antoine Walker also had 19 points and Antawn Jamison added 17 in their debuts with the Mavericks. Michael Finley was held to 12 points and Steve Nash eight.

Bryant, engaged in a public feud with O'Neal that exploded last weekend, worked out during the game before joining his teammates on the bench at the end third quarter. Bryant and O'Neal sat next to each other at the start of the final period.

Dotson brought back to Texas

WACO (AP) — Carlton Dotson's much-anticipated trip from Maryland to Texas, where he is charged in the shooting death of a former Baylor University basketball teammate, was uneventful, authorities said.

Dotson, 21, napped or politely answered questions during the flights on commercial airlines from Baltimore to Dallas and then on to Austin, McLennan County Sheriff Larry Lynch said Tuesday.

"Everything we asked him to do, he did," Lynch said. "There was very little conversation."

Dotson sat in the back seat of an unmarked police cruiser on the last leg of the trip from Austin to Waco. Dressed in a white shirt and blue pants, he looked toward the floor when reporters clustered around the car as it arrived at the McLennan County jail.

Dotson was to be arraigned before a state district judge Wednesday, said Billy Martin, a McLennan County justice of the peace.

Dotson was indicted in August in the death of Patrick Dennehy, 21, who had been missing six weeks when his body was found July 25 in a field near a rock quarry south of Waco. The 6-foot-10 player, who shared his apartment with Dotson since April, had been shot twice in the head.

Dotson had recently given up an extradition fight in his home state. Lynch said he and two deputies picked up Dotson at 6 a.m. Tuesday. He said Dotson was restrained but would not comment on security measures or say how airplane passengers reacted.

After arriving in Waco, Dotson called his estranged wife to ask her to visit him in jail, said Melissa Kethley, who left Dotson in April after eight months of marriage.

FDA says new steroid dangerous and illegal

WASHINGTON (AP) — The newly detected steroid that is casting a shadow on Olympic and professional sports is an illegal drug that may pose considerable health risks, the government warned Tuesday.

THG has been sold in the guise of a dietary supplement when it is in fact a drug that lacks federal permission for sale in this country, the Food and Drug Administration said. It is a drug derived from another steroid long banned in athletics, the agency said.

The FDA's official designation of THG as illegal, which had been anticipated since the scandal over the previously undetectable steroid emerged, puts manufacturers on notice that the government will crack down on anyone caught selling it.

It also is the strongest warning yet that using THG is risky. Anabolic steroids can have dangerous side effects, including liver damage, heart disease, anxiety and rage. While little is known about THG's specific effects because it is new, its close chemical similarity to other well-known steroids means it poses the same risks, FDA Associate Commissioner John Taylor said.

"The greatest importance is preventing exposure and trying to nip this in the bud," he said.

U.S. drug authorities first learned about THG, or tetrahydrogestrinone, this summer after an unidentified coach gave them a syringe containing it. THG apparently was designed specifically to be undetectable by the standard test given to athletes.

Now armed with a test, sports organizations are scrambling to re-examine athletes and to decide what penalties to impose for THG use. Four U.S. track and field athletes have tested positive for THG, and Europe's top sprinter has admitted taking it in nutritional supplements that he says he thought were allowed.

Exactly who developed THG is unclear. Dozens of top Olympic and professional athletes have been subpoenaed to testify before a federal grand jury probing a California lab that sells nutritional supplements. Its owner has denied supplying THG, and federal officials, including FDA's Taylor, refuse to comment on the scope of their investigation.

Troubling to lawmakers is that THG apparently was sneaked onto the market in the guise of a dietary supplement.

FIRST PLACE — The Texans won first place in the third- and fourth-grade football division. The team is, front from left, Logan Rinehart, J.J. Falcon, Cesar Torres, Kyler Billingsley; middle from left, Cody Guerrero, Jordan Gaines, Tyler Clanton, Brennon Rhodes, Reagan Head, Felix Martinez; third row from left, Cole Etheredge, Robbie Rinehart, Jeremy Garza and Hector Torres. Coaches for the team are Kim Billingsley, Les Rinehart and Joe Garza. (Contributed Photo)

Spurs come back to top Suns

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The lineup was new. The diamond rings were nice and shiny and the crowd was going crazy.

Then the new season started for the defending NBA champions San Antonio Spurs, who quickly learned they've got a few kinks to iron out if they expect to win another title.

On a night the Spurs received their championship rings during a pregame ceremony with commissioner David Stern, San Antonio overcame a 15-point first-quarter deficit and survived a series of last-second shots to beat Phoenix 83-82 on Tuesday.

"They jumped on us early and got a big lead, but we fought back," said guard Ron Mercer, who had 11 points in his first game for San Antonio. "That's the heart of a champion. No one gave up."

Dallas signs troubled lineman

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. (AP) — A year after his arrest on drug and weapons charges and dismissal from the Arkansas team, defensive lineman Jermaine Brooks has made the practice squad of the Dallas Cowboys.

Brooks was signed to the Dallas Cowboys' squad Monday, club spokesman Brett Daniels said Tuesday.

Brooks started 13 games for the Razorbacks and was an All-SEC academic player. He set a school record against Auburn with five tackles for a loss.

Brooks sold 3 pounds of marijuana to a man who cooperated with police. Police also seized 7 ½ pounds of marijuana, 6 guns and $16,841 in cash from Brooks' apartment near campus last October.

In March, Brooks was sentenced to 20 years in prison with 10 years suspended. But, a plea bargain with prosecutors allowed Brooks to enter a boot camp program and he was released in late August.

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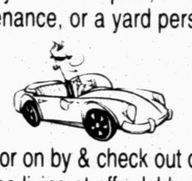

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION FOR WATER QUALITY TPDES PERMIT AMENDMENT FOR MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER

PERMIT NO. 10056-001

APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION. City of Snyder, P.O. Box 1341, Snyder, Texas 79550-1341, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a major amendment to TPDES Permit No. 10056-001 to remove effluent limitations and monitoring requirements for total mercury. The proposed amendment requests to authorize the irrigation of 3.5 acres of ballfields and the construction of a storage pond. This application was submitted to the TCEQ on January 28, 2003.

