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SHS HOMECOMING QUEEN NOMINEES —Kelby Drum, Kelsi Johnson, Erin Burleson, Ashlye Amox and Misha Wofford, from left, are Snyder High School's 2003 homecoming queen nominees. The queen will be announced at halftime of the Snyder-Levelland football game Friday night. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Petitions turned in for hospital district election

By Wade Warren
SDN Managing Editor

The Scurry County clerk's office today was in the process of certifying signatures on petitions seeking an election to establish a hospital district.

"There are 393 names on the petitions," said County Clerk Joan Bunch. "Only 100 are needed so we don't feel there will be a problem certifying the names."

The petitions were submitted Monday afternoon.

The next step is for the commissioners' court to formally receive the petitions Monday, and then set a meeting for a hearing and to set the date for an election.

It is expected that meeting will be a week from Thursday.

Bunch said this morning that the election could be held no sooner than 45 days after the election is ordered, or on or before the 60th day after it is ordered.

It is expected the special election will be held in a time frame of Dec. 9-11.

Cash flow problems at Cogdell Memorial Hospital prompted the formation of a committee — Scurry County Coalition for Quality Health Services — to organize the petition drive in hopes securing tax funding so that the hospital can continue the current level of medical services.

Short of cash, the hospital administration met with the Scurry County commissioners' court Aug. 21 and asked for $300,000 immediately to meet its current financial obligations.

This request was granted and an additional $375,000 was also granted for 2004 to make the county's subsidy next fiscal year over $700,000, including tobacco lawsuit money.

At the last hospital board meeting, Dr. Bid Cooper, chief of staff, presented a resolution signed by all doctors in support of a hospital district.

In addition to Dr. Cooper, other physicians signing the resolution were Tom Kerr, Robert Rakov, James Burleson, Paul Thompson, Clinton Wolboldt and Marica Odal.

All current board members and one former board member are listed on the petitions as temporary hospital district directors.

The names of Carl Williams, Bo Robinson, Charles Church, Terry Williams, Bill Voss and Dink Foree are on the petitions, as well as former member J.B. Tate.

If approved, the district would be governed by a permanent board of seven directors to be elected from both at-large and from the four commissioner precincts.

The terms of those elected would be one or two years.

A candidate elected from an odd-numbered precinct at the initial election will serve a term of two years, while a candidate from an even-numbered precinct serves a term of one year.

The two at-large candidates with the most votes will serve two years, while the other will serve a one-year term.

The petitions are calling for a maximum tax rate of 50 cents per $100 valuation, but the elected board will set the actual rate on a yearly basis.

Austin joins school lawsuit

AUSTIN (AP) — Austin school trustees have voted unanimously to join a lawsuit they hope will force changes in the state's share-the-wealth school finance system.

Austin Independent School District trustees voted Monday night to join the West Orange-Cove, Coppell, La Porte and Port Neches-Groves school districts in a lawsuit the four districts filed in 2001 challenging the school finance system.

Like Austin, those districts must share part of their local tax revenue with districts that have less property wealth per student.

But it's not having to share revenue that prompted Austin officials to join the lawsuit, board President Doyle Valdez said.

The district wants the state to pump more money into public education for all school districts as they prepare their students to meet more rigorous state academic requirements. On average, the state contributes 38 percent of the cost of educating a child. In Austin, it covers 5 percent of the cost, school officials said.

"We prefer a legislative solution," Valdez said. "We hope our participation in this lawsuit will encourage the Legislature to enact changes that meet the needs of all Texas students, teachers, parents and taxpayers."

In the lawsuit, the districts contend they have been forced to set property tax rates for their operating budgets at the state maximum — $1.50 per $100 of assessed property value — to generate enough money to educate their students. The districts say that is tantamount to having a state property tax, which is banned by the Texas Constitution.

Austin is among 134 districts in Texas that must send property tax revenue to districts with less property wealth per student. Austin sent away more money than any other district last school year, although more than half of its approximately 78,000 students come from low-income families. Officials expect to part with $158 million this year.

Districts considered property-wealthy are not the only ones ready to battle the system in court. Dallas school trustees voted to join the lawsuit Thursday.

Brazil tops football picks

Michael Brazil of 2803 El Paso had just two misses in last week's SDN Football Contest, earning Brazil the first place $50 prize.

Bobby Frank Roemisch of 2208 44th missed three games, garnering second place and $25.

Third place and $15 goes to Charlie Freeman of 2200 42nd Street who came up with four misses in the 20 game contest.

Winners will be mailed their checks, and another contest appears in today's edition.

Breakfast Thursday for adopt-a-school

Snyder Independent School District will host a breakfast for adopt-a-school partners at 7 a.m. Thursday.

SISD implemented the adopt-a-school program in 1995. Adopt-a-school is a grass-roots partnership between education and the business and private sectors off Scurry County.

The purpose of the program is to utilize the human resources and talents of the business community to strengthen, enhance and enrich the quality of education in Snyder public schools.

Most schools have at least one adopt-a-school partner and some schools have only one adopter and are in need of a co-adopter to work with the existing partner.

School officials said the program is flexible. Each partnership develops its own goals and activities based on the resources of the adopter and the needs of the school.

Call Mary Ann Juarez at 574-6012 to make reservations for the breakfast.

Hermleigh parents made aware of viral meningitis illness of teacher, student

Hermleigh schools notified families Monday through a letter sent home to parents that two cases of viral meningitis had been reported by a teacher and student in the school.

The student's illness was never verified as viral meningitis, said Stephanie Knipe of the Scurry County Health Department, and definite test results are expected today on the hospitalized teacher.

Knipe said the more serious illness, bacterial meningitis, had been ruled out in both instances.

"That eases everyone's fears," said Knipe.

In the letter to parents from the district, Supt. Marvin Beaty said this particular strain of meningitis is as contagious as the flu, and is transmitted in a like manner.

Symptoms are a high fever, headaches, flu-like symptoms and an occasional stiff neck.

"If your child has any of the symptoms, do not hesitate to notify your selected health care professional," wrote Beaty.

Beaty added that there is no increased risk in sending students to school.

"Do not keep your child at home if they are not ill," Beaty added.

The superintendent urged parents to notify the child's doctor if they had any additional questions, or Bennie Marricle at the local health department at 573-3508, or Janice Widner with the state health department in Abilene at 795-5857.



FLOATS ABOUND — Mock detergent containers urge the Snyder Tigers to clean up on Levelland Friday during homecoming. Shown on one of the floats in the homecoming parade Monday night from left were Nadia Chairez, Michelle Renfro, Megan McCormick, Marisa Munoz, Morgan Bilderback, Jessica Calvert, Samantha Moyers and Lacey Kincaid. (SDN Staff Photo)

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Progress is rarely the product of contented people."

We were passed along this true story.

It seems that the little sister had acted up in Sunday School and added insult by sticking out her tongue at the teacher.

The parents were dismayed at the youngster's unacceptable behavior and informed her she would get a spanking when she got home.

The older sister, age five, became extremely upset about the prospect of her little sister getting spanked. She pleaded with her parents not to and then begin to cry.

Finally in desperation, the older sister offered the ultimate compromise. "Please don't spank her, spank me instead."

To which the younger girl replied, "That sounds like a good idea to me."

That story seems to fit a list of familiar sayings, with the last part added by kids ranging from first through fourth grade:

—You can't teach an old dog new...math.

—If at first you don't succeed...go play.

—If you lie down with dogs you'll...stink in the morning.

—The grass is always greener when...you leave the sprinkler on.

—The grass is always greener when...you put manure on it.

—Eat, drink and...go to the bathroom.

—All work and no play...is disgusting.

—A bird in the hand is...a real mess.

—Don't put all your eggs...in the microwave.

—Don't count your chickens...it takes too long.

—A good miss is as good as a...Mr.

—If you can't stand the heat...don't start the fireplace.

—If you can't stand the heat...go swimming.

—A penny saved is...nothing in the real world.

—A penny saved is...not much.

—A penny saved is...not worth earning.

—The squeaking wheel gets...annoying.

—It's always darkest before...9 p.m.

—It's always darkest before...Daylight Savings Time.

—We have nothing to fear but...our principal.

—We have nothing to fear but...our homework.

—Laugh and the whole world laughs with you, cry...and you have to blow your nose.

—Better be safe than to...punch a fifth grader.

—People who live in glass houses...shouldn't take off their clothes.

—Children should be seen and not...spanked or grounded.

ASK US

Q—When does Daylight Saving Time end?
A—At 2 a.m. Oct. 26. Clocks should be set back one hour.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR



Mary Luera...

...has lived in Snyder 43 years and works for Lone Star Cleaners. She and her husband, Raymond, have a son and three daughters: Jesse Luera, Amy Juarez, Lisa Luera and Linda Luera. She also has 10 grandchildren and enjoys dancing and playing bingo.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

A cynic is a man who, when he smells flowers, looks around for a coffin.
— H.L. Mencken

events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Genealogical Society to meet

The Genealogical Society will meet at 7 this evening at the library. The program will be a continuation of stories of childhood pets.

Junior high open house

Snyder junior high will host an open house from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Wednesday. Report cards will be distributed to parents and parents are encouraged to meet the teachers.

West Elementary open house

West Elementary open house will be from 4-5:30 p.m. Wednesday. Report cards will be handed out to sixth grade parents.

SJHS yearbooks

Snyder junior high Tiger Times yearbook goes on sale Wednesday through Nov. 25 in room 110. Cost is $16 or students may make an $8 deposit. No extra copies will be ordered.

Adopt-a-school breakfast

SISD's adopt-a-school breakfast is set for 7 a.m. Thursday, at the Martha Ann's Women's Club. RSVP at 574-6012.

