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Over 1,000 homes destroyed...

Fifteen people killed in fires in California

SIMI VALLEY, Calif. (AP) — With wind-driven flames threatening the densely populated San Fernando Valley in Los Angeles, firefighters dug in today for another brutal day battling one of the most destructive and deadly wildfire outbreaks in California history.

At least 17 deaths were blamed on the fires, 15 in Southern California and two in Mexico, as separate blazes were scattered along an arc from the suburbs northwest of Los Angeles to Ensenada, Mexico, about 60 miles south of the border. At least 1,137 homes had been destroyed in California.

More than 512,000 acres of brush, forest and homes had burned in California.

"It's a worst-case scenario. You couldn't have written anything worse than this. You can dream up horror movies, and they wouldn't be this bad," said Gene Zimmerman, supervisor of the San Bernardino National Forest, where two of the most destructive fires began last week.

A blaze in San Bernardino County called the Old Fire, which began near the forest on Saturday, had destroyed at least 450 homes and been blamed for the deaths of two people. It was 10 percent contained today.

Some of the fires were believed started by arsonists. Investigators sought two men who were seen throwing flaming objects from a van in the area of the Old Fire.

A lost hunter's signal flare ignited the so-called Cedar Fire near the mountain town of Julian in San Diego County on Saturday. That fire, the state's largest at 150,000 acres, killed 11 people. The hunter may face charges.

Many of those who died ignored evacuation orders and were caught by flames because they waited until the last minute to flee, San Diego County Sheriff Bill Kolender said.

"When you are asked to leave, do it immediately," he said. "Do not wait."

One of the biggest fire fights today was unfolding in the Santa Susana Mountains that separate Los Angeles' San Fernando Valley, where 1.3 million people live, from the Simi Valley in neighboring Ventura County to the west.

That fire, which had destroyed 16 homes since it began Saturday, was dangerously close to a gated community of million-dollar mansions in Los Angeles' Chatsworth section. It was only 5 percent contained.

Norman Turner fled his home in Chatsworth's Indian Hills Mobile Home Village on Monday afternoon.

"There was black smoke and white smoke that just came over the ridge and it started moving down the mountainside. We could see big flames," he said.

Also in Ventura County, a fire near the community of Piru was threatening approximately 300 homes today, authorities said.

Firefighters appeared to be getting one advantage, with a decrease in the Santa Ana wind. The hot, dry wind that blows from the desert down to the sea this time of year had gusted to as much as 70 mph in recent days. The wind let up on Monday and today and wasn't expected to return at least until Wednesday.

Even so, the Old Fire, which merged earlier in the week with another blaze east of Los Angeles, jumped a highway Monday and was moving as a single wall of flame toward the mountain resort town of Lake Arrowhead. The town, at an elevation of 5,100 feet, was particularly vulnerable because a beetle infestation has devastated the surrounding trees.

"It is one of our major concerns," Forest Service spokeswoman Carol Beckley said.

Officials were particularly concerned about "crowning," in which flames leap from one treetop to another.



PREPARING THE SOIL — Jesse Salazar prepares the soil around the grandstand area for new turf as construction continues on the Western Texas College baseball and softball fields. It is hoped the fields will be complete by the end of the year. (SDN Staff Photo by Annie Rowe)

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Nature is a great thing. Since most of us aren't perfect, it made most of us blind to our faults."

Now this is reality TV...

We got a news release from Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston touting a live broadcast of a patient's aortic value replacement.

The stated purpose was to educate students, surgeons and the general public about the latest minimally invasive techniques available.

Shoot, we have to shut our eyes to pull out a splinter. Where is lousy TV reception when we need it?

September 5 was the official "Be Late for Something Day."

Since it's almost November, we hope we are now fashionably late.

Ernie Sears is the only guy we know who still uses a manual typewriter.

They may put his office on the historic tour, 'cause there are school kids who have never seen a typewriter — much less one that doesn't plug in.

Sears once bought a personal computer, but says he could never get it to boot up, so he gave it the boot and vowed never to mess with one again.

Sears says there is some advantage to avoiding technology. He says the guy who still uses a rotary phone at least gets to talk to a real person.

And fancy computers at an area newspaper failed to detect a goof in the school lunch menu.

Rather than "boneless chicken," the day's entree was "boneless children."

And more of our friends are spending more time in doctor's waiting rooms.

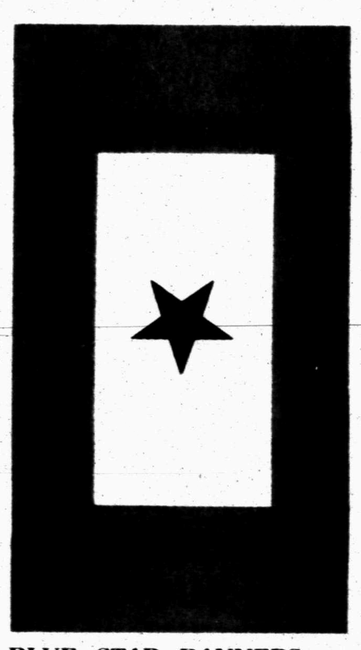
One told us the only thing to read was a woman's magazine with some tips for "getting a grip."

It told of a unique service for hotel guests as hotels are going way beyond the usual amenities like inside refreshment centers and massages.

Two hotels in California are now offering the ultimate luxury for the stressed-out traveler — psychotherapy.

At the Nob Hill Lambourne in San Francisco and the Hotel Acque in Mill Valley, a chat with the local psychologist can be arranged by phone, e-mail or in person — all for just two bucks a minute.

What next: A sleeping pill or tranquilizer on your pillow instead of a chocolate?



BLUE STAR BANNERS — Banners are available from the Sons of the American Legion for families who have relatives or friends in the service to put in their front windows in their residences. Contact Les Bohannon at 574-6805 or 207-1874 for a banner.

Car bomb kills 4 as explosions rock Iraqi city

FALLUJAH, Iraq (AP) — A car bomb exploded today near a police station on a major street in the tense city of Fallujah, killing at least four people, police said. The attack came a day after a series of suicide bombings in Baghdad left about three dozen dead.

Later today, eight massive explosions were heard after sundown in Fallujah, coming from the southern area of the city. U.S. officials in Baghdad said they were unaware of the explosions, which residents described as "deafening."

The violence in Fallujah came after a string of bold and deadly attacks in the Iraqi capital targeting the U.S.-led occupation and Iraqis who are perceived as working with it.

In Baghdad, the U.S. occupation authority announced that gunmen killed one of the capital's three deputy mayors in a hit-and-run shooting Sunday — the same day that insurgents hammered a Baghdad hotel with rockets, killing an American soldier.

Those attacks were followed on Monday with the bloodiest day in Baghdad since Saddam's regime fell more than six months ago. Suicide bombers struck the Red Cross headquarters and three police stations, killing eight Iraqi policemen, at least 26 Iraqi civilians and a U.S. soldier.

In Washington, President Bush blamed both loyalists to Saddam Hussein and foreign terrorists for the recent attacks.

"Basically what they're trying to do is cause people to run...That's what terrorists do," Bush told a Rose Garden news conference today.

After Monday's attacks, aid organizations today were weighing their role in the insurgency-plagued nation. U.S. officials were unsure who was responsible.

Investigators are trying to determine whether a would-be fifth suicide bomber is truly Syrian as he claims, an official of the U.S. occupation authority said.

The man had a Syrian passport and investigators are trying to determine if it's authentic, said the official on condition of anonymity.

Today's bomb in Fallujah, 40 miles west of Baghdad, was in a Toyota that exploded in front of a power station and about 30 yards from a school and 100 yards from a police station, witness Hamid Ali said. The target was unclear.

Tawfiq Mijbel, who was badly injured by shrapnel, said he had been driving directly behind the vehicle that exploded. "It stopped in front of the power company. A man got out, while another stayed in the car. A few seconds later it blew up," Mijbel said from his hospital bed.

Khamis Mijbal, who owns a shop opposite the spot where the car blew up said the blast produced a massive ball of fire and that debris flew in all directions.

The school was closed, but police said one body was found inside.

Ira trustees meet briefly

Ira ISD trustees met briefly Monday evening and then adjourned to the Region Service Center in Snyder for a legislative update.

"We had a good meeting," said Supt. Larry Devitt. "All we had on our agenda this month was to pay the bills."

Area sales tax rebates

City	Oct '03	Oct '02	+/-	Year '03	Year '02	+/-
Abilene	$2,095,401.58	$2,089,818.07	0.26%	$21,631,481.26	$21,332,931.20	1.39%
Big Spring	$270,960.90	$227,649.87	19.02%	$3,000,566.42	$3,103,792.99	-3.32%
Colorado City	$32,819.94	$30,087.23	9.08%	$337,018.96	$335,148.54	0.55%
Lamesa	$57,687.07	$59,274.17	-2.67%	$704,378.04	$686,017.88	2.67%
Lubbock	$2,138,682.38	$2,322,554.81	-7.91%	$23,332,862.11	$23,855,449.90	-2.19%
Post	$21,179.45	$22,047.45	-3.93%	$223,417.34	$218,939.84	2.04%
Roby	$2,210.06	$1,522.17	45.19%	$18,060.11	$17,321.89	4.26%
Rotan	$10,193.40	$11,439.35	-10.89%	$115,852.90	$112,902.52	2.61%
Snyder	$157,118.63	$123,830.06	26.88%	$1,519,153.59	$1,201,325.25	26.45%
Sweetwater	$150,561.05	$148,387.40	1.46%	$1,651,380.47	$1,538,465.09	7.33%

REBATE REMAINS STRONG — Snyder's sales tax rebate for October continues to top last year's total by a large margin. This month's rebate exceeds last year's by over $33,000, or 26.88 percent. For the year, Snyder's rebate leads all area towns in percentage increase.

Ira resident is tops in contest

Tommy Huddleston of Ira missed only one game in last week's SDN Football Contest, earning him first place and $50.

Two entrants each had two misses, and the tie-breaker procedure was used to determine the second and third place winners.

Billy Bob McMullan of 2804 35th St. captured the second place $25 by picking Snyder to defeat Seminole.

Bobby Roemisch Jr. of 2208 44th St. picked Seminole over Snyder, giving him the third place $15 prize.

As an extra bonus, those who turn in their picks by 5 p.m. Thursday, will be eligible for a drawing for three sets of football tickets to the Texas Tech-Colorado game in Lubbock on Saturday.

Deadline to enter the regular football contest is 5 p.m. on Friday.

ASK US

Q—What was first in the building that housed Davidson's IGA?

A—It was originally a Furr's Supermarket.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

Kathy Freeman...



...has been a resident of Snyder since moving here with her parents in 1950. She has one son, William Bailey, and her dog, Pee Wee. Kathy is retired, but stays very busy. She enjoys her Bible studies, playing games on her computer and working challenging crossword puzzles.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

God gave us two ears and one mouth, so we ought to listen twice as much as we speak.

—Irish Proverb

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events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Hospice caregivers dinner

Odyssey Healthcare Hospice will host a caregivers appreciation dinner at 5:30 p.m. today in the First Presbyterian Church fellowship hall.

Child welfare board meeting

The Scurry County Child Welfare Board will meet at 6:30 this evening at 3409 Snyder Shopping Center.

Title I, migrant parent meeting

A meeting for all Title I and migrant parents will be held at 6:30 p.m. today at Snyder Junior High School. Region 14 Education Service Center consultants will discuss the Trio program that targets students in grades 6-12 in preparation for college. Childcare will be provided. For additional information, contact Karen Waller at 573-5401 or Dixie Haggard, 574-6078.