The facility is located southeast of the City of Snyder, at a point approximately 5/8 mile south of Farm-to-Market Road 1605 and one mile east of State Highway 350 in Scurry County, Texas. The disposal sites are located on the campus of the Western Texas College. The treated effluent is discharged to Deep Creek; thence to Big Sulphur Creek; thence to Colorado River Below Lake J. B. Thomas in Segment No. 1412 of the Colorado River Basin. The unclassified receiving water uses are intermediate aquatic life uses for Deep Creek. The designated uses for Segment No. 1412 are high aquatic life uses and contact recreation. In accordance with 30 TAC §307.5 and the TCEQ implementation procedures for the Texas Surface Water Quality Standards, an antidegradation review of the receiving waters was performed. This review has preliminarily determined that no high quality waters have been identified in the stream reach assessed, no significant degradation is expected of high quality waters downstream and that existing uses will be maintained and protected.

The TCEQ executive director has completed the technical review of the application and prepared a draft permit. The draft permit, if approved, would establish the conditions under which the facility must operate. The executive director has made a preliminary decision that this permit, if issued, meets all statutory and regulatory requirements. The permit application, fact sheet, statement of basis/technical summary and executive director's preliminary decision, and draft permit are available for viewing and copying at the Snyder City Hall, 1925 24th Street, Snyder, Texas.

PUBLIC COMMENT / PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting about this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit written or oral comment or to ask questions about the application. Generally, the TCEQ will hold a public meeting if the executive director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

Written public comments and requests for a public meeting should be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087 within 30 days of the date of newspaper publication of the notice.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING. After the deadline for public comments, the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. **The response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or who requested to be on a mailing list for this application. If comments are received, the mailing will also provide instructions for requesting a contested case hearing or reconsideration of the executive director's decision**. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in a state district court.

A contested case hearing will only be granted based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on issues that were raised during the public comment period and not withdrawn. Issues that are not raised in public comments may not be considered during a hearing.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ACTION. The executive director may issue final approval of the application unless a timely contested case hearing request or a timely request for reconsideration is filed. If a timely hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed, the executive director will not issue final approval of the permit and will forward the application and requests to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

MAILING LIST. In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list to receive future public notices mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk. You may request to be added to: (1) the mailing list for this specific application; (2) the permanent mailing list for a specific applicant name and permit number; and/or (3) the permanent mailing list for a specific county. Clearly specify which mailing list(s) to which you wish to be added and send your request to the TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address above. Unless you otherwise specify, you will be included only on the mailing list for this specific application.

INFORMATION. If you need more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the TCEQ Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. General information about the TCEQ can be found at our web site at www.tceq.state.tx.us.

Further information may also be obtained from City of Snyder at the address stated above or by calling Mr. John W. Gayle at 325-573-4957.

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Wired kids: Today's youth are riding the wave of technology

WASHINGTON (AP) — If kids today seem more wired than ever, it's because they are.

About 90 percent of people ages 5 to 17 use computers and 59 percent of them use the Internet — rates that are, in both cases, higher than those of adults.

Even kindergartners are becoming more plugged in: One out of four 5-year-olds uses the Internet.

The figures come from a new Education Department analysis of computer and Internet use by children and adolescents in 2001. A second report from the agency, based on 2002 data, shows 99 percent of public schools have Internet access, up from 35 percent eight years ago.

"Children are often the first adopters of a lot of technology," said John Bailey, who oversees educational technology for the department. "They grow up with it. They don't have to adapt to it. ... Students, by and large, are dominating the Internet population."

By the time they're 10 years old, 60 percent of children use the Internet. That number grows to almost 80 percent for kids who are 16.

And, like adults, young people are going online for a range of reasons, the research shows. Almost three in four use the Internet for help with school assignments, while more than half use it for writing e-mail, sending instant messages to friends or playing games.

Girls, who not long ago used computers and the Internet at lower rates than boys, have essentially eliminated that difference, the research says. But there are other notable gaps.

Almost two-thirds of young white people use the Internet, but less than half of black people ages 5 to 17 do, and slightly more than a third of Hispanic young people log on. Part of the reason is access — 80 percent of black students use computers at school, for example, but only 41 percent do so at home, according to the 2001 report.

"Education is the way we make sure to build technology into the experience for all children," said Rosemarie Young, principal of Watson Lane Elementary in Louisville, Ky. "It's like school has been able to become the common denominator."

From rural areas to the suburbs to cities, almost every public school is wired for the Internet and schools now have one computer with Internet access for every five students, the research shows.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Two separate neurological disorders

DEAR DR. GOTT: Is there a relation between epilepsy and narcolepsy? My daughter was recently diagnosed with epilepsy. I have narcolepsy and a second daughter suffers from yet another neurological disease. I'm an old lady now, so my problems don't really bother me, but I am very concerned about my daughters.

DEAR READER: Epilepsy is a type of seizure disorder caused by recurring, random bursts of electricity in the brain. It is diagnosed by a brain wave test (EEG) and is treated with anticonvulsant drugs (Dilantin and others). Although some instances of epilepsy follow head injuries, most cases are inherited.

Narcolepsy, on the other hand, is a peculiar neurological disorder of unknown cause, marked by sudden sleep attacks at unpredictable times. It is treated with stimulant drugs (Ritalin and others).

The two disorders are, to my knowledge, unrelated. Yet I cannot explain why three women in your family have three separate neurological diseases. Perhaps you can find an answer by directing your questions to your daughter's neurologist. Maybe he is aware of some common denominator that you all share. In any case, epilepsy and narcolepsy are treatable; this fact should lessen your concerns.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Epilepsy: The Falling Sickness." 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: It angers me when you advise people to stay clear of reflexologists. You don't know what you're talking about. Ten years ago I was in excruciating pain from sciatica. My doctor only prescribed painkillers and modified my activity. Eventually I went to a reflexologist who fixed me up in two sessions. You have no right to condemn something about which you know nothing.

DEAR READER: I'm sorry that standard medical opinion irritates you. There have been no valid scientific studies that show any value whatsoever from the practice of reflexology, whose proponents claim that exerting pressure on the feet will cure serious diseases.

There are, however, several excellent studies reporting that patients with back problems fared better if they remained active and merely allowed the natural healing process to take place; low back pain usually disappears, in time, regardless of what treatment is used.