Tiger tennis booster club

The Tiger tennis booster club will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday at Texas Savings Bank.

WTC to present play

Western Texas College's drama department will present *The Yellow Jacket*, Thursday through Friday at 7:30 p.m. and at 2 p.m. Sunday in the Fine Arts Theatre. Tickets are 5 for adults and $3 for children. Call 573-8511, ext. 234 to reserve tickets.

Ira brisket dinner

The Ira senior class will serve a brisket dinner from 5:30-7:15 Friday in the school cafeteria before the Ira vs. Jayton homecoming game. The dinner includes barbecue brisket, potato salad, slaw, beans, rolls, iced tea and dessert. Tickets cost $6 for adults; $4 for students; and free for under five years of age.

First Christian fajita dinner

First Christian Church, 37th and Austin, will host its annual park-and-eat fajita dinner from 5-7 p.m. Friday. Call 573-6115 or 573 6877 for advance tickets. Tickets will also be sold at the door.

SJHS choir hamburger supper

Snyder Junior High School choir has sets its hamburger supper from 5-7:30 p.m. Friday at the high school cafeteria. Tickets are $5 each. Carryouts are available. Tickets must be purchased from a junior high student as tickets will not be sold at the door.

Children's fall carnival

Calvary Baptist Church will have a children's carnival from 3-5 p.m. Saturday in the west parking lot of the church. Activities will include booths such as "Dunk the Preacher." Tickets for booths are 25 cents each. The church is located at 2405 35th St. Call 573-2191 for more information.

SHS 1940 class reunion

Snyder High School's class of 1940 will have its 63 year reunion Saturday. Visiting is set from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday at Martha Ann Woman's Club.

Colonial Hill program

The Women's Ministry of Colonial Hill Baptist Church will present Beth Moore's seven-week study, *When Godly People Do Ungodly Things*, beginning at 4:30 p.m. Sunday in the Adult 5 classroom. Books cost $12 each. For more information, call the church office at 573-8596 or Trina Rodgers at 573-8817.

Early-bird special

The Tiger's Liar yearbook can be ordered at an "early-bird" price of $40. Additional options are available at extra cost. The price Monday will increase to $45. Call the SHS student publications department at 574-6138.

Cub Scout bike rally

Snyder Cub Scout bike rally is set for 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 9, in the coliseum parking lot. For more information, contact Rhonda at 573-6090. The event was rescheduled due to rain.

Free tutoring

Free tutoring for students is available Monday through Thursday at the Boys and Girls Club. Schedule a time between 4-7 p.m. or drop in from 5-6 p.m. Tutors will be members of Western Texas College's Student Government Association. To register call, 573-8511, ext. 276 or 573-3344.

Important GED dates

Mandatory pre-registration for the GED test will be Thursday at the GED testing center, Western Texas College, Building 7B, from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. The math segment of the GED will begin promptly at 8 a.m. Friday. For more information about the GED test, call Betty Thompson, 573-2310, or Emily Hataway, 573-8511, ext. 297 or 574-2112. It is recommended that candidates receive some preparation before attempting the test.

SHS 1958 class reunion

SHS class of 1958 has sets its 45th reunion for Nov. 7-8. The organizational meeting is slated at 1:30 p.m. Sunday in the Wedding Band classroom at First United Methodist Church.

Big Country open house

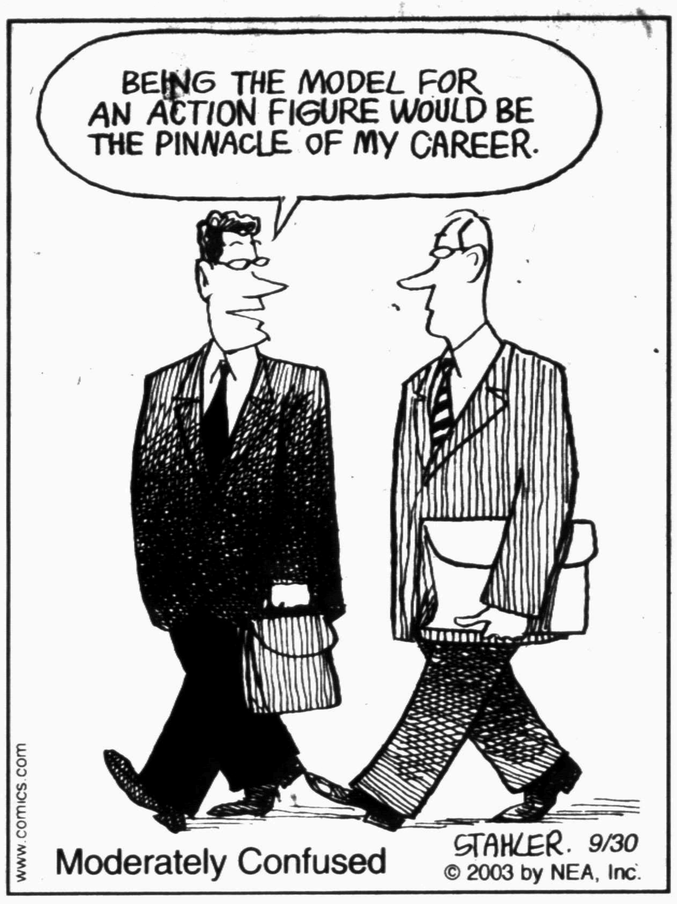
In observance of National Cooperative Month, Big Country Electric Cooperative will host an open house from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 10, at the office in Snyder.

Quilt showing

Quilts are needed for the quilt display during White Buffalo Days Oct. 10-11 at the Scurry County Coliseum. Persons wishing to put a quilt on display should call Joan Bunch at 573-7404. After 5 p.m. call 573-0047.

Addresses sought

E-mail addresses or phone numbers are still needed for members of Snyder High School class of 1963 to plan a reunion. Information may be sent to t.dolan@mail.utexas or call 325-207-1718 and leave a message.



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Tiffany Stanley
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Just a little reminder to start using the new area codes in western Texas by October 4, 2003.
To accommodate new phone, fax, pager and wireless numbers in western Texas, the 915 area code has been divided into three area codes: 915, 432 and 325. As a result, beginning October 4th, calls made from one area code to a different area code (including calls to and from wireless phones) must be dialed using the appropriate area code plus the seven-digit phone number. Start using the new area codes now — after October 4th, your calls won't be completed as dialed without them. Local calls made within one area code may still be dialed using seven digits. Please note that rates are not changing — a local call is still a local call. For the big picture about these changes, visit us online at www.texas-code.com.
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Standoff ends with 3 bodies in trailer

GALLOWAY TOWNSHIP, N.J. (AP) — A six-hour standoff with a man suspected of shooting two police officers ended Monday when police entered his home and found the bodies of two men and a woman.

Authorities did not immediately identify the bodies, but a prosecutor said one was believed to be the suspected gunman, Gary Heiland.

Heiland had barricaded himself in the trailer home Monday morning after two officers were shot and wounded when they went to the home to investigate a shooting at a bar.

Officer Joseph McFadden was shot in the face and was in critical condition. Officer Kenneth Buck was treated at a hospital and released.

The two were investigating a Sunday night shooting at Kennedy's Bar, a half-mile from the trailer, in which two workers from a nearby diner were shot in the head. One worker was killed; the other critically wounded.

Police returned to the trailer park Monday night, evacuated residents and detonated what appeared to be a bomb, Philadelphia-area television stations reported.

Prosecutors did not immediately return a phone call late Monday.

Lucille Connolly, owner of Kennedy's, said she heard six gunshots at her bar Sunday night.

"I ran downstairs and the barmaid was screaming, 'Oh my God, they shot him, they shot him,'" Connolly said. One victim was found under a pool table, she said.

Heiland, a pipefitter, kept a cache of weapons in his home, including a shotgun he made himself, a neighbor said.

The police officers apparently were shot with a shotgun, according to Atlantic County Prosecutor Jeffrey Blitz.

Toddler alive after three weeks alone

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — A 2-year-old left alone for nearly three weeks while her mother was behind bars survived by eating mustard, ketchup, rice and raw pasta, police said.

The toddler was watching cartoons when found by her father, police said Monday. She was suffering from malnutrition and was being treated at Wolfson Children's Hospital, police said.

Dakeysha Lee, 22, was charged Monday with child abuse because she didn't let anyone know that her daughter was alone in her apartment, police said. She was jailed Sept. 10 on unrelated charges.

Ogden Lee, who is separated from the girl's mother, said he talked to her by telephone at the jail Sunday and she said their daughter was with neighbors.

When he got into the apartment, the youngster had dragged food and toys into her mother's bedroom and was lying in a baby's bathtub. She was covered with dried ketchup, Lee said.

"She grabbed me and wouldn't let go of me," Lee said. "It is really a miracle how good a shape my daughter is in. I don't know how she did it."

Datebook

Tuesday, Sept. 30, 2003

Today is the 273rd day of 2003 and the eighth day of autumn.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1452, Johann Guttenberg's Bible became the first book published.

On this day in 1938, British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain signed the Munich Pact with Adolf Hitler, which averted the outbreak of war but gave Czechoslovakia away to German conquest.

On this day in 1954, the U.S. Navy commissioned the USS "Nautilus," the world's first nuclear submarine.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Truman Capote (1924-1984), author; Angie Dickinson (1931-), actress, is 72; Johnny Mathis (1935-), singer, is 68; Jenna Elfman (1971-), actress, is 32; Kieran Culkin (1982-), actor, is 21.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1947, the New York Yankees beat the Brooklyn Dodgers in the first televised World Series.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Life is a moderately good play with a badly written third act." — Truman Capote

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (Sept. 26) and first quarter (Oct. 2).