Genealogical society

The genealogical society will meet at 7 tonight at the Scurry County Library. Ann Smartt will speak on "My Revolutionary Ancestor."

Gospel concert

The Toney Brothers will be featured in a gospel concert at 7 p.m. Wednesday 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 for 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 from Snyder and throughout the county 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, 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 and students meeting

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

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 Nov. 1. After that they will be $40. Call 573-2631 to reserve tickets. Lunch, snacks and free daycare will be provided. The event will kick off 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, 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.

Home for the holidays

Scurry County's annual home for the holidays, sponsored by the Texas Cooperative Extension, is set for 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 18, at the First United Methodist Church. Tickets are $8 each and must be reserved by 5 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 12. Call 573-5423 to reserve tickets.

Turkey, ham raffle

Members of Phi Theta Kappa at WTC are selling chances for a ham and a $25 gift certificate from United and also a turkey and a $25 gift certificate from United. The drawing will be held Nov. 19.

United Way packets

United Way packets are now being distributed to businesses and will be picked up by Nov. 21. Packets are bright orange. For more information, call 573-5311.

Three dead in Ransom Canyon shootings

RANSOM CANYON (AP) — Sheriff's deputies shot and killed a man suspected of fatally shooting his parents after he rammed his SUV into their home early Monday.

Authorities identified the man as Bradley Evan Calverley, 42, and his victims as Harry Calverley, 73, and Darlene Calverley, 63.

Darlene Calverley called 911 about 2:45 a.m. Monday to report someone was trying to break into her house, Lubbock County Chief Deputy Paul Scarborough said. Moments later, the emergency dispatcher heard a loud crash and two gunshots.

"There was still screaming going on after the first two shots were fired," Scarborough said.

Harry Calverley was shot first in the home's master bedroom, authorities said. His wife was found dead in a closet near the master bedroom, where she apparently hid, authorities said.

Bradley Calverley apparently killed his parents with a high-powered rifle they kept in a gun closet in their bedroom, although he was carrying a handgun when he entered the home, Scarborough said.

Both were shot from close range, he said.

Sheriff's deputies saw Bradley Calverley drive away in a damaged sport utility vehicle and started to chase him, Scarborough said. After he crashed into a ditch, Bradley Calverley ran to a nearby house and tried to break in.

When he couldn't get into the house, Calverley got into another SUV parked in the driveway. After a few minutes, he got out and one of two deputies there ordered him to drop the rifle, authorities said. They said Calverley pointed the rifle at one of the deputies and the deputies fired at him.

It was unclear whether both deputies fired and how many shots were discharged.

Three deputies were put on paid administrative leave pending an investigation of the shooting.

Scarborough said Bradley Calverley's divorce became final in May, and that his ex-wife had a protective order issued against him. The ex-wife did not live at the house and officials did not know what motivated the attack on his parents.

"I don't know that we'll ever know," Lubbock County Sheriff David Gutierrez said.

On Monday afternoon, yellow police tape cordoned off the home. Large sheets of wood covered the spot where Bradley Calverley had driven through the front of the house.

Couilla Cunningham, a nearby friend of the Calverleys, said Bradley Calverley "had problems."

She and others who regularly attended the small community's nondenominational chapel with the Calverleys had lunch with them on Sunday in Lubbock.

"They were concerned but as far as yesterday they did not mention anything," Cunningham said. "We just didn't dream anything like this would happen. We're all just absolutely devastated, can't believe it's happened."

Sue Keveryn, a real estate agent, said the couple were well-known and respected members of the community. They had moved to the town about 10 years ago from Garden City, east of Midland, after Harry Calverley retired.

Today's chuckle

Witnesses will each receive $2,000 reward

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A cab driver who shuttled a man to and from a U.S. Bank branch is getting a $2,000 reward.



That's because he pointed authorities to his client who, police said, robbed the bank Nov. 12.

The cab driver's information alone didn't do the trick.

Five months later, the U.S. Bank branch was robbed again. Information from another witness led police to the same suspect, Salt Lake County Deputy Sheriff Peggy Faulkner said.

The suspect, Steven Early, has been charged in federal court in the two bank robberies.

The second witness also is getting a $2,000 reward, police said.

Faulkner said these are examples of how the public can assist law enforcement.

"We can't promise you will all get a check, but you will always get our appreciation," she said.

SISD applying for 21st Century grant

The Snyder Independent School District will submit a 21st Century Community Learning Centers, Cycle 2 grant application to the Texas Education Agency.

The application will be available for public review at the school district administration building. The purpose of 21st Century Community Learning Centers, Cycle 2, is to provide opportunities for communities to establish or expand activities in community learning centers that—

(1) Provide opportunities for academic enrichment, including providing tutorial services to help children, particularly students who attend low performing schools, to meet state and local student academic achievement standards in core academic subjects such as reading and mathematics

(2) Offer students a broad array of additional services, programs and activities, such as youth development activities, drug and violence prevention programs, counseling programs, art, music, and physical education and fitness programs, and technology education programs that are designed to reinforce and complement the regular academic program; and

(3) Offer families of students served by community learning centers opportunities for literacy and related educational development.

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RESULTS

Monday's Lottery Numbers

Cash Five

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

Winning numbers drawn: 2-4-5-21-36.

Number matching five of five: 1.

Prize per winner: $47,976.

Winning tickets sold in: College Station, Albertson's No. 2758, 615 East University Drive.

Matching four of five: 113. Prize: $191.

Matching three of five: 4,590 Prize: $11.

Matching two of five: 46,483. Prize: $2.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Tuesday night.

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Please take notice that Hermleigh I.S.D. Board of Trustees will hold a special called meeting in the High School Homemaking room, 1026 School Avenue, Hermleigh at 7:00 p.m. on November 11, 2003.

The agenda is as follows:

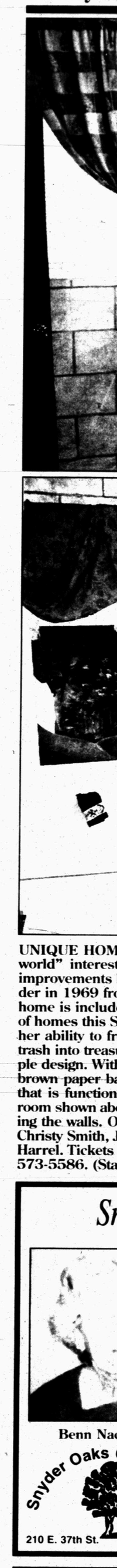
1. Call to order.
2. Establish a quorum and list of members present
3. Action Item:
   a. Review and accept the Superior Achievement rating for Hermleigh I.S.D. under the Financial Accountability Rating System of Texas
4. Adjourn

By: Marvin Beaty, Superintendent

Posted October 14, 2003

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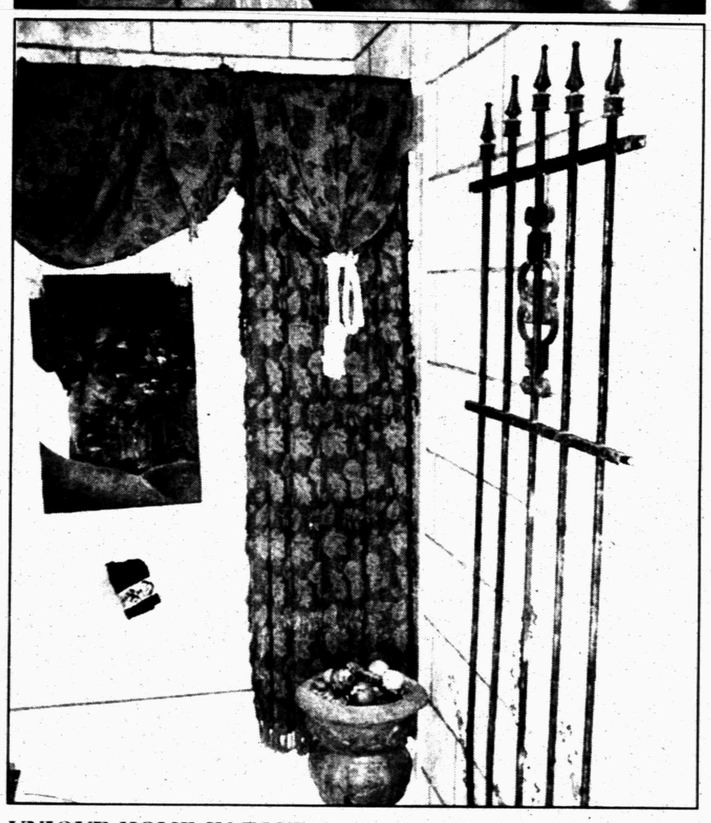
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UNIQUE HOME IN TOUR — Clarissa Alaniz brings her "old world" interest in decorating from Luneburg, Germany. All improvements have been done by Clarissa. She moved to Snyder in 1969 from Denver, Colo., and lives at 3504 44th. Her home is included in the Martha Ann Woman's Club's fall tour of homes this Sunday at 2 p.m. "Design on a Dime" describes her ability to frequent flea markets and garage sales and turn trash into treasures that meet her classic taste for elegant, simple design. With little money and a lot of imagination, she used brown paper bags from the supermarket for her kitchen floor that is functional and ties in with the elegant look. The bathroom shown above is an artful blend of make-over items including the walls. Other homes on tour are Fran Farmer, Ben and Christy Smith, Jim and Carrie Richardson, and David and Nila Harrel. Tickets are $10; to obtain call 573-3427, 573-6443 or 573-5586. (Staff Photos by Jo Ann Nunley)

DAR members hear book review by Sentell

Millie Sentel presented a book review on "The Raven's Bride," a novel Sam Houston's first wife.

She said Andrew Jackson was somewhat Houston's mentor, as he became general, a senator and governor of Tennessee. Houston was 38 years old when he married Eliza Allen, 20, a union that was planned for them in Allentown, and lasted only 11 months.



Millie Sentell

He acquired the name "The Raven" because of the time he spent with the Cherokee Indians after his breakup with his wife. She expounded on his personality and his ever-indwelling desire to go to Texas, which he finally did. Millie told of incidents in the book that revealed his (Houston's) egotism and eccentricity in finding his way into the history books.

DAR members heard the National Defense report that discussed the words "Under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance and ways to prevent the deletion of the phrase. Membership agreed to purchase an advertisement in the *American Spirit*, a national magazine for DAR.

Everyone was urged to save Campbell's and Pepperidge Farm labels to be used in schools for learning aids in classrooms.

Regent Ann Smartt announced LuWayne McQuirk has transferred to a chapter in Arlington. She introduced Lila Guinn as a new member, and corrections were made in the new yearbook.

She also gave a report on Constitution Week that was headed up by Kathy Nelson that included members as guest teachers in a WTC history class.

Smartt will give the program at the Genealogy Society's meeting this evening at the Scurry County Library.

Hostesses for the meeting held at the country club were Helen Hatter and Virginia Clark.

The next meeting will be held at 11:30 a.m. Nov. 11, at the country club with Tizzy Hall giving a program on "Revolutionary War POWs." Hostesses will be Maribeth Vestal and Jean Everett.