I'll bet that your "sciatica" would have resolved itself without reflexology if you had been more patient with your doctor than you are with me.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Do Asians and African-Americans have to worry about skin cancer, or is this problem restricted to fair-skinned people?

DEAR READER: Dark skinned individuals and Asians are bedeviled by skin cancers, but not to the extent that Caucasians are. Although chronic exposure to the ultraviolet light in sunshine has been shown to increase the risk of dermal malignancies in all races, the exact cause of these common cancers remains elusive.

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 10-29-03
♠ A K 7 5 2
♥ A 6 5 3
♦ 8
♣ K 6 4

West
♠ J 9 8 6 4
♥ 8 7 2
♦ Q 7 6 4
♣ 2

East
♠ Q 10
♥ J 10 9 4
♦ J 10 9
♣ Q 9 8 7

South
♠ 3
♥ K Q
♦ A K 5 3 2
♣ A J 10 5 3

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
1 ♦	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
2 ♣	Pass	2 ♥	Pass
3 ♣	Pass	4 ♣	Pass
4 NT	Pass	5 ♥	Pass
6 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♠ 6

Wednesday, Oct. 29, 2003

Two magazines from across the pond

By Phillip Alder

There are two independently published bridge magazines in England. First, let's look at Bridge Magazine, which began in May 1926, making it the world's oldest. It has a varied content, but aims primarily at tournament players.

Here is a problem devised by Patrick Jourdain. Assume you are South, the declarer in six no-trump. How would you plan the play after West leads a low spade?

Jourdain, lucky fellow, didn't have to give an auction. This is the best I could produce, with two hearts being fourth-suit game-forcing. Of course, in the real world, South would probably select six clubs, which should make easily enough.

If we ignore obscure squeeze chances, you should try for these 12 tricks: two spades, three hearts, two diamonds and five clubs. However, your communications are tenuous, making it difficult to get those three heart tricks.

The best line is to win trick one with dummy's spade king, then to play a club to your 10, taking a first-round finesse. Assuming it wins, unblock the king-queen of hearts, cross to dummy's club king, and cash both major-suit aces, discarding diamonds from your hand. Finally, if necessary, repeat the club finesse.

Note that you succeed even when East has queen-fourth of clubs. You lose when West has a singleton club queen, but that is much less likely than a low singleton.

Full details are available at www.bridgemagazine.co.uk.

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Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP)

	High	Low	Last	Chg
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AT&T Corp rs	19.34	18.80	19.31	-.63
Albertsons	19.87	19.40	19.82	+.17
Alltel	47.93	47.61	47.64	-.11
AmElPw	28.83	28.55	28.62	-.21
AndarkPtr	42.26	41.63	41.96	+.25
ATMOS Egy	24.93	24.76	24.92	+.18
Avaya	15.28	15.00	15.27	+.07
BP PLC	42.07	41.80	41.98	-.25
BakerHughes	28.35	27.89	27.90	-.24
BankofAmer	73.97	72.57	73.95	+1.10
BellSouth	26.01	25.53	25.76	+.43
BurlNoSFe	28.93	28.40	28.86	+.35
Caterpillar	73.34	72.00	73.29	+.51
CenterPoint	9.91	9.69	9.91	+.21
ChevronTex	73.57	73.07	73.17	-.22
Citigroup	47.70	47.12	47.22	-.36
CocaCola	45.95	45.00	45.85	+.47
ColgatePal	51.49	50.95	51.40	+.24
CmclMetals	24.60	24.22	24.26	-.34
ConocoPhil	59.99	55.07	56.78	-.19
Cooper Inds	51.61	51.05	51.56	-.10
DaimlrChry	36.41	36.03	36.36	-.26
DeltaAirl	13.22	12.97	13.13	+.08
Dillards Inc	16.70	16.31	16.32	-.28
DowChem	36.95	36.36	36.95	+.12
DuPont	39.99	39.41	39.63	-.36
EastmanChem	32.50	31.90	32.40	+.28
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EDS Corp	21.80	21.53	21.61	-.16
Entergy	54.55	54.23	54.29	-.21
ExxonMobil	38.00	37.01	37.77	-.23
FootLocker	18.00	17.80	17.88	-.02
GenDynam	84.99	83.19	84.73	+1.54
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GaPacific	26.13	25.85	26.13	-.02
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Goodyear	6.73	6.52	6.68	+.13
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Hanson PLC	34.42	34.25	34.41	+.10
HarteHanks	19.89	19.79	19.86	+.17
HomeDepot	37.39	37.11	37.21	-.29
Honeywellint	29.61	29.21	29.27	-.37
IBM	89.94	89.15	89.53	-.37
IntlPaper	38.64	38.30	38.57	-.21
JohnsonJn	50.56	48.05	48.20	-2.34
KinderMorg	53.23	53.05	53.17	+.07
Kroger Co	17.46	17.17	17.45	-.01
LockheedM	46.68	44.01	46.11	+.60
Lowes Cos	59.91	59.34	59.47	-.48
Lubys	2.57	2.47	2.53	+.06
LucentTech	3.05	2.88	3.03	+.14
MarathonOil	29.39	29.20	29.23	-.09
MayDeptStr	27.21	26.94	27.04	-.17
Medtronic	47.00	46.50	46.74	-.04
Motorola	13.61	13.27	13.59	+.20
NCR Corp	35.98	35.74	35.94	+.02
Navistar	40.19	39.65	40.12	+.05
PNM Resrcs	29.45	29.30	29.30	-.16
Penney JC	24.72	24.36	24.51	-.21
PepBoys	19.38	19.15	19.33	+.03
PepsiCo	48.59	48.03	48.04	-.46
PhelpDodge	60.10	55.90	59.49	+3.60
PilgrmPrd B	12.85	12.60	12.71	-.19
Praxair	67.53	65.00	67.51	+1.56
ProctGamb	97.55	97.08	97.51	+.01
RadioShack	30.06	29.71	29.81	-.55
RoyalDut	44.29	44.10	44.15	-.44
SBC Comm	23.74	23.46	23.49	-.10
SaraLee	19.40	19.19	19.31	+.02
Scripps EW	93.70	92.81	93.64	+.81
SearsRoeb	51.71	51.17	51.62	-.09
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Sunoco Inc	41.98	41.78	41.95	+.06
TXU Corp	22.86	22.70	22.83	+.03
TempleInland	51.14	50.65	50.94	+.29
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Textron	48.94	48.53	48.88	+.10
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TylerTech	7.75	7.69	7.75	+.08
UnionPacf	61.54	61.04	61.24	-.26
USSteel	22.38	21.00	22.28	+.25
UnitedTech	84.71	84.00	84.39	+.30
Unocal	32.15	31.20	31.72	+.52
VerizonComm	33.30	33.00	33.04	-.04
WalMart	58.68	58.32	58.58	-.18
WellsFargo	54.91	54.49	54.75	-.16
WstnGasRs	41.90	41.60	41.82	+.06
WinnDixie	8.10	7.94	8.00	+.05
Xerox Cp	10.90	10.64	10.72	-.02
YumBrands	33.58	33.21	33.57	+.11