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TEXAS LOTTERY RESULTS

Monday's Lottery Numbers
Cash Five

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

Winning numbers drawn: 4-7-16-25-26.

Number matching five of five: 0.

Matching four of five: 184. Prize: $369.

Matching three of five: 5,017. Prize: $10.

Matching two of five: 49,768. Prize: $2.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Tuesday night.

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Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month

Hispanic Heritage Month commemorates the immense artistic, political, and cultural contributions made by the Hispanic community within the United States. It also pays tribute to the struggle for independence of several countries-Costa Rica, Chile, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Mexico.

One of the most delicious additions to modern day society is the cuisine, which varies in every town, region and country to reflect the differences in culture, history and geography. However, corn is the one ingredient that unites the numerous styles of Hispanic cooking.

In ancient times, corn was considered a gift from the gods and cultivating it was a sacred task. It nourished both the spirit and the body. Because it can endure the harsh conditions of many regions, it became a dietary staple whether eaten fresh, cooked, or ground into the meal that makes tortillas.

Corn continues to be essential to today's Hispanic kitchen and is included in everything from tamales and tostadas to pozole and salsas. Modern chefs looking to maintain the robust flavor of authentic recipes without relying on lard can use corn oil, like Crisco's All Natural 100 Percent Pure Corn Oil.

A high smoking point makes corn oil ideal for frying the family's favorite meals and produces light, crisp result without leaving a heavy aftertaste and oily residue. The robust corn taste and aroma enhance the natural flavors in everything from salad dressings to empa–adas. Corn oil is also naturally cholesterol and sodium free and an excellent natural source of the antioxidant vitamin E.



Whatever your background and however you celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month, this recipe for Chiles Rellenos De Queso will be sure to rally a cry for seconds. Buen provecho!

CHILES

4 chiles poblanos or bell peppers
½ cup breadcrumbs
½ cup grated Pepper Jack cheese
½ cup grated Cheddar cheese
¼ teaspoon ground cumin
Salt and pepper to taste
Crisco Oil for frying
Batter
4 eggs, separated
¼ teaspoon salt
¼ cup flour

Chiles: Put chiles on a hot grill or under the broiler, let skin blister and burn. Turn chiles occasionally so they don't overcook or burn through to the flesh. Wrap chiles in a damp cloth or plastic bag for 20 minutes. The burned skin will flake off easily and the flesh will be slightly cooked by the stem. Slit the side of each chile; remove seeds and veins. Leave the top of the chile intact. Rinse chiles and pat dry.

Filling: Mix breadcrumbs, Pepper Jack, Cheddar cheese and cumin with salt and pepper to taste. Stuff filling into the slits in the chiles.

Batter: Heat at least ¾-inch Crisco Oil in a heavy, deep pot to 350F. Beat egg whites until they are stiff, but not dry. Add salt and egg yolks, one at a time, beating well after each addition.

Procedure: Pat chiles completely dry (or batter won't adhere), sprinkle lightly with flour. Coat with batter. Fry chiles in hot oil, turn occasionally, until golden. Drain on paper towels. Sprinkle with cheddar cheese and melt in a 350F oven for 2-3 minutes. Serve immediately.

To receive a free "Great Meals Start Here/Las buenas comidas empiezan con Crisco" brochure, send a postcard with your complete U.S. mailing address to "The J.M. Smucker Company, Attn: Great Meal/Las Buenas Comidas Recipe Collection, Consumer Relations Department, PO Box 197, Orrville, OH 44667. Brochures available while supplies last. Please allow 4-6 weeks for delivery.

This will likely be one the family's favorite dishes, like Chiles Rellenos De Queso.

Community Calendar

TUESDAY

Weight Watchers meeting; Colonial Hill Baptist Church; for more information call Kathy at 573-1289 during the evening; weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m.

ABCL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 7 p.m.

Beginners' AA open meeting; Snyder Park Club, 1212 37th Street; 573-8268, 574-1292 or 573-1141; 7 p.m.

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th and Ave. M; for more information call 573-3733, 573-2101 or 573-1141; 8 p.m.

TOPS TX56 (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.; Trinity United Methodist Church. For more information call Phillis Leatherwood at 573-6105.

WEDNESDAY

NA Just For Today, open meeting; Park Club; for information, call 573-1438; 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

Horseshoe Pitching For Fun; horseshoe courts located at the coliseum; everybody welcome, for further information call 573-9762.

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

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

DAR chapter sponsors genealogy workshop

The Anne Pettus Shelburne chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution is sponsoring a genealogy workshop at Rotan Church of Christ fellowship hall from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 18. Anyone who is interested in learning more about their roots and how to obtain information is encouraged to attend.

Sue Mercer Thompson, a Rotan High School graduate and retired teacher, will conduct the workshop. Each participant will get a 20 page informative booklet and she will help participants fill out the application form for DAR as well as help with additional lineage.

There will be a $5 fee to help with Mrs. Thompson's expenses and for the booklet. Those planning to attend should send the fee to Mary Ann Marshall at PLO, Box 328, in Rotan, 79546. Each participant is to bring a brown bag lunch.

Any questions may be answered by calling Mary Ann at 735-3114 or Annie Weems at 735-3263 or Patsy Hamric at 735-3370 (evenings).

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



Up to eight from nine is great

Tuesday, Sept. 30, 2003

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Yesterday, I mentioned that if you locate an eight-card major-suit fit, that suit should usually be trumps. It is not always true, but the exceptions are hard to spot. However, if you have a nine-card (or better) fit, it is almost certain that the hunt for the trump suit is over. Once every few years, you will see a deal that should be played with a different trump suit, but don't even agonize over it. You should just worry about how high to go in the nine-card (or better) fit.

Here is an interesting deal along these lines. If you were South, what would be your basic plan in four spades after West has led his singleton club?

North made a limit raise, promising at least four spades and 10-12 support points.

You win the first trick, draw trumps, run the rest of the clubs ending in hand, and play a diamond toward dummy's king-jack.

If West wins with the ace and shifts to a high heart, you will probably have to hope West has that ace too. But here, West plays low. You guess to put in the jack (say), but East wins with the queen and leads the diamond ace. What now?

You should calmly discard a heart! This leaves East endplayed. He must either open up hearts, which allows dummy's king to score, or concede a ruff-and-sluff.

Note two points. If you make the mistake of ruffing the diamond ace and leading a heart, West should go in with the 10. Also, five diamonds is cold for East-West, but it is difficult for them to enter the auction.

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Here are some tips to help make your family reunion a success:

• Start early. A large reunion can be complicated, especially if this is not a regular event. Experts recommend starting to plan as far as two years in advance.

• Give guests advance notice. If people have to travel long distances, or if you're planning a "destination reunion" such as a cruise or an overseas trip, many family members may need time to make arrangements to take time off work.

• Be prepared for guests with special needs. Allow time to plan to accommodate health problems and other issues that you know will come up.

Birth

Creed Grayson Casados was born to Nicole and Chris Casados of Duncan, Okla. He is the great-grandson of Elizabeth McCloskey of Snyder and Lila Guinn of Camp Springs.

Creed was born on Sept. 29 weighing eight pounds, six ounces and was 21 inches long.

His maternal grandparents are Robbie and John Odom of Floydada and parental grandparents are Lisa and Don Haven of Amarillo and Ed Casados of Duncan. Other great-grandparents are Ernie and Betty Casados of Dumas and Dave and Saundra Honea of Plano.

Happy 18th Birthday Jordan

Love,
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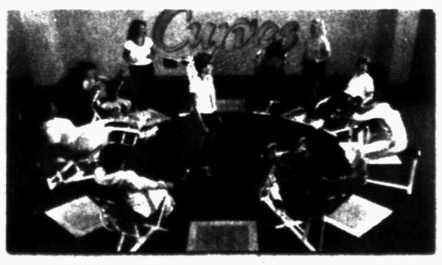
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Little by Little

There is a proverb in Haiti that the people of that little country repeat in many different settings. It is often said in relation to problems and overcoming them. The proverb is simply, "Little by little the bird builds the nest." That is an obvious thing, but when it comes to dealing with our problems it is really helpful. Little by little, we can do tremendous things. It requires patience and perseverance, but if we will keep at it we can do more than we think.

The commitment to change when we become a Christian is a complete and intense commitment. Romans 6 compares this commitment to a death. We die to sin. We are buried with Christ in baptism and then we are raised from baptism to live a new life. The death to sin occurs at conversion, but then it is lived out throughout our life. It is a one time decision, but it is also a commitment that is renewed every day. Romans 6: 11-14 speaks to Christians who have already died to sin in the past. These Christians are urged to continue to do the same thing, die to sin.

Overcoming sin and becoming like Jesus is the process of growth in the life of every Christian. Our commitment that we make in repentance begins the process of growth, but it is a commitment that is made anew every day. As we live out this life there is a huge change that takes place in our life. II Corinthian 3: 18 tells us this transformation is ever- increasing. It is little by little, but it is real. Don't give up because it seems to be too slow. If we will continue to die to sin and live for Christ, we will change!