LIONS CONTRIBUTE TO UW — Snyder Lions Club president Ted Crenwelge, left, presented a $300 check to the Scurry County United Way last Tuesday. UW president Stephen Covey accepts the monetary gift. The United Way is midway into its campaign to raise $85,000. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



North 10-28-03
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West
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♣ A 8 7

East
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♥ K 9 8 7 6
♦ 9 3
♣ Q J 10 9

South
♠ A 10 8 6 4
♥ A 2
♦ K 10 2
♣ K 3 2

Dealer: North
Vulnerable: Neither

South	West	North	East
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Opening lead: ♥ Q

Tuesday, Oct. 28, 2003

First on paper, then over the ether

By Phillip Alder

The second independently published American magazine is Bridge Today. It has a varied content, but is written for the serious tournament player. However, the main news is that with the May 2003 issue, it changed from a bimonthly that arrived by snail mail to a shorter monthly that one downloads from the magazine's Web site. It will be interesting to see if this cost-cutting strategy works.

Here is a deal from Peter Kichline's column. If you were sitting South, the declarer in four spades, what would be your plan after West leads the heart queen?

North's four-spade bid wouldn't meet with universal approval, but if he made a game-invitational bid, South would accept.

If East has the club ace, there are no problems. So, place that card with West. But then, if East wins a trick, he can probably attack clubs with effect. You must fight to keep East off the lead.

The obvious line is to win with the heart ace, cash the spade ace, and turn to diamonds. Here, though, East ruffs the third diamond and has an easy shift to the club queen: one down.

Better is to ruff a heart at trick two, then to call for a spade. When East plays the jack, you can afford to duck. West wins the trick, but you are safe. You win his diamond exit, cash the spade ace, and run the rest of the diamonds.

Yes, East can defeat the contract by playing the spade king at trick three, but that is not without risk — imagine West with the bare ace.

For full details about the magazine, go to www.bridgetoday.com.

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In Memory of



Benn Nachlinger

Benn Nachlinger is our Resident of the Week. She was born in Hermleigh, Texas on October 29, 1914. She and her husband Frank had 2 sons, 5 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. She belonged to the United Methodist Church and was a volunteer for Snyder Oaks for a number of years. One of her favorite activities was Sing-A-Long. She was a very special lady who will be missed very much at Snyder Oaks. We want to thank the family for letting us get to know her better. Everyone here at Snyder Oaks fell in love with her.

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Carrying Something With Us

The apostle Paul was a traveler. When Jesus appeared to Paul on the road to Damascus, Acts 9 tells us Paul was on a journey. He was going to a far away city to bring Christians back to Jerusalem as prisoners. The Lord Jesus appeared to Paul and spoke to him. Things changed for Paul from that time on. He was baptized into Jesus and began preaching Jesus Christ to all who would listen.

If Paul had carried a passport as we do today, his would have been stamped with numerous countries and provinces. In a day when travel was slow and difficult, Paul traveled literally all over the Roman Empire. As he went, he preached about Jesus. The book of Acts gives us an account of some of Paul's travels and it is impressive. Even more impressive than the number of places Paul went are the accounts of what happened there. Churches were started in almost every town when Paul went and preached. Lives were changed by Paul's preaching, but opposition always came. The most amazing part of Paul's travels is the fact that almost every city where Paul preached ended up mistreating him in some way. He was put in prison, beaten with rods, stoned and run out of town. II Corinthians II: 24-27 lists some of the things that happened to Paul in his travels.

Something kept Paul going. It is not natural to suffer as Paul did in every city where he preached and to keep on going to the next town and preaching there. Fear or discouragement would set in for most all of us, but it did not with Paul Why? II Corinthians 4: 10 gives the explanation:

We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body.

The death of Jesus was always in his heart and on his mind. He could not quit preaching about the One who died for him. We also have hardships to face. Many of them could make us quit and stop in our Christian service. If we carry the death of Jesus with us like Paul did, there is no telling what God could do through our lives.

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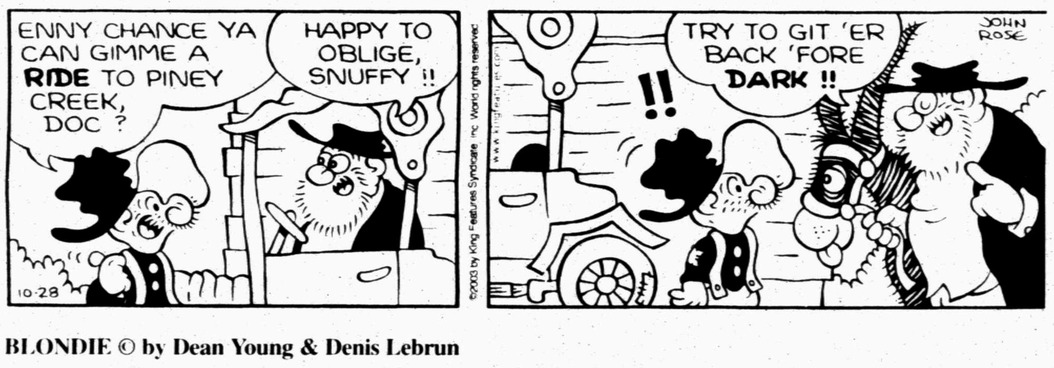
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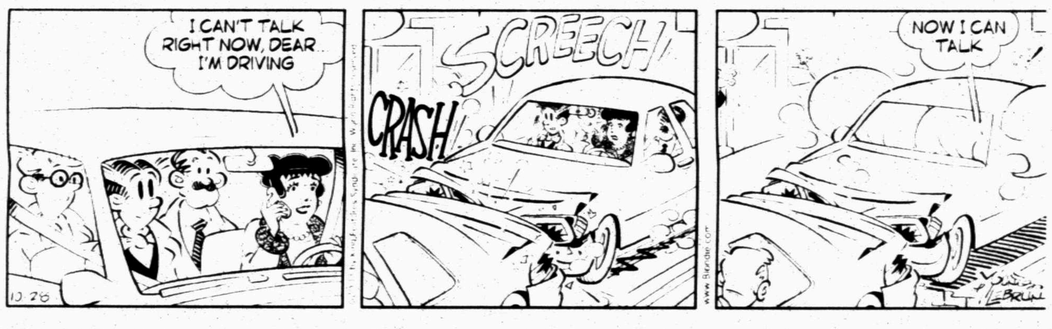
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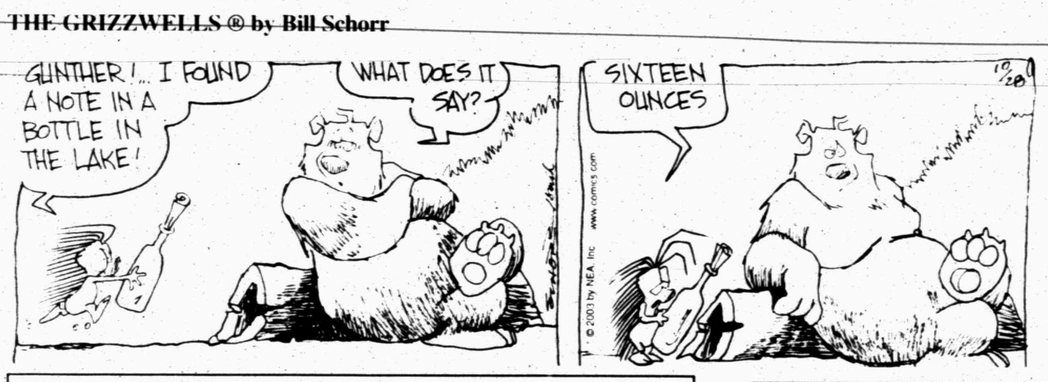
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21 Tar
23 Horror-film street
24 Jealous goddess
27 Auto rod
29 Forest grazer
32 Chilled
33 Brat
34 Edible root
35 Baseball stat
36 Grassy field
37 Actress — Hatcher
38 Total
39 Eyepiece
40 Prof.'s grader
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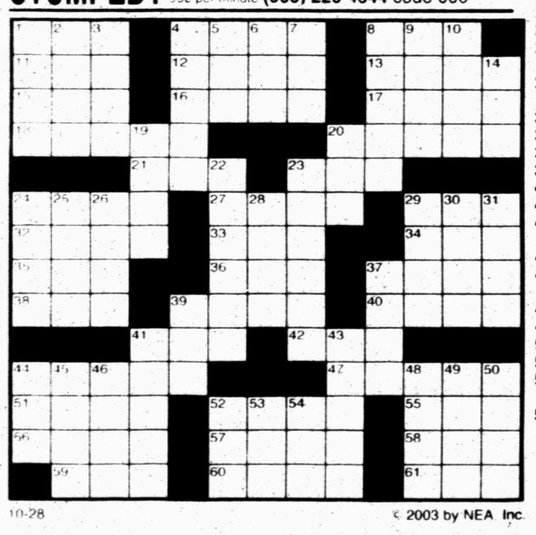
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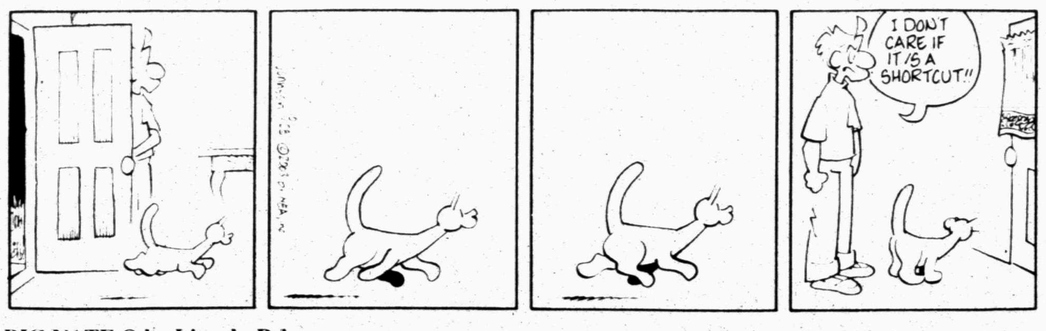


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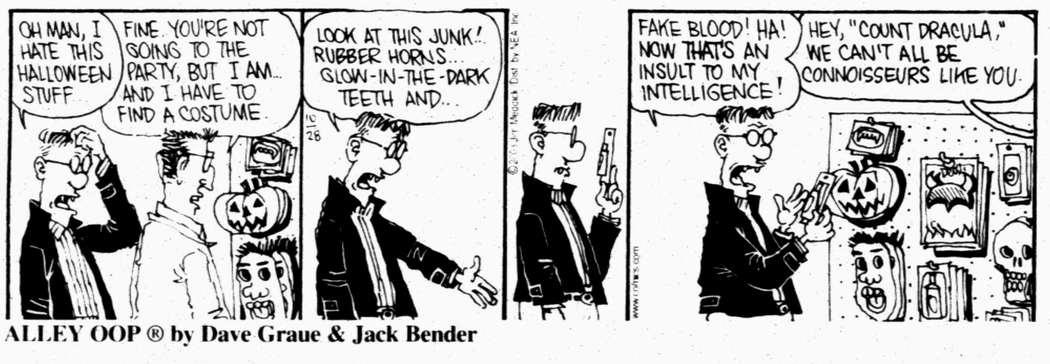
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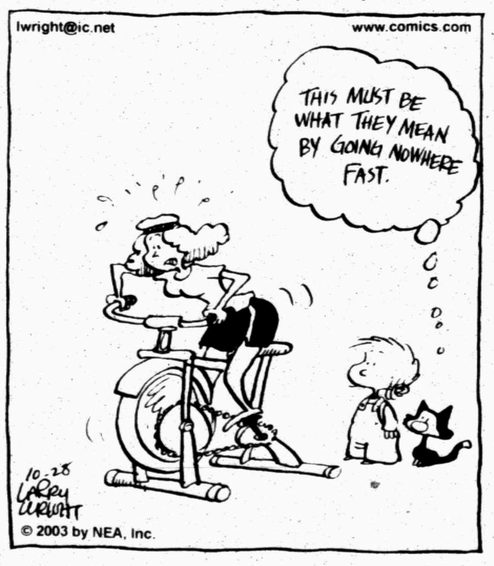