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MAJOR BREAKTHROUGH

New pill targets fat and water in the abdomen that cause the pot belly

Developed from studies at the Universities of Yale, Pittsburgh, UCLA, and California

By John Whitehead, Media Services

A major new breakthrough pill with ingredients that target abdominal fat and water that cause the pot belly has been announced by BioTech Research™.

The brand name of this pill is AbGONE™. It is now available to the public.

AbGONE™ was developed from concepts in research conducted at the Universities of Yale, Pittsburgh, UCLA, and California and by BioTech Research. It was found in this research that fat in the abdomen is different than the rest of your body. And, there are 2 types of abdominal fat, outer fat and intestinal fat.

Certain factors cause fat to collect in the abdominal area in excess.

But what makes abdominal fat different from the rest of the fat in the body also provided researchers with a way to target it with a number of natural substances to reduce both types of abdominal fat. They also found a way to reduce excess abdominal water.

The lead developer of this remarkable new pill, AbGONE™, with these ingredients that target abdominal fat and water, was Rehan Jalali, nationally recognized nutritionist and author for BioTech Research®.

Here is my eye-opening interview with Mr. Jalali. Research studies are noted and referenced in this interview.*

Q. Mr. Jalali, how did you develop this remarkable AbGONE™ pill with ingredients that target fat and water in the abdomen?

A. It took five years to develop the AbGONE™ pill.

We started out by reviewing large volumes of research that had been done on why so much fat is disproportionately stored in the abdomen. This research was conducted at Yale University.[2]

This research found that abdominal fat was different than in the rest of the body.

From this initial research, we knew we could develop a pill to target abdominal fat.

We also found that there were harmful effects of abdominal excess fat and excess retained water. These included the fact that people with a pot belly had a greater tendency to certain health problems. We also found that they had social difficulties and had greater rates of unemployment and divorce.[3]

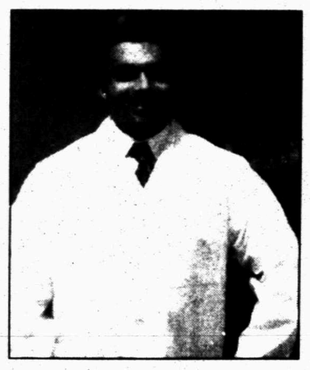
Q. It has always been thought in the scientific community that you could not spot reduce fat. Is that not true?

A. The ingredients in AbGONE™ do not spot reduce ordinary fat. They help reduce ordinary fat uniformally over the entire body. The ingredients in AbGONE™ enable the body to reduce excess water and fat in the abdomen that the body could not reduce before. And they help inhibit the excess collection of abdominal fat in the future. Therefore, the abdomen is reduced in size much better than before.

Q. How is abdominal fat different from other fat in the body?

A. Abdominal fat is much more sensitive to a certain hormone which enlarges the fat. I will elaborate shortly.

There are basically two different types of fat in the body. The first is outer fat found under the skin surface. The second is intestinal fat which is deep in the abdomen.



AbGONE™ lead developer Rehan Jalali is a nationally recognized nutritionist and author who has appeared in NEWSWEEK, Muscle & Fitness, Oxygen, Men's Fitness, Muscle Media and many other magazines and scientific journals. He has developed over 100 cutting edge products for the nutritional supplement industry.

Now, this is important.

It is possible to reduce nearly all of the surface fat in the body but still have significant abdominal intestinal fat.

That is why, even when people become super thin and have no visible fat on their body, they often still have a pot belly. That is because the intestinal fat is still collected deep in the abdomen.

Q. How do the ingredients in AbGONE™ help reduce abdominal surface and intestinal fat?

A. We found in a number of research studies on laboratory animals, later confirmed in human studies, a substance called Conjugated Linoleic Acid (CLA). CLA has been shown to directly stimulate a substance called Uncoupling Protein 1 (UCP1). You can think of UCP1 as a match that lights the fuse in fat. This fuse induces thermogenesis which is heat production that can result in subsequent fat loss.

Studies have shown that you can target abdominal fat with CLA and reduce abdominal fat within 4 weeks. AbGONE™ contains a good dose of CLA.

There are also a number of other beneficial affects to CLA that help decrease the future storage of fat.

Q. How can CLA help decrease the future storage of fat?

A. CLA interferes with an enzyme called lipopropeinlipase (LL). LL is an enzyme that helps store fat in the body[16]. So, by inhibiting this fat-storing enzyme LL, CLA can lower the re-accumulation of fat.

CLA also helps the body use its existing fat for energy, thereby increasing fat oxidation and energy expenditure.

Q. What is the hormone that causes fat to accumulate disproportionately in the body?

A. The hormone Cortisol has been found in studies at UCLA, Yale and many other universities to directly contribute to the collection of fat in the abdomen.[8] Cortisol is a catabolic hormone that breaks down dead or damaged tissues so they can be eliminated by the body. Lower levels of Cortisol have some functional effects. Higher levels of Cortisol are harmful.

These university studies found that stress directly increases Cortisol levels to the point of being harmful.[9]

These stress-induced Cortisol level increases have been linked to increasing abdominal fat.[9] The reason for this is that there are 4 times more Cortisol receptors in abdominal fat than there are in fat in the rest of the body.[10] This is why abdominal fat is much more sensitive to the fat accumulating effects of Cortisol.