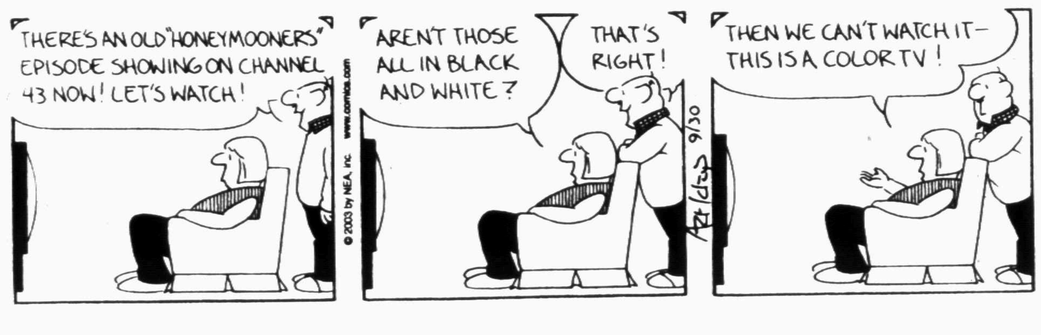
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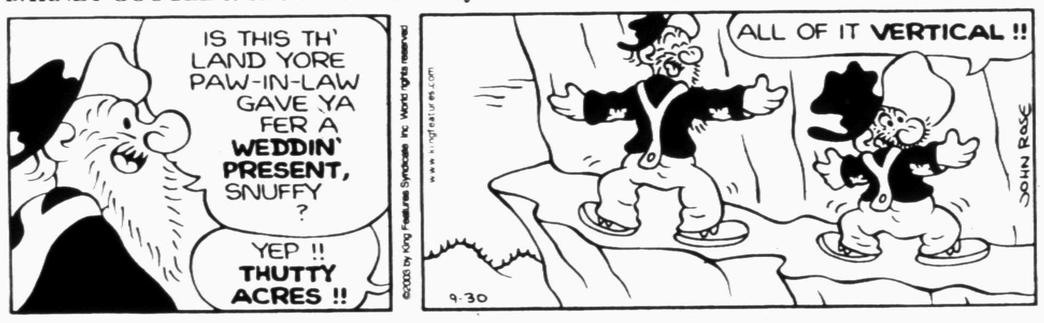
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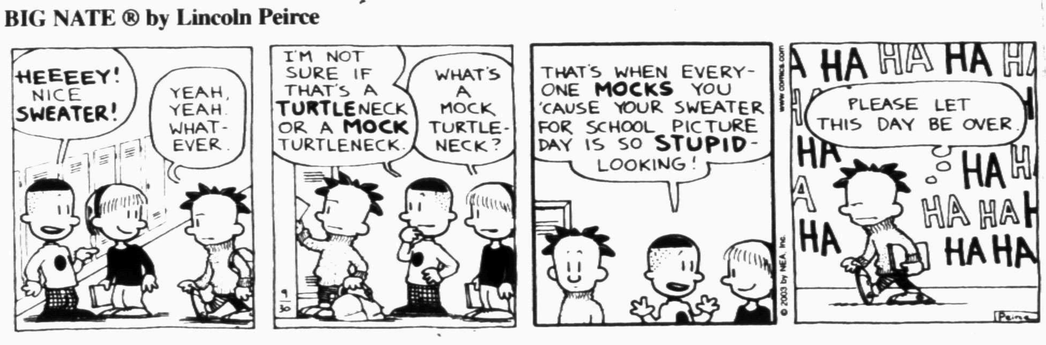
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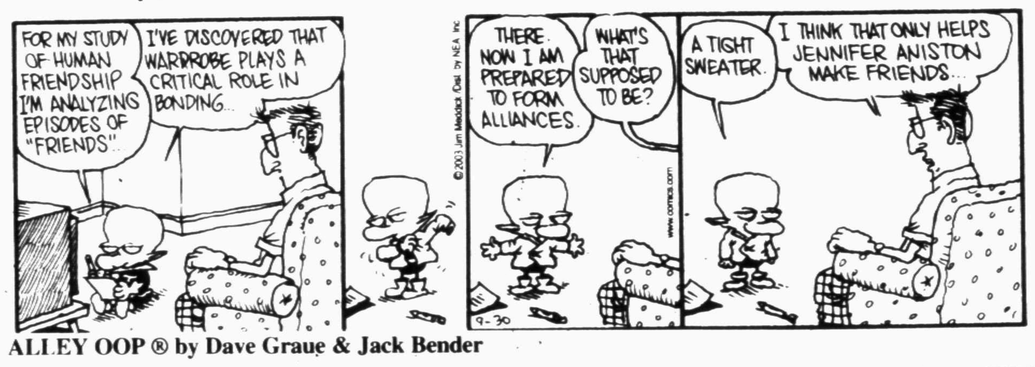
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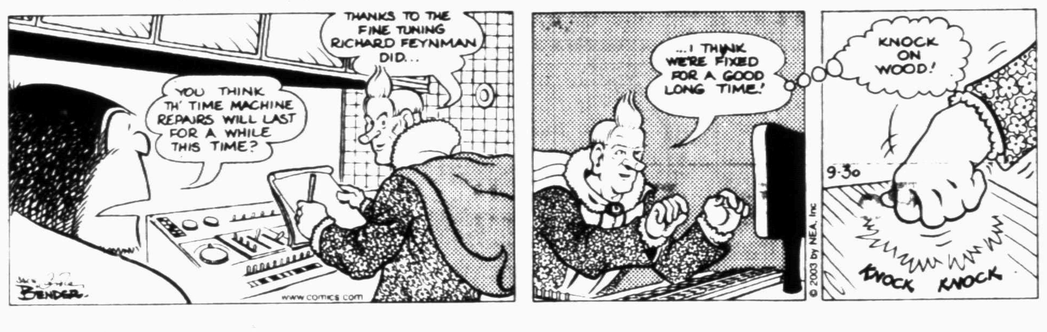
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4 Had savvy
8 — wrestling
11 "Little piggie"
12 Dashiell's peer
13 Cow-headed goddess
15 Floe or berg
16 Signature
17 Lawless role
18 Rice source
20 Attracted
21 Funny Charlotte —
23 Pinch
24 Irene — of "Fame"
27 Promises to pay
29 Koan discipline
32 Jordanian
33 Explosive letters
34 "I" trouble
35 Oahu welcome
36 That boy
37 LAX stats
38 Novelty
39 Ration out
40 Godiva's title
41 Bruin hockey great
42 AMA members
44 Mexican pots
47 Do a double-take
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61 Giraffe's home

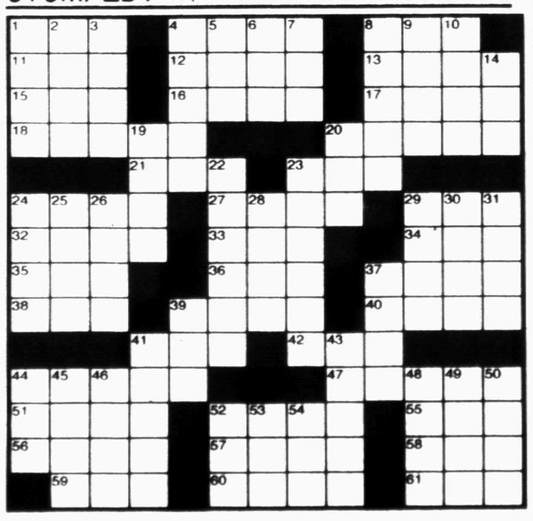
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4 Nairobi locale
5 Brady Bill opposer
6 Krueger's street
7 Very small
8 Snafu (hyph.)
9 Net surfer
10 Eat well
14 Gloomy
19 Dull brown
20 Lily, to Pierre
22 This or that
23 Eggnog topper
24 Baby whale
25 District
26 Maraud
28 "Put a lid — —!"
29 Epsilon follower
30 Hoople's word
31 Curious
37 Besides
39 Wiggs or Miniver
41 Caravan halts
43 Fiction, e.g.
44 Autumn mo.
45 Hideout
46 Gayle's sis
48 Desert st.
49 Crooner Perry —
50 Hunt-and-peck error
52 Dilapidated
53 "Ball —"
54 PC maker

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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SPORTS

Packers rout Bears in new Soldier Field

CHICAGO (AP) — Brett Favre and Ahman Green were a lot more comfortable at new Soldier Field than the Chicago Bears.

The Bears hoped to make the opening a gala event, inviting many of their past stars — including Hall of Famer Dick Butkus — to line the field as the current team charged out for introductions.

Favre and Green weren't intimidated, leading the Green Bay Packers to a 38-23 victory Monday night.

Favre threw for three touchdowns and Green ran for 176 yards and two scores, including an early 60-yard run that immediately quieted the crowd of 58,937.

Before the game started, Favre chatted with Butkus.

"That's first time I'd ever met him. We were just kind of shooting the bull," Favre said.

"He was talking about the success we've had against them and he said, 'Take it easy on them. We've got a new stadium opening.'"

But the Packers (2-2) didn't.

They won for the 17th time in the last 19 meetings between the NFL's oldest rivals, building a 24-6 halftime lead against the Bears (0-3).

Favre improved his career record against the Bears to 19-4 and has directed 10 straight road wins against Chicago.

"I have no idea," Favre said of his success against the Bears. "But I'm not complaining. Even though we've had success here, I don't want you to think it's ever easy."

When the Bears got within eight points in the final quarter, Favre put it away with a pair of TD passes, a 9-yarder to Javon Walker and a 1-yarder to Bubba Franks.

"It's frustrating right now," Bears linebacker Brian Urlacher said. "We just embarrassed ourselves one more time."

Favre, who also connected with William Henderson on a 14-yard scoring pass in the first half, has 47 career TD passes against the Bears — his most against any team.

The Bears, booed in their new-look stadium that is part of a $606 million lakefront beautification project, appeared to get back in the game with 12:36 left when Anthony Thomas broke off a 67-yard TD run to make it 24-16.

But then the Packers responded, moving 64 yards in seven plays. Green's 32-yard run through the porous Chicago defense moved the ball to the 13. Minutes later, Favre rolled right and found Walker alone in the corner of the end zone.

Green Bay put it away with a seven-play, 54-yard drive capped when Franks — wide open, as Packers receivers were all night — made the TD catch to make it 38-16.