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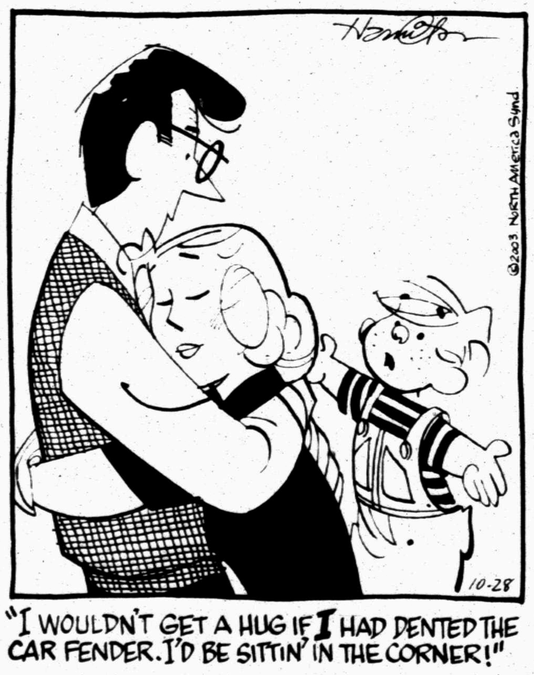
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SPORTS



PRACTICE SHOT — Snyder varsity basketball player Tucker Early takes a shot during the team's first official practice Monday. The Tigers get the season underway Nov. 18 at Littlefield. (SDN Staff Photo)

Dolphins ground Chargers

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — The Miami Dolphins completed a road trip like no other with a dominating performance tinged by empathy for fire-ravaged San Diego.

In a Monday night game moved to Arizona less than 24 hours before kickoff, Brian Griese played a near-perfect first half and the Dolphins intercepted three of Drew Brees' passes in a 26-10 Miami victory over the Chargers.

"Our thoughts and prayers are with the families in San Diego. It's really quite awful what's going on out there," Griese said.

The Dolphins (5-1) first flew Sunday to San Diego, where Qualcomm Stadium became an evacuation center and flames spread unabated through the nearby hills. NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue decided Sunday night that the game should be moved to Sun Devil Stadium, and both teams flew in Monday.

"Our players did a fantastic job of adjusting to the time, to being in two states in two days, in two different hotels," Miami coach Dave Wannstedt said. "It was amazing they were able to keep their focus like they did."

The Chargers had weathered a difficult few days. Several players and coaches had been evacuated from their homes. Business manager John Hinek's house was destroyed.

"We really wanted to win, just for the city of San Diego and for everything they're going through," Brees said. "Since we couldn't be out there on the front lines, this was the least we could do."

The Dolphins, though, were just too good, and the Chargers made too many mistakes. Brees threw interceptions on San Diego's first two possessions, and Miami took a 10-0 lead.

"You can put this loss on my shoulders," Brees said.

San Diego coach Marty Schottenheimer would not use the unusual circumstances as an excuse. He could be heard hollering at his players after the loss.

Griese, at least for one night, lived up to the heritage that his last name carries in Miami. Starting because Jay Fiedler has a sprained knee ligament, Griese completed his first six passes and was 13-of-14 for 145 yards and three scores as Miami (5-2) built a 24-3 halftime lead.

"Brian gave us spark. Brian played outstanding today. It was great to see that," Wannstedt said. "I kind of felt that he would. He had a great week of practice."

Will he be the starter next week, even if Fiedler is ready to play?

"We'll just have to wait and see how Jay is," Wannstedt said. "We'll watch the film, and then we'll deal with it."

Griese signed with Miami as a free agent after five seasons in Denver — four as a starter. He knew he would be a backup for a franchise that his father, Bob, led to two Super Bowl championships. They are the first father and son to play quarterback for the same NFL team.

"I've waited seven weeks. I wanted to contribute to the team in some way, shape or form. I had the opportunity to go out there and play, and I felt great. It was exciting. On 'Monday Night Football,' I don't think I could ask for anything more."

Patrick Surtain had two interceptions, setting up Miami's first touchdown with the first and stopping a San Diego scoring threat with the second. The Chargers failed to score three times from inside the Dolphins' 10.

Admission was free, and the place was rocking and rowdy. There was no official crowd count, but all 73,014 tickets were distributed. Five Arizona Cardinals players helped collect donations for the San Diego Fire Relief Fund at the stadium entrance. About $200,000 was collected, Cardinals officials said.

Smith named Big 12 player of the week

DALLAS (AP) — Missouri quarterback Brad Smith, Nebraska's Josh Bullocks and Kansas State's Darren Sproles were named Big 12 Conference players of the week Monday by a panel of media covering the conference.

Smith received the offensive award after guiding his team to a 62-31 victory over Texas Tech. The Youngstown, Ohio, native set a Big 12 record, rushing for 291 yards. He ended the day with 419 total yards, the second most in school history after Jeff Handy's 491 yards against Oklahoma State in 1992.

Bullocks, of Chattanooga, Tenn., won the defensive award. In Saturday's 28-0 win over Iowa State, he blocked a punt that set up a 19-yard scoring drive. Bullocks grabbed the loose ball during another blocked punt and ran 26 yards for his first career touchdown. He has seven interceptions this season.

Special teams honors went to Sproles of Olathe, Kan., for leading Kansas State to a 42-6 win against Kansas with a 63-yard punt return for a touchdown. He rushed for 98 yards and holds the school rushing record with 2,619 yards since 2001.

Sports Briefs

Guerrero, Sheffield file for free agency

NEW YORK (AP) — Vladimir Guerrero, reigning AL MVP Miguel Tejada and Gary Sheffield filed for free agency along with pitcher Bartolo Colon, who were among the 71 players who filed on the second day following the World Series, raising the free agent total to 106 among the approximately 225 players eligible.

Gordon wins MBNA 500

HAMPTON, Ga. (AP) — Jeff Gordon held off a strong challenge from Tony Stewart to win the rain-interrupted NASCAR Winston Cup race at Atlanta Motor Speedway. The Bass Pro Shops MBNA 500, which was halted by rain Sunday, ended under a caution after Ryan Newman was sent spinning into the wall.

Raiders release DT Russell

ALAMEDA, Calif. (AP) — Defensive tackle Darrell Russell was released by the Oakland Raiders, shortly after the NFL reinstated him for completing a 1½-season suspension for violating its substance abuse policy. He now can be claimed off waivers.

Boxer arraigned for attempted murder

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Former lightweight champion Paul Spadafora was arraigned on charges of attempted homicide and aggravated assault for allegedly shooting his girlfriend after an argument over two flat tires. Spadafora posted $50,000 bond and was released.

Red Sox dismiss Little

BOSTON (AP) — The Boston Red Sox dismissed Grady Little on Monday, less than two weeks after he left his tiring ace in too long against the New York Yankees and probably cost the team a chance to play in the World Series for its first championship since 1918. Little wasn't fired — he was sent off with kind words and a $250,000 bonus but without a new contract to replace the one that expires Friday.

The Red Sox said that the parting of the ways, as they called it, was not solely based on what happened in Game 7 of the AL championship series. Owner John Henry has had lingering doubts about whether Little was the right person to lead the team as it came to rely more on statistics to determine strategy.

Henry held his peace, at least publicly, for most of the season.

"He's a very collaborative person who's not going to issue fiats from on high — as might be done in some organizations," Lucchino said, taking another in a series of shots at Yankees owner George Steinbrenner. "This is not an organization that makes decisions of this importance based on one event."

Still, Lucchino conceded that it would have been difficult to let Little go if he had made the World Series — and impossible if he had won it.

"It would have been ungrateful in the extreme," he said.

Lucchino and general manager Theo Epstein said that Little bristled at the idea of coming back for another year with no security, beyond the 2004 season.

Area Sports Calendar

TODAY

Volleyball: Snyder varsity, JV and freshmen at Sweetwater, 5:30 p.m.
Tennis: Snyder at Wylie, 3:30 p.m.

THURSDAY

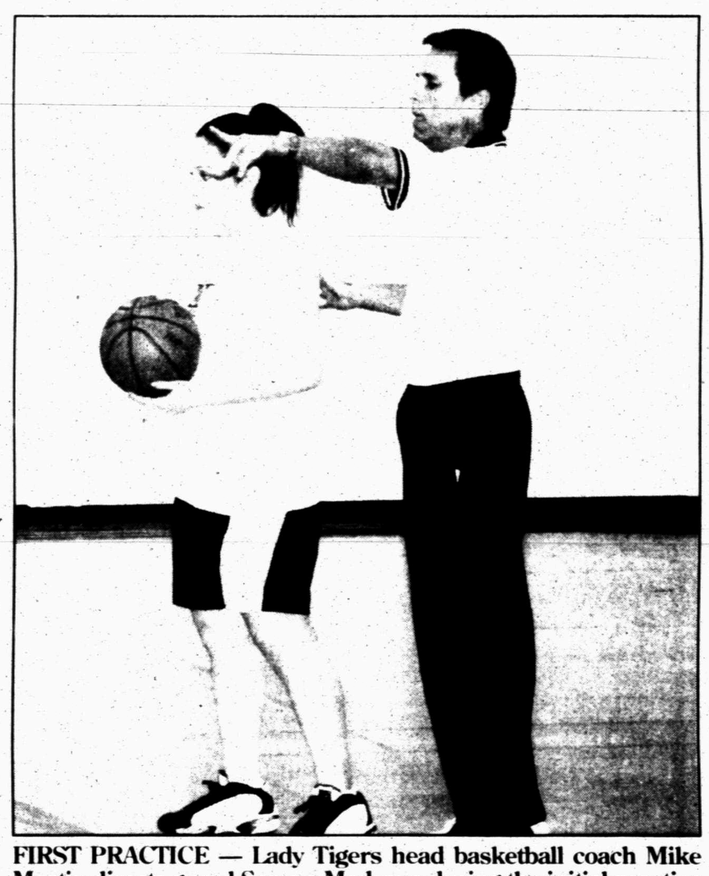
Football: Snyder JV vs. Lamesa, 7 p.m.
Snyder frosh vs. Lamesa, 5 p.m.
Snyder junior high at Lamesa, 5:30 p.m.
Borden County junior high vs. Loop, 5:30 p.m.
Hermleigh junior high at Ira, 6 p.m.

FRIDAY

Football: Snyder at Lamesa, 7:30 p.m.
Hermleigh at Ira, 7:30 p.m.
Borden County at Loop, 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY

Tennis: Vernon at Snyder, 9 a.m.



FIRST PRACTICE — Lady Tigers head basketball coach Mike Martin directs guard Serena Medrano during the initial practice of the 2003-2004 season. The Lady Tigers start their season Nov. 18 at Littlefield. (SDN Staff Photo)

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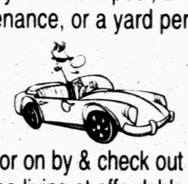
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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Down syndrome families celebrate their kids' lives

DEAR ABBY: Your readers may have seen articles about a university professor who killed her infant daughter and then days later, herself. The professor said that she killed her daughter, who had Down syndrome, because she "didn't want her to suffer."