Abdominal fat responds to circulating Cortisol levels by further increasing in size.[10] And, these large central fat deposits in the abdomen can contribute to problems and promote other risk factors like high cholesterol levels and insulin resistance.[10]

According to research at the University of California in San Francisco, higher levels of Cortisol and stress can actually increase appetite, especially cravings for sweet foods.[11] So it's a cascading effect causing people to get fatter and fatter.

Therefore it is imperative to stop high levels of Cortisol in its tracks if you want to reduce abdominal fat.

Q. So how do you control Cortisol levels?

A. The simplest way is to eliminate stress in your life. However, with modern life, eliminating stress is virtually impossible. The alternative is to use nutriceuticals that studies indicate reduce Cortisol levels. We also put these all natural nutriceuticals in AbGONE™.

Q. Can you tell me more about these nutriceuticals in AbGONE™ shown to reduce Cortisol?

A. Yes I can. There are certain vitamins and minerals that have been shown to reduce Cortisol levels in high stress situations.[12] But you can't just take a multiple vitamin to reduce Cortisol because there's a lot of other things that you need to have in order for them to work.

One of these critical nutrients that you need is Phosphatidylserine (PS). Several studies at the University of Naples in Italy and at Cal State University in the U.S. indicate that PS can lower cortisol levels. PS has another good side effect in that it is also a brain power booster. The stopping of excessive Cortisol is also important for your psychological condition. It may help improve mood and reduce anxiety.[13+14]

These synergistic nutrients in AbGONE™ specifically target abdominal fat as aforementioned. Fat in the abdomen also has more Cortisol receptors than does white fat in the rest of the body as aforementioned. So lowering Cortisol levels can help reduce fat in the abdomen.

Eating too much sugars also affect abdominal fat which is also addressed in the AbGONE™ ingredients.

Q. How are blood sugars addressed in the AbGONE™ ingredients?

A. AbGONE™ contains a highly absorbable form of chromium, a trace mineral shown to have powerful benefits in regulating blood sugar levels. Chromium works by enhancing insulin sensitivity[17]. So, basically, less sugars are stored in fat.

Q. Are there any other benefits to the AbGONE™ ingredients?

A. The answer to the question is a yes. Not only do the ingredients gradually target and reduce abdominal fat, but they also have a multitude of health and other benefits. These include anti-oxidant effects, supporting healthy blood sugar levels, neurological boosting effects, preserving lean body mass, and supporting optimal water balance.

A lot of the excess pounds that people carry is excess water which is not needed by the body and can be harmful.

AbGONE™ also contains an exotic herb, Dandelion Root, that studies have shown can help decrease excess water in the body.[15] This can really help reduce and show a firm abdomen because large amounts of the excess water is in the abdomen. Men can show the "six pack" and women can get that smooth, firm, flat abdomen.

Therefore, AbGONE™ has triple action ingredients that helps support abdominal fat loss and a healthy body.

Q. Can you summarize these 3 components of the AbGONE™ ingredients?

A. Yes, I would like to preface that by the fact that you need all 3 of these components working to properly reduce abdominal fat, reduce the overall size of the abdomen and maximize the appearance of the abdomen. These 3 mechanisms of action are:

1. The AbGONE™ ingredients create thermogenesis, which reduces both surface and intestine abdominal fat and helps inhibit future formation of these abdominal fats.

2. AbGONE™ ingredients help lower harmful high Cortisol levels which have been linked to increasing both surface and intestinal abdominal fat and causing binge eating. Therefore, they help reduce both surface and intestinal abdominal fat.

3. AbGONE™ ingredients help support optimal body water balance. Therefore, you are not carrying all of those excess pounds caused by excess body water. Excess body water can increase the size of the abdomen and hide your abdominal muscles as well as other muscles and make you look puffy and flabby.

Q. Does AbGONE™ contain Ephedra or other harmful stimulants?

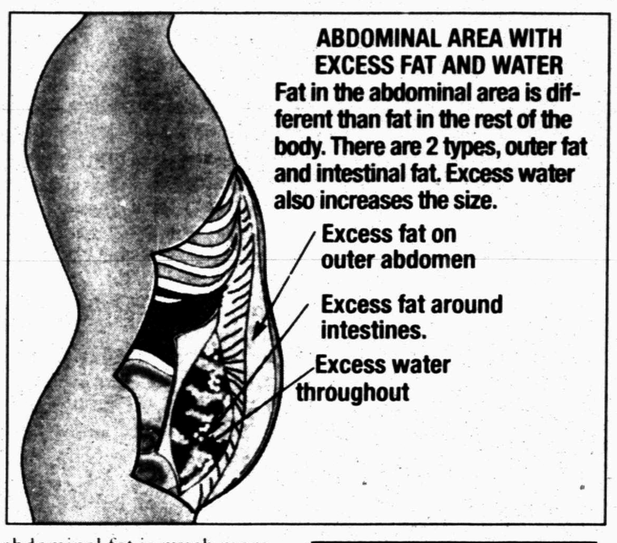
A. Absolutely not. The ingredients in AbGONE™ are non-stimulant. The only side effects of the ingredients you should see in AbGONE™ are a better appearance, better mental function, and better health. Proper eating and exercise can further potentiate the effects of AbGONE™.

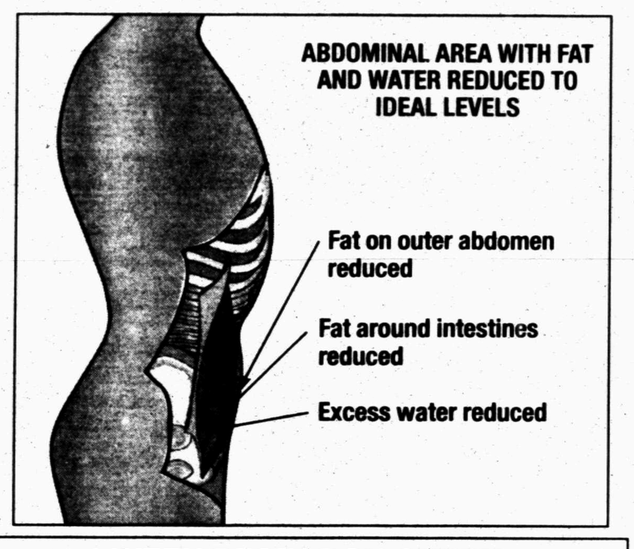
AbGONE™ pills come in a 30-day supply bottle. University studies show people can reduce their abdominal fat in 30 days. AbGONE™ will not be in stores for an extended period until we can get enough AbGONE™ ingredients, which are costly and time consuming to produce, in high quantity for store inventories. In the meantime, readers can order direct from BioTech Research®.