"It's a very disappointing night on a very electric night to start off," Chicago coach Dick Jauron said.

Bears quarterback Kordell Stewart, who was sacked five times, scored on a 1-yard run with 1:28 remaining. By that time, most of the fans had left.

Red Sox, Cubs sentimental favorites as playoffs begin

By the Associated Press

The Chicago Cubs could afford to joke around. Such is life for a postseason darling.

Especially when this postseason holds the ultimate possibility for baseball romantics: Red Sox vs. Cubs in the World Series.

"I can see it now," Chicago third-string catcher Josh Paul said Monday. "It's Game 7, the game is tied and we go 28 innings. They just stop it and say, 'You're both champs.'"

Of course, old October hands Barry Bonds, Derek Jeter and Greg Maddux might get in the way when the playoffs begin. But until then, there's time to let the imagination wander and wonder about a Boston-Chicago matchup.

"Man, that would be something," said retired pitcher Dennis Eckersley, who lost with both teams in the postseason. "Obviously, you're talking about generations of losing. I mean, the problem with them both making it is that one of them would have to lose."

"Who deserves to win more? That's really hard. I'd just say that the Cubs' fans would be a lot more patient if they lost. If Boston lost, the fans would go out of their minds."

It was all to start at Yankee Stadium today, when the Minnesota Twins played New York.

Later in the day, the Florida Marlins were to take on Bonds and the San Francisco Giants at Pacific Bell Park. Then at night, Sammy Sosa and the Cubs faced Russ Ortiz and the Braves at Turner Field.

On Wednesday night, Pedro Martinez and the Red Sox will be at Oakland.

"There's just a sense of excitement going around baseball right now because of the Red Sox, the Cubs and also the Marlins getting in with their young team," Ortiz said. "The Yankees and the Braves, everyone expects them to be here every year.

"I'm sure everyone is rooting for the Cubs. They want to see that city win. Same with the Red Sox. There's so much talk about how long it's been since those teams have won everything."

Boston will be trying to win its first World Series title since 1918 when it beat — naturally — the Cubs. Babe Ruth pitched the Red Sox to two victories in the six-game series.

The Cubs' last title came in 1908, before Wrigley Field and Fenway Park opened.

Only once in the last 85 years have the Cubs and Boston reached the postseason at the same time. In 1998, Chicago was swept by Atlanta in the first round, while the Red Sox lost to Cleveland.

This year, the franchises with histories of losing are downright formidable.

Boston led the majors in batting, runs and total bases. The Cubs bank on their pitching, led by Game 1 starter Kerry Wood and Mark Prior.

"As a fan of the game, any time you have something like that that sparks interest, that's always a good thing," Yankees third baseman Aaron Boone said.

Well, up to a point. Giants reserve Andres Galarraga hopes his team does something to spoil it for fans counting on a Red Sox-Cubs pairing.

"Those people are wrong," he said.

Yet Yankees slugger Jason Giambi can see why there's so much enthusiasm.

"The teams that are in the postseason — the Cubbies always have great support. These playoffs should be great, a lot of TV viewers."

White Sox axe Manuel after late-season swoon

CHICAGO (AP) — Chicago White Sox general manager Kenny Williams thought he was going to be spending the day after the season ended on a plane, traveling to the playoffs.

Instead, he was in his office for a third straight year, trying to figure out where it all went wrong and, more importantly, how to keep it from happening again next season.

"If you don't get it done, you have to try to find a new plan of action or find out where you have missed the boat," Williams said Monday. "We have tried a number of things talent-wise, personnel-wise, coach-wise."

So now it's time to try a new manager. Confirming what had been widely assumed for the past week, Williams announced Monday that he had fired manager Jerry Manuel.

The White Sox had a two-game lead in the AL Central on Sept. 9, only to collapse in spectacular fashion. They lost 10 of their next 15, finishing four games behind Minnesota at 86-76.

"What I've determined is that we need a new direction in the dugout," Williams said. "I've also determined that we're going to make some adjustments in terms of player personnel. I know that there is an urge for everyone to point a finger in the direction and say, 'It's this person's fault or this person's fault.'

"I choose to think it was an all-out group effort."

Williams hopes to hire a new manager shortly after the World Series ends in late October. All of Manuel's coaching staff will be retained except for Bruce Kimm, the third-base coach.

Williams didn't say who is on his wish list, but Cito Gaston, who led Toronto to World Series titles in 1992 and 1993, could be a possibility. So might Cleveland bench coach Buddy Bell and Double-A Birmingham manager Wally Backman.

Manuel was well-liked in the clubhouse, and players all said he wasn't responsible for their shortcomings. But it was clear somebody was going to take the blame for the team not making the playoffs.

On paper, the White Sox had the most talent in the AL Central. They'd acquired Bartolo Colon and Billy Koch in the offseason, and they bolstered an already potent offense by trading for Roberto Alomar and Carl Everett on July 1.

Orioles fire Hargrove

BALTIMORE (AP) — Mike Hargrove was fired by the Orioles on Monday after a four-year run in which he failed to guide the rebuilding team to a winning record. The dismissal was made jointly by Jim Beattie and Mike Flanagan, the vice presidents who oversee the team's baseball operations.

The duo appreciated Hargrove's effort and professional demeanor, but opted to try something different to end a club-record run of six straight losing seasons.

"We feel that it's time for a change," Beattie said. "A new manager is the proper thing for us to do."

Hargrove came to the Orioles in November 1999 after an 81/2-year run in Cleveland, where he won five straight division titles and twice advanced to the World Series.

Pee Wee Football

Pee Wee Football
Little Pee Wee

Hurricanes 18, Oilers 12; Texans 14, Broncos 0; Tigers 22, Rotan 0; Oilers 14, Tigers 6; Hurricanes 38, Rotan 0; Texans 14, Hurricanes 6; Broncos 12, Rotan 0; Broncos 6, Oilers 0; Texans 14, Oilers 0; Tigers 12, Broncos 6.

Standings

Texans	4-0
Hurricanes	3-1
Broncos	2-2
Tigers	2-2
Oilers	1-3
Rotan	0-4

Major Pee Wee

Broncos 12, Vikings 6; Wolverines 30, Rotan 6; Cowboys 20, Vikings 14; Vikings 12, Rotan 6; Wolverines 14, Broncos 0; Broncos 14, Rotan 0; Wolverines 14, Vikings 0; Wolverines 20, Cowboys 0; Cowboys 16, Rotan 6; Broncos 26, Cowboys 0.

Standings

Wolverines	4-0
Broncos	3-1
Cowboys	2-2
Vikings	1-3
Rotan	0-4

Junior high volleyball teams sweep Sweetwater Monday

The Snyder junior high volleyball teams were 4-for-4 against Sweetwater Monday, with each team claiming victories over the arch-rival junior Lady Mustangs.

The eighth-grade Black club outpaced Sweetwater, 25-21, 25-22, behind six service points from Devin Davidson, and four each from Audrey Jones, Allison Sharrock and Angela Almanza. Jessica DeLeon added three.

"I've been challenging these girls to strive for a higher level of play. I saw some of that," coach Bradi Johnson said. "It created a lot more energy on the court."

The Gold squad won in a rout, 25-9, 25-16, with Destinee Neagle leading the way with eight points.

Alayna Alexander added seven, and Jordan Derryberry recorded six points for the junior Lady Tigers. Johnson said the team continues to improve each game.

The seventh-grade Gold team rebounded from an opening game loss to win its match, 23-25, 25-20 and 25-9.

Jessica Garza had 12 points in the decisive game, while Ashlee Wallace drilled two aces in her 13 service points.

Kaila Shaw and Carissa Blackard posted three points each.

The Black team won a close match, 25-21, 25-21, behind eight points from Shaquita Sneed. Sneed also had three aces.

Ryanna Alexander had five points, and Teryn Sullenger tallied four points and an ace.

MLB

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Minnesota (Santana 12-3) at New York (Mussina 17-8), 12:06 p.m. (ESPN)

Florida (Beckett 9-8) at San Francisco (Schmidt 17-5), 3:06 p.m. (ESPN)

Chicago (Wood 14-11) at Atlanta (Ortiz 21-7), 7:18 p.m. (FOX)

Area Sports Calendar

TODAY

Volleyball:	Snyder freshmen and junior varsity at Brownfield, 5:30 p.m.
Volleyball:	Snyder varsity at Brownfield, 6:30 p.m.
Tennis:	Snyder vs. Big Spring, 3:30 p.m.

THURSDAY

Football:	Snyder freshmen vs. Levelland, 5p.m.
Football:	Ira junior high at Highland, 6 p.m.
Football:	Borden County freshmen and JV at Grady, 5:30 p.m.
Football:	Snyder eighth-grade at Levelland, 4 p.m.
Rodeo:	WTC at Sul Ross

FRIDAY

Football:	Snyder varsity vs. Levelland, homecoming, 7:30 p.m.
Football:	Ira vs. Jayton, homecoming, 7:30 p.m.
Football:	Borden County at Highland, 7:30 p.m.
Rodeo:	WTC at Sul Ross

SATURDAY

Volleyball:	Snyder varsity vs. Sweetwater, 2 p.m.
Volleyball:	Snyder freshmen and JV vs. Sweetwater, 1 p.m.
Volleyball:	SJHS Black at Sweetwater tournament.
Tennis:	Snyder vs. Canyon, Lubbock, 9 a.m.
Tennis:	Snyder at Lubbock Trinity, 1 p.m.
Rodeo:	WTC at Sul Ross.

Sports Briefs

Baseball booster club

The baseball booster club will meet at 7 tonight in the film room.

Men's basketball league

The Snyder men's basketball league is forming to sign-up as an individual or as a team, or for more information, call 573-3916 or 574-1438.