Far from suffering, people with Down syndrome can live full and meaningful lives. Last month, more than 1,600 parents, professionals, advocates and siblings attended our national convention to celebrate the lives and possibilities of persons with Down syndrome.

People and resources are available in each state to help with concerns related to postpartum depression, other forms of mental illness, and issues related to raising a child with a disability. Please inform your readers with questions related to Down syndrome that the NDSC toll-free hotline is (800) 232-6372; our Web site is www.ndsccenter.org. — **DAVID TOLLESON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, NATIONAL DOWN SYNDROME CONGRESS**

DEAR DAVID: I have had many requests from readers asking me to reprint a wonderful essay that was penned by Emily Perl Kingsley, the mother of a child with Down syndrome. Because October is National Down Syndrome Awareness Month, I can think of no better time to do it. Her essay is dedicated to the families of all children who cope with disabilities.

WELCOME TO HOLLAND
by Emily Perl Kingsley

I am often asked to describe the experience of raising a child with a disability — to try to help people who have not shared the unique experience to understand it, to imagine how it would feel. It's like this:

When you're going to have a baby, it's like planning a fabulous vacation trip — to Italy. You buy a bunch of guidebooks and make your wonderful plans. The Coliseum. Michelangelo's "David." The gondolas in Venice. You may learn some handy phrases in Italian. It's all very exciting.

After months of eager anticipation, the day finally arrives. You pack your bags and off you go. Several hours later, the plane lands. The flight attendant comes and says, "Welcome to Holland."

"Holland?" you say. "What do you mean, Holland? I signed up for Italy! I'm supposed to be in Italy. All my life I've dreamed of going to Italy."

But there's been a change in the flight plans. They've landed in Holland and there you must stay.

The important thing is that they haven't taken you to a horrible, disgusting, filthy place full of pestilence, famine and disease. It's just a different place.

So you must go out and buy new guidebooks. You must learn a whole new language. And you will meet a whole new group of people you would never have met.

It's just a different place. It's slower-paced than Italy, less flashy than Italy. But after you've been there for a while and you catch your breath, you look around and you begin to notice that Holland has windmills, Holland has tulips, Holland even has Rembrandts.

But everyone you know is busy coming and going from Italy, and they're all bragging about what a wonderful time they had there. And for the rest of your life, you will say, "Yes, that's where I was supposed to go. That's what I had planned."

And the pain of that will never, ever, ever go away, because the loss of that dream is a very significant loss.

But if you spend your life mourning the fact that you didn't get to Italy, you may never be free to enjoy the very special, the very lovely things about Holland.

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Good advice for everyone — teens to seniors — is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $5 (U.S. funds only) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

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Date Book

Tuesday, Oct. 28, 2003

Today is the 301st day of 2003 and the 36th day of autumn.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1886, the Statue of Liberty, a gift from France, was dedicated in New York Harbor by President Grover Cleveland.

On this day in 1919, Congress passed the Volstead Act, or National Prohibition Act, over the veto of President Woodrow Wilson. The prohibition was repealed in 1933.

On this day in 1962, the Cuban Missile Crisis ended following a promise from Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev to remove Russian missiles from Cuba in exchange for a promise from the United States to respect Cuba's territorial sovereignty.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Jonas Salk (1914-1995), microbiologist, Bruce Jenner (1949), athlete, is 54; Bill Gates (1955), Microsoft executive, is 48; Julia Roberts (1965), actress, is 36.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1984, Orlando Pizzolato of Italy won the New York City marathon, despite stopping 10 times along the way.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The man's [Bush] embarrassing. He's not my president and he never will be either." — Julia Roberts

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

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	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	13.25	12.96	13.01	+ .11
AT&T Corp rs	19.85	19.67	19.81	+ .02
Albertsons	19.63	19.51	19.60	— .01
Alltel	48.35	47.82	47.98	+ .10
AmElPw	28.80	28.61	28.68	— .10
AndarkPtr	41.77	41.41	41.51	+ .01
ATMOS Egy	24.64	24.50	24.56	+ .06
Avaya	15.27	15.15	15.19	— .05
BP PLC	42.52	42.05	42.11	— .34
BakerHughes	28.31	27.75	28.25	+ .23
Bank of Amer	74.12	73.01	73.10	— .47
BellSouth	25.71	25.40	25.50	— .15
BurlNoSFe	28.62	28.22	28.62	+ .68
Caterpillar	72.15	71.51	71.74	+ .04
CenterPoint	9.99	9.87	9.87	— .02
ChevronTex	73.10	72.84	73.03	+ .20
Citigroup	47.39	46.77	47.13	+ .43
CocaCola	45.65	45.03	45.06	— .13
ColgatePal	51.45	50.85	51.24	+ .15
CmclMetals	24.19	23.92	24.19	+ .29
ConocoPhill	57.51	57.05	57.11	— .24
Cooper Inds	51.20	50.97	51.00	
DaimlrChry	36.33	36.01	36.04	— .09
DeltaAirl	13.12	12.90	12.94	+ .01
Dillards Inc	16.48	16.17	16.47	+ .35
DowChem	37.09	36.75	36.90	— .05
DuPont	39.59	39.21	39.43	+ .05
EastmanChem	32.45	32.05	32.09	+ .17
EstKodak	23.55	23.32	23.38	— .07
EDS Corp	21.67	20.95	21.51	+ .54
Entergy	55.00	54.60	54.62	— .31
ExxonMobil	38.15	37.76	37.95	+ .21
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HoneywellIntl	29.32	29.05	29.22	+ .40
IBM	89.48	88.52	89.19	+ .67
IntlPaper	38.20	37.81	38.02	+ .02
JohnsonJn	50.12	49.92	50.03	+ .11
KinderMorg	53.90	53.60	53.76	— .04
Kroger Co	17.58	17.47	17.55	— .01
LockheedM	47.48	45.90	46.29	
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Notice of Election

THE STATE OF TEXAS §
§
COUNTY OF SCURRY §

TO THE RESIDENT QUALIFIED VOTERS OF
SCURRY COUNTY

TAKE NOTICE that an election will be held in Scurry County on December 6, 2003, for the purpose of confirming the creation of the Scurry County Hospital District, in obedience to an order duly entered by the Commissioners Court of Scurry County on October 20, 2003, which order reads substantially as follows:

AN ORDER REVIEWING A PETITION AND CALLING AN ELECTION TO CREATE A COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT TO BE HELD BY SCURRY COUNTY, TEXAS; MAKING PROVISION FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE ELECTION; AND RESOLVING OTHER MATTERS INCIDENT AND RELATED TO SUCH ELECTION; AND OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH

WHEREAS, the County Judge of Scurry County, Texas (the "County") received a Petition pursuant to Sections 286.021 and 286.022, as amended, Texas Health and Safety Code (the "Code") requesting the Commissioners Court (the "Court") of the County order an election for the creation of the Scurry County Hospital District (the "District"); and

WHEREAS, the County Judge promptly filed such Petition with the County Clerk; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 286.023(b) of the Code, by Order dated October 6, 2003, the Court set the time, date and place of a public hearing to consider the Petition; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was conducted on October 20, 2003 to consider the Petition; and

WHEREAS, the Court hereby finds and determines on the date hereof that the Petition requesting an election for creation of the District is in proper form, contains the information required pursuant to Sections 286.022 and 286.023 of the Code, and is signed by the requisite number of petitioners; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 286.062 of the Code, a hospital district may be created, established, and maintained, operated, and financed in the manner provided by Article IX, Section 9 of the Texas Constitution and Chapter 286 of the Code; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the requirements of Chapter 286 of the Code, the election is to be conducted within the boundaries of the proposed District to determine whether the District shall be created and established with authority to levy ad valorem property taxes; and

WHEREAS, the name of the proposed District is the "Scurry County Hospital District"; and

WHEREAS, the boundaries of the proposed District shall be coterminous with the official boundaries of the County; and

WHEREAS, none of the territory in the proposed District is included in another hospital district; and

WHEREAS, the following seven (7) persons, Carl Williams, Bo Robinson, Charles Church, Terry Williams, Bill Voss, Dink Foree, and J.B. Tate, each of whom resides within the boundaries of the proposed District and each of whom is a qualified voter of the County, have been named in the petition to be temporary directors of the District; and

WHEREAS, the maximum tax rate for the proposed District shall not exceed fifty ($0.50) cents on each $100 valuation of all taxable property within the District; and

WHEREAS, the temporary directors appointed in the Petition will at a later date be replaced pursuant to an election with seven (7) permanent directors, including four permanent directors elected one each from the four County Commissioner precincts and three permanent directors elected at large by the qualified voters of the District; and

WHEREAS, the Court hereby finds and determines that the petitioners request to create the District and the findings in this Order require that the Court call and hold an election on a non-uniform election date to authorize the creation of the District as permitted under Section 286.023(b) of the Code; and

WHEREAS, the County hereby finds and determines that the holding of the election to create the District on the date set below, a non-uniform election date, is in the public interest; now therefore

BE IT ORDERED BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF SCURRY COUNTY, TEXAS THAT:

SECTION 1. An election be held on the 6th day of December, 2003, which date is not less than forty-five (45) nor more than sixty (60) days from the date of the adoption of this order (this "Order"), for the purpose of submitting the following proposition to the qualified voters of the County:

PROPOSITION

"Shall the Scurry County Hospital District with boundaries being all that territory situated in Scurry County, Texas be created and established with all authority and obligations set forth in Article IX, Section 9, of the Texas Constitution and Chapter 286, as amended, Texas Health and Safety Code including authority to levy taxes at a rate not to exceed fifty ($0.50) cents on each $100 valuation of all taxable property within such District subject to special limitation that the proceeds of the taxes levied by the District shall be used only for the purpose of maintenance and operating expenses?"

SECTION 2. The following seven (7) persons, each of whom resides within the boundaries of the proposed District, and who are qualified voters, are appointed temporary directors of the District in accordance with Section 286.040 of the Code, and shall serve until the elected directors take office:

Carl Williams	Temporary Director
Bo Robinson	Temporary Director
Charles Church	Temporary Director
Terry Williams	Temporary Director
Bill Voss	Temporary Director
Dink Foree	Temporary Director
J.B. Tate	Temporary Director

SECTION 3. The County election precincts hereby established for the purpose of holding the election, the polling places hereby designated for holding the election in the County election precincts, and the Presiding Judges and the Alternate Presiding Judges hereby appointed for holding the election in the County election precincts are identified in Exhibit A to this Order, and this Exhibit is incorporated by reference for all purposes.

The Presiding Judges named in Exhibit A shall each appoint not less than two (2) resident qualified voters of their respective precincts to act as clerks in order to properly conduct the election. To the extent required by the Texas Election Code, as amended, or other applicable law, the appointment of these clerks must include a person fluent in the Spanish language to serve as a clerk to render aid in the Spanish language to any voter desiring such aid at the polls on election day. If the Presiding Judge appointed actually serves, the Alternate Presiding Judge shall serve as one of the clerks. In the absence of the Presiding Judge, the Alternate Presiding Judge shall perform the duties of the Presiding Judge of the election precinct.