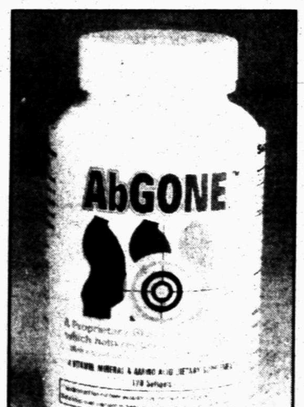
End of interview.

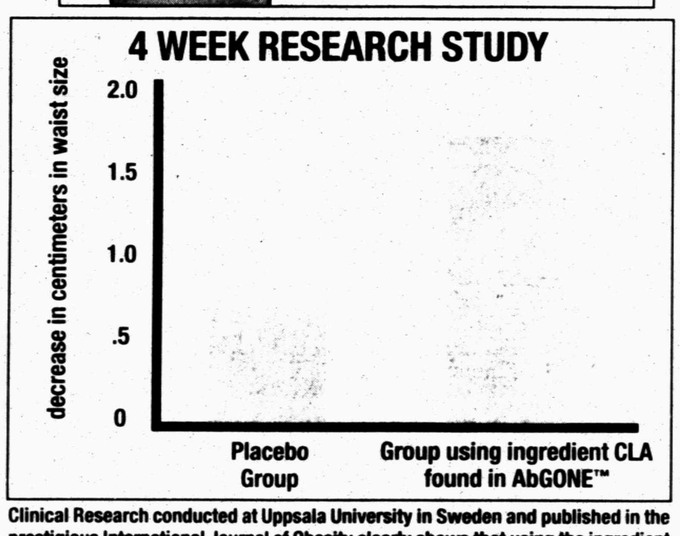
Today readers of the publication can get AbGONE™ at a major discount if they order in 10 days from the date of this publication. The price of a 30-day supply of AbGONE™ is $39 plus $3.95 shipping and handling for a total of $42.95. But, for this 10 day sale, readers can get a $10 discount with free shipping and handling and pay only $29 delivered. For readers who want to obtain a 30-day supply of AbGONE™ at this 10 day sale price please see the Readers Discount Coupon on this page. There is a strict limit of 3 bottles at this discount price - no exceptions please. Those readers ordering after 10 days from the date of this publication must pay regular price.

You can say good-bye to your pot belly









Clinical Research conducted at Uppsala University in Sweden and published in the prestigious International Journal of Obesity clearly shows that using the ingredient CLA in AbGONE™ had a stunning 2.14 times greater reduction in waist circumference and a significant lowering of abdominal adipose tissue (abdominal outer and intestinal fat) as compared to a placebo.

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For intelligence work and to increase security

Americans to recruit more Iraqis

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States will recruit more Iraqis to gather information about opposition fighters and may increase security measures to protect troops, President Bush said as he outlined ways the military was switching tactics to deal with a rise in deadly attacks.

"We're constantly looking at the enemy and adjusting," the president said at a Rose Garden news conference Tuesday. "Iraq is dangerous, and it's dangerous because terrorists want us to leave, and we're not leaving."

Bush and Pentagon officials said Americans may install more security barriers and take other measures to "harden" potential targets after suicide bombings killed more than three dozen people in Baghdad on Monday. More importantly, the United States will step up its efforts to involve Iraqis in the hunt for Saddam Hussein loyalists and foreign fighters, Bush said.

"We've got to make sure that not only we harden targets, but that we get actionable intelligence to intercept the missions before they begin," the president said. "That means more Iraqis involved in the intelligence-gathering systems in their country so that they are active participants in securing the country from further harm."

But a scathing internal report on the Army's information gathering in Iraq found intelligence specialists on the ground unprepared for their jobs and with little ability to analyze what they hear.

The Army report found the service's intelligence specialists in Iraq "did not appear to be prepared for tactical assignments" and often exhibited "weak intelligence briefing skills" and "very little to no analytical skills."

The criticism came in a report by a four-member team from the Center for Army Lessons Learned, the Army's agency for pushing commanders to learn from mistakes. The team visited Army units in Iraq during the first two weeks of June and released its report on an Army Web site last week.

A particular problem, the team said, has been finding enough competent Arabic interpreters to help American forces. Many of the interpreters don't have much training for their jobs and only enough specialized knowledge "to tell the difference between a burro and a burrito," the Army report said.

Commanders in Iraq have said for months they were working to improve their intelligence gathering to try to prevent attacks against coalition troops and the Iraqis who help them. They've claimed some successes by rounding up or killing many of the top 55 most wanted members of former Iraqi President Saddam Hussein's government and encouraging more Iraqis to tip off troops to weapons caches and opposition fighters.

Yet American officials say they still don't know who is behind the car bombings that have been striking Baghdad for more than two months, despite the efforts of 130,000 U.S. troops, 22,000 other coalition troops, more than 80,000 Iraqi security forces and dozens of FBI agents.

No suspects in those bombings have been apprehended except for a man carrying a Syrian passport who was shot while trying to detonate a car bomb Monday in Baghdad, a senior defense official said Tuesday.

The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said he did not know of any useful information about the bombings gathered from any of the thousands of Iraqis being detained by the Americans.

So far, America's high-tech gadgets — its biggest advantage in many wars — have had only mixed success in Iraq.

Spy satellites and reconnaissance drones are unable to maintain a constant presence over Baghdad.

Rescuers find alive majority of miners

NOVOSHAKHTINSK, Russia (AP) — Search crews blasted through solid rock to rescue 11 of 13 coal miners who emerged covered in soot today after six days trapped in a deep shaft in southern Russia. One miner died underground and another remained missing, emergency officials said.

Rescuers working around the clock reached the men today morning after drillers punched through to the pit face where the miners had sought refuge following a flood.

"The guys looked fine for people who have been trapped in a mine for six days. They came out themselves," said Alexander Smetalin, one of the rescuers. "They were found in the northern part of the mine. They were lying there all together."