WTC golf tournament

The third annual Western Texas College Student Government Association Golf Tournament will be held Saturday at the WTC golf course. Format is four-person scramble, and cost is $120 per team. Shotgun will start at 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Cash prizes will be awarded for the top three teams, and deadline to register is 5 p.m. on Oct. 3. Contact the WTC pro shop at 573-9291 for more information.

Putters and Duffers tournament

The 3rd annual Putters and Duffers tournament will be held Saturday and Sunday at Scurry County Golf Course, with shotgun starts at 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. both days. Entry fee is $150 per couple and includes lunches, dinner and mulligans. For more information or to register, contact Xalyn at 574-3343 or Judy at 573-0637.

WTC GLT tournament

Western Texas College will host the golf and landscape technology tournament Oct. 11. Format is nine-hole lowball-daylight and nine-hole select shot glow ball-dark with tee-off at 5 p.m. Cost is $70 per team with cash prizes. Contact the pro shop at 573-9291 for more information.

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Laxative dependency

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm a woman, 28, who has been taking laxatives for nine years. Yes, I'm dependent on them. I've reached the point that taking these pills every day gives me the creeps. What can I do to kick the habit?

DEAR READER: Laxative abuse is surprisingly common among young, adult women. In conjunction with binge eating, followed by self-induced vomiting and cyclic dieting, this abuse is called bulimia, an eating disorder.

If you have the full-blown syndrome of bulimia, you'll need special therapy, counseling and treatment of any medical complications that could include mineral imbalance and malnutrition.

On the other hand, if you are merely abusing laxatives, without the behavior I mentioned, you may be able to wean yourself off the pills.

Start slowly and go easy. Each week, reduce your laxative dosage by one pill a day. At the same time, increase your consumption of bran and other fiber, such as fresh fruits and salads. Drink eight ounces of hot prune juice at night if you haven't had a bowel movement in two or more days. Should my suggestions be ineffective, check with your family physician for more specific advice.

Laxative abuse is harmful because it depletes the body of necessary nutrients, especially vitamins. Also, as the intestine adapts to the laxative, a person may need to take more just to maintain regularity.

In my opinion, you must retrain your bowel to function without stimulation. The program I suggested should do this. In addition, you may be helped by counseling, to address the very issues that led you to become laxative-dependent.

You are to be congratulated for having the courage to admit that you have a problem, thereby taking the first step toward recovery.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Help II: Mental/Substance Abuse." 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 44092-0167. Be sure to mention the title.

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DEAR READER: Stretch marks, which are permanent, can be associated with relatively rapid stretching of the skin, as occurs during pregnancy and sudden weight gain. In simple terms, the skin doesn't have time to adapt (by growing) to the increased tension. Once the tautness is relieved, the skin fails to rebound — and the stretch marks, like scars, remain.

If the quality of your life is affected by the stretch marks, you should see a plastic surgeon, who can advise you about methods to remove them. For example, such specialists can do wonders by carefully trimming away the excess, stretched skin.

To my knowledge, there are no consistently effective, non-surgical means (such as creams or lotions) to solve your problem.

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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Utah won't pursue custody of sick boy

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Utah officials have backed off trying to require a boy diagnosed with terminal cancer to undergo chemotherapy, though a juvenile court judge could still order the treatment.

The state also is no longer seeking to take Parker Jensen, 12, from his parents, Daren and Barbara Jensen, who fled the state with their son. The Jensens have said they fear the treatment would stunt Parker's growth and leave him sterile.

Because of his parents' fierce resistance to chemotherapy — recommended by at least four doctors — Parker probably wouldn't benefit from the treatment because of his unreceptive psychological state, said Carol Sisco, a spokeswoman for the Division of Children and Family Services.

The boy's court-appointed attorney in the custody dispute also relented. "My client's been placed in a position where it's almost untenable for him to get medical treatment," said Mollie McDonald.

Daren Jensen said he is skeptical of the state's intentions and reiterated his desire to be in charge of his son's medical treatment, according to The Salt Lake Tribune.

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Today's chuckle

Deadlock over quarter design

MADISON, Wis. (AP) - It could take a coin-flip to pick Wisconsin's commemorative quarter.

The state quarter advisory council was unable to reach a consensus Monday on whether the coin should be decorated with a cow and cheese wheel or a scene showing a fur trapper greeting an American Indian while standing in a canoe.



The council planned to meet via teleconference today to make its selection and forward it to the U.S. Mint. The council has final say over what design will appear on the quarter, which is expected to begin circulating in October 2004.

"We're at a deadlock as to this final design," said Jack Voight, state treasurer and a member of the council.

In an advisory ballot, 40 percent of the people who cast a vote over the Internet last week favored the agricultural design with the cow, while 32 percent supported the early exploration motif.

A design showing a deer in a field finished third with 28 percent of the 347,662 votes cast.

Council member Michael Stevens, the state's historian, said the winning design will make an important statement about Wisconsin to the rest of the country.

Stevens said urban Wisconsinites complained the agricultural theme didn't represent them, and he believed the early exploration design symbolized the entire state.

"It seems to me that by turning to history, that's something that represents all of us, and it sends an important message about diversity," Stevens said.

The coins are being minted in the order that the states they represent joined the Union. Wisconsin was the 30th state, making it the last of the five states honored next year after Michigan, Florida, Texas and Iowa.

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Wednesday, Oct. 1, 2003

Your Birthday

Several new avenues for personal advancement can open up for you in the year ahead. Two might have to do with work-related projects, but one will involve something private that brings you great joy.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — If you want to experience a true sense of fulfillment today, strive to do things that are of genuine service to those you love. Nothing will give you more pleasure than making this person happy.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Should you find yourself in the position today of having to make a choice between two social activities, select the one that will offer the most spirited, buoyant people and action.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — You may discover today that a household item you thought was worthless (and that you were thinking about discarding) has great commercial value when a buyer happens along and offers to buy it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Have your cell phone handy today when you leave the house or office, or let others know where you can be reached. An unexpected call could prove to be very beneficial to you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Remain alert today for unusual trends that could spell big gains for you in some manner, because material conditions look exceptionally favorable for you in unexpected ways.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — You'll derive more enjoyment today if you leave lots of room for being able to take advantage of unscheduled activities. Sometimes life can plan your agenda better than you can.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Do not pass up any help being offered to you today out of pride or some secret personal reason. There could be a surprisingly happy outcome to this person's intercession.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Work on ways to advance your latest idea or interests. You're likely to be far more fortunate today with new projects than you will be with spending your time on one of your older endeavors.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — This might be one of your lucky days, as circumstances could place you in the right place at the best possible time to reap some kind of unique benefit where your career is concerned.

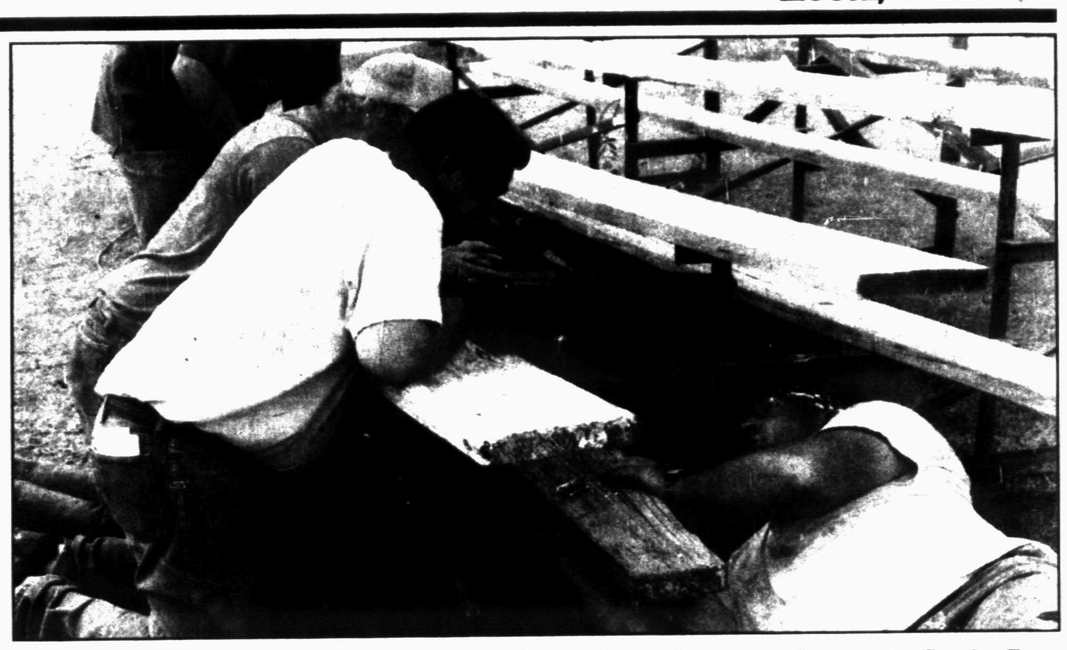
CANCER (June 21-July 22) — You could bump into an associate today who has been looking for someone just like you to handle an unusual opportunity that she or he has stumbled across. The coalition will be extremely effective.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — A very fortunate happening for you today isn't apt to come through anything you've done, but through someone else's efforts, yet you'll fit into it perfectly and be invited to do so.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — If you happen to be participating today in some type of competitive social sport, chances are you'll be lucky at drawing the perfect partner, whose talents compensate for your weak points.

Libra, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph year ahead predictions by mailing $2 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092-0167. Be sure to state your zodiac sign. Visit www.bernice4.com for more advice.