On election day, the polls shall be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The Scurry County Courthouse, 1806 25th Street, Snyder, Texas 79549, which is a public place within the County, and is hereby designated as the early voting location. County Clerk Joan Burch is hereby appointed as the Early Voting Clerk, and Magali Bernal is hereby appointed as the Assistant Early Voting Clerk to conduct such early voting at the election. The Early Voting Clerk shall appoint the Deputy Early Voting Clerks. This office or place shall remain open to permit early voting from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day with the exception of Saturdays (except as noted above), Sundays, and official state holidays. Early voting shall commence on the 17th day before the election and continue through the 4th day preceding the date of the election, all as provided by the Texas Election Code.

An Early Voting Ballot Board is hereby established for the purpose of processing early voting results. Elizabeth Jenkins is hereby appointed the Presiding Judge of the Early Voting Ballot Board. The Presiding Judge shall appoint not less than two (2) resident qualified voters of the County to serve as members of the Early Voting Ballot Board.

SECTION 4. Voting machines may be used in holding and conducting the election on election day; provided, however, that if the use of voting machines is not practicable, then in that event, electronic voting devices may be used in conducting the election on election day; provided, further, in the event the use of such electronic voting devices is not practicable, the election may be conducted on election day by the use of paper ballots. Voting machines or paper ballots may be used for early voting by personal appearance. Paper ballots may be used for early voting by mail.

SECTION 5. The official ballots shall be prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Election Code, as amended, so as to permit voters to vote "FOR" or "AGAINST" the aforesaid proposition which shall appear on the ballot substantially as follows:

PROPOSITION

"THE CREATION OF THE SCURRY COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT AND THE LEVY OF ANNUAL PROPERTY TAXES FOR HOSPITAL PURPOSES AT A RATE NOT TO EXCEED 50 CENTS ON EACH $100 VALUATION OF ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY IN THE DISTRICT."

SECTION 6. All resident, qualified voters of the County shall be permitted to vote at the election, and, on the day of the election, such voters shall vote at the designated polling places. The election shall be held and conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Election Code, as amended. To the extent required by law, all election materials and proceedings shall be printed in both English and Spanish.

SECTION 7. A substantial copy of this Order shall serve as proper notice of the election. This notice, including a Spanish translation thereof, shall be published on the same day in each of two successive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the County, and the date of the first publication of this notice of election shall occur in such newspaper not less than thirty-five (35) days before the day of the election. In addition, the County Clerk shall post this notice at the Scurry County Courthouse no later than the 21st day before election day, pursuant to Chapter 4, as amended, Texas Election Code.

SECTION 8. This Order shall be construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas and the United States of America.

SECTION 9. All orders and resolutions, or parts thereof, which are in conflict or inconsistent with any provision of this Order are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict, and the provisions of this Order shall be and remain controlling as to the matters ordered herein.

SECTION 10. The recitals contained in the preamble hereof are hereby found to be true, and such recitals are hereby made a part of this Order for all purposes and are adopted as a part of the judgment and findings of the Court.

SECTION 11. If any provision of this Order or the application thereof to any person or circumstance shall be held to be invalid, the remainder of this Order and the application of such provision to other persons and circumstances shall nevertheless be valid, and the Court hereby declares that this Order would have been enacted without such invalid provision.

SECTION 12. It is officially found, determined, and declared that the meeting at which this Order is adopted was open to the public and public notice of the time, place, and subject matter of the public business to be considered at such meeting, including this Order, was given, all as required by Chapter 551, as amended, Texas Government Code.

SECTION 13. This Order shall be in force and effect from and after its final passage, and it is so ordered.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on the 20th day of October, 2003.

SCURRY COUNTY, TEXAS

/s/ Rod Waller
County Judge

ATTEST:

Joan Burch
County Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk of
the Commissioners Court of Scurry County, Texas

(SEAL OF COMMISSIONERS COURT)

Exhibit A

County Commissioner Precinct	Voting Precincts	Presiding Judges	Alternate Judges	Polling Places
	14	Dale Staudt	Carl Burleson	N.E. Community Center 7972 Camp Springs Road Snyder, Texas 79549
	15	Connie Scarberry	Elizabeth Scarberry	North Side of Coliseum East Highway 180 Snyder, Texas 79549
2	6	Anita Martinez	Carolyn Stansell	Fluvanna Community Center 14065 FM 612 Fluvanna, Texas 79512
2	6	Bob Potter	Mary Langford	Union Community Center 6226 West Highway 180 Union, Texas 79549
2	7	Molly Tatom	Mike Tatom	Scurry County Library 1916 23rd Street Snyder, Texas 79549
3	8	Bob Ives	Frank Miller	School Administration Building 2901 37th Street Snyder, Texas 79549
3	9	Sid Wall	Wanda Falls	Ira Community Center 6192 West FM 1606 Ira, Texas 79527
3	10	Bonnie Fry	Wilbur Fry	Towle Park Barn Towle Park Road Snyder, Texas 79549
4	11	Shawn Crawford	Heather Crawford	Dunn Community Center 16001 S. Highway 208 Dunn, Texas 79516
4	12	Doug Price	Stephen Pena	South Side of Coliseum East Highway 180 Snyder, Texas 79549
4	13	Eddie McHaney	Katie McHaney	Hermleigh Community Center 700 Wheat Hermleigh, Texas 79526

YOU WILL THEREFORE, take notice of all the matters and facts set out in the foregoing Notice of Election.

Joan Burch
County Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk of
the Commissioners Court of Scurry County, Texas

(SEAL OF COMMISSIONERS COURT)

SCURRY COUNTY, TEXAS
HOSPITAL DISTRICT CREATION ELECTION

(la eleccion para establecer el Distrito de Hospital
en el Condado de Scurry, Texas)

December 6, 2003
(dia 6 de diciembre de 2003)

OFFICIAL BALLOT
(Boleta Oficial)

Place an "X" in the square beside the statement indicating the way you wish to vote.
(Ponga una "X" en el cuadro al lado de la frase que indica la manera en la cual usted quiere votar.)

	PROPOSITION	PROPOSICION
☐ FOR (a favor)	THE CREATION OF THE SCURRY COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT AND THE LEVY OF ANNUAL PROPERTY TAXES FOR HOSPITAL PURPOSES AT A RATE NOT TO EXCEED 50 CENTS ON EACH $100 VALUATION OF ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY IN THE DISTRICT.	EL ESTABLECIMIENTO DEL DISTRITO DE HOSPITAL DEL CONDADO DE SCURRY Y LA IMPOSICION CADA AÑO DE LOS IMPUESTOS SOBRE BIENES PARA PROPOSITOS QUE SEAN PERTINENTES AL HOSPITAL A UN TIPO A NO EXCEDER 50 CENTAVOS SOBRE CADA $100 DE VALUACION SOBRE TODOS LOS BIENES IMPONIBLES EN EL DISTRITO
☐ AGAINST (en contra)		

Aviso De Eleccion

EL ESTADO DE TEXAS §
§
CONDADO DE SCURRY §

A LOS VOTANTES HABILITADOS QUE RESIDEN EN EL
CONDADO DE SCURRY

NOTIFIQUESE que se llevara a cabo una eleccion en el Condado de Scurry el 6 de diciembre de 2003, con el proposito de confirmar el establecimiento del Distrito de Hospital del Condado de Scurry, en cumplimiento de una orden que fue debidamente iniciada por la Corte de Comisionados del Condado de Scurry el 20 de octubre de 2003, y la orden lee substancialmente de este modo:

UNA ORDEN REVISANDO UNA PETICION Y LLAMANDO UNA ELECCION PARA ESTABLECER UN DISTRITO DE HOSPITAL QUE SE LLEVARA A CABO POR EL CONDADO DE SCURRY, TEXAS, DISPONIENDO EL MANEJO DE LA ELECCION, Y RESOLVIENDO OTROS ASUNTOS QUE SEAN INCIDENTES Y PERTINENTES A TAL ELECCION, Y OTROS ASUNTOS CONEXOS A ESOS

VISTO QUE, el Juez del Condado de Scurry, Texas (el "Condado") recibio una Peticion de acuerdo con las Secciones 286.021 y 286.022, como enmendadas, del Codigo de Salud y Seguridad (el "Codigo"), pidiendo que la Corte de Comisionados (la "Corte") del Condado ordene una eleccion para establecer el Distrito de Hospital del Condado de Scurry (el "Distrito"), y

VISTO QUE, el Juez del Condado prontamente archivo su Peticion con el Secretario del Condado, y

VISTO QUE, de acuerdo con la Seccion 286.023(b) del Codigo, por Orden fechada el 6 de octubre de 2003, la Corte fijo la hora, fecha, y sitio de una audiencia publica para considerar la Peticion, y

VISTO QUE, se manejo una audiencia el 20 de octubre de 2003 para considerar la Peticion, y

VISTO QUE, por la presente la Corte halla y determina en esta fecha que la Peticion pidiendo una elección para establecer el Distrito aparece en forma apropiada, contiene la informacion requerida de acuerdo con las Secciones 286.022 y 286.023 del Codigo, y esta firmada por el numero requerido de suplicantes, y

VISTO QUE, de acuerdo con la Seccion 286.002 del Código, se podra crear, establecer, y mantener, operar, y financiar un distrito de hospital del modo provisto por el Articulo IX, Sección 9, de la Constitución de Texas y el Capitulo 286 del Código, y

VISTO QUE, de acuerdo con los requisitos del Capitulo 286 del Código, la elección se manejará dentro de las lineas divisorias del propuesto Distrito para determinar si el Distrito se creará y establecerá con la autoridad de imponer impuestos sobre bienes cada año, y

VISTO QUE, el nombre del propuesto Distrito es el "Distrito de Hospital del Condado de Scurry", y

VISTO QUE, las lineas divisorias del propuesto Distrito estaran contenidas dentro de los mismos limites que las lineas oficiales del Condado, y

VISTO QUE, ninguna parte del territorio en el Distrito propuesto se incluye en algun otro distrito de hospital, y

VISTO QUE, los siguientes siete (7) individuos, Carl Williams, Bo Robinson, Charles Church, Terry Williams, Bill Voss, Dink Foree, y J.B. Tate, cada de los cuales reside dentro de las lineas divisorias del Distrito propuesto y cada de los cuales es votante habilitado del Condado, ha sido nombrado en la peticion como directores temporales del Distrito, y

VISTO QUE, el tipo de impuestos maximo para el propuesto Distrito no excedera cincuenta ($0.50) centavos sobre cada $100 de valuacion sobre todos los bienes imponibles dentro del Distrito, y

VISTO QUE, en alguna fecha futura y de acuerdo con una eleccion, los directores temporales que estan nombrados en la Peticion se reemplazaran con siete (7) directores permanentes, incluyendo cuatro directores permanentes que estaran elegidos de cada uno de los cuatro precintos de Comisionado del Condado y tres directores permanentes que estaran elegidos en general por los votantes habilitados del Distrito, y

VISTO QUE, por la presente la Corte halla y determina que la peticion de los suplicantes para establecer el Distrito y los decubrimientos en esta Orden exigen que la Corte llame y maneje una elección en un fecha de eleccion que no sea fecha uniforme para autorizar el establecimiento del Distrito segun permita la Seccion 286.023(h) del Codigo, y

VISTO QUE, por la presente el Condado halla y determina que sera provechoso al publico celebrar la eleccion para establecer el Distrito en la fecha designada abajo, esta no siendo fecha de eleccion uniforme, ahora, por lo tanto,

ORDENESE POR LA CORTE DE COMISIONADOS DEL CONDADO DE SCURRY QUE:

SECCION 1. Se lleve a cabo una elección el 6 de diciembre de 2003, y esta fecha cae entre cuarenta y cinco (45) y sesenta (60) dias despues de la fecha en que se adopto esta orden (la "Orden"), con el proposito de presentarles la siguiente proposicion a los votantes habilitados del Condado:

PROPOSICION

"¿Debera de crearse y establecerse el Distrito de Hospital del Condado de Scurry (con las lineas divisorias siendo todo el territorio que queda en el Condado de Scurry, Texas) con toda la autoridad y las obligaciones manifestadas en el Articulo IX, Sección 9, de la Constitucion de Texas y el Capitulo 286, como enmendado, del Código de Salud y Seguridad, incluyendo la autoridad para imponer impuestos a un tipo a no exceder cincuenta ($0.50) centavos sobre cada $100 de valuacion sobre todos los bienes imponibles dentro de dicho Distrito que esten sujetos a impuesto por el distrito de hospital, con el proposito de cumplir con los requisitos de la deuda del Distrito y de los costos de manutención y operación?"