Smetalin said that the miners had climbed an incline in the shaft in the Zapadnaya mine that kept them above the level of the icy water. The missing miner apparently had left the others in hopes of finding a way out, and rescuers were continuing to search for him, officials said.

Most of the miners walked out of the shaft on their own. Black dust coated their faces and thick blankets were draped over their shoulders.

Relatives who had kept vigil outside the mine in the Rostov-on-Don region, about 600 miles south of Moscow, cried out their names as a crowd of doctors, policemen and rescue workers surrounded the men and hustled them into waiting ambulances.

The last live miner was carried out of the shaft on a stretcher shortly after noon. Rescue workers said he apparently was suffering from exposure but was conscious and responsive.

The Interfax news agency said that the director of the mine, Vasily Avdeyev, who was among those trapped, had survived. Rescuers carried up the body of the dead miner last.

As the rescue operation unfolded in southern Russia early today, five miners were killed in a mine explosion in the Primorye region of the Russian Far East. Sixty-six other miners were rescued after the blast in the town of Partizansk, said Viktor Beltsov.

Probated sentences are handed down

Two five-year probated sentences were handed down Friday in 132nd District Court.

Saul Salinas, 25, of 2607 Ave. U pleaded guilty to an Aug. 16 charge of evading arrest.

District Judge Ernie Armstrong sentenced Salinas to two years in a Texas Department of Criminal Justice state jail facility, probated for five years. Salinas also was fined $750.

Cristo Simmons of Rotan pleaded guilty to possession of a controlled substance, cocaine, on May 10.

Simmons, 27, was sentenced to serve two years in a state jail facility, probated for five years, and fined $1,000.

Reckless drivers reported to police

Reckless Driver

Two reports of reckless driving were reported to authorities Tuesday evening.

The first call was made anonymously at 3:39 p.m. The caller reported that a gray and white Chevrolet Blazer was operating in a dangerous manner in the 200 block 34th Street. The responding officer did make contact with the driver.

The second complaint was reported at 6:35 p.m. A caller reported that someone was "popping wheelies" on a motorcycle in front of the Taco Bell on College Avenue. The caller further advised that the cyclist was headed south on College without a helmet.

An officer responded, but was unable to locate the driver at that time. An attempt to locate the subject would be maintained.

Possible Shots Fired

A citizen reporting the sound of three shots being fired behind her residence on 23rd Street placed a call at 6:17 p.m. to police. An officer was dispatched, but was unable to locate anyone with a gun.

Unattended Death

An ambulance and officers were requested at a Cedar Creek residence at 5:14 a.m. today. The JP was called and ruled the circumstance an unattended death.

Officer Requested

A caller requested to speak with an officer at 10:11 p.m. regarding the problem with juvenile's shoe polishing cars parked in the high school parking lot. An officer made contact with the complainant and advised of the proper steps to take.

Gas Drive Off

A gas drive off was reported to authorities at 3:59 a.m. today from the Allsup's in Hermleigh. The caller reported that a white male wearing a T-shirt and blue jeans left in a small gray Pontiac headed in the direction of Snyder. Snyder officers checked the U.S. 84 area, but were unable to locate the vehicle.

Alarm

ADT Securities notified dispatchers about an alarm going off at the Taco Bell at 2:33 this morning. An officer made contact with a Taco Bell employee at the scene and found that everything was in order and the alarm had reset itself.

Obituaries

Harold Robbins

1941-2003

Harold Edward Robbins, longtime Scurry County resident, died early today at his home in Snyder following a lengthy illness.

Robbins

A memorial service for Mr. Robbins, 62, is set for 2 p.m. Friday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. He will be cremated.

He was born on March 23, 1941 in Brownfield and married Rita Camp on April 28, 1961 in Sweetwater.

Mr. Robbins moved with his family to Hermleigh in 1948 from Brownfield and graduated from Hermleigh High School in 1959.

Mr. Robbins owned and operated Merchants Motor Freight in Snyder for 12 years and farmed and ranched. He retired in 1996 after 11 years with the Scurry County Sheriff's Department.

Survivors include his wife, Rita Robbins of Snyder; a daughter and son-in-law, Carol and Richard Marath of Arlington; his mother, Faye Robbins of Abilene; a sister and brother-in-law, Geenita and Morris Sturdivant of Clyde; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Bill and Darlene Robbins of Snyder and Ted and Diane Robbins of Lubbock; and a granddaughter, Kiara Marath of Arlington.

Vera Baize

1914-2003

Vera Mae Baize, a former resident of Snyder, died Tuesday, Oct. 28, in Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene after a lengthy illness.

Funeral service for Mrs. Baize, 89, is set for 2 p.m. Thursday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel with Mr. Paige Baize of Wingate officiating. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Born Sept. 7, 1914 in Jones County, she married Bentley O. Baize on Jan. 19, 1936 in Anson. He died in 1978.

A longtime resident of Snyder before moving to Abilene, Mrs. Baize was a homemaker and a member of the Church of Christ.

She also was preceded in death by a son, Bryan Baize; and two sisters.

Survivors include three sons, Stanley Baize and wife Teresa of Abilene, Lyndon Baize of Austin and Keith Baize of San Antonio; a daughter-in-law, Cynthia Mobley of Odessa; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be held from 6 to 7 this evening at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Ina Mae Hardin

1912-2003

Ina Mae Hardin, a former resident of Snyder, died Sunday, Oct. 26, at her home in Garden Grove, Calif., after a lengthy illness.

Graveside service for Mrs. Hardin, 91, is set for 2 p.m. Saturday in Hillside Memorial Gardens under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home. A son, Robert Hardin of El Paso, will officiate.

Born June 30, 1912 in Loraine, she was married to E.J. Hardin on Feb. 2, 1930 in Abilene. He died on Nov. 10, 1980.