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LENDING A HAND – Sons of the America Legion make repairs to bleachers at the Snyder Boys and Girls Club. John Morrow, Richard Hoxsey, Les Bohannon and Keith Bryant were just a few members who volunteered their time. SAL welcomes the public to ask for their help on community projects. (SDN Staff Photo)

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Obituary will be accurate if you write it yourself

DEAR ABBY: I read with interest the letter from the man who wondered if it was all right to write his own obituary. As an editor who has written obituaries for several community newspapers for more than 20 years, I can say that obituaries are causing more and more headaches in newsrooms. They are a potential can of worms.

Not long ago, a man in our small town died. His young widow brought in his obituary, naming herself and their children as his survivors. After confirming with the funeral home that the man had indeed died, we printed the obituary as she presented it.

Within hours, a woman came storming into the office. It was the deceased's former wife. She still lived in our town, and she was furious that her children — who had been fathered by her former husband — were not mentioned in the obituary written by the second wife.

Editors everywhere will bless you, Abby, if you remind the public of this: If you want to have control over what's printed in the newspaper, you have to buy an ad. I think the more control a person has over his or her obituary, the better. — **MS. M. IN NORTHERN CALIF.**

DEAR MS. M: I concur. **Read on:**

DEAR ABBY: In 1982, at the age of 53, I not only wrote my own obituary, but also had it published in the local newspaper. I did it because I wanted people to remember what I wanted them to remember about me, rather than leaving that decision to someone else.

That same year, I also prepared my memorial service, which I have updated several times. I plan to hold it during my 80th year — I am now 73 — and I plan to attend. I am inviting my enemies, for whom I will include Gene Watson's song, "Farewell Party," which includes the line, "I know you'll be glad when I've gone."

I am a published author, and at present I have originated more than 400 sayings. No, I won't read all of them at my memorial.

Following my actual death, I have requested that my ashes be scattered over Olivia Newton's ranch. For 30 years, I have attempted to have my picture taken with her, but so far, I have failed. It's good to have a goal. — **WAYNE K., PUYALLUP, WASH.**

DEAR WAYNE: I agree that it's good to have a goal, but you shouldn't have to make an "ash" of yourself in order to achieve it. Assuming that Ms. Newton-John knows nothing about your goal, clip this column and send it to her fan club. Maybe she'll "honestly love it."

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DEAR ABBY: I wrote both my and my husband's obituaries a long time ago. I did it because my last job was dealing with death certificates, and I know from experience that when a death occurs and emotions run high, important information can inadvertently be omitted.

I have even filled out blank death certificates with all the necessary information except, of course, the date of death and cause. Our funerals have also been pre-arranged and paid for.

In case you haven't guessed, I was a Girl Scout when I was a kid — and I guess I took to heart their motto, "Be Prepared." — **WE DO HAVE THE LAST WORD, SPRINGFIELD, OHIO**

DEAR "WE DO": And bless you for it. You have taken all of the guesswork out of a wrenching task that otherwise your survivors would have faced. I'm sure they will thank you for it in their prayers when the time comes.

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Rock band vows to defy law against assisted suicide

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — The leader of the rock band Hell on Earth said Monday that an onstage suicide will be conducted during a private St. Petersburg concert this weekend in defiance of a new city law designed to stop the act.

"The show will go on," Billy Tourtelot said. "It will be available on the Internet and it will be in the city limits (of St. Petersburg)."

Earlier Monday, the St. Petersburg city council unanimously approved an emergency ordinance that makes it illegal to conduct a suicide for commercial or entertainment purposes, and to host, promote and sell tickets for such an event.

"While I still think it's a publicity stunt, we still couldn't sit idly by and let somebody lose their life," council member Bill Foster said.

Circuit Judge John C. Lenderman of St. Petersburg granted the city a temporary injunction against the band Monday, preventing them from advertising the show and allowing the suicide. The judge scheduled a hearing in the case Thursday.

The Tampa-based band, known for such outrageous onstage stunts as chocolate syrup wresting and grinding up live rats in a blender, first created the furor by announcing earlier this month that the suicide would happen during a show at the State Theater in downtown St. Petersburg.

But the theater's owner promptly canceled the band's appearance, and another venue also turned away the event.

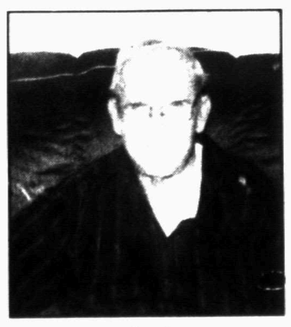
Now Tourtelot, 33, said the suicide show will be played before a "select few people" at an undisclosed location in St. Petersburg on Saturday and be shown live on the band's Web site. He would not disclose any details about the terminally ill person or say how the person planned to kill himself.

He said the point is to raise awareness that physician-assisted suicide should be legalized in Florida.

Tourtelot said he is not worried about the legal ramifications. Violating the new city ordinance is punishable by up to 60 days in jail and a $500 fine. A Florida law already makes it manslaughter, a felony, to assist in a suicide. But Tourtelot insists the band is not assisting the act.

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Top officials hammering out redistricting

AUSTIN (AP) — Top Republican officials met behind closed doors Monday to hammer out a congressional redistricting map but no final compromise was reached.

Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst said that if the Legislature does not approve a plan by Oct. 6 lawmakers would have to move back the deadline for congressional candidates to file to run for office as well as the primary election date scheduled for March 2. Other Republicans have issued the same warning.

"As long as we can agree and pass redistricting and (adjourn) before, on or before next Monday, then all that is required is moving the filing date one week," Dewhurst said. "Let's approach this step by step."

A meeting Monday morning involved at least Gov. Rick Perry, Dewhurst, House Speaker Tom Craddick, Sen. Todd Staples of Palestine, Sen. Robert Duncan of Lubbock and Rep. Phil King of Weatherford, all Republicans. Another meeting was held Monday evening involving top officials, in an indication that they want the issue resolved.

Both the House and the Senate have approved separate redistricting plans. One of the main differences in the maps is how West Texas districts are drawn.

The House map draws a district so that Craddick's hometown of Midland, with its oil and gas economy, could anchor a congressional seat.

The Senate plan, favored by Duncan pairs Midland in the same district with the larger city of Lubbock, keeping that agriculture-oriented city the base for a congressional seat.

Dewhurst said at Monday's meeting that four or five plans on how to draw the area were presented.

"At least in my judgment, one or two should be acceptable to not only the House but the Senate," Dewhurst said.

He said the two plans give Midland a chance to elect a congressman and said he believes they satisfy Duncan's concerns. He would not give further details, saying both King and Staples were tweaking the plans.

Senate GOP hope to resist changes in Iraq spending plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democrats and some Republicans are hoping to rewrite President Bush's $87 billion package for Iraq and Afghanistan, but top GOP senators are supporting only a few changes in the White House request.

The Senate Appropriations Committee planned votes Tuesday on its version of the legislation, with a showdown afterward in the full Senate. The bill, written by panel Chairman Ted Stevens, R-Alaska, mostly follows Bush's proposal but would forbid using the money to repay deposed President Saddam Hussein's foreign debt and limit some flexibility for spending the funds that Bush sought.

The committee's top Democrat, Sen. Robert Byrd of West Virginia, said Republicans were leading "a mad rush" to push the bill through the Senate. Most of their focus was on $20.3 billion, the same amount Bush requested, for rebuilding Iraq's economy, public works and government.

"Make no mistake: this bill is the beginning of an enormous, yearslong commitment to Iraq for a mission that may well be impossible," Byrd said.

Republicans defended the reconstruction funds as the best way to stabilize the country so that American troops can be removed from a country where they are suffering almost daily casualties.

"It's risky, really risky," Stevens said. "But if it comes through, we will not have an Army occupation. If it comes through, we're getting more of our people home."

Republicans and Democrats alike seem ready to support the near $66 billion for U.S. military operations in both countries.

The battle over the $20.3 billion for reconstruction underscores how the issue has evolved into a highly political one. Democrats want to cast Bush as promoting an ineffective and expensive foreign policy, even as the federal deficit is about to set a new record surpassing $400 billion.

Feeling some of that pressure, members of both parties plan to try transforming the rebuilding funds into loans Iraq would have to repay.

In a private Capitol meeting, White House budget chief Joshua Bolten and Bush national security adviser Condoleezza Rice urged GOP senators to not make the program a loan, arguing it would hurt Iraq's economy. But in an interview, Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine, said she and others would try anyway, to lessen "the impact on American taxpayers."

The House has yet to write its version of the legislation.

Woman attempts to pass stolen check

Stolen checks

An employee at United Supermarket requested an officer at 4:26 p.m. Monday in reference to detaining a woman who had attempted to issue a check that had been reported stolen.

Harassment

At Park Village Apartments Monday, a woman requested officers to talk to a man who was harassing her by telephone. The subject was contacted and advised of the complaint.

Betty Zajicek requested to speak to a deputy Monday in reference to a woman who keeps calling employees at Dupree Motors and harassing them. Officers left a message with the subject's son to advise her of the complaint.

A woman in the 1900 block of Coleman requested an officer Monday in reference to her sister possibly retaliating against her because she had filed on her for assault. The sheriff's department advised they would make contact with the subject and advise her of the complaint.

Criminal mischief

David Deavers requested a close patrol Monday at Deavers Pest Control in reference to unknown subjects punching a hole through the front exterior wall.

Monday at 5:32 p.m. a woman in the 4400 block of Ave. U requested an officer, advising that neighbors said a man had shown up looking for her, holding a knife. The neighbors were contacted, but stated they had not talked to anyone of that description. A close patrol was initiated.

Gas drive off

An employee at Allsup's reported a gas drive off worth $28 on Monday night.

Snake alert

Sue Burnett at 3000 23rd Street reported Monday a rattlesnake in her driveway. Officers were unable to locate upon arrival.