SECCION 2. Los siguientes siete (7) individuos, cada de los cuales reside dentro de las lineas divisorias del propuesto Distrito y es votante habilitado, estan nombrados directores temporales del Distrito, de acuerdo con la Sección 286.030 del Codigo, y estos serviran hasta que los directores estén elegidos para ocupar sus puestos:

Carl Williams	Director Temporal
Bo Robinson	Director Temporal
Charles Church	Director Temporal
Terry Williams	Director Temporal
Bill Voss	Director Temporal
Dink Foree	Director Temporal
J.B. Tate	Director Temporal

SECCION 3. Los precintos del Condado que estan establecidos con el proposito de manejar la elección, los sitios de votacion que por la presente estan señalados para manejar la elección en los precintos del Condado, y los Jueces Presidentes y los Jueces Presidentes Alternos que estan establecidos por la presente para manejar la eleccion en los precintos del Condado estan identificados en el Documento de Prueba "A" que esta adjunto a esta Orden, y este documento esta incorporado por referencia en todos sentidos.

Cada uno de los Jueces Presidentes que estan nombrados en el Documento de Prueba "A" nombrará a lo menos dos (2) votantes habilitados que residen en el Condado par servir como escribanos para manejar la elección apropiadamente. Hasta el punto requerido por el Codigo de Elecciones de Texas, como enmendado, u otras leyes aplicables, el nombramiento de estos escribanos deberá incluir una persona que sepa bien el español para servir como escribano para prestar ayuda oral en español a cualquier votante que desea tal ayuda en los sitios de votacion el dia de las elecciones. Si el nombrado Juez Presidente sirve actualmente, el Juez Presidente Alterno servirá como uno de los escribanos. Si el Juez Presidente esta ausente, el Juez Presidente Alterno cumplirá con las obligaciones del Juez Presidente del precinto electoral.

El dia de las elecciones, los sitios de votación estarán abiertos de las 7 de la mañana a las 7 de la noche.

La Casa de Corte del Condado de Scurry, la cual queda a 1806 25th Street, en Snyder Texas 79549, la cual es un sitio publico dentro del Condado, por la presente esta señalada como el sitio en que se manejara la votacion anticipada. Por la presente se nombra a la Secretaria del Condado Joan Burch como Secretaria de la Votacion Anticipada, y por la presente Magali Bernal esta nombrada Subsecretaria de la Votacion Anticipada para manejar tal votacion anticipada en la eleccion. La Secretaria de la Votacion Anticipada nombrara a los(as) otros(as) Subsecretarios(as) de la Votacion Anticipada. Esta oficina o lugar quedara abierto para permitir la votacion anticipada de las 9 de la mañana a las 5 de la tarde cada dia, con la excepcion de sabados (excepto como indique arriba), domingos, y dias de fiesta oficiales del Estado. La votacion anticipada empiezara 17 dias antes de la eleccion y continuara hasta el cuarto dia antes de la fecha de las elecciones, todo como provisto por el Codigo de Elecciones de Texas.

Por la presente se establece una Junta Sobre la Votacion Anticipada con el proposito de procesar los resultados de la votacion anticipada. Por la presente se nombra a Elizabeth Jenkins como Jueza Presidente de la Junta Sobre la Votacion Anticipada. La Jueza Presidente nombrara a lo menos dos (2) votantes habilitados que residen en el Condado para servir como miembros de la Junta Sobre la Votacion Anticipada.

SECCION 4. Se podran usar maquinas de votar para celebrar y manejar la eleccion el dia de las elecciones, con tal de que, sin embargo, en caso de que el uso de maquinas de votar no sea practicable, luego se podran usar tarjetas electronicas para manejar la eleccion el dia de las elecciones, con tal de que, en caso de que el uso de tales tarjetas electronicas no sea practicable, la eleccion se podrá manejar el dia de las elecciones por usar boletas de papel. Se podran usar maquinas de votar o boletas de papel para la votacion anticipada en persona. Se podran usar boletas de papel para la votacion anticipada por correo.

SECCION 5. Las boletas oficiales se prepararan de acuerdo con las disposiciones del Codigo de Elecciones de Texas, como enmendado, de manera que permitan que los votantes voten o "A FAVOR DE" o "EN CONTRA DE" la antemencionada proposicion que aparecera en la boleta substancialmente de este modo:

PROPOSICION

"EL ESTABLECIMIENTO DEL DISTRITO DE HOSPITAL DEL CONDADO DE SCURRY Y LA IMPOSICION CADA AÑO DE LOS IMPUESTOS SOBRE BIENES PARA PROPOSITOS QUE SEAN PERTINENTES AL HOSPITAL A UN TIPO A NO EXCEDER 50 CENTAVOS SOBRE CADA $100 DE VALUACION SOBRE TODOS LOS BIENES IMPONIBLES EN EL DISTRITO."

SECCION 6. Todos los votantes habilitados que residen en el Condado estaran permitidos votar en la eleccion, y, en el dia de las elecciones, dichos votantes votaran en los designados sitios de votacion. La eleccion se celebrara y se manejara de acuerdo con las disposiciones del Codigo de Elecciones de Texas, como enmendado. Hasta el punto requerido por las leyes, todos los materiales y procedimientos estaran impresos en ingles tanto como en español.

SECCION 7. Una copia substancial de esta Orden servira como aviso propio de la eleccion. Este aviso, incluyendo una traduccion al español, estara publicado el mismo dia de cada de dos semanas consecutivas en un periodico de circulacion general en el Condado, y la fecha de la primera publicación de este aviso de eleccion ocurrira en tal periodico no menos de treinta y cinco (35) dias antes del dia de las elecciones. Ademas, el Secretario del Condado deberá fijar este aviso en la Casa de Corte del Condado de Scurry dentro de 21 dias antes del dia de las elecciones, de acuerdo con el Capitulo 4, como enmendado, del Código de Elecciones de Texas.

SECCION 8. Esta Orden se interpretara y tendra vigor de acuerdo con las leyes del Estado de Texas y los Estados Unidos de America.

SECCION 9. Todas las ordenes y resoluciones, o parte de estas, que estan opuestas o contradictorias a alguna disposicion de esta Orden por la presente estan revocadas hasta el punto de dicho conflicto, y las disposiciones de esta Orden predominaran y seguiran predominando en cuanto a los asuntos ordenados aqui dentro.

SECCION 10. Las declaraciones que estan contenidas en el preambulo de esta por la presente se hallan ser verdaderas, y por la presente dichas declaraciones se hacen parte de esta Orden en todos sentidos y estan adoptadas como parte de la decision y las determinaciones de la Corte.

SECCION 11. Si alguna disposicion de esta Orden o la aplicacion de esta a alguna persona o circunstancia se declara invalida, luego el resto de esta Orden y la aplicación de tal disposicion a otras personas y circunstancias de todos modos se declarara valida, y por la presente la Corte declara que esta Orden se hubiera legislado sin dicha disposicion invalida.

SECCION 12. Se halla, determina, y declara que la junta en que se adopto esta Orden estuvo abierta al publico y que se dio aviso publico de la hora, sitio, y tema del negocio publico que se considerara en tal junta, incluyendo esta Orden, todo segun requiera el Capitulo 551, como enmendado, del Código de Gobiernos de Texas.

SECCION 13. Esta Orden tendra vigor y efecto desde y despues de su aprobacion final, y asi se ordena.

ACORDADA Y APROBADA, este dia 20 de octubre de 2003.

CONDADO DE SCURRY, TEXAS

/s/ Rod Waller
Juez del Condado

CERTIFICO:

Joan Burch
Secretario del Condado y Secretario ExOficio
de la Corte de Comisionados del Condado de
Scurry, Texas

(SEAL OF COMMISSIONERS COURT)

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USTED, POR LO TANTO, notara todos los asuntos y hechos manifestados en el precedente Aviso de Eleccion.

Joan Burch
Secretario del Condado y Secretario Ex Officio
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(SEAL OF COMMISSIONERS COURT)

SCURRY COUNTY, TEXAS
HOSPITAL DISTRICT CREATION ELECTION

(la eleccion para establecer el Distrito de Hospital
en el Condado de Scurry, Texas)

December 6, 2003
(dia 6 de diciembre de 2003)

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Victim's husband testifies in sniper trial

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. (AP) — Carlos Cruz last saw his wife of 10 years at 6:30 a.m. on Oct. 3, 2002, as she was getting ready to go to her job cleaning houses, he testified today in the trial of sniper shootings suspect John Allen Muhammad.

Less than three hours later, his wife's cousin called to tell him that Sarah Ramos had been slain, Cruz testified. Ramos, 34, was one of five people killed in random shootings that day in Maryland's Montgomery County and one of the 10 slain in the sniper shootings that terrorized the Washington area for three weeks a year ago.

Cruz described how he met his wife, the mother of their 8-year-old son, when they were neighbors in El Salvador. "She was a very religious lady," Cruz said through an interpreter. "She had good morals."

Storage building reported damaged

Possible burglary

An officer was requested at 7:13 a.m. in reference to damage to a storage building located at 200 Old Lubbock Hwy. A close patrol was initiated.

Criminal mischief

A report of criminal mischief at the agricultural building at Snyder High School was reported by a school official at 7:52 a.m. Monday. An offence report citing Class B criminal mischief was submitted.

Possible shots fired

A 911 call was placed around noon Monday advising of possibly four gunshots fired in the 2200 block of College Avenue. Responding officers were unable to locate the source of the gunfire.

Harassment, threats

Two reports of harassment were filed Monday evening. The first was by an individual advising that the son of a former girlfriend was harassing him. He was advised of the proper steps to take.

The second involved an ongoing custody battle. The wife requested that an officer make contact with her husband to ask that he stop calling her at her place of employment and at her home. Officers made contact with both parties and they were advised of the proper steps to take.

A caller contacted police to report that an individual was making threats to her by phone from New York. An officer made contact and the complainant was advised of the proper steps to take.

Minor accident

A minor accident occurred at 34th Street and Avenue L at 11:10 a.m. No report was taken due to the minor damage to the vehicles. No injuries were reported.

Family disturbance

A man flagged an officer down at 5:12 p.m. Monday in the 200 block of 29th Street. The officer went to a residence where they made contact with the female occupant. She advised that she and her husband had been in a verbal argument earlier that evening and he had left the residence. She further told officers that everything was in order.