Mrs. Hardin moved from Snyder to Escondido, Calif., and had lived in Garden Grove the past seven years.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Margie and Corley McNitt of Garden Grove; two other sons and daughters-in-law, Richard and Peggy Hardin of Snyder and Cary and Beth Hardin of Decatur; nine grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

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Partly cloudy. Gusty winds in the afternoon. Warm. High 84F.	Partly cloudy. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the mid 50s.	Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the low 50s.
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TEXAS AT A GLANCE

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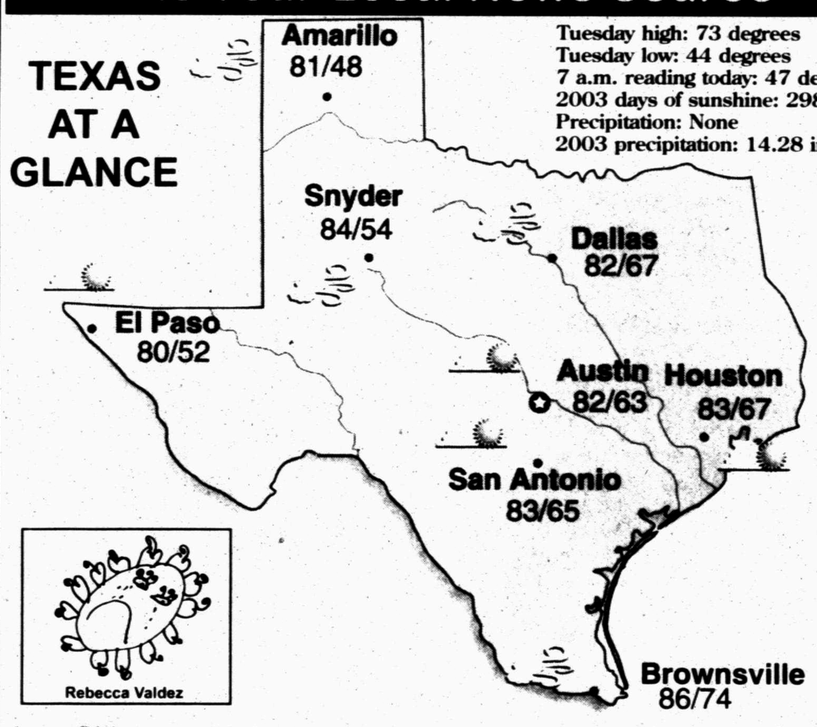
2003 precipitation: 14.28 inches



Rebecca Valdez

Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	85	60	windy	El Paso	80	52	pt sunny	Midland	84	56	windy
Amarillo	81	48	windy	Fort Stockton	84	55	mst sunny	Raymondville	86	72	windy
Austin	82	63	pt sunny	Gainesville	82	63	windy	Rosenberg	83	66	pt sunny
Beaumont	82	64	pt sunny	Greenville	82	65	windy	San Antonio	83	65	pt sunny
Brownsville	86	74	windy	Houston	83	67	pt sunny	San Marcos	83	63	pt sunny
Brownwood	85	61	pt sunny	Kingsville	86	71	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	82	64	windy
Corpus Christi	83	72	pt sunny	Livingston	82	62	pt sunny	Sweetwater	85	58	pt sunny
Corsicana	83	63	windy	Longview	81	63	pt sunny	Tyler	82	64	windy
Dallas	82	67	windy	Lubbock	83	53	windy	Weatherford	82	63	windy
Del Rio	83	65	mst sunny	Lufkin	82	62	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	88	60	windy

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	76	47	sunny	Houston	83	67	pt sunny	Phoenix	86	59	pt sunny
Boston	59	43	mst sunny	Los Angeles	64	54	cloudy	San Francisco	58	47	windy
Chicago	70	60	pt sunny	Miami	88	76	pt sunny	Seattle	50	32	mst sunny
Dallas	82	67	windy	Minneapolis	50	37	rain	St. Louis	76	63	windy
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New	First	Full	Last
Oct 25	Nov 1	Nov 9	Nov 17

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Thu 10/30	Fri 10/31	Sat 11/1
6	5	5
Moderate	Moderate	Moderate

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Court OKs digital tuners on TV sets by 2007

WASHINGTON (AP) — All but the smallest new televisions will have to be able to receive digital TV signals by July 2007 under a government rule upheld by a federal appeals court on Tuesday.

The makers of TVs, VCRs and DVD players tried to block the Federal Communications Commission rule, saying it would make sets more expensive and was unnecessary because cable and satellite viewers don't need the tuners.

A three-judge panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit sided with the FCC, which said the requirement was needed because the industry was not moving quickly enough to make tuners available.

The tuners will be needed to receive over-the-air broadcasts after the nation switches from analog to digital signals. Congress has set a goal of December 2006 for the change.

Circuit Judge John G. Roberts wrote that despite the timeline, the FCC had found that "a logjam was blocking the development of digital TV."

"Broadcasters are unwilling to provide more DTV programming because most viewers do not own DTV equipment, and the lack of attractive DTV programming makes consumers reluctant to invest in more DTV equipment," he wrote.

The FCC, which adopted the rule last year, sought to ensure that anyone who buys a TV after July 2007 can take it home, plug it in and receive local stations without subscribing to a cable service or buying an extra tuner box for digital signals.

FCC Chairman Michael Powell said of the decision, "This will ensure that consumers are able to enjoy high-quality digital broadcast programming without the hassle and expense of hooking up a separate set-top box."

In addition to improved pictures and sound, digital television offers a range of new possibilities to broadcasters, such as sending multiple programs over the same channel or offering video games, the Internet and other interactive services.

The main initial beneficiaries of digital television are the 15 percent of TV owners who still receive their shows through antennas. They will get improved reception, with no more fuzzy pictures.

For cable and satellite subscribers, the greatest benefit is likely to be high-definition television, or HDTV, which offers better picture quality but requires a special TV. The sets cost from about $800 to thousands of dollars, though prices are dropping.

Eddie Fritts, president of the National Association of Broadcasters, called the court decision a milestone toward completing the DTV transition.

"Consumers buying TV sets will know that the receivers they buy will continue to receive all broadcast signals, even as broadcasting changes to digital," Fritts said.

The Consumer Electronics Association, which challenged the rule, contended it would boost the cost of TV sets by about $200. The FCC has said the increase was more likely to fall between $50 and $75, an estimate the appeals court found reasonable.

Association spokesman Michael Petricone said broadcasters need to do more to promote their digital television offerings and tell viewers about the improved quality of reception with TV antennas.

"Now that the mandate is in force, it's essential that consumers have HDTV to watch and that they know how to access it," Petricone said.

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