Linda Tippens also reported a snake Monday on the front porch of a building at 5311 S.H. 350. The snake was gone upon officers' arrival.

Another rattlesnake was reported on the back porch at 2804 El Paso on Monday. An officer was dispatched and disposed of the snake.

Animal control

Rana Anderson at 4002 Midland Ave. called police early this morning after spotting an opossum in her backyard and advised that one shot had been fired to dispose of the animal.

Obituaries

Opal Clinkinbeard

1902-2003

Opal Clinkinbeard, 100, died early today at her home in Snyder.

Services are pending at Wright Colonial Funeral Home.

Mrs. Clinkinbeard was born on Oct. 3, 1902 in Okemah, Okla. She married John Clinkinbeard on March 23, 1920 in Okmulgee, Okla. He preceded her in death as did two sons,, Charles W. Clinkinbeard and David Clinkinbeard.

Survivors include three sons, Earl Clinkinbeard and Bob Clinkinbeard, both of Snyder, and Raymond Clinkinbeard of Plainview; two daughters, Margaret Fowler of Odessa and Dolly Tatom of Snyder; and numerous grandchildren.

Willie Barnes

1945-2003

WICHITA FALLS — Funeral service for Willie Barnes, son of Rosie Lee Barnes of Snyder, is set for 11 a.m. Saturday in the Young and Company Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow in Eastlawn Cemetery.

Mr. Barnes, 57, died Friday, Sept. 26, in a Wichita Falls hospital.

Born Oct. 18, 1945 in Taylor, he lived in Snyder a short time, moving to Wichita Falls as a young boy.

Survivors also include two sisters, Louise Scott and Rozee Huntsman, both of Snyder; eight brothers, Elmo Barnes of San Antonio, Steve Barnes, Colvin Barnes and Paul Ray Barnes, all of Dallas, Robert Barnes of Austin, Mikel Barnes, Donald Barnes and Wayne Barnes, all of Wichita Falls; and many nieces and nephews.

Joyce Knott

1938-2003

MIDLAND — Joyce Ann Knott, the sister of Pauline Northcutt of Snyder, died Saturday, Sept. 27, in a Midland hospital.

A vigil service will be held at 7 this evening at Ellis Funeral Home.

Funeral service for Mrs. Knott, 64, is set for 11 a.m. Wednesday in the St. Ann's Catholic Church with Fr. Rodney White officiating. Interment will follow in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Born Nov. 9, 1938 in Ballinger, she graduated from St. Joseph's High School in Rowena in 1956 and married Tony Knott on Aug. 4, 1956 in Often, Texas.

A resident of Midland since 1961, Mrs. Knott was employed as a medical transcriptionist for Dr. Thurston Dean and Midland Memorial Hospital for many years.

She was a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church and was active in the YMCA youth program and the Boy Scouts through St. Ann's Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Victor and Hilda Wanoreck.

Survivors include her husband, C.M. "Tony" Knott of Midland; a son and daughter-in-law, Paul and Melissa Knott of Lubbock; a brother-in-law, Jim Northcutt of Snyder; and two grandchildren, Caleb and Carso Knott, both of Lubbock.

Wayne Roberts

1934-2003

GRAHAM — Wayne Monroe Roberts, the brother of Mary Beauchamp of Snyder, died Saturday, Sept. 27, in Graham.

Graveside service for Mr. Roberts was set for 10 a.m. today in the South Bend Cemetery with Larry Pratt of Eliasville officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of Morrison Funeral Home.

Mr. Roberts was a retired dozier operator.

Survivors include five sons, James Strawn of Graham, Timmy Lightford, Carl Lightford, Jack Lightford and Joe Lightford, all of Plugerville; three other sisters, Faye Gray, Doris Cox and Delois Roberts, all of Graham; a brother, Carl Roberts of Odessa; and 14 grandchildren.

Elizabeth Hart

1916-2003

POST — Elizabeth Hart of Post died Sunday, Sept. 28, in Lynnwood Manor in Tahoka.

Service for Mrs. Hart, 87, was set for 2 p.m. today in the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Steve McMeans of Early officiating. Burial was to follow in the Terrace Cemetery under the direction of Hudman Funeral Home.

Born May 30, 1916 in Milner, Ala., she married H.H. (Boy) Hart on Dec. 17, 1938 in Snyder. He died Oct. 25, 1998.

Mrs. Hart was a member of the First Baptist Church, the Priscilla Club and Amity Study Club.

She also was preceded in death by a grandson, Jody Hart, on Jan. 27, 1996; five brothers; and one sister.

Survivors include four sons and daughters-in-law, Sidney and Ethel Hart of Aspermont, Royce and Marianne Hart and Richard and Lillie Hart, all of Post, and David and Marsha Hart of Lubbock; one daughter and son-in-law, Nancy and Johnny Kemp of Post; four sisters, Ellie Crowe of Oxford, Ala., Nellie Parris of De Armanville, Ala., Sarah Byrd of Jayton and Louise Kelly of Atlanta, Ga.

Grandsons served as pallbearers.

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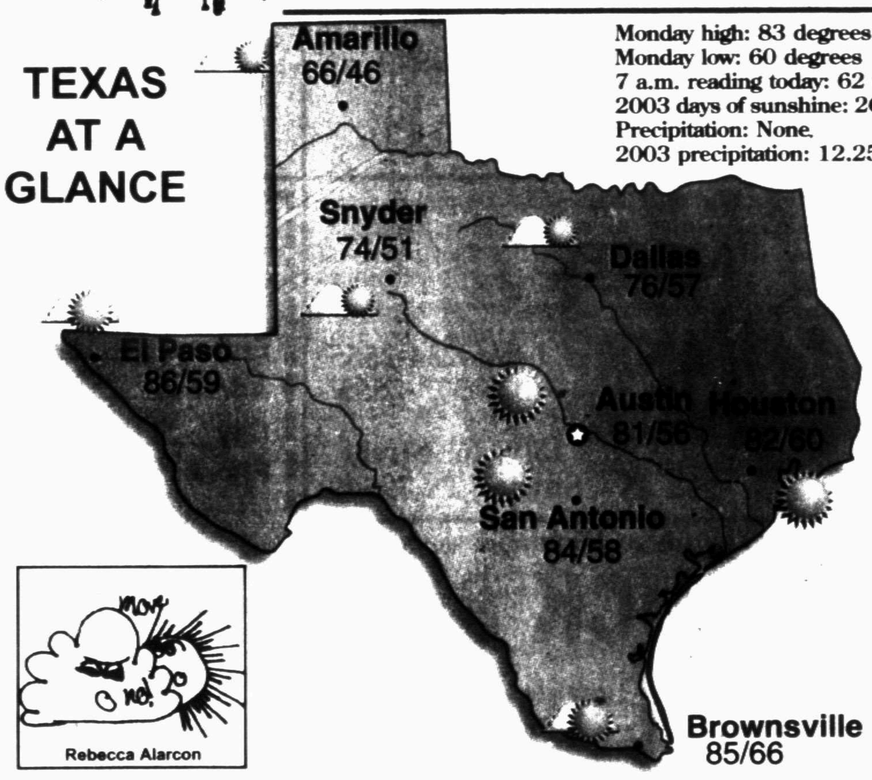
Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Wed 10/1	Thu 10/2	Fri 10/3
74/51	72/56	82/57
Intervals of clouds and sunshine. High 74F. Winds ENE at 5 to 10 mph.	Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the mid 50s.	Partly cloudy with a stray thunderstorm.
Sunrise 7:38 AM, Sunset 7:29 PM	Sunrise 7:38 AM, Sunset 7:27 PM	Sunrise 7:39 AM, Sunset 7:26 PM

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TEXAS AT A GLANCE



Monday high: 83 degrees
Monday low: 60 degrees
7 a.m. reading today: 62 degrees
2003 days of sunshine: 269 of 272
Precipitation: None.
2003 precipitation: 12.25 inches

Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	76	54	pt sunny	El Paso	86	59	mst sunny	Midland	76	56	pt sunny
Amarillo	66	46	pt sunny	Fort Stockton	79	56	mst sunny	Raymondville	86	63	mst sunny
Austin	81	56	sunny	Gainesville	74	51	pt sunny	Rosenberg	82	59	sunny
Beaumont	81	59	sunny	Greenville	75	52	pt sunny	San Antonio	84	58	sunny
Brownsville	85	66	mst sunny	Houston	82	60	sunny	San Marcos	82	56	sunny
Brownwood	80	54	pt sunny	Kingsville	84	61	mst sunny	Sulphur Springs	76	51	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	83	62	mst sunny	Livingston	81	56	sunny	Sweetwater	75	52	pt sunny
Corsicana	78	54	pt sunny	Longview	77	54	mst sunny	Tyler	78	57	mst sunny
Dallas	76	57	pt sunny	Lubbock	71	50	pt sunny	Weatherford	75	52	pt sunny
Del Rio	84	61	sunny	Lufkin	80	57	mst sunny	Wichita Falls	73	51	pt sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond
Atlanta	72	46	pt sunny	Houston	82	60	sunny	Phoenix	106	78	mst sunny
Boston	62	50	pt sunny	Los Angeles	77	61	pt sunny	San Francisco	69	56	pt sunny
Chicago	57	34	pt sunny	Miami	85	74	t-storm	Seattle	73	50	pt sunny
Dallas	76	57	pt sunny	Minneapolis	51	32	pt sunny	St. Louis	65	39	pt sunny
Denver	68	41	pt sunny	New York	63	49	pt sunny	Washington, DC	66	48	pt sunny

Moon Phases

New	First	Full	Last
Sep 26	Oct 2	Oct 10	Oct 18

UV Index

Wed 10/1	Thu 10/2	Fri 10/3
High	High	High

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

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