Reckless driver

A employee of Chicken Express notified authorities at 8:18 p.m. of an individual driving a Chevrolet pickup dangerously in the parking lot.

Low, low short-term rates likely to remain

WASHINGTON (AP) — Near rock-bottom short-term interest rates are likely to stick around for some time as Federal Reserve policy-makers hope to foster a climate to keep the economic resurgence moving forward, economists say.

The economy's recovery from the 2001 recession has seen a pattern of fits and starts, where a quarter of strength often has been followed by a quarter of weakness. That pattern could be broken, considering increasing signs that the economy finally has shaken its lethargy and is perking up, economists said.

"Businesses are in a much more positive mood compared with six to nine months ago," said Stuart Hoffman, chief economist at PNC Financial Services Group. "Businesses need to boost capital spending and to add to their staffs to make sure the rebound is sustained and doesn't fizzle out."

Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan and his colleagues, meeting in regular session today, are keeping a close eye on the economy to make sure conditions are in place to nurture the rebound and help it become self-sustaining, analysts said.

The Fed's main lever to influence economic activity, the federal funds rate, now stands at a 45-year low of 1 percent and probably will stay at that low level for the rest of this year and into part of 2004, economists said.

By holding the funds rate steady, consumers and businesses might have an incentive to spend and invest more and thus boost economic growth.

Commercial banks' prime lending rate, which is affected by changes in the funds rate, is at 4 percent, the lowest level since 1959. The prime rate is the benchmark for many short-term consumer and business loans.

The economy, which registered lackluster growth rates of just 1.4 percent in both the final quarter of 2002 and the first quarter of this year, broke out of the doldrums in the second quarter and grew at a 3.3 percent pace.

Economists are expecting economic growth at a blistering pace in the third quarter, in the range of 6 percent to 7 percent. The government will release the economy's third-quarter growth figure Thursday. In the final quarter of this year, economists believe the economy will expand by around a 4 percent pace.

Consumers are spending sufficiently to keep the economy going. Manufacturing is improving. A long freeze on business investment shows signs of a slow thaw. In September, for the first time in eight months, the economy added jobs — 57,000 of them — helping to keep the unemployment rate steady at 6.1 percent.

Sustained turnarounds in capital spending and in hiring are crucial to the economy's return to full throttle. Economists said business wants profits to improve and wants to be sure of the recovery's vigor before they go on a spending and hiring spree.

Obituaries

Ray Reeder

1923-2003

Ray W. Reeder, longtime Fluvanna resident, died Monday, Oct. 23, in Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock after a sudden illness.

Funeral service for Mr. Reeder, 80, is set for 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Fluvanna Baptist Church with the Rev. Cecil Foster officiating. Burial will follow in the Fluvanna Cemetery under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born Jan. 3, 1923 in Scurry County, he married Carolyn Niedecken on Sept. 4, 1945 in Sweetwater.

A resident of Scurry County most of his life, he was a farmer and a member of the Fluvanna Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Carolyn Reeder of Fluvanna; two daughters, Connie Reeder and Debbie Woods, both of Fluvanna; a son and daughter-in-law, Ronnie and Lee Ellen Reeder of Ira; five grandchildren and their spouses, Angie and Shannon Newsome of Plainview, Rachel and Lars Taylor of Yuba City, Calif., Shelly and Brandon Wood of San Angelo, Auben and Richard Moreno of Grand Prairie and Scott Woods of Keller; four great-grandchildren, Samantha and McKenzie Woods of Keller and Tristan and Alyssa Moreno of Grand Prairie.

The family suggests memorials to a favorite charity. Visitation will be held from 6:30 to 7:30 this evening at the funeral home.

Vera Mae Baize

1914-2003

Vera Mae Baize, a former resident of Snyder, died this morning in Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene after a lengthy illness.

Services for Mrs. Baize, 89, are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

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 a sister, Maxine Brisco.

Survivors include three sons, Stanley Baize of Abilene, Lyndon Baize of Austin and Keith Baize of San Antonio; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Ina Mae Hardin

1912-2003

Ina Mae Hardin, a former resident of Snyder, died Sunday, Oct. 26, in Garden Grove, Calif.

Services for Mrs. Hardin, 91, are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born June 30, 1912 in Loraine, she was married to E.J. Hardin who preceded her in death.

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; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Richard and Peggy Hardin of Snyder, Cary and Beth Hardin of Decatur and Robert Hardin of El Paso; nine grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Guadalupe Salazar

1939-2003

Guadalupe Salazar, pastor of Templo Palabras De Vida in Colorado City, died Sunday, Oct. 26, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

A prayer service for Mr. Salazar, 63, is set for 7 this evening in the Wright Colonial Funeral Home Chapel.

Funeral service for Mr. Salazar, a Snyder resident, is set for 2 p.m. Wednesday at Templo Palabras De Vida (Temple Words of Life) in Colorado City. Pastor Robert Cantu of the Church on the Rock in Loraine will officiate. Burial will follow in Mitchell County Cemetery.

Born Dec. 12, 1939 in Pleasanton, he married Carmen Sosa on Feb. 14, 1971 in Colorado City.

Mr. Salazar was preceded in death by his parents; two daughters; and two brothers.

Survivors include his wife, Carmen Salazar of Snyder; three daughters, Lupe Butler of Ferris, Mary Ann Hernandez and Josie Guzman, both of Snyder; a son, Lupe Jr. Salazar of Colorado City; a stepson, Ricky Sosa of San Antonio; a stepdaughter, Joanna Moya of Colorado City; two brothers, Jose Salazar Jr. and Tony Salazar, both of Colorado City; four sisters, Sofia Sosa, Adelita Sosa, Anita Limones and Janie Arguifo, all of Colorado City; 14 grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter.

Evelyn Webster

1922-2003

STANTON — Evelyn Webster, a native of Scurry County, died Sunday, Oct. 26, in a Stanton hospital.

Graveside service for Mrs. Webster, 81, is set for 1 p.m. Wednesday in the Evergreen Cemetery with the Rev. Robert Frazier officiating.

Born April 5, 1922 in Scurry County, she married William Webster in 1955 in Andrews. He died in 1977.

Mrs. Webster moved to Midland from Stanton in 1980 and was a member of the West Kentucky Baptist Church.

Survivors include a son, Ronald Wilkins of Sommersville; three daughters, Debbie Elkins of Dallas, Rebecca Webster of Midland and Shirley Allison of San Angelo; a brother, L.E. Robison of Midland; six grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Lillian Gryder

1924-2003

BROWNFIELD — Lillian Gryder, a native of Fluvanna, died Sunday, Oct. 26, in Lubbock.

Funeral service for Mrs. Gryder, 79, is set for 10 a.m. Wednesday in the Brownfield Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. J.L. Bass officiating. Interment will follow in Terry County Memorial Cemetery.

Born June 19, 1924 in Fluvanna to Emery and Mable Hobbs, she moved to Ropesville at an early age and was a graduate of Ropesville High School. A member of the Primitive Baptist Church, she was a longtime resident of Brownfield.

Survivors include three sons, Larry, Billy and Garry Gryder; two brothers, Darwin and Merlin Hobbs; a sister, Joyce Dorsett; and three grandchildren.

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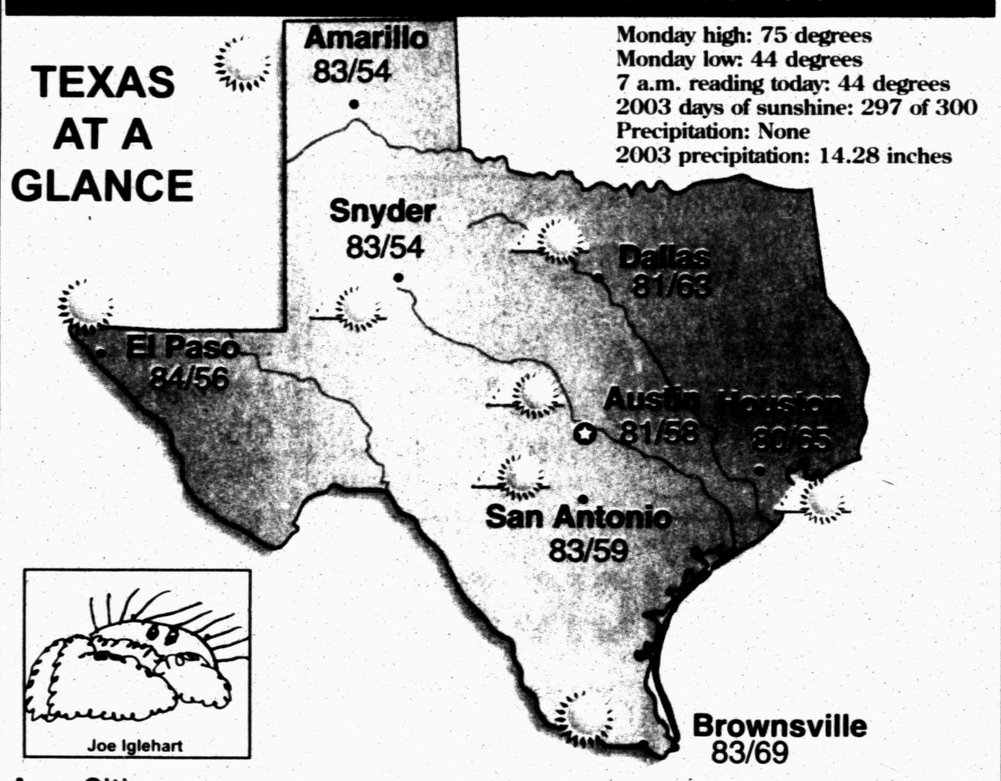
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Local 3-Day Forecast

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2003 days of sunshine: 297 of 300
Precipitation: None
2003 precipitation: 14.28 inches

Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	82	59	sunny	El Paso	84	56	sunny	Midland	84	57	mst sunny
Amarillo	83	54	sunny	Fort Stockton	86	57	mst sunny	Raymondville	84	66	mst sunny
Austin	81	58	mst sunny	Gainesville	80	59	sunny	Rosenberg	80	65	mst sunny
Beaumont	79	63	mst sunny	Greenville	80	60	sunny	San Antonio	83	59	mst sunny
Brownsville	83	69	sunny	Houston	80	65	mst sunny	San Marcos	82	58	mst sunny
Brownwood	83	58	sunny	Kingsville	83	65	mst sunny	Sulphur Springs	80	59	sunny
Corpus Christi	81	67	mst sunny	Livingston	79	60	mst sunny	Sweetwater	83	58	mst sunny
Corsicana	81	60	sunny	Longview	79	60	sunny	Tyler	81	61	sunny
Dallas	81	63	mst sunny	Lubbock	84	55	sunny	Weatherford	80	59	sunny
Del Rio	83	61	mst sunny	Lufkin	80	60	sunny	Wichita Falls	84	60	sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	71	44	sunny	Houston	80	65	mst sunny	Phoenix	90	62	mst sunny
Boston	59	43	rain	Los Angeles	75	58	pt sunny	San Francisco	69	49	windy
Chicago	53	47	pt sunny	Miami	85	75	t-storm	Seattle	52	39	rain
Dallas	81	63	mst sunny	Minneapolis	44	38	rain	St. Louis	64	56	pt sunny
Denver	76	33	windy	New York	60	44	rain	Washington, DC	66	43	rain

Moon Phases

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Wed 10/29	Thu 10/30	Fri 10/31
6	6	5
Moderate	Moderate	Moderate